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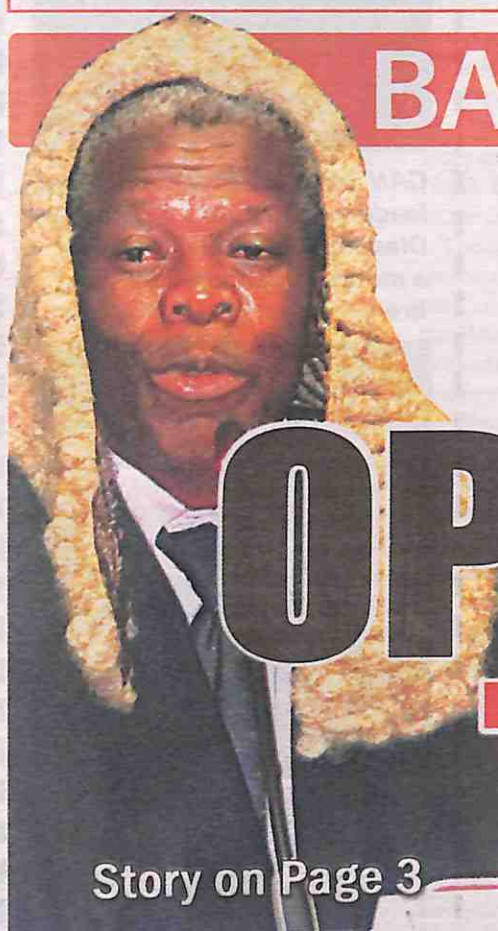
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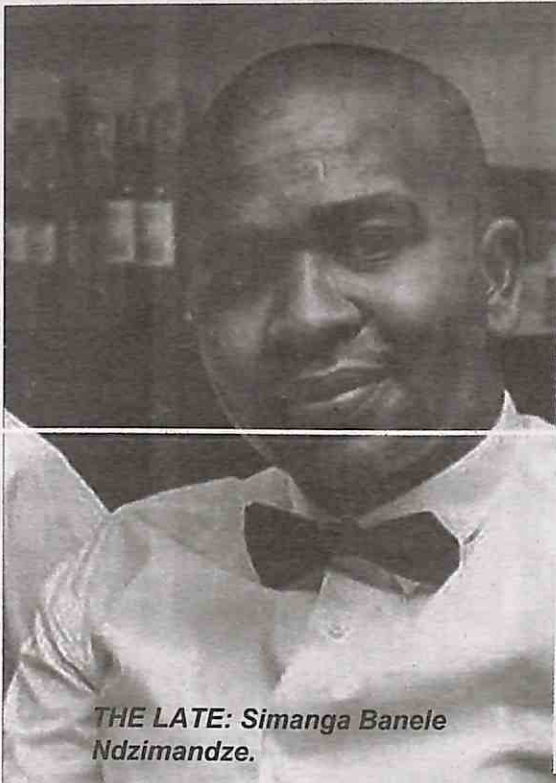
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THE LATE: Simanga Banele Ndzimandze.

MAN FOUND HANGING AT MOUNTAIN INN IDENTIFIED

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THE man who was found hanging at Shiresa Court at Mountain Inn on Sunday has been identified as Simanga Banele Ndzimandze.

Ndzimandze, a popular Mbabane socialite who was found hanging at his flat veranda, was an employee of Swaziland Beverages. He lived with his wife Nomxolisi Mabuza-Ndzimandze and their twin boys. The reason behind the suicide has still not been ascer-

tained because he did not leave a suicide note.

According to sources, the deceased was found by one of his close friends who then called the deceased's mother to report the matter.

Future

Yesterday, the wife of the deceased (Nomxolisi Mabuza) on her facebook page, posted a message that read; "For I know the plans for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper, not to harm you, to give hope and a future."

Meanwhile, Swaziland Beverages' Mpumelelo

Makhubu said the company has been deeply saddened by the loss of Ndzimandze.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss. We are taken by surprise, and wish to send our condolences to his family, friends and work colleagues," he said.

Meanwhile Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said the deceased has been identified and relatives were notified of Ndzimandze's demise.

"Police are still conducting their investigations on the matter," she said.

SENATE HOPEFUL'S HOUSE GUTTED BY FIRE

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Elangeni

FORMER journalist and Senate hopeful, Senzo Dlamini's two-bedroom house was gutted by fire on Sunday afternoon.

The fire was started by his 15 year old child, who forgot to switch off an electric iron which he used to iron his clothes in preparation for a church service on Sunday. The church service is said to have started at 11am, which means the child, who attends school at Elangeni High, could have left the iron on at about 10:30am.

The iron was left on for about seven hours, before the fire started inside the bedroom where the boy had left it on.

This means the fire started at about 5:30pm, burning everything that was in the bedroom. The damage, according to Dlamini, is worth about E100 000.

The house consists of two bedrooms, sitting room, kitchen, bathroom, and a pantry. It took eight years for the former journalist to build the house, which cost him about E300 000. He had been living in the house for two years before the unfortunate incident.

Speaking to this publication yesterday, Dlamini said this had come as a huge blow to him. He said the incident traumatised his child because he blames himself for the damage.



DAMAGED: Former journalist Senzo Dlamini's house worth about E300 000 caught fire that burnt clothes, books and school uniform belonging to his children. Dlamini said the fire was caused by an iron which was left on by his 15 year old son doing Form Two at Elangeni High School. The incident happened on Sunday evening. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

Dlamini said child was left with the clothes he was wearing. He said he did not blame his son for the damage that happened to the house.

This is the first time the child left the iron on hence he believed that the child made a mistake, which turned out to be very costly.

All of his clothes were burnt and some of the burnt clothes were still new.

School books belonging to the young boy were also burnt. The boy did not go to school yesterday due to the fact that he no longer had the necessary tools that would aid his learning.

Dlamini said the boy will go to school today to explain the unfortunate incident that befell him. He hoped the authorities of the school would understand the situation and allow him to continue with his learning for the year.

Dlamini thanked his neighbours and the Eswatini National Fire and Emergency Services for having responded to the situation. Without them, Dlamini said, the damage would have been worse. The house has developed bigger cracks because of the incident. Dlamini said there could be a need for renovations, especially in the bedroom where the fire started.



DESTROYED: The broken windows of the affected room.

...Senate race still on

DESPITE the unfortunate incident, Dlamini is still racing for one of the 10 available Senate seats in Parliament.

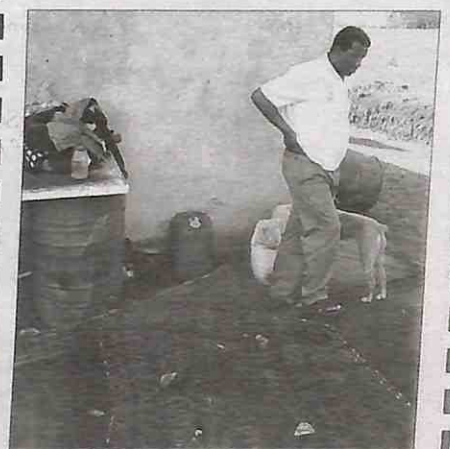
Dlamini said he was still hoping to land a seat to be given to him by MPs when they vote for 10 Senators. The former scribe stated that he had to soldier on, despite the unfortunate incident. He said he trusted that God would provide a solution to the problem he was facing.

He viewed the incident as a way of God wanting to reveal His power

to him.

He said he knew that with the Almighty on his side, he would come out of the problem stronger than before. He said he was well aware that he could possibly not land a Senate seat, but God would not leave him in this mess.

He pleaded with all business people, individuals and organisations to come to his rescue and help with anything they can afford. He said he would appreciate any kind of help coming from Emaswati.



CAN'T BELIEVE: Disappointed leader of the family Senzo Dlamini of Langeni goes past a mattress damaged by the fire.



LOOK: It all started here.



YOU SEE: Senzo Dlamini displaying some of his son books that were destroyed by the fire.



BUT WHY? The front view of the house which caught fire.

FIRST HOUSE SITTING TODAY

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

COVER STORY

THE House of Assembly is scheduled to sit for the first time today.

The House sitting was called by Clerk to Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini yesterday afternoon, stating that the sitting would be at 10am.

Dlamini did not want to state what the MPs were scheduled to do during the sitting. However, it is widely expected that the legislators will continue with the voting process today.

Last week Thursday, House of Assembly Speaker Petros Mavimbela adjourned the House to allow Parliamentary staff to sort out certain logistics, including ballot papers that had pictures of the 63 nominated Senate hopefuls.

Speaker

The voting was supposed to continue yesterday but could not because of certain administrative issues that had to be sorted out. It was also alleged that the voting had to be postponed because Speaker Petros Mavimbela had to be introduced to His Majesty King Mswati III yesterday before he could carry out his duties. Deputy Speaker Phila Buthelezi is said to have also received blessings from the King.

Mavimbela could not be reached for comment when called yesterday. He had pleaded at first to be called after 45 minutes, but did not respond when called several times after the 45 minutes he had asked for.

Buthelezi could also not be reached for comment as his phone rang unanswered.

The Members of Parliament (MPs) met last week for a first sitting where they were sworn in as newly-elected MPs. After the swearing in, they proceeded with the election of the House



SITTING: The House of Assembly is scheduled to sit for the first time today.

of Assembly Speaker, where Mhlambanyatsi MP Petros Mavimbela beat former Speaker Themba Msibi to the position. The election of the Speaker was in accordance with Section 102 (1) of the Constitution.

Winners

Section 102 (1) says "When the House of Assembly first meets after any general election and before it proceeds to the despatch of any other business, it shall elect a person from within or outside the House to be the Speaker of the House of Assembly, in accordance with the Standing Orders."

The MPs further nominated two MPs for the position of Deputy Speaker. The two MPs were Musa Kunene of Gege and Phila Buthelezi of Matsanjeni North. Buthelezi emerged as a winner of the contest.

The election of Deputy Speaker was in accordance with Section 103 (1) of the Constitution, which says "When the House first meets after any general election it shall elect from among the members of the House a person to be Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly."

Manzini South MP Thandi Nxumalo declined a nomination for the position. She was nominated by Nkilonko MP Timothy Myeni, who stated that Parliament had to be gender sensitive

when nominating and electing legislators for certain key positions within Parliament.

The MPs proceeded and nominated people who are supposed to fill the 10 Senate seats. The MPs nominated 63 Senate hopefuls. They nominated 30 females and 33 males. Mavimbela, who was the Speaker at that time, adjourned the House until yesterday where MPs were supposed to proceed with the election of the 10 Senators.

SRA

The Senate nominations were in accordance with Section 94 (2) of the Constitution, which says: "Ten Senators, at least half of whom shall be female, shall be elected by the members of the House in such manner as may be prescribed by or under any law at their first meeting so as to represent a cross-section of the Swazi society."

However, the election of Senators was indefinitely postponed because of certain administrative problems. Senate hopefuls had to prove that they had indeed cleared their tax debts, if they had any. That was not supposed to be done by them only.

This had to involve other individuals and organisations like the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) and the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA).

Why four women were not elected

CONTRARY to what most people expected, the four women from regions were not elected on Thursday.

People expected that the women would be elected together with the election of Speaker, Deputy Speaker, and the 10 Senators. What made the public expect the election of four women to take place then was Section 86 of the Constitution and the Election of Women Members into the House of Assembly Act of 2018.

Section 86 of the Constitution says: "(1) Where at the first meeting of the House after any general election it appears that female members of Parliament will not constitute at least thirty percentum of the total membership of Parliament (not House of Assembly), then, and only then, the provisions of this section shall apply."

(2) For the purposes of this section, the House shall form itself into an electoral college and elect not more than four women on a regional basis to the House in accordance with the provisions of section 95(3). Section 95 (3)

states when the four women will be elected and what should first take place before the elections can take place.

The Election of Women Members into the House of Assembly Act of 2018 seeks to give effect to Section 86 of the Constitution. Procedures to be followed when electing the four women from each region are clearly spelt out in this Act.

Chambers

The only word in Section 86 that prevented the four women from being elected yesterday is the second word 'Parliament', as there are two words 'Parliament' in that Section. The Section stipulates that the MPs will have to determine if the women are enough in the first meeting after Parliament has been constituted.

Parliament comprises two chambers, which include the Senate (upper chamber) and the House of Assembly (lower chamber). The upper chamber has still not been constituted. Therefore, it will not be possible to determine if women constitute at least 30 per cent repre-

sentation in Parliament or not.

Choosing four women yesterday would be dangerous because Parliament has not yet been fully constituted. The King is yet to appoint 20 Senators and no one knows what can happen. At the time of writing this report, the 10 Senators had still not been elected by the House of Assembly.

Section 94 (3) allows the King to appoint all females into the upper chamber, just as much as Section 94 (2) allows the MPs to elect all women as Senators. Section 94 (3) says: "Twenty Senators, at least eight of whom shall be female, shall be appointed by the King acting in his discretion after consultation with such bodies as the King may deem appropriate."

Section 94 (2) says: "Ten Senators, at least half of whom shall be female, shall be elected by the members of the House in such manner as may be prescribed by or under any law at their first meeting so as to represent a cross-section of the Swazi society."

LIMKOWKING ROBBERY:

Ex Mr SD, Warder 'turn state witnesses'

By Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

TWO suspects in the E600 00 Limkokwing University armed robbery have turned into state witnesses.

Former Mr. Swaziland and a warder are said to have turned into state witnesses hence they were released two days after they were arrested.

The Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) recently charged four suspects in connection with the armed robbery at the university which occurred nearly 20 days ago.

On Friday the police arrested six suspects in connection with the robbery and four of the six were charged for the robbery including the university's employee who is said to be in the operations department.

During investigations, police are said to have recovered some cash and three cars that are suspected to have been bought using the stolen money.

Facebook users however shared posts on Saturday stating full names of the former Mr Eswatini and the warder. The ex- beauty king and the officer allegedly collaborated with the university's employee on the robbery. A 22 year security

guard of Mahwalala is said to have been conned and forced to open a safe whilst on duty at the university and E600 000 was taken by six armed men. On the night of the robbery, the security guard was reported to have been beaten and tied up with a rope at about 1am.

The stolen cash is said to have been budgeted for this year's Limkokwing University Graduation ceremony which was slated for October 6.

As a result, the university's graduation has been postponed to November 9. The robbed cash is said to have been set for the bank the following day before it was nabbed by the half a dozen men. A suspect turns into a state witness by admitting guilt and testifying as a witness for the state against his associates or accomplices, often in exchange for leniency in sentencing or immunity from prosecution. The testimony of a witness who testifies against co-conspirators may be important evidence.

Meanwhile Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Phindile Vilakati down played the matter of the two being turned state witnesses and said the matter is still being investigated.

Jilted woman breaks into lover's flat, steals furniture, car

By Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

A ditched lover allegedly broke into her ex-boyfriend's house and stole furniture and a Toyota Etios import.

According to the boyfriend, Makhosonkhe Sifundza (34), his former lover broke into his house at Mpaka on Saturday around 11pm while he was out partying with friends in Manzini. Sifundza said since the break-up a couple of months ago, he has forbidden her from setting foot in his premises.

Cheating

The jilted lover, Bonisile Simelane (26) is said to have smashed his car windows with a shovel before setting alight clothing that belonged to another woman Sifundza was allegedly seeing.

He said during their relationship of five years, Simelane had two miscarriages which Sifundza said initiated their endless fights. The pair has been living together for three and a half years immediately after Simelane finished school at Lusoti High School.

"I decided to end the relationship three months ago because it was affecting my performance at work. I would at times come late at work because we fought the whole night and my irate mood affected my colleagues," he said.

The boyfriend said when the fights and problems escalated, he consulted his family and meetings were held to resolve their differences. He said the fights subsided for a

couple of weeks before they began again.

"She would get physical with me, throw dishes or anything at her reach at me when we had arguments," Sifundza said.

Blame

He said the neighbours confirmed that Simelane came by on Saturday in the company of an unidentified male in a Ford Ranger. It is said that she stuffed furniture in the male's car before getting into the said Toyota Etios and drove off behind the Ranger.

"A neighbour called and asked if I was moving out. I was told that my ex-girlfriend knocked at their door and told them that we are moving out. She pleaded with them to tolerate the noise while they packed, and said they would be done in an hour. I begged them not to call the police," he said. Instantly, Sifundza said he drove back to Mpaka and was welcomed by an almost empty house when he arrived almost an hour later.

He said his television set, sofa, kitchen utensils including pots and a microwave not forgetting his car were gone. Moreover, the boyfriend said he is afraid that involving the police would make her do something crazier. He said he has been trying to get hold of her but her phone has been switched off ever since and her family blames him for everything.

"I heard she travelled to Durban where the man she came with hails from. I will not stop looking for her, she can keep the rest but I need my car back," he said.

ROYAL VILLAS CROWNED ESWATINI'S LEADING HOTEL

By Mbongeni Mbingo
Mbabane

THE Royal Villas is Eswatini's big deal—and the World Travel Awards agrees so.

The hotel has just recently been awarded the prestigious World Travel Award as Eswatini's Leading Hotel for 2018.

This is phenomenal, for the hotel is scoop-



BIG DEAL: The Royal Villas General Manager Karol Jozzkowski receives his hotel's prestigious World Travel Award as Eswatini's Leading Hotel for 2018.

ing this gong for the third year running—and eighth overall! This award allows Royal Villas to flex its muscles among the world's leading hotels, and be counted among the finest travel

brands in Africa. According to Royal Villas General Manager, Karol Jozzkowski, the hotel was presented with the award at a glittering Gala ceremony held at Durban International Convention Centre, an event attended by the elite of the travel industry.

Jozzkowski hailed this as a major achievement for the hotel, stating that it was an accolade that demonstrates the quality service and growth of the hotel. "It shows that there is consistency and a lot of improvement in the hotel," he added, pointing out that this was now the eighth time the hotel had been awarded as the country's leading hotel.

The award is all the more significant because Royal Villas has won ahead of other local hotels.

Jozzkowski received the award in Durban on behalf of the Villas, the only locals who were present for their award. "Part of winning this award means that there are a lot of spinoffs for the hotel; such as for instance, it creates awareness in the tourism industry of the hotel," he further stated.

To this end, the awards were broadcast live on the night, through the Travel Channel, which further gives significant mileage for the recipients of the awards on the night.

It is the kind of mileage that the GM believes

is significant in the industry, further stating that such marketing collateral can be used by the Villas on its own website, and for further promotions and advertising.

"In this respect it is a big one for us. Every year we try and win this award and it is always a great feeling when we get the award," he added. He acknowledged that this was a major achievement by the members of staff who put in the hard work of making the hotel the destination of choice for many.

"It is particularly pleasing that it is the tourism industry that awards us; and the process is engaging as there is adjudicating done to ensure the winners are deserving," said Jozzkowski.

Winners at the red carpet reception included South Africa, voted 'Africa's Leading Destination', Durban, which is enjoying a renaissance, thanks to a series of landmark development projects and was named 'Africa's Leading City', while Cape Town's captivating mix of cultures, cuisines and landscapes was acknowledged as it picked up 'Africa's Leading Festival and Event Destination'.

Hundreds of the leading travel industries figureheads from across Africa and the Indian Ocean attended the ceremony at the Durban ICC, the state-of-the-art events and entertainment venue.

According to a statement from the World Travel Award founder and President Graha E. Cooke, congratulated the winners, saying they had the privilege of recognising the leading hotels, airlines and hospitality providers from across Africa and the Indian Ocean.

The ceremony marked the sixth leg of the WTA Grand Tour 2018—a series of regional events to acknowledge the world's outstanding travel brands. Events on the tour include Ras al Khaimah (United Arab Emirates), Athens (Greece), Hong Kong, Guayaquil (Ecuador) and Montego Bay (Jamaica). The regional winners will progress to the Grand Final 2018, which is being hosted in Lisbon (Portugal) on 1st December.

About World Travel Awards

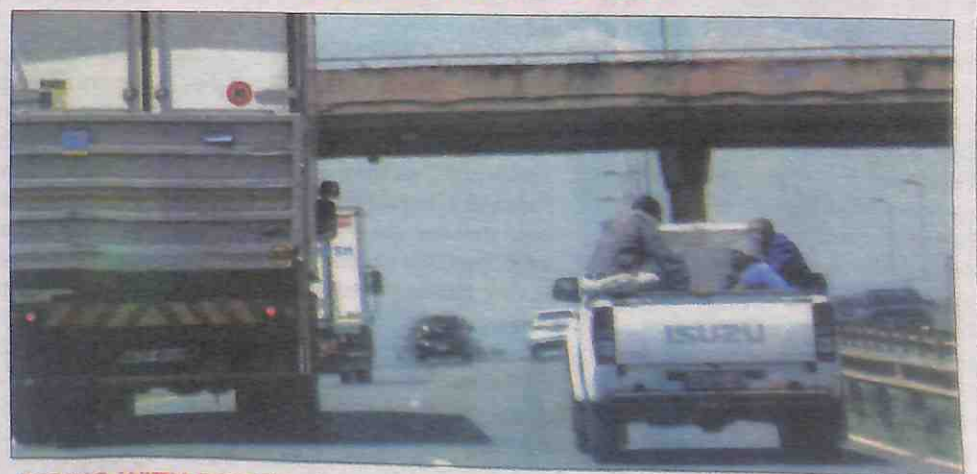
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DICING WITH DEATH: A man dangerously sits at the back of a government vehicle along the Mbabane/ Matsapha highway yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

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EMASWATI FAILING TO SETTLE PAYMENTS FOR 'DUBAI' CARS

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini



ALTHOUGH import cars dealerships offer reasonable ways of purchasing vehicles to locals, a handful of Emaswati have been hauled to court for failing to settle payments.

This was noted at the Manzini Magistrate's Court as most of the civil matters brought included car dealerships taking their customers to court for failure to settle their instalments for import cars they had bought.

In some instances, it is vice-versa as customers also take the car dealers to court after they are sold cars which then develop mechanical problems soon after they leave the car dealers' premises.

Worth noting is that Emaswati went for import cars soon after their introduction to the country as they are relatively cheaper than the local ones manufactured in South Africa.

Yesterday, a notice put up at the Manzini Magistrate's Court reflected that lawyers from 15 car dealerships appeared before different magistrates to represent car dealers in civil cases. Explaining the predicament that has

led to car dealerships taking the court route of late, a prominent Manzini car dealership who preferred anonymity said what happened is that when they started their business in the country some years back, Emaswati used to buy cars in South Africa cash and were financed by banks.

Buyers

He said then they came with import cars which banks were not keen to finance as they were used cars.

The car dealer said this led to them deciding to let buyers pay 70 per cent deposit then pay the remaining 30 per cent in instalments.

He said, however, there have been two factors which led to their customers failing to pay the instalments.

First, is the country's poor economy which has seen people earning meagre salaries with some having lost their

jobs and are now unemployed.

The car dealer said this has left people with no money.

He said this is mainly because taxes have also gone up while salaries remained the same. The car dealer said the 70 per cent which used to be a good deposit as it covered the car costs is now useless because there is now stiff competition amongst them and dealers had to slash their prices.

He said now some dealers allow people to pay a deposit of 40 per cent and pay the remaining 60 per cent in instalments.

He said when considering that such money only covered money paid to the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) and shipment costs, it becomes a headache when people fail to settle the remaining 60 per cent instalment, which leads to dealerships going for the court route in order to get their money back. He said the reason that most of these people end up in court is because some sell the cars across the border or damage them while they have not fully settled their payments.

He said when these people are approached by dealerships for repossession of the car they give various excuses, such as the vehicles being faulty.

Ex-ministers 'fried' for snubbing ex-PM's funeral

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

FORMER Cabinet ministers have been heavily criticised for snubbing the funeral of former Prime Minister Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini over the weekend.

Facebookers labelled the former Cabinet ministers as hypocrites who are only concerned about top positions and power.

Only three former Cabinet ministers showed up at the funeral which was held at Dlamini's parental home at Ndzingeni on Saturday.

These were Owen Nxumalo, Winnie Magagula and Phineas Magagula, who was the Chairman of the state funeral organising committee. The former Cabinet ministers had differing excuses on why they snubbed the funeral of their former principal whom they have worked with for the past five years, and even more for others. However, facebookers did not buy into the former ministers' justifications for the funeral snub, with their comments pointing out that they did it to be in line for vacant significant Parliament positions.

These are some of the comments:

Facebook user #1

Hhawu, kani bantfu banjani? only three ex-Cabinet ministers were at the funeral of the ex-prime minister, let us hope the media didn't see the

others due to the numbers of mourners!

By the way, in the absence of another Cabinet, they can still be called if something serious needs the hand of Cabinet! Therefore, they are still 'Cabinet ministers' pending the new one!

Top of Form

Facebook user #2

Beva ngazutsi nabaya emngcwabeni ngeke bakhonjwe kutsi bavele kule list yabo senators

Facebook user #3

Sento se Cabinet lephumako set-fusile impela. Ingani bebagilana e-Oshoko nabamhlangabeta. Yena former DPM abekhona nje?

Facebook user #4

Nguhulumende wamgicomgico nawusaphila u relevant nawungasekho u irrelevant emhlabeni

Facebook user #5

Alasondzelwa esidvunjini lakaNgwane yebekunene. Niyati mosi.

Facebook user #6

And to think Cabinet only dissolved last month naye lomuntfu lomdzala asekhona. Kantsi bebasolo batentisa nje all along?

Facebook user #7

Batsenga emehlo emuntfu, Bottom of Form

Facebook user #8

Bebamenyanya bafuna kudla. Nyalo basheshetelela lobusha. Batitshela kutsi kaNgwane awuyi nawufelwe noma uye emngcwabeni uyatila.

3 teens arrested for dagga cultivation, stock theft

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

YESTERDAY, three teenage boys appeared before the Magistrate's Court for dagga possession and stock theft.

*Linda (18), Sabelo (17) and Themba (17) (accused person's real names withheld as they are also said to be pupils in one of the local high schools) appeared before Principal Magistrate Dumisani Magagula.

On the first count, they were charged with contravening Section 2 of the Opium and Habit Forming Drug Act 16 of 1922. The accused

were said to have acted in furtherance of a common purpose by wrongfully and unlawfully cultivating dagga plants, a habit forming drug without being holders of a valid permit.

Charge

They are also facing a charge of contravening Section 3 of the Stock Theft Act 5 of 1982 as amended by Act 11 of 1987.

The accused persons were said to have unlawfully and intentionally stolen a heifer valued at E6 000 which belonged to one Simon Khumalo. They are said to have attempted to kill the heifer after finding it in their field of dagga. This also constituted an alternative

charge of malicious damage to property. On the alternative charge, the accused persons are said to have acted in common purpose and unlawfully injure the said heifer after finding their dagga plants to have been destroyed by livestock. Apparently, dagga fields are normally found in the mountains, mostly near grazing lands.

During their appearance before court, the accused persons were not asked to plead to the charges. The Crown filed an application to have them remanded into custody pending setting of their trial date. They were ordered to return to court on Thursday.

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

AS the influx of illegal immigrants continues unabated, police at the KM III International Airport on Saturday nabbed a Pakistani national who had entered the country illegally.

This adds to the hundreds of Asians who are said to be entering the country illegally on a monthly basis. In the recent case, the illegal immigrant was also found in possession of an entry permit which was said to have been obtained fraudulently. The accused person, Ahmed Akhlaq (30) appeared before Principal Magistrate Dumisani Magagula where he faced two counts of contravening the Immigration Act.

In the first count, he was said to have contravened Section 14(1)

Man nabbed with fraudulent permit at KM III Airport

of the Immigration Act 17 of 1982. He was said to have been found in possession of an entry permit which was allegedly issued without lawful authority from the ministry of home affairs.

The accused faced a similar charge on the second count, in that he wrongfully and unlawfully entered and remained in the country without being a holder of a valid document or entry permit.

During his appearance before the court, the accused was represented by lawyer Mzobanzi Dlamini.

When the charge sheet was read to him, he pleaded guilty on both counts. He was accordingly found guilty by the court after the crown elected not to lead evidence to

prove commission of the offences.

During mitigation, the accused asked the court to be lenient when passing sentence, saying he had actually used a passport to enter the country.

Applied

The accused said at the time of his arrest, he had already applied for a residential permit at the ministry of home affairs. He alleged that in the meantime, he was issued with the entry permit, which was unfortunately issued by an unauthorised official. Meanwhile, an application filed by the Crown to have the accused person kept in custody awaiting deportation was denied by the court. The accused was ordered to pay a fine of E500 and E1 500, respectively.



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Man (40) arrested for theft of E3m EPTC, MTN batteries

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

A 40-year old man has been arrested for the theft of E3 million worth batteries from Eswatini Mobile Telephone Network (MTN) and Eswatini Posts and Telecommunications (EPTC).

Bongani Velaphi Magagula of KaPhunga area in the Shiselweni region was arrested by the Mafutseni police as he is alleged to have committed a string of 10 criminal offences, ranging from theft to house breaking with intent to steal.

Represented by Manzini based lawyer Lucas Dlamini of Lucas BKS Dlamini Attorneys, Magagula yesterday appeared at the High Court where he has filed an urgent application for bail.

He was admitted to bail fixed at E50 000 by High Court Judge Nkosinathi Maseko as he is alleged to have stolen the batteries worth a total sum of E2.8 million.

However, Justice Maseko ordered that he pays E20 000 cash and E30 000 shall be in a form of a surety owing to the fact that the stolen items are

worth more than E2 million.

According to the charge sheet, Magagula is facing a total of 10 counts which he allegedly committed at Sigombeni, Sicunusa, Siteki, Gucuka, Velezizweni, Mkhuzweni and Lucolweni, amongst other places.

The batteries were stolen at MTN and EPTC sub-stations between the months of August and September.

According to Magagula in his affidavit, he was arrested by the Mafutseni police on allegations that he committed the 10 offences and was subsequently arraigned before the Manzini Magistrate's Court where he pleaded guilty to the offences.

Tortured

However, he submitted that it was not his intention to plead guilty to the charges preferred against him as he did so after allegedly being tortured by the investigating officers.

"Immediately after my arrest, I was subjected to torture and all forms cruelty by the police which include suffocation and as a result, I had to admit that I committed the offences when in fact I did not," he submitted.

He informed the court that it would appear that the police officers' main

aim was to make him a scapegoat for the string of offences committed against MTN and EPTC by some unknown people to him.

He stated that he is employed by COMMT, a sub-contractor to MTN Eswatini and that his company deals with the supplies of cables and installation of batteries on EPTC and Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) specified implements in the event of electric outage.

Innocent

He submitted that he is innocent of the charges and will plead not guilty at trial, adding that he is a sickly person as his left side of the body at times becomes numb and would need immediate medical attention which he believes is not readily available at the Zakhele Remand Centre where he is currently kept.

He stated that should he not be admitted to bail, he would suffer irreparable harm since he might lose his employment.

By the time this report was compiled, Magagula had not paid the bail and he is currently kept at the Zakhele Remand Centre pending payment of the bail.

2 MOZAMBICANS JAILED FOR DAGGA

By Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

TWO Mozambican men have been arrested after they were found with 35 kilograms of dagga.

They were arrested on Saturday at Maphiveni with a bag stuffed with dagga estimated at E60 000.

They are between the ages of 28 and 35.

Upon their arrest, it was realised that they were carrying a backpack stuffed with dagga seeds and had dirty jeans smeared with cow dung and wrapped around.

The strong smell of cow dung is said to have betrayed the pair as the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) officials at the Maphiveni security check-point called the duo aside.

They are said to have been travelling with Shewula residents in Phinduvuke Transport when they were arrested.

The UEDF officers are said to have firstly initiated a friendly conversation with the suspects and that is when they realised that they are from Mozambique.

According to sources, the duo boarded the bus at Nduma, a few kilometres before Maphiveni. They are believed to have then



used a shuttle from Lomahasha with the hope that only the Lomahasha transport is searched.

"They pretended to be Shewula residents and they tried initiating a conversation with other bus passengers, unfortunately, the strong cow dung smell sold them out," said a source.

The UEDF officers are said to have called the police when the dagga was retrieved from the suspect's stuffed backpack. They are said to have tried talking their way out of the situation and made up a story about their sister who is sick and needs money for surgery as soon as possible.

They appeared before the Simunye Magistrate's Court yesterday and they were fined E2 000 or 12 months in jail.

UNCLE (35) ARRESTED FOR RAPE OF NIECE (20)

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

A 35-year-old man who has been arrested for allegedly raping his 20-year-old niece, claims the complainant is in fact his girlfriend of three months.

*Musa Sibandze claims he had consented to sexual intercourse with the complainant inside his house as opposed to raping her.

He appeared before the High Court where he was granted bail fixed at E15 000, E3 000 to be paid in cash while the remaining E12 000 will be in a form of a surety. According to the charge sheet, he is charged with rape in that upon or about September 15, 2018 at or near Mhlume Section 13, he did unlawfully and intentionally have sexual intercourse with the complainant without her consent.

Further, the rape is accompanied by aggravating circumstances as envisaged by Section 185 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act in that the accused did not use a condom, thus exposing the complainant to sexually transmitted infections such as HIV/AIDS.

The accused person, according to the charge sheet, inflicted physical and lifetime trauma to the complainant and further he betrayed the trust and loyalty bestowed by the complainant on him

as the accused is his uncle.

In his affidavit, he submitted that he surrendered himself when he was informed that he is wanted by the police and was charged with the offence of rape.

"I submit that I am innocent of the charge. The said complainant at the time of the alleged crime was 20 years old and a consenting adult to sexual intercourse, myself and her had a three month love relationship at the time of the alleged crime and she usually visited my house as we enjoyed our relationship," he said.

He informed the court that on the day of the alleged crime, he had bought a bag for her and indeed she came to his house and while inside, they had consensual sexual intercourse and she went back to her parental home.

He stated that he was taken by surprise when he received a phone call from the police informing him that the complainant was accusing him of having raped her.

Up to now, he says he does not know the motive behind the rape accusation and is still shocked that his lover would turn against him and accuse him of rape in circumstances where she freely and voluntarily consented to sexual intercourse inside his house and during the day.

He was represented by lawyer Sikhumbuzo Simelane in the bail application while the Crown was represented by Elsie Matsebula.



ONE STREET, TWO NAMES: Hooligans decided to twist the two signs to one direction, leaving the road users confused as to which is the correct name of the street. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



DAIRY CATTLE FARMING COURSE

Dairy Cattle owners, keepers and aspiring individuals are kindly invited to attend a dairy farming training course to be held at the Board's Conference Room at Enguleni House, Manzini. The course will commence on the 23rd October 2018 and run for eight (8) weeks. Selected days for training are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week starting at 5:30pm till 7:00pm.

The training is set out to cover the following topics:

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3	Fodder Production
4	Dairy Cattle Feeding
5	Dairy Cattle Feeding
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9	Disease Prevention and Control
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TOGETHER: ICDF Secretary General Ambassador Timothy Hsiang taking a group photo with journalists. (Pics: Nomthandazo Nkambule)

ESWATINI REMAINS OUR PRIORITY - TAIWAN

Stories by Nomthandazo Nkambule Mbabane

ESWATINI remains a priority for the Republic of China on Taiwan.

Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) Secretary General Ambassador Timothy Hsiang said they would continue to work with Eswatini in implementing numerous projects which as ICDF they were mandated to undertake.

He said ICDF had incorporated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in its work, adding that they had projects that covered numerous sectors like information, communication and technology (ICT), agriculture, public health, education and others.

Hsiang said ICDF was serious about aligning its work with the SDGs.

"Eswatini remains our priority now," said the ambassador, adding that in the education front, through their programme, from 1997 to date, about 179 Eswatini had received training from different institutions and universities in that country.

He was briefing about 21 journalists from across the world in the ICDF offices. The journalists were on a touring programme organised by the ministry of foreign affairs in Taiwan.

The ambassador said ICDF worked with 21 universities for 35 study programmes for Bachelor's, Masters, and PhD programmes.

He added that going forward, they were looking at having more Eswatini trained though he was not specific on the numbers but was adamant that it would depend on the interest of Eswatini.

The ambassador added that next year's application starts around March, 2019.

Projects

He said development projects from the Taiwan-ICDF utilised their skills and know-how to promote international cooperation and economic development and to help Taiwan foster better and more productive relationships with its partner nations.

"Our goal is to strengthen links to partner countries, to bring out the best in local talent, and to accelerate development by transferring the right combination of technology and technical expertise," he said. Hsiang added that under education, they assisted Eswatini in enhancing its technical and vocational education and training systems (TVET).

He said the TVET system was meant to provide the technical skills needed for Eswatini to develop. It provided medium to advanced level ICT training, and advanced training in electrical engineering in support of the

development of such industries. "Providing technical education in close combination with vocational training ensures that Eswatini meets the country's development goal of raising technical skills while also improving citizens' livelihoods."

He added that the plan for a vocation training programme they implemented with Eswatini provided local students with the relevant skills and thereby increase the labour force in line with market needs.

"An appraisal of various training centres throughout Eswatini indicated that training categories are duplicated, and that resources are spread thinly and have not been integrated."

Results

Furthermore, the quality of teaching and the results of vocational training in that country have failed to meet market demands," he said.

The ambassador added that other activities included health and well-being trainings.

He said in light of the HIV prevalence in the country, the health needs and care of infected mothers and infants have become serious concerns.

Hsiang said to assist Eswatini in increasing its accessibility to health care services; there was a collaboration so as to implement a project to improve the quality of medical personnel in Eswatini.



JOURNOS: Part of the group of journalists outside the NDC offices.



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN SADC TRADE SHOWS: GLOBAL EXPO 2018, 30th OCTOBER - 2nd NOVEMBER, BOTSWANA

Swaziland as a member of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and party to the SADC Free Trade Area (FTA) has seen the need promote exports to the SADC market which creates regional market worth US\$360 billion with a combined population of over 240 million. The region further includes dynamic economies with a high growth rate of over 7% annually such as Angola, Mozambique and Malawi to mention a few.

The Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) with funding under the SADC Trade Related Facility has identified regional trade shows as one of the activities that can be used to promote our exports to the SADC region in order to enhance SADC Intra-trade. One of such trade fairs is the Global Expo Botswana (GEB) which will be from 30th October to 2nd November 2018 in Gaborone, Botswana.

About GLOBAL EXPO BOTSWANA

- GEB is Botswana's premier international business to business event featuring an exhibition, trade and investment conferences and training on exporting, B2B networking,
- Attracts 200 multi-sectoral exhibitors from Botswana and across the globe covering sectors including agriculture, textiles and apparel, tourism, handcraft, leather ICT, construction materials, timber and furniture,
- Attracts about over 5000 professional visitors ranging from importers, wholesale traders, agents, distributors, international buyers and supply chain managers. It creates opportunities for meeting buyers & sellers in SADC region and building partnerships.

Invitation to Export Ready companies

Export ready local companies are therefore invited to register for selection to exhibit and promote their products at this fair. The funding will cater for all stand rental fees, shipment of display samples and daily subsistence allowance (covering accommodation and meals) only.

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For more information please contact us mnisig@sipa.org.sz or call 7802 3487 or 2404 0470/2/3. Detailed information on GEB 2018, including registration forms can be accessed at www.sipa.org.sz. The deadline for submission is 22nd October 2018.

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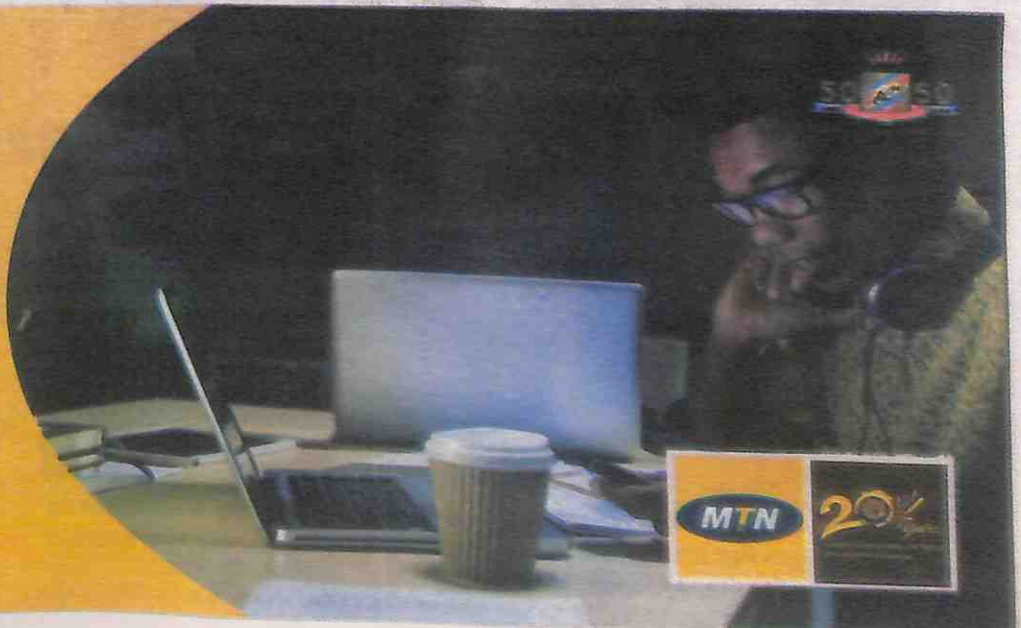
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IN THE MIX: Journalists and attendants of the Yushan Forum in Taipei.



CONFRENCING: Journalists attending the Yushan Forum in Taipei.



MARCHING: Some of the participants of the Taiwan National Day celebrations.



MINGLING: Swazi Observer Assistant News Editor Nomthandazo Nkambule and Taiwan ministry of foreign affairs' Sherry Chen.



DECLARED: Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) Secretary General Ambassador Timothy Hsiang addressing the journalists.

Taiwan to continue helping other countries

TAIWAN will continue to assist its allies if a need arise, Deputy Minister of the National Development Council (NDC) Cheng-Mount Cheng has said.

He said they would help countries they have diplomatic ties with in areas such as infrastructure, agriculture, health and others.

Addressing journalists at the NDC offices last week, Cheng said they had many programmes to help

develop different economies.

The deputy minister said Taiwan maintained a number of economic ties with many countries though they (Taiwan) had no diplomatic ties with those countries.

He added that they wanted to intensify economic ties with South-East-Asia.

Cheng said they were working on upgrading their economy as it is currently a matured one.

World Vision

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10 NATIONAL NEWS

GHANAIAAN BOGUS LAWYER ARRESTED FOR CONNING EMASWATI OVER E100 000

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

THE Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) from Manzini have made a major break-through as they have arrested and charged a bogus lawyer and recruitment agent in Ghanaian national Chris Van Annan for allegedly stealing by false pretences from Emaswati large amounts of money.

Annan of Fairview who claims to be working for one of the laws firms as secretary in Manzini was arrested by the Manzini Police last week.

He was charged with nine counts of theft by false pretences which allegedly occurred within the Kingdom's hub.

The suspect yesterday appeared before the High Court where he has filed an urgent application for bail as he wants out of jail.

Appearing before Judge Nkosinathi Maseko and represented by Lawyer

Benjamin Makhosonvelo Dlamini, Annan (37) had his matter postponed to October 26, as the crown is opposing his application.

According to the charge sheet, Annan is facing a total of nine counts including that of contravening the Immigration Act as he wrongfully and unlawfully remained in the Kingdom of Eswatini without a valid residence permit, thus contravened the Act.

Desperate

The other eight counts are that of theft by false pretences in which he allegedly misrepresented to six desperate teachers that he would assist them in getting teaching jobs overseas mostly in Australia and New Zealand and took from them monies ranging from E2 000 to E20 000.

He would claim that the money would be used in preparing their Visa and flight tickets to those countries as he had arranged for their jobs there.

The six complainants would be called by Annan through their cell phones and offer them the teaching jobs overseas before meeting them and taking their money claiming some would be used in paying travel insurance.

Admitted

Meanwhile one of the complainants according to the charge sheet, fell victim to Annan's pool of victims as he posed as an admitted attorney of the High Court of Eswatini who could assist them in expediting the processing of their Motor Vehicle Accident claims at the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (MVA) before getting away with money amounting to E2 000.

The other complainant, a woman who was dismissed from her job, lost E1 350 to the con-artist who posed as an admitted attorney of the High Court of Eswatini and promised to handle her case with the Conciliation Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC).

Bhekwako critical, still in hospital

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

KALUHLEKO murder suspect Bhekwako Dlamini is still admitted at the Mbabane Government Hospital and is in a critical condition.

Mkhulu Bhekwako as he is commonly referred to, was admitted following an instruction by High Court Judge Sipho Nkosi who when he last appeared before court ordered that he be taken to the hospital as his condition was not good.

When his matter was called last week, His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) officers informed the court that the ailing Dlamini is still in hospital.

Judge Nkosi then requested Dlamini's Lawyer Sifiso 'Charlie' Jele to get a doctor's report which will however be confidential for the court and his lawyer.

The crown had closed its case and the matter was awaiting judgment after the old man had been put to his defence and submissions made. The last time he appeared before Judge Nkosi, Dlamini said the biting cold was taking its toll on him which prompted Justice Nkosi to order correctional services officers to make sure that the 76-year-old does not sleep on the floor. Justice Nkosi ordered that he must be provided with a bed.

The old man, who has been in custody since his arrest, registered his fears that he might die at the correctional facility as he almost passed away due to the cold and the living conditions at the Sidvashini

Correctional facility. Dlamini who appeared sickly told the court that he was sick and needed the attention of doctors as the nurses at the Correctional facility cannot attend to his ailment.

Judgment

Charged together with Mxolisi Mabuza for the murder of KaLuhleko inner council member Camber Dlamini, Bhekwako will know his fate as Judge Nkosi reserved judgment pending his recovery.

Khanya Dlamini was the first witness who gave damning evidence against both Bhekwako and his co-accused Mxolisi.

Khanya, in his evidence, told the court that the chief, her mother and five members of the inner council were to be assassinated.

The six targeted persons, including Chief Zulehile and Inkhosikati LaMakhungu, survived the carefully orchestrated plot to assassinate them, while one of the inner council members, Camber, could not make it as he was shot and killed in cold blood at his homestead.

In a tell-it-all scenario while under oath in the witness box, Khanya, during the trial, related how he together with Bhekwako Dlamini (first accused) Mndeni Kunene (second accused) and Mxolisi Mabuza, who is the third accused, killed Camber.

Khanya told Judge Nkosi that he, together with Mabuza and Mndzebele, were approached by the first accused (Bhekwako) who informed them that he wanted to end the lives of some people who were enemies to him.

Mbabane received the highest rainfall

Stories by Nozipho Sibiyi
Mbabane

MBABANE received the highest rainfall during the weekend compared to the other areas around the Kingdom.

Mbabane recorded a rainfall recording of 59 mm. The rainfall data was collected from the rains that were experienced on Saturday and ended on Sunday night. Mbabane was followed by Motshane which is also in the Highveld with a rainfall recording 44.5 mm while Mahamba an area in the Shiselweni Region came third with a recording of 26 mm. Mustapha in the Manzini Region, Siteki, Tikhuba and Kalanga all in the Lubombo Region recorded average rains. They recorded 13 mm, 19.9 mm, 16 and 18 mm respectively.

STATION	AMOUNT OF RAINFALL (mm)
Mbabane	59.5
Motshane	44.5
Tikhuba	16
Mahamba	26
Siteki	19.9
Ka-Langa	18
Khubutha	9
Matsapha	13
Sithobela	8
BigBend	9.5

Sithobela an area next to next Matsanjeni in the Lubombo Region received the lowest rain as it recorded 8 mm.

According to information from the Swaziland Meteorological Services there are some parts of the country that

also received little rainfall such as Khubutha in the Shiselweni Region which recorded 9.5 mm and Big Bend in the Lubombo Region received 9.5 mm.

Farmers urged to start planting

THE early October rains have brought hope to farmers.

The country received average rainfall in the past weekend, marking the start of the planting season.

Director of Agriculture Moses Dlamini has welcomed the early start of the rainy season, stating that farmers should start planting. "Early planting is encouraged and farmers should use all methods of planting or consult extension officers in their areas," he said.

He urged farmers to use both conservation agriculture and other conventional methods of planting to enhance early planting. Dlamini said his ministry was looking forward to good rains between October to December.

Swaziland National Farmers Union Executive Director Lwazi Mamba also encouraged the farmers to utilise the early rains that have made it possible for farmers to start ploughing immedi-

ately. "We urge those farmers who are ready to plant to do so immediately. Chiefs should encourage their people to remove cattle from the fields."

He added that it would be better for farmers to start planting now.

Expecting

He also mentioned that the early rains are not only giving hope to the crop production sector for livestock as well.

The director said, "As for grazing, we will be expecting great improvements in the next two or three weeks which should give rise to improved livestock conditions, especially in the Lowveld."

Mamba also acknowledged the improvement in grazing land which will boost the livestock production industry.

According to rainfall figures from the Meteorology Department, many parts of the country received a lot of rainfall, with Mbabane taking the lead of 59.5 mm.



ENCOURAGES: Swaziland National Farmers Union Executive Director Lwazi Mamba.

Aspiring senator Mdluli foresees great potential for Eswatini

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

AMID reports of the country faced with fiscal challenges, aspiring senator Thuli Frances Mdluli foresees a resurrection of the country's economy through intensified agricultural projects.

Mdluli is among the 30 women who have been nominated for the highly contested 10 seats in the House of Senate.

She is a retired high school teacher who also boasts vast experience in agriculture as she worked with several organisations which includes COSPE, Imbita Swaziland Women's Finance Trust, amongst others which concentrated mainly on agricultural issues.

When reached by this publication, Mdluli disclosed that she joined the race to senate after having the urge to contribute to the country's economic growth.

Mdluli pointed out that the country could emerge above its financial challenges if it could invest more in agriculture and increase exported products.

Apparently, the country currently has a few agricultural products which are exported to other countries. These include sugar and some

poultry products.

"Agriculture has proven to be a potential source of income for African countries. I have also seen organisations growing to greater heights through farming as I have been hands on in agricultural projects for the past many years," said Mdluli. At some point, Mdluli occupied the position of regional president for Imbita, an organisation which has assisted women to kick-start income generating projects. Most of the agricultural projects which have been pioneered by Mdluli were in rural areas, where the people depend largely on farming. Apparently, Mdluli also come from Maphungwane, a rural chiefdom under Matsanjeni North constituency.

Moreover, Mdluli pointed out a need for government to work on empowering young people who have been unable to reach tertiary level by providing them with life skills. She noted that the country needs to have a majority of people under the working age being able to sustain themselves and their families.

"Lastly, I would like to encourage women not to shy away from taking up responsibilities in their communities as we are equally capable to bring development," she said.

DON'T SACRIFICE CULTURE FOR CIVILISATION

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
KaHhoyi, South Africa

IT is important for Africans to blend civilisation with culture.

This was said by His Majesty King Mswati III over the past weekend during ummemo held at KaHhoyi in South Africa, just a few kilometres from Mananga Border Gate. The King was speaking through Director of Culture and Traditional Affairs, Prince Bukhosi.

Importance

The King expressed concern at the manner in which Africans had sacrificed their culture for civilisation, which came from developed countries. He said it was important for African nations to hold on to their cultures in order to keep their

nations intact.

He said civilisation was a phenomenon that could not be avoided as people wanted their lives to be easier. However, culture should not be sacrificed in people's quest to be civilised.

Education

He said culture could be blended with civilisation and it is possible for people to make the two work together.

The King said what is good about civilisation is that it came with good things such as education. He said education has played a positive role in shaping a good future for many African people. Education has stimulated economic development

in African countries.

Culture

In as much as education is important, without culture, it will not be good for Africa. Culture should be included in the education systems of African countries in order to stimulate peace and unity, which will in turn stimulate economic development. The King also mentioned that people should not think that religion divorced them from culture. He said religion does not necessarily mean people should turn away from their own culture because each and every nation in the world has its own culture, even if it practiced a certain religion.

He further urged the youth to be keen on learning about cultural matters so that they can also pass it from their own generation to the next. He said the youth had their elders from whom they can learn about their culture. They should be part of the traditional festivities like imimemo, where they can get an opportunity to learn about their own culture.

STICK TO YOUR ROOTS: Inkhosi Hhoyi II from KaHhoyi delivering his speech during Ummemo held at KaHhoyi just next to Mananga over the past weekend. (Pics: Samson Ncongwane)

'Don't envy South Africa'

EMASWATI should be careful not to envy South Africa because that can be dangerous for them.

This was said by KaHhoyi leader Inkosi Hhoyi II of the Ngomane Traditional Council. He said this over the past weekend when he addressed Emaswati, who were bidding farewell to the traditional leader. Inkosi Hhoyi said they were lucky to be next to a country like Eswatini because they always look up to it to learn about culture.

He said Emaswati should be careful of being taken by the beauties believed to be associated with South Africa. He said South Africa had a lot of uncertainties and unrests, which most Emaswati would not like to witness.

He said people liked protesting too much and would not mind doing spine-chilling things. Some have even kill their own teachers right in schools and this showed that the country's future was uncertain.

He encouraged Emaswati to keep on observing their own culture so that they could maintain their peace and stability.

Meanwhile, the traditional leader declared his love for Emaswati such that he even promised to hold an event where he would celebrate with Emaswati. He revealed that the Ngomane nation first settled in Kruger National Park and migrated to Komatipoort, before later migrating to areas like Tonga and Mananga. The migration from Kruger and Komatipoort was forceful because

the Afrikaners wanted to take control of the land.

He said he wanted to invite Emaswati to go and see that area, where they would then come together and celebrate the fact that the Ngomanes had reclaimed their

...The event was attended by over 2 000 people, who included members of the delegation from Eswatini, which was sent by the King.

land. The event was attended by over 2 000 people, who included members of the delegation from Eswatini, which was sent by the King. The delegation was led by Prince Bukhosi. Other dignitaries present included the South African traditional leaders and top government officials. They all braved the unbearably cold weather conditions of a maximum of about 15 degrees Celsius to be part of the event.



GRAND ENTRY: Sagila SeMnikati and Ligcabho LaMhlekezi members making a grand entry to the arena where the event was taking place.



DANCE: Inkhosi Hhoyi's second wife Inkhosikati LaShongwe (in black kanga) doing Kutsamba traditional dance with Lutsango from Eswatini.



REMARKS: Prince Bukhosi delivering a speech on behalf of His Majesty King Mswati III.



WE ARE ONE: Inkhosi Hhoyi's first wife Inkhosikati LaMdluli (3rd l) dancing with some of the South African chiefs' wives and other attendees.



PRESENT: Batukulu from Ngomane. From l-r are Sipheshile Nkumba, Sibonelo Mayisela, Zamokuhle Dladla, and Philiswa Masuku.



GIYA: Indvuna yeMbali Nonduduzo Zubuko dancing as Emaswati bid farewell to Inkhosi Hhoyi.

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KAHHOYI **UMMEMO** IN PICS

REMARKS: Inkosi Hhoyi II from KaHhoyi delivering his speech during Ummemo held at KaHhoyi just next to Mananga Border Post over the past weekend. (Pics: Samson Ncongwane)



WATCHING: Members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) were also there to ensure that law and order prevailed.



POSE: Indoni Miss Cultural SA representatives also attended. They are; Sinethemba, Muzi, and Senziwe. They represent Emaswati living in SA in the cultural contest.



TRADITIONAL: Some of the members of Lutsango captured while relaxing as they shied away from the arena due to the chilling weather conditions.



INGADLA: Ligcabho LaMhlekezi performing ingadla traditional dance.



LEADERS: Lomshiyo Chief Prince Tikhontele Dhlamini with Butsini Chief Prince Teyani Nkosi.



PRESENT: Khanyi Kunene from Maphalaleni was also part of the event.



SECURITY: Lutsango from the security forces as they bade farewell to Inkosi Hhoyi II.



DANCING: Lutsango in song and dance during the event.

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RESIDENTS PRAISE MANZINI MAYOR FOR HARMONY AS IDP MEETINGS COMMENCE

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

MANZINI residents have praised Manzini Mayor, Mxolisi 'Waxola' Mabuza, for ensuring that there is peace and harmony within the Municipal Council of Manzini.

The residents expressed this sentiment last Sunday during an Integrated Development Plan (IDP) meeting for residents of Ngwane Park held at Ngwane Park High School. IDP meetings are held in every ward and they commenced on October 6 and are expected to end on October 27.

Pray

The purpose of the meetings, according to Manzini Municipal Council Public Relations Officer Mathokoza Thwala, is to give an opportunity to stakeholders to express their wards' development needs so that they can be considered during development of the new five-year IDP. In Ngwane Park, the residents said they had heard of infighting between councillors and officers in other municipalities and were always praying that the same does not happen in the city of Manzini. They said differences should be well managed and solved amicably; with



ATTENTIVE : A section of those who attended the ward meeting held at Ngwane Park High School.

most of the energy and focus being directed to improvement of service delivery. The residents said it was clear that the city of Manzini had maintained peace because of the wise leadership by the current mayor. They implored other towns and cities to copy from Manzini. Noteworthy is that this was not the first time residents had lauded the Manzini mayor on the same issue.

The same sentiments were expressed during the city's Annual General Meeting which was held at The George

Hotel last month. The residents of Ngwane Park, during the meeting, called on the Municipal Council of Manzini to prioritise rehabilitation of Stanley Street in places like the stretch from Ludwala shops down to the bridge near Ngwane Park High School. The road is one of the most pothole-riddled in the city of Manzini.

Costs

The residents took turns pointing out how their vehicles were damaged as a result of the condition of the road. They said they were subjected to fre-

quent appointments with the mechanics as a result of the state of the road; and as a result, had incurred huge costs in fixing their vehicles. On a rather positive note, the residents noted, the service delivery improvements by Council in the ward during the last five years. Some of these are tarring of about five roads in Ngwane Park Extension (Mantayi, Gundwini, Mkhaya and Mthombothi Streets). Another is the rehabilitation of D98 road and Ngwane Park main road (the road stretch from Zakhele Remand Centre all the way down to Mathayini via KaZakhali school and up to the Yith'abantu highway). The residents also commended Council for ensuring the contractors who won tenders for these roads hired local residents as a matter of first preference.

They said that was real community empowerment which other towns should emulate. Regarding the problem road (Stanley Street) they pointed out that if Council had no resources to immediately rehabilitate it, they recommend that the remaining patches of bitumen surface on the road be scrapped off and make it a gravel road until such time that funds for the project were available. Even those

who do not own vehicles expressed discontent about the state of the road (Stanley Street). They said it was difficult to get a ride from friends and relatives to their residences as motorists usually complained of the terrible condition of the road. They requested Council to ensure the road was fixed. Another resident noted that Council was often seen covering the potholes using gravel. He said that was not working out as the gravel was easily washed away as soon as rains fell. In response, Council said they were well aware of the state of the road in question and were spending sleepless nights trying to find a solution to it. Council stated that they trusted in the Lord Almighty to touch the hearts of those who had not paid their rates (property taxes) in full to do so, so that resources could be available to give the road the attention that is required. Another thorny issue during the meeting was that of stray dogs; which residents said caused havoc on their garbage whilst awaiting collection by Council's refuse trucks.

They were firm in their call for Council to put them down. This is despite an earlier statement from Council to the effect that animal rights activists were against the putting down of stray dogs.

The residents said shooting the dogs was the only action which would ensure residents who really loved their dogs put them on the leash or ensure their residences were well fenced to avoid them roaming the streets.



GENERAL NOTICE NO. 10, 2018

PROPOSED DECISION IN TERMS OF SECTION 32 OF THE SWAZILAND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ACT, 2013: BAND PLAN FOR TERRESTRIAL FIXED SERVICES BANDS FOR CONSULTATION INVITATION FOR WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS

The Eswatini Communications Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, has developed a band plan for Fixed Terrestrial Services in accordance with Section 34 of the Electronic Communications Act, 2013 and authorized by Regulation 5 of the Electronic Communications (Radio Communications and Frequency Spectrum) Regulations, 2016. Regulation 5 provides that the National Frequency Allocation Plan falls under the Radio Frequency Plan and shall be detailed and provide a description of how a band is allocated.

The Terrestrial Fixed Services band plan gives detailed frequency channelling arrangements and also specifies detailed allocation of the radio frequency spectrum in the Fixed Services bands (2GHz, 4GHz, 5GHz, Lower 6GHz, Upper 6GHz, 7GHz, Lower 8GHz, Upper 8GHz, 10.5GHz, 11GHz, 13GHz, 15GHz, 18GHz, 23GHz, 26GHz, 28GHz, 32GHz and 38GHz) which have been made available for use.

The provisions of Section 32 of the SCCOM Act, 2013, allow for stakeholders and interested persons to make comments on proposed decisions of the Commission. The public is hereby invited to submit their written presentations on the proposed Decision to publish the Band plan for Fixed Terrestrial Services published herewith by the Commission.

A copy of the proposed Decision document is available on the Commission's website at www.sccom.org.sz and at the Commission's offices at Mbabane Office Park 4th floor, North Wing Mhlambanyatsi Road.

Written representations with regard to the proposed Decision must be submitted to the Commission no later than 17h00 on 14th November 2018 by post to Swaziland Communications Commission, P.O. Box 7811 Mbabane, hand delivered or electronically to info@sccom.org.sz

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INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF POLICE UNIFORM

Tender Reference 120 of 2018/2019

The Royal Swaziland Police Service now invites sealed Tenders for the Supply and Delivery of Police Uniform.

The invitation to Tender document can be obtained at the Police Headquarters, Mbabane, Swaziland for the price of E300 (Three Hundred Emalangen), which against receipt should be paid at Mbabane Revenue Office (payment is non refundable) Account No.054110121990.

A pre-tender meeting will be held at the Police Headquarters on 24 October 2018 at 0900hrs at the Conference Room (4th Floor).

Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, which must be marked as follows: "The Secretary to the National Tender Board", Treasury Building, Mhlambanyatsi Road, MBABANE.

Further the envelope must be marked with the following information: Royal Swaziland Police "Tender No. 120 of 2018/ 2019, Supply and Delivery of Police Uniform", DO NOT OPEN BEFORE 0900hrs ON THE 09 November 2018".

Tenders must be delivered to the office of the National Tender Board, Treasury Building, Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane, Swaziland by 09 November 2018 at 0900hrs and deposited in the Treasury Tender Box.

Tenders received in time by the latest date and time of submission will be opened at the Treasury Building at 0900hrs 09 November 2018. Tenders not deposited in the Treasury Tender Box, as well as late, telegraphic, electronic and faxed tenders will not be considered. Tenderers may attend the opening procedure.

The documents specified in the "Instructions to Tenderers", including copies of current Tax Clearance Certificates (for Government Tenders), Trading Licence, Form J, Form C, Labour Compliance Certificate and Tender Security of E10 000.00 must be included in the Tender.

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BIG BEND BUSINESS COMMUNITY
RESCUES DESTITUTE FAMILY

THE Big-Bend Business Forum Against Crime (BBBFAC) has extended a humanitarian gesture as it donated a house to a destitute Mamba family at Mahlabaneni over the weekend.

The family, which is headed by a man with physically disabled, has been living in abject poverty for many years, relying on food handouts from neighbours who would offer them something to eat in rare instances. Members of the family are said to have also shared a shack as their main house which was also used as a kitchen.

This was reported by Chairperson of the BBBFAC, Hunt Holley when handing over the one-room flat which is said to be valued at E25 000.

Construction

Holley disclosed that the construction of the house was also made possible by the contribution of police officers at Big-Bend Police Station.

The officers are said to have forked out money towards purchasing of building material. Holley said the forum learnt of the Mamba family through residents of the area who came to ask for assistance on behalf of the family. As an entity which promotes the well-being of every resident of Big-Bend and surrounding areas, Holley said they

**GRATEFUL: National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula.**

found it proper to extend a helping hand to the family. The family was also provided with groceries which included mealie-meal, rice, beans, cooking oil, washing soap and some household utensils. The head of the family was also provided with a new wheelchair as he has been confined to a wheelchair for years.

Also present during the donation was the National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula. Magagula commended

the humanitarian spirit shown by the business community in collaboration with police officers stationed at Big-Bend. He noted that the donation would be a huge relief to the family as its living condition has been sub-standard for years. Magagula made reference to the Holy Scripture, saying it was human to share with the needy. He also urged residents to be on the lookout for people who need assistance and subsequently extend a helping hand.

Siteki Town Council
engages security
services for first time

DRINKING and smoking in public will be a thing of the past in Siteki town as the municipality has since engaged the services of rangers to eliminate any undesired behaviour.

For the first time since the establishment of the town, security in the town centre is now overseen by a private company known as Top Two Security Services (Pty) LTD. The company has also been formally introduced to stakeholders by town Clerk Sithembile Simelane.

Speaking during a briefing, Simelane said roping in the services of a security company came as a result of complaints which were recently raised by businesses and ratepayers who pointed out poor standards of safety in the town centre. The businesses and ratepayers are said to have raised several issues which they regarded as a nuisance in their daily businesses. "As an entity which work closely with our stakeholders, we took this complaint seriously and

acted on it by roping in a security company which will ensure that businesses and visitors of the town are safe at all times," said Simelane.

She highlighted that the security company would also work on ensuring that the town runs in an orderly manner, whereby businesses are also expected to trade according to their permits.

Moreover, Simelane appealed to members of the public to cooperate with the rangers who would patrol all parts of the town. In the past, the town was littered with stray animals which posed a danger to both motorists and pedestrians. Simelane said the security company was mandated to impound stray livestock and further ensure that all businesses operating within the town had the relevant permits.

"Businesses and rate payers had also complained of people smoking and drinking in public; and this is one other thing which is expected to be eliminated by the rangers who will be visible in every corner of the town," Simelane added.

Woman arrested for
selling land fraudulently

A woman from Luhhwahweni area appeared before the Magistrate's Court after she was arrested for allegedly selling land which did not belong to her.

Thabile Maziya (48) faced a charge of theft by false pretences.

According to the charge sheet, the accused wrongfully and intentionally misrepresented herself to Mduzuzi Ndzabandzaba by promising to sell him land to the value of E20 000. The accused is alleged to have proceeded and collected the said amount from the complainant, while knowing that she did not have any intention of giving him the said land as she did not own such.

It transpired that the said land actually belonged to the accused person's brother, who also had no intention of selling it. At the time of her arrest, the accused was said to have paid back half of the money.

During her appearance before court, the accused person was informed of

her rights to legal representation, and she elected to conduct her own defence. She further stated that she would be pleading guilty to the charge when the matter commenced trial. In the meantime, the matter was ordered to return to court on a later date for trial.

Faced

Meanwhile, Sabelo Dlamini (22) and Thanda Maziya (25) faced a charge of house breaking and theft.

The accused persons were said to have wrongfully and unlawfully broken into a house occupied by Lillian Dlamini at Mpaka and stole items worth E7 230. The items are said to have been mainly clothing and some electronics. Each of the accused persons elected to conduct his own defence in the matter. They further filed an application to be admitted to bail, which was accordingly granted at E3 000 each. The matter was ordered to return to court on October 23 for trial.

Rate payers complain of neglected
overgrown plots with grass

RATEPAYERS of Siteki town are concerned about some plots which have been neglected by their owners, resulting in them being overgrown with grass.

Such plots are said to have also become hideouts for criminals. This was gathered through the recently launched programme whereby the council engages ratepayers in inclusive governance and planning.

Briefing

Speaking during a briefing, Town Clerk Sithembile Simelane disclosed that the issue of overgrown grass in some plots had dominated the list of complaints submitted by ratepayers.

Simelane acknowledged that some ratepayers had neglected their plots, making these a hazard to the public.

She said even though the council was still collecting complaints and suggestions from ratepayers, they had already listed this issue as one which required urgent attention.

**NOTED: Siteki Town Clerk Sithembile Simelane presenting her report while councillors Mzobanzi Dlamini and Mvila Dlamini look on.**

"The programme is ongoing, and we will soon be compiling the list of things which must be prioritised by the council.

It must be noted that the ratepayers are participating in this exercise as they have to own up to the development of their town," Simelane explained.

STAY AWAY FROM US, FAMILY WARNS BUCOPHO

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

A family has warned Bucophu of Siyendle under Gege Inkhundla to keep away from anything to do with them.

Mfaniseni Vilakati has been advised by a Nhlabatsi family to never again involve himself in any issue involving any member of the family. This comes after Vilakati made an appeal to the public after a bolt of lightning burnt an old man's property. It was after Senzenjani Nhlabatsi, had his house burnt by the lightning that Vilakati decided to appeal to the public. A bed and blankets, it is believed, were some of other items that were burnt.

The family has since clarified that their father was not desperate for any assistance as they (family) were capable of assisting him with anything. They accused Vilakati for going to the media to make a request on how Nhlabatsi should be assisted without the family's consent.

Nhlabatsi's children said they were amazed and surprised to read about the request of public assistance for their father where Vilakati was appealing for help on behalf of the old man.

The children also said what irked them was that Vilakati made it seem like their father was a beggar when in actual fact he was well taken care of by his family.

Irked

They were also irked by claims that their father was a widower when the truth was that his wife was still alive but was merely not within the home-stand when the incident occurred.

"We wonder what made Vilakati to rush to the media without first finding out from us if that would be appropriate. What we suspect is that he wanted to hit a jackpot by appealing for help as if he was doing it for our father. He wanted to benefit from whatever the public was to donate. He pre-

tended to be caring or sympathising with what befell our father yet he knew deep down in his heart that he was doing it for himself.

We are not going to allow him to benefit from the public donations at the expense of our father. We feel that he was not even bothered by what happened as we have not heard of any contribution from him before requesting help from the public.

He is fully aware that we are managing to provide anything

that our father needs," said the old man's daughter Nompumelelo Nhlabatsi.

Nompumelelo said, if Vilakati needed sponsors, he should not involve her father. She said Vilakati

was supposed to approach the family first before going to the media about the incident. "What is also annoying is that he is a neighbour and has our contacts yet he never bothered to call us

first. Our conclusion is that he wanted to tarnish the family's name. He wanted to make us look irresponsible and not caring for our parents. What he should know is that we can afford anything that our father needs. What we do for our father is something that can be a mountain to climb for Vilakati.

He should just stay away from our family business. He still has to tell us what he meant when he said our father is a widower," said Nompumelelo.

On the other hand, Vilakati said he never meant to make a mockery of the family but he was playing his role as Bucophu.

"I never had any bad intentions but this was a public appeal just like I always do in cases of this nature occurring in the community. My role as Bucophu is to assist in such cases.

They (family) did call and raised their concerns but I should state that this was not meant to tarnish anyone's name. It was an honest and genuine public appeal and never meant to benefit myself," said Vilakati.

The MP was not aware that the old man's family was against the manner in which Bucophu Mfaniseni Vilakati had handled the matter and was not even aware that they had banned him (Bucophu) from making public requests for donations.

Bucophu accused of grabbing wheelchair from old man

IT never rains but pours for Bucophu of Siyendle under Gege Inkhundla, Mfaniseni Vilakati as he has also been accused by a Nhlabatsi family for grabbing a wheelchair donated to their father by a certain organisation.

The Nhlabatsi family said Vilakati was not an honest person and could not be trusted with the responsibility of receiving anything on behalf of the community.

"Donors should be careful when donating to the community of Siyendle. Our father who was given a wheelchair by the Luke Commission had the wheelchair kept by Vilakati for years and we are told he gave it to his father when it was meant to be used by our father. We suspect that there are a number of items that donors donate but end up benefiting the wrong people. The wheelchair from Luke Commission is a classical case. Vilakati decided to give the wheelchair to his father and only returned it back to our father after two years. There is more rot that needs to be exposed about Vilakati," said Nompumelelo Nhlabatsi, the eldest daughter of Senzenjani Nhlabatsi.

Nhlabatsi said the family was not at all happy in the manner Vilakati was executing his role as Bucophu. "It's highly likely that donations made by organisations are not properly distributed," alleged Nompumelelo.

Reached for comment, Vilakati said, all donations were fairly distributed and he had never personally benefited from anything directed to the community.

"It's not true that I pocket or keep things for myself. If that's what she (Nompumelelo) claims, she should come up with proof. As for the wheelchair she is talking about, it was not specifically meant for her father but it was for the community.

It's not like the donor donated it to an individual but to the community, meaning it has to be used by anyone. I returned it to their father but I feel I have to take it away again now since he has been provided with crutches," said Vilakati.

MP donates grocery to Mkhulu Nhlabatsi

AFTER having read about the bolt of lightning that razed an old man's house, Gege Member of Parliament Musa Kunene has come to the party and donated grocery.

The MP said he was touched to learn about the incident on the newspaper. He said he was still to make time to see how he could be of help to Mkhulu Senzenjani Nhlabatsi. "It's not much but

things like sugar, soap and few other items that will be of great assistance to the old man.

I am however still going to visit him to see how else we can assist," said the soft spoken MP.

ESWATINI MALES ARE TRAFFICKED MORE COMPARED TO FEMALES

By Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

SURPRISINGLY, males are trafficked mostly than females.

According to data collected from the Prevention of People Trafficking and People Smuggling, 62.9 per cent Emaswati males were trafficked as compared to 37.1 per cent of female victims over the past few years.

The Head of Secretariat Nompumelelo Lukhele said the poor, unemployed, illiterate and orphans constitute the social groups that are subjected mostly to human trafficking and people smuggling in the country.

"The high rate of unemployment in the country might be the leading factor of the high rate of trafficked males," she said.

Lukhele said males might be easily lured

She said even though awareness raising and public education campaigns were undertaken to reinforce messages on the seriousness of human trafficking and people's smuggling, the rate of the crime is escalating.

"Many victims want to get out of their situation so they risk everything

to leave the place that sees them mired in poverty. This gives the human traffickers bait to lure victims to move to a different country," Lukhele said.

In 2017, Lukhele said 18 Emaswati young girls were recruited to Kwa-Zulu Natal for labor exploitation and that their case is still pending. She said in most cases, human trafficking and smuggling victims use unlawful means to migrate from one country to another thus their cases drag in courts.

Promised

Lukhele said just recently a South African teenage was trafficked to Eswatini by a lover she came across via social media who promised love and a good life.

Furthermore, Lukhele pleaded with Emaswati especially the youth to always use the legal procedure when travelling to another country.

The Head of Secretariat said one

needs to double check facts especially when the offer seems too good to be true. She said it is most likely that that offer is not legit.

"Traffickers lie, they promise jobs and stability in order to recruit their victims and upon their arrival to another country they take control. More often, they are held in places where victims did not want to make their home," she said.

In some cases, Lukhele said victims are trafficked or smuggled for organ donor harvesting. She urged the nation to always report missing persons as soon as possible. Lukhele said within less than three hours a person can be smuggled out of the country.

"People should not wait long to report if a relative is missing or hours have passed by and that person is expected to have reached home by then," she said.

Country	Bangladesh	China	Gabon	India	Lesotho	Mozambique	Nigeria	Eswatini	Uganda	USA	Total
Male	1	3	0	6	1	2	0	4	4	1	22
Female	0	5	1	1	0	1	1	3	0	1	13
Total	1	8	1	7	1	3	1	7	4	2	32

STOP HUMAN

REPORT ON CORRUPTION WITHOUT FEAR, JOURNOS TOLD

By Nozipho Sibiya
Johannesburg, South Africa

AFRICAN Union Regional Delegate to Southern Africa, Dr Augusto Ngomo has encouraged journalists from the Southern African region to report on corruption in their countries without compromise or fear.

Dr Ngomo was speaking during the official opening of the investigative journalism training held in Johannesburg, South Africa, the past week. The training was attended by over 20 journalists from the 16 countries of the Southern African region.

The training was also attended by Southern Africa UNECA Director Said Adejumo, Director and Kingdom of Eswatini Anti-Corruption Director Jabu Phakathi. Phakathi was also a facilitator at the workshop whereby she shared

her experiences working as a journalist and in her profession as a director.

Dr Ngomo encouraged journalists to expose all corrupt activities in their countries and across the African region.

He said corruption in government continues to slow development while eroding trust and weakening the accountability of public institutions.

Corruption

"Against this backdrop, it is not surprising that corruption has been very high in the African Union (AU) agenda this year.

The corruption agencies are formed in a way that they can easily be pulled by economic and political powers," he said, during his opening remarks at the Premier Hotel in Kempton Park.

He said the African Union Southern African region saw it fit to develop the culture of zero tolerance to

corruption.

"It should be a conscious of a person to know that this is evil and avoid it. Of course our governments and journalists in Africa should play a key role in this. Decomposition of a fish starts from the head, so if the governments tolerate such kind of malpractice then the rest will just follow suit," he explained.

He also mentioned that there would be a follow up training that is supposed to be held in Botswana next month. He said journalists should report on what they have implemented and discovered in their respective countries after the training.

Meanwhile, the training was aimed at improving the knowledge of journalists on the governance and anti-corruption frameworks in the Southern African region and also enhance skills to effective report on transparency and account-

ability issues in their respective countries.

Specific skills on writing and reporting investigated stories were developed to monitor global and transnational institutions, business, politics, and corruption.

Knowledge

The programme combined practical and theoretical knowledge, including digital environments. The five day training was facilitated by award-winning journalist Paula Fray, who rose to become the editor of the Saturday Star newspaper in South Africa.

She was also executive news editor of The Star newspaper in Johannesburg. She has also edited the newspaper Terraviva in Bamako, Nairobi, and Glasgow and also participated as a journalist on Terraviva newspaper at the MDGs conference in New York. She has worked in the media for over 22 years.



POSE: Southern African journalists who were capacitated on corruption reporting and how to write investigative stories in their countries. (Pics: Nozipho Sibiya)



FACILITATOR: Paula Fray facilitating the investigative journalism workshop last week.

Mpumalanga albino murder trial set for August 2019

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

THE case of five men who allegedly killed Gabisile Shabane (13) who had albinism has been transferred from the Witbank Magistrate's Court to the High Court in Delmas in Mpumalanga.

The suspects, who include Eswatini traditional healer Thokozani Msibi, appeared briefly in the Witbank Magistrate's Court last week Thursday.

They are also accused of killing Shabane's 15-month-old nephew Nkosikhona Ngwenya.

Thokozani Msibi, as well as Brilliant Mkhize, Themba Thubane and Knowledge Mhlana appeared in connection with the kidnapping and murder of the children.

The two victims were kidnapped from their home in January and were later found dead in different areas with missing body parts.

National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) spokesperson, Monica Nyuswa says the suspects will appear in court on 19 August 2019.

The state says that it is ready for trial as the investigation has been finalised and all suspects are in custody, according to reports from Mpumalanga.

Almost nine months after being abducted from her home and killed for her body parts, 13-year-old Shabane who had albinism, will finally be laid to rest.

The Mpumalanga Community Security Department has announced that she and her one-year-old nephew Nkosikhona Ngwenya will be buried in Witbank next week.

Their burial had been delayed for months on end as DNA tests had yet to verify that the mutilated body parts found in different areas all belonged to Gabisile. The tests have since been concluded. Gabisile's headless body was found buried in a shallow grave in Cullinan, east of Pretoria. It was understood that some of her other parts were found in premises belonging to one of the accused in the matter, while Nkosikhona had been thrown into a swamp.

US company receives approval to grow medical cannabis

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

PROFILE Solutions, Inc. (PSIQ) has allegedly received preliminary approval from the Kingdom of Eswatini through the ministry of economic planning and development a licence as the Exclusive Growing Farm and Processing Plant for Medical Cannabis & Hemp in Eswatini.

PSIQ engages in the design, development, manufacture, and selling of security based identification products and systems.

The company was founded on July 31, 2006 and is headquartered in Cooper City, Florida, in the United States of America.

According to reports sourced from Globe News Wire, the purpose of the proposed agreement is to grant PSIQ the exclusive licence to operate an advanced Hemp & Medical Cannabis manufacturing facility to grow and cul-

tivate cannabis in accordance with strict GMP global health standards, to export Hemp & Medical Cannabis worldwide, to operate exclusive licensed Medical Cannabis R & D lab and to create training facility to create jobs for local Eswatini citizens. The exclusivity shall be for 10 years. The proposed agreement calls for PSIQ to form a subsidiary in Eswatini to operate the cannabis operations.

Licences

Eswatini would grant PSIQ the required licences and permits to research, grow, distribute, import, export and provide 1 000 hectares of secured land in the Simunye area. Eswatini shall provide permits, land and tax-free status at no cost to PSIQ. PSIQ shall pay for water, electric, cost to build facilities, labour, materials, supplies, transportation and security.

The agreement is subject to due diligence, execution of definitive agreements and an up to E72 319 000 investment by PSIQ.

Dan Oran, CEO of PSIQ was quoted

as saying; "Based upon available government and commercial data for Israel and Australia, which have similar climate and agriculture to the Kingdom of Eswatini and the online CBD Hemp calculator which confirm our projections, we believe this opportunity could generate E289 301 000 to E433 678 500 in annual revenues for PSIQ after we establish our facility which is expected to take approximately six months plus another 3.5 months for the initial grow.

We anticipate our first flowers to be ready to be sold within 12 months. After the initial crop, we plan to grow year-round.

We anticipate E173 535 000 to E289 301 000 to come from the sale of medical cannabis and up to E144 541 000 to come from the sale of CBD Hemp."

However, Principal Secretary at the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development Bertram Stewart denied the reports when sought for comment on the matter.

TEEN MISSING AFTER DENIED VISIT BY HUSBAND

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

A teenage girl has gone missing after she was denied a visit by her alleged husband who is out on bail.

The teenage girl of Nyonyane area identified as Landile 'Cutey' Shololo is alleged to have been traditionally wedded by a man of Khuphuka area. Given that she was underage when she was wedded, her parents reported the matter to Mliba police and the man was later arrested.

According to a family member, the teenage girl's husband was released on bail and the bail conditions included that he does not interfere with the witnesses. "Landile called the man requesting to visit him since she had not seen him for a while. He told her it was impossible since his bail stipulated that he was not to come into contact with any of the witnesses," said the relative.

She said it has since been a month since she left home without notifying anyone of her whereabouts.



MISSING: Landile 'Cutey' Shololo.

Landile disappeared from home on September 23. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the missing girl. She said the missing teenage girl was reported at Mliba Police Station.

"Anyone with information please call Mliba police on 2385 0222 or Sergeant Silenge on 7613 8165," she said, further adding that members of the public with any kind of information pertaining the whereabouts of Landile can also call the police toll free number 999/9.



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THE PARLIAMENT WE DESIRE TO HAVE



WE applaud all the parliamentarians that managed to win the race to the Honourable House.

Now that our leaders have assumed their seats at Lobamba, we look up to them to give us direction as the nation.

To all our new leaders, we say well done! We further applaud all the people that took up nomination(s) to run the race to Parliament.

We appreciate that you joined the elections, worked very hard to mobilise all kinds of resources to run the race, without all of you we would not have had the pool and choice to elect from. As a nation, we applaud you all for the heart to serve us, you were brave and bold.

However, because there is only a few chairs in Parliament, only 59 people could go through the narrow gate to secure a seat in Parliament.

To the new elected leaders, we desire a lot as the people of Eswatini.

We desire economic turn around and transformation, a political stable environment and a conducive business environment that will attract investment into the country.

In a nutshell we desire visionary leadership that will enable us take strides to 2022.

WE DESIRE VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

We desire leaders that will have a compelling vision for the country. A people that can see beyond the ambiguity and challenges of today- to an



empowering picture of tomorrow. We desire leaders that can impregnate the nation with our institutional vision - 2022.

We desire leaders that will not be authoritarian or dictatorial, leaders who will not seek control over us the people as they lead us to 2022. Instead, leaders that will provide us the people a platform for actualising our vision.

THE IMPORTANCE OF VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

It is true that in this information age, endless information inundates all of us. We live in a world of endless distractions and it is challenging to focus on a given task for a mere time.

We know that is can be challenging to hold a long-term picture in mind over a period of years but effective collaboration will be necessary for Parliament to look to create something, bring it to us as the people and help us grow in a competitive world.

We need visionary leaders that will have a way of inspiring us the people to rally around the shared vision - 2022. Such an alignment can give us the nation competitive advantage in all fronts of the economy.

INSPIRATIONAL ATTRIBUTES OF INSPIRATIONAL LEADERS

Visionary leadership means that our leaders tap into our emotions as a nation. They will ignite our passions and drive our emotions in the right direction to bring out the best in us as a nation.

● We need emotionally intelligent leaders

We desire leaders that will inspire us with consistency. Our new leaders must be aware of our emotions as a nation and be empathic. Only through empathy can they lead us, connect with the hearts of us the nation and inspire us to realise our greatness.

● Open minded leaders

We desire visionary leaders that have and hold the big picture in their minds, leaders that will be flexible on how we will get to our vision and beyond. We desire new leaders that will be receptive to new information and be able to hold multiple perspectives. The open-mindedness will allow them to navigate stressful situations with a flexible mind, pulling from many resources and sometimes unrelated different institutions to arrive at creative solutions through enact-

ing laws that will advance our economic agenda of making Eswatini a developed country.

● Imaginative

We desire leaders that will have 2022 in their hearts, leaders that will eat and dream 2022 and beyond. We need leaders that will value their imagination and allow themselves to dream, exercising their mind's eye to see beyond what is in the physical world at the moment. Leaders that will encourage us the people to dream big as a nation.

● Unbendable

We desire leaders that will hold to social pressures, leaders with high conviction that holds in the face of adversity. We desire leaders that know that setbacks are not a sign of failure to them but they are mere stopping points on the way to realising our vision. As such, they will be willing to take calculated risks and endure uncertainty and they will give us the people assurance and clarity when we face difficulty.

● Persistent

We need and desire leaders that will know that obstacles are constant and realising our vision will not be easy. With inner resolve, they will be able to push through difficulties and set-

backs. They will remain agile enough to pivot and make course corrections and they will persist in advancing our economic agenda.

● Collaborative

We desire leaders that will realise that they cannot implement the country's vision alone. Leaders that know that it takes talented organisations and teams that can work together to achieve our national vision. We desire visionary leaders that will inspire others to harness their unique gifts and strengths to innovate and find creative solutions in the many facets of the economy.

● Bold

We desire leaders that will not be timid but courageous, daring and be willing to take calculated risks for the nation. A people that will not fear failure as much as they fear not going for it. A people that will foster innovative in all areas because the people of the land desire a developed Eswatini.

● Captivating

We need visionary leaders that will be inclusive, that will invite others to make our national vision their own. Leaders that will attract talented people who are passionate about what they do, who will be inspired by the country's big picture. We need leaders that will create thriving, innovative cultures where individuals have the freedom to create their best and take pride in their efforts. Visionary leaders that will bring out the best in the people of their constituencies.

● Optimistic

We need our new leaders to hold a positive outlook for the future. To be hopeful they will achieve success. We desire that they will not view problems as personal, permanent, or pervasive. Instead, that they are impersonal, temporary, and relate only to the present situation.

We need leaders that are driven to create more value for us the people, leaders that will be optimistic, infectious throughout and be robust anchor when setbacks occur.

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ON THIS DAY

...OCTOBER 16

1701 - The Collegiate School was founded in Killingworth, CT. The school moved to New Haven in 1745 and changed its name to Yale College.

1793 - During the French Revolution, Queen Marie Antoinette was beheaded after being convicted of treason.

1829 - In Boston, MA, the first modern hotel in America opened. The Tremont Hotel had 170 rooms that rented for \$2 a day and included four meals.

1847 - 'Jane Eyre' by Charlotte Bronte was first published in London.

1859 - Abolitionist John Brown led a raid on Harper's Ferry, VA (now located in West Virginia).

1869 - A hotel in Boston became the first in the US to install indoor plumbing.

1916 - Margaret Sanger opened the first birth control clinic in New York City, NY.

1923 - Walt Disney contracted with M.J. Winkler to distribute the Alice Comedies. This event is recognised as the start of the Disney Company. Disney movies, music and books

1928 - Marvin Pipkin received a patent for the frosted electric light bulb.

1939 - 'Right To Happiness' debuted on the NBC-Blue network.

1939 - 'The Man Who Came to Dinner' opened on Broadway.

1941 - The Nazis advanced to within 60 miles of Moscow. Romanians entered Odessa, USSR, and began exterminating 150,000 Jews.

1942 - The ballet 'Rodeo' premiered in New York City.

1943 - Chicago's new subway system was officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

1944 - 'The Robe,' by Lloyd Douglas, was published for the first time.

1945 - 'His Honor the Barber' debuted on NBC Radio.

1955 - Mrs. Jules Lederer replaced Ruth Crowley in newspapers using the name Ann Landers.

1962 - US President Kennedy was informed that there were missile bases in Cuba, beginning the Cuban missile crisis.

1964 - China detonated its first atomic bomb becoming the world's fifth nuclear power.

1967 - NATO headquarters opened in Brussels.

1970 - Anwar Sadat was elected president of Egypt to succeed Gamal Abdel Nasser.

1973 - Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho were named winners of the Nobel Peace Prize. The Vietnamese official declined the award.

1978 - Poland's Karol Józef Wojtyła was elected Pope John Paul II.

Ties between African countries and China are complicated

THE complex relationship between Africa and China has become even more complicated this year.

Initially, 2018 was set to reaffirm the bond through the latest Forum on China-Africa Cooperation summit held in Beijing in September.

The summit delivered its usual pageant of African leaders, side deals, and the announcement of a USD\$60 billion financing package. The year also saw the recurrence of misgivings about the relationship.

The most explicit theme of this conversation was debt. Donald Trump's US administration added fuel to smouldering anxiety, and China found itself having to defend its lending to Africa – at home and globally.

At the same time, African governments are battling rumours that they are about to hand over state assets to the Chinese.

The debt debate is flawed – not least for underestimating Western contributions to African debt. Nevertheless, it is revealing.

In particular, the debate reflects an anxiety that has haunted relations between China and the continent since the beginning of this century: the massive power gap between China and individual African countries.

POWER IMBALANCES

The constant rhetoric of win-win cooperation between China and Africa has never adequately answered the simple structural question at the heart of the relationship. That is: how is an economy the size of Benin's or Togo's, for example, supposed to meaningfully engage with the Chinese behemoth? It's a bit like trying to speed up your bicycle by grabbing on to a passing jumbo jet. It can take you to the next level, or it can simply rip off your arms.

The fundamental economic and power imbalance between China and African countries has led to the relationship being criticised as neo-colonial.

The truth, however, is that African governments exercise more agency than they are given credit for. This includes frequently playing China and traditional Western development partners off against one another.

The word 'agency' is key here: to what extent is Africa able to freely make its own decisions and drive the best deals with China?

Our new research focused on this issue. We looked at two emerging areas shaping African agency in relation to China. These are reforms to the African Union (AU) and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

The initiative involves a massive infrastructure rollout aimed at linking China to Europe and beyond.

The aim is to set up a zone of shared development that encom-

passes Central and Western Asia and Africa.

THE AU AND THE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE

The AU has proposed a set of reforms to streamline African negotiations at events like the FOCAC under the auspices of the continental body.

This could be seen as a step towards the frequently repeated goal of Africa negotiating collectively with China. But, in fact, we show that it faces significant resistance from within the continent.

This comes both from powerful states worried about losing control of their bilateral relationships with China, and from smaller states worried about being excluded.

China's BRI reveals other aspects of African agency. It's structured by numerous bilateral agreements, but is also subject to regional as well as local pressures.

The way the initiative's projects have been pulled into national debates involving opposition politics shows that the range of actors constituting African agency is potentially much wider than national governments.

We argue that before African agency can be maximised, this aspect of relations between China and particular African governments needs to be taken into account.

Thinking about the issue has so far fixated on the role of national governments, to the exclusion of other actors. The biggest include regional economic communities such as Nepad and the AU.

The smaller ones comprise opposition parties, civil society, local businesses and communities. All contribute to and constitute African agency.

What is this agency, how does it work and how can it be strength-

ened?

UNDERSTANDING AFRICAN AGENCY

We identified three key areas where African agency can be located.

Firstly, African agency is expressed in the frameworks and documents that govern bodies like the forum. For example, in the early days arrangements paid relatively little attention to the issue of industrialisation. That changed after the formal adoption in 2015 of the AU's Agenda 2063 – its blueprint for Africa's sustainable development. The forum held that year saw an uptick in how many times the issue was mentioned.

By 2016, African industrialisation had become a key initiative of China's presidency of the G20. Beijing directed an unprecedented level of G20 attention to the continent.

By 2018, the Beijing summit ended with fewer declarations of intent relating to industrialisation. Instead, it had become integrated into the continental and bilateral planning processes.

In particular, it features regularly in discussions on development financing. Likewise the word 'training' was mentioned over 40 times and in virtually every section of the Beijing Action Plan.

This suggests there is a shift from declarations of intent to more specific engagement towards industrialisation. This doesn't necessarily guarantee the success of Africa's industrialisation. But it shows that China responds to African agenda-setting.

Secondly, African agency is diffused across various levels and among various actors. Any analysis of African agency has to consider the complex interactions between continental bodies like the

AU, regional economic blocs, national governments, civil society, business, and local communities.

Each plays a role in shaping African decision making in relation to China. Partnerships that cut across the state-business-civil society divide are as important as state led initiatives in articulating policy initiatives in relation to China.

Thirdly, it's important to think of the changing terms of agency as African governments face growing debt burdens via such initiatives as the BRI. For instance, rumours that the Zambian government offered its national electricity supplier as collateral in exchange for a new tranche of Chinese loans have reportedly caused political division at home.

Critics have focused on debt as diminishing African agency. What they've ignored are the significant financial and reputational risks to China.

MAXIMISING AFRICAN AGENCY

As Africa becomes more involved in global initiatives, and as it moves towards greater continental integration via AU reforms and the Continental Free Trade Agreement, the need increases to think harder and more creatively about what African agency means.

It isn't enough to simply reiterate the call for Africa to negotiate collectively with China – not least because this disregards the complex interactions between African governments.

Rather, it's time for more comprehensive thinking about how African agency manifests across actors and geographic scales. Only once we have a firmer handle on this can we move towards maximising it.

The Conversation



Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo and China's President Xi Jinping at the 2018 summit in Beijing. EPA-EFE/Andy Wang (Pool)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ruby Rose Turner - (movie actress) - October 16, 2005 (13 years old)



King Cairo Stevenson - (Family member) - October 16, 2012 (6 years old)



Why same-sex marriage not ultimate tool for queer liberation

IS same-sex marriage a valid option for gay and lesbian people?

In my research, I am among those who have vociferously argued about the pitfalls of same-sex marriage.

I, and others like me, voice our apprehensions in the original radical spirit of 'queer'. We look at something that seems so right and interrogate it in a strange or odd way.

These voices are muted and their opinions struggle to emerge in popular discourses about same-sex marriage because they are incorrectly thrown into the homophobic pot.

It is vital to make room for 'queer' ideas about same-sex marriage. 'Queer' refers to anyone who is at odds with the norm and who resists the mostly white middle class stereotype of 'the family'.

Among the papers I've written on this issue, one is triggered by the fact that the legalisation of same-sex marriage in South Africa in 2006 was greeted as a euphoric victory for numerous gay and lesbian people and this victory was documented in the 2008 book 'To Have and to Hold: The Making of Same-Sex Marriage in South Africa.'

The editors of the volume argue that the various stakeholders who supported same-sex marriage

"adequately interrogated the role and function of marriage".

I put this claim to the test and conclude that, rather than opening a space for the "recognition of diverse sexualities and relationship forms," the Civil Union Act is limited to those people who self-identify as gay or lesbian.

In a forthcoming paper, I argue that the literature on same-sex marriage in South Africa before and after the passing of the Civil Union Act 2006, while acknowledging queer critique, resolves such critique in favour of the 'right' to marry. I also argue for the necessity for a queer anti-homophobic critique of same-sex marriage to broaden debates about recognition.

“Queer’ refers to anyone who is at odds with the norm and who resists the mostly white middle class stereotype of ‘the family’.

There is much to be learned from the many versions of 'non-standard' families in South Africa, where I live and conduct my research. These versions are not based in the myth of marriage and all that entails: the monogamy, the children, the picket fence and the respectability.

A person needs only to look around exactly where they are and they will see how diversely people choose to live their lives.

And yet the idea that same-sex marriage is somehow a form of liberation is carried through in the vast majority of popular writ-

ing, including that by academics. But there is actually a large amount of anti-homophobic academic and everyday writing from thinkers and activists that probe the numerous problems associated with same-sex marriage.

Perhaps the problem is that by questioning same-sex marriage, it could mean that you're automatically a homophobe.

However, the under-represented voices I'm referring to here are certainly not homophobic. Many are queer.

QUEER IDEAS

One of the problems with same-sex marriage is that it is, by definition, very limited. It only refers to self-identified gay and lesbian people and this runs against the contemporary grain of society at large, which is slowly coming to terms with the fact that identity could be flexible.

The other problem is that the many rewards of marriage are only available to married gay and lesbian people. Why can't all these delicious rewards be available to all people regardless of their marital status?

And finally, the fierce pro-same-sex marriage debates that are happening all over the world are so loud that they have drowned out centuries of critical feminist perspectives and activism on marriage.

Marriage is the place where the state regulates the family, gen-

der, race and patriarchy. How on earth did these truths get sidelined for a stamp of approval? Radical feminist Paula Ettelbrick asked more than 20 years ago:

"Since when is marriage a path to liberation?"

But for many, same-sex marriage is a path to liberation; it is claimed by pro same-sex marriage activists that this act has the potential to transform the institutions of both marriage and gender.

The reality, as social theorist Michael Warner has argued, is that married gay and lesbian people are just as likely to divorce, cheat, and abuse each other as anyone else.

And, rather than being a path to liberation, same-sex marriage provides the perfect tool for the state to control and monitor who is and who is not respectable.

MARRIAGE BEYOND THE STATE

So what would a queer re-imagining of marriage look like? Nothing. That's because the most powerful way to oppose marriage is simply to not get married.

Philosopher and gender theorist Judith Butler noted that the task at hand should be to "rework and revise the social organisation of friendship, sexual contacts, and community to produce non-state-centred forms of support and alliance".

The Conversation

Wit and Wisdom

"Have you ever lost yourself in a kiss? I mean pure psychedelic inebriation. Not just lustful petting but transcendental metamorphosis when you became aware that the greatness of this being was breathing into you. Licking the sides and corners of your mouth, like sealing a thousand fleshy envelopes filled with the essence of your passionate being and then opened by the same mouth and delivered back to you, over and over again - the first kiss of the rest of your life. A kiss that confirms that the universe is aligned, that the world's greatest resource is love, and maybe even that God is a woman. With or without a belief in God, all kisses are metaphors decipherable by allocations of time, circumstance, and understanding"

— *Saul Williams, said the shotgun to the head.*

"Believe in your infinite potential. Your only limitations are those you set upon yourself."

— *Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart*

"Forgive the past. It is over. Learn from it and let go. People are constantly changing and growing. Do not cling to a limited, disconnected, negative image of a person in the past. See that person now. Your relationship is always alive and changing."

— *Brian Weiss, Messages from the Masters: Tapping Into the Power of Love*

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love, Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy."

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

— *St. Francis of Assisi*

"A single day is enough to make us a little larger or, another time, a little smaller."

— *Paul Klee*

"Dare to love yourself as if you were a rainbow with gold at both ends."

— *Author-Poet Aberjhani, Journey through the Power of the Rainbow: Quotations from a Life Made Out of Poetry*

"It does not matter how long you are spending on the earth, how much money you have gathered or how much attention you have received. It is the amount of positive vibration you have radiated in life that matters."

— *Amit Ray, Meditation: Insights and Inspirations*

"How hurtful it can be to deny one's true self and live a life of lies just to appease others."

— *June Ahern*

"We are all connected; To each other, biologically. To the earth, chemically. To the rest of the universe atomically."

— *Neil DeGrasse Tyson*

"We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience."

— *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

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Prime Rate	10.50%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	4.9%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.25%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E13.30 per litre
Replacement	E13.35 per litre
Diesel	E13.30 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.65 per litre
Engen Garage	

LILANGENI STABILISES

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

THE lilangeni briefly hit the E15/\$ mark last week following the cloud of uncertainty which hovered over former South African Minister of Finance Nhlanhla Nene being linked with the Gupta brothers.

Markets demonstrated uneasiness on Wednesday between the time of his resignation and the announcement of his replacement in former SARB Governor Tito Mboweni.

SARB is the South African Reserve Bank.

The local currency, which is pegged to the South African rand on a one-on-one basis, stabilised immediately Mboweni was announced as new minister and settled in the E14.5/\$ region.

The Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) admits in its Recent Economic Developments report that the lilangeni's performance is subject to political and economic developments in South Africa and devel-



NOD: SA Finance Minister Tito Mboweni.

oped economies.

Giving a review of the local currency's performance in September, the report shows that the lilangeni/rand exchange rate depreciated further against major currencies in this month compared to August when it weakened by 5.1 per cent, to average E14.78 against the US dollar.

The Central Bank attributes lilangeni's fall in September to a com-

bination of domestic and external factors, one of which was the recession stricken economy of South Africa with lower inflation which forced the Reserve Bank to keep the interest rates unchanged at 6.5 per cent.

In the same month, the US Federal Reserve Bank policy took a decision to hike interest rates from between 1.75 and two per cent to between two and 2.25 per cent, leaving currencies for emerging markets exposed to losses due to rising US bond yields, hence the depreciation.

Cushioned

"The rand was somewhat cushioned by the South African president's announcement of a stimulus package aimed at boosting the economy," the Central Bank noted.

Against other currencies, the lilangeni depreciated by 6.6 per cent to average E19.30 against the pound sterling and by 6.1 per cent to average E17.24 against the euro compared to the previous month.

During the same month, the lilan-

...As markets give new SA Finance Minister Tito Mboweni a nod

geni recorded weaker exchange rates against the major currencies and ended the month at E14.11 to the US dollar, E18.

"The performance of the lilangeni is subjected to economic and political developments in South Africa and developed economies.

"As markets wait in anticipation of the expropriation of land without compensation developments in South Africa, the rand also depends on the outcome of the economy stimulus package and Moody's review of South Africa's credit ratings in October 2018," the Central Bank said, also adding that expectations of higher economic growth and further interest rate hike in the US will continue to put the local currency under pressure 45 to the pound sterling and E16.41 to the euro.

The rand, which opened on R14.50/\$ yesterday, was trading at 1.03 per cent stronger by the afternoon.

MTN on track to deploy 500 new kiosks

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

MTN Eswatini is on track to achieve its ambitious target of deploying a new batch of 500 Mobile Money kiosks nationwide before the end of this year.

This initiative was launched during Mobile Money month, held in August, for the third time in three years.

The reason behind the mass deployment of Mobile Money kiosks is to ensure that the service is readily available to customers. Additionally, this move obviously makes both the company and the product more visible across the country.

In an interview, MTN Chief Executive Officer Ambrose Dlamini, disclosed that to date, the mobile company had deployed more than 150 kiosks and still counting.

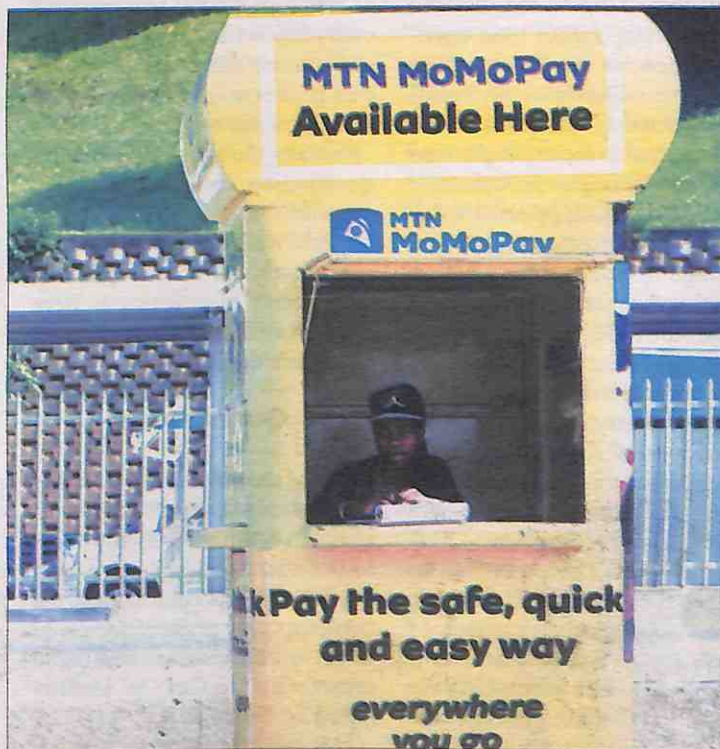
The first 50 Mobile Money kiosks were deployed during the first week of the Mobile Money month in August.

The company further committed to deploy 350 more kiosks before year end.

MTN trade marketers have been going around all the four regions of the country to identify vendors who can be part of the Mobile Money kiosk deployment.

Vendors who have already received kiosks from MTN have expressed their gratitude to the company.

Ncamiso Dube, who owns six Mobile Money stations at Kwaluseni,



500 MORE: A vendor waiting to attend to customers in the comfort of the kiosk during a very hot day in Mbabane. (Courtesy pic)

said the kiosks protect them from bad weather conditions, which could be the scorching sun, or rain.

"We are now able to conduct business without worrying much or closing down due to unbearable weather conditions, and this has significantly boosted both our efficiency and revenues, courtesy of MTN," he said.

Dube said the deployment of MTN Mobile Money kiosks has

also boosted their safety, improved visibility, and has reduced disturbances by customers when seeking assistance.

In addition to empowering vendors, the MTN CEO said the kiosks offer customers the opportunity to conveniently access the company's services to resolve their queries.

Some of MTN services that customers can access from the kiosks include SIM registration, SIM swap,

and Mobile Money.

"The kiosks work well as our sales and distribution points. This is part of our strategy to bring our products, and services closer to customers, nationwide.

"It is also in line with our belief that every citizen of this beloved kingdom deserves the benefits of a modern connected life," said the CEO.

The new batch of kiosks are a welcome addition on service centres and connect stores located nationwide, where MTN customers can readily access different services. The company is also championing self-service tools like the MTN App, which eliminates the need for customers to travel to the nearest service centre, by placing most MTN services at their fingertips.

For subscriber registration, MTN has deployed a team of foot soldiers who are have worked well to make key services readily accessible.

Dlamini said the company is dedicated to improving customer service, mobile connectivity, accessibility and affordability with a range of solutions aimed at the needs of various market segments including the unbanked community, youth, women, micro-and emerging enterprises, and large organisations.

"We will continue to explore new methods of creating convenience and innovate," he said.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 15 OCTOBER 18

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.4643	14.5143
British Pound/SZL	18.9764	19.0420
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.6986	7.7246
Swiss France/SZL	14.6074	14.6520
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3437	1.3600
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.3058	10.3443
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.1041	11.1400
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.7243	17.7821
Gold	1,228.3400	
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EEC DECLARES 11KV MNKINKOMO SWITCHBOARD OBSOLETE

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

ESWATINI Electricity Company Limited (EEC) intends to replace its 11kV switchboard at Mnkinkomo because it is too old and obsolete.

The substation is located at the heart of the Matsapha Industrial Site and consists mainly of dedicated 11 kV feeders for factories and company offices.

EEC desires to replace the old existing SF6 switchgear with vacuum switchgear, procurement documents published in the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA) website show.

The project will entail supplying, installing and commissioning the new switchboard and is expected to take six months from the date of signing the agreement between EEC and the engaged team.



The engaged team is also expected to design, decommission the old setup and install the new switchboard.

In the design phase, the eventual contract winner is expected to plan specified protection schemes for

the 11 kV switchboard panels for approval by EEC. Designs should include LAN for compliance to IEC61850 communication protocol.

The contract winner is also expected to arrange for factory acceptance

tests with EEC prior to shipping of switchboard.

The decommissioning phase entails disconnecting and removing the old switchboard (one section at a time).

The switchboard will not be removed all at once because it supplies key customers at the industrial site.

In the meantime, the electrical contractor's scope includes assembling the switchboard panels.

Contractor

The contractor is also supposed to configure goose messaging for peer to peer IED communications.

EEC has made an undertaking to provide the following information: Substation information and drawings of existing infrastructure, outage plan management for 11 kV switchboard alongside any other information to be requested by the contractor.

SWADE's E14 billion target for new projects

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

SWADE envisages to raise E14 billion for new water and agriculture projects in the country.

This bold new target was disclosed by the Chief Executive Officer Samson Sithole in the organisation's annual report for 2016/17.

SWADE is the Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise. Sithole said the overall impact for the economy once these funds are raised will be increased tax returns and reduction of unemployment figures. To date, SWADE has mobilised funds amounting to E5.2 billion used to develop 116 new smallholder farmer businesses. The CEO said donor funds received by the organisation for implementation of projects had been adequate and there remains a positive outlook for future funding of SWADE projects.

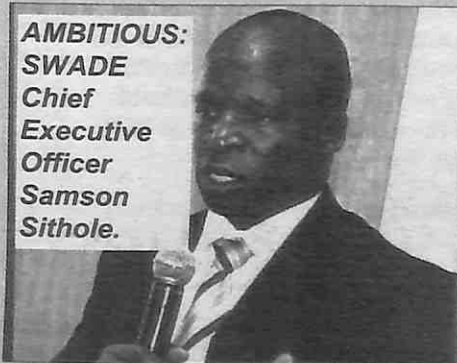
He said: "SWADE remained very instrumental in the mobilisation of foreign funds for investment in the country," adding: "The most important part of this is the use of both foreign and domestic funds to develop home grown Swazi farming businesses".

The CEO further reports that SWADE upscaled its development models to benefit all regions and communities in the country. "We continued to receive strong financial support and continued to successfully implement our mandate which to date has seen SWADE's overall coordination and oversight grow from six to nine projects during the year under review".

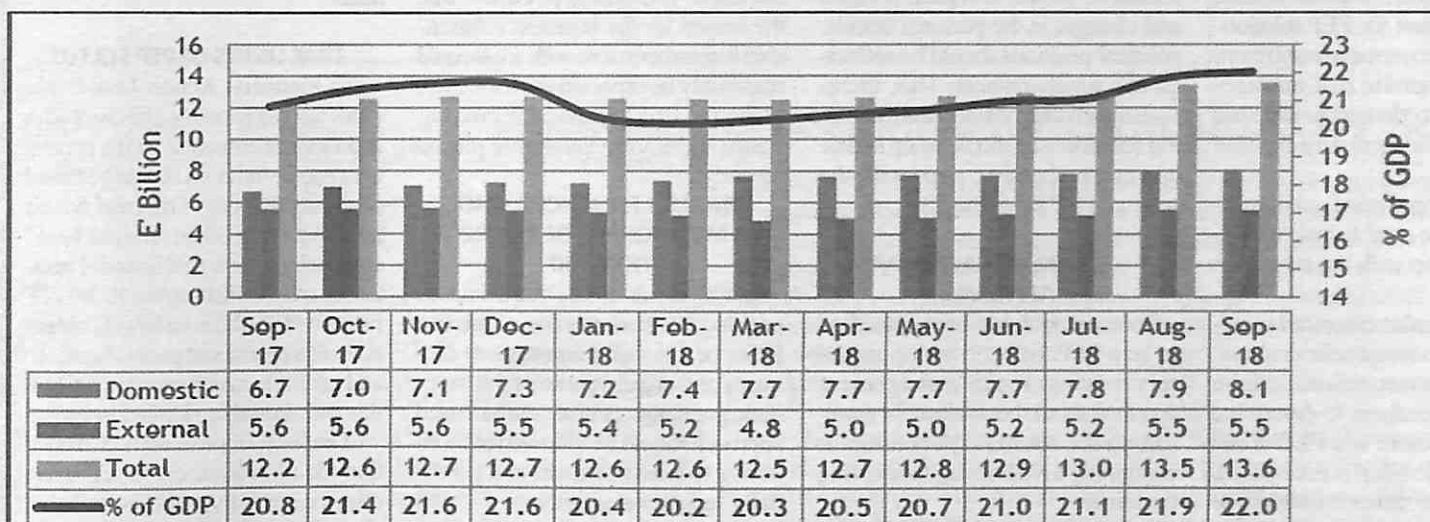
In another matter, Sithole said the organisation's knowledge management and monitoring and evaluation systems had been strengthened, all feeding into tracking the organisation's efficiency and raising red flags in areas in need of backtracking.

The organisation also leveraged on its good working relationship with the department of water affairs in the ministry of natural resources and energy as new water resources needed for irrigation were identified and developed. SWADE's sugarcane production competitiveness is also noteworthy as sugarcane production per hectare has been consistently high.

AMBITIOUS:
SWADE
Chief
Executive
Officer
Samson
Sithole.



Total Public Debt: September 2017 to September 2018



Source: Ministry of Finance and Central Bank of Eswatini

GOVT'S DEBTS ESCALATE TO E13.6 BILLION

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

PRELIMINARY figures indicate government's debt stood at E13.6 billion, an equivalent of 22.0 per cent of GDP at the end of September.

This reflects an increase of 0.7 per cent from the E13.5 billion

recorded in August, the Central Bank of Eswatini's recent economic developments report for September states.

End

At the end of last month, external debt stood at E5.5 billion, an equivalent of 8.9 per cent of GDP. The Central Bank said this shows that external debt remained con-

stant over the month under review.

The report shows that while the Lilangeni depreciated slightly against the US dollar and other major currencies in which the country's liabilities are denominated in the past month, this was not significant enough to affect external debt levels.

Domestic debt stood at E8.01

billion at the end of the same month, an equivalent to 13 per cent to GDP.

Domestic debt increased by 0.8 per cent when compared to the previous month.

The marginal increase was a result of an Infrastructure Bond issued during the month, which however did not perform well.

Local farmers produce enough green leafy veggies

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

TRUCK loads of imported fruits and vegetables are a common sight in all the country's borders especially at Oshoek as local production has not reached a level where consumers' nutritious

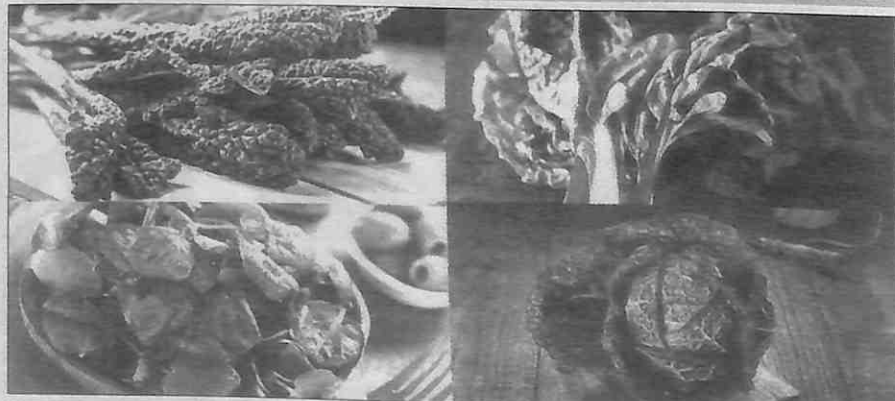
demands are met.

However, in the past week, local farmers managed to sustain demand for green leafy vegetables including lettuce, cabbage and cauliflower as market statistics released by the ministry of agriculture yesterday show most of these came from local producers.

Spinach production, however, was a bit lower as significant quantities still had to be imported from South Africa.

Other vegetables to have come from the kingdom's farms include green beans, green pepper, chilli pepper, green and red cayenne pepper, brinjals and broccoli.

Banana and oranges were the only fruits to have exclusively come from local orchards as significant quantities of all other fruits were imported from the neighbouring country.



HIGHLY NUTRITIOUS: Green leafy vegetables.



IT is important for a financial service provider (FSP) to understand the risks associated with politically exposed persons (PEPs).

Such understanding will assist the FSP to put in place due diligence efforts which will be commensurate to risks that may be posed by the PEP relation.

POLITICALLY EXPOSED PERSON DEFINITION

The ML/TF of Eswatini 2011 as amended, defines a PEP as follows:

Politically exposed person means a person who holds, or has held, a prominent public position, whether in Eswatini or in a foreign country, including, but not limited to, a head of state or government; a politician on the national level; a senior government, judicial, military or party official on the national level; a senior executive of a state-owned enterprise of national importance; or an individual or undertaking identified as having close family ties or personal or business connections to any of the aforementioned persons;

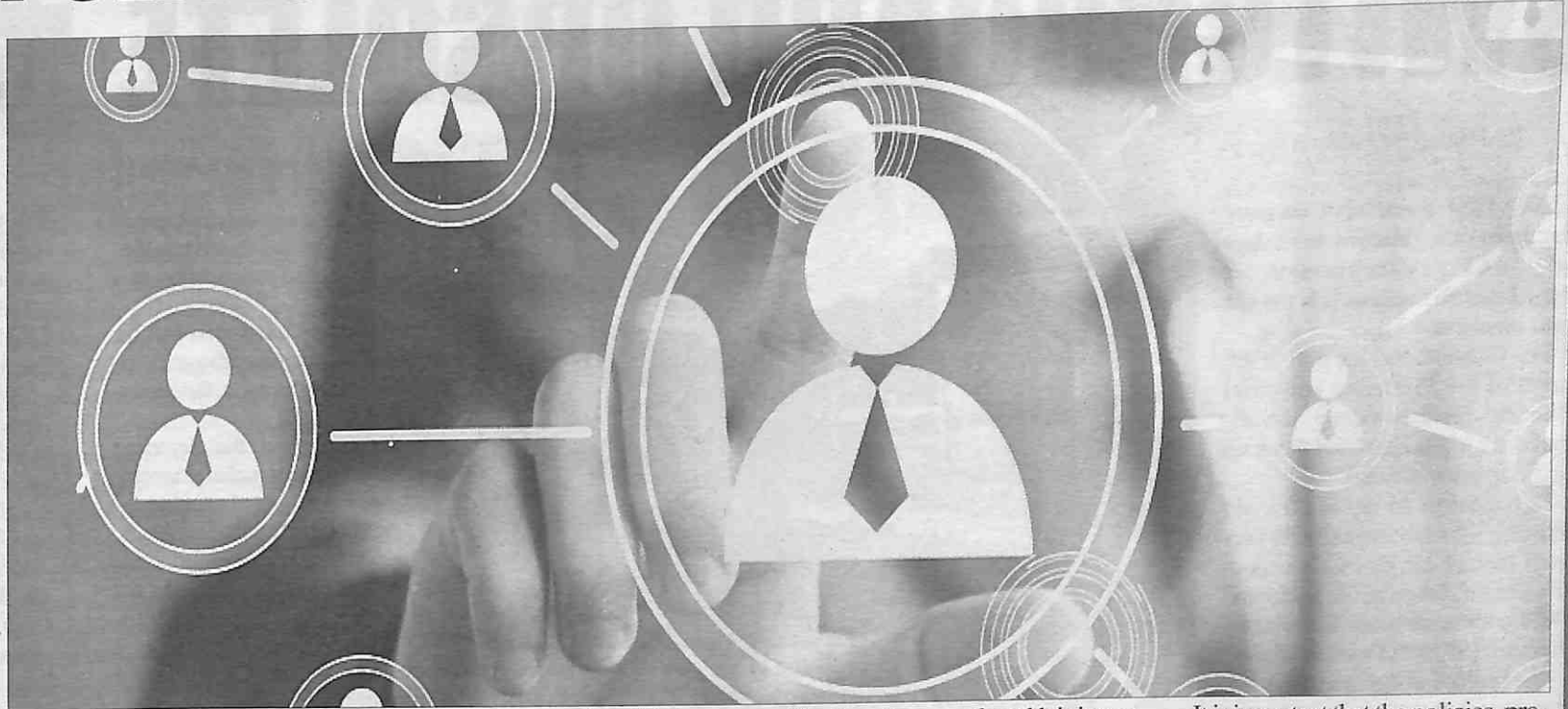
PEP RISK

The determination that a customer is politically exposed forms the part of the process that enables an FSP to assess the different types of higher risks related to PEPs. Being PEP does not in itself equate to being a criminal and does not suggest a link to abuse of the financial system. Politically exposed persons are considered to be high risk customers because they have easy access to opportunities to acquire assets through unlawful means like bribery, corruption and embezzlement.

Some PEPs may also use their families or close associates to conceal funds or assets that have been obtained through illicit means.

It is important to note that not all PEPs present the same risk. An FSP should ensure that they take into consideration factors which are relevant (such as the types of products and services offered by the accountable institution) to them in assessing the PEP risk and in putting in place a framework to classify and manage PEP relationships.

POLITICALLY EXPOSED PERSON (PEP)



PEP IDENTIFICATION / ON-BOARDING

The ML/TF legislation in Section 6 requires accountable institutions to identify customers before entering or establishing a business relationship with that customers. Further to that, it is a requirement for PEP relationships that the accountable institution;

- Have appropriate risk management systems to determine whether the customer is a politically exposed person;
- Obtain the approval of senior management before establishing a business relationship with the customer; and,
- Conduct regular enhanced monitoring of the business relationship.

As an FSP, you are required to have risk based procedures to determine whether a customer is a PEP or not before the relationship is established. Identification or screening should be done for new customers and existing customers as the status of existing customer may change during the life of the relationship between the customer and the FSP. PEP identification/ screening requires that the name of the customer and associated details are screened against PEP information at on boarding or at certain points (periodic review and when a trigger event happens warranting a customer's due diligence review during the customer relationship.

Once a customer or beneficial owner (new and existing) is identified as politically exposed, the FSP should assess the risk and apply appropriate risk based enhanced due diligence measures and controls. The accuracy and completeness of the PEP data should be subject to regular reviews and changes in the personal details, political positions should be reflected in a timely manner. This, therefore, means that the automated screening solution used should be up to date and comprehensive, same with the internal PEP list of the FSP.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT APPROVAL

Once a person has been identified to be a PEP, before establishing the relationship, senior management approval should be obtained for establishing the business relationship or continuing a relationship for existing customer.

This assists the FSP's management to be aware of the relationship with the PEP whilst ensuring that the FSP does not in any circumstance undertake business relationships with PEPs in the absence of controls.

ESTABLISH THE SOURCE OF FUNDS OR WEALTH OF THE PEP

It is imperative for an FSP to take reasonable steps to establish the source of funds and source of wealth for PEP relationships. Information about source

of funds and source of wealth is important for ongoing due diligence purposes. When conducting ongoing due diligence of the business relationship with the PEP, this information should be substantive and establish a provenance or reason for having been acquired. The aim is to ensure that the reason for the business relationship is commensurate with what could reasonably be expected from the PEP, given the PEP's particular circumstance and that deviations are picked up early.

CONDUCT ENHANCED ONGOING MONITORING OF THE RELATIONSHIP

An FSP should ensure that enhanced ongoing monitoring is done. This can either be manual or automated (adequacy and effectiveness of the monitoring regime is critical). A risk based approach should be followed in monitoring to detect unusual and potentially suspicious activity.

PEP REVIEW

PEP relationships should be subject to periodic reviews to ensure that due diligence information remains current and that the risk assessment and controls remain appropriate. An FSP should also review its overall exposure to PEP risk to ensure that such risk remains within the FSP's defined risk appetite.

TRAINING

It is important that the policies, procedures and processes put in place by the FSP associated with PEPs are communicated to relevant staff members of the FSP and that records are kept for PEP training conducted and the staff members who were in attendance.

TIME LIMITS OF PEP STATUS

The Financial Action Task Force states that the handling of a client who is no longer entrusted with a prominent public function should be based on an assessment of risk and not on prescribed time limits. The risk based approach requires that financial institutions and DNFBPs assess the ML/TF risk of a PEP who is no longer entrusted with a prominent public function, and take effective action to mitigate this risk. Possible risk factors are:

- The level of (informal) influence that the individual could still exercise; the seniority of the position that the individual held as a PEP; or
- Whether the individual's previous and current function are linked in any way (e.g., formally by appointment of the PEP's successor, or informally by the fact that the PEP continues to deal with the same substantive matters).

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FOUR YOUNG EMASWATI AT AMANDLA FELLOWSHIP

By Majaha Nkonyane

ESWATINI was represented again this year in the Amandla Eastern and Southern African Fellowship which was held in Nairobi.

The team of young Emaswati who attended the fellowship were Mayibongwe Mavimbela, Nontsikelelo Bhembe, Mbongiseni Dlamini and Mangaliso Sambo, who is the World Peace Initiative Country Coordinator and the first Swati to become a peace agent. To attend the fellowship, young Africans are selected on the basis of their leadership skills and the impact they have in the society as they must return home to implement what they learnt.



AMANDLA: Four young Emaswati attended the Amandla Eastern and Southern African Fellowship.

Amandla fellowship is a four-day intense programme designed for Eastern and Southern African youth to come together and gain tools that they can use

to attain inner peace. Sambo explained that this was the second time Eswatini was represented in this forum. He said it was a huge success and they would be starting a peace club in Mbabane where they would continue working on inner peace together with other youth from the kingdom.

He also urged young people from the kingdom to participate in projects and initiatives that deal with mental health and youth development as this would help decrease depression, gender-based violence and suicide amongst young people.

The fellowship was hosted by World Peace Initiative (WPI), an international organisation based in Thailand that is consistently driven forward by high-

ly talented and skilled individuals from every corner of the world who strongly believe in the power of inner peace towards sustainable world peace. WPI's objectives are teaching, empowering and mentoring the youth into finding inner peace and mindfulness, towards transforming the world to be a peaceful global community.

Part of the training the fellowship offered included yoga, meditation sessions as well as mindfulness and leadership lessons. The training was conducted by a Monk from Thailand and Yogi from Ethiopia.

The Swazis were then certified Peace Rebels; this was to declare them ready to impact their peers and the society at large with peace and mindfulness. The team mentioned that they are ready to impact their peers in the kingdom with inner peace.

NEDBANK TO BUY BACK SHARES FROM MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS

JOHANNESBURG - Nedbank Group said yesterday it will buy back its stock from shareholders who hold less than 100 Nedbank shares as a result of a spin-off by its biggest shareholder Old Mutual.

Old Mutual, which holds 52 per cent of Nedbank, has been dismantling its conglomerate structure, created after a series of acquisitions, since it moved its headquarters and primary listing to London in 1999.

As part of the plan, it spun-off a majority stake in Nedbank yesterday and now holds around 19.9 per cent.

Nedbank, whose businesses include retail banking and asset management, said in September it had estimated that after the spin-off, it will have a large number of shareholders, increasing from about 20 000 to 500 000.

"For Nedbank Group it will, inter alia, reduce the complexity and ongoing administration costs associated with a significantly larger shareholder base including a sizeable number of Odd-lot holders," it said in a statement.



Odd-lot holders are shareholders who hold less than 100 Nedbank shares, estimated to be 1.5 per cent of its ordinary shares in issue.

Nedbank's offer price will be at a five per cent premium to the 10-day volume weighted average price of a

Nedbank share at the close of business on December 3, it said.

The deal is subject to shareholder approval. The minority shareholders will be given an opportunity to decide whether to sell their holding or retain it. *Reuters*

SA hosts global conference on food safety, security

JOHANNESBURG - A conference on food security hosted by the University of Johannesburg, the University of Pretoria, the Human Sciences Research Council, the Agricultural Research Council in South Africa and the DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Food Security kicked off yesterday to discuss technologies in the sector.

With the vast majority of the world's hungry living in developing countries, local solutions are required to address relevant sustainable development, the University of Johannesburg

(UJ) said.

The forum that began yesterday and ends tomorrow, will allow world leaders in this field to engage in high level research conversations enabling South Africa to showcase innovation and indigenous knowledge, thereby strengthening international collaboration.

"The transition in the concept of food security from the 1950s to date has been strategic and inclusive towards ensuring sustainable access and availability of safe and nutritious foods," the UJ said.

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Rand rebounds due to decline in US stocks

JOHANNESBURG - The rand rebounded sharply following lower-than-expected CPI figures from the US as well as a decline in US stocks Bianca Botes, the Corporate Treasury Manager at Peregrine Treasury Solutions.

On Friday, the much anticipated Moody's ratings announcement was postponed, buying South Africa more time to bolster key measurement criteria, such as policy sta-

bility.

No local data was due yesterday, while US retail sales set the tone for yesterday afternoon.

Trading at R14.56/\$, the rand is currently stable with a range of R14.48 to R14.70 on the cards for the day. The Business Report Market Update is published daily on the Business Report website.

Business Report Online

SEARS files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy

INTERNATIONAL - SEARS Holdings filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy yesterday, throwing into doubt the future of the century-old retailer that once dominated US malls but has withered in the age of internet shopping.

The Chapter 11 filing to reorganise debts of the parent of Sears, Roebuck and Co and Kmart Corp follows a decade of revenue declines, hundreds of store closures, and years of deals by billionaire Chief Executive Officer Eddie Lampert in an attempt to turn around the company he bought in 2004.

Lampert had pledged to restore Sears to its glory days, when it owned the tallest building in the world and companies that included a radio station and Allstate insurance.

But the company has not turned a profit since 2011, and critics say Lampert let the stores deteriorate over the years, even as he bought the company's stock and lent it money. It has sold off the legendary Craftsman brand and is considering an offer from Lampert

for the Kenmore appliance name.

The company listed \$6.9 billion (R101bn) in assets and \$11.3bn in liabilities in documents filed in the US Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of New York.

The bankruptcy filing was sparked by a standoff between Lampert, the company's biggest shareholder and lender, and a special board committee, over a rescue plan proposed by Lampert. Shareholders generally lose their investment when a company files for bankruptcy, and the fate of Sears itself will depend on the willingness of creditors and suppliers to keep the company afloat. The largest US toy retailer, Toys 'R' Us, tried to emerge from its 2017 bankruptcy filing but was forced to liquidate six months later after creditors lost confidence in its turnaround plan. Shares in Illinois-based Sears closed at about 41 cents on Friday, down from over \$100 in the years after hedge-fund star Lampert, once hailed as another Warren Buffett, merged it with discount store Kmart in a \$11bn deal in 2005. *Reuters*



Preparing for the future by saving

JOHANNESBURG - The fact that more than 70 per cent of South African households don't budget, conduct little debt and financial planning and generally have low financial literacy is a good time to take a look at financial wellness.

According to Mellony Ramalho, African Bank's Group Executive for Sales and Branch network, investing is not just for the rich, nor are large amounts needed to start investing. "What you do need is to understand some basic concepts and principles relating to investing," said Ramalho.

She said the latest research by Momentum and UNISA showed that 73.5 per cent of South African households were financially unwell and generally did not budget, conduct very little debt and financial planning, and generally had very low financial literacy and capability levels.

Ramalho said the key to investing was finding the right product to meet one's

objectives, such as how much one wants to invest, the amount of investment wanted, the returns expected and the time period of the investment.

She said parents of small children, for example, could consider a tax-free investment account, which is aimed at saving and growing the investment for educational purposes.

"Adults that open this investment account for themselves often use it as an additional retirement savings tool. The great thing about this kind of account is that you are also now able to transfer your tax-free investments from one institution to another. This was announced by the National Treasury and took effect on March 1, 2018," said Ramalho.

She said notice accounts was another example that provided a great method for saving on a shorter-term basis, such as for holidays, unexpected expenses or to keep funds aside for Christmas or when children go back to school.

"Fixed deposit accounts provide a highly competitive interest rate for customers who invest a lump sum. Some customers use the interest payment as income and choose to have the interest paid out according to their needs whether it be monthly, semi-annually or annually," she said.

Ramalho said investing a lump sum of R200 000 for example, at an interest rate of 10.5 per cent per annum (nominal annual compounded monthly), provided a guaranteed return of R137 320.60 over 60 months. "The interest rate earned is based on the selected interest pay-out frequency. If you choose a monthly interest pay-out you will earn 10.5 per cent interest per annum. If you choose to leave your interest earned in the investment account until expiry, you will earn a higher interest rate, this is called compound interest. You earn compound interest (interest on interest) throughout the investment term if you choose to leave the interest earned in the investment account. That way you will earn maximum growth on your investment," she said.

Personal Finance

VBS BANK TO BE STRIPPED OF ITS ASSETS

CAPE TOWN - Vele Investment, the majority shareholder of the embattled VBS Mutual Bank, is allegedly being stripped of its assets by the South African Reserve Bank after plans were put in motion where Lebashe Investment Group finds itself in pole position to acquire one of Vele's subsidiaries, valued at R300 million for R1.

Lebashe Investment Group, where former deputy finance minister Jabu Moleketi serves as the Chairperson of the group, is in the process of buying Bophelo Life, a subsidiary of Vele Investment for R1 after VBS was placed under curatorship earlier this year.

The sale transaction has not been concluded and parties are still in discussions with the liquidator of Vele Investments and the Prudential Authority. There is also growing speculation that VBS bank is



being deemed as not fit for resuscitation to sell off its assets at cheap rates to well-connected business individuals. Vele Investment owns 53 per cent of VBS and is the majority shareholder in multiple other entities that include Bophelo Life, which was formerly known as Mvunonala Holdings.

Vele Investments acquired the company back in September 2017 for R300 million. Almost one year later, after the implosion of the company, Lebashe is now in

the process of acquiring the company for R1.

Collapse

In an exclusive interview, Maanda Manyatshe, a former group chief executive of Vele Investments, in 2017 revealed there was a "concerted effort within the Reserve Bank" that has been successful in engineering the collapse of the Vele Investments and its subsidiaries, to buy off its assets for next to nothing. He also questioned why, since VBS was under curatorship, those who had taken over have essentially killed the liquidity of the institution by limiting withdrawals to just R500 a month.

"The intention was to never resuscitate the bank, because the first thing that the curator did when he came in is that he limited the withdrawal to R500 per month".

Business Report



Focus on SA Scene



Fists fly as taxi drives into oncoming traffic in Joburg

JOHANNESBURG - Yet another video capturing how minibus taxi drivers drive into oncoming traffic in Johannesburg has surfaced - but this one ended with fists flying.

Christiaan Diedericks filmed the incident outside his home in Fourways, Johannesburg, at around 7.50am on Thursday morning. In the first video, a minibus taxi driver drives into oncoming traffic, then tries to manoeuvre

back into his lane. Unable to get back in, he blocks off a Hyundai.

A couple of metres behind him is another minibus taxi, whose driver pulls the same stunt. "While I was walking back [to my house], the minibus taxi moved and wanted to pass the Hyundai and scratched the guy's car in the process," Diedericks said.

After moving past the Hyundai, the minibus taxi driver pulled off in front

of Diedericks' house after seeing him filming. In the second video, the Hyundai driver approaches the door of the taxi driver.

"You're not allowed to smash my car. Okay?" the Hyundai driver says. "What's wrong?" the taxi driver responds. "You're touching me," the Hyundai driver then slapped the taxi driver in the face. A fight then ensues.

The next moment the taxi driver has a go at Diedericks, before the video

ends in chaos. Diedericks said he saw a second taxi driver approach and tried to intervene to stop the fight, but got caught up in the scuffle.

"So here I am trying to defend myself with my one hand and film with the other."

"I live in this street and it's a daily occurrence, where the guys (taxi drivers) drive past on the right-hand side... These guys (taxi drivers) just do what they want."

This comes after a similar video emerged last week of a minibus taxi driver driving into oncoming traffic to bypass peak-hour congestion, before he was stopped in his tracks and read the riot act by a motorcyclist in Bryanston, Johannesburg.

The defiant minibus driver, caught on video, was traced by police and arrested. The motorcyclist, Sean Nysschen, who captured his stand-off with the minibus driver using a helmet-mounted camera, has received widespread praise from fed-up motorists after uploading the footage to YouTube.

Times Live

RAMAPHOSA HANDS OVER 4 586 HECTARES OF LAND TO KWAMKHWANAZI

DURBAN - President Cyril Ramaphosa has told community members in KwaMkhwanazi in KwaZulu-Natal that their successful land claim is the first in a pilot programme as government addresses 'the land issue' with renewed vigour.

"Right now, government is fully empowered to deal with the land question and now we are moving forward with speed," he said at the University of Zululand's KwaDlangezwa campus where he officially handed over 4 586 hectares of land and title deeds to the community on Sunday.

"As we do this we admit that over a number of years we have been rather slow and tardy and the process has been slowed down by a number of reasons. What we did today [Sunday] should have been done a number of years ago, but as they



IN SMILES: SA President Cyril Ramaphosa handing over 4 586 hectares of land to the community of KwaMkhwanazi in Empangeni, KwaZulu-Natal following their successful land claim.

say, better late than never," he said.

The KwaMkhwanazi community was forcibly removed from their land following the enactment of the 1913 Land Act to make way

for returning World War I soldiers. During the 1940s the community was again moved to make way for commercial timber and sugarcane farms.

The land claim was lodged in 1997 and the Phalane Community Trust was established by the claimant community in 2005 to manage the land. Some of the land had previously been owned by the agriculture, forestry, and fisheries department, while a portion was used for student residence blocks for the university.

The commercial forests are currently being leased by Siyaqhubeka Forests Limited, a partnership between Mondi, its black empowerment partners, the government, and local communities.

"We are making history, celebrating today the land of our people in this area. As we make history we are also commencing rolling mass land distribution in our country - we are going to be returning land in a massive way."

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URGED: Former public protector Thuli Madonsela.

EFF are behaving just like Zuma's ANC - Thuli

JOHANNESBURG - Former public protector Thuli Madonsela has urged the Economic Freedom Fighters to conduct their own internal forensic investigation into the VBS Bank scandal, and to probe whether EFF deputy president Floyd Shivambu was aware of his brother's alleged involvement in it.

She says the amount paid to Brian Shivambu's company was 'huge' and should potentially have raised 'red flags' with his brother.

The EFF found themselves in the same spot as the ANC "and it seems to me that they're resorting to the same tactics as the ANC".

Times Live

Ramaphosa knew about VBS looting

JOHANNESBURG - President Cyril Ramaphosa knew about the looting at VBS Mutual Bank but did not act, according to a report.

City Press reported on Sunday that sources "close to a major VBS shareholder" had told the newspaper that the shareholder had informed Ramaphosa about what was going on.

"I know that the shareholder met with Ramaphosa, who was not president at the time. The shareholder briefed him about the outrageous corruption at VBS," the source was quoted as having told the newspaper.

The shareholder reportedly started blowing the whistle in 2016.

Presidency spokesperson Khusela Diko told City Press they had no

records of such a meeting.

A forensic report released last Wednesday, titled "The Great Bank Heist", detailed how the bank heist allegedly occurred. The bulk of the funds stolen were allegedly for the benefit of individuals and entities related to VBS executives, including its largest purported shareholder, Vele Investments.

Advocate Terry Motau and Werksmans Attorneys compiled the report, which was commissioned by the South African Reserve Bank (SARB).

The report details how the R1.8-billion looting spree led to the collapse of the bank and the loss of almost R2-billion deposited by some of Limpopo's poorest municipalities. *Times Live*

DA MP apologises to Malema for bad tweet

CAPE TOWN - DA MP Ghaleb Cachalia has apologised to EFF leader Julius Malema for his tweet claiming Malema owned 47 per cent of Dyamheu Investments, which is linked to VBS Mutual Bank.

The EFF said in a statement on Sunday that Cachalia withdrew his allegations 'which were posted as fact' upon a letter threatening to take legal action against his 'defamatory, false and deceptive allegations'.

"This is proof of a well-orchestrated propaganda campaign to discredit and tarnish the good and reputable name of the EFF," the party said.

In a letter dated October 13, which the EFF tweeted, Cachalia admitted that he was unable to verify the allegations that Malema owned 47 per cent of Dyamheu Investments.

Cachalia said in the letter to Malema and the EFF's lawyers (KMNS INC) ensured that he deleted the tweet that he



SORRY: DA MP Ghaleb Cachalia.

posted on October 12 immediately upon realising that he was unable to verify the information.

"I apologise unreservedly for any inconvenience the tweet may have caused your client. I have also tweeted a retraction ... which reads: 'After reviewing the sources to my information leading me to tweet regarding Mr Malema on 12 October 2018, I am unable to verify my allegation that Mr Malema owns 47

per cent of shares in Dyamheu Investments. Accordingly, I immediately removed the tweet alleging shareholding, and unreservedly apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused any party so implicated."

The EFF said they were not only unshaken but remained focused and strong 'in the face of all these weapons of mass deception'.

News24

'I'M NOT A BURNS SURVIVOR, I'M A BURNS THRIVER!

TENNESSEE - A teenager who was left feeling like a 'monster' after a house fire covered 95 per cent of his body in burns has finally learnt to love himself.

Johnny Quinn, now 18, was just four years old when his family's dog knocked over a candle in the back garden shed he was playing in.

He was saved when his then 23-year-old sister Leah, who was babysitting Mr Quinn, pulled him out of the blaze.

Mr Quinn, from Millington, Tennessee, has since endured more than 80 reconstructive surgeries and even battled anorexia as he struggled to accept his appearance.

After convincing himself everyone was scared of him, Mr Quinn eventually learned to embrace his disfigured appearance as it made him unique. "Instead of looking in the mirror every day and seeing something I hated, I started seeing what I could enhance and what I could accept," he said.

"When you're a burn survivor, you're just surviving but I like to call myself a burn thriver now because I'm actually thriving with my burns."

"So many people stare at me, every single day, every time I'm in public. That used to really get to me," Mr Quinn said.

"After my accident, it was so much worse even than the physical burns that I had been through.

"Now I try to look at everything with a different perspective."

Speaking of the fire, Mr Quinn added: "I was burned on 95 per cent of my body - my arms, my torso, my legs. Obviously my face."

Leah, now 38, was babysitting her siblings when she heard her little brother's screams.

After several attempts to find him,



PHOTOGRAPHY: Hoping to pursue a modelling career, Quinn is pictured on a photo shoot for the Courageous Faces Foundation, which aims to raise awareness of those with physical differences. (Daily Mail)

she finally realised his cries were coming from the burning shed.

Leah said: "That day brings back a lot of different memories, feelings that are difficult to deal with - stressful, panic, terrified."

Growing up, Mr Quinn tortured himself over what happened.

"Why did I even survive? Why didn't I just die in the fire? I questioned that all the time," he said.

"I didn't understand, until I was older, all of my troubles started when I was 10 and 11.

"I was becoming a teenager and appearance started to matter to me. I started to realise I really don't look normal. I really started to hate what I looked like."

WHAT ARE BURNS?

Burns are damage to the skin caused by dry heat, such as a iron or a fire.

This is different to scalds, which occur due to a wet heat like hot water or steam.

Burns can be very painful and may cause:

- Red or peeling skin

- Blisters
- Swelling
- White or charred skin

But the amount of pain a person feels is not always related to how serious the burn is.

Even a very serious burn can be painless.

To treat a burn:

- Remove the heat source
 - Cool with cool or lukewarm running water for 20 minutes. Do not use ice
 - Remove any nearby clothing or jewellery unless it is stuck to the skin
 - Keep the person warm with a blanket
 - Cover the burn with clingfilm
 - Use painkillers like paracetamol if necessary
 - If the face or eyes are burnt, keep them sitting up to reduce swelling
- Burns that require immediate A&E treatment are:
- Chemical or electrical
 - Large or deep - bigger than the injured person's hand
 - Those that cause white or charred skin



IT'S ME: As a young teenager, Mr Quinn was so ashamed of his appearance he developed anorexia.

- Those on the face, hands, limbs, feet or genitals that blister

Pregnant women, children under five, the elderly, those with a weak immune system and people suffering from a medical condition, like diabetes, should also go to hospital.

Treatment depends on what layers of the skin are affected.

In severe cases, a skin graft may be required.

For a long time Mr Quinn felt like a 'monster' and his self-hatred eventually manifested as anorexia.

"I felt that I was genuinely a monster and I shouldn't have friends, because everyone was scared of me and I didn't deserve them," he said.

"I kept all this turmoil inside of me for so long, it turned into anorexia. Where I didn't even want to take care of my body anymore, where I just stopped eating.

"I never realised how selfish I was acting, obviously I had a family that cared about me but I never realised it." But with time, Mr Quinn, who attends college, began to embrace his unique appearance. *Daily Mail*



UNBELIEVABLE: Johnny Quinn was left feeling like a 'monster' after a house fire covered 95 per cent of his body in burns.



I CARE: Mr Quinn's sister Leah Cochran 38, was babysitting her siblings when the fire happened.



CHILD STAGE: Mr Quinn is pictured as a young child before the horrific incident took place.



FAMILY: After years of self-hatred, Mr Quinn eventually learned to accept what he saw in the mirror. Pictured are his brother Micah, sister Susanne, and parents Andra and Allan.

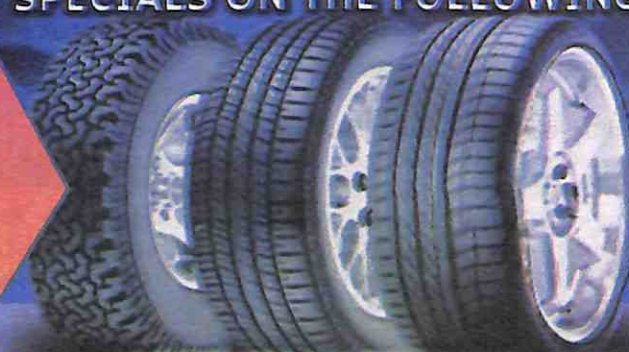
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Israel's Netanyahu threatens Hamas

JERUSALEM - Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday threatened to inflict "very strong blows" on Hamas after fresh violence along the border with the Gaza Strip controlled by the Islamist group. "Hamas has apparently not understood the message -- if these attacks do not stop, they will be stopped in another way, in the form of very, very strong blows", Netanyahu said during the weekly Cabinet meeting. "We are very close to another type of action which would include very strong blows. If Hamas is intelligent, it will cease fire and violence now," he added.

AFP

New breed of charities on poverty frontline

IRAN - At an outreach centre in southern Tehran, teenagers are learning to be journalists, while upstairs their mothers are fine-tuning their sewing skills and rushing to fill an order for hospital uniforms. The brand-new centre in the working-class neighbourhood of Shahr-e Rey caters for hundreds of struggling families and Afghan refugees. It's a relatively new approach for Iran, where social welfare has often been left to informal groups based around the bazaar and mosque or fallen to large-scale government-controlled organisations.

AFP

Hungary homeless ban to be enforced

BUDAPEST - Rough sleeping in Hungary was banned from yesterday after a homelessness law adopted by Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's government and called "cruel" by critics comes into force. A constitutional amendment approved by the Budapest Parliament on June 20 banned "habitual residence in a public space," beefing up a 2013 law that made it a fineable offence. With police now empowered to remove rough sleepers from streets and dismantle huts and shacks, a government official said on Thursday that the law "serves the interests of society as a whole".

AFP

Riyadh tapped calls with Khashoggi

SAUDI ARABIA - A Saudi dissident in Quebec believes the kingdom hacked his phone and listened to calls he had with Jamal Khashoggi prior to the journalist's disappearance. Khashoggi, a Washington Post contributor and US permanent resident whose writings have been critical of powerful Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, has been missing since entering the country's consulate in Istanbul on October 2. "For sure, they listened to the conversation between me and Jamal and other activists, in Canada, in the States, in Turkey, in Saudi Arabia," Omar Abdulaziz said.

AFP

Bavarian voters punish Merkel

BERLIN - German Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservative allies lost their absolute majority in Bavaria's state Parliament by a wide margin in a regional election on Sunday, a result that could cause more turbulence within the national government. The Christian Social Union (CSU) took 37.2 per cent of the vote, down from 47.7 per cent five years ago. It was the party's worst performance since 1950 in a state vote in Bavaria, which it has traditionally dominated. Constant squabbling in Merkel's national government and a power struggle at home have weighed on the CSU.

AP



HARRY, MEGHAN EXPECTING THEIR FIRST CHILD TOGETHER

LONDON - Meghan Markle and Prince Harry have announced they are expecting their first child together on the first day of their Royal Tour.

The Duke of Sussex are "very pleased" to reveal their "happy news," Kensington Palace said in a statement yesterday morning.

Their baby is expected to be born next Spring.

Meghan, 37, had earlier sparked speculation she was pregnant after landing in Australia carrying two purple folders over her stomach.

In its statement, the palace said: "Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Sussex are very pleased to announce that The Duchess of Sussex is expecting a baby in the



Spring of 2019.

"Their Royal Highnesses have appreciated all of the support they have received from people around the world since their wedding in

May and are delighted to be able to share this happy news with the public." The news of the pregnancy comes just five months after Meghan and Harry, 34, tied the knot in a

spectacular ceremony at Windsor Castle. Earlier yesterday, the couple arrived into a rainy Sydney for the start of a 16-day visit to Australia, Fiji, Tonga and New Zealand. *Mirror*

'Mattis could be leaving as US defence chief'

WASHINGTON - US President Donald Trump said in an interview aired on Sunday that Defence Secretary Jim Mattis "could be" leaving, referring to him as "sort of a Democrat".

Mattis, seen as one of the steadiest but also more independent members of Trump's Cabinet, has served as a low-profile counterweight to the president in his often abrasive treatment of US allies.

In an interview aired Sunday on CBS's '60 Minutes,' Trump was asked whether he wanted Mattis to leave.

"It could be that he is. I think he's sort of a Democrat, if you want to know the truth," Trump said, according to an excerpt released by CBS. "But General Mattis is a good guy. We get along very well. He may leave. I mean, at some point, everybody leaves."

Trump said he had lunch with Mattis two days earlier and the retired Marine four-star general had not told him that he



COULD BE: US President Donald Trump.

was leaving.

Rumours that Mattis' days as defense chief are numbered have circulated since a book by journalist Bob Woodward about Trump's chaotic White House said the general had questioned Trump's judgment, likening his understanding to that of a 10 or 11-year-old child.

"Of course, I don't think about

leaving," Mattis told Pentagon reporters last month. "I love it here."

Trump's comments come as he eyes another Cabinet shake-up.

Last week, his Ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, announced her resignation, effective at the end of the year.

She gave no reason for the surprise move, but observers have noted that the ascension of John Bolton as national security adviser and Mike Pompeo as secretary of state have shifted the power dynamics on Trump's national security team.

The generals who once dominated security policy increasingly have appeared to be on the outs with Trump.

Lieutenant General HR McMaster was replaced by Bolton in April, while John Kelly, the White House chief of staff and also a retired four-star general, is reported to have lost influence with the mercurial president. *AFP*

Flash floods in southern France leave five dead

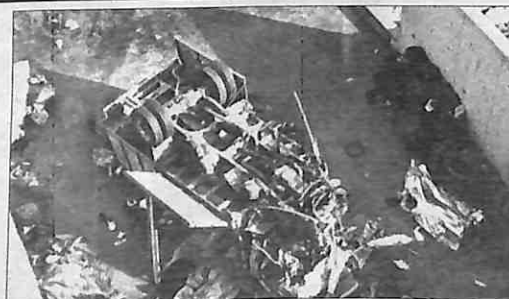
PARIS - At least five people were killed in flash floods in the southwestern Aude area of France after several months worth of rain fell in just a few hours overnight, the local government prefect said yesterday.

Rescue helicopters were waiting for clearer weather before they could launch rescue operations, the prefect of Aude, Alain Thirion, told BFM TV. "We have people stranded on rooftops. We're going to have to use aircraft to evacuate them because we cannot reach them by boat given the force of the water. It's too dangerous," he said. Among the worst hit areas were the villages of Conques-sur-Orbiel and Villardonnelle, where waters rose as high as the first-floor windows of some houses. Water levels were expected to continue to rise in the area yesterday, with rain forecast until late in the morning. Schools in the Aude area were closed and residents were told to stay at home. Torrential rains are not uncommon in France at this time of year, but meteorologists have said that exceptionally warm sea water along the Mediterranean coast of southern France may be intensifying the rains. The year so far is France's hottest since 1900, according to the state meteorological service. *Reuters*

22 migrants die in truck crash in Turkey

ISTANBUL - At least 22 migrants, including children, were killed in a truck accident on Sunday, Turkey's official news agency said.

The Anadolu news agency said the migrants were travelling in a truck in the western province of Izmir that rolled over off a bridge. Video footage showed a destroyed truck, tipped upside down in a waterway with personal items scattered all around.



Thirteen people were injured in the crash and were being treated in near-

TRAGEDY: An overturned truck is seen after an accident that killed 22 migrants in Izmir, Turkey. (AP)

by hospitals.

Their nationalities were not given and authorities have launched an investigation.

Turkish media reported that the driver was among the injured and said in his initial statement to police that a car had swerved in front of him.

Hundreds of thousands of migrants have set out to sea from Turkey's coasts in the last few years to try to reach neighbouring Greece, which is a member of the European Union.

AP



Africa News

MOZAMBIQUE OPPOSITION CRIES FOUL OVER ELECTION

MAPUTO - Mozambique's RENAMO opposition on Saturday accused the government of falsifying local election results in several areas, warning that such a move could prompt it to abandon peace talks.

The country went to the polls on October 10 in a key test for the ongoing peace talks between the ruling FRELIMO party and RENAMO - negotiations which began in 2016 to end three years of violence between government troops and RENAMO rebels.

"We do not want war but we also do not accept any attempt to change the popular will," RENAMO's acting leader Ossufo Momade told reporters.

Although the official results have not yet been published, RENAMO



VOTING: Mozambique's President Filipe Nyusi casts his ballot for local elections at a polling station in Maputo. (AFP)

says the party had been cheated of victory in one major city and three other towns, accusing election officials of tampering with the results.

"If the popular vote is not respected, RENAMO will break off the negotiations and the consequences will

be entirely the responsibility of (President Filipe Nyusi) and the FRELIMO Party," he said.

Partial results from a third of Mozambique's 53 municipalities, released on Thursday, gave FRELIMO a clear lead, although RENAMO

claims to have won in dozens of areas, including in Matulo, the country's most heavily-populated city.

FRELIMO, which has ruled Mozambique since its independence from Portugal in 1975, currently controls 49 of the country's 53 municipalities. Wednesday's vote was the first time RENAMO has contested a local election in 10 years, with the party hoping to make a breakthrough ahead of next year's general elections. In the mid-1970s, RENAMO fought a brutal 16-year civil war against the FRELIMO government that left one million people dead before the fighting stopped in 1992. Fresh violence erupted in 2013 between RENAMO rebels and government troops, raising fears of a return to civil war, but the party declared a truce in 2016 and opened fresh peace talks. **AFP**

'I know what it's like to be poor'

HARARE - A Zimbabwean deputy minister says he will donate his entire monthly salary to charity during his time in office.

Raj Modi, who was appointed Deputy Industry Minister last month by President Emmerson Mnangagwa, says he knows what it feels like to be poor.

"I have the emotional intelligence and the empathy that enables me to walk in the shoes of the under-privileged," he told the state-run Sunday News.

It's not clear what a deputy minister earns, though it's believed to be less than \$3 000 a month.

Modi is a ZANU-PF MP, the only ruling party candidate to win a seat in the opposition stronghold of Bulawayo during the July 30 polls.

The 59-year-old businessman moved to Zimbabwe from India in the early 1980s. He told the state-run Chronicle in July that his first job was mopping floors and cleaning toilets in a Bulawayo clothes store.

Over the years, Modi became a successful businessman and philanthropist; his family runs the Modi Family Trust that assists small businesses with start-up capital.

Writing on Twitter on Sunday, he said his private businesses would sustain him while he donated his government salary. "I am in government for the people," he said. On social media, a number of Zimbabweans received the news positively. "Very selfless indeed. A man of the people for the people," wrote @amlausi. "That's not a ZANU trait for sure. Good for you for behaving honourably," said RTticking. New Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube has promised to cut government jobs and spending after he recently unveiled an unpopular new two per cent tax on all electronic transactions. **The Herald**

Egypt sentences three to death for killing policemen

CAIRO - A court in Egypt on Sunday sentenced three people to death for their involvement in the killing of 10 policemen and for belonging to an extremist group, a judicial source said.

The defendants were found guilty by a Cairo criminal court of being involved in the killing of 10 policemen, including an officer, between August 2013 and May 2014.

They were also convicted for belonging to the extremist group Ansar al-Sharia.

Both the defence and prosecution have the right to appeal.

Four others were sentenced to life imprisonment - a 25 year term in Egypt - and seven defendants to 15 years in prison. Nine people were acquitted in the case.

Egyptian courts have issued or confirmed a large number of death sentences in recent weeks.

On Thursday, a military court sentenced 17 people to death for attacks against churches in 2016 and 2017 that killed a total of 74 people.

Last Monday, four jihadists belonging to the Islamic State group were sentenced to death, while on September 8, a court upheld death sentences for 75

people, including leaders of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood movement.

Jihadists launched an insurgency in Egypt after the 2013 ouster of Islamist president Mohamed Morsi, who was forced out by the military in the face of mass protests against his rule and that of his Muslim Brotherhood.

The military says around 300 suspected jihadists and at least 35 soldiers have been killed since it launched an operation in February against jihadists in the Sinai Peninsula.

AFP

Museveni visits site of deadly Uganda landslide

UGANDA - Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni visited eastern Bududa on Sunday after 43 people died when a landslide caused a river to burst its banks, sending water and boulders cascading downhill.

Wearing military uniform and carrying a cleft stick, Museveni looked across the Sume River at the remains of Wanjenwa village which was wrecked by a torrent of rocks carried down river by Thursday's deluge.

"Who allowed them to build a market here?" he asked officials.

"Building on the flood plain of the river is very dangerous. Local government have failed to implement regulations," Museveni told journalists.



TOUR: Uganda's president Yoweri Museveni visits the flood-ravaged village of Wanjenwa, eastern Uganda. (AFP)

After touring the site of devastation, Museveni was to address a crowd of several hundred residents, local dignitaries and Red Cross volunteers in Bukalasi village where many casualties were taken for treatment at the health centre.

Over 850 people were displaced in the disaster, caused

by heavy rains.

Prime Minister Ruhakana Rugunda on Sunday updated a previous death toll by one person.

"We can confirm that 43 people have lost their lives but we are continuing to search for others," he said.

AFP

BRIEFS

Militants urged to spare 2 health workers

LAGOS - The International Committee of the Red Cross made an urgent appeal to an affiliate of the Islamic State organisation in Nigeria to spare the lives of two abducted health workers. The women risk the fate of a colleague who was killed by the extremists last month, the statement said. "We urge you for mercy." The global aid organisation urged Nigerian authorities and others who might have influence to help. "Speed and urgency are critical. A deadline that could result in the killing of another health care worker is less than 24 hours away".

AP

'Belgium assassinated independence hero'

BURUNDI - Burundi accused former colonial power Belgium of ordering the assassination of independence hero and Crown Prince Louis Rwagasore in 1961, a move likely to further poison ties between the two countries. A government statement said Belgium was the "true backer of the assassination of Rwagasore," in the first direct accusation over the murder by Bujumbura, which said it plans to probe the six-decade old incident. The statement said that Brussels "has yet to explain itself" over the killing of Rwagasore, who played a key role in Burundi's anti-colonial movement.

AFP

'Man shot dead acted in self-defence'

HARARE - A man who shot dead a parking tout in central Harare last week says he acted in self-defence after a mob chased him and set his car on fire, reports said. Twenty-four-year-old Lloyd Boniface Kobekile, who appeared in court on Friday, has been charged with murder after the shooting in broad daylight last Wednesday, according to a report by New Zimbabwe. Eyewitness reports on the day said that Kobekile had refused to pay touts who demanded money when he parked his car in a busy shopping street in the Zimbabwean capital.

News24



DRC identifies 'second wave' of Ebola

KIVU - A second wave of the Ebola virus has been confirmed in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, where an initial outbreak has already killed 125 people, a minister said. The latest wave is centred in Beni, a town in North Kivu near the border with Uganda, said Health Minister Dr Oly Ilunga. "We don't yet know the scale of it," he added. "The epicentre, which was in Mangina is now in Beni." The two towns lie about 20km apart. This second wave occurred as a result of community resistance to measures taken to tackle the disease, Ilunga said.

AFP

50 men, women on Buhari's travel ban list

ABUJA - At least 13 former governors and seven former ministers, all facing corruption trials, were among the 50 men and women that make up the travel ban list under Executive Order No. 6 issued by President Muhammadu Buhari. The restriction followed the judicial affirmation of the constitutionality and legality of the order. The watch-list and restriction were put in place pending the conclusion of the cases against those affected.

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RAPPER FOUND DEAD

By Ayanda Dlamini

THE PROMISING career of a young hip hop artist has ended tragically as a local artist was found dead yesterday.

The young artist, who will not be named as yet as his next of kin are yet to be notified, has over the past years emerged as one of hip hop music's brightest and most promising young talents.

He passed away yesterday morning and was found dead by his girlfriend, according to information gathered by late yesterday.

According to our sources, the hip hop star was found hanging at his flat at Thembelihle, Mbabane.

When contacted for comment, the girlfriend refused to share the cir-

cumstances of her late boyfriend's death.

It was gathered that members of his family members were still being sought to be informed of this tragedy, and so were unavailable for comment.

Police

"I can only confirm that he is no more and his family is yet to be informed," was all she could say.

Social media was abuzz after reports of the hip hop star's death. Fellow artists and friends were quick to share condolence messages on Facebook.

Worth noting is that last Wednesday, the artist was on the radio where he was hosted by presenter Lindelwa Mafa.

During his interview with the radio personality, he mentioned few challenges he had encountered in his life.

He sounded strong as someone who had overcome all the dark days.

The artist performed alongside phenomenal local and international artists such as Kwesta, The Muffins, Frank Casino, Bholoja and Tiyas King, to name a few.

The late artist's main goal was to take his music to the world and hoist the Eswatini flag.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed reports of a young man who was found hanging at his flat. She said the rapper's body was found by his girlfriend who then reported the incident after finding her partner hanging inside his flat at Thembelihle.

She revealed that they were yet to notify his next of kin.

Karly B drops pearls of wisdom

Stories by Ayanda Dlamini

ENTERTAINMENT pioneer Khulekani Mamba, known as DJ Karly B, dropped pearls of wisdom during the InGINUS Talks second session held at Liberty Community Centre last Friday.

Mamba used his personal life and business story to share the ins and outs of starting an entertainment business in the kingdom and the challenges of growing it while one is also fighting the negative perceptions of entertainment that even people close to you may have.

He briefly shared the story of how he became an entrepreneur straight from high school and how his late mother taught him business from an early age.

Poems

The session was attended by entrepreneur and media consultant Nathi Gule, Senate hopeful Balindile Tfwala, author and public relations practitioner Mancoba Mabuza, Pastor Njabulo Masuku, Pastor Thethe Dlamini and award winning poet Ntombie, who also performed.

Poet and entrepreneur Phinda Mkhonta was the first to speak and he opened with a passionate poem on the pride of his family lineage and being an African who perseveres no matter what challenges he faces in life. This got the audience excited. Mkhonta shared on the transformation of the mind being the catalyst for cultivating an entrepreneurial spirit and mindset in the people Eswatini.

"This session was interesting.



MOTIVATIONAL: Karly B sharing words of wisdom during the InGINUS Talks second session held at Liberty Community Centre last Friday.

Both speakers shared some good personal experiences that can motivate and inspire, especially people who are in start-ups so they understand the twists and turns of entrepreneurship. I hope though in future such events have sector related partners (funders, policymakers) so that we go beyond talks and also discuss issues of implementation.

"Many people already have amazing ideas but only lack the support for implementation and sustainability once they have started. What pleased me the most is that most have a desire to contribute towards the development of our wonderful nation using the existing structures," said Nathi Gule, who was impressed with the session.

YOUNG ARTISTS CELEBRATE MENTAL HEALTH DAY

By Nokwanda Sibandze

LOCAL artists are not only about the arts as some of the country's artists took their time to celebrate Mental Health Day last week Wednesday held at the University of Eswatini (UNESWA), Mbabane Campus.

With the help of UNESWA Mental Health Society and International Mental Health Resource and Services, the event sought to educate people on mental health.

Artists were also invited to share their talent with the audience.

Poet Qibho Intalektual was one of the invited guest speakers at the event and he spoke about drug abuse.

He urged young people at the event to be careful of drugs as they are dangerous. He also talked about how drugs

can lead to them suffering from mental health challenges.

Poets, singers and rappers came to support this initiative. Reborn the poet did a poem relating to the event's theme which was 'Young people and mental health in a changing world'. Reborn captured the crowd's attention and left them yearning for more.

The audience was also treated to a performance by The Lunatics, a dance group from UNESWA, which did a dance inspired by the day's theme.

An upcoming rapper known as Anticlockwise also gave an outstanding performance which took the crowd by surprise as he is also a first year student at the University.

Professionals such as Sindiswa Bhembe, a nurse at one of the country's mental institutions, talked about the importance of self-awareness.



GUEST: Poet Qibho Intalektual.

DJ Sbu's 'excited' to host kwaito awards despite Brickz controversy

JOHANNESBURG - It's all systems go for the Kwaito and House Music Awards despite it being marred by controversy over the last few months and DJ Sbu has been unveiled as the host.

The awards ceremony was slammed after it booked convicted rapist Brickz to perform at the nomination party in August. When Brickz was billed to perform, he was out on bail pending his leave to appeal. He has since went back to prison. DJ Sbu told Tshisa Live that he was excited to be a part of a celebration of home brewed

music. As far as the controversy goes, Sbu said it's at the organisers discretion. "I am excited about MCing the awards, I mean to honour kwaito and house. Obviously, I am not the organiser I am the talent roped in to host the awards. I was booked to come and host the actual awards... so obviously I don't make the decisions, so the organisers are the ones that do that." The annual awards, which has been running for the past three years, aim to honour kwaito and house music artists who have contributed to the industry.

Times Live

THE entertainment industry plays a vital role in the country's economy.

This was said by Khulekani Mamba, affectionately known as DJ Karly B. The businessman and spinner highlighted that the entertainment industry does actually bring in substantial revenue for the country and even shared that he contributes tens of thousands of Emalangeni in taxes due to the nature of his business.

Mamba also highlighted the fact it is important for every Liswati who ventures into the entertainment business to master the basics and trade in excellence so they can get more corporates to trust and invest into the industry.

The audience was attentively listening to his presentation and had a good laugh when he shared how excited he was to have received the VIP treatment from the event organ-

isers and how much he enjoyed being treated like a VIP because he is often always on the other side working in events management. He went into detail on how he started as a manager of Tinker's Bar and car wash business, to being a DJ and events promoter and eventually deciding to go all out and start his own company, Platinum Concepts. Mamba shared with the audience the mistakes and successes he has had thus far in his journey. The next InGINUS Talks session is scheduled for November at the same venue. This was revealed by InGINUS Talks' Emmanuel Dlamini. "Date and times will be communicated later. The session is committed to hosting these meaningful dialogues and engaging citizens on the issues that affect every Liswati socially and economically," Dlamini revealed.



Old Mutual sponsors choral choirs with E20 000

By Simon Shabangu

OLD Mutual has sponsored local choirs going to the National Choir Festival with E20 000.

The money will assist the choirs cover some of their expenses as they prepare to take part in the KZN Regional Championship to be held in Durban this weekend where six local choirs will be competing.

The six choirs which will be competing in the KZN Regional Championships include His Majesty's Correctional Services Choir, Royal Eswatini Police and Manzini Choir in the large section. Royal Eswatini Spa Choir, Pure Voices and FTM Garments Choir will be compet-

ing in the standard category.

Two choirs will be competing in the Gauteng Regional Championship in Johannesburg next weekend.

The presentation of the sponsorship was held at Old Mutual offices on Friday where Head of Marketing Celiwe Dlamini, expressed the company's commitment to continue supporting the arts in Eswatini. She said it was for that reason that they had seen it important to support the local choirs with the hope that they would be able to represent the country well in their respective competitions.

"We understand that the new format doesn't exclude Eswatini choirs but aims to make the competition even more exciting.

In this regard, we still wanted to

support the ENCMA by this donation which, in turn, will also benefit the participating choirs. We encourage our Eswatini choirs to fully prepare and we wish them all safe travel and a very successful outcome," concluded Dlamini.

Refreshing

The competition will be held at eThekweni – Durban City Hall on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Old Mutual Head of Brand: Thobile Tshabalala said Old Mutual and its Associate, Premier National Choir Festival (PNCF (ManCom)), are working on delivering an exciting and refreshing version of the Old Mutual National Choir Festival (NCF) in the near future.

She said the plan is to have a fes-

tival that is aligned to its strategic objective to be more contemporary and relevant to changing trends. She said as part of the new strategy; the 2018 Old Mutual NCF has been reduced from 10 regional events to five with no national finals and the following changes.

She said they had introduced Western Cape as a stand-alone Regional Championship, Eastern Cape as a stand-alone Regional Championship, KwaZulu Natal as a stand-alone Regional Championship and Free State Regional Championship would incorporate the Northern Cape Province.

"In the case of Gauteng, it will incorporate the North West, Limpopo and Mpumalanga provinces and it will be staged over two days to accommodate more choirs. The Saturday will host the standard cat-

egory whilst Sunday will be reserved for the large category.

Rest of Africa (Eswatini and Zimbabwe) choirs will be at liberty to partake in the South African provinces of their choice dependent on proximity.

The first event will take place on 8th September 2018 in the Eastern Cape. The following exciting introductions to the 2018 NCF have also been made," she added.

She also noted that they had also increased the participation fees and standardised with the full amount now guaranteed, irrespective of attained marks for choirs that have placed position four and below.

"We want to ensure that we lay a solid foundation to deliver a bigger and better NCF from 2019 onwards. We look forward to an exhilarating 2018 Old Mutual NCF."

'I'M DONE WITH ILLA'

By Nokwanda Sibandze and Nomfundo Sifundza

TALENTED hip hop artist 80 Script is over rails done with Illa Penboy. He never wants to work with the 'Cheese over bhontjis' singer ever again.

80 Script, real name Zolile Motsa, said he experienced a great deal of disrespect at the hands of his fellow brother Illa Penboy and thus he never wishes to cross paths with him but he only wishes him the best. "I and he are done, permanently. I have helped him enough along his career. Now it is time to spread my wings in South Africa and I wish him well in his journey," said 80 Script.

Illa Penboy is alleged to have committed himself to paying 80 Script a total of E4 500 for his 'Gwalisa Mogambo' performance but that was not the case as soon after the event, Illa played cat and mouse with the former.

The artist went on a full rant on social media about how Illa had given him 'low-key threats' when he tried to request for the balance of his Gwalisa Mogambo performance payment. According to 80 Script, the money owed to him amounts to E500.

The show, which was held on September 1 at Esibayeni Lodge, saw a num-

ber of local artists perform for a full house. 80 Script performed alongside artists such as KrTC, Trippy King, Denzel, LomaSoul and DJ Wicked, to mention a few.

The artist also claims that he was eventually paid but the amount was still E500 short from the E4 500 they had allegedly agreed upon. On his post, the artist explains that his problem with Illa is not that he was not paid but the disrespect and humiliation he was subjected to.

When asked what necessary actions he would take against Illa Penboy, 80 Script responded "I am going to sit back. If he disrespects me again or lies, I'm going to take my next step. He doesn't want me to take that

one because it will be brutal to his reputation in the market place."

80 Script further shared a simple piece of advice to all musicians who will host their own shows and require the use of fellow artists; "Respect the people you work with. Simple."

Illa Penboy, on the other hand, could not be reached as his mobile phone was not available on the network nor did he respond to messages sent to him.



Miss Eswatini for Miss Africa 2019

By Ayanda Dlamini

NEWLY-crowned Miss Eswatini Nosipho Dlamini will represent the kingdom in the Miss Africa beauty pageant next year.

Dlamini could not make it to this year's competition because she was crowned very late, just after the Miss Africa committee had shortlisted the finalists of this year's competition.

This is according to Pageants Eswatini President Catherine Potgieter.

"Miss Eswatini will only participate in Miss Africa next year. We were late for this year's pageant. They had already shortlisted the finalists when we crowned Nosipho," said the president.

Dlamini was crowned alongside Phiwayinhlana Mbhamali (22), who scooped the Second Princess title and Nondumiso Dlamini (21), as the First Princess.

Last year, the kingdom was represented by former Miss Eswatini second princess Baby Mthimkhulu since the queen at the time, Linda Hutchinson was preoccu-

pied with school; she recently graduated at UNESWA.

Miss Africa Continent is an annual international beauty pageant run by ProAct Communications, along with Miss World, Miss Universe and Miss Earth contests.

Miss Africa is one of the huge beauty pageants and one of the most anticipated events worldwide.

Envisaged

Founded in 2014 by Lionel Neo Mashishi a film producer / director, the pageant is envisaged to become one of the celebrated events on the African calendar.

Contestants represent different African cultures.

Miss Africa Continent is a seven month long project that includes Miss Africa TV Show, rehearsals, hype tour, appearances, launch, gala dinner and the main crowning event.

"Its main objective is to interact with African countries on various programmes, become an educational platform and empowering tool to young African women, to be inspiring and informative.

Various

It plays a role in uniting Africa by addressing xenophobic mentality and various plights facing the African continent.

It aims to assist in integrating young African women into mainstream economy.

It also promotes Africa a beauty and African culture and raising future leaders.

The personality of Miss Africa must reflect true African culture and values, to be the real African ambassador.

"Miss Africa Continent's main objective is to accelerate African young women's social and economic empowerment by providing them a platform to engage with global streamline economists through mentorship programmes," said Potgieter.

More additions for Buhle Bami Expo

By Nomfundo Sifundza

FOLLOWING the addition of professional make-up artist at the upcoming Buhle Bami Style and Beauty Expo, a children play zone has been added.

The expo will be held at the rooftop of the Corporate Place in Mbabane on the October 27. The expo will be hosted by Honey Child Style, a social media driven independent retailer of women's fashion. Buhle Bami Style and Beauty

Expo is an extension of the successful monthly 'ShopNsip' pop up shops that have taken place in different venues across the country for over a year run by fashionista, Pinky Glover and Musonda Loncwala Chimba. "We're excited to share that there will be a 'Kids Korner' with jumping castles and games, brought by Swazi Plaza Properties. So bring your kids along. We want you to feel free and enjoy yourself knowing that the kids are safe with childminders. The 'Kids Korner' will be so much fun for the little ones," Musonda Chimba said.

She also revealed that every attendee would get a gift bag with some discounts. The gift bags will contain items from Swazi Secrets and Swazi Candles, among others.

Miss Eswatini Nosipho Dlamini.

International
Celebrity News

Ariana Grande, Pete Davidson break up

LOS ANGELES - It's over between Ariana Grande and Pete Davidson.

The 25-year-old singer and 24-year-old SNL star have broken up following a whirlwind romance that began this summer and an engagement in June. News of the split comes a month after her ex Mac Miller was found dead at age 26. The singer mourned the rapper's death publicly on Twitter and stepped away from the spotlight.

"It was way too much too soon," a Grande source told People Magazine of the singer and Davidson's split on Sunday. "It's not shocking to any-



IT'S OVER: Ariana Grande and Pete.

one." TMZ, which first reported the news, said the two broke up this weekend and that they acknowledged that it was not the right time for their relationship to take off. *Eonline*

The Royals touch down in Australia

AUSTRALIA - The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have touched down in Sydney for their first major international tour since getting married.

Prince Harry and wife Meghan Markle were seen holding hands when they arrived at the harbour city early yesterday morning on a Qantas A380 flight from London via Singapore.

The stylish Duchess of Sussex was dressed casually for the occasion as she donned a black turtle-



TOURING: Prince Harry and wife Meghan Markle.

neck top, with a coat featuring maroon lapel and cuff. *Daily Mail*

Beyonce rumoured to be pregnant

LOS ANGELES - Beyonce is rumoured to be pregnant with her fourth baby, MTO News has confirmed. Two people who worked on the On The Run tour confirmed that Bey and Jay are expecting another child.

According to Beyonce's former tour members, Jay and Bey have been trying to keep the pregnancy low key - for the entire tour.

"Beyonce is supposedly 5 months along, the source confirmed to MediaTakeOut.com. And she's showing.

Beyonce and Jay Z currently have three children together, twins Rumi and Sir, and daughter Blue Ivy. Jay



BABY BUMP: Beyonce.

Z is believed to have one or two other children from previous relationships. *MTO*

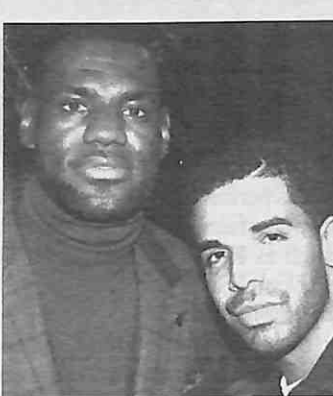
Drake invites LeBron on stage

LOS ANGELES - Two titans shared the stage Saturday night as the king of Toronto brought out the newly minted king of L.A.

Drake invited LeBron James on stage with Travis Scott at the L.A.'s Staples Center during his Aubrey and the Three Migos Tour.

The trio jumped and danced while performing Drake and Travis' hit song, 'Sicko Mode,' off of Travis Scott's new album, *Astroworld*. Drake recently sat down with LeBron on his show, 'The Shop,' with Maverick Carter.

Drake talked about his trip to Wyoming to work with Kanye on



BROMANCE: LeBron James and Drake.

an album, and the beef between Kanye and Pusha T that followed. *TMZ*

SA Celebrity News

Papa Penny Penny now has funeral plan

LIMPOPO - Months after a failed bid to be premier of Limpopo, veteran musician Penny Penny has gone into the funeral business, expanding his empire with the launch of funeral cover bearing his name. The reality show star took to social media last Thursday to announce the business venture and detail some of the benefits to people who buy his plan - like a tombstone, livestock, groceries, airtime and a free tent. The policies are underwritten by 3Sixty Life, a black-owned insurance company established in 1993 and also provides



NEW INVESTMENT: Papa Penny Penny.

policies to Doves funeral company. *Tshisa Live*

Cancer gave me life - Lillian Dube

JOHANNESBURG - Veteran actress Lillian Dube is in remission for the second time in her long-battle with breast cancer.

The star was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007 and said that she was preparing to die.

"Cancer is better. You are still alive. I mean you are still functioning. With depression you do not even want to go to work. It can be light outside but it is midnight to you. Your reality is so distorted that you believe nothing will ever work for you again. You are beyond death. It was the worst experience of my life. "I have never



REVEALS: Lillian Dube.

asked God why me? As much as I hate depression, once you have overcome it you are so much stronger. The world is beautiful. *Sowetan*

Motlatsi Mafatshe on becoming Isidingo director

JOHANNESBURG - Isidingo actor Motlatsi Mafatshe has heated up screens with his role as Sechaba on the popular soapie for years but has taken the next step in his career by officially joining the show's directing team.

The star recently took control of the cameras for his directorial debut on Isidingo.

"I was ecstatic to have it (the episode) air on TV. I have been training for some time now and finally I am seeing the fruits of it all. I studied production and scriptwriting so this is something that I have always seen myself



PROMOTION: Motlatsi Mafatshe.

doing. It is more work for me but now is the right time. I want to show that there is more to me than being an actor." *Tshisa Live*

Getting to know Sfiso Nene

JOHANNESBURG - Comedian and actor Sifiso Nene is known for making fun of taxi drivers' mean behaviour, if he is not taking a jab at baby mamas and their unending drama. It's been a nine-year long journey for the KZN-born comic.

Sifiso became the first winner of South Africa's *So You Think You're Funny*.

Since then, he's hosted his own *One Man Shows* across the country and has recently launched his new comedy club, The Comedy Basement, previously known as The Goliath Comedy Club in



COMEDIAN: Sfiso Nene.

Braamfontein, Johannesburg. *DRUM* chats to him about the industry and his love for comedy.

Drum

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

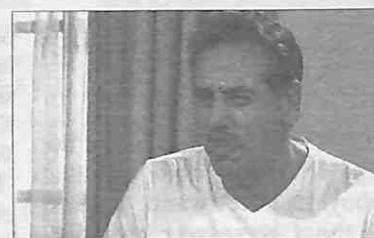


SUSPECTS: Samson.

Sibongile lies to Mpiyakhe about her past. Samson's symptoms return and he starts to suspect witchcraft. The B&B's owner turns out to be no push-over.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



UNDERSTANDING: Hendrik.

While Hendrik is trying to understand his son's reaction to Seline's murder, Sechaba also appears to have a new problem. Ntando unexpectedly opens up to Lincoln, who then does something totally out of character. Due to his visit the previous day from Nina, Galanga agonises about his medical costs.

Muvhango

TODAY



LOSING: Moliehi.

Everyone is scared about the situation involving the missing Ndiwanga. Moliehi is losing patience in James. Vhangani overhears Seani's conversation.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

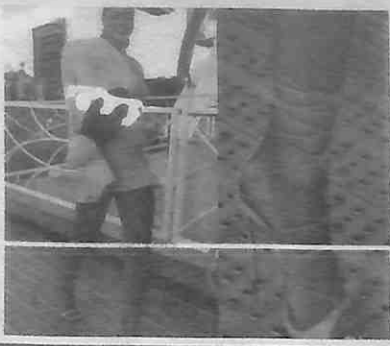


CONFRONTS: Mapula.

Mapula confronts her English teacher over her essay. Rene invites Mzi to move in with her. David tries to get rid of Bongi.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

I need this type of luck to pass in my exams....



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Aquarius January 20 – February 18

You have no problem dreaming big, Water Bearer. In fact, your limitless sign defaults to thinking on a global scale. A few weeks ago, when the Sun blazed into collaborative Libra and your expansive ninth house, you may have come up with some truly visionary notions. Now step back and take a reality check. Today's quarter moon in structured Capricorn and your intuitive twelfth house can help you find the right balance of fantasy and reality and figure out the perfect place to start.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

You may feel pulled in two directions today, Pisces. Part of you wants to hide out in your bunker and ideate without interruption. And since September 22, when the Sun slipped into your secretive eighth house, you may have been under deep cover. Maybe you processed some swirling emotions or had a creative brainstorm. Today, however, a balancing quarter moon in your friendship zone tempts you out of hiding to share some of those private moments with your inner circle.



Aries March 21 – April 19

Pull the emergency brake on that speeding train and assess your progress. Sure, you're zipping along like a Ram on a mission, but are you absolutely sure this route is taking you where you want to go? Whether it's your career trajectory, a side hustle or budding partnership, you need to know that your heart's really in it. Today's quarter moon in your tenth house of long-range goals helps you downshift and evaluate. Take a step far enough back to see the big picture. Better to find out now than waste any (more) time barreling down the wrong track.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

Today's quarter moon in your expansive ninth house helps you bust out of a rut. Where have you been feeling stuck, Bull? We know your sign loves its routines and rituals, and we'd never dream of suggesting you abandon them. But every now and then, it's good to mix things up. Seek inspiration from different people and sources, even on the micro-level. Have a different breakfast, do your work in reverse order, or wear an outfit that hasn't seen the light of day in ages. See, it's kind of fun, isn't it?



Gemini May 21 – June 21

Light and breezy won't cut it today. If you're coupled, your dearly beloved may not appreciate being treated like a platonic rando. Single Geminis might need to reconsider your whole dating strategy. If you don't have a relationship, it's fine to keep things casual. But if you know in your heart of hearts that you want intimacy, you'll need to peel back the mask and reveal more of your true self. It may be scary (at first) to leave yourself feeling vulnerable, but this IS the path to true communion.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

Today's balancing quarter moon in your partnership sector helps you restore the equilibrium in any relationships that have gotten a little lopsided. But it's up to you to 'monitor' the give-and-take and not let your generosity get the best of you. While that may seem like a loving thing to do, it can reinforce selfish or inconsiderate behaviour on the other person's part. Remember, Cancer: Ultimately we teach other people how we want to be treated.



Leo July 23 – August 22

Today's balancing quarter moon in motivated Capricorn helps keep momentum building for your fall wellness goals. Instead of returning to the same old cardio routine, this lunar lift encourages you to get adventurous. Try aerial yoga or a rock-climbing course—something that makes fitness feel more like recess. You could also try your hand at healthy recipes with ingredients you've never used before. Keeping your routines fresh supports your self-care goals. Bye-bye boredom, hello vitality!



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Goals, you've got a few. Coming up with new ideas and creating systematic approaches to achieving them is actually fun for your organised sign. And today's balancing quarter moon in your playful, passionate fifth house helps you animate them with enthusiasm! As the sign of service, you sometimes leave the 'pleasure principle' out of your endeavors. This lunar lift can remind you of the JOY to be found in your devotion. Duty and obligation may not be optional, but somberness certainly is! Before you lift a finger, ask how can you make the job feel a bit more like play? (Hint: location, location, location.)



Libra September 23 – October 23

A few weeks ago, the Sun swept into your sign, sprinkling pixie dust on your entire universe and all your goals. While you may be tingling with excitement, you might also be feeling a little overwhelmed by the vastness of your vision and unsure where to start. Relax, Libra! Today's balancing quarter moon in Capricorn and your foundational fourth house gives you the concentration—and patience—to attend to the practical details that are the first steps in making your dreams a reality. Don't focus on the obstacles—only the finish line!



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

You may still be processing a big 'aha' moment that flashed through your brain when the Sun beamed into your twelfth house of closure a few weeks ago. This isn't something you want to rush, Scorpio—nor can you—but you should see light at the end of tunnel starting today. A balancing quarter moon in Capricorn illuminates your cerebral third house and helps you make sense of what you've been experiencing.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

You might as well accept it, Sag: You're a terrible liar. So today, if you're not feeling something, don't even attempt to fake it! With the reactive moon in your expressive third house tussling with gentle Venus in your introspective corner, you need to be authentic and honour your true feelings. If your confidence is flagging, don't try to make yourself feel better by ragging on someone else. And watch out for 'constructive criticism' that comes with a razor-sharp sting.



Capricorn December 22 – January 19

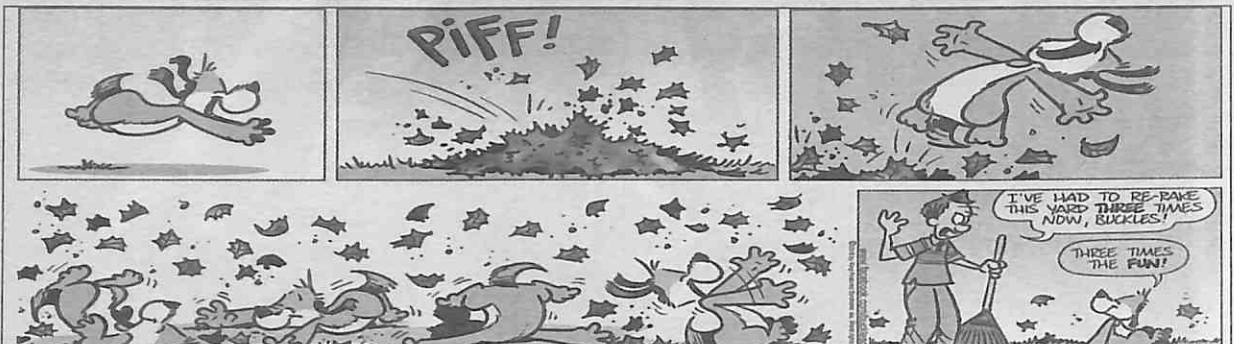
You love cooking up new goals and action plans and then hitting the ground running; and since September 22, when the Sun commenced its annual march through your career house, you may have felt a surge of motivation. Whether you want to rocket up the company ladder or become CEO of Capricorn, Inc., you surely have some big ambitions. Today's quarter moon in your sign calls a time-out and helps you evaluate how good of a fit this is. Leave your pride out of it and let your heart cast a vote. Ideally, this needs to feel as good as it looks!



BABY BLUES



BUCKLES



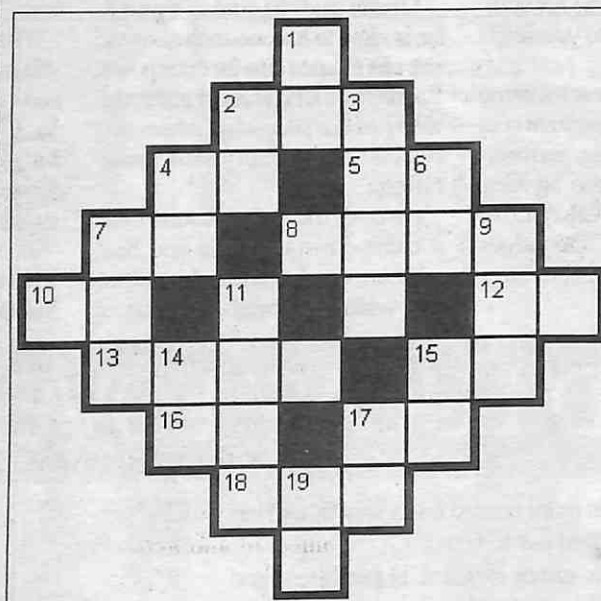
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

FIGURE IT

Look at the clues below and fill all the numbers you can into the grid. Then start again and use your answers to help solve the other clues.



Down

- Four times eight
- 12 across minus 16 across
- 1640 doubled
- 6 down minus 5 across
- Nine times nine
- Five times 121
- Half of 1450
- 716 doubled
- A third of sixty-three
- Number of hours in two days
- Half of 164
- 100 divided by five

Across

- 7 down minus 482
- Number of weeks in a year
- Number of days in four weeks
- Seven times nine
- 8617 re-arranged
- 15 down plus forty-two
- Quarter of 100
- Half of 10486
- Half of 10 across
- Quarter of 4 across
- Four times twenty-two
- 82+62+78

LOL

Laughing Out Loud

FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

Teacher asked: Why are you late for school?

Johnny: Because of the Sign.

Teacher: What Sign?

Johnny: The sign that says "School ahead go slow"

USELESS FACTS

1. In 1386, a pig in France was executed by public hanging for the murder of a child.

in your body, are in your feet!

2. The elephant is the only mammal that can't jump!

4. Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different!

3. One quarter of the bones

5. Adolf Hitler was a vegetarian, and had only one testicle.

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSYESTERDAY'S
BRAINTEASERS

1. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Answer: Snowflakes

2. Why do basketball players love donuts?

Answer: Because they can dunk them

TODAY'S
BRAINTEASERS

1. What you call a witch at a beach?

2. What did the nut say when it sneezed?



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NEWS



XAE CRASHES OUT OF IDOLS

AFTER 11 million votes, Xae takes a bow as the Idols SA curtain falls on her.

After a spectacular showstopper show last Sunday, Idols continues to push Mzansi's future superstars to the max. The recent Sunday saw the top six perform two songs each, a first for this season's live shows.

The first round, dubbed the Celebration of SA Music, was based on an artist or group that inspires each contestant. The second round was inspired by Love Songs, and saw the safe six serenading the audience at the State Theatre in Pretoria as well as the multitude of fans watching from home.

In no particular order, Proverb called out the ones who had received the highest of the almost 11 million votes over the past week.

Thato was the first to make it on stage and picked the legendary Ray Phiri, lead singer of the inimitable Stimela, as his inspiration. His first song was the band's Where Did We Go Wrong, followed by Usher's

U Got It Bad. Sceptic Somizi made an about-turn from his initial impression, calling Thato 'smooth, sexy and memorable'. Randall didn't hold back: "The late Ray Phiri would have loved that performance, and you made this [Usher] look so easy. I think you'll slip to the top."

Nosipho followed with her musical heroine Zahara's Destiny. Her love song was Beyoncé's Halo, a performance that received a positive response from the judges. "After two weeks of bad reviews, I really felt that tonight we saw a whole new Nosipho," said Randall. Somizi agreed, saying he 'accepts' her for who she is and that's who her audience loves. "Stay true to yourself!" he said.

Niyaaz was next to hear his name called. He named his inspiration as Afropop group Micassa, performing their timeless smash hit Jika. He followed up with Crazy Love by Brian McKnight. The judges concurred that he seems to have found his niche.

Thando received mixed reviews for her rendition of Thandiswa Mazwai's Nizalwa Ngobani and the Whitney Houston ballad, I Believe in You and Me. Somizi gave her a standing ovation for the first song because 'she sang it young and fresh' but Randall felt both performances were distinctly 'cabaret' and wasn't impressed.

King B gave an impassioned performance of Kelly Khumalo's Baby Please, gaining a standing ovation from both Somizi and Unathi. His follow-up was Adele's Make You Feel My Love, accompanied by just piano.

Unathi said she couldn't wait to be invited to his one-man show so she can listen to him for three hours. Randall said King B could go through with just one song while others sing two. Somizi simply said 'magnifique'.

Towards the end of Round One, it came down to Yanga and Xae, who nervously clutched hands as they waited for Proverb to announce

who received the least votes for the week.

The curtain fell on Xae, leaving Yanga to give a fervent performance of Zahara's *Xa Bendingena Mama* to a full house standing ovation. She later closed up the show with If This Isn't Love by Jennifer Hudson. Somizi was bowled over, saying she fed his 'spirit' and that he prayed for her to 'make it to the end of this marathon'.

But it was Unathi who rightfully announced she deserved bragging rights because she'd fought for her during Theatre Week. "It's a Yanga overload and a wonderful overload!"

With such a frantic pace, Idols still managed to bless the audience and viewers with a live performance by Vusi Nova, singing his latest hit, *Asphelelanga* featuring poet Jessica Mbangeni, a tribute to fallen artists.

Idols SA season 14 is on Mzansi Magic, DStv Channel 161 on Sundays at 17h00.

ON THE RIVER THIS WEEK

EPISODE 187 – DRAMA KINGS – TONIGHT

Wherever Andile goes, drama follows. Lindani prepares to make some major changes in his life.

EPISODE 188 – PANIC STATIONS – TOMORROW

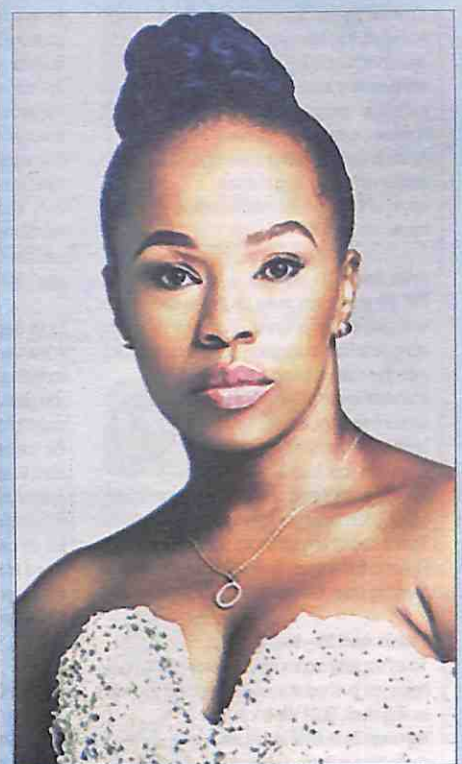
Andile's promiscuity impacts Lindiwe's business. Lindani shocks both Khabonina and Tumi with his latest idea.

EPISODE 189 – THE INTERVENTION – THURSDAY

Tumi is in for a spiritual surprise. Lindiwe has a plan to reign in Andile's behaviour, but could she make things worse between them?

EPISODE 190 – SURPRISE! – FRIDAY

Zolani knows exactly how to keep Lindani away from Tumi. TJ and Andile make up, only for Lindiwe to throw them a curve ball.



THE
RIVER

ELLAH AND LUCAS' LOVE STORY – OPW

SHE gave him quite the run-around at first.

Ellah and Lucas met through mutual friends. Well, it was mutual friends who actually introduced them, after Lucas spotted Ellah at a pub way back in 2005.

They'd meet and chat every time she came by to visit these mutual friends.

Lucas did not have it easy though. Ellah was reluctant at first.

She didn't quite like his lifestyle but Lucas took the initiative and talked to her, assuring her that he was a good guy.

That didn't stop Ellah from asking him a few hard questions though, LOL!

Sadly, his mom passed away shortly and her heart reached out to him.

He had a 'minor incident' at the funeral and had to be hospitalised.

This brought them even closer. Actually, it was during this time that their relationship flourished.

Lucas loves Ellah for her gentle-spirited nature.

She loves the fact that he likes to cook for her and their children. He's quite the good cook, she says.

Tonight, they get to share their dream wedding with us and the rest of the country.



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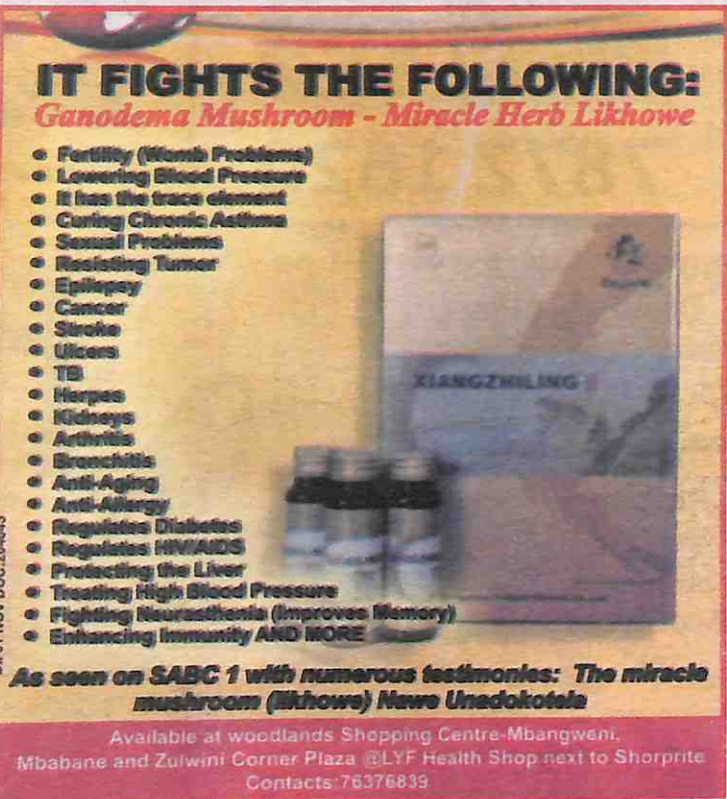
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AC MILAN THREATEN TO CANCEL BAKAYOKO LOAN

MILAN - Chelsea flop Tiemoue Bakayoko could be forced into a humiliating early return to Stamford Bridge after AC Milan threatened to cancel his loan deal.

The French midfielder joined the Serie A giants on a season-long loan deal in the summer, but that could now be cut short in January.

The former Monaco man - who cost Chelsea £40m when he arrived in the summer of

2017 - will be given six games to prove his worth to Milan according to Corriere dello Sport, having only made four substitute appearances thus far.

Milan boss Gennaro Gattuso has appeared to suggest that Bakayoko, 24, doesn't have the required maturity to play in his midfield.

"Bakayoko has to learn how to get the ball," he said recently.

"We must work correctly. It

will not be easy. "One week is not enough to remove the defects of a player. I would have preferred to be managing older, more experienced club players."

Bakayoko made 43 appearances for Chelsea last season, scoring three goals.

Mirror

CANCELLING THE DEAL: Tiemoue Bakayoko.



'Bolt has one key attribute that will help his football dream'

SYDNEY - Usain Bolt bagged his first ever goals last week to nudge him another step closer to realising his dream of becoming a professional footballer.

The Jamaican sprint king is determined to prove his doubters wrong and win a contract for the Central Coast Mariners in Australia.

And former Leeds United striker Ross McCormack, who partnered Bolt up front for the Aussie A-League side, believes he has one key attribute that makes him stand out from the rest: his pace!

"First impression is he is an absolute specimen of a human being," said McCormack, speaking to the Daily Mail.

"Huge, 6ft 5in tall and his shoulders seem about three metres wide. He eats like a horse but he can burn it off.

"A few of the lads have tried to test themselves running against him but once he stretches his legs and hits his stride, you're like, 'Jesus, that's fast'.

McCormack revealed that Bolt needed to work on his stamina because he is used to a different type of fitness with sprinting.

But the former Aston Villa star believes Bolt, 32, has the talent and attributes to make it as a pro because of the "fear factor of his pace". "Defenders won't want to allow him to turn or run," he added.

"They know they won't be able to catch him." *Mirror*

BARCA'S VERMAELEN OUT FOR SIX WEEKS WITH HAMSTRING INJURY

BARCELONA - Barcelona's Belgian defender Thomas Vermaelen will be sidelined for around six weeks after picking up a right hamstring injury while on international duty, the Spanish giants said yesterday.

The 32-year-old, who has been hit by a string of injuries since signing for the Catalan

club in 2014, limped off the field in the second half of Belgium's 2-1 win over Switzerland in the Nations League on Friday.

Carried

"Tests carried out this morning confirm that first team player Thomas Vermaelen has a right hamstring injury. He will be sidelined for approx-

imately six weeks," the club said in a statement.

The injury leaves Barcelona short of options in defence as the team is already without French centre-back Samuel Umtiti who has a knee injury, with only Gerard Pique and Clement Lenglet at their disposal.

AFP

KOMPANY HAILS LONG OVERDUE PROGRESS

BELGIUM - Pierre Kompany received 1 327 votes and has one of nine seats for his party in the municipal council.

Vincent Kompany's dad has been elected the first black mayor in Belgian history.

Pierre Kompany, 71, will stand in Ganshoren, one of the 19 municipalities in the Brussels-Capital region of Belgium, for the ProGanshoren party.

He received 1 327 votes and has one of nine seats for his party in the municipal council.

Pierre will become the new mayor as part of an agreement with sees ProGanshoren seal an initial coalition agreement

with two other parties to reach a majority in the council.

But he will pass the title on halfway through his term to party colleague Jean-Paul Van Laethem.

Happy

He said: "I'm happy that together with these two strong partners [coalition partners Liste du Bourgmestre and Defi] I will be in a position to restore order to the political climate which the inhabitants of the municipality of Ganshoren have known."

In a video, Manchester City captain Kompany and his brother-in-law Francois are seen congratulating their dad on his electoral victory.

The defender said: "Just for the guys abroad, he is the first black mayor in Belgium. It's never happened before, it's historical, congratulations to my dad."

Kompany also wrote: "History! We are so proud of you dad. Came over from the DR Congo, as a refugee, in 1975. Now gained the trust of your local community becoming the first ever black elected mayor in Belgium!"

"It was long overdue but it's progress. Massive congrats!"

Mirror

Bolt offered two-year contract at Champions League-chasing club

LONDON - Usain Bolt has reportedly been offered a two-year contract by a club in Europe.

The former Olympic champion sprinter hit the headlines last week when he scored twice for Australian side Central Coast Mariners in their friendly against Macarthur South West United. And now Tony Rallis, the Jamaican's agent during his stint Down Under, has told ESPN: "There is a club in Europe that has offered Bolt a two-year deal, they have been taken over by new owners who have aspirations of Champions League football."

It remains unclear exactly who is trying to sign Bolt but ESPN report that Central Coast Mariners boast connections with sides around the world, such as Sheffield United and Ferencváros in Hungary.

They also claim Everton and Maltese Premier League side Balzan are 'player development partners'. Bolt retired from athletics in 2017, since which he has trained with Borussia Dortmund and made clear his desire to earn a professional deal. Following his brace last week Central Coast Mariners CEO Shaun Mielekamp told ESPN that 'it's too early to tell' if they will take on the 32-year-old.

Daily mail

Keino charged over 2016 Olympics graft

NAIROBI - Two-time Olympic gold medalist Kipchoge Keino was one of seven Kenyan officials charged yesterday in a scandal involving the mismanagement of funds during the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

Four of the suspects were in court while the others, including former sports minister Hassan Wario and Keino - who headed the Olympic committee - were charged in absentia.

Magistrate Douglas Ogoti said he would issue arrest warrants against the absent parties if they did not turn themselves in by Thursday. Wario is out of the country, as he serves as Kenya's ambassador to Austria.

Those present pleaded not guilty and were released on bail of one million shillings (\$9 900 8 500 euros).

The men were slapped with charges ranging from abuse of office to failing to comply with laws on the management of public funds.

They cover the alleged crimes of embezzlement, the purchase of unauthorised air tickets, overpayment of allowances and expenditure on unauthorised persons, all to the amount of 55 million shillings.

Agence France-Presse

Halep secures second year-end number one ranking

PARIS - Simona Halep has secured the year-end number one ranking in the WTA standings for the second year running.

The Romanian spent 40 weeks at No. 1 in 2018, a season that saw her win three titles from a tour-leading six final appearances, amassing a 46-11 win-loss record.

This year Halep has won the Shenzhen Open, the Rogers Cup and her debut Grand Slam crown at Roland Garros. In addition, she reached the title match at the Australian Open, in Rome and Cincinnati.

"Finishing the season as the WTA World No.1 last year was a huge honour for me," said Halep.

"To do it for a second time in 2018

feels like a special achievement, especially having also won my first Grand Slam this year. To be able to see my name again alongside the other legends who have achieved the year-end No.1 ranking makes me very proud."

The WTA rankings as of October 15 are:

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7. Petra Kvitová (CZE) 4255
8. Sloane Stephens (USA) 4022
9. Julia Görges (GER) 3785



SHOT: Simona Halep.

10. Kiki Bertens (NED) 3740
11. Anastasija Sevastova (LAT) 3240 (+1)
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SPRINTER: Usain Bolt.



MAN UNITED LINED UP FOR TAKEOVER BID BY SAUDI ARABIAN CROWN PRINCE

MANCHESTER - Manchester United could be set for huge Middle East investment as Saudi Arabia's crown prince - a man worth around £850 billion - 'eyes up a potential takeover'.

Mohammad bin Salman - who currently holds the second highest position in the Saudi government behind the King - wants to take on the Abu Dhabi-based owners of Manchester City in the Premier League, it was reported yesterday.

The 33-year-old wants to make his mark in the world of football and views the Glazer-owned Manchester United as the perfect acquisition, reported The Sun.

If United's current owners were to sell the club, it would cost the Saudis more than £3bn - but there is a chance that the crown prince could instead just buy a portion.

Saudi Arabia has already delved into the world of sport with purchases in both F1 and WWE - and

football is already part of a wider political battle between the Gulf States. For example, the Saudis, who severed all ties with Qatar last year, banned Qatari channel beIN Sports. Then channel BeoutQ, allegedly based in Saudi Arabia, apparently started pirating beIN Sport's coverage of the English top flight. It is as yet unclear whether the Glazer family would be willing to sell the club. They have made no comment on the idea of selling

since their arrival back in 2005.

Co-chairman Avram Glazer's recent whereabouts have fuelled rumours of an imminent sale though, with him spending a large chunk of his time in the Middle East.

He is even due to attend the Future Investment Initiative conference in Saudi Arabia's capital Riyadh next week, alongside leading bankers and investors based around the globe.

DailyMail

I love English football - Dzeko

ROME - Roma striker Edin Dzeko has admitted that he is still in love with English football and would be happy to make a return to the Premier League.

The 32-year old lanky forward won the Premier League twice during his four-and-a-half-years at Manchester City, before making the switch to the Serie A in 2016.

Dzeko revealed that he would be happy to make a return to England but is also aware that it will not be easy due to his age.

The Bosnian has in recent years been linked with a move to Chelsea but has remained with the Giallorossi.

"It's probably too late for me to return to the Premier League, but you never know: we'll see," Dzeko told at a Press conference in Bosnia.

"I love English football. I played in the Premier League for four-and-a-half years and enjoyed it a lot, even if I'm happy at Roma right now."

Sport24



Everton's attack can punish anyone - Digne

LONDON - Everton full-back Lucas Digne has praised the Blues' attacking prowess and believes they have the firepower to trouble any Premier League defence.

Marco Silva's charges have scored five goals in their last two league fixtures, beating Fulham 3-0 before a 2-1 win at Leicester City on October 6.

Gylfi Sigurdsson has scored five

goals in nine appearances across all competitions, while Richarlison has bagged four in seven.

Defence

"It's important to win and play well," Digne told the club's official website.

"Against Leicester, we improved in our work. We have a very good attack and we can score every minute. It's so difficult for the opposition

defence.

"Now, we need to continue our hard work and continue to improve. We're already looking forward to playing Crystal Palace in front of our home fans."

The Merseyside outfit will host Crystal Palace at Goodison Park on Saturday as they target a third consecutive win.

Sport 24

Fred wants to stay at United for many years

MANCHESTER - Manchester United midfielder Fred has revealed that he watched English football growing up.

The Brazil international joined the Red Devils from Shakhtar Donetsk on a five-year contract this season.

He has already featured in five Premier League matches as well as in the Champions League and EFL Cup - scoring once in the league.

Speaking to the club's website in an official interview, the 25-year-old gave a fascinating insight into his new life in

Manchester.

He said: "I always watched a lot of English football. It has always been really strong. I use to watch United, Manchester City, Chelsea and Arsenal, when Gilberto Silva used to play there.

"I have many idols like Gilberto, Thierry Henry, Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes - many great players that have been here as well."

Fred spoke of his life growing up in Brazil and how the support of his family helped him become a professional footballer.

"I was really

happy during my childhood in the area where I grew up. I had many friends in the neighbourhood, always playing football in the streets.

"My father signed me up for football training when I was only four and my grandfather also used to take me. My family have always supported me to develop my football. When I was 10 I started playing for Atletico Mineiro and that was the start of my professional career.

"I played for Atletico and Internacional and then moved to Ukraine with Shakhtar Donetsk. My family supported me a lot and I'm very thankful for them. They were always by my side supporting my dream - it was their dream, too. "And today I'm here in Manchester, in this country that is so different to Brazil and Belo Horizonte but I'm adapting well. My first son is going to be born here. I like this country a lot and I hope I can stay here for many years."

AFP

Gomez one of the best - Alexander-Arnold

LIVERPOOL - Trent Alexander-Arnold says team-mate Joe Gomez is developing into one of the best centre-backs in the Premier League playing alongside Virgil van Dijk.

The young defender has bounced back strongly from an injury setback having missed-out on the UEFA Champions League final as well as England's campaign at the 2018 World Cup in Russia.

The 21-year-old has built a solid partnership with the experienced van Dijk in the heart of Liverpool's defence this season and played in 10 of their 11 matches so far.

"He (Gomez) is showing this season he is a top player," Alexander-Arnold told his club website.

"At a young age, he's one of the best in his position in the league. That takes some doing, so that's credit to him especially with the setbacks he has had. "He has an immense hunger and drive to keep succeeding, going forward and getting better. You see that every day in training with the way he applies himself."

Sport 24



Mata looking forward to tough October end with Man United

MANCHESTER - Manchester United midfielder Juan Mata says the Red Devils will need to be at the top of their game when they clash with Chelsea and Juventus in the coming weeks.

United have endured a difficult start to their 2018/19 season with pressure mounting on manager Jose Mourinho after some disappointing performances from his side.

Mourinho's charges lost 3-1 at West Ham United before a goalless draw at home

against Valencia, and then had to dig deep to come back from 2-0 down to beat a struggling Newcastle side at Old Trafford.

The upcoming fixtures will be even more challenging for United as they will travel to Stamford Bridge to face Maurizio Sarri's Chelsea, who sit in second position in the Premier League standings, before hosting Serie A champions Juventus in the Champions League next week Tuesday.

Sport 24



RIVALDO COETZEE SUFFERS ANOTHER INJURY SETBACK

PRETORIA - Rivaldo Coetzee's long-awaited debut for Mamelodi Sundowns has been delayed further by another injury.

Coetzee was meant to play in the club's Prince Mangosuthu Legacy Cup friendly win over AmaZulu in KwaZulu-Natal last Saturday, but he was withdrawn with a hamstring complaint.

Sundowns assistant coach Manqoba Mngqithi feels for the former Ajax Cape Town defender.

"We were really hoping that he would play. Rivaldo was supposed to play this match. We believed that he had played enough matches in the MDC and deserves an opportunity to come and play in this team," Mngqithi said.

"But unfortunately in the last training session he stretched his hamstring, which is a new injury now. But we don't think it's something very serious."

"We are very happy with him. He

played against TS Sporting, a friendly match last Wednesday and he played very well."

Sundowns signed Coetzee in August 2017 from Ajax soon after he failed a medical at Scottish giants Glasgow Celtic with a foot problem.

Coetzee, who had surgery to treat the issue, featured for the first time in over a year during the Multichoice Diski Challenge festival in Hammarsdale, KZN last month.

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BRIEF

Hunt teaches you how to win

CAPE TOWN - Haashim Domingo insists he joined Wits 'to win titles' and believes Gavin Hunt is the perfect coach to help him achieve that.

The Ajax Cape Town youth product returned to these shores in the off-season after a three-and-a-half-year spell in Portugal with Vitoria Guimaraes. Domingo has been a regular feature for Hunt's side in the opening three months of the new campaign as they sit pretty at the top of the Premiership table.

The 23-year-old forward has played in seven of their nine league games to date, although he has yet to find the back of the net for his new club.

Kickoff

Lebese must double his efforts

DURBAN - George Lebese joined Mamelodi Sundowns from Kaizer Chiefs last season with huge expectations, but has now turned into a spectator at his new home. Lebese is struggling to even make the 18-man squad these days.

He was also left behind this past weekend as the Brazilians defeated AmaZulu 2-1 to lift the Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi Legacy Cup this past Saturday at Umlund Stadium in KwaZulu-Natal.

Lyle Lakay and Themba Zwane propelled Sundowns to victory, while Siyabonga Nomvethe netted the consolation for Uthuthu. Aubrey Ngoma operated as the left winger, exchanging positions on the flanks with Gaston Sirino.

The Mercury

Mahlonoko named in UK media as one of 'Best Young Talents' in the world

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates midfielder Augustine Mahlonoko is looking to follow in the footsteps of Lyle Foster as one of the top young prospects of 2018.

Foster, 18, left Pirates this year and is now playing for Monaco in the French top-flight.

Now for the second successive year Pirates have a youngster listed in The Guardian's annual list.

The UK-based publication, has run an article titled: Next Generation - 60 of the Best Young Talents in the World which features the 17-year-

old. The Vaal-born midfielder has been listed alongside other prospects such as Rodrygo from Santos. Rodrygo is considered by many as the new Neymar with the 17-year-old already agreeing to join Spanish giants Real Madrid when he turns 18. Mahlonoko, who already plays for the first team and boasts the record of being the youngest-ever player to don the Pirates jersey having played in Pirates' 1-1 draw against Highlands Park at only 16 years and 352 days, says it's an honour to be named alongside players like Rodrygo.

"It is wonderful to be mentioned among some of the best

young talents in the world, but this doesn't mean that the work is done.

"This only tells me that I have potential to achieve big things in my footballing career, but I need to put in the hard work because without hard work nothing can be achieved," said Mahlonoko.

Other players who have previously been listed in the Guardian Top-60 and have gone on to impress on the global scene include Gianluigi Donnarumma (2016), Martin Odegaard (2015), Timothy Fosu-Mensah (2015) and Christian Pulisic. (2017).

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Chippa star Frédéric Nsabiyeumva makes SA second home

JOHANNESBURG - It is no child's play for any teenager to adapt to life in a different country thousands of kilometres away from home.

Burundian-born Chippa United defender Frédéric Nsabiyeumva is no special case.

The lanky centre-back arrived in SA to play for Jomo Cosmos at the tender age of 18 in 2013. While admitting that acculturating to the South African way of living was difficult, Nsabiyeumva, now 23, thanks his former Cosmos and Kaizer Chiefs compatriot Valery Nahayo for advising him about how he should make SA his second home. "It's always a mountain to climb to start a new life, but it's even tougher when you do it in another country. Nahayo made my life a little bit easier. He told me what to expect when I joined Cosmos," Nsabiyeumva said. **Sowetanlive**

Why Paez should have shaken Solinas' hand

JOHANNESBURG - Former Kaizer Chiefs midfielder, Junior Khanye, was impressed with the team's performance in their win against Bloemfontein Celtic this past weekend.

Amakhosi beat Siwelele 2-0 at the Free State Stadium on Sunday afternoon to win the Macufe Cup for the seventh time. Speaking to the Siya crew, Khanye has explained why he was impressed by Chiefs, and particularly Lebogang Manyama, who scored one of the goals on the day.

"Watching Kaizer Chiefs play the way they did (over) the weekend, I was very excited, I even told a guy I was chatting with. I am very happy to see Lebogang Manyama coming to the party after a while. I was very impressed with his movement off the ball and his passing of the ball. I like seeing him play in a number 10 role. He did well on Sunday and he should play like that in official games as well. At Chiefs, there are no friendly games. Like Manyama said in his post-match interview, there are no



AMAKHOSI: Kaizer Chiefs head coach Giovanni Solinas and Gustavo Paez.

friendly games for Chiefs," said Khanye.

Khanye has also weighed in on the incident involving Gustavo Paez, who was caught by television cameras seemingly avoiding a handshake from Chiefs head coach Giovanni Solinas after he was substituted in the second half of the match.

"That guy (Paez) needs to be given a chance. Look at his runs, we (Chiefs) would get a lot of goals from him and from his runs. All that the guy needs is to be given enough chance to play. He can play. Personally,

I prefer Paez than Leonardo Castro. His (Paez) movements on the field are vital to helping other players to score goals. All he needs is a proper chance to show what he can do. I saw him when he came off and I was disappointed," added Khanye.

"As a footballer myself, I understand that he was emotional. He is under pressure, because as a foreigner and having been around for some time now, he knows he has to deliver."

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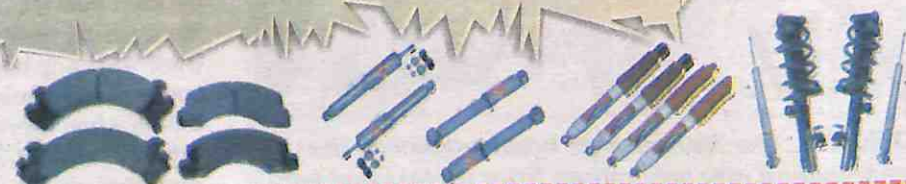
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IMPRESSIVE ENGLAND SEE OFF SPAIN IN FIVE-GOAL THRILLER

SEVILLE - England put in an impressive display as they hammered Spain 3-2 in the UEFA Nations League at the Estadio Benito Villamarín yesterday evening.

Spain dominated the opening exchanges, with the likes of Marcos Alonso and Marco Asensio going close to scoring in the opening 10 minutes.

It was England who broke the deadlock in the 17th minute as Marcus Rashford set Raheem Sterling on his way and the Manchester City man rifled the ball into the top corner, leaving David de Gea with no chance.

The lead was doubled in the 29th minute as Kane turned provider to pick out Rashford, who controlled well before firing past a helpless De

Gea. It got better for the visitors after 38 minutes. Ross Barkley's neat pass found Kane, who in-turn picked out Sterling for the simple tap-in from six-yards out. That proved to be the final goal-mouth action of the half as the Three Lions took a comfortable three-goal lead into the break.

With Spain struggling to break down England, Luis Enrique threw Paco Alcacer and Dani Ceballos in the 55th minute. Alcacer's impact was immediate, as the Borussia Dortmund forward - on loan from FC Barcelona - nodded home Asensio's corner two minutes after his arrival to make it 3-1. La Roja were in full control as the half went on, as the likes of Alcacer and Asensio went close to scoring with efforts from distance.

UEFA NATIONS LEAGUE - LEAGUE A

Iceland	1-2	Switzerland
Spain	2-3	England

UEFA Nations League - League B		
Herzegovina	2 - 0	N.Ireland

UEFA Nations League - League C		
Estonia	3 - 3	Hungary
Finland	2 - 0	Greece

UEFA Nations League - League D		
Belarus	0 - 0	Moldova
Luxembourg	3 - 0	San Marino

Spain were rewarded with a second goal with the final kick of the game as Sergio Ramos fired home from close range, but England held on for the win. *Daily Mail*

No trial for former German FA bosses over World Cup payment

ZURICH - Two former heads of the German Football Association and two other officials will not go on trial for suspected tax evasion over a payment ahead of the 2006 World Cup hosted by Germany, Frankfurt's regional court said yesterday.

Former DFB chiefs Theo Zwanziger and Wolfgang Niersbach as well as fellow former DFB General Secretary Horst Schmidt and a former world soccer body FIFA official were charged in June.

But the regional court said it had "not seen enough suspicion of wrongdoing" to warrant a trial.

The prosecutor's office has one week to appeal against the decision which was welcomed by the current DFB leadership.

"We see our legal opinion confirmed through this decision of the regional court in Frankfurt," DFB President Reinhard Grindel said in a statement.

"That the case of the 6.7 million euros (R112.22 million) was indeed a business-related expense. We now hope that we also achieve legal clarity in the taxation process."

The four men had always denied any wrongdoing.

The Frankfurt prosecutor charged them with serious tax evasion in connection with the 2006 World Cup, accusing them of arranging submission of incorrect tax returns to allow the DFB to avoid paying around R197.87 million euros in tax. The returns included a 6.7 million euro (R115.550million) pay-



CHARGED: Wolfgang Niersbach.

ment from the DFB to FIFA for a World Cup 2006 cultural event, although the funds were in fact used for another purpose and should not have been offset against tax, the prosecution had argued.

The payment in question triggered several investigations and led to Niersbach's resignation over allegations it had been used as a slush fund to buy votes in favour of Germany's bid to host the 2006 tournament.

A DFB-commissioned investigation in 2016 said the sum was the return of a loan via FIFA from former Adidas ADGn.DE chief Robert Louis-Dreyfus.

Last year, the tax office had ordered the DFB to pay 19.2 million euros (R321 567 934) in back taxes related to the payment. *AFP*

Per Mertesacker retires in tears

MUNICH - Per Mertesacker was left sobbing during his emotional testimonial after his 67-year-old father replaced him on the field on Saturday afternoon.

The 'Big Friendly German', as he is affectionately known, called time on his career in May before putting together a farewell match which pitted Mertesacker's 'Hannover 96 friends' against a World XI managed by none other than Arsene Wenger.

The 40 000 fans in attendance at the HDI Arena were treated to a 19-goal thriller with the big man himself getting on the score-sheet one final time.

Claudio Pizarro, Torsten Frings

and Kieran Gibbs were some of the names that turned out for the one-off occasion as everyone bid farewell to the World Cup winner's career.

As the game reached the 89-minute mark, the 34-year-old left the pitch before being replaced by his father, leaving Mertesacker in tears.

The former Arsenal man then enjoyed a lap of the pitch to thank the thousands of supporters before struggling to contain his emotions.

Mertesacker then addressed the fans after the game to round off a heart-warming day in Germany.

Daily Mail



EMOTIONAL: Per Mertesacker breaks down as the Arsenal legend officially retires from professional soccer during a testimonial match managed by Arsene Wenger.

CAR look for upset win over the Elephants

BANGUI - Central Africa Republic will look for an upset win over Ivory Coast when the teams meet in a Group H 2019 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier at the Barthelemy Boganda Stadium in Bangui today, kick-off at 4pm CAT.

The teams crossed swords at Stade Bouake on Friday evening and the Ivory Coast cruised to a 4-0 victory, thanks to goals from Jonathan Kodjia, Eric Bailly, Cheick Doucoure and

Maxwel Cornet.

The result sees the Elephants placed second in the pool on six points (trailing leaders Guinea, who have collected a full haul of nine points), while CAR are placed third on three points and Rwanda complete the quartet with zero points.

The 2015 Afcon champions will fancy their chances of a second away win in the group (having beaten Rwanda 2-1 in Kigali last month) and hope that

it brings them back into contention for top spot, as Guinea face a potentially tricky match away to the East Africans (which kicks off at 3pm CAT).

As for 'Les Fauves' only a win will suffice if they are to keep alive their hopes of qualifying for their first ever continental finals, and their home win over Rwanda back in June last year will give them hope that they can get back on track.

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Madagascar poised to make Africa Cup of Nations history

JOHANNESBURG - Madagascar will book a place at the Africa Cup of Nations tournament for the first time if they defeat visiting Equatorial Guinea today.

Form favours the Malagasy as they edged their Group A opponents 1-0 away two days ago, thanks to an early goal from France-based Faneva Andriatsima. He was among 10 foreign-based starters for Madagascar with defender Tobisoa Njakanirina from perennial domestic champions CNA PS Sport the exception.

Frenchman Nicolas Dupuis coaches the team from the huge Indian Ocean island and has steadily transformed them from whipping boys to competitive opponents. That much was evident last month when they twice came from behind against 2018 World Cup qualifiers Senegal in Antananarivo to force a 2-2 draw. The top-of-the-table clash was staged against the tragic backdrop



CELEBRATION: Madagascar players celebrate after beating South Africa on penalties in the 2018 COSAFA quarter-final in June. Now, the Island nation is on track to qualify for its first ever African Cup of Nations.

of a pre-match stampede outside the national stadium which left one supporter dead and 41 injured.

A consequence was that Madagascar must play their next three home matches away from the Mahamasina Stadium

and will face the Equatoguineans in Vontovorona. "We have learnt many lessons from that sad occasion and there will be no recurrence," interim Malagasy football chief Doda Andriamiasoa assured reporters. *AFP*

Weekend Sports Results

Compiled by: Sabelo Gwebu

Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League - E77 000

Southern zone

Swazi Sun	0	PMT	2
Sibovini	2	Imbumbi	3
Community	0	Billy Ocean	1
Emajukujuku	2	Kupheleni	2

Northern Zone

Kappa Kappa	0	Vultures	0
Sigodlo	1	Khanjana	1
Mshweni	3	N. Swallows	1

Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League - E77 000

Sandia	2	Mvakwelitje	1
White City	4	Double Action	2
Amawele	3	Real Tec	2
Sidwashini utd	3	Pot O Gold	3
Pine Valley	3	Classic	3

B. Division

N. Rangers	1	Mantsholo Utd	1
Mphalati	2	Mbabane Utd	1
Free Style	1	Mpolonjeni	2
D. Darkies	0	R. Dynamos	2
Lusoti	2	Mantsholo FC	3

Shark Mhlangatane League E50 000

Eastern

Liverpool	2	N. Castle	1
T. Wizards	1	M. Cosmos	4
Xi Men	5	H. Defenders	2

Western

Lohlalane	0	Zinyane	2
Celtics	1	Chelsea	0
Weirna	4	Democracy	1
Professionals	2	Manchester	3
Movers	0	Hotfighters	0
Arsenal	0	City Stars	0
Thuluzobona	1	Mpofu Aces	1

Bakhanyisele Mabulala & Gongz Maphalaleni

League - E50 000

Western Stream

Hotspurs	0	Blue Birds	2
Young Lovers	2	Manchester	2
Junior Stars	2	Barcelona	1
Young Stars	2	Liselesele	0

Eastern Stream

Rollers	1	Sphambanweni	3
Mighty Birds	0	Love Peace	1

Buy Cash Pigg's Peak KO - E25 000

Maguga	3	Supersport	5(P)
Rockville	5	Rise & Shine	3(P)
Hotspurs	5	Bush Bucks	4(P)

Futis Nkhaba League - E30 000

Ngwenya Utd	4	Super Stasr	3
Mhl. Celtics	1	Atletico	5
Majotini	1	Nkoyoyo Jnr	1
Nkoyoyo	1	Real Rovers	1
Barcelona	3	Kasi Xi	0
Bafana	2	MAnyisa	1
Dribbling Stars	2	Lubhedze	0
Crocodile	2	Fast Movers	1

Bhulane Resort Ndzingeni League - E50 000

Mvuma

FC Academy	13	Super Aces	0
Mz. Celtics	3	Tihlabani	1
Happiness	4	Zizweni	1
Gebhulas	1	Tsunami	0
Mphondla	5	Volcano	1
Red Sea	3	Blue Ocean	0
D. Darkies	1	KK Ajax	0

Bulandzeni

Young Stars	6	Arsenal	1
Liverpool	1	Real United	0

Sweet Banana	1	Mpumalanga Aces	1
Supersport	2	Young Chiefs	0
K. Celtics	2	Rebels	0
White City	2	Winners Park	0

Timphisini Regional League

Promotion

M. Swallows	1	Mbs. Swallows	1
Mv. Sundown	0	Njakeni City	0
Gunners	0	Ellegence	0
Hh. Pirates	0	Ngonini	2

B. Division

Y. Swallows	3	Zamalek	0
Besutwini	2	Njakeni Utd	3
Young Tigers	4	Red Lions	3

Swazi Trac - Lubombo Super League

Juventus	2	Magwanyane	1
Mkhweli All Stars	3	Ntengenyane	2
Sikhalo Se- Africa	1	Mkhweli All Stars	1
CK Survivors	2	Mauritius	3
Rail United	5	Peacemakers	0
Samampela	1	CPL	2
Ubombo Flyers	1	Shewula Arsenal	1
Crookes United	3	Illovo	2
Bhelebane	1	Malahleni United	0

RSSC Siyakha North West

Tabankulu Celtics	1	Tabankulu FC	0
Revelations	2	Professionals	0
Eastern Pirates	1	Born Again	2
Brave Lions	3	Young Killers	1
Equator	5	Njakeni United	1

RSSC Siyakha 1800 North East

Professionals	0	Classic	1
Juventus	0	JB	1
Free at Last	2	Zamalek	1
Silver Stars	2	Summerise	1

Zwelabantu	5	XI Stars	0
Bacambi	3	Rhinos	0

Lubombo Southern Zone

Matata	1	Juluka	0
Nisela	1	Richmond	0
Liverpool	1	Phaferi	0
Distillers	1	Ubombo United	1
Manzamyama	4	Young Stars	1
Manyovu	3	Luvatsi	1
Sugar Factory	3	Black Aces	1
Gamula	4	Asbestors	1

Lubombo Western Zone

A Division

Kukhanyeni	4	Celtics	1
Seabirds	0	Vultures	2
Manchester	4	Bekela Chiefs	1
Red Lion	3	Mamisa United	2
Sithobela	3	Tawern	1
Heroes	1	Bombers	2
Gucuka	2	Stone breakers	0
Mamisa Prof	0	Black Swallows	1

B Division

Nceka	1	Liverpool	1
Big Boys	1	Bhunu Mall	1
Barcelona	1	Hagar	1
Typers	2	Junior Stars	2
Mbuzana	2	Nkunzemnyama	2
Mighty Birds	3	Mtjeke	0
Young Aces	0	Thuluzobona	0

Malindza Football Zonal League

Liverpool	2	Dvokodweni	2
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Super League

Bhelebane	1	Malahleni	0
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Khune has new milestone in sight after 40 Bafana Bafana clean sheets

JOHANNESBURG - Itumeleng Khune will move into outright second place on the all-time Bafana Bafana caps list if he plays in the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon) qualifier against Seychelles in Victoria today.

Khune won cap number 89 on Saturday, taking him level with long-time former Kaizer Chiefs teammate Siphwe Tshabalala on the list of most decorated internationals for SA.

Should he feature against the Seychelles, Khune will move into the 90s and closer to the record holder Aaron Mokoena, who won 107 caps during an illustrious 11-year spell with Bafana.

Khune might have moved past that mark already were it not for injuries down the years, but if he can stay fit, he should have no trouble doing so



NEW MILESTONE: Itumeleng Khune.

as he keeps a firm grip on the number one jersey for the national team.

He had arguably his quietest international match ever on Saturday, when he did not have to field a sin-

gle shot from the Seychelles, catching just one cross and otherwise providing an outlet for his defenders with their back-passes.

Coach Stuart Baxter may be tempted to give a run to one of the other keepers in the squad today, Darren Keet or Ronwen Williams, but he may be loathe too to field an under-strength side on what will be a difficult artificial surface.

Khune, who has also captained SA on 21 occasions, provides the side with the ability to turn defence into lightning quick attack with his distribution, which is arguably among the best in the world for a goalkeeper. The Chiefs keeper won his first cap in March 2008 during a 2-1 friendly win over Zimbabwe, as he too approaches 11 years in a national team jersey. *Times Live*



BIG IMPACT: Shaun Bartlett discusses tactics with Bafana Bafana coach Stuart Baxter. (BackpagePix)

Shaun Bartlett makes big impact at Bafana Bafana

JOHANNESBURG - If we had known that Bafana Bafana would score a record six goals once Shaun Bartlett has been part of the coaching team, then he should've been there a long time ago!

The South Africans have long been criticised for their lack of ruthlessness in front of goal against 'smaller teams' over the years, and it played a big role in them not qualifying for this year's World Cup in Russia.

Bafana had gone down home and away against the Cape Verde Islands, the weakest team on paper in Group D, whose four goals all came against South Africa, who netted seven times.

The same problem resulted in them missing out on the 2017 Africa Cup of Nations as they drew four out of the six quali-

fiers, winning just once and losing to lowly Mauritania away.

They drew 0-0 with Gambia and Cameroon in Durban, as well as a 1-1 stalemate with Mauritania in Nelspruit - the other all-square game being the 2-2 result against Cameroon in Limpopo.

But it looks like things are changing after Stuart Baxter brought in Bartlett, ahead of the past weekend's Afcon qualifier against Seychelles.

Yes, Seychelles (No. 189) are the lowest-ranked team Bafana have ever played, and they are a bunch of part-timers with day jobs.

But six goals were still scored, the most by SA, and Baxter was delighted with Bartlett's influence on the team.

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Turan could face more than 12 years jail for brawl

ISTANBUL - Turkish prosecutors yesterday charged Barcelona player Arda Turan over an alleged brawl with a prominent singer, asking for the footballer to be sentenced to 12 and-a-half years in jail.

The prosecutors charged Turan, who is currently on loan to Istanbul's Basaksehir, with sexual harassment, unlicensed possession of weapons and causing intentional injury over the fight with singer

Berkay Sahin, the state-run Anadolu news agency said.

Sahin, who goes on stage by his first name Berkay, was also charged, with prosecutors demanding up to two years in jail. Turan, 31, had last week been summoned to an Istanbul Police Station to give a statement about the incident but was allowed to walk free.

The incident, which took place outside an Istanbul nightclub and reportedly left

Sahin with a broken nose, has transfixed Turkey over the last days. In a bizarre sequence of events, Turan then reportedly went to the hospital where the singer was being treated clutching a gun and begging to be shot and forgiven.

The attacking midfielder, who won 100 caps for the national side, has for years been Turkey's best known footballer and is a strong supporter of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. *AFP*

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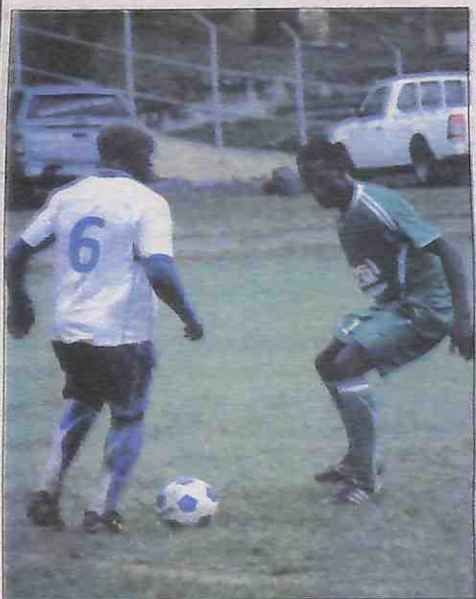
BIG PRIZE: The trophy and medals teams were competing for on Sunday.



WINNERS: Me and You United players celebrate their trophy after they won the Tops at Spar Social Soccer tournament after they beat Checkers 2 - 1 in the final. They are joined by Manzini Mayor Mxolisi Mabuza. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)



CONSOLATION PRIZE: Zulwini Social representatives displaying their prize.



CLOSING DOWN: Checkers defender marking his man.



THIRD: Kai Kai team reps hold up their prize for finishing third.



WE GOOD: Me and You team representatives displaying their prizes.



GOAL KICK: Zulwini Social goal-keeper clears the ball during their match against Checkers.



MAKE WAY: Checkers Social player attempting to go past a Me and You United defender.



ME AND THE MAYOR: Checkers' Social team member Dukai poses with Manzini Mayor Mxolisi 'Waxola' Mabuza.

WE DID IT: Me and You United fans and players celebrate after the team won their final against Checkers Social.



THREE AMIGOS: Bright, Dukai and Maldini from Checkers Social Club watching the match.

2019 AFCON QUALIFIER PREVIEW



POSE: Sihlangu posing before their clash against Tunisia last month in the 2019 AFCON Qualifiers match at Mavuso Sports Centre.

SIHLANGU LIKE SHEEP READY FOR SLAUGHTER

By Sabelo Gwebu

*Sihlangu vs Egypt
Mavuso Sports Centre, 3pm*

SOCCKER—I have never experienced it, but I am sure being passionate about Sihlangu right now is as painful as labour pains.

Speaking to journalists in a hastily arranged pre-match press conference yesterday morning, Sihlangu coach Anthony Mdluli did not inspire any confidence in every word he said.

For the five minutes or so he spent at the Mavuso Sports Centre media room, one was left convinced Sihlangu resemble a sheep ready for slaughter going to this afternoon 2019 Africa Cup of Nations return leg qualifier against 'The Pharaohs' of Egypt.

Statistics are the best teacher, actually they are like bikinis.

What they reveal is suggestive but what they conceal is vital. In the two matches they have played at home in the current year—mind you we are left with 76 days before we usher into another new year, Sihlangu have not scored a goal in a home match.

Actually, Sihlangu are without a win in a competitive match, be it the regional COSAFA Cup, CHAN qualifier or the ongoing 2019 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers. But then this is our Eswatini, the only place we can call home. Patriotism lives in any human being. This soccer mad-nation is down on its knees praying to God, some to the dead inside the big caves along the Mdzimba Mountain that Sihlangu record their first victory in Group J. The sad reality is that

Sihlangu, against all odds, need to win all their remaining matches, including this one, if they are to qualify for their first ever AFCON final in history.

It is a mammoth task, a mountain to climb but in all fairness, expecting Anthony Mdluli and his charges to squeeze past a group consisting of African football powerhouse nations like Egypt and Tunisia was too much to ask. It was as good as expecting the sun to rise from the west. Totally impossible and that is the brutal truth, painful as it is.

The players from these nations (Egypt and Tunisia) are professionals playing in the highest level you can imagine from the English Premiership to France's Ligue 1. They play to the whistle, they are clinical and do not undermine any opposition—even lowly ranked Eswatini.

International football, by its very nature, is no stage to experiment combinations, never mind schoolboy errors. Here you get punished and to an extent, the blame on Mdluli is not fair. Be that as it may be, he deservedly takes a burden of the blame. Experimenting established centre back Machawe Dlamini in midfield away in Cairo last Friday was baffling. It surely limited, if there was any anyway, creativity from midfield. We went to Egypt to defend, hence the alarming 4-1 defeat.

Some will argue it is better than the 10-0 hiding from the same Egypt over five years ago but then it becomes a problem when we take three steps forward and then six back. It can only mean one thing to us as a football nation, 'we are trudging in a forest yet we cannot see the trees'. Players to represent every national team across the globe,

maybe I have just arrived from planet Pluto, are selected on form and not history. Strikers Lungelo Tsabedze of Royal Leopard and Green Mamba's Musa Dlamini have scored a combined 10 goals between them in just four MTN League matches but surprisingly, they are nowhere near Mdluli's starting line-up this afternoon. Surely, I have never experienced it but, I am sure being passionate about Sihlangu right now is as painful as labour pains. Now the problem is not that we have not selected our best players for these back-to-back matches against Egypt but how we can grind a result.

Looking closely at yesterday's training session at Mavuso Sports Centre's nicely trimmed natural grass, Mdluli is expected to make a few changes to his line-up. The duo of attacker Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo and midfield hard man Siboniso 'Gaxa' Ngwenya, who missed the trip to Cairo due to minor knocks, are expected to return to the starting team. Mdluli continues his faith on galloping forward Barry Steenkamp as a lone striker and will closely be followed by 'Xavi' on the number 10 role, captain Tony Tsabedze on the left and Justice 'Figa' Figareido on the right.

All rounder Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze, who scored a goal from the moon in Cairo, 45 metres away, is expected to partner the returning 'Gaxa' in midfield with an unchanged back four. Captain Tsabedze decried the low key atmosphere visitors receive from local fans and surely if we can back the boys in song, a positive result can be recorded. "Football being football, we can win the match," Tsabedze said.



TACTICAL POINT OF VIEW: Head coach Anthony Mdluli all ears as his assistant Caleb Ngwenya says something.



MY BALL: Justice 'Figa' Figareido tackles Fanelo 'Order' Mamba as Sihlangu engaged in final preparations for this afternoon's clash with Egypt. (Pics: Mduzuzi Mngomezulu)

SIHLANGU RESULTS IN 2017:

Niger	0-0	Sihlangu	2019 AFCON qualifier
Sihlangu	0-4	Zambia	CHAN qualifier
Zambia	3-0	Sihlangu	CHAN qualifier
Seychelles	0-0	Sihlangu	International friendly
Kenya	0-1	Sihlangu	International friendly
Sihlangu	0-2	Tunisia	2019 AFCON qualifier
Egypt	4-1	Sihlangu	2019 AFCON qualifier

THE PHARAOHS RECENT RESULTS:

Egypt	0-0	Colombia	International Friendly
Belgium	3-0	Egypt	International friendly
Egypt	0-1	Uruguay	World Cup
Russia	3-1	Egypt	World Cup
Saudi Arabia	2-1	Egypt	World Cup
Egypt	6-0	Niger	2019 AFCON qualifier
Egypt	4-1	Eswatini	2019 AFCON qualifier

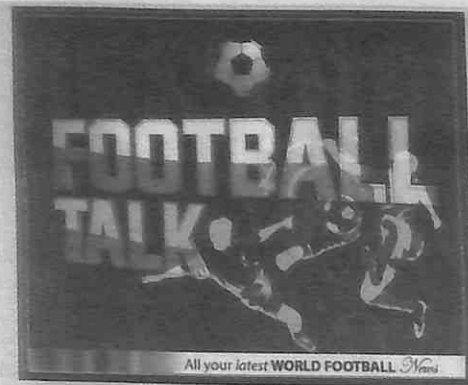
PROBABLE SIHLANGU LINE-UP

1.	Nhlanhla	'Chippa'	Gwebu
2.	Lindo	'Bhabhalazi'	Mkhonta
3.	Wandile	'Mshana'	Maseko
4.	Siboniso	'Sthobela'	Mamba
5.	Banele	'Makonose'	Dlamini
6.	Siboniso	'Gaxa'	Ngwenya
7.	Justice	'Figa'	Figareido
8.	Sabelo	'Sawa'	Gamedze
9.	Barry	Steenkamp	
10.	Mthunzi	'Xavi'	Mkhontfo
11.	Tony	'TT'	Tsabedze

Formation: 4-2-3-1



WARMING UP: Egypt players warm-up at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday afternoon as they geared up for today's clash against Sihlangu.



■ Chelsea's Belgium midfielder Eden Hazard, 27, says he would never force through a move to Real Madrid. (*Telefoot, via Sun*)

■ Bournemouth's 23-year-old Netherlands defender Nathan Ake has dismissed rumours he is set to join Manchester United. (*Football Oranje, via Metro*)



■ Manchester United are set to offer Spain goalkeeper David de Gea a new contract that would make the 27-year-old the club's highest earner. (*Calciomercato*)

■ Arsenal are lining up moves for Rennes' Senegal winger Ismaila Sarr, 20, and Bayer Leverkusen's 19-year-old Germany midfielder Kai Havertz. (*Sun*)

■ Switzerland winger Xherdan Shaqiri, 27, says he is finding his start to life at Liverpool difficult - but that it is exactly what he expected. (*Mirror, via Zeitung*)

■ Roma's Bosnia-Herzegovina striker Edin Dzeko is open to a return to the Premier League, but says it "may be too late". The 32-year-old made 189 appearances during a five-year spell at Manchester City. (*Sky Sports*)

■ France midfielder Tiemoue Bakayoko, 24, could be on his way back to Chelsea after AC Milan threatened to cancel his loan deal because of "defects in his game".



(*Corriere dello Sport, via Mirror*)

■ Belgium midfielder Mousa Dembele, 31, is ready to run down his Tottenham contract in order to move to the Chinese Super League for free. (*Sun*)

■ Manchester United and Belgium striker Romelu Lukaku, 25, has hinted he would like to play in Serie A in the future. (*Gazzetta dello Sport, via Goal*)

■ Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola may also move to Italy one day, after saying he would be open to managing there. (*Manchester Evening News*)



■ Guardiola says he does not know if Manchester City are ready to win the Champions League. (*Times*)

■ The former Barcelona and Bayern Munich manager also credits Netherlands great Johan Cruyff for 'opening his eyes' on his style of football and says every training session was like 'going to school'. (*Mirror*)

ME, YOU ARE TOPS SOCIAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT CHAMPS

By Jongile Xuba

SOCCER – ME and You United are champions of the TOPS Spar social soccer tournament after beating Checkers social team 2 - 1 in the final.

The games were played at the Old Trade Fair Ground in Manzini.

Teams consisted of customers and employees from four different Spar Tops branches.

The teams were Me and You United from Matsapha, Checkers social from Mbabane, Kai Kai from Manzini and Ezulwini social. All teams faced each other in the 20-minute halves with the two best placed sides being featured in the final to determine the champion. Me and You United and Checkers social made it through to the final and managed to keep the spectators entertained despite the bad weather conditions.

Me and You United won 2 - 1 after they scored early in the first half. Checkers were unable to keep up with the pace of the game due to tired legs but managed to pull one back in the last minute of the game. The winners received gold medals and



WINNERS: Me and You United players celebrate with their trophy after they won the inaugural Tops Spar social soccer tournament where they beat Checkers 2-1 in the final. They are joined by Manzini Mayor Mxolisi Mabuza in celebrations. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

a trophy while the runners-up only got silver medals.

Speaking on behalf of the sponsor was Operations Manager of First Liquor Stores trading as Buy n' Save Tops at Spar Eswatini Donald Moyo.

He said they were happy to host the tournament as their way of appreciation to their customers. "All the teams here are made up of Tops customers from different stores. We wanted to give back to the community by having a social team tournament," said Moyo.

The manager said the tournament was the first one they hosted, and would follow it up with another one soon.

"We will include more sporting activities to cater for our female clients in the next social tournament." The next tournament will see the current champions Me and You United participate as well. In closing, he thanked all the participating customers and assured that Tops would continue to show its customers love for all the support they were also getting.

Over 30 pupils at Eswatini Karate Federation Joint training

By Jongile Xuba

KARATE – THE Eswatini Karate Federation (EKF) conducted an 'all styles joint training' session over the past weekend which was well attended.

Matsapha Fitness Zone Gym was the venue where the joint training was held with classes starting at 9am until 11:30am. This was revealed by the Eswatini Karate Federation PRO Sensei Abdul Khaaliq Dlamini.

He said the number of pupils who showed up was encouraging.

"The session was one of a kind where over 30 pupils from all the styles trained under one roof, drilled by the different senior instructors from the different styles," said Dlamini.

Achieved

Some of the instructors who were there included Sensei Abdul Khaaliq from Ashihara Karate and Melusi Dlamini from Japanese Karate Association (JKA), just to mention a few.

The PRO said the training achieved its objective.

"The event was meant to unite different karate styles in the country to bring a better understanding of the differences

between styles and to work together towards the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, as karate has been accepted as an Olympic sport," said the PRO.

Dlamini said they would continue with the sessions.

"The EKF would like to thank all the styles that made the session possible and further encourage them to attend the next event as this will be now hosted more frequently."

Some of the karate styles that are practised in Eswatini include Ashihara karate, Oyama Kyokushin, Sosai Kyokushin and Shin Kyokushin, just to mention a few.

Bad weather dampens Mankayane netball tourney

By Jongile Xuba

NETBALL – THE Mankayane netball tournament had to be called off due to the heavy rain over the weekend.

The tournament was to be played on Saturday morning and had local teams from Mankayane taking part. The wet weather saw the games being called off because the courts

became unplayable.

This was confirmed by the Mankayane Netball Communications Officer Victor Fakudze.

"On a day where we intended to host a well-organised tournament, we were let down by bad weather. The courts are not paved so this meant the mud made it impossible to continue playing without any risk of injury," said Fakudze.

He said six only games were staged

before they called off the tournament. "Spirits were high as the teams were determined but the bad weather spoiled everything. The girls are raring to get back to the courts and finish what they love doing the most," said the CO.

Fakudze added that the Mankayane committee would meet to decide the next date to host the tournament.

"The new date will be revealed this week once we finalise every-

Sifundza gives credit to ComGem

Stories by Jongile Xuba

VOLLEYBALL – CORRECTIONAL coach Themba Sifundza said they would not have won the title had it not been for Commissioner General Mzuthini Ntshangase.

The coach was speaking after his team won the Nedbank Volleyball League championship where they beat their rivals Royal Eswatini Police (REP) in the final on Saturday. "First and foremost, all credit must go to the ComGen for giving us time off to prepare for the final. Without proper preparation, we wouldn't have been able to produce this good result," said Sifundza.

He also applauded his team for their determination throughout the league.

"Whenever we play against REP, it's a derby and these games are never easy. People expected us to cruise to victory because we have been winning all season, but that is never the case in a derby and my team did well," said the coach.

Sifundza said their focus was now on the upcoming Zone IX games. "Now we need to prepare for the VA Cup which will determine who will represent the country at the Zone IX Club Championships in Durban. We are not expecting it to be an easy task but we will be ready."

Correctional captain Sabelo Nxumalo said his coach's tactical awareness was key in helping them secure victory. The team came from two sets down to claim a 3-2 victory.

"Our coach made some very important substitutions when we were two sets down. This changed the game for us and helped us bounce back."

He also thanked all the players for the role they played in their title winning season.

"I would also like to thank and acknowledge all my teammates, from the starting five to the substitutes. Without your contributions, none of this would have been possible," said Nxumalo.

REP coach blames it on absence of key players

VOLLEYBALL – POLICE side REP coach Machawe Malindzisa insisted that they could have played much better if all the players were present.

REP lost to Correctional in the final of the Volleyball League after leading with two sets.

Needing one more to win the game, the police side failed to put the final nail in the coffin, prompting a comeback from Correctional.

Speaking after the match, Malindzisa blamed the absence of key players as one contributing factor.

"Some of our players who have been playing all season are out injured."

The team is well balanced but it would have been an additional boost if we had those strong players featuring in the final." He also cited lack of proper preparations as another factor. "The conflicting schedules that the team has also made it hard for us to prepare properly. But all credit goes to Nedbank and the association for hosting a wonderful tournament," said Malindzisa.

thing. I would also like to extend an invitation to companies and business people who would like to get on board. They will never regret partnering with Mankayane netball," said Fakudze.

Those interested in getting in contact with the committee can do so through the Communications Officer Victor Fakudze on his mobile number at 7612 2382. There are currently 12 teams registered for the Mankayane netball tournament (two adult and 10 youth teams).

'PHARAOKHS' OUT TO PROVE THEY CAN DO IT WITHOUT SALAH

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER – EGYPT national soccer team head coach Javier Aguirre says his side would prove that they can still win without the influence of star forward Mohamed Salah.

The mentor said this during the pre-match press conference at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday afternoon.

The Mexican-born mentor said while Salah was definitely the most influential player in his team, he was adamant he had enough talent in his hands to get the desired results.

Challenged

He challenged his charges to prove in today's crunch AFCON 2019 Qualifiers return-leg fixture against Sihlangu. This follows Sihlangu's 1-4 loss during the first leg played in Cairo last week Friday.

"Yes, I do admit that Salah is a very influential player in the team and one of the best in the world currently, but the Egyptian national soccer team isn't just him. We have other talented players who are as able to grind the desired results for us. This is why I have also told them that today's match will have



READY: Egypt national soccer players during their training session yesterday. They are ready for Sihlangu minus Mohamed Salah.

to be a challenge to them – to prove they can do it without Salah," he said.

When quizzed on his approach for the game, Aguirre said he had learnt from the first leg that Sihlangu had quick players, who had a never-say-die attitude, so he wanted to make sure he doesn't drop the ball or give them space.

"We respect Eswatini, and we know they are a very good side. They played a good game against us back home, especially their performance in the second half. This Eswatini team has quick players, who have a never-say-die attitude as they fight for the entire duration of

the match. They are not a side to be ruled out easily, because they could surprise you – especially when you consider the fact that they are in their very own backyard," he concluded.

Efforts to interview Arsenal midfielder Mohamed Naser Elsayed Elneny proved futile as the scheduled press-conference after the team's training session was later on called-off. The 'Pharaohs,' as the Egyptian national team is affectionately known, will take on the country national pride in a match billed for the Mavuso Sports Centre this afternoon.

Sihlangu/Egypt game live on Eswatini TV

By Sabelo Gwebu

SOCCER – THOUSANDS of Emaswati who will be held up at work will have a glimpse of this afternoon's eagerly anticipated clash between Sihlangu and Egypt on Eswatini TV.

The national television broadcaster, alongside Egypt's ERTU, will get footage from SuperSport according to information gathered on the ground. Yesterday morning at the Mavuso Sports Centre, SuperSport were setting up to capture the game. By late yesterday, there was no update from SuperSport's list of programmes if the game was to be televised live in any of their channels. While no immediate comment could be obtained from Eswatini TV, previously it was reported that the national broadcaster enjoys free feed from international counterparts according to law.

SIHLANGU SQUAD FOR EGYPT GAME:

Goalkeepers: Sandanezwe Mathabela (Swallows), Nhlanihla Gwebu (Buffaloes)
Defenders: Siboniso Mamba (Buffaloes), Banele Dlamini (Green Mamba), Sifiso Nkambule (Leopard), Wandile Maseko (Buffaloes), Machawe Dlamini (Leopard), Lindo Mkhonta (Buffaloes), Sihlangu



ALL SET: Broadcasting equipment from SuperSport has already been mounted at Mavuso Sports Centre. Eswatini TV and the Egyptian broadcaster will get feed from SuperSport for today's game. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Mkhwanazi (Buffaloes)
Midfielders: Richard McCreesh (Swallows), Mxolisi Mkhontfo (Green Mamba), Sifiso Matse (Leopards), Sabelo Gamedze (Highlanders), Tony Tsabedze (Mbabane Swallows), Sizolwethu Shabalala (Swallows), Sandile Gamedze (Buffaloes)
Strikers: Barry Steenkamp (Leopards), Pihwayinkhosi Dlamini (Buffaloes), Justice Figareido (Maritzburg United), Fanelo Mamba (Buffaloes)

The future looks bright – EOCGA

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SPORTS – ESWATINI Olympics and Commonwealth Games Association (EOCGA) Chief Executive Officer Sydney Simelane has lauded the performance by the country's youngsters who are currently participating in the on-going Youth Olympic Games held at Buenos Aires, Argentina.

This he said after an impressive opening for Team Eswatini by 17-year-old swimmer Roybn Young, who broke a decade-long national record in the 50m backstroke clocking an incredible time of 33:34. The previous record held by Kate Millinand stood at 33:87 seconds.

Next up were young athletes Khanyisile Hlatshwako and Bongumenzi Mbingo. Long-distance runner in Eswatini Umbutfo Defence Force (UEDF) athlete Khanyisile Hlatshwako clocked 5:12.56 in the 1500 metres, while sprinter Bongumenzi Mbingo clocked 11.70 in the 100 metres.

Lauded

The EOCGA CEO lauded the youngsters' performance, and stated that the country's future looks bright because the youngsters would be psychologically boosted. "I am impressed with these young people. They have done the country proud and we can safely say the future of sports in the country is in good hands. These young people are aged 16 to 18, so they are still to become the next big things in the sporting fraternity. Now, for them to be breaking national records and so forth at this young age, proves their determination."



FIRST OF ITS KIND: Participants and coaches pose for a group picture during the Cheshire Homes wheelchair basketball workshop at OlympAfrica Sports Development Centre in Lobamba on Saturday. (Courtesy pic)

Cheshire Homes hosts first ever wheelchair basketball workshop

By Jongile Xuba

BASKETBALL – ABOUT 30 participants, including coaches, attended the first ever wheelchair basketball workshop hosted by Cheshire Homes over the weekend.

The workshop took place at OlympAfrica Sports Development Centre in Lobamba on Saturday and lasted the whole day.

Cheshire Homes Communications Officer Ayanda Dlamini said the initiative was meant to equip players and coaches with the basic skills of playing wheelchair basketball professionally. "We had Pretoria based renowned Swazi basketball player/wheelchair basketball professional coach Dumsani Tsela as the instructor during the workshop," said Dlamini. She revealed that Tsela shared his journey and experiences in both basketball and wheelchair basketball as a player and coach. The instructor then shared the basics of playing wheelchair basketball at a professional level.

This included what is needed from the players and coaches as well as the basic rules of the sport. The wheelchair basketball players showed a lot of enthusiasm during the sessions, and applauded Cheshire Homes for giving them such a

rare opportunity. "There was a player who said they wouldn't have thought of playing any kind of sport in their lives, but now they have ambitions to do so as well as to pave a way for others," the officer.

Participants of the workshop were given basketball wheelchairs to use that were donated.

Wheelchairs

"Special thanks must go to the Australian High Commissioner for proper wheelchairs which they made available. These are a major obstacle for the sport as they are expensive to buy," said Tsela. Some of the players were also concerned about the availability of a competitive wheelchair basketball league/tournament.

The wheelchair basketball is a programme that was initiated by Cheshire Homes a year ago. It aims to improve the social livelihood of people with disabilities through the playing of sports. There are currently four teams that have been formed in Manzini, Mbabane, Siteki and Lobamba.

The teams hold training sessions every Saturday and are open to any person who has an interest besides the disabled to promote the spirit of unity.

No more over 30 champs in local cycling

By Sibusiso Dlamini

CYCLING – IN a bid to develop world-class youngsters, the Cycling Association of Eswatini (CAS) has taken a decision that only those under 30 years of age can be champions in local races.

This was said by the association's President Sihlangu Nhlabatsi during an interview yesterday.

"The main goal we have now as an association is to make sure we have an effective and vigorous development. This is because the youngsters are the ones to take the standard of the sport to the next level in the country, so that's why we have taken a decision to make it a rule that all winners in races will have to be below 30 years.

"Again, when we go for international races, they want the youngsters; hence we will be including schools in this initiative. We have to make sure the children grow with the sport from

a young age so that they are not intimidated when they go out for international tournaments.

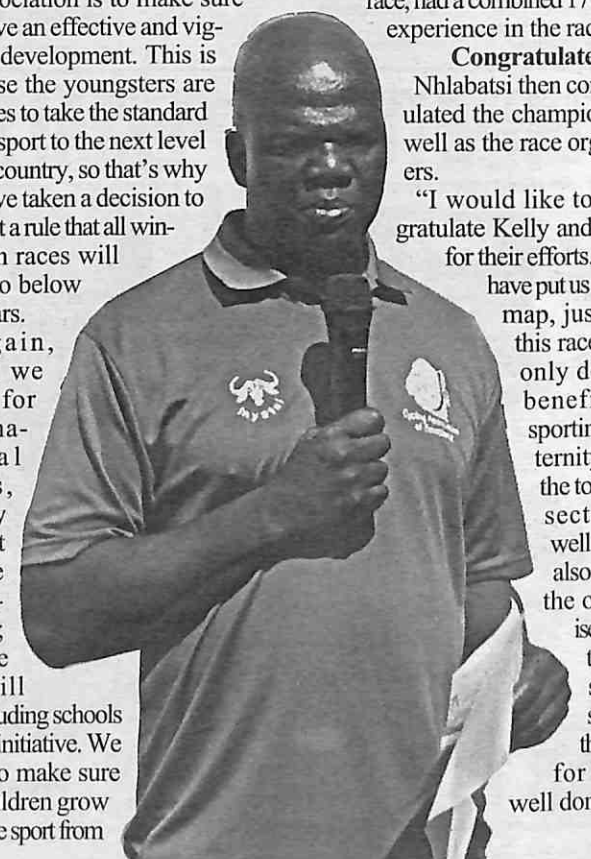
We already have schools such as Enjabulweni, U-Tech and Usuthu Forest who host their own races," he said.

Worth noting is that the male champions of this year's Swazi Frontier were seasoned cyclists in Mormond 'Faka Fire' team of William Kelly and Thulani Gule, who before taking on this year's race, had a combined 17 years' experience in the race.

Congratulated

Nhlabatsi then congratulated the champions as well as the race organisers.

"I would like to congratulate Kelly and Gule for their efforts. They have put us on the map, just like this race. Not only does it benefit the sporting fraternity, but the tourism sector as well. Let's also thank the organisers and the sponsors of the race for a job well done."



CAS President Sihlangu Nhlabatsi.

Leopard to test new Landers coach Chaminuka

By Sabelo Gwebu

SOCCER – NEW Mbabane Highlanders coach Saul Chamunika will face joint MTN League table-toppers Royal Leopard in his first match in charge.

The Zimbabwe-born strategist returned to the country on Sunday night to replace South African Mlungisi 'Professor' Ngubane who quit the 'Bull's Kraal' a month ago on medical grounds and was expected to start drilling the capital city giants yesterday afternoon at their Ezulwini Sports Ground training base.

Highlanders, the most successful club in the country's football history, host Leopard in an MTN League encounter on Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium after a curtain raiser match between joint table-toppers Green Mamba and elite league newcomers Mbabane Citizens. According to a fixture released by Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Simanga Nhleko, the jam-packed Y'ello action begins on Saturday across three different venues. MTN Premier League continues next Tuesday and Wednesday with the hub derby between Manzini Wanderers and Manzini Sundowns the main attraction of the week six batch of matches. Also, in action will be the MTN National First Division with table-toppers Pigg's Peak Black Swallows at home against former Premier League side Mbabane City at Killamey Stadium on Saturday.

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

Saturday			
Somhlolo National Stadium			
Malanti Chiefs	vs	Moreni Pirates	1.30pm
Mbabane Swallows	vs	Vovovo	3.30pm
Mavuso Sports Centre			
Young Buffaloes	vs	Manzini Sea Birds	1.30pm
Manzini Wanderers	vs	Tambuti	3.30pm
Neukuwansuku Stadium			
Matsapha United	vs	Manzini Sundowns	3pm

Sunday			
Somhlolo National Stadium			
Green Mamba	vs	Mbabane Citizens	1.30pm
Mbabane Highlanders	vs	Royal Leopard	3.30pm

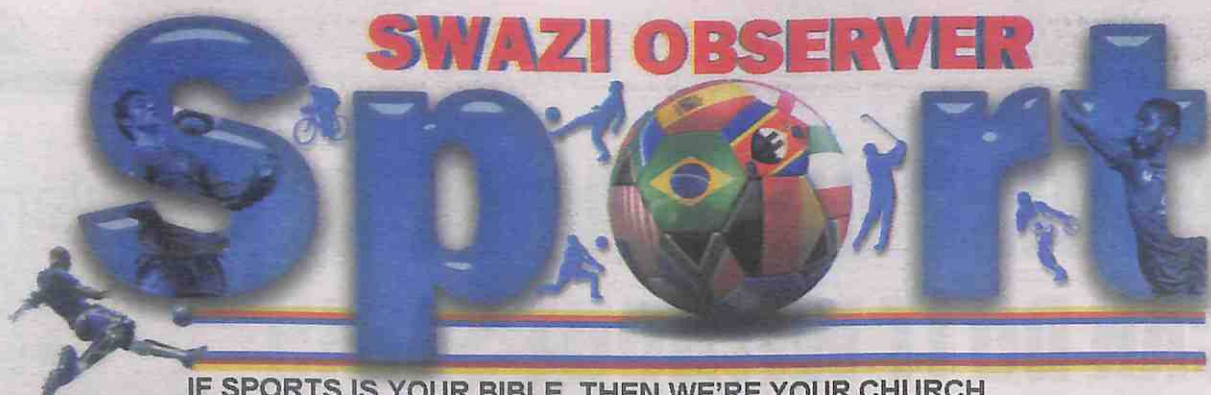
Tuesday October 23			
Somhlolo National Stadium			
Malanti Chiefs	vs	Matsapha United	6.30pm
Mbabane Citizens	vs	Young Buffaloes	8.30pm

Mavuso Sports Centre			
Moreni Pirates	vs	Mbabane Swallows	6.30pm
Manzini Sundowns	vs	Manzini Wanderers	8.30pm

Wednesday October 24			
Somhlolo National Stadium			
Vovovo	vs	Green Mamba	6.30pm
Royal Leopard	vs	Manzini Sea Birds	8.30pm
Mayaluka Stadium			
Tambuti	vs	Highlanders	7pm

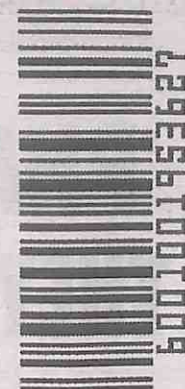
MTN NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION			
Thursday			
Mayaluka Stadium			
Madlenya	vs	Milling Hotspurs	6.30pm
City Warriors	vs	Rangers	8.30pm
Friday			
Somhlolo National Stadium			
Seven Dreams	vs	Red Lions	6.30pm
Tinyosi	vs	Hlatikulu Tycoons	8.30pm

Saturday			
Tambankulu Stadium			
Tambankulu Callies	vs	Hub Sundowns	3pm
Killamey Stadium			
Black Swallows	vs	Mbabane City	3pm



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'MAKE ATMOSPHERE HOSTILE'

- Captain says home matches atmosphere not intimidating than away
- Coach Anthony Mdluli expects the same tactically, physically better Egypt
- Match will be live on Eswatini TV

By Sabelo Gwebu

SOCCER – SIHLANGU captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze has pleaded with the nation to make life difficult for visiting Egypt this afternoon.

He says the intimidation that visitors get in Sihlangu home matches is nothing to what they receive away. Sihlangu host 'The Pharaohs' as the Egyptian national team is fondly called this afternoon in a must win match at Mavuso Sports Centre in a 3pm kick-off.

"We can only ask for fans to make the environment hostile for the visitors. The intimidation in our home games is different or nothing to what we receive in away matches.

As players we wish to win this game and football being a game of surprises, we can get positive results," Tsabedze said.

Tsabedze is expected to lead his national teammates out of the Mavuso Sports Centre tunnel this afternoon knowing chances of qualification for a first ever place in the AFCON finals are hanging by a thread with three games remaining.

Acceptance is regarded as the best thing for one to move on without any hindrance in life.



READY: Sihlangu head coach Anthony Mdluli addresses the media with captain Tony Tsabedze.
(Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

That can be true of Sihlangu head coach Anthony Mdluli who has been the first to accept that this afternoon 2019 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier opponents Egypt will once again prove a difficult team to beat.

Tactical

Egypt beat Sihlangu 4-1 last Friday night away in Cairo and Mdluli expects the same tactical and physical 'Pharaohs'.

Speaking in his pre-match press briefing yesterday morning at the Mavuso Sports Centre, Mdluli decid-

ed to give more of a review of the first leg match more than what Emaswati can expect this afternoon.

The only positive in his three or so minutes address, was that his squad returned from Egypt with no major injuries and of course, the recovery of attacker Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo and hard tackling midfielder Siboniso 'Gaxa' Ngwenya, who are back in contention for a starting place after missing the trip to Cairo due to injuries. "Egypt was good tactically and physical-

ly. The environment was intimidating for some players who were playing in such conditions for the first time but settled as the game progressed.

Egypt are a strong side and it will be difficult again for us tomorrow (today).

They play like true professionals," Mdluli told journalists.

Mdluli said his technically team has closely studied the first leg victory and would correct mistakes going to this clash which he highlighted was giving the opposition spaces bad communication in some departments. The former Sitsebe SaMhlekezi head coach pleaded for the support of the nation as he could see progress and improvement in his charges.

"Playing at home does not change Egypt's quality but we will try to surge forward and bury chances that come our way.

The exposure or lack of it thereof of players in this stage plays a big role as we noticed in the first leg. Unfortunately when we finally regrouped and the nerves were calm, the score was big," he said.

Sihlangu are desperate for a win in this clash to remain in contention for a place in next year's AFCON finals to be staged in Cameroon.

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