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## DRAMA AS INMATES ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE



**PRISON BREAK FAILS:** His Majesty's Correctional Services PRO Gugulethu Dlamini standing next to a computer vandalised by five inmates who were trying to escape at Sidvashini Prison yesterday. Fortunately they failed.



**WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION:** Some of the tools used by the prisoners during their failed escape. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

# 4 WARDERS ASSAULTED BY INMATES, RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

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**...Garden tools used to assault warders and warning shots fired**

**SSA WORKER  
FIRED FOR  
FACEBOOK  
POST**

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**6 ARRESTED,  
4 INJURED  
IN KABHIZA  
WAR**

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## 2 NATIONAL NEWS

## Parliament not in contempt - AG

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**PARLIAMENT is not in contempt of court by the resolution it took regarding senate hopefuls who lost in the recent general elections.**

The House of Assembly on Tuesday took a resolution to disqualify senate hopefuls who lost in the elections. This was despite that the high court had given them the green light to stand for election to senate.

Some members of the public, including legal minds viewed what was done by parliament as contempt of court.

However, Attorney General Sifiso Khumalo was of a different view.

Khumalo said it was important for the resolution to have been understood before people could comment if this was contempt of court or not.

He said Parliament was not party to the order issued by the High Court on the matter.

Therefore, the order could not be binding to parliament. Also, the order had not been served to Parliament.

However, be that as it may, Parliament did acknowledge the fact that there was a court order issued, which concerned the senate hopefuls that lost in the recent general elections. It was not like the

order was disregarded by Parliament.

However, implementing the order could be premature as the order was not before Parliament and Parliament was not party to the proceedings.

Khumalo also mentioned that he would make further comments once a written judgment was issued by the High Court.

## Comment

Law Society of Swaziland (LSS) Secretary Thulani Maseko said it would be difficult for him to comment on the matter, especially because he had not yet seen the order of the court. He said sometimes, it was possible for courts to issue orders and find that those orders gave a certain time frame to the con-



**NOT IN CONTEMPT:**  
Attorney General Sifiso Khumalo.

cerned parties to implement them.

The House resolution reads: "Having noted the judgment of the High Court of Eswatini relating to Section 5 (3) of the Senate (Elections) Act No. 7, 2013; Taking into consideration the fact that the written judgment on the matter is yet to be issued

by the High Court Judge;

Cognisant of the fact that this may eventually need an amendment to be effected on the existing legislation; However, pending the issuance of the written judgment, which may lead to the whole legislative process being put in motion and the law amended in accordance with the court ruling;

The House therefore resolves that: It would be premature and out of order to allow candidates, that are currently barred by the Senate (Elections) Act No. 7 of 2013, to participate in the Senate elections."

## SSA DISMISSES EMPLOYEE OVER IRRESPONSIBLE FACEBOOK POST

Stories by Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

**A Swaziland Sugar Association (SSA) employee was dismissed over an insensitive and irresponsible Facebook post.**

Mpendulo Perfectionist Simelane of Hluthi in the Shiselweni region was dismissed yesterday morning after an insensitive post on rape.

Without repeating the exact malicious words used by Simelane, his post gave a general impression that rape survivors have no right to recollect themselves and walk around with self-confidence. It further suggested that rape survivors should remain humble and be submissive to men.

The fired Simelane completed school at Siteki Nazarene High and studied Business Information Technology at Limkokwing University of Technology and also studied Computer Science engineering at the University of South Africa according to his Facebook page.

Thabile Maripe, Public Relations & CSI Specialist at Swaziland Sugar Association confirmed that Simelane has been relieved of his duties at the company as of yesterday morning. He was with the Information and Technology Department at SSA and he was working at the Simunye office.

Maripe said Simelane joined them on June 1, this year and he was working

...The SSA ethics and code of conduct also condemns and forbids such behaviour as in the Facebook post. Accordingly, SSA disassociates itself from such awful and insensitive statements. The said user is no longer employed by SSA. The Facebook post and its subsequent effect to the public is hugely regretted

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on a contractual basis. SSA distanced itself from the facebook post which they said belittled women and the impact of rape.

"It is with heartfelt regret that Swaziland Sugar Association (SSA) learnt this morning of vile utterances on a Facebook post wherein the profile of the user had a link to our organisation. Sadly, the Facebook post belittles women and the impact of rape. SSA would like to categorically distance itself from the utterances made and summarily state that the organization strongly condemns such utterance or disregard for women and their

abuse," she said.

Maripe continued to say that SSA upholds human dignity, and integrity as one of its strongest values.

She said that such utterances do not only counter the organisation's ethical standards but also sets back years of lobbying for the regard of women and human rights, particularly at a time when the world is experiencing appalling numbers of cases of rape and gender-based violence.

"The SSA ethics and code of conduct also condemns and forbids such behaviour as in the Facebook post. Accordingly, SSA disassociates itself from such awful and insensitive statements. The said user is no longer employed by SSA. The Facebook post and its subsequent effect to the public is hugely regretted," she added.

People have been critiquing the insensitivity of the post on Facebook and it opened wounds to rape survivors some of whom were going through psychological assistance. Simelane was labelled a pervert who is a perfectionist in stingy rubbish.

## SWAGAA frowns at insensitive Facebook post

**SWAZILAND Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) is appalled by the derogatory statement reported to have been posted on Facebook by a man named Mpendulo Simelane.**

When sought for comment on the post, SWAGAA Communications and Advocacy Officer Slindelo Nxumalo said apart from compromising the country's developmental agenda, this is a grave human rights violation and first and foremost should be seen as a brutal attack on the rights of women and the dignity of survivors of rape.

"Such hate speech is intolerable as it promotes discrimination and victimisation of women, GBV survivors and in this case rape survivors. Survivors of GBV and rape are inundated with pain, feelings of shame, unfounded self-blame, fear, terror, a sense of low self-esteem, victimisation, intimidation, no justice; the

list is endless. The last thing they need is a society that allows such inhumane opinions which fuel the lies and fears.

Additionally, women are not sex objects and have the right to decline unwanted sexual advances and should be allowed to do so without fear of ridicule, violence and sexual harassment, and all men must respect that!

## Experiences

Furthermore, the traumatic experiences they face do not define who they are. Women are courageous, full of strength, wisdom, integrity, dignity and worth. They are human beings," she said.

She said that the fact that a statement of this nature signifies an inherent hatred for women and disregard for the injustice women face at the hands of chauvinistic, misogynistic men cannot be taken lightly.

"It is a very serious matter to note evi-

dence that educated, professional individuals still hold onto damaging heinous views about women and their experiences. It is also frightening that individuals who hold these perceptions are still in positions of power and influence and have access to public or private communication platforms! As a matter of urgency, concrete steps must be taken to ensure that such hate speech is denounced and prevented in all spheres, as it fuels hate crimes and violence against women and children, especially girls," she added.

Nxumalo said this is a call to action for all sectors to take responsibility in promoting an environment that prevents and punishes acts of gender based violence both in the workplace and elsewhere and to do nothing is to condone the violence and to allow it to thrive.

"It is not enough to pay attention to these issues occasionally - when there is a nation-

## Public condemn barbaric act of mocking rape survivors

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**MEMBERS of the public condemned what could be best described as a barbaric act of mocking rape survivors.**

Users of the social media were emotional after noticing a reckless post, allegedly posted online by one Mpendulo Perfectionist Simelane who ridiculed rape survivors.

He has since been fired from work. Without repeating the exact malicious words used by Simelane, his post gave a general impression that rape survivors have no right to recollect themselves and walk around with self-confidence. It further suggested that rape survivors should remain humble and be submissive to men. The disheartening post was subsequently re-posted by concerned users on another popular 'gossip group' known as Sgungu SeMgosi without Borders.

Members of the public vented their frustration and disbelief at the level of cruelty displayed by the author of the post, saying that he was being heartless and insensitive towards the people who have experienced the unfortunate occurrence.

In the meantime, several organi-

sations also reacted to the post, condemning Simelane for his haughtiness and disregard of the realities faced by hundreds of women who have survived rape in their lifetime.

One Sithembiso Dlamini, a professional psychotherapist expressed shock on how some people can reach a point of making jokes out of sensitive realities which have negatively affected hundreds of other people's lives. Dlamini said it was shocking to learn that some people had the courage to rub salt on healing wounds of rape survivors.

"As a peer counsellor and educator trained by SWAGAA some 10 years ago, I feel so heart broken right now," Dlamini retaliated on his post. Meanwhile, another user who alleged to have survived rape also posted and voiced out her sadness following the reckless post made by Simelane.

"I am alone and have been crying after ngibone le post yaMpendulo ahlekisa ngerape, ngibuhlungu kanwile buhlungu ngatsi lenifo yenteke itolo. I was seven months pregnant ngendaba yekudlwengulwa, shotsi nawu raped lomunye umunfu ukubona useless..." reads part of the painful message posted by another Facebook user.

Such hate speech is intolerable as it promotes discrimination and victimisation of women



**IT'S WRONG: SWAGAA**  
Communications and  
Advocacy Officer  
Slindelo Nxumalo.

al or international campaign. We need to be deliberate about it and allocate adequate resources at national and institutional level for effective, continuous, sustained prevention and response programmes," she said. Nxumalo said in recognising the pervasiveness of discriminatory norms and perceptions in Eswatini, SWAGAA and NGOs under CANGO have partnered with the government,

the United Nations and international partners to replicate global best practice in engaging men and boys for prevention of GBV and dismantling negative stereotypes through a Men Engage Network.

She said this was an example of a platform that multiple organisations and the people of Eswatini - who want change can commit to support.

She stated that in adopting a transformative approach, SWAGAA was implementing a school based 'Boys for Change' programme in collaboration with the ministry of education in an endeavor to inspire a generation of boys and men who will change the narrative, refuse to be perpetrators of violence and unashamedly stand for social and gender justice.



## Ngoma, 'Bomber' accept defeat

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**FORMER senators and football personalities Ngomuyayona Gamedze and Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa have accepted the Senate elections loss.**

The former legislators said they welcomed the fact that they lost the elections and were ready to move on with their lives. Gamedze said he did not have any complaints because he knew that he was either going to win or lose in the race.

Gamedze said he would continue focusing on his business interests and he

would definitely bounce back to politics in 2023.

"Politics is addictive because once you get into such a career it becomes difficult to get out of it. I have been a senator since 2003 and over such a long period, politics has obviously gotten into my veins," Gamedze said.

He said he would be available for politics at any time he is needed to serve.

The former Senate deputy president advised the newly-elected senators to always put the country first in their line of duty. They should not be distracted by other interests because that would create problems for them and everyone else in the country.



**IT'S FINE: Ngomuyayona Gamedze and Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa.**

Meanwhile, former senator Mthethwa said he was disappointed after losing the elections on Tuesday.

However, Mthethwa accepted that he lost and would have to move on with his life. He did not want to commit himself on whether he would bounce back to national politics or not because no one knew what the future had for him.



since the days he was growing up as a young boy and therefore, he had always strived to be a winner. Mthethwa has served as a senator for 10 years. He was elected as a senator in the eighth Parliament (2003 – 2008). He was also elected in the 10th Parliament (2013 – 2018) to serve as one. He was running for a third term this time and he was unsuccessful.

His advice to the newly-elected senators is that they should always put the country first.

They should remember that they were there because of the citizens of the country and they must put those citizens first as they did their work.

## FOUR PRISON OFFICERS RUSHED TO HOSPITAL AFTER CLASH WITH INMATES

**COVER STORY**

Stories by Nozipho Sibiyi  
Mbabane

**FOUR officers from His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) were rushed to the Mbabane Government Hospital after they sustained severe injuries following a bloody clash with inmates who wanted to escape from the Sidvashini facility.**

The four officers include two warders and two wardresses.

According to His Majesty's Correctional Services Public Relations Officer Gugulethu Dlamini the chaos erupted after lunch at around 1:30pm yesterday.

She said the inmates are usually afforded an opportunity around that time to call their relatives and friends. She said the inmates usually go in a group of five. She said during that aforementioned time, one inmate requested to go and empty a rubbish bin which was by the facility, which the officer agreed to.

"After allowing him to empty the bin, the inmate is said to have charged towards the officer, assaulted him and demanded the jail keys," she said adding that the inmate was then joined by the four other inmates in executing their escape plan. It is said that the inmates heavily assaulted the officer with some of the working tools that were temporarily stored in the entrance of the facility offices. These tools that were used to assault the officer included garden spades, forks, rakes etc.

"The inmates were however disturbed by a police officer from the Royal Eswatini Police, who was at the premises of the facility to collect food parcels for suspects who are still in the police cells," she explained.

The police officer is said to have realised

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**THINGS FALL APART: Documents lying on the floor after five inmates tried to escape at Sidvashini yesterday afternoon. Fortunately they failed. Four officers were assaulted by the inmates and were rushed to Mbabane Government Hospital after they sustained severe injuries. (Pic: Lucky Simelane).**

what was going on and fired warning shots in the air.

### Dispersed

The inmates then dispersed and ran towards some female officers who were busy with their admission paper work.

"The inmate then held hostage the two female officers," she added. They (inmates) commanded the officers to tell their colleagues to disarm themselves as they threatened to kill them if they did not do so.

The female officers are said to have screamed for their lives, and with the screams the two other officers were able to locate the whereabouts of the inmates.

The Royal Eswatini Police officer fired more warning shots in the air, but that did not scare or disperse the inmates as they continued to hold hostage the female officers.

"One of the officers is said to have rang an alarm which then alerted the other officers that something amiss was going on. The officers after hearing the alarm then went to the facility to rescue the officers who were in danger," she said.

Dlamini said one of the inmates tried to leave the facility but he was caught just at the guard house where he tried to fight an officer but failed as the officer proved stronger than him.

She said the four officers were rushed to hospital as they were heavily assaulted.

"We are still doing our investigations so for now we cannot state where they were severely assaulted," she said mentioning that they were at the Mbabane Government Hospital undergoing some medical tests.

## ...Inmates in for murder, rape, house breaking

**THE five inmates are waiting for their murder, rape and house breaking trials at the facility.**

Speaking to this publication at Sidvashini Correctional Services Facility yesterday, HMCS PRO Gugulethu Dlamini said the five inmates were in prison for multiple murder, rape and housebreaking and theft cases in the country.

"They are going to be charged for

this," she said further adding that they will be charged by the police; however the correctional services can also lay internal charges.

She said the inmates damaged telephones, computers, windows, dockets and many more.

She said the area was heavily vandalised by the inmates.

She said the correctional services will

as of now implement new tight security measures to make sure that this doesn't occur again.

"The five will be currently kept under maximum security since they have proved to be very dangerous," she added.

Dlamini therefore urged other inmates not to try this as it is a very dangerous game that can put many lives in danger.

## 20 women needed in Parliament

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**A total of 20 women are currently needed in Parliament, out of the possible 24 vacancies available.**

This follows that five women have already been voted into the Senate by Members of Parliament (MPs). The elections of the five women took place in the House of Assembly on Tuesday afternoon.

This means that Parliament now has a total of 10 women.

The electorate elected only two women into the House of Assembly and they include MPs Thandi Nxumalo and Lady Howard Mabuza from Manzini South and Mafutseni, respectively.

His Majesty King Mswati III appointed three women into the House of Assembly, adding the number of women in the House of Assembly to five.

The three women include Princess Lindiwe, Princess Phumelele, and Pholile Shakantu.

Five more women were elected into Senate on Tuesday afternoon by the House of Assembly, according to 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."

The election brings the number of women in Parliament to 10. The five elected women include Leckina Magagula, Lizzy Nkhosi, Winile Nxumalo, Busi Dlamini, and Khanyisile Mlambe.

Currently, His Majesty the King is expected to appoint 20 senators, at least eight of whom will be females, according to Section 94 (3) of the Constitution, which 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."

The current vacancies in Parliament are 20, according to the Constitution. However, the appointments expected will be the ones determining if there is a need for the four women from the regions to be elected or not.

If the 20 remaining appointments completely constitute females, there will be no need for the females to be elected from the region.

However, if the appointments constitute both males and females, there will be a need for the four women to be elected, and that will bring the number of available vacancies to 24.

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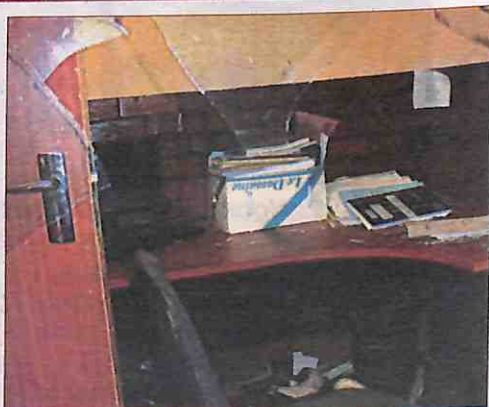
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## 4 NATIONAL NEWS



**BROKEN:** The computer vandalised by five inmates who were trying to escape at Sidvashini Prison yesterday afternoon. Fortunately, they failed. Four officers were beaten by the inmates and were rushed to Mbabane Government Hospital after they sustained severe injuries. **2. SMASHED:** A glass and door which were vandalised by the inmates who are still awaiting trial. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

INMATES TRY TO ESCAPE,  
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**SCATTERED:** Some of the documents lying on the floor.

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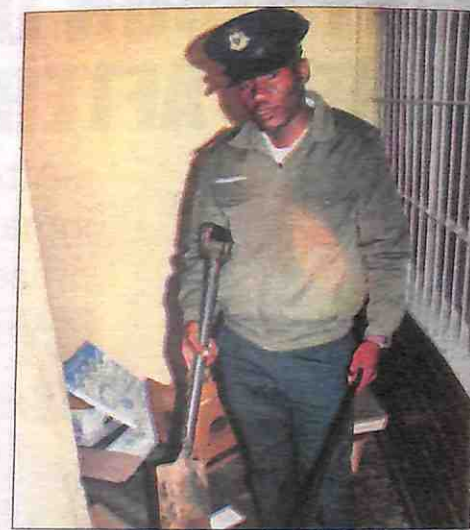
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**HELLO:** A call box normally used by the prisoners during a specific time for calling their relatives. **2. HERE:** Awaiting trial cell for the inmates at Sidvashini.



**THEY USED THIS:** An officer warden displaying some of the working tools used by the prisoners.



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# STATE OPPOSING COMPANY'S URGENT APPLICATION TO OPERATE DAGGA FACILITY

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**THE state is opposing an urgent application filed by a local company that wants to be granted a licence to operate a factory which will manufacture drugs for medicinal purposes using dagga.**

Umjono (PTY) Limited yesterday filed an urgent application at the High Court where it is seeking an order directing government to grant it the licence within seven days.

The urgent application was yesterday before High Court Judge Doris Tshabalala and representing the applicant in the matter was Mbabane based lawyer Linda Dlamini of Mabala Attorneys in Association with N. Ndlangamandla and S. Jeje.

The minister for health (although not in office) was represented by government senior lawyer Vinkinduku Manana from the attorney general's chambers.

Manana filed a notice of intention to oppose the application and the matter will now take its normal course as opposed to be heard under a certificate of urgency as the state stated that currently there is no Cabinet in place.

Cited as the applicant in the matter is

the company (Umjono) and the minister for health and the attorney general have been cited as the first and second respondents, respectively.

Directors and shareholders of the company are Sabelo Lusolotja Ginindza, Bheki Trevor Shongwe, and Macedziphathi Dlamini.

According to Shongwe in his founding affidavit, the company is seeking an order directing the minister for health to consider its application to operate the medical research facility centre for purposes of extraction, derivation, production and manufacturing of drugs for medical purposes in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

## Submitted

Shongwe submitted in his affidavit that after having been incorporated in January 2016, the company proceeded to apply for and was issued with a trading licence by the ministry of commerce, industry and trade.

He alleged that the company then embarked on a study on how cannabis and/or dagga might be utilised for health or medicinal purposes.

In his founding affidavit, Shongwe submitted that it was found that dagga or cannabis could be very useful and beneficial to the people of Eswatini.

He submitted that the study by his

company revealed that cannabis could be quite useful for a number of medical ailments from which the populace was suffering.

The ailments, according to Shongwe, include inter alia: Alzheimer's which is a disease characterised by a progressive loss of memory. He told the court that patients with Alzheimer's were also likely to experience depression, agitation and loss of appetite.

According to Shongwe, dagga contains tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and that THC and its analogs may provide an improved therapeutic option for Alzheimer's disease by simultaneously treating both symptoms and the progression of the diseases.

Other ailments which he alleged could be treated through drugs manufactured from cannabis include diabetes mellitus, dystonia, epilepsy, gastrointestinal

disorders, cancer, hepatitis C, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hypertension, incontinence. Multiple sclerosis, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), pruritus and rheumatoid arthritis. Shongwe alleged that amongst these HIV/AIDS symptoms as well as side effects of ARV treatment can be treated by the dagga if extracted for medical purposes and that the estimated costs of the dagga medical facility stands at E150 million.

He averred that his company had at its disposal medical experts to elucidate to the court the benefits of administration of cannabis or its extracts. Shongwe said the applicant (company) was prepared to parade the experts if so required and applied before court to allow the applicant to bring the experts to assist it (court).

He submitted further that as indicated that this is a research and/or study carried out by the applicant, the need to establish a medical research centre for administration of cannabis and/or its extracts on patients arises, hence the applicant is desirous to embark on such an exercise.

He alleged that the applicant engaged the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) and sought alliance for the establishment of a cannabis medical research centre.

Shongwe averred that, following several discussions between the applicant and UNESWA, the latter being represented by the Eswatini Institute for Research in Tradition Medicine, Medicinal and Indigenous Food Plants (SIRMIP), a draft agreement to the build, operate, own and transfer of research, development and cultivation facility at Mafutseni was prepared.

Shongwe submitted that the material terms of the agreement were that his company would among other things, construct the medical research centre at Mafutseni and to procure the capital to fund the establishment and the facility; assist with further research into plant material to a point of commercialisation; assist traditional healers in terms of correct dosage and cultivation and research original Swati landrace material in order to produce unique end products for the medicinal cabinet market to compete on a global stage.

He further claimed that, in conjunction with the university, it was agreed that they would establish sophisticated research, development and cultivation facilities and create unique genetics.

Shongwe told the court that on the other hand, UNESWA was to, among other things, provide sufficient information to enable the company to perform its obligations under the agreement and also give the applicant unfettered access to the physical area under its control, staff, relevant information and resources.



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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

**TENDER No.30 of 2018/19: Pigg's Peak 66/11 kV Substation Design & Construction**

### INVITATION

The Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) intends to construct a 66/11 kV substation at Pigg's Peak, to improve reliability of electrical power in this area. This is a Design and Build Contract and covers the construction of the said substation. Tenders shall be submitted on a turnkey basis, covering all the design aspects. Tenders shall include the supply and installation of substation equipment, civil works etc. and any other works necessary to deliver the required substation.

### DETAILED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DOCUMENTS

The Eswatini Electricity Company now invites sealed Tenders from those Tenderers suitably qualified to perform the works specified in the Tender Documents, for the supply and erection of the above equipment.

Tender documents can be downloaded at SPPRA website (<http://www.sppra.co.sz/>) or EEC website ([www.sec.co.sz](http://www.sec.co.sz/)). A fee of SZL500 should be made at any EEC revenue before 12 noon on the 26th October 2018 and the proof of payment must be submitted with the bid submission.

Bidders are required to furnish their Tender Security of ZAR 150,000.00 in the applicable format (see 2.1.9.5 of the tender document), in favour of the Eswatini Electricity Company, valid for the stated period for the specified amount.

### SUBMISSION & CLOSING DATE

A compulsory one day pre-Tender meeting and site visit will be held on **Friday 26 October 2018** at the Eswatini Electricity Company's Head Office, Eluvatsini House, Mhlambanyatsi Road in Mbabane starting at 10:00am. It will be followed by a site visit to Pigg's Peak. The closing date for the Proposal is **Thursday 15 November 2018 at 12h00** at the Eswatini Electricity Company Head Office.

### ENQUIRIES

All enquiries must be directed to the Commercial Services Manager at the following address: [busiwe.masangane@sec.co.sz](mailto:busiwe.masangane@sec.co.sz)

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## 6 NATIONAL NEWS

# 6 ARRESTED IN KABHIZA CHAOS, FOUR INJURED

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**FOLLOWING** the bloody clash between KaBhiza tenants and the community of Mbhuleni who are calling for the closure of the infamous drinking spot, four people have been injured.

Police have already arrested six people involved in the incident. Much saw property to the value of E27 000 destroyed. Yesterday those who are believed to be ring leaders of the whole saga were rounded up and interrogated by the police on the events leading to property including refrigerators, jukeboxes, windows, cars and pool tables being vandalised. Allegations are to the effect that when the Mbhuleni community members marched to KaBhiza bar demanding that everyone vacate the place, a fierce fight erupted between the community and those working at the



**CONFIRMED: CPICO Phindile Vilakati.**

drinking spot. The battle saw a lot of people getting injured as dangerous weapons such as knives, bush knives, knobkerries and stones were used during the fight. It is alleged that after police intervention, the fight between the two parties subsided, however, it is said as soon as police left, the community and those working at the drinking spot were back at each other's throats. It is said a gang from KaKhoza and Moneni was brought in and they went around caus-

ing havoc, attacking residents while they were sleeping in their respective places.

In the process, it is alleged that a number of people were injured and taken to RFM hospital. The police have confirmed that they have received four reports of people who were injured during the skirmishes. Police yesterday rounded up six of those who are suspected to have taken part in the violent acts.

They were kept at Sgodvweni Police station for the better part of the day and they are expected to make their first court appearance tomorrow at the Matsapha Circuit Court.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati confirmed that police have arrested six people. She said there were four cases of assault which were opened with the police. Vilakati added that for the assault cases one is assault common while three of the other cases are assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

## Senior Officers from Manzini Regional Headquarters intervene

**SUPERIOR** police officers from the Manzini Police Regional Headquarters yesterday paid a visit to Sigodvweni police station.

Even though the purpose of their visit was not clear, the officers are said to have had a word with those involved in the violence that took place at Mbhuleni after community members clashed with tenants of KaBhiza shebeen.

This was after the community made it clear that they were fed up with the drinking spot which opens 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The residents said the drinking spot had turned into a place where prostitution, murder crimes, robbery and other social ills take place. The residents complained that even the police are failing to close down the place hence they have since decided to kick out those who are renting the place



to sell alcohol by force.

Worth noting is that it has been reported that on several occasions when police officers try to close down the shebeen, they are met with resistance as patrons fight with them. In some instances some police who have gone to raid the place end up running for their dear life trying to save themselves from the rowdy patrons. What makes it harder for officers during raids is that the place is encircled with a high wall fence and has one gate which makes it hard to flee to safety once cornered.

## Contraceptive prevalence rate increases

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Kwaluseni

**ESWATINI** is in the right path when it comes to family planning measures, statistics have indicated that.

Contraceptive prevalence rate is getting high in the country.

This information was shared by United Nations Population Fund's (UNPF) Margaret Thwala-Tembe during the launch of the State of World Population Report 2018 titled 'The Power of Choice: Reproductive Rights and the Demographic Transition.'

The launch was held at the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) Kwaluseni Campus. Thwala-Tembe said the launch of the report coincided with the World Poverty Day which falls on October 17, for the simple reason that freedom in the exercise of reproductive rights has a major bearing in poverty eradication.

She said the 2018 report shows how family size, whether small or large, is intertwined with reproductive rights.



**IN NUMBERS:** A section of those who attended the launch of the State of World Population Report 2018 at the University of Eswatini, Kwaluseni Campus.

Where rights are realised, people tend to thrive. Where they are not, people are not able to realise their potential, and fertility rates tend to be higher or lower than what most people really want.

Thwala-Tembe said these realities are also evident in the Kingdom of Eswatini as the Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) have consistently shown that improvements in family planning lead to general improvements in the health

and wellbeing of women and children. She said for example, between 2010 and 2014 Eswatini's contraceptive prevalence rate increased from 65 per cent to 66 per cent whilst the average number of births per woman declined from 3.7 to 3.3. Likewise, the adolescent birth rate also declined from 89 to 87 births per 1 000 adolescent girls age 15 to 19 years. The Officer in Charge said this is a clear indication of the benefits of



**LISTENING:** Students following the proceedings during the launch.

choice.

She said when women have the freedom to exercise their reproductive rights they tend to manage their fertility desires in ways that not only benefit them as individuals, but the benefits also extend to the family, community, the nation and the world at large.

"The health of their children also improves. The MICS surveys further show that the mortality of children under the age of five years, is, to a large extent, related to a woman's ability to access

contraception." She said the improvements in contraception had contributed to the drop in under five mortality, for example the drop has been from 104 to 67 deaths per 1 000 live births between 2010 and 2014.

"This report makes the case that choice can change the world. Choice is about having the power and the means to make your own decisions about whether, when or how often to have children, and how that power affects other choices in life. Choice is a right," she said.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL CONSENT IN TERMS OF THE MANZINI TOWN PLANNING SCHEME OF 2013

**I MATILDAH NOKUTHULA SIMELANE**, the owners of the property in question, hereby make a Public Notice in terms of Clause 1.5 of the 2013 Manzini Town Planning Scheme that I wish to apply SPECIAL CONSENT to establish a DOUBLE STOREY DWELLING HOUSES on Plot 2017, Extension 19, Manzini.

Anyone having objection to this application may lodge their objections in writing with the Municipal Council of Manzini at P.O. Box 418, Manzini M200, Swaziland not later than **24<sup>th</sup> October 2018**, that is 21 days from the late publication of the notice namely on the **14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**.

## CANGO CALLS FOR THE PROTECTION OF JOURNOS

By Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

**THE** Coordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations (CANGO) has called for the protection of all media practitioners.

CANGO Communications Officer Nkosingiphile Myeni said they have noted with concern the persistent attacks on journalists while in the line of duty.

"This is freedom of expression, a human right enshrined in the Bill of Rights and guaranteed by other international rights treaties which the Kingdom of Eswatini has rectified," he said.

Myeni said on October 4, the acting Qatar Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini Yaqub Yousuf Al Mulla

is said to have temporarily detained two local journalists at the Qatari Embassy in Mbabane.

The journalists are said to have refused to sign a non-disclosure arrangement because they were pursuing a story of public interest.

"This therefore led to their temporary detainment at the embassy and was released upon the involvement of the police on the embassy's claims that they broke-in," Myeni said.

On September 26, during the march to petition the US Embassy in Ezulwini, a mob of members of the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) assaulted a photojournalist.

He added that the photojournalist's camera was confiscated by the teachers during the attack.

Myeni also mentioned that at

Siphofaneni market vendors recently attacked a journalist and blamed the media for the loss of national elections by a Member of Parliament candidate. Thankfully, he was saved from the mob by transport operators while police merely acted as peace-makers other than law enforcers against a crime committed.

"On August 30 another journalist was beaten by the Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) in conjunction with His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) officers and forced to delete photographs taken during a textile workers' protest against poor pay in Nhlanguano," he said. Another journalist was forced by police to delete pictures of government vehicles taken while parked outside the Deputy Prime Minister's Office in Mbabane.

Meanwhile, Myeni said CANGO is concerned that as the country is expected to achieve vision 2022, how would that be possible if such attacks continue unabated.

Myeni noted that there is a crucial role that is played by journalist in the country that is the dissemination of information, education and entertainment. "Should media practitioners be victimised for pursuing stories of national and public interest, as a country we risk producing information-starved generations, especially if their rights are not protected," he said. He said more protection could be provided by security agencies than merely condemning such through the state media.

Private sectors and civil society were urged to call for these to be protected in solidarity.



# PUPIL STABBED AT NGWANE PARK PRIMARY, RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**WHAT** started out as a fighting game between two pupils at Ngwane Park Primary School, ended badly when one of the pupils was stabbed and had to be rushed to hospital.

It is said the Grade Seven learners were playing behind one of the classrooms yesterday morning when the incident took place.

It is alleged that while the pupils were playing, one of them got stabbed in the nose with a

pen. The injured pupil is said to have bled profusely which resulted to one of the teachers deciding that he be rushed to hospital to seek medical attention.

Both parents of the pupils were later called by the school and were engaged in talks.

## Confirmed

Three teachers at the school at first claimed to be unaware of the incident when a team from this publication paid them a visit, but after a number of teachers were called, one of them confirmed that indeed such an incident happened.

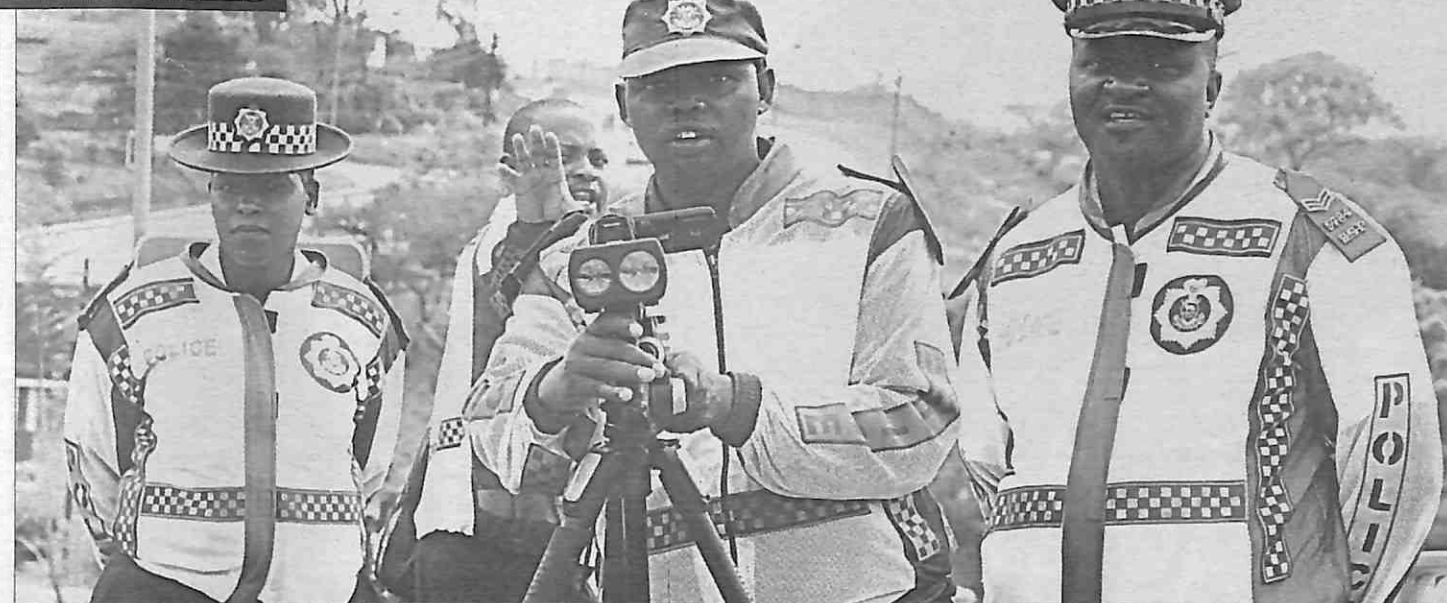
He said the administration had already called the parents.

The teacher said he was going to report the incident to the deputy but was still getting in touch with the parents as they said they were on their way to the school.

The teacher said the pupil was accidentally stabbed in the nose.

He said it was a minor incident which is why they did not even call paramedics when the accident occurred but simply sent the child to hospital. The teachers said they did not even involve the police as it was nothing much but a mistake.

## SPEED KILLS



**ON CAMERA:** Police officers react while using their speed trap camera at Nazarene in Manzini yesterday.  
(Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

## Supreme Court confirms umbutfo's murder conviction, 15-year sentence

Stories by Sandile Nkambule  
Supreme Court

**CONVICTED** and sentenced to 15 years imprisonment by the High Court, a murder convict yesterday had his appeal against conviction on the murder charge dismissed by the Supreme Court of Eswatini.

Theminkosi Thumbela had filed an appeal at the Supreme Court, where he was challenging a judgment handed down by High Court Judge Doris Tshabalala, who found him guilty of the murder of Muzi Ndwandwe and subsequently sentenced him to 15 years imprisonment.

Judge Tshabalala found him guilty of murder with extenuating circumstances.

In the present appeal application, he had appealed against the entire judgment as he felt that he should have been found guilty of a lesser crime of culpable homicide.

## Satisfied

Supreme Court Judge Majahenkhaba Dlamini, sitting with Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala and Justice Robert Cloete when handing down judgment yesterday, stated that he is satisfied that the court a quo (High Court) correctly convicted the appellant (Thumbela) of murder, hence the appeal should be dismissed.

Judge Dlamini stated that there is no appeal against the sentence and rightly so as in his opinion the appellant got off fairly lightly with the sentence of 15 years.

"This verdict was premised on the existence of intention in the form of *dolus eventualis* inferred from the surrounding circumstances of the case. The requisite elements of intention are present,

## 'Deceased was killed in a brutal manner'

**JUDGE Tshabalala, who convicted Thumbela, for Ndwandwe's murder said in arriving on an appropriate sentence, she took into account the factors brought to her attention by the defence counsel.**

That included that the accused person was a first offender.

However in the same vein, she took into account other relevant factors, namely the gravity of the crime, brutal manner in which it was executed and not the least, the interest of society.

The judge had also considered the importance of finding that extenuating circumstances exist in the murder charge, the court may impose any suitable sentence other than the ultimate death sentence that is otherwise permissible under the Constitution of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

the appellant does not even say he was under the influence of dagga which was found in a bag allegedly belonging to him which he disowned. Both the alcohol and dagga would of course most probably be defeated by reason of being self-induced," Justice Dlamini said.

*Dolus eventualis* means intent in the form of *dolus eventualis* or legal intention, which is present when the perpetrator objectively foresees the possibility of his act causing death and persists regardless of the consequences, suffices to find someone guilty of murder.

Justice Tshabalala said in considering the impact of drunkenness as a mitigating factor in the circumstances of this case, she must be guided by the authority of the Supreme Court of Eswatini in the case of Mgubane Magagula Vs the King.

That said, Justice Tshabalala said in her judgment that also imposed a punishment that fits the criminal as well as the crime, punishment that is fair to society and is blended with a measure of mercy, according to the circumstances.

She stressed that the offence committed by Theminkosi calls for a severe sentence to serve as deterrent to others and curb this type of senseless crime of violence and considered the 15 years imprisonment as appropriate.

The warrior had told the High Court that he did not intentionally kill the deceased.

Both the chief justice and Justice Cloete agreed with Justice Dlamini after reading the judgment with Thumbela quietly leaving the accused's dock.

The Supreme Court noted that the evidence by the crown was very much consistent as to how the deceased was flung and hit against the wall of the veranda.

The court also noted that the deceased was dragged and hit by the appellant over a period of time and how the deceased was pulled by his dreadlocks, causing him head injuries and finally dragged to the road where the deceased and the appellant were eventually found by the police.

## Changing weather to continue until the weekend

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**UNSETTLED** weather conditions are expected to persist into the weekend with scattered rains forecasted across the country.

Yesterday morning, rain was experienced in the country with the Highveld region experiencing more occasional rainfall throughout the day. According to information sourced from Swaziland Meteorology Services, temperatures are going to drop to 16 Degrees Celsius in the Highveld today.

"There will be morning drizzle with fog at places, otherwise cloudy becoming partly cloudy and cool but cold in the Highveld," reads the forecast.

Temperatures will range between 8°C and 16°C in the Highveld, 10°C to 19°C in the Middleveld and 9°C to 22°C in the Lowveld.

"Tomorrow temperatures will pick up slightly, temperatures will reach a maximum of 26 Degrees Celsius in the Highveld and 32 Degrees Celsius in the Highveld," reads the forecast.

The unsettled weather conditions will resurface on Saturday as there will be occasional rainfall and fog at places.

"It will be cloudy with sunny intervals and cool but cold in the Highveld," reads the forecast further adding that a few thunderstorms are expected at places in the afternoon.

The weathermen have advised motorists to drive with caution on the country's roads.

## UNESWA students offer free counseling

By Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

A group of university students have pledged to offer depression sessions to the public.

University of Eswatini's (UNESWA) second year students are willing to sacrifice their spare time and offer mental health and depression talks to the nation.

The group's leader Sakhile Shabangu said the escalating violent killings in the country, with men being the perpetrators in most instances, concerned them.

He mentioned that about 11 cases of violence and three cases of gruesome killings were covered by local newspapers in just a few weeks. Shabangu said they were greatly disturbed by the recent reports of a teenage boy who was mercilessly speared to death, the 19-year-old girl who stabbed her mother to death and the university student that slit her lover's throat before committing suicide.

He explained that they are not offering much to the public but depression talks that might impact one's mental health. The student said talking to the next person about issues could go a long way in as far as mental health and depression is concerned.

Shabangu highlighted that apart from their university studies, they did social work and mental health studies part-time.

He said last year, they offered their counselling services to UNESWA students.

Shabangu said their hands are open to anyone who is willing to share their problems with them.

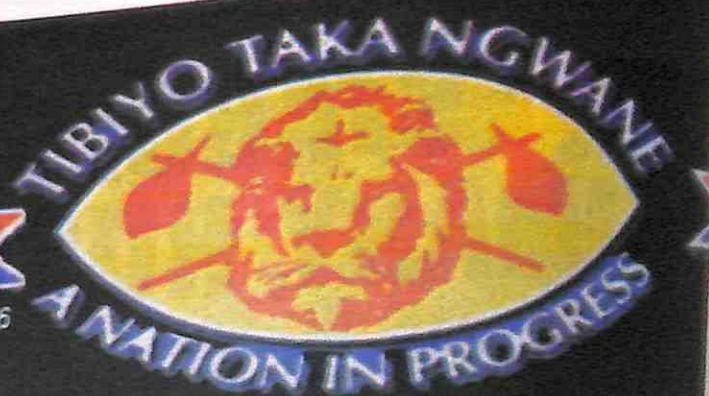
He promised that shared problems would be between that individual and them.



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# PRESS STATEMENT

Further to our declaration of readiness to serve farmers in the Kingdom of Eswatini this ploughing season, the National Maize Corporation (NMC) would like to advise all farmers and relevant stakeholders that the following agro dealers have been authorised to supply farmers with inputs for the ploughing season. Farmers are advised to bring along their original deposit slips together with their IDs to the listed agro dealers of their choice.

MANZINI REGION	
SUPPLIER	LOCATION
CASHBUILD	MANZINI
	MATSAPHA
SIVIVANE COOPERATIVE	MANZINI
JANCO	LUVE
FARM CHEMICALS	LUYENGO
KHUBA TRADERS	MANZINI
ESWATINI PROCUREMENT AGENCY	MATSAPHA
BUY CASH	MANKAYANE MALKERNS BHUNYA SIBOVU MATSAPHA
SWAZILAND AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES	MANZINI
BENA ENTERPRISES	KWALUSENI
GREYTOWN	MATSAPHA
TWK AGRI	MATSAPHA
SWAFUCU	NGWEMPISI MGAZINI KUKHANYENI NKILJI MHLANGATJA PHILISANANI-DEDA LUDZELUDZE KAJELE MHLANGENI LUVE DWALILE MACUDDULWINI NCABANENI

HHOHHO REGION	
SUPPLIER	LOCATION
AGRIWORLD	MBABANE
CASHBUILD	EZULWINI MBABANE PIGGS PEAK
BUY CASH	PIGGS PEAK MSAHWENI BUHLENI MADLANGEMPISI ZIBONELE KANCESI
AFRITOOL	MBABANE
BUILD IT	MBABANE
T&S	NGWENYA
SIVIVANE COOPERATIVE	MADLANGEMPISI
LATEE INVESTMENTS	MBABANE
SWAFUCU	NTFONENI NGOBONKHULU SIGANGENI HHUKWINI MAPHALALENI MADLANGEMPISI MAYTWANE

SHISELWENI REGION	
SUPPLIER	LOCATION
CASHBUILD	NHLANGANO
BUY CASH	HLATHIKHULU NEW HEAVEN GEGE NKHUNGWINI HLUTHI
BUILD IT	NHLANGANO
SWAFUCU	PHUNGA GEGE SHISELWENI SHISELWENI SOUTHERN RDA

LUBOMBO REGION	
SUPPLIER	LOCATION
CASHBUILD	TSHANENI
BUY CASH	SIPHOFANENI SIHOBELWENI LUVATSI-ST PHILIPS
BUILD IT	SITEKI
USUTFU HARDWARE	BIG BEND
SWAFUCU	ITKHUBA MAPHUNGWANE LOMAHASHA SIPHOFANENI

The main objective behind the selection of the agro-dealers was to ensure adequate regional coverage throughout the country. Farmers are also reminded that they can redeem their inputs in the following order of quantities:

INPUT TYPE	
WHITE MAIZE	
Seeds	25kg
Fertilizer	6 x 50kg
LAN	4 x 50kg
SUGAR BEANS	
Seeds	7 x 10kg
Fertilizer	3 x 50kg
LAN	2 x 50kg
SORGHUM	
Seeds	1 x 10kg
Fertilizer	3 x 50kg
LAN	4 x 50kg

We thank the entire Swazi nation, the Ministry of Agriculture, the media, farmers, key stakeholders and partners for their cooperation and we look forward to a productive ploughing season ahead.

BY NMC MANAGEMENT



## 10 NATIONAL NEWS

# CLGF INJECTS E3M FOR THREE TOWNS' ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Stories by Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**THE Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) will inject about E3 million in three towns in the country for the facilitation of the Local Economic Development (LED) programmes.**

The towns to benefit are Pigg's Peak, Nhlanguano and Siteki.

LED helps reduce poverty in urban areas.

Training Director of Eswatini Local Government Association (ELGA) and Representative of the ministry of housing and urban development Gordon Mbuli, said people who live closer or in most towns around Eswatini were not immune to poverty.

That is why it would be important for towns to develop sustainable local businesses that will support and expand the urban community while reducing poverty in urban areas.

He was speaking during the opening of a two-day LED orientation workshop at the Civic Centre building in Pigg's Peak.

Present at the workshop were Commonwealth Local Government Forum Project Officer Phumla Ndaba,



**REMARKS:** Ministry of housing and urban development's Gordon Mbuli. (Pics: Sizwe Dlamini)

Pigg's Peak Mayor Victor Rodrigues, Pigg's Peak Town Council Clerk/CEO Mzwandile Ndzinisa, representative of the Pigg's Peak Police Station Commander Webster Methula and other invited guests from various businesses and organisations in Pigg's Peak.

"Government is grateful to the CLGF

for having agreed to support the ministry of housing and urban development through this very important initiative. This is phase two of this project as phase was carried out in Mbabane, Manzini and Matsapha since 2013. The first phase was a pilot project and what we did was we asked locals to suggest what type of small business that they could explore. After engaging and researching with the locals, we discovered that they could make money by manufacturing and selling traditional jewellery using recycled waste products like plastic and cardboard paper," he said.

Mbuli added that after the success of the first project, the CLGF then started to research on three other towns in Eswatini to aid with these initiatives.

"So today I am delighted to announce that the towns of Pigg's Peak, Siteki and Nhlanguano will receive E3 million from the CLGF over a three-year period to facilitate sustainable local business initiatives. As part of the implementation programme, CLGF will be sending a capacity self-assessment template and local authorities are expected to conduct organisational self-assessment programmes through the Pigg's Peak, Nhlanguano and Siteki Town Councils," he added.

## Petros Mavimbela is 12th Speaker of the House of Assembly

By Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

**NEW House of Assembly Speaker Petros Mavimbela is the 12th legislator to hold the position since 1967 when Msindazwe Sukati was elected the first speaker.**

The speaker and his deputy Phila Buinezi have already been blessed by His Majesty King Mswati III.

Mavimbela will hope to finish his term to join the ranks of Nicholas S'kakadza Matsebula, Prince Guduza and Themba Msibi who all finished their terms in charge of the House. Former Nkilonko MP Trusty Gina is the only legislator who had the privilege to hold the position of speaker twice between 2004 and 2006, but on acting basis in both tenures.

Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo had the shortest time as speaker, assuming the position in February 2004 before he was replaced by Gina the following month.

He was Lobamba MP at the time. Other legislators who assumed the position of speaker include former Ngwenyisi MP Mgabhi Dlamini, and former SBIS broadcaster and Lobamba Lomdzala MP Charles 'Sgayoyo' Magongo.

As new speaker of the House of Assembly, Mavimbela is expected to decide whether a bill is an appropriation one or a money bill other than an appropriation bill before the bill is sent to the Senate, among other duties.

This is contained in Section 112 and 113 of the Eswatini constitution which is where duties of the

speaker in the House of Assembly are detailed.

The speaker is elected by the House, either among its own members (other than ministers) or from among persons who are not members.

The holder of this office is a Member of Parliament (MP) who has been elected to be speaker by other MPs or appointed by His Majesty King Mswati III.

Mavimbela was elected by MPs last Thursday, beating former Speaker Themba Msibi to the seat.

He attained 47 votes against 22 by Msibi.

Some of his duties entail keeping order and allowing MPs a platform to raise issues in the House.

The speaker is the chief officer and highest authority of the House of Assembly and must remain politically impartial at all times.

Section 112 (1) says that when a bill that in the opinion of the speaker is an appropriation bill is sent to the Senate from the House, that bill shall bear a certificate of the speaker that it is an appropriation bill. (2) Where a bill passed by the House and certified by the speaker as an appropriation bill is sent to the Senate, that bill shall forthwith be introduced in the Senate and passed by the Senate without delay.

Section 113 (1) states that when a bill that in the opinion of the speaker is a money bill other than an appropriation bill is sent to the Senate from the House, that bill shall bear a certificate of the Speaker that the bill is a money bill other than an appropriation bill.

## Uncertainty over royalty's attendance at SANU grad

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**THERE is uncertainty on whether royalty will attend Southern African Nazarene University's (SANU) 9th graduation ceremony to be hosted tomorrow at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.**

This is because just recently, the institution hosted former Prime Minister Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini on its premises and being under the Nazarene church, some officials have been in close proximity with the late PM's corpse.

Worth noting is that usually when there are graduation ceremonies in the higher institutions of learning in the country, members from the royal family bless them.

However, this time around, royalty might not be present at SANU's ninth graduation ceremony as the institution is under a dark cloud following the demise of former Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini.

The late PM's memorial was held at SANU Sports Ground where graduation ceremonies usually take place.

Coincidentally, last year's graduation was held at the same place

where the late PM's memorial was held and the former prime minister was the invited guest together with local leaders of the church of the Nazarene.

Meanwhile, SANU Vice Chancellor Winnie Nhlengethwa was reluctant to confirm whether royalty could be expected to grace the event or not. She said she could not say much about royalty. She did mention though that everyone knows what has happened and as SANU, they will welcome anyone who will come from the royalty should they decide to send anyone. Guests who are coming from outside the country include Dr Keith Newman, who is an experienced Chancellor with a demonstrated history of working in the higher education institutions. Nhlengethwa said during the event, they would be celebrating the success of 441 students who would be conferred with degrees, diplomas and certificates.

She said this includes about 317 who have completed their studies in the Faculty of Education, 108 Faculty of Health Sciences and about 16 from the Faculty of Theology.

The event will be held at Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre, Hall 1 and it will start at 0830 hours

## 'Use natural resources to start businesses'

**PIGG'S Peak residents have been advised to use natural resources to set up businesses.**

Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) Project Officer Phumla Ndaba said Pigg's Peak residents should spend time and look for business opportunities that are unique to them like the granadilla fruit that grows in the wild around the area.

"I understand that Pigg's Peak has a natural resource in the granadilla fruit. Apparently this fruit tree grows in the wild and is abundant in the area, but how come nobody had thought about starting a business to take advantage of it? When I was sent to Pigg's Peak in

2017, I thought I would find multitudes of businesses around the granadilla fruit. I thought that I will enjoy granadilla fruit juice or enjoy granadilla flavoured cakes but that has not happened, why?" she said.

She added that the workshop should help the residents to open their eyes when it comes to wealth creation through local business opportunities.

"Urban residents of Mbabane, Manzini and Matsapha have identified local resources and used these resources to make money for themselves and their families. This has reduced poverty in urban areas because locals are taking advantage of what they have," she said.



**GO NATURAL:** CLGF Project Officer Phumla Ndaba.



**THINGS FALL APART:** A man walks past a falling dustbin at the traffic lights next to the Mbabane Spar this week. The city council should do something before it's too late. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



# EX-CAR DEALERSHIP MANAGER ARRESTED FOR CONNING PEOPLE E139 750

By Mncedisi Dlamini  
Mbabane

**A former manager for a car dealership in Matsapha has been accused of defrauding some members of the public money totalling E139 750.**

Former Yester Investments Manager Mcolisi Tfwala (27) has been arrested and charged by the police on allegations that he defrauded people over E139 750 by misrepresenting to them that Yester would purchase motor vehicles for them from Japan.

Tfwala of Edlozini area under Chief Nsukumbili has been slapped with nine counts of theft by false pretences.

Yesterday, he appeared before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini to answer

on the charges.

Whilst employed by Yester Investments as a manager, he was entrusted with the care and responsibility of receiving money from customers who were paying the company which was acting as an agent by buying cars on behalf of the customers from Japan.

## Accused

The accused person is said to have unlawfully and with intent to defraud and steal, misrepresented to his victims that Yester Investments would purchase vehicles for them in Japan. By means of the said misrepresentation, he obtained from them different amounts of money totalling E139 750.

Tfwala is said to have obtained E7 500 from Leonard Dlamini, E25 000 from Garlie Mamba, E10 000 from Ernest

Mamba, E5 000 from Khulisiwe Moysa, E10 000 from Ernest Mavuso, E29 500 from Innocent Simelane, E19 250 from Phindile Simelane, and E8 500 from Phumzile Mnguni.

When he was informed of his rights to legal representation, he informed the court that he would be conducting his own defence.

The crown, which was being represented by Philile Dlamini, made an application that the accused person be remanded back to police custody pending setting of trial date.

Bail was not opposed through. However, the accused person was advised to make a move for a bail application at the High Court due to that the Magistrate's Court has no jurisdiction to grant him bail because of the seriousness of the charges.

# Granny (70) beaten for supposedly practising witchcraft

By Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

**AN old woman aged 70 has been beaten two times for loitering in graveyards at night.**

Maria Sithole of Malindza was allegedly found by two men from a Simelane family loitering at a neighbour's graveyard last week.

She was allegedly beaten by the men who also caught her nearly three months ago.

One of her assailants is said to have been on his way to pick up his local girlfriend when he was suddenly startled by a moving shadow down the family graveyard.

He supposedly dashed back to his flat to take his knobkerrie before going to his older brother's flat to alert him about the discovery.

The two brothers are said to have gone to the graveyard to confront the old woman.

It is said that the elderly was given a chance to explain her 'visit' which was not satisfactory to the two and they pro-

ceeded to beat her.

It is said the two accused the old woman of bewitching their family.

She was beaten with open claps and the knobkerrie all over her body.

After some serious beating, it is said the old woman apologised to her attackers.

The elderly woman is said to have told the two brothers that she was sleep-walking and had no idea where she was, same line she used a couple of months ago when she was first caught at the graveyard.

## Dragged

She was then dragged by her clothes by the Simelanes and dumped by her gate. It is believed that the assaulted elderly crawled to her daughter-in-law Buyile Dlamini's doorstep, where she banged the door and yelled for help.

As she did on the first instance, Sithole is said to have refused to go to the hospital, saying she was scared that the Simelanes would finish her off while there.

She is currently being nursed by her daughter-in-law for the injuries she sustained which are mostly on the head and the torso.

Sithole, who has been previously accused of being responsible for the death of some members of the Simelane family, has been supposedly warned by the Simelanes numerous times. She resides just a few kilometres from the Simelane homestead with her daughter-in-law and two grandchildren.

"They just hate her, I do not believe that my mother-in-law was anywhere near their graveyard when they attacked her," said Dlamini.

Dlamini said her mother-in-law has never hurt anyone. She explained that she would know if her mother-in-law was practising or involved in the said witchcraft because she stays with her and she has never seen anything peculiar.

Dlamini pointed out that her mother-in-law only use herbs for minor illnesses such as headaches and open wounds like any other Swati citizens.

When contacted, a Simelane family member said they were tired of losing their beloved through unclear causes. He said Emaswati would understand why their neighbour was beaten.

**LAUNCH: Construction Industry Council (CIC) Chief Executive Officer Nhlanhla Dlamini making his remarks during the launch of the industry association regulatory policy at the Happy Valley yesterday. (Pics: Sabelo Majola)**



**COMMENTS: One of the CIC members commenting on the regulatory policy while CIC board members and other participants listen.**

## CIC members decry lack of tenders and delayed payments

By Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

**CONSTRUCTION Industry Council (CIC) members have decried lack of offers and delayed payments due to the country's economy crisis.**

The submissions were made during the launch of the industry association regulatory policy which was held at the Happy Valley yesterday.

After presenting the summary of the policy, CIC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Nhlanhla Dlamini opened the floor for comments and suggestions.

Sandile Makhubu from the Swaziland Associations of Architects, Engineers and Surveyors (SAAES) said the industry is between a rock and a hard place as there were no offers or tenders and payments are delayed or not done at all owing to the country's economy crisis.

"We are not doing enough to help the situation, but instead we are taking two steps forward and four steps back; there is no consistency."

## Crafting

A lot of effort is put into crafting the policy but when it must come into effect, we pull in different directions. There is a big gap between the associations and the Council and before we close that gap, we are not going forward.

We should find a solution that will give us direction and that entails constant meetings and interactions to look into issues and statistics that will give us a clear picture of where we stand," he said.

On that note, CIC's CEO concurred with Makhubu and further confirmed the economic crisis.

He said they were in a process of getting the statistics on delayed payments and non-payments to address how the industry is performing and then present it to government.

Objectives of the regulatory policy are to facilitate effective and

engagement of industry players with the council, ensure members of the industry associations get value from membership. It will ensure effective participation of industry players in the industry, to ensure industry associations operate professionally to the benefit of its members, to continuously obtain input and feedback from industry participants through the industry association structures and to regulate fees paid by participants in the industry.

The regulatory policy was met with resistance from the members as they felt there was a lot to be considered before the policy comes into play.

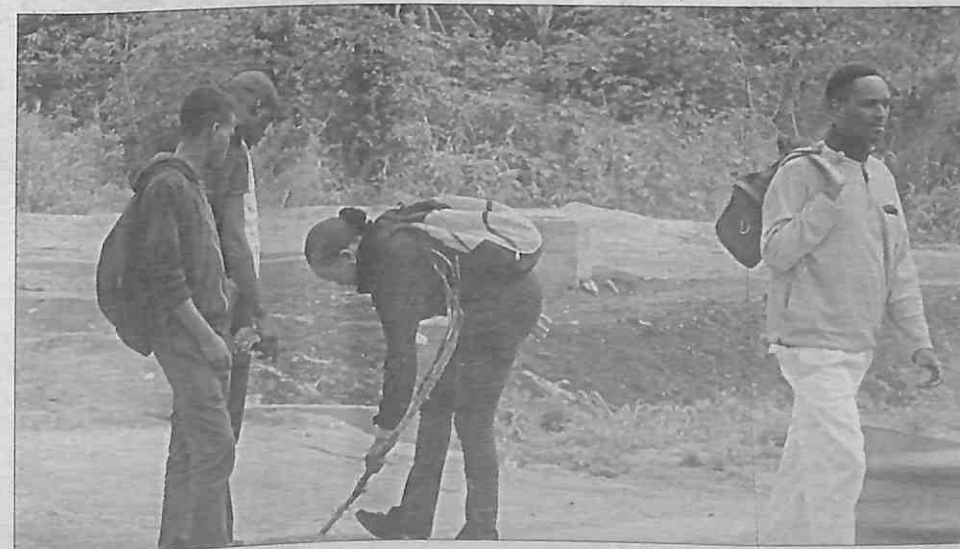
They want the policy to be interrogated by all relevant stakeholders, aligned with the constitution and ensure it protects the small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

## Loopholes

CIC Chairman Dan Dlamini said the loopholes picked by the members were because of lack of commitment from associations who did not attend meetings but were quick to shift the blame when problems arise. He challenged the associations to show a high level of organisation and commitment for everything to flow smoothly.

The CIC has four industry associations as members and these are the Swaziland Contractors Association (CSA), the Swaziland Associations of Architects, Engineers and Surveyors (SAAES), the Swaziland Association of Indigenous Engineers (SAIE) and the Building Material and Suppliers Association (BMSA).

The launched policy serves as guiding framework for the operations of the construction industry associations and their interactions with the Construction Industry Council. It addresses functions of the industry associations, the governance of the industry associations, fees charged to membership and conflict resolution, among other things.



## WE LIVE TO SHARE

**NGIGAMLELE: A man walks past a lady who was cutting sugar cane for her friends near the Nazarene bus station yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)**



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## MTN AWARDS WELL PER-



**WELL DONE:** MTN Chief Consumer Officer Sam Shongwe speaking during the presentation of prizes to well performing vendors held at the MTN Mahlalekhukhwini House yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



**THANK YOU:** Nkululeko Hair dressing salon's owner shakes hands with MTN's Sam Shongwe. (R) **FOR YOU:** Ethel Cellular representative accepts her prize from Shongwe.



**KEEP IT UP:** Phumelela Spaza representative accepts her prize from MTN Chief Consumer Officer Sam Shongwe.



**DOUBLE:** Another winner poses with his prizes. (R) **HERE YOU GO:** Hub Centre's prepaid vendor receives his prize from MTN's Chris Wasswa.



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**Number of Positions Offered:** Three (3)

**Programme Duration:** For the programme to be worthwhile and effective, the duration is 12 months.

**How to Apply:** Submit a concept note of not more than two pages, curriculum vitae, certified copies of academic qualifications and transcripts to [recruitment@separc.co.sz](mailto:recruitment@separc.co.sz) by 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018, titled ESEPARC/UNDP Graduate Research Programme. Late applications will not be considered, and correspondence will only be limited to shortlisted candidates.

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for a 36 months contract position of Hydraulics Engineer in our Technical Services department.

## MAIN PURPOSE

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## REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/COMPETENCIES

- Design and analytic skills.
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## KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The incumbent will be responsible for the following:

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Closing date for applications: Friday 19 October 2018.  
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# FORMING VENDORS



**LISTENING:** A section of the vendors watch the proceedings.



**KEEP IT UP:** One of the winners from Choice Cellular receives his prize.



**WELL DONE:** MTN's Sam Shongwe shakes hands with the winner of May Owethu during the presentation. (R) POSE: May winner Sthembiso poses after the presentation.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** Mayibongwe receives his prize.



## 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](http://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](mailto:info@sccom.org.sz)

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ESWATINI ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

VACANCY

### CAPACITY PROCUREMENT MANAGER

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the above-mentioned position reporting to Legal Counsel. This position is in grade D2

#### MAIN FUNCTION OF THE JOB:

To put in place tender procedures for the procurement of new capacity and examine and review, in close cooperation and consultation with the Minister, any bids received under the procedures

#### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensure that tender procedures for the procurement of new electricity capacity are in place.
- shall be responsible for coordinating the award of contracts (power purchase agreements) according to the procedure and criteria laid out in the procurement regulations
- Developing and maintain strong relationships with internal and external stakeholders to ensure optimal performance
- Work collaboratively, negotiate and engage with key stakeholders to facilitate delivery and compliance with the procurement processes;
- Communicate with stakeholders the impact of market change and potential effects on supply;
- Keep abreast of current of any changes that may affect the supply and demand of electricity;
- Contribute to the Authority's new business initiatives and projects and review and communicate the impact on electricity procurement activities;
- Assist executive management in ensuring relationships with client businesses through maintaining an appropriate interface between the procurement unit and Independent Power Producers (IPPs)
- Participating in the Regional Energy Regulators Association (RERA) activities.
- Prepare tender documents with sufficient specifications;
- Manage the day-to-day operations of the procurement unit
- Responsible for the preparation, control and implementation of the budget of the procurement unit.

#### QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIRED EXPERIENCE

Bachelor's Degree in Engineering, Logistics, Supply Chain Management, or Business Management. A minimum 5 years' experience in procurement preferably in renewable energy. Experience in the energy sector and being a member of the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS) will be an added advantage as well as project management.

#### APPLICATIONS:

A written application, curriculum vitae and certificates can be addressed to the Human Resources Manager, P O Box 7137, Mbabane and emailed to [recruitment@sera.org.sz](mailto:recruitment@sera.org.sz) on or before the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018. No late or faxed applications will be accepted.

For more details on this vacancy, visit our website on [www.sera.org.sz](http://www.sera.org.sz)

If you do not hear from us 30 days after closing date, consider your application not successful.



## 14 NATIONAL NEWS

# UNESWA LEGAL CLINIC WINS MKHULU'S BATTLE

By Sisho Magagula  
High Court

**THE Legal Clinic of the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) has won an adoption battle on behalf of an old man who wanted to adopt his grandson.**

Lawrence Mandlenkhosi Dlamini (76) of Mbikwakhe approached the Legal Clinic seeking legal assistance in the adoption of his grandson. The Legal Clinic is a division under the university's Law Department that provides free legal service to members of the public who cannot afford it. It is made up of a group of final year law students. The Clinic has successfully moved an application at the High Court on Dlamini's behalf, seeking an order allowing him to legally adopt the minor. In his founding affidavit, Dlamini informed the court that he was moving the application to adopt his grandson identified as Lindelani Gracious Mamba who was born on May 18, 2000 out of a union between his daughter Xolisile Dlamini and one Sikhumbuzo Mamba. He said the two were never married and his daughter died on December 2, 2001.

"My grandson was born with a disability as he is deaf and he is unable to speak. Due to his disability he was hardly accepted and I have always made sure that I exclusively provide for him. To this end, the Mbikwakhe royal kraal is aware that I stay with my grandchild and his predicament. Presently, my grandson is doing Grade 7 at the School



for the Deaf in Siteki and I am the one who is solely responsible for his education," he said.

Dlamini submitted that Mamba acknowledges that he (Dlamini) is responsible for the child. He said he had made request to Mamba for him to legally adopt the child through a letter.

"I am advised and verily believe that for purposes of this application I must prove that the adoption is in the best interest of the child and the child is an orphan and or has been neglected. As explained above, since the child was born with a disability he is constantly discriminated and I fear that when I am not alive he will suffer.

He might even be sidelined by my own children. I am an old sickly man in my advanced years and I might die anytime.

If I legally adopt my grandson he can benefit from the little that I have as my lawful child. I can rest in peace knowing that at the very least he has roof over his head," he submitted. Attached to the court papers is a socio economic report compiled by social workers from the office of the deputy prime minister.

According to the report, Dlamini's family is united and they fellowship at the Catholic Church.

"Information gathered revealed that most of the family members do not take alcohol. The child in question was born with a disability of being deaf. He is able though to communicate with the family members using sign language. The applicant mentioned that he is able to relate with other family members. He further said that they are psychologically healthy but the grandmother to the child in question revealed that she has high blood pressure problems which is controllable," states the report. The High Court has since granted Dlamini his wish to adopt the child.

"Having heard both counsel for the applicant and the respondents and there being no appearance for the first respondent having read papers filed of record it is hereby ordered as follows: that the applicant legally adopts Lindelani Gracious Mamba as his child, that the third respondent (Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths) is hereby directed to approve and change the surname of Lindelani Gracious Mamba to Lindelani Gracious Dlamini. The third respondent is hereby directed to cause to be registered and issued a new birth certificate of the child under the name Lindelani Gracious Dlamini," read the court order.

Dlamini was represented by Manzini based attorney Muzi Motsa and Sibusiso Nhlabatsi who appeared for the Legal Clinic.

## E16M MILLING FOR MATSANJENI FOLK

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Matsanjeni

**FORMER Hosea Indvuna Yenkundla Thulani Shiba's family has opened a milling company, an investment of over E16 million.**

The business is situated at Siphambanweni near Matsanjeni in Lavumisa and it is operating under the branding Siphambanweni Milling. The company which has changed the face value of the community started operating early last month. The Shiba family is from Nsingizini near Hluti and initially, the plan was to open the business there (Hluti) but due to unforeseen circumstances, the family resolved to locate the business in another community.

Shiba said the family had thought it would be a good idea to open the milling company in Hluti but due to other challenges, they decided to have it opened at Matsanjeni.

"We would have been pleased to have it opened at Hluti, which is closer to our home but this has not happened due to other challenges. It's a huge investment which we wanted to see our own community benefiting from but there was nothing we could do

as we encountered challenges which forced us to open at Matsanjeni where we were welcomed without any hassles," said Shiba.

Shiba said the family had big dreams as there were still more projects in the pipelines. He said as a family, they had seen the need of investing in rural communities as this was another way of bringing services closer to the people.

"We all know the history of Lavumisa as this part of the Kingdom is known to be ravaged by poverty and drought. However, we have taken the risk, with this stance, we are trying to show the world that there are business opportunities even in rural areas. It's exactly what the country's authorities are also encouraging. Maize farmers will benefit as we are right at their doorstep. It's a family business on paper but it should also be known that this huge investment is for the people of the area and also for the Shiselweni region in general," said Shiba. The family has in place a management team which is involved in the day to day operations at Siphambanweni Milling Company which is headed by Patrick Mhlanga.

## Over 65 jobs coming

**THE new milling company opened at Matsanjeni near Lavumisa will create job opportunities for over 65 people.**

Siphambanweni Milling which is a company owned by a Shiba family of Nsingizini in Hluti, has started operating and presently it has employed a total of over 45 people. According to the manager Patrick Mhlanga, the company intends to have a staff of over 65 people.

"We have employed 45 people as we speak. We intend having 65 employees once the whole process is completed.

There is still work to be done and it's going to be after that where we anticipate to at least a total of 65 employees," said Mhlanga.

Mhlanga said work was still in progress and stated that there were additional structures that were still to be constructed.

"We have to construct fully fledged offices as well as few other structures such as store-rooms and other needed buildings that are required in a business set up of this nature.

There is ample of space and soon all is to be completed and this is when we would have the total number of employees we intend to have reaching 65," said Mhlanga.

Mhlanga said the opening of the milling company was a

*...According to the manager Patrick Mhlanga, the company intends to have a staff of over 65 people*

step in the right direction. He said opening a company of this nature would save the community of Lavumisa in terms of transport. He said the costs that maize farmers were incurring would become a thing of the past as their maize would be sold right on their doorsteps. "It is service brought closer to the people. It's going to cut all the costs and it also means a lot to some of the businesses we are to supply with the mealie-meal," said Mhlanga.

The people of Matsanjeni heaped praises to the Shiba family for opening the company in their community. Others said it has been stressful to travel long distance to buy only one bag of mealie-meal. "Some of us have been crossing to South Africa to buy mealie-meal and now that we are to have it right here, it's a great relief. Those who are maize farmers, they are no longer going to suffer as at times they needed to hire vehicles to sell the maize in faraway places," said one of the residents.

## WOMAN WANTED FOR CAR THEFT

By Nozipho Sibiba  
Mbabane

**A woman of Kakhoza is wanted in connection with theft of a motor vehicle valued E325 000 which was stolen at Nkhanini flats in Lobamba area.**

The woman, identified as Nomalungelo Jele aged 26, is wanted in connection with the theft of a white Isuzu double cab registered PSD 955 AS. According to Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Phindile Vilakati the car was stolen while parked in an open garage at Nkhanini last Tuesday.

Vilakati said the suspect has been identified and wanted by the police.

"The car registered PSD 955 AS has not yet been recovered and any-



**WANTED: Nomalungelo Jele.**

one who might have seen or came across it can alert the police," she said.

Further, the police spokesperson requested that anyone who might have information can call Hhohho Inspector Sikhumbuzo Fakudze at 7603 3862.

"The informant can also call Lobamba Desk Officer Patrick Dlodlu on 7604 4178 or Constable Teevee Nkambule at 7643 5858," she requested.

Hardly a week ago, a woman identified as Bonisile Simelane (26) 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 11 pm 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. The jilted lover is said to have smashed his car windows with a shovel before setting alight clothing that belonged to another woman Sifundza cheated with.



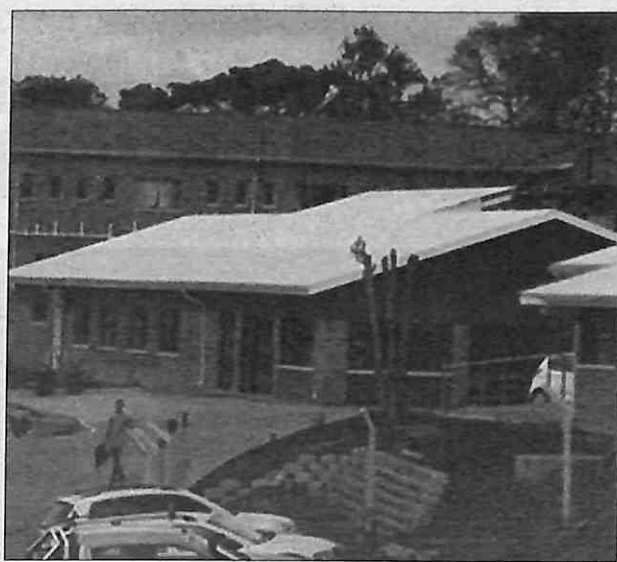
## DANGEROUS JOB

**AT WORK: A man hard at work as he dismantles the marquee which was pitched at Nazarene Church for the memorial service of the late former PM Sibusiso Dlamini over the weekend. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)**





**THE BEST:** Senior Medical Officer Dr Koshi and Chief Matron Mandisa Ndlovukazi pose with the hospital's award.



**HERE:** The eye clinic which is said to be one of the hospital's departments offering the best service.

## GOOD SHEPHERD HOSPITAL AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER CARE

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**GOOD Shepherd Hospital has emerged as the best health facility in customer service, ahead of other reputable health facilities in the country.**

The hospital, which remains the largest health facility in the Lubombo region, was recently honoured by the Institute of Research, Development and Management (IRDM). It was awarded for excellence in customer service.

Speaking during a briefing, Senior Medical Officer Dr Koshi said the award came after the hospital was nominated for Eswatini customer service excellence.

during the trade fair week.

Other facilities which were nominated included Mbabane Clinic, Mkhwa Clinic, Women and Children's Hospital and Pigg's Peak Government Hospital. Following the nominations, the IRDM is said to have sent 'mystery clients' to the different nominated facilities to verify the actual facts about customer service.

### Management

Dr Koshi thanked the management and governing body of the hospital for making it possible for the staff to work effectively as they are mostly working under demanding environments.

He highlighted that the hospital has seen patients coming from across the country for various services. Some would be referred to the hospital by other major health facilities in the country.

Koshi disclosed that the hospital boasts of some departments such as the eye clinic which has specialists who conduct all types of surgeons.

"The hospital has some departments which are regarded as the best in the country, and this mostly likely contributed to us being awarded for excellence in customer service," said Koshi.

### Hoping

On the other hand, Koshi disclosed that they were hoping to have an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) finally established early next year, through the assistance of the ministry of health. Currently, the hospital transfers most patients who require intensive care to other major health facilities such as Mbabane Government Hospital. Koshi further acknowledged that the hospital still needs more specialists in some departments.

Meanwhile, Chief Matron Mandisa Ndlovukazi thanked the staff members for working with dedication and ensuring that patients get the best service. She also acknowledged that the award has come as a challenge as they now have to work harder to maintain the standard for the next years.

## GBR urges Emaswati to follow 'Jewish Phenomenon' to succeed

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Matsapha

**AS the country's economy continues to spiral downwards, people who want to make it in life have been urged to follow the 'Jewish Phenomenon' as argued by author Steven Silbiger in one of his books.**

This was said by one of the country's seasoned consultants Mangaliso Maseko during one of the Global Business Roundtable held at S&B Restaurant in Matsapha.

Maseko, a seasoned consultant who specialises in business training and strategic planning, possesses over 18 years business experience. Sharing his success story with GBR members, Maseko said God has given people a new life through hope.

He said when things are going wrong in business, it's hard to have hope. He urged people to find the strength to overcome a setback and live to fight another day.

"When you are mission driven in your business, (that you know is your calling), you can't let anything turn you around. You must always have hope," the business consultant stated.

### Successful

He shared the secret why Jews all over the world are so wealthy and successful. Discussing the seven principles shared by Steven Silbiger in his book 'The Jewish Phenomenon,' Maseko said real wealth is portable.

He said it was knowledge can only be gained through education. He urged people to look after their own as in turn they will take care of the same person who was there for them when they were down. Maseko said successful people are professionals and entrepreneurs.

He said for one to be able to make it in business, he or she must learn to develop his or her



**STRESSING A POINT:** Strategic consultant Mangaliso Maseko stressing a point during the meeting.

verbal confidence so that he can be able to score deals during negotiations.

The fifth element of success, according to Maseko, is to be selectively extravagant but prudently frugal. He said people must be able to enjoy their money by going on trips but they must also spend it wisely.

On the sixth element, the consultant urged members to celebrate individuality and encourage creativity.

Lastly, he said one must have something to prove (Be psychologically driven to prove something).

To back up his points, Maseko said 40 per cent of the top 40 in Forbes' 400 richest Americans are Jewish.

He said one third of the American multi-millionaires are Jewish and 20 per cent of the professors at leadership universities are Jewish. Maseko said the custom in Jewish family is not whether you will go to college but it is about which college you will attend and which profession you will pursue. Maseko said Jews invest in good education.



**PARTICIPANTS:** A section of those who attended the Matsapha Global Roundtable October session at S&B Restaurant.

## Moza man arrested for dagga at Mhlumeni Border

**POLICE stationed at Mhlumeni Border Gate on Monday nabbed a Mozambican man who was in possession of dagga which he carried in a plastic bag.**

The Mozambican man, Massava Mario Andre (52), was heading to his home country when he was nabbed at the searchpoint within the border gate premises.

He appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso yesterday where he faced a charge of contravening Section 7 as read with Section 8 of the Opium and Habit Forming Drug Act 37 of 1922.

The accused person is said to have wrongfully and unlawfully possessed 3.8 kg of dagga, a potentially harmful drug without being a holder of a valid permit. When his rights to legal representation were explained to him, the accused elected to conduct his own defence.

He subsequently pleaded guilty to the charge. His plea was also accepted by the Crown without leading evidence to prove commission of the offence.



During mitigation, the accused asked the court to be lenient when passing sentence, saying he was a first time offender.

He alleged that he intended to use the dagga for medical purposes, claiming to be suffering from asthma. The accused was accordingly found guilty and sentenced to six months in a correctional

facility with an option to pay E2 000 fine. It is alleged that locally produced dagga is highly sought after in neighbouring countries which include Mozambique and South Africa. For this reason, there has been an ever increasing number of suspects being arrested at the borders while attempting to smuggle the illegal herb to the said countries.



16 PICTURES

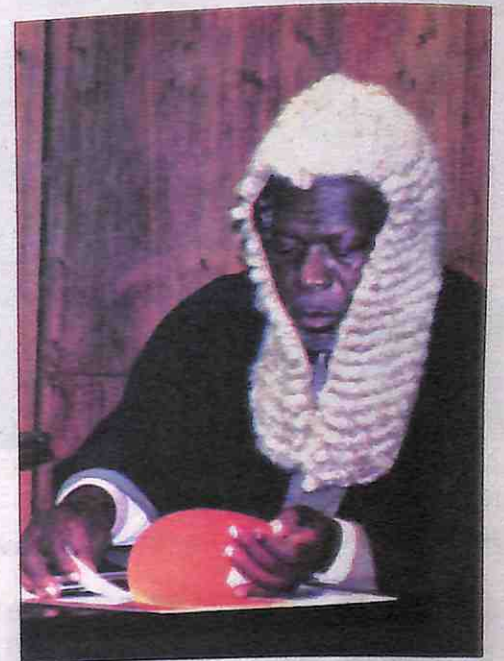
# ELECTION OF SENATORS



**NOT HAPPY AT ALL:** Former MP Michael Masilela closely following the elections of the 10 Senators which were held in Parliament on Tuesday night. This was after he and others were disqualified. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



**DONE DEAL:** Senator Alberto Samuels being escorted by some of the MPs as he leaves after the elections.



**LEADER:** Speaker Petros Mavimbela directs the proceedings in Parliament.



**FAMILY:** Hlobisile Ndlovu seated with some of her brothers at the canteen.



**NEXT TIME:** MP Roy Fanourakis chats to Jennifer Du Pont at the end of the elections.



**LETS WORK:** MP Lady Howard Mabuza talking to the MPs Mabulala Maseko, David Cruiser Ngcamphalala and Senator Ndumiso Mdluli.



**FOLLOWING:** Some of the people at the public gallery including aspiring Senators following the proceedings.



**VERIFICATION:** Parliament officials verifying the ballot papers during the elections.



**YES!** Newly elected Senator Lizzy Nkosi reacts after she was confirmed the eventual winner.



**CRASHED:** Former Senator Lungile Gama who also crashed out during the elections watching the proceedings.



**CANT' MISS A SECOND:** A section of the people following the proceedings from the canteen.





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## MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO MAHLELELA

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OVER the past weekend, local newspapers broached the subject of the ever-increasing number of new cancer cases in Eswatini, which, according to the Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula, has seen cancer rise to becoming the third deadly disease in Eswatini after HIV and tuberculosis (TB).

Data from the 2016 situational analysis of cancer statistics shows the most common cancers in Eswatini to be cervical cancer (31.1%); Kaposi sarcoma (28.7%); prostate cancer (10.5%); breast cancer (6.3%); lung cancer (4.1%); liver cancer (3.6%); esophageal (1.6%); stomach cancer (1.3%); skin cancer (1.3%); and vulvar cancer (1.1%).

For people living with HIV, the risk for developing certain cancers such as Kaposi sarcoma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, and cervical cancer (in women) and penile cancer (in men) are very high.

Cervical cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in Eswatini. It develops in the cervix, the neck of the uterus.

The main cause of cervical cancer (almost 80%) is the human papillomavirus (HPV which is transmitted through sexual intercourse and intimate skin-to-skin contact.

Infection rarely shows symptoms and the risk factors include: starting sexual activity at a young age (early sexual debut); high number of sexual partners of women and of their partners (leading to multiple diseases); having a sexually transmitted infection; multiple pregnancies; smoking; being overweight (obesity); and a weak immune system.

# Growing burden of cervical cancer cases cause for concern in effort to end AIDS

## CERVICAL CANCER AND HIV

The relationship between HIV and some cancers is attributed to the HI virus which attacks the immune system, reducing the body's natural protections from infections and diseases.

A weaker immune system is less able to fight off diseases, like cancer. People living with HIV, especially those not on treatment, often have a weakened immune system thus have a greater chance of getting cancer.

The concern in the HIV response is that infection by one of the viruses (HIV or HPV) may accelerate transmission of the other.

Evidence is available that HPV infection has been found to significantly increase the risk of HIV transmission for both men and women.

Women living with HIV who become infected with HPV are four to five times likely to develop pre-invasive lesions that can, if left untreated, quickly progress to invasive cancer.

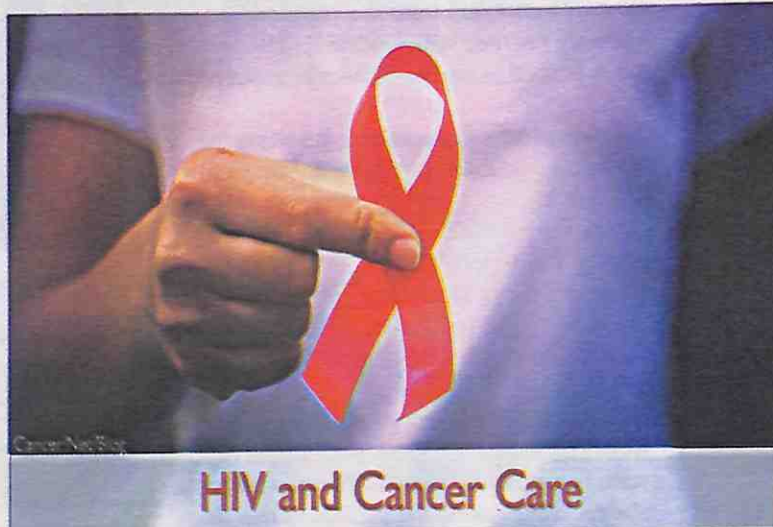
To complicate matters, cervical cancer is an AIDS defining illness – declared in 1993 by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

An 'AIDS defining illness' is one that is directly associated with advanced HIV infection.

This stage, in the life of a person living with HIV person, often signifies the development of AIDS. The very condition that His Majesty has succinctly pointed out, as needing to be ended by 2022.

The burden of cervical cancer predominantly affects women of reproductive ages 15-49. Studies have shown that the prevalence of HPV infection rises soon after the onset of sexual activity and peaks in adolescence and early adulthood, after which it declines during the later decades of life.

The high prevalence of HPV infection among young women has been found to be due to absence of adaptive immune response and the relatively larger area of cervical epithelium (thin tissue forming the outer layer of a body's surface and lining the alimentary canal and other hollow structures) undergoing a harmless non-cancerous change (known as squamous metaplasia).



HIV and Cancer Care

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## RISK FACTORS FOR CERVICAL LESIONS AMONG HIV+ WOMEN

Compared with HIV negative women, HIV positive women are more likely to be infected with HPV and to have persistent HPV leading to pre-cancer, larger and more difficult to treat precancerous lesions, higher recurrence rates of pre-cancer following treatment, and precancerous lesions that progress more rapidly to invasive cancer.

Several studies clearly show an increased risk of rapid progression to cancer among HIV positive women.

For Eswatini, evidence on the risk factors of cervical lesion among women living with HIV is provided by a cross-sectional study conducted to determine the prevalence and risk factors for cervical lesions using visual inspection with acetic (VIA) among 112

HIV positive and 161 negative women aged 18-69.

The women were recruited from three referral hospitals that provided VIA and cryotherapy, namely Hlatikhulu Government, Mbabane Government, and Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospitals.

Titled 'Screening, prevalence, and risk factors for cervical lesions among HIV positive and HIV negative women in Swaziland' by Joll et al.

BMC Public Health (2017), the study concluded that the presence of cervical lesions was greater among HIV positive (22.9%) than HIV negative women (5.7%).

In the age-adjusted model women who had two or more lifetime sexual partners were three times more likely to have cervical lesions compared to women with one lifetime partner and the odds of cervical lesions among women with a history of STIs were 2.16 greater than among women with no previous STI.

In the adjusted model, women who had a previous cervical exam were 2.5 times more likely to have cervical lesions than women who had not.

Cervical cancer is an illness that can be prevented by vaccination against HPV and that is curable if detected and treated early – sexually active women need to have regular Pap smear examinations.

Unfortunately, in the country, there

is a low uptake of women screening for cancer of the cervix, and many go late for screening.

## THE GOOD NEWS

In August 2015, the ministry of health responded to the previous paucity of data in relation to high HIV infection and the high rate of cervical cancer by re-establishing the national cancer registry and initiating activities aimed at increasing access to screening of reproductive cancers, including cervical and breast cancer. The national registry focuses on cancer surveillance, screening, treatment and palliative care for cancers.

The good news is that the National Strategic Framework on HIV and AIDS 2018-2023 has included opportunistic infections and co-morbidities as programmes of focus as the country strives to attain AIDS free status.

This will lead to a reduction of cancer morbidity and mortality through the implementation of evidence based cost-effective prevention and control interventions and providing palliative care to improve the quality of life for people living with cancer and their families.

Though October is designated Breast Cancer month, the ministry of health through Dr Magagula, has encouraged people to not only concern themselves with breast cancer but to access other cancers check-up services, available in clinics and hospitals for free.

He also revealed that the ministry is also considering providing Human Papilloma vaccination to girls and women before they are exposed to the virus.

This October and beyond, let us all screen for cancer and if need be, get the needed treatment. It begins with you and together we can save lives.

**NB. The annual breast cancer run is on this Saturday, starting at 07:00 hours from the Prince of Wales. Why not be a part of this great initiative?**

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## ON THIS DAY

...October 18

1958 - The first computer-arranged marriage took place on Art Linkletter's show.

1961 - Henri Matisse's "Le Bateau" went on display at New York's Museum of Modern Art. It was discovered 46 days later that the painting had been hanging upside down.

1967 - The American League granted permission for the A's to move to Oakland. Also, new franchises were awarded to Kansas City and Seattle.

1968 - Two black athletes, Tommie Smith and John Carlos, were suspended by the U S Olympic Committee for giving a "black power" salute during a ceremony in Mexico City.

1969 - The U S government banned artificial sweeteners due to evidence that they caused cancer.

1970 - Quebec's minister of labour was found strangled to death after eight days of being held captive by the Quebec Liberation Front (FLQ).

1971 - After 34 years, the final issue of "Look" magazine was published.

1977 - Reggie Jackson tied Babe Ruth's record for hitting three homeruns in a single World Series game. Jackson was only the second player to achieve this.

1983 - General Motors agreed to hire more women and minorities for five years as part of a settlement with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

1985 - South African authorities hanged black activist Benjamin Moloise. Moloise had been convicted of murdering a police officer.

1989 - Egon Krenz became the leader of East Germany after Erich Honecker was ousted. Honecker had been in power for 18 years.

1989 - The space shuttle Atlantis was launched on a mission that included the deployment of the Galileo space probe.

1990 - Iraq made an offer to the world that it would sell oil for \$21 a barrel. The price level was the same as it had been before the invasion of Kuwait.

1997 - A monument honouring US servicewomen, past and present, was dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery.

2006 - Microsoft released Internet Explorer 7.0.

2013 - Saudi Arabia became the first nation to reject a seat on the United Nations Security Council. Jordan took the seat on December 6.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ne-Yo  
October 18, 1979, (39 years)

Freida Pinto (Movie Actress) - October 18, 1984 (34 years old)

## THE NATIONS PRAY

A NATIONAL CALL TO PRAY



**NORMALLY** when revival comes, historically and biblically, it comes on the wings of a person or a group of people who pray and seek

Seeking Him desperately, wanting Him to move in their hearts and in their lives. From my experience and from the Word of God, I believe the only way God visits His people in revival is when His people seek His face.

As I read the scriptures and as I study the histories of great revivals, normally the Spirit of God touches someone's heart or small group of people's hearts, and calls them to pray and to seek His face.

There follows a movement of the spirit of God among His people, where there is brokenness, confession, repentance, forgiveness and cleansing.

Then there is a great proclamation of God's word that results in a great evangelistic harvest. The greatest evangelistic harvests have always come during the periods of revival. That's why as an evangelist, my heart burns to see revival among God's people. Revival always comes on the heels of those who have been praying.

## Biblical praying

There is much praying going on today around the world. There are prayer movements that are happening. The most powerful kind of prayer movement is what I call biblical praying.

When we pray according to the Word of God, we can rest assured that God is going to do something, because the scripture says: "This is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will He hears us; and if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." 1 John 5:14-15

The key to praying and seeing God move and work is praying according to His will. How do we know what His will is? His word tells us what His will is. If we will pray according to the Word of God, God will do extraordinary and revolutionary things.

In relationship to prayer, there is nothing we can do that is better than to pray as Jesus taught us to pray, we can rest assured that He is going to answer those prayers.

## The place of prayer

In any human relationship, whether a husband/wife relationship, whether a parent/child relationship, whether it is our relationship with God - the key to the effectiveness and the intimacy of that relationship is basically communication of two hearts. With God, is the heart of God our heart? More than He wants to do something through us, He wants to spend time with us. He wants us to have peace where we shut out everything that is around us - even the ministry and we meet with Him.

If we are going to see revival, it is going to be because God is in our lives. To be much for Him we must be much with Him. We are always busy in the things that God has called us to do, trying to obey God, but we

must never neglect the secret place of prayer. We must not neglect it personally nor in our ministry, among our staff, among the teams that work with us.

In the last one year, God has done many things in our ministry beyond anything I would imagine or dream. It is a great temptation for me to get busy in the work of revival and of evangelism that God has called me to, that I neglect the secret place with God. God wants us to do through each of us more than we've dreamed or imagined. But as we see God moving and doing things, it is a great temptation to forget what God wants above all else is relationship. He wants fellowship with us. He wants us to draw away into that quiet place and meet with Him and get to know Him. Jesus said we should not get caught up in the religiosity of the day.

## The power of prayer

The second thing I want us to see is the power of prayer. Let us notice five principles that Jesus taught us here:

**Principle of thanksgiving.** "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name" - The first focus, when Jesus taught His disciples to pray, is not on their needs. The focus is on who God is - the focus is upward, not inward, it is upward, not outward.

As we get our focus on Him, as we come into His presence, as we behold Him, as we worship Him, as we give praise and thanks unto Him - then everything else flows from that. As we see His heart, and who He is, then we begin to pray according to what's on His heart and not what's on our heart. Powerful

praying is praying what's on the heart of God.

There are a lot of prayer meetings going on today, but too much praying is praying what's on our heart. Most of our prayer meetings are about our personal concerns rather than what's on the heart of God. When we begin to pray what's on the heart of God, He will do extraordinary things.

**Principle of intercession.** "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done" - If we see what's on His heart, we will pray what is on His heart. What is on His heart? The world is on His heart. If you pray for the kingdom of God to come and the will of God to be done, pray for the rule and reign of Christ in the hearts and lives of men and women; pray that men would come to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ - God is going to hear and to answer those prayers because that's what's on His heart.

**Principle of supplication.** "Give us this day our daily bread" - also known as the principle of God's provision.

This is going before God and saying, Oh, God, without you I cannot exist. I need you! I need sustenance from you. I need you to provide for me; see Him as our provider.

**Principle of forgiveness.** "Forgive our debts, as we forgive our debtors" - As we go before God and see Him in His holiness, and in His greatness, we are broken before Him.

When we see God as He is in His holiness and His purity, He exposes the little things, the little hidden agenda in our hearts becomes exposed.

I have to go before Him and say, "Oh, God, it's not my broth-

er, nor my sister, but it's me. How I need You to cleanse me and forgive me".

There is brokenness that takes place, and cleansing. Forgiveness begins to flow, not only in us, but through us to others, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

**Then another principle** - "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one" - God becomes our deliverer. He becomes the one who leads us and takes us on into victory. He gives us victory over the things that Satan will throw against us. We are in a spiritual battle. God will be our victor. He will be the one who will defend us.

These principle can be summoned up in one thing - the power of God. It is the power of changing the lives of men and women, the power of God providing for us to do His will, the power of cleansing us from anything that is displeasing to Him, the power of God delivering us from the evil one.

So when we pray, we need to understand that the reason revival descends on the wings of those who are praying is because when we pray according to the Word of God, the power of God is released to accomplish His will.

Join us for 'The Nations Pray' monthly Revival prayer this month we will be with Zoe Christian Family Centre in Matsapha next Saturday past the Eteteni Engen starting from 2:15pm to 3:30pm.

Please also visit our Facebook page The Pentecost Ministries International Trust and your feedback is also welcome to the revolutionary mandate@ gmail.com.

## PRAYER AND REVIVAL



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## PSYCHOLOGICAL abuse is a form of abuse that births all sorts of abuse.

You might have heard people saying 'it all starts from the head' or 'it's all in your mind' well the mind is a powerful tool that makes way to our actions.

Our body experiences, should it be that which we hear or see and touch is a gateway to our actions. One can state that it creates our inner self. Psychological experiences begin to develop as early as time of birth. All a child is exposed to and experiences forms his or her character that is, the way he/she would respond to aspects of life that he/she might come across. You should take note that the words psychological and emotional abuse will be used interchangeably.

Physical abuse, financial and sexual abuse are forms of abuse that are most spoken off and often emotional abuse is not treated as serious as the others.

What is most important to acknowledge is that without psychological abuse, the chances of the other forms of abuse to occur are very limited.

Domestic violence and abuse can happen to anyone, yet the problem is often overlooked, excused, or denied. This is especially true when the abuse is psychological, rather than physical. Noticing and acknowledging the signs of an abusive relationship is the first step to ending it.

By definition psychological abuse (also referred to as psychological violence, emotional abuse, or mental abuse) is a form of abuse, characterised by a person subjecting, or exposing, another person to behaviour that may result in psychological trauma, including anxiety, chronic depression, or post-traumatic stress disorder.

A discussion paper was prepared by Deborah Doherty and Dorothy Berglund on Psychological Abuse, from which abstracts of a child's development into an adult have been discussed and also stating how emotional abuse may be disturbed by the psychological abuse. We will consider some of the findings of the 2015 paper.

Individuals are pushed through life stages by biological and social demands. This is important because it infers that individuals cannot remain in a stage until they have properly confronted their crises, but may be forced to enter the next stage unprepared.

Therefore, properly managing crises within each stage is important for the successful completion of the later stages in adulthood. Erikson describes one of the first stages leading to adulthood as identity vs. role confusion (Logan, 1986). This stage is often experienced during the teenage years; in this stage adolescents experience an 'identity crisis', which is described as an attempt to define who you are (e.g. career, religion, sexual identity, and so on), where you are heading and how you fit into society. As adolescents progress through this stage, they begin to focus in on developing an identity. This identity consolidation in adolescence provides the first real opportunity to develop continuity with the past, meaning in the present, and direction for the future. As such, identity consolidation forms the cornerstone of the capacity to do well and the basis of self-acceptance and self-esteem.

The successful resolution of identity issues provides the young person with a clear sense of self, well-defined personal beliefs and values, and a feeling of place within the community.

## THE TRUE SOURCE OF ABUSE!



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There are variables that take place throughout early developmental stages, which continue to affect individuals as they advance into adulthood. A variety of abuses such as verbal, mental, and sexual have been proven to negatively affect the course of children's life responses.

The most common form, which makes up 78.5 per cent of all child abuse cases is neglect. Neglect can be defined as a type of maltreatment that refers to the failure by the caregiver to provide needed, age appropriate care although financially able to do so or offered financial or other means to do so. Abused children are also more likely to engage in sexual risk taking, causing them to be 25 per cent more likely to experience teenage pregnancy and putting them at a greater risk of contracting STD's. Abuse has also been linked with criminal behaviour and an alarming number of inmates have been abused mentally as children even though the numbers may be higher as most people do not know when they might be mentally abused as children, however, it is through a background interview at a later stage in life that researchers find out that the particular person had suffered emotional abuse at an early age.

It is important that psychological abuse be noted and taken seriously.

The country is faced with alarming news every week. Murder cases in the most inhuman manner; people committing suicide; children being sexually abused; school going children falling pregnant in school; mothers beating their children to death and spouses abusing each other. In all of these there is one connecting factor and that is psychological abuse of children.

## Universities need to take note of the gap between expectations, experience

### THE student population at South African universities have changed dramatically in the last two decades.

It's now much more diverse in terms of age, race, culture, backgrounds, educational experience and academic potential.

This transformation has brought with it a wide variety of student expectations – largely influenced by their school experience, family background and home communities – about what a university education can deliver.

In my study, I examined the gap between first year students' expectations with their actual experience at a University in the Western Cape. The criteria I focused on were; social engagement, academic engagement and academic support.

The study revealed that there's a significant gap between incoming students' expectation of what university would be like, and their actual experience. This can lead to students feeling disconnected from the institution and could eventually result in them failing or dropping out.

To avoid this, universities must be well-prepared and properly engage with students before they leave high school and during their first year. This will help manage the diverse expectations and experiences that students have. For this research, I conducted two surveys. A first-year "expectation" survey was conducted with students before they entered university. An "experience" survey was then held towards the end of the academic year.

The sample size was 95 first-year students of which 77 per cent were female and 23 per cent male. The majority of the participants (53 per cent) were under 20 years old and were attending university directly from school. 40 per cent of the participants were between 21 and 29 years old. Most of the participants (53 per cent) indicated English as their home language, while 23 per cent indicated isiXhosa and 21.5 per cent indicated Afrikaans. A large number of the participants (83 per cent) indicated they were first-generation students, meaning they were the first member in their immediate family to attend university. *The Conversation*

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"Wisdom comes from experience. Experience is often a result of lack of wisdom."

– Terry Pratchett

"You endure what is unbearable, and you bear it. That is all."

– Cassandra Clare, *Clockwork Princess*

"You can have it all. Just not all at once."

– Oprah Winfrey

"Whenever you read a cancer booklet or website or whatever, they always list depression among the side effects of cancer. But, in fact, depression is not a side effect of cancer. Depression is a side effect of dying."

– John Green, *The Fault in Our Stars*

"People come, people go – they'll drift in and out of your life, almost like characters in a favourite book. When you finally close the cover, the characters have told their story and you start up again with another book, complete with new characters and adventures. Then you find yourself focusing on the new ones, not the ones from the past."

– Nicholas Sparks, *The Rescue*

"I like flaws. I think they make things interesting."

– Sarah Dessen, *The Truth About Forever*

"When we least expect it, life sets us a challenge to test our courage and willingness to change; at such a moment, there is no point in pretending that nothing has happened or in saying that we are not yet ready. The challenge will not wait. Life does not look back. A week is more than enough time for us to decide whether or not to accept our destiny."

– Paulo Coelho, *The Devil and Miss Prym*

"Remember, remember, this is now, and now, and now. Live it, feel it, cling to it. I want to become acutely aware of all I've taken for granted."

– Sylvia Plath

"Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely."

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

"Please believe that things are good with me, and even when they're not, they will be soon enough. And I will always believe the same about you."

– Stephen Chbosky, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

"How nice to feel nothing, and still get full credit for being alive."

– Kurt Vonnegut, *Slaughterhouse-Five*

"There's nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be..."

– John Lennon



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## VITALS

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	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 17 OCT 2018

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.1853	14.2353
British Pound/SZL	18.6934	18.7542
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.8853	7.9110
Swiss France/SZL	14.3141	14.3588
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3292	1.3452
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.1269	10.1640
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.9539	10.9891
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.3996	16.4574
Gold	1,222.6801	
Oil	80.97	

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# ESWATINI'S GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS RANKINGS WORSEN

Stories by Hlengiwe Ndlovu

ESWATINI's challenges seem to worsen by the day as the country has been ranked the 120th most competitive economy in the world, on the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Competitiveness Report of 2018-19.

Out of the 140 countries that participated, the kingdom's overall performance was 120th position. This is a decline of four places from last year's rank where the country stood at position 116 out of 137 countries. WEF released the latest rankings on Tuesday, amid the country's perennial economic challenges.

In the rankings, WEF measures competitiveness by considering 12 factors that would determine the level of productivity in a country, including institutions, infrastructure, macro-economic environment, health, education, labour market efficiency, financial market development, technological readiness, market size and innovation.

The Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce (FSE&CC) is WEF's implementing partner for the Global

## Eswatini's ability to compete compromised - FSE&CC

REACTING to the country's declining global competitiveness rankings, the Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce (FSE&CC) says the degenerating state of affairs poses a huge concern to the private sector as it speaks to a reduced ability to compete on the global stage.

FSE&CC said the declining rankings are also a blow in the efforts to attract much needed foreign direct investment.

"The country needs to develop policies that will see Eswatini achieve double digit GCI rankings, in the next three to five years," FSE&CC said in a statement yesterday.

"Eswatini has been experiencing a steady inflation rate over the years; however rising public debt coupled diminishing reserves and elevated concerns about the macroeco-

omic stability of the country.

"Thus the country was ranked 115 under that pillar, which was one of the underperforming pillars," FSE&CC noted.

The cost of mobile data and services is one of the highest in the region, which results in low mobile and broadband penetration rates. Hence the country was ranked 125 under the pillar of ICT adoption, and consequently 134 under innovation capability, due to the close nature of innovation to a thriving ICT sector.

With an estimated life expectancy of 49.6 per cent the country is amongst the worst performing countries on this pillar, being ranked 139 out of 140.

This is a consequence of the country's unequal access to healthcare and deteriorating health care system.

Competitiveness Report.

While Eswatini's scores showed mixed results across all 12 pillars of competitiveness, it trailed

by some distance behind some of her Southern African peers — South Africa (67), Namibia (100) Botswana (90).



E600: Jethro Maseko (C) smiling while receiving his prize from Executive Business Manager Nozizwe Mulela and Vehicle Finance officer Thembeni Nxumalo. (Pics: Zwelethu Dlamini)



E400: Nonkululeko Dlamini receiving her prize from Executive Business Manager Nozizwe Mulela and Vehicle Finance officer Thembeni Nxumalo.

## Eswatini Bank splashes fuel voucher prizes

By Zwelethu Dlamini

WHAT may come as good news for Emaswati with a dream of owning a car whether new or pre owned without paying a deposit is that Eswatini bank has gifts in store for them.

This became evident yesterday as two lucky customers won themselves fuel vouchers valued at E1000.

At the beginning of the month Eswatini Bank launched the motor vehicle finance promotion which seeks to provide the necessary affordability to customers who want to purchase motor

vehicles with a no deposit requirement and a payment period of 72 months.

Eswatini Bank Executive Business Manager Nozizwe Mulela revealed that the no deposit requirement also extends to pre-owned cars.

"The promotion will be running until the 31 December 2018. What is further exciting is that, if you buy a car during this period you also stand a chance to win fuel vouchers valued at a total of E1000 every fortnight. E600 first prize and E400 second prize and a lovely Eswatini Bank gift hamper," she said.

Yesterday's draw and prize presentation was the first and Central Bank of Eswatini employ-

ee Jethro Maseko scooped the first prize while Nonkululeko Dlamini from Swaziland Revenue Authority won the second prize.

Speaking on behalf of the winners Maseko thanked the bank for the friendly service and the promotion.

"I am short of words, I have never won anything before, all I can say is we are grateful to the bank for the promotion and the prizes. This promotion allowed me to buy my second vehicle, Renault valued at E150 000," he said.

Dlamini on the other hand said she got a friendly service from the bank and bought herself a Ford Fiago valued at E125 000.



# NMC RELEASES LIST OF AGRO-DEALERS TO FARMERS

By Zwelethu Dlamini

THE National Maize Corporation (NMC) has announced that farmers who registered for the farm input subsidy programme can now collect inputs from 18 selected agro-dealers near them.

The list of agro-dealers includes top suppliers with a good track record, who were selected through a selective tender process. NMC Communications and Marketing Manager Nokwanda Dlamini-Masuku said the Corporation ascertained that farmers will not have to travel long distances at great cost to access inputs by ensuring that suppliers had a presence countrywide.

"Further to our declaration of readiness to serve farmers in the Kingdom of Eswatini this ploughing season, the National Maize Corporation (NMC) would like to advise all farmers and relevant stakeholders that the following agro dealers have been authorised to supply farmers with inputs for the ploughing season.

Farmers are advised to bring along their original deposit slips together with their IDs to the listed agro dealers of their choice," she said. Farmers only have to satisfy themselves that any of these suppliers have an outlet in their nearest town and approach the agro-dealer with their original deposit slips and IDs of the items paid for.



## THE LIST IS OF AGRO-DEALERS FOLLOWS:

1. Cashbuild - Manzini, Matsapha, Ezulwini, Mbabane, Pigg's Peak, Nhlanguano, Tshaneni
2. Sivivane Cooperative - Manzini, Madlangempisi
3. Janco - Luyengo
4. Farm Chemicals - Luyengo
5. Khuba Traders - Manzini
6. Eswatini Procurement Agency - Matsapha
7. Buy Cash - Mankayane, Malkems, Bhunya, Sibovu, Matsapha, Pigg's Peak, Msahweni, Buhleni, Madlangempisi, Zibonele, Kancesi, Hlathikhulu, New Heaven, Gege, Nkhungwini, Hluthi, Siphofaneni, Sithobelweni, Luvatsi-St. Phillips
8. Swaziland Agricultural Supplies - Manzini
9. Bena Enterprises - Kwaluseni
10. Greytown - Matsapha
11. TWK Agri - Matsapha
12. SWAFCU - Ngwempisi, Mgazini, Kukhanyeni, Nkijji, Mahlangatja, Philisanani-Deda, Ludzeludze, Ka-Jele, Mhlangeni, Luvu, Dwalile, Macudvutwini, Ncabaneni, Ntfontjeni, Ngubonkulu, Sigangeni, Hhukwini, Maphalaleni, Madlangempisi, Mayiwane, Phunga, Gege, Shiselweni, Southern RDA, Nhlanguano, Tikhuba, Maphungwane, Lomahasha, Siphofaneni.
13. Agrivorld - Mbabane
14. Afritool - Mbabane
15. Build It - Mbabane, Nhlanguano, Siteki
16. T&S - Ngwenya
17. Latee Investments - Mbabane
18. Usufu Hardware - Big Bend

- Sugar beans: 7x10kg seeds, 3x50kg fertiliser, 2x50kg LAN;
  - Sorghum: 1x10kg seeds, 3x50kg fertiliser, 4x50kg LAN.
- "We thank the entire Swazi nation,

the ministry of agriculture, the media, farmers, key stakeholders and partners for their cooperation, and we look forward to a productive season ahead," Dlamini-Masuku concluded.



FARMERS: Part of the farmers during their workshop held at the Esibayeni Lodge. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

## Glossy policies not improving rural women farmers

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

THE myriad of policies gathering dust on government file cabinets are just not making a difference in the lives of women farmers.

These sentiments were shared by women attending a Swaziland National Agricultural Union (SNAU) women forum held at Esibayeni Lodge yesterday. Most participants complained that the country has a lot of glossy policies, which are barely unpacked to the relevant people. Making her presentation, Lungile Mnisi from the Church Forum who represented CANGO in this forum noted that women make up a significant portion of the agricultural labour force, constituting an average of 43 per cent in developing countries and 50 per cent in Sub-Saharan Africa.

CANGO is the Coordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations. Reacting to this presentation, one participant shot up

to echo Mnisi's words. "I believe Eswatini has a lot of policies in place, which rural women farmers are unfortunately unaware of. I also don't understand why women, or farmers in rural areas are not part of the policy-making policies in the first place and why these documents are always written in English," she said.

### Complained

Other participants complained that women farmers are faced with a whole lot of challenges ranging from evictions by in-laws when their spouses die to lack of security in their farming areas. SNAU Executive Director Lwazi Mamba explained that the forum was aimed at sharing experiences and learning from successes of other women farmers and their failures in order to promote agribusinesses in the country. Mamba said SNAU was also exploring means of encouraging women farmers to be involved in leadership and decision-making positions in order to influence decisions and agriculture policies.

## Top MTN Mobile Money vendor wins two kiosks

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

DUMSILE Vilakati, who emerged top MTN Mobile Money agent in August and September, has won herself two Mobile Money kiosks.

This was during the company's awarding of top performing Mobile Money vendors for the preceding two months yesterday, at Mahlalekhukhwini House in Ezulwini.

After receiving her prize, Vilakati, who currently owns two Mobile Money outlets, said she will use the two new kiosks to expand her business footprint. Currently, she has two outlets that employs four people. The Mobile Money business has been her only bread and butter since 2014.

"From here, I will be looking for the most suitable places, as well as seek permission to set up two more Mobile Money stations. After that, I think I will need to recruit at least two more people to take care of the new stations," she said.

On average she nets between E20 000-E30 000 per month from the existing two places. One of them is at the capital city, just opposite Shoprite and Cardies at Swazi Plaza. The other one is in Hhohho. She has used the business to complement her husband's

...Plans to set up two more sites and employ two more people

efforts to raise their four children, one of whom graduated in 2016 at the University of Eswatini (UNESWA).

"I have no words to thank MTN for this prize. It really came as a surprise to me. These kiosks will help me to expand my business footprint, and to create additional jobs," she said.

The objective of the campaign, according to MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lufhondvo, was to celebrate success for vendors who have exceeded their targets, and to improve customer service.

"If vendors compete to be the best, this affects the texture of customer experience. It makes them more willing to assist customers. Therefore, the ultimate beneficiary under this campaign is the customer," he explained.

MTN Chief Consumer Officer Sam Shongwe congratulated the top performing vendors.

"It is one of our values to celebrate success here at MTN," he said.

He further assured those who didn't win that nothing is lost.

"The journey doesn't end here and today. We want to see new faces next month. However, this is not to say, we don't want to see the faces of those who

won in the previous two months, we will be equally happy to see familiar faces," he said.

To qualify to win, each vendor is given a unique target that they have to beat. The target is set in relation to the amount of traffic where the vendor is based, and the performance record of the business. The targets are also stretched now and then, to enable vendors to continue improving.

There were 11 others vendors won themselves MTN gift hampers which included Samsung phones, power banks, branded t-shirts, and juice bottles. The mobile phones would further help them extend services such as SIM registration to the company's customers.

### List of winners

1. Phumelela Spaza
2. Airtel Cellular
3. Robs-Matsapha Robs
4. Nonkululeko Hairdressing Salon
5. Hannah's Spaza
6. Prepaid Centre-Hub Manzini
7. Maxi Main
8. Setsembiso Main
9. Choice Cellular and Sound
10. Mayibongwe Mobile Recharge
11. Hugh Mobile
12. Okwethu Main

## MTN boasts over 5 000 Mobile Money vendors

MTN Eswatini currently has over 5 000 Mobile Money vendors, and still counting.

This was disclosed by MTN Chief Consumer Officer Sam Shongwe, during the awarding of Mobile Money vendors who beat their set targets in the past two months yesterday at the company's head office in Ezulwini. Shongwe said through the expansion of its Mobile Money vendors network, the company seeks to ensure that it delivers world

class standard customer service.

"We cannot do this alone, we need our partners to be on board," he said referring to Mobile Money vendors.

He encouraged the vendors to continue working hard as they deliver services to the company's customers. He also promised them that the company would continue to engage them with the view to also make their lives a whole lot brighter, and their business easy.



SKY IS THE LIMIT: Dumsile Vilakati owner of Phumelela Spaza in Mbabane won herself two Mobile Money kiosks after being the top vendor in August and September (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



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# MATSAPHA SHACK SPAZAS CONTINUE WITH OPERATIONS

Stories by Mhlengi Magongo

SHACK spaza shops which also sell food, fruits and snacks around the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) Kwaluseni Campus and IDM College continue to operate despite being shut down by the Matsapha Town Council two months ago.

A majority of these spaza shops were forced to close because of lack of proper sanitation, especially those selling grilled chicken, famously known as 'chicken dust'. The municipality said without proper accommodation and sanitation, there is no guarantee that the food served by these spaza shops is healthy.

Interviewed randomly, a majority of students from both IDM College and



**FOR SALE:** One of the shack spaza shops that is still operational in Kwaluseni despite being closed by the Matsapha Town Council. (Pics: Mhlengi Magongo)

UNESWA said they enjoyed the food being sold in these spaza shops.

"The food they sell to us is afford-

able and nice. You do not spend a lot of money yet you get a fulfilling meal," they said.

## 'Town council should provide accommodation'

ONE of the shack spaza owners \*Sicelo Msitsini who sells 'chicken dust' said the town council should support them as small business owners rather than forcing them to close.

He said it is the responsibility of the council to assist community members.

"I think it is their (town council's) responsibility to help us as small business owners to get proper accommodation close to the campuses. Even if we save enough to build a small structure, we are told by the town council that it is not the right place so we end

up erecting the shacks". Msitsini also highlighted that the eatery business is what they rely on to survive and take care of their families. He further mentioned that if they stop operating, their families would suffer as the eateries are their only source of income.

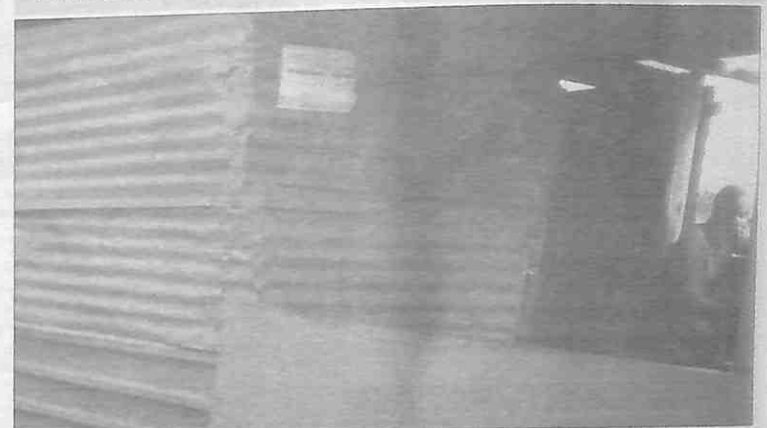
## Restaurant owners say shack spazas killing their businesses

ONE of the restaurants close to the IDM College and UNESWA Kwaluseni Campus complying with standards set by the town council, faces closure due to financial problems.

The restaurant owner \*Nomcebo Kunene said her business is failing because most of the students support the shack spaza shops. Kunene said this means that they would struggle to meet the demands of the council. "We struggle to pay rent and the salaries of those few employees we have because we have less customers. A majority of the students (target market) support the shack eateries, forcing us to reduce the price of our items.

This leads to little or no profit, sometimes we even struggle to pay rent," she said. One of the students from UNESWA said the reason they showed keen interest in the shacks over the proper restaurants is because the quantity of the food being served at the shacks is higher compared to that being served in properly housed eateries.

"We know that the food might be unhealthy but it is satisfying compared to that being served at the restaurants. For E20 at a restaurant, you get a small size plate while at the shacks you get a big full meal which can sometimes be shared," she said.



**AFFORDABLE:** One of the customers enjoying the shack spaza shop services.

## The money I have I worked for - Madzonga

CAPE TOWN - Vele Investments' former chief executive, Robert Madzonga, said that he worked for the money he received from scandal-hit VBS Mutual Bank and Vele Investments.

Vele Investments is VBS Mutual Bank's largest shareholder.

Madzonga was speaking to 702's Bruce Whitfield, on his radio show 'The Money Show'.

To be clear, VBS Mutual Bank is one of the subsidiaries of Vele Investments, according to Madzonga.

Vele first invested in VBS bank in 2017.

When asked whether it was always the intention to rob VBS Mutual Bank, Madzonga said that "no there has never been an intention to rob the bank, from Vele's point of view".

Whitfield wanted to know more about the 'Kingpin of this Catastrophe' as he put it, the founder and Chairperson of Vele Investments, Tshifhiwa Matodzi. Madzonga said he could only com-

ment on the forensic report by Advocate Terry Motau.

There was some damning evidence in the report on Matodzi but Madzonga was clear that he would wait for Matodzi to comment.

Whitfield asked Madzonga then about the R30 million benefit he received from VBS bank, as stated in the report.

Madzonga said he had always co-operated with authorities and with investigators.

He said he worked for both Vele and VBS and worked hard for that money.

He was, in fact, the acting chief operating officer (COO) of VBS bank but was removed for not having the 'right credentials'.

Motau's report said that Madzonga was the acting COO for only a month (between May and June 2016).

The report further said that Madzonga still, however, received a salary in September and October.

Madzonga also got his R300 000 per month salary he received from Vele

Investments, on top of these payments.

Madzonga said that he was not at the bank when the irregularities happened and in fact, the COO at the time should have seen what was happening.

"I think that the report is clear... the report pointed at the non-executive directors who manipulated the system, who paid themselves bonuses."

There are people who have confessed to their actions, Madzonga said.

People should not be found guilty of assumptions. Madzonga seemed to point to himself at this point of the interview. Whitfield then asked Madzonga:

"If it was found that money you received through ill-gotten gains like the Vhavenda king, would you be willing to do the same and pay back the money?"

Madzonga said that he will pay back any money that was not a salary, a bonus or a directors fee that comes from his subsidiaries. He told Advocate Motau that if he received any money, that did not fall in these requirements, then he is guilty. *Business Report Online*

## Dis-Chem HY profit up as market share increases

JOHANNESBURG - South African pharmacy group Dis-Chem's half-year profit on a per share basis rose 10.5 per cent as it lifted its market share across all divisions.

The drugstore chain said diluted headline earnings per share (HEPS) was 51.7 cents, compared with 46.8 cents per share for the six-month period ended August 2017.

Headline EPS is the most widely watched profit measure in South Africa which strips out certain one-off items. Dis-Chem said the one per cent VAT increase in April along with the fuel price increases had dampened trading in April and July.

"Subsequently, we have seen trading improvements in August and then again in September, suggesting consumer confidence is improving slightly," Chief Executive Ivan Saltzman said in a statement.

Group turnover grew by 9.4 per cent to R10.5 billion from R9.6 bil-

lion. Dis-Chem declared a gross dividend of 20.69 cents per share.

In July, Dis-Chem Pharmacies said sales rose by 11 per cent in the first four months of the financial year.

The growth was boosted from its beauty, healthcare and other front-of-shop products.

The company, which listed on the stock exchange in 2016, said group sales rose to R7 billion in the four months through June 30 compared with the same period a year earlier.

Retail sales increased 11.1 per cent to R 6.4bn from R5.7bn in the prior period, despite consumers tightening their belts after an increase in value-added tax (VAT) and fuel prices. "The continuing increase in the fuel price along with the one per cent increase in the VAT rate continues to put pressure on consumers which was evident in our April and May retail sales," Saltzman said in a statement. *Reuters*

## SA's growth outlook cut by Moody's

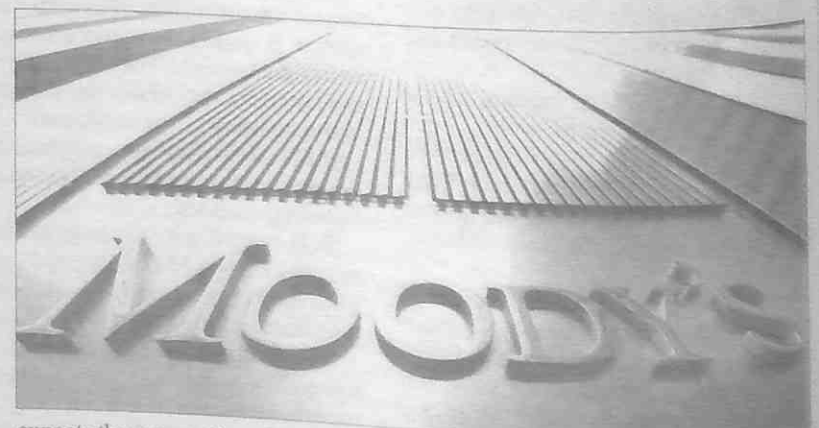
JOHANNESBURG - Moody's on Tuesday revised the country's growth forecast down to 0.5 per cent this year, but maintained that South Africa could see an upgrade if the government implemented structural reforms to resuscitate the economy and curbed public debt.

Moody's said the elevated government debt and liability risk from state-owned enterprises (SOEs) remained a risk to the country's growth prospects.

It said the reduction of contingency liability reforms would exert upward pressure on the country's overall rating, resulting in a downgrade.

The news saw credit spread in the market, moving up 18 basis points on Tuesday from a non-attractive 236 basis points to 217. Economist Brian Kantor said the outlook put more pressure on Finance Minister Tito Mboweni's medium-term Budget policy statement (MTBPS) next Wednesday.


"We will wait and see," said Kantor. "Moody's is particularly sympathetic to South Africa - more than other agencies." The appraisal came just hours after Eskom, the country's biggest liability, confirmed another dim forecast for the current financial year, saying it was poised to record losses of R45 billion. Moody's said while Mboweni's replacement of former minister Nhlanhla Nene a few weeks before the mini-Budget was received as positive, it still



expects the country's policy direction to remain the same, given the lack of

changes in the past few years. *Business Report*





# Africa News

## 'PEACE MINISTRY' TO TACKLE VIOLENCE IN SWEEPING RESHUFFLE

**ETHIOPIA** - Ethiopia's prime minister created a new Ministry of Peace and handed half the posts in his cabinet to women in a sweeping cabinet reshuffle on Tuesday as he sought to tackle a wave of ethnic violence.

Abiy Ahmed - who has turned the region's politics on its head with a string of reforms since being appointed in April - named new finance and defence ministers in an overhaul that left only four of the appointments unchanged.

"The main problem in this country is the lack of peace. This (peace) ministry will be working hard to ensure it prevails," Abiy told lawmakers. About 2.2 million people out of a population of 100 million have been displaced by violence since last year, much of it between rival ethnic groups. The new peace ministry will be led by former parliament speaker Muferiat Kamil, and her office will oversee the intelli-



**FIGHT AGAINST VIOLENCE:** Ethiopians protesting against the conditions of Ethiopian illegal migrants in Saudi Arabia.

gence and security agencies, the government said. Since his appointment, Abiy has made peace with neighbour Eritrea and presided over the partial privatisation of key economic sectors such as telecommunica-

tions. The 42-year-old has also extended an olive branch to several rebel groups, promised to follow a policy of reconciliation and rein in the powerful security agencies. Yet the changes have not stopped ethnically-charged

violence, some of which escalated since he was named premier.

Former construction minister Aisha Mohammed was named defence minister - the first woman to hold that position in the country. *Reuters*

## 200 000 Congolese expelled as UN warns of 'humanitarian crisis'

**GOMA** - Some 200 000 Congolese migrants have been expelled from Angola and returned home to the troubled Kasai province - an influx that could result in a humanitarian crisis.

The UN refugee agency UNHCR "is appealing to the governments of Angola and the DRC to work together to ensure a safe and orderly population movement," the body said in a statement on Tuesday.

The mass expulsions started about two weeks ago, when the Angolan government ordered the migrants - who were working in the informal mining sector in the north-east of the country - to go back to neighbouring Congo, the UNHCR said. There have been reports of violent clashes in some parts of Angola as police tried to enforce the order, as well as reports of sexual violence and theft at border points, the body said.

"The Congolese are returning to a desperate situation, looking for safety and aid. With more arriving every day, thousands are reported to be stuck at and near the border," the statement said.

"In addition, many are likely to face difficulties due to destruction caused by recent conflict in the area," it added.

Congolese government spokesman Lambert Mende told dpa Tuesday that a team has been deployed to help those Congolese who have arrived home. Mende said the government was also investigating "extremely serious allegations" that some of their nationals were violently expelled.

dpa

## Case of slain Libyan rebel commander opens old wounds

**LIBYA** - Eastern Libyan authorities have resumed an investigation into the unexplained killing of a top rebel commander in the 2011 uprising that toppled Muammar Gaddafi, a case that could reopen old wounds.

The unsolved killing of Abdel Fattah Younes by suspected fellow fighters in 2011 caused deep rifts inside the rebel camp of the kind that have marked the turmoil and

violence gripping Libya ever since.

The investigation risks stirring new tensions between eastern Libya, controlled by the forces of General Khalifa Haftar, and a U.N.-backed administration in the capital Tripoli.

Haftar ordered the eastern military prosecutor to 'immediately and urgently reopen the investigation' of the killing of Younes and two others slain in 2011, according to a decree posted late on Monday.

A previous investigation launched in 2011 had named as prime suspect Ali Essawi, who was deputy prime minister during the uprising at a rebel transitional authority which took over power from Gaddafi. A court later dropped the case against Essawi and other suspects. But Essawi resurfaced into the spotlight when Tripoli-based Prime Minister Fayez appointed him as economy minister this month. *Reuters*

## Zimbabwe probes post-election violence that killed six

**HARARE** - A public inquiry into the deaths of six people after Zimbabwe's landmark elections started hearing oral testimonies on Tuesday with witnesses pointing fingers at the opposition, which has already labelled the probe 'preemptive'.

President Emmerson Mnangagwa appointed the seven-member commission of inquiry, led by former South African president Kgalema Motlanthe, after at least six people died when the army opened fire on post-poll protests in August.

Anti-fraud protesters had taken to the streets of Zimbabwe's capital Harare accusing the country's electoral commission of delaying the announcement of results for general elections held on July 30.

"We have urged all the eyewitnesses and all those who have information that may assist the work of



**PROBE:** Zim President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

the commission, to please come forward," Motlanthe said at the start of the public hearings at a hotel in the capital. Motlanthe said the com-

mission would, "investigate circumstances which necessitated the involvement of the military in assisting in the maintenance of law and order". It will also "consider whether the degree of force used was appropriate to ensuring the threat to public safety law and order among other things," he added. In recent days the commission has been accepting written submissions. In her oral testimony, witness Patricia Ruzawi, blamed opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) supporters for the violence. "They were saying 'down with Mnangagwa' and (that) they were tired of elections being rigged. And they were saying this will not happen again," Ruzawi said. Nyasha Zenda, a ruling Zanu-PF member and election candidate said he was assaulted by MDC supporters who later burned his campaign bus. *AFP*

### BRIEFS

#### Businessman cleared of fraud

**JOHANNESBURG** - A South Africa based Zimbabwean businessman has been cleared of any wrongdoing in his country after a probe by the Attorney General's (AG) office into multiple complaints found that he only took over properties belonging to people who owed him money and had defaulted on agreed repayments. The AG's announcement has cleared up a cloud of suspicion that had been hanging over Frank Buyanga who had been accused of fraud by defaulting clients.. *African News Agency*

#### Dozens dead on criminal gangs

**NIGER** - At least 30 'bandits' have been killed during a crackdown by the armies of Niger and Nigeria in their troubled frontier where kidnappings and cattle rustling are rife, Niger's interior minister said. Criminal gangs had been operating in a 'sanctuary' of dense forest between the Maradi area of southern Niger and the Nigerian border, Bazoum Mohamed said. A three-week operation by the two armies meant authorities were now 'fully in control' of the region. *AFP*

#### Rare birth defect on the rise

**ANGOLA** - Emiliano Cula starts to cry as his tiny fingers, curled into a tight fist, are stretched by a physical therapist to stimulate motor control. Bom in a poor neighborhood of Angola's capital Luanda, the 10-month old boy has microcephaly, a birth defect marked by a small head and serious developmental problems. He still can't sit upright and has difficulty seeing and hearing. *Reuters*



#### 12 killed in fresh Mali violence

**MALI** - Eleven people were shot dead in restive central Mali on Monday by unidentified gunmen, while a blast killed one person and injured two, sources said. The gun attack took place in the village of Telly, a few dozen kilometres (miles) from the town of Tenenkou, a local official said. "They killed 11 civilians. Some of them came by motor bike," the source said. A Malian security source confirmed the attack in Telly and the death toll, and said 'criminals' were to blame. *AFP*

#### Struggle to stop a runaway luggage

**WINDHOEK** - Namibian airport workers had a hard time trying to stop a runaway luggage train that was being blown across the tarmac on Sunday, The Namibian reports. "Strong winds at the Hosea Kutako International Airport triggered a spectacle in which four officials chased after a train of four runaway luggage trolleys which were heading towards a stationary plane at full speed," the report said. *News24*





# Focus on SA Scene

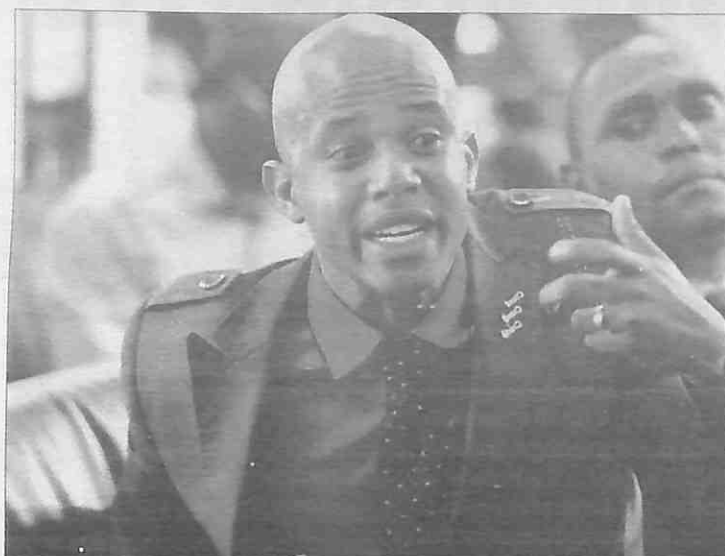
## 'SNAKE PASTOR' FEEDS DOG MEAT TO CONGREGANTS FOR COMMUNION

**JOHANNESBURG** - Controversial 'snake pastor' Penuel Mnguni who has fed snake and rat to his congregants, has now chosen dog meat for communion.

In a video posted on the self-proclaimed prophet's End Times Disciples Ministries Facebook page on Sunday, Mnguni can be seen feeding dog meat to his followers.

In a separate post, which displays pictures of the dog before, during and after it was slaughtered, he says "it is not what goes through the mouth that disqualifies us and defile us but what comes out of the mouth - The heart matters most than what decomposes (Food we eat) (sic)".

"Christianity has shifted so much from time to time, however, at End Times Disciples Ministries, the move of God has been seen as many peoples faiths has also been challenged. From changing a snake to chocolate - to partaking octopus and frogs - a dog stew was



**DOGGY AFFAIR:** End Times Disciples Ministries Pastor Penuel Mnguni. (Gallo Images)

prepared for the church to partake as Holy Communion (sic)."

The post further said that Jesus never limited people to biscuits and juice, but commanded "that as often as we remember we partake his body and blood".

In the video, Mnguni can be heard saying that congregants are eating the body of Christ.

"It is no longer a dog, it is the flesh of our Lord Jesus Christ," Mnguni said. "I prayed for these bones, this is no longer a dog.

"... anyone who is against this, is against the Lord." Mnguni also eats the meat himself, telling his followers that "people will say the man of God is not eating the dog". "This is so nice," he says after taking a bite.

Later in the video, he also infers that HIV and cancer can be cured through prayer.

"Those who have sicknesses, HIV, overdue pregnancies, I pray. Here's the cross confronting your situation. "Those who have cancer spirit, here's the cross anointing that cancer." The pastor from Soshanguve in Tshwane has previously had his congregants eat snakes, hair and cockroaches. In 2016, Mnguni made headlines after images of him driving over his congregants were posted on social media. His End Times Disciples Ministries showed pictures of him behind the wheel of a car, driving over two people outside the Kameelrivier B Stadium hall on June 3. *News24*

### 'If Floyd stole money from poor, I will face him'

**JOHANNESBURG** - The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) has thrown its weight behind its Deputy President Floyd Shivambu, whose brother, Brian, allegedly received R16 million from the collapsed VBS Mutual Bank.

"The deputy president has taken the EFF leadership into his confidence and we have no reason to not believe him.

We note that several persons mentioned in the [VBS] report are challenging it, any pronouncement on the validity of the report is premature," party leader Julius Malema told reporters in Johannesburg.

Neither Shivambu nor the EFF was mentioned in the report, he added.

Media reports alleged that R10 million of the R16 million VBS cash was directed to Brian's brother Floyd, while the EFF benefited to the tune of R1.3 million. The brothers have separately denied receiving cash emanating from the bank.

When asked why the EFF was taking its deputy president's word and not investigating him, Malema said there was no basis to investigate. "Investigation based on what?...give us something [to work with].

In the absence of prima facie evidence, there cannot be such. And I am not afraid of Floyd...if Floyd stole money from the poor, I will face him." *African News Agency*

## 'No evidence that PIC's Dan Matjila had a relationship with Pretty Louw'

**CAPE TOWN** - A source close to the forensic investigation into Public Investment Corporation (PIC) boss Dan Matjila says the probe found no evidence that there was a relationship between him and the owner of Maison Holdings (MST), Pretty Louw.

"There is no evidence that Matjila and Ms Louw have or had a romantic relationship," he said.

Matjila has publicly denied allegations that he and Louw have a romantic relationship. Louw also denied allegations that she received money from or had a romantic relationship with Matjila.

When questioned by MPs about the allegations, Matjila stuck to his guns and was cautioned that he could face prosecution if he was found to be lying to Parliament.

According to my information, all of the documents submitted by the CEO and CFO as evidence of the loan to MST were valid; the loan of R21m was provided to MST and not Maison Holdings; the allocation of R5m to MST as Corporate Social Investment was in line with the PIC's CSI strategy which had been approved by the board in November 2016."

*IOL*

## Man butchers sister, cuts off penis of little nephew

**JOHANNESBURG** - On Monday morning, Nokulunga Pita returned to her home in Umthambeka Section, Tembisa, after a frantic phone call from her son saying something bad had happened.

Pita, 46, had been sleeping at a sick fellow church member's house in the same section of the East Rand township since Friday. "I opened the door and found my son sitting on a small chair next to my daughter's body. My daughter was lying in a pool of blood and her baby laid next to her. "There was blood everywhere. I took the child and put him on my back because I thought he had fainted. My son told me he had killed his sister and nephew," Pita said. Pita said her daughter Fundiswa's throat had been slit, her index finger severed while one of her eyes had been removed. She said she did not see any injuries on her grandson Sisipho until

police told her his private parts were missing. Pita said her son told her he killed his sister because she had stolen R20 from him. "I asked him why he did this to his sister and he lied about her taking his money." Pita said her 25-year-old son had a drug problem and behaved strangely when high. "He is a good person but behaves strangely after smoking dagga. He would act wild, and be angry about everything.

"He had stopped smoking some time ago but I smelled dagga on him recently. "I asked him if he was smoking again but he did not respond," she said.

Pita could not stop crying throughout the interview. Her tears dried up for a few minutes when she spoke about Fundiswa, 28, who was a final-year Business Administration student at Sakshizwe College in Orange Grove, Johannesburg.

*SowetanLive*

## Supporters rally behind Cheryl Zondi at #OmotosoTrial

**PORT ELIZABETH** - The #TotalShutDown movement yesterday gathered outside the Port Elizabeth High Court to show support for Cheryl Zondi who is under cross-examination in the human trafficking trial involving Nigerian Pastor Timothy Omotoso.

The women, dressed in black and red, picketed and sang songs in Zondi's honour. South Africans on social media have rallied behind Zondi and she has been commended widely for her bravery on the stand.

Placards read: "I believe them. I believe you Cheryl Zondi." Other posters read: "No victim blaming!" #TotalShutDown said it believed the survivors and would stand in solidarity with them.

Zondi, 22, had earlier testified that she was raped and sexually abused



**SUPPORTED: Cheryl Zondi.**

by Omotoso when she joined the Jesus Dominion International (JDI) in 2009 at the age of 13.

*African News Agency*

## #StateCaptureInquiry: EFF has its eye on Blade Nzimande

**JOHANNESBURG** - The EFF is now targeting SACP General-Secretary Blade Nzimande after the party announced its intention to testify at the Zondo commission into state capture.

This came as the red berets were responding to allegations of the party's alleged involvement in the R2billion looting of the VBS Mutual Bank.

Malema said the EFF, which campaigned for the removal of former finance minister Nhlanhla Nene, would keenly watch Nzimande's testimony at the commission. "Let Blade Nzimande go to the commission and answer truthfully. That's what we said to Nhlanhla Nene," Malema said. Malema and the EFF on Tuesday rallied behind their deputy, Floyd Shivambu, saying there

was no evidence to warrant action against him. He slammed the investigator behind the explosive report into VBS, accusing him of implicating people without allowing them to respond. The fraud scandal implicated Floyd's brother, Brian. Malema accused Advocate Terry Motau of implicating people in the report he compiled for the SA Reserve Bank's Prudential Authority without talking to

them. "What makes us more worried is the fact that these people were not spoken to Maybe, if Brian was given an opportunity, Motau would not have even put Brian's name there," Malema said. Brian Shivambu, who was listed among 53 people who allegedly received millions of rand in gratuitous payments, was said to have secured R16 million.

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## NAMBOARD BOARD TOURS PROJECTS AND FACILITIES AROUND ESWATINI

**MANZINI** - The National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard) has reaffirmed its commitment to provide an enabling environment to develop the local horticulture sector, especially the small holder farmers and create sustainable access to market in Eswatini and abroad.

This follows a fresh successful interactive tour of its projects from eNcabeni to various sites and projects around Eswatini.

embarked on the tour with management to get a hands-on feel of the operations and meet some of the farmers behind the successful rise of the horticulture industry in the Kingdom.

"We are happy to see all the serious work that has been done by management over the years to get NAMBoard to the good state it is today. The tour gave us a clear picture of what is to come and if what is to come is done properly then this organisation shall have made a huge

Dr. Matsebula was accompanied by other board members Ms Sonia Paiva, Mr Richard Ngwenya, Mr Enock Dlamini and Mr Banana Skhondze while NAMBoard Chief Executive Officer Mr Siphephiso Dlamini was also a part of the tour together with the Management team.

The tour began as early as 6.30am at eNcabeni Fresh Produce Market where everyone was shown around the facilities including the pack-houses and demonstration plots, nursery and banana ripening facilities.

for a new facility, which they felt would alleviate the challenges of daily transporting produce after harvest. The board proceeded to the Shiselweni region; at eMphatheni, where they inspected the holding facility, as well as the demo plot there. Other sites visited included Jabulani, Siphambanweni and Lavumisa.

Dr Matsebula said the conditions of the facilities gave the board confidence that Eswatini farmers mean business and were also ready to export internationally.

support that NAMBoard provides in improving their business aspirations and also exposing them to various markets.

At various sites toured by the organisation's board and management, the farmers noted NAMBoard was indeed staying true to its vision to help farmers and create a sustainable market for their produce.

The organisation's vision is to be a catalyst for sustainable economic development in the agricultural sector of the Swazi economy, actively participating in the diversified regional and global markets promoting the consumption of a variety of produce in Eswatini.

At Mavulandlela, Elijah Gule thanked the board of directors for taking the time to reach out to them so they could engage directly with them their successes and challenges.

"We are quite honoured for this opportunity and it encourages us to work even harder by seeing that you have our interests directly at heart," he said.

The Chairman of the Board Dr Mike Matsebula and the CEO Siphephiso Dlamini at each venue encouraged the farmers to keep up the good work and assured them that all concerns raised would be acted upon.



The delegation also visited Lomahasha Market.

The Board of Directors led by the chairman, Dr Mike Matsebula

impact on the agriculture sector and the economy as a whole," he said.

They then proceeded to Mahlanya Market where they also viewed a newly installed cold-room facility which will boost the trading conditions, and ensure that the market traders procure more produce from local farmers. The facility was installed to enhance product shelf life, and increase profit for traders.

The delegation also visited projects in Hhohho to inspect Sdemane Farms and Pack House, Mavulandlela farmers' fields, Mshingshingi demo sites, Msahweni Pack House site, Mananga mini packhouse and Lomahasha Market to name a few.

Meanwhile during the second leg of the tour they visited the Lundzi Packhouse and interacted with nearby farmers who expressed their gratitude

"It makes it easier to talk about the export strategy for farmers because the facilities we have seen are going to help tremendously. Already we have started implementing the strategy in terms of what has gone out of the country," he said.

The main duty of NAMBoard is to regulate Eswatini's import, export and transit of scheduled agricultural products. The organisation also gives Farm Support and Development to help small holder farmers to develop their businesses. Also, Encabeni Fresh Produce Market provides an outlet for the produce of Eswatini's farmers as well as source out international markets for this produce to be exported.

MANZINI - Farmers appreciated the



The delegation being shown the packhouse plan and details of construction during the site visit at Jabulani



The Siphofaneni Banana Producer's Pack house is one of the successful projects also visited



The delegation being shown some of the fresh produce ready for collection at Mavulandlela.



The Board and Management being shown green house tunnels at Gosheni Farm

### IN BRIEF

### Women, youth participation in farming urged

**L**UNDZI-NAMBoard is passionate about seeing more involvement of young people and women in

agribusiness enterprises across the country. At each site the NAMBoard CEO Siphephiso highlighted to the farmers that people must not be left behind in agriculture projects because of gender or age.

In Lundzi the delegation was encouraged to find a young man as a Chairperson of the farmers association, Fana Maseko.

Meanwhile in Shiselweni representative of business in the board Sonia Paiva emphasised to those at the sites that they must ensure that they involve women in key positions not just on the small duties.



The Board and Management captured with the staff at Encabeni demo plots



CEO Siphephiso Dlamini explains a point to the board at the viewing of the cold room in Mahlanya

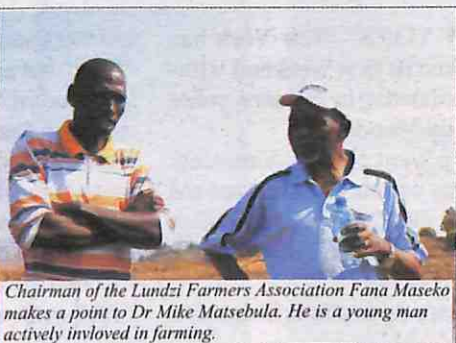


Agri Business Manager Tammy Dlamini explains to the Board members the seedling facility operation.

## DR MIKE, CEO DITCH CARS WALK TO FIELDS

**MPHATHENI**- The NAMBoard Board of Directors Chairman Dr Mike Matsebula and CEO Siphephiso Dlamini demonstrated leadership when they abandoned vehicles to walk a long distance to one of the demo sites.

When the delegation arrived at Mphatheni they were informed that the next fields to be inspected were over one kilometre away and therefore it was suggested that everyone gets back to their vehicles. Dr Matsebula and Mr Dlamini declined this and started walking off in the direction of the fields and led the whole team all the way to the site.



Chairman of the Lundzi Farmers Association Fana Maseko makes a point to Dr Mike Matsebula. He is a young man actively involved in farming.



Some of the packed fresh produce at eNcabeni being shown to the Board.

## LAVUMISA FARMERS OVER THE MOON

**L**AVUMISA- The investment by the EU, through NAMBoard and SWADE in facilities to promote agriculture projects in Lavumisa has been lauded by farmers.

Following a tour of the Lavumisa Site that is under

construction which will be a one-stop facility for agriculture in the area, the farmers paid tribute to the organisation.

"We are very happy. To see the structure almost complete makes us even happier and we also thank NAMBoard for coming to meet us and check on

progress," said one of the farmer representatives.

Board Chairman, Dr Mike Matsebula, said it was encouraging to receive such positive feedback from the farmers and it would inspire them to do more.





# JUDGE THROWS OUT DANIELS' LAWSUIT AGAINST TRUMP

WASHINGTON - A federal judge on Monday dismissed a lawsuit from adult film actress Stormy Daniels that claimed President Donald Trump defamed her when he suggested she had lied about being threatened to keep quiet about their alleged relationship.

US District Judge James Otero in Los Angeles ruled that Trump's speech was protected by the First Amendment as the kind of "rhetorical hyperbole" normally associated with politics and public discourse in the United States. He ordered Daniels, whose given name is Stephanie Clifford, to pay Trump's legal fees. Trump's attorney Charles Harder cheered Otero's decision.

"No amount of spin or commentary by Stormy Daniels or her lawyer, Mr. Avenatti, can truthfully characterise today's ruling in any way other than total victory for President Trump and total defeat for Stormy Daniels," Harder said in an emailed statement.

The ruling is a blow for Daniels and



**CASE DISMISSED: US President Donald Trump and film actress Stormy Daniels.**

her lawyer, Michael Avenatti, who has raised a national profile from his legal battles against the president and is contemplating a presidential bid in 2020.

Avenatti called the ruling "limited" on Twitter and said it did not affect Daniels' primary case against Trump

and his former attorney Michael Cohen, which seeks to invalidate her 2016 non-disclosure agreement. "Daniels' other claims against Trump and Cohen proceed unaffected," Avenatti wrote in a tweet he later appeared to have deleted.

He said in a second tweet that any

fees Trump might be awarded from the defamation case would "be dwarfed by the fees he and Cohen will be required to pay in connection with the NDA case." Later, Avenatti tweeted that he had appealed Otero's ruling to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The now-dismissed suit has received less attention than two other cases pending against Trump-Daniels' lawsuit seeking to void the non-disclosure agreement and a separate defamation claim by former Apprentice contestant Summer Zervos, who alleges that Trump sexually assaulted her in 2007 and argues that he defamed her when he suggested she was lying. Trump was ordered last month to provide written answers under oath in that case, which is proceeding in New York State Supreme Court. Avenatti and Daniels have joined the ranks of Trump's chief antagonists since the beginning of this year, when Daniels' non-disclosure agreement was first reported. *The Washington Post*

## Trump wants 'cutting edge' deal with UK to start immediately

WASHINGTON - The Trump administration has announced it wants to start formal trade talks with the UK immediately after Brexit.

The US Trade Representative's office wrote to Congress on Tuesday to say it plans to start negotiations 'as soon as it is ready' after Brexit Day on March 29, in news that will provide a welcome boost to Theresa May.

The department will also start working on a deal with the European Union and Japan, it revealed in two other letters.

President Trump has long said he wants a trade pact with Britain, and hailed Brexit as a "wonderful opportunity" for a "big and ambitious" UK-USA agreement in a joint statement with May in New York. The message from Robert Lighthizer, US trade representative, to Orrin Hatch, the Chairman of the Senate finance committee, came in a letter on Tuesday as the UK continues with last-ditch negotiations with Brussels.

"The United States and the United Kingdom are the first and fifth largest economies in the world, respectively, and maintain a broad and deep trade and investment relationship," Lighthizer said.

"An ambitious trade agreement between our two countries could further expand this relationship by removing existing goods and services tariff and non-tariff barriers and by developing cutting edge opportunities for emerging sectors where US and UK innovators and entrepreneurs are most competitive." *Daily Mail*

## Canada becomes second country to legalise marijuana for recreational use

CANADA - Nearly a century of marijuana prohibition came to an end yesterday as Canada became the first major Western nation to legalise and regulate its sale and recreational use.

The change was praised by pot enthusiasts and investors in a budding industry that has seen pot stocks soar on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges, but sharply questioned by some health professionals and opposition politicians.

"We're not legalising cannabis because we think it's good for our health. We're doing

it because we know it's not good for our children," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said on the eve of the reform.

"We know we need to do a better job to protect our children and to eliminate or massively reduce the profits that go to organised crime."

The Cannabis Act, which fulfils a promise Trudeau made in the 2015 election campaign, makes Canada only the second nation after Uruguay to legalise the drug.

Its implementation will be scrutinised and dissected by Canadians ahead of the next election in 2019, as well as other nations that the prime



minister has said may follow suit if the measure proves a success.

AFP

## New York marks first shooting-free weekend in 25 yrs

NEW YORK - New York has marked its first weekend without a shooting in 25 years, police said on Monday.

"We went Friday, Saturday, Sunday without any shootings and homicides," New York Police Department chief James O'Neill told reporters.

"That's the first time in decades,

and that's something not just the NYPD, but all New Yorkers can be proud of." The last time the most populous US city of 8.5 million had a weekend without shootings was in 1993, according to police. But there have been intermittent spikes. The weekend of October 6-7, for example, was "terrible," with several shootings in

Brooklyn and the Bronx, authorities said. The number of murders is on the rise again this year, after hitting a low in 2017 with 292 total - a record since the 1950s. In the first half of 2018, the city recorded 147 murders, an eight per cent increase over the same period in 2017, and mostly in Brooklyn and the Bronx. *AFP*

## BRIEFS

### Cops bust \$3m meth haul

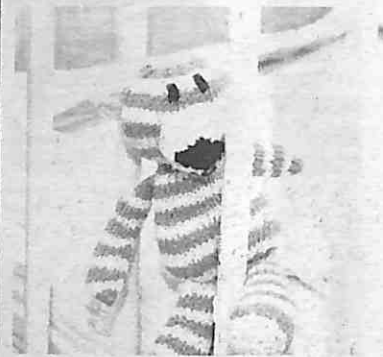
VIETNAM - Vietnam police discovered a massive haul of suspected methamphetamine worth an estimated \$3m after pulling over a speeding truck, authorities said on Tuesday, the latest major bust in a country where synthetic drug use is on the rise. Two men managed to escape the scene but one of them who was arrested later, a Laotian, said he was promised \$10 000 to deliver the drugs to Danang city, a tourist hub on Vietnam's central coast. *AFP*

### Two pilots killed in jet crash

UKRAINE - Ukraine's general staff said on Tuesday that two pilots died when a Sukhoi fighter jet crashed during military exercises with the United States and other NATO countries. "A Sukhoi-27 plane crashed at around 17:00 local time (1400 GMT) during a training flight," the general staff said on its Facebook page, adding that "the bodies of the two pilots have been found". The circumstances of the crash are being investigated, the statement said. *AP*

### Baby choked to death in bed

LONDON - A boy of seven months choked to death in a bed that was built with 'no thought or care' for the safety of the child sleeping in it, a court heard. Oscar Abbey was found by his father 'unconscious and not breathing' when he went to check on the baby at 6am before he left for work. He had wriggled his body backwards through a square hole in the bed's side, but his head was too big to fit through and he became jammed at the neck with fatal consequences, Leeds Crown Court was told. *Daily Mail*



### 'That was creepy comments'

WASHINGTON - Sen. Elizabeth Warren suggested US President Donald Trump's comment about him personally administering a DNA test to her to prove her Native American heritage is "creepy." She tweeted on Monday that the president makes "creepy physical threats about women who scare him, including her." *AP*

### Falling women filmed

PANAMA - A woman was filmed falling off a balcony from a high-rise building while taking a selfie. Sandra Manuela Da Costa Macedo, 44, from Portugal, who'd moved to Panama to work as a teacher, was taking a selfie while sitting on a 27th floor balcony railing of the Luxor Tower in Panama City last Friday when she plunged backwards. Construction workers working close to the tower filmed the horrific moment Sandra fell. *YOU*





WITH: Simon Shabangu

## CHURCH NEWS



# PRINCE MASITSELA, BISHOP N.D NHLAPHO SPECIAL GUESTS AT DIVINE DINNER

**BISHOP Nash, the founder and leader of Divine Healing Ministries, has mentioned Prince Masitsela as one of the main speakers of the day during the church's fundraising dinner.**

He says to him Prince Masitsela is like a father figure because of the role the prince has played in the growth of the church. He says the prince donated five beasts when he started the church some 20 years ago, and ever since, the prince has been supporting them.

"I am grateful that he has agreed to be part of our ceremony and will deliver a keynote address on the night. I respect the prince and salute him for the support to our ministry. Every year when we have an event, he always comes through to support us," he said.

He said receiving support from royalty is humbling to him as the prince encouraged him to continue with the ministry which has grown to greater heights with a number of churches around

the country and beyond the borders.

Bishop Nash said Bishop ND Nhlapho will also be one of the main speakers of the night. He said the much travelled and renowned minister of the Word from KZN with a branch in Eswatini has also agreed to be part of the dignitaries on the night. He said he feels honoured to have been respected by Bishop Nhlapho who has a hectic schedule since he has a number of branches all over the provinces in South Africa. Meanwhile, the bish-

op thanked one of leading local companies in the furniture manufacturing business Tee & Jay which has also come on board and partnered with the church in their upcoming fundraising dinner slated for November 2 at Divine Healing Ministries in Manzini.

Bishop Nash said they were grateful to T&J for partnering with them even this time around. He said the partnership would go a long way in their drive to raise funds.

"We are grateful to the directors of the company for the kind gesture. We trust that God will bless the company because supporting God's work attracts blessings. I would like to invite other companies to contact us and arrange how they can assist us as a church. We are selling tables which come at different rates. We have Platinum tables selling for E10 000 and Gold tables going for E5 000. General tickets for individuals cost E200. We have limited spaces left; so I urge people and companies to secure their places as soon as possible," Bishop Nash added. Part of the activities of the day will be gospel music to be rendered by Ndawonye Christ Worshippers, Linda Dlamini and Sambulo Khumalo, among others.

## Young Lady delivered after 2 days of being unconscious

**THE Bible says what is impossible with man is possible with God.**

This came to pass at Destiny Christian Centre in Ezulwini when a young lady who had been unconscious for two days was resuscitated after prayer by Reverend David Chaliyumba.

The middle aged woman was brought to the church by relatives who were confused and did not know what to do as she was not able to talk, walk and had a swollen stomach as though she was pregnant.

"God is doing miracles as the young

lady was carried into the church by four people because she could not do anything by herself.

When I asked how long she had been in that condition, I was told she's been unconscious for two days.

The God of miracles showed His

presence as the lady was completely healed and delivered after prayer.

Even her swollen stomach became normal," Reverend Chaliyumba said. Destiny International Christian Centre at Ezulwini is based at Greyhound auditorium where they hold three services every Sunday.

## Zakhele FEA hosts 'I Can Conference'

**ZAKHELE Free Evangelical Assemblies will host the 'I Can Conference' starting today at the church where I Can Foundation President Dr D Malopo will be the guest speaker.**

The host of the conference is Reverend Shoddy Msibi, who is the resident minister of the Word of God at Zakhele FEA. The conference starts today until Sunday and a number of other speakers will grace the event.

Also coming from I Can Foundation will be Br D Mokoena and Br L. Mazibuko, who will share the Word of God with the congregation to attend the conference. Reverend Msibi said God has done everything for humankind to live and prosper. He said due to many challenges and through ignorance, God's people are perishing. He said some individuals take advantage of people's ignorance and circumstances to manipulate them and make money. He said the Bible clearly states that God blesses the works of our hands. "Ours as a church is to equip people on how God works." FEA Chairman Alex Mngometulu said the conference was themed 'PURPOSE'. He said the four day transformational conference would be hosting the well-known speaker Dr David Molapo, a Pastor and President of I Can Foundation. He will be coming with two other speakers in Br D Mokoena and L. Mazibuko. "The conference starts on Thursday (tonight) until Sunday at Zakhele FEA. This will be a revival and renewal conference and the theme is taken from Daniel 1:8. "But Daniel purposed or made up his mind. We will be charging all believers to make up their mind in all aspects of life, at home, in business, in the ministry and in services, to name but a few. We invite all Christians to a wonderful time in God's presence," he said.

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Women 2:00pm-3:30pm  
**Sundays**  
English Service 8:30am-10:30am  
Siswati Service 11:00am-1:00pm

Children's Ministry 8:30am-10:30am, 11:00am-1:00pm

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Healing Ministries International

**Manzini Branch:**  
Wednesdays- Prayer 6:00-7:30pm  
Thursdays- Mid-week Service 6:30-8:00pm  
Sundays- Teachings 9:30-10:30am  
**Main Service**  
10:30am - 1pm

**Mbabane Branch:**  
Tuesdays - Prayer 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
**Sundays- Service**  
10am - 1pm

**DIVINE**  
Healing Ministries

**EVANGELICAL Church - Nhlapho**  
"Distinctively Christian"

**Every Sunday**  
English Service at 0830hrs - 0955hrs

**Bible Study -**  
1000hrs - 1055hrs  
Siswati Service - 1100hrs - 1300hrs

**Every Monday**  
Prayer: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

**Last Tuesdays of the Month**  
Family Fellowship: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

**Every Friday**  
Youth Services: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

**Venue:**  
Evangelical Church Nhlapho Church Hall, Opposite Nhlapho Central Primary School

**Contacts**  
22075 020/7603 6628

**FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

**God Can Still Do It Again with Apostle Jeremiah**

**Venue**  
Ngwane Park Manzini, Faith Premises

**Sundays 11.30am.**  
In spite of your past, you shall smile again.

**CONTACTS**  
7671 0029/7631 4007.  
Come one come all

**MBABANE FREE EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES**

**Rev. Dr. A. M. B & Pastor T. Matsebula**

**Sunday English service**  
9.00 am - 10.30am

**Main Service**  
10.45am - 1.00pm

**Wednesdays Prayer**  
6.00pm - 7.30pm

**Mondays Couples** 6.00pm - 7.30pm

**Mbabane FEA**  
below Mbabane clinic, Contacts  
24045807/76413201  
Email: mbabanefea@swazi.net

**GOD IS ABLE**

**CHURCH SERVICE Times**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
MBABANE THEATRE CLUB  
10.00AM-1.00 PM

**MANZINI SATELITE**  
2.30 PM-5.00 PM

**CONTACT 7605 3160**

**GOD'S GLORY ABLAZE CHURCH (NHLAPHO MATHEDELE)**

**Services**

**Mondays**  
6pm-7pm home cells  
Wednesdays 6pm-7:30pm  
Fridays 6pm-7:30pm  
**Sundays**  
Morning prayer 5:45am-6:30am  
Main service 10:00am-1:00pm

**Contact**  
76638622/76471717  
Host:  
Pastor N.T Dlamini

**GROWING FAITH Ministries International**

**Mondays:**  
Prayer & Transformation 6-8pm

**Tuesdays:**  
Transformation Class at Syney Williams in Manzini 6:30-8pm

**Fridays:**  
Breakthrough Service 6-8pm

**Sundays:**  
Prayer 9am

**Main Service**  
10am - 1pm

**( Lobamba, Esitjeni on you way to Millwane )**

**HOPE RESTORATION CHURCH**

**WORSHIP WITH US Every Sunday**

**Ezulwini Main Branch-Woodlands**  
10:30am-2:00pm

**MANZINI BRANCH**  
Join us Fridays 6:30pm - 9:00pm  
Deliverance Service  
JOIN US SUNDAYS 10:30am - 1:00pm  
Deliverance & Prophetic Service 3:00pm - 5:00pm  
Manzini kaHelemisi next to Toyota Leites Motors Warehouse No.1

**NHLAPHO BRANCH SUNDAYS:**  
10:00am-1:00pm @ Mathebele Community Hall next to Nhlapho Central High School  
Call: 76174490/76082318

**JUBILEE WORSHIP HOUSE INTERNATIONAL**

**THEME:**  
A Place Where We Celebrate God's Intervention

**Church services:**

**Fridays**  
Youth summit 6pm - 8pm

**Saturdays**  
Prayer 6pm - 8pm

**Sundays**  
Main Service 10.00 am - 1.00 pm  
KaShaliethendeni next to Mtn tower (Emkhweni)

**God is changing changers to change the world**

**Contact: 76158475**

**Yonder Worship Centre**

**with**  
Apostle Bakhe and Mrs. Nokwanda Dlamini

**Sundays:**  
10am-12pm

**Venue:**  
Woodlands, Ezulwini

**ZAKHELE FREE EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES**

**SUNDAY English service @9:00am - 10:45am**

**Siswati Service @11:00am - 1:00pm**

**Venue:**  
Zakhele, Nkambule street, Manzini

**BY: Rev Msibi**  
**Contacts:**  
2505 6419 / 7650 3140

## VOC All Night Prayer Service for learners

**THE Voice Of the Church will host an all night prayer service tomorrow at Metropolitan Church in Manzini where they will be praying for the youth, ahead of the examinations.**

Pastor Zachariah Mthethwa, who is also the Director of VOC, said the service was targeting mainly young people as they would be praying for them mainly. He said the theme is "Young people raise the standards". "We are praying mainly for the learners. The theme is raise your standards in all aspects of life." Men of God Shoddy Msibi, Alfred Kunene, Prophet John Siliinda, Reverend B. Mane and Reverend Dumsani Dlamini of Ekuphumuleni Church will be ministering the Word. We invite all school going youth up to tertiary level to come join us in this service. We also invite parents and the general public to be part of this service that will surely change their lives. The powerful ministers of the Word will not leave them the same," he said.





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## ENCA GRATEFUL FOR OLD MUTUAL SPONSORSHIP

By Simon Shabangu

THE Eswatini National Choral Music Association (ENCMA) has thanked Old Mutual Eswatini for the E20 000 sponsorship for the local choirs that will compete in South Africa this and next weekends.

The choirs will be competing in Durban and Gauteng in the Old Mutual National Choir Festival Regional Championships.

Six choirs will be competing in Durban this weekend at City Hall, while the other two will be in Gauteng next weekend.

Chairman of Eswatini National Choral Music



**BOOST:** Old Mutual Head of Marketing Celiwe Dlamini joined by staff members as she presented the E20 000 cheque to ENCMA Chairman Sihle Gumbi. (Courtesy pic)

Association (ENCMA) Sihle Gumbi said they were excited about the sponsorship. "We want

to thank Old Mutual for such a gesture. The money will go a long way in assisting in meals

### SONGS TO BE PERFORMED

<b>STANDARD SECTION WESTERN</b>		
Kyrie eleison	Mass in G (No. 2)	Schubert
Gloria in excelsis Deo	Mass in G (No. 2)	Schubert
Credo	Mass in E FLAT (No. 6)	Schubert
<b>STANDARD SECTION AFRICAN</b>		
Maz'enethole mfo kaGadla	L Jali	
Mandela, Mohale	L Tentle	
<b>LARGE SECTION WESTERN</b>		
Gloria in excelsis deo	MASS IN C	Beethoven
Quoniam... In Gloria Dei patris	MISSA SOLEMNIS	Beethoven
Quando corpus morietur	STABAT MATER	Dvorak
Siyabonga	SB Mnomiya	
<b>LARGE SECTION AFRICAN</b>		
Siyabonga	SB Mnomiya	
Ramathathai	M. Mogale	

and transport for choristers. We still appeal for more sponsorship from other companies," he said. Gumbi said they were confident

that the local choirs would do well in the competition and is hoping they would bring back the big prizes only.

# ENCAC, ACASWA HEADS AT LOGGERHEADS

■ Mzwakhe calls it madness ■ Mzwakhe needs psychological evaluation - ENCAC CEO

By Ayanda Dlamini

ENCAC and ACASWA heads are in cold war, not mincing words about their honest feelings towards either's way of leadership.

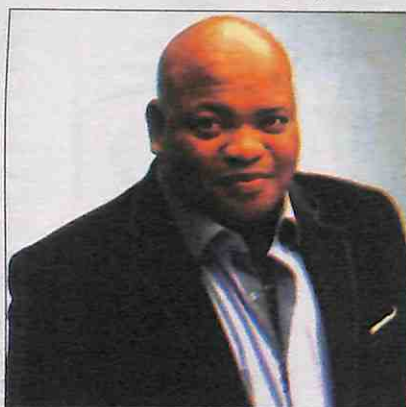
Following the drama that has been unfolding between Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture CEO Stanley Dlamini and Association of Christian Artists in Swaziland (ACASWA) President Mzwakhe Myeni, Myeni still refuses to go by the ENCAC's rule book.

Myeni said ENCAC has no right to call a 'special meeting' for ACASWA as the association does not report to the council as far as he is concerned.

This follows ACASWA being summoned by ENCAC.

"Ngumsangano lo (It's madness). We are not under arts and culture. We are just an independent association. We are not supervised by arts and culture for that matter. Usangene Stanley (Stanley is crazy).

"We work with ENCAC in some projects but not as a mother body of association. We really don't have to report to them. I'm shocked that he (Stanley Dlamini) does not even respect a court order. Ulilele vele, kukhombisa kungafundzi loku (loose-



ACASWA President Mzwakhe Myeni and ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini.

ly translated; He is dull, this shows that he is not educated," said the furious president when asked about the ACASWA 'special meeting' that has been postponed to a date that is yet to be announced.

The special meeting by ENCAC was basically about forming an interim committee that will draft a constitution and prepare for ACASWA elections as they dissolved the association two months ago. Myeni said he was not aware of any meeting with ENCAC as they are an independent association and they do not want anything to do with ENCAC to a point where they have taken the council to court to stop them from interfering in ACASWA



matters.

"First of all, Stanley's contract at the council elapsed long time ago. He cannot be a CEO for 20 years now. We are still waiting for the new minister to help us remove Stanley from that seat. He is clearly getting too comfortable. All associations are not happy with him occupying that chair. He does things as he pleases," Myeni said.

Worth noting is that the ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini's contract was renewed last year as announced by the ENCAC Chairperson Busisiwe Simelane, who even mentioned that the ministry and the board were happy with Dlamini's work.

## 'Mzwakhe needs psychological evaluation'

MEANWHILE, ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini simply just brushed off Mzwakhe's statement and said the president really needs psychological evaluation:

"I am sure this is a joke. He must refer to previous presidents.

This is a sign of brain failure," Dlamini simply said.

Dlamini was not even touched by Myeni's statement as he considered him as a mad-cap. According to ENCAC's website, the Council's controlling officer is the chief executive officer, aided by the support

staff and the executive board's sub-committees, namely: personnel, development and finance committees. The chief executive officer reports to the executive board, which in turn is under the ministry of sports culture and youth affairs through the office of the director of culture.

The members of the Council are: the Association of Swaziland Theatre Groups (ASTG), Association of Christian Artists in Swaziland (ACASWA), Eswatini Arts and Music Association (SWAMA), Independent Producers Association (IPAS), Imigidvo Yesintfu KaNgwane, Swaziland

National Umbholo Association (SNUA), Swaziland Traditional Instruments Players Music Association (STIMA), Swaziland Schools Culture Association (SSCA), Eswatini Pageants, Swaziland Visual Arts Network (VANS) and Umdlalndla Writers and Authors Association, to mention only a few. Meanwhile, ACASWA has called all artists for an AGM scheduled for Sunday in Manzini at Caritas, starting at 2: 30 pm.

"All I can say right now is that our AGM is on Sunday, and all our subscribing Christian artists will be there," Myeni concluded.

## MTN SWAMA awards amass 15 705 votes

By Nomfundo Sifundza

WITH a little over two weeks left before deadline, a total of 15 705 votes have been recorded in the MTN SWAMA awards.

This is an improvement of 2 468 from the previous tally's 13 237 votes. This was revealed by the Eswatini Arts and Music Association (SWAMA) PRO Thabile Mdluli.

The Song of the Year category, which is the only 100 per cent reliant on public votes, experienced a surge and made it to the top five; displacing Best Comedian; which now rests at number six from number five previously. Also experiencing a minor setback was the DJ of the Year category; from number three to number five. Meanwhile, the Best Female Artist of the Year and Artist of the

Year categories both showed a huge improvement as they moved at five and four places, respectively.

"Disappointingly, there has been very little activity in the bottom five categories. These are Best Jazz Artist/Group, Best Male Artist, Best Video, Best Afro-Pop Artist/Group and Best Swati Artist based in the Diaspora. This is despite the extension of the voting deadline from 30th September to 31st October, 2018 to accommodate the least performing categories," she added.

Meanwhile, despite fans and followers casting over 15 000 votes since voting was officially opened in July, there are still a few who are voting wrongly. As a result, nearly 100 votes have been spoiled. Mdluli said these votes would be regarded invalid when the adjudication process takes place.

### Invalid votes:

- There is no mention of either the name of the artist being voted for or the category.
  - Voters write their names and not the names of the artists they are voting for.
  - Artists are allocated the wrong categories.
  - Voters vote for a group of artists in one SMS.
  - Voters write 'SWAMA 6161' instead of the name of the artist followed by the category.
- "The proper way to vote is to SMS Category, Name of Artist to 6161 (e.g. Best Duo/Group, Dynamic Trio). SMS costs only E1.

### VOTES AS AT MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 14, 2018

Current Position	Category	Current No. Of Votes	Previous Position
1	Best House Artist/Group	2825	1
2	Best Wordsmith/Poet	1531	2
3	Best Newcomer	1288	4
4	Song of the Year	1211	7
5	DJ of the Year	1127	3
6	Best Comedian	1122	5
7	Best Traditional/Maskandi/Mbaqanga	1073	6
8	Best Collabo	789	8
9	Best Ragga/Ragga/Dancehall	720	10
10	Best Country Artist/Group	664	9
11	Best Female Artist	429	16
12	Best Hip Hop Artist/Group	427	12
13	Best Gospel Artist/Group	411	13
14	Artist of the Year	406	18
15	Best Music Producer	406	11
16	Best Swati Soul Artist/Group	341	15
17	Best Kwaito Artist/Group	334	14
18	Best R&B Artist/Group	215	17
19	Best Jazz Artist/Group	160	19
20	Best Male Artist	100	20
21	Best Video	66	21
22	Best Afro-Pop Artist/Group	38	22
	Best Swati Artist based in the Diaspora	22	23



# SGONIA REPUBLIK BOUNCES BACK

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**AFTER a rather lengthy two-years off the market, one of the kingdom's oldest and foremost urban contemporary lifestyle clothing brands, Sgonian Republik, famously known simply as 'SR' is set to return with a bang - opening a flagship store.**

Set to be located in Manzini, at a yet-to-be-announced convenient location at the hub's central business district, the first of its kind in the country shop will trade aptly as "SGONIAN REPUBLIK: Ministry of Style", and comes at exactly after a decade of the brand's existence, having been founded in November 2008 by Siteki-native, Philani 'Sgonia' Mpanza.

"After a decade of doing our best to perfectly quench the nation's sartorial thirsts, a decade of course, capped by the tough-yet-necessary two-years sabbatical between spring 2016 and summer 2018, a time upon which we felt it best to pause and reflect on the brand's ways; past and present, whilst heavily investing on identifying better ways to service the customer - we felt it was the most logical direction and step for the brand to return on a new slate capped by new ways and outlooks, and doing so through a retail point, which will serve as some sort of sanctuary where our people can come

...To open flagship store

to experience what we have been cooking over this time off the market - and importantly, to show them, why our search for new inspirations, insights and learnings abroad at some of the world's most important fashion capitals, tough and risky as it was, was important not just for us but everyone who has believed in our work since inception to finally get that SR they deserve; an SR epitomising nothing but that unmatched quality, topped off by refreshing originality and inimitable levels of craftsmanship," said Sgonia.

Slated to open no later than mid-November, the shop's catalogue will comprise some of the brand's famous casual numbers for children, women and men, carefully complemented by a fine selection of formal wear and some limited made-to-measure-strictly-by-appointment garments for both men and women.

The eagerly anticipated catalogue will also comprise the brand's collaborations with two of the nation's most respected creatives, multi-award-winning hip-hop spinner Master P and fashionista-of-note, Thabile Maripe, who will drop some looks from her often-drool-worthy wardrobe, through a collection named "Nthabiseng".

"The next step from the brick-and-

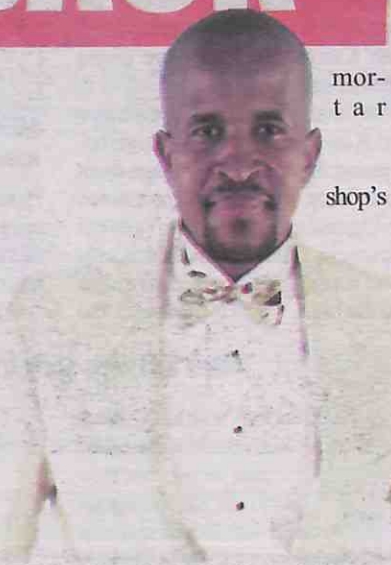
**RETURNS: Sgonia Republik.**

opening is an online shop and App, logical developments we are already looking into for the convenience of today's digital-savvy customer - and yes, that all-necessary launch of the brand" and the shop.

We will soon announce all the key dates around these - but for now, may all who rightfully wondered when SR would return and waited eagerly looking forward to the shop's opening, best believe, it will be beyond worth the wait!

The juicier details will be shared here and on social media of course, as the day draws closer," Sgonia added.

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## Smallz to host 'The Big Bang Comedy Night'

By Nokwanda Sibandze

**PINTSIZED comedian, Smallz is set to host yet another comedy show dubbed 'The Big Bang Comedy Night.'**

The show is slated for November 2 at the The George Hotel in Manzini and will feature hilarious South African actress, comedienne Khanyisa Bunu.

Smallz has been hosting one-man shows around the country, where he alongside fellow Eswatini comedian Gedlembane made audiences laugh their lungs out.

The show also saw tickets being sold out. The 'Big Bang Comedy night' is another great event of comedy which is sponsored by Tee and Jay Records.

Smallz said his team is very excited to be hosting yet another comedy show. "We are ready to have people in stitches.

I am grateful to Tee and Jay Records for believing in me and contributing to my show and my career" said the comedian.

Smallz will be performing alongside Khanyisa Bunu who is a former school teacher, now an award winning comedian and actress. Last year she opened for Trevor

Noah at The Dome and toured with him to Durban.

She is the current world champion of the Delphic International Comedy championships and the first woman to win a comics choice award in South Africa.

She has performed around the world in countries like Eswatini, Botswana, Nigeria and New York and is currently preparing for a trip to Mozambique. She is currently making waves on Scandal as Mamaduna and Nobuhle on Ses'TopLa.

Tickets are available at Ocean Basket outlets around the country and Havana Lounge in Manzini. General tickets are selling for E100 and E200 for VIP.

**HOST: Smallz.**



## SMOOTHFEST CORNER

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**DJ Cybos was unveiled as one of the programme directors to look forward to at the upcoming FNB SmoothFest.**

The spinner is also a Promoter, MC, Voice Over artist and father. He has worked in the entertainment space for 10 years now, starting off in SA in 2008, playing mostly in clubs in the North of Joburg, to being part of South Africa's first commercial reality tv show on ETV called "Blame it on the Fame".

I became a resident DJ at SA personality Sizwe Dhlomo's Cappellos in Fourways, FTV Café in Cresta and the legendary Capital Café in Rosebank. I have also done voice-overs for SABC Channels and Mzansi Magic programmes to name a few.

This is what he had to say about his upcoming gig; "I am a people's person.

I love and enjoy when people



**UNVEILED: DJ Cybos.**

have an awesome time at events that I either put together or am a part of.

I like a good laugh too so my co-host Tumi Morake is a perfect match for our MC duo.

We won't give away too much, but people can definitely expect the unexpected from me," he laughed.

The SmoothFest is slated for November 24 at Riders Ranch in Sdvokodvo.

## Mozaik dropping 'Naked' featuring Zoe Genesis tomorrow

By Ayanda Dlamini

**MOZAIK the Producer will be dropping a song titled 'Naked' tomorrow featuring RnB sensation Zoe Genesis.**

Mozaik and Zoë Genesis have been working together for some time now, to a

point where they felt it was about time they wrote and recorded a song together.

According to the excited Zoe Genesis, the song is collaboration more than a piece.

"The song touches on what is famously known as 'situationships' (love without commitment) and gives perspectives from both angles.

"It's a mixture of trap soul, kasi rap and RnB, giving everyone something to look forward to in the song," she said.

The song is mastered and produced by Mozaik and written by both him and Zoë Genesis. The song will premier tomorrow on EBIS.

Zoe began her solo career in 2016, releasing two tracks titled 'Genesis' and 'king' before shooting a video of the single 'King' late last year where she featured comedian Mdura.

Mozaik has produced award winning artists such as afro-soul artist Nomalungelo, RnB sensation Tiyas, Msimisi, hip-hop artists KRTC, Psycholution as well as Crax and many more.

He also co-wrote Nomalungelo's album 'Imiyalo' which went on rotation on a number of radio stations in South Africa and Botswana.

**DROPS: Mozaik.**



International  
Celebrity News

## Cardi B claps back at make-up artist

**LOS ANGELES** - Cardi B has finally responded to a make-up artist who described her in a YouTube video as the 'worst client ever'. The 26-year-old rapper took to Instagram recently to post a live video of herself ranting about the 'unprofessional' attitude of the artist, who goes by the name Blacswan. "You come mad late. You come mad high," claimed the 'Bodak Yellow' hitmaker of the woman.

During her angry tirade, Cardi - whose real name is Belcalis Marlenis Almánzar - said that Blacswan was simply "clout chasing" by calling her out. *Daily Mail*



RANTS: Cardi B.

## Kim Kardashian changes her name

**UGANDA** - Kim Kardashian changed her name on Tuesday, her new initials are KKK.

Kim and her husband Kanye are currently in Uganda, working on Yeezy's new album. And while there, both Kanye and Kim were given African names.

Kanye received the name Kanyeisigye and Kim was named Kemigisha, meaning the one with blessings from God. They were given the names by Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni. That means that Kim's new name is Kim Kemigisha Kardashian. "They met with the



NEW NAME: Kim Kemigisha Kardashian.

President of Uganda and the president asked Kim why she had to leave early, she replied that she had to go back to work," a source told People. *MTO*

## Lady Gaga confirms she is engaged

**LOS ANGELES** - Lady Gaga broke some of her own news on Monday evening.

When being honoured at the Women In Hollywood Awards hosted by Elle magazine in Beverly Hills, the 32-year-old singer confirmed she is engaged.

'The Star Is Born' actress has been with Christian Carino for over a year and has been wearing a diamond engagement ring for several months.

*Daily Mail*



AN ITEM: Lady Gaga and her partner.

## Meek Mill wins \$50k trick shot bet

**LOS ANGELES** - Meek Mill can't lose these days ... first he gets his freedom back, then he squashes beef with Drake, and now he's winning a cool \$50k by making a crazy over-the-shoulder, half-court hoops trick shot.

Meek was hanging out with his pal, Michael Rubin -- owner of the Philadelphia 76ers and one of MM's strongest allies when he was inside - when the two men decided to have a little friendly wager.

Friendly, meaning \$50k ... according to Meek.

Meek had 25 tries to make an over-the-shoulder, half-court heave ... and with about nine tries left, he nailed it.

*TMZ*



CAN'T LOSE: Meek Mill.

## SA Celebrity News

## Blaklez opens up about co-parenting with Dineo Ranaka

**CAPE TOWN** - Lesego Moiloa, better known by his stage name Blaklez, was recently on a radio interview on Cape Talk where he discussed fatherhood, his new album, love and co-parenting with reality star Dineo Ranaka.

Blaklez had in the past opened up in an interview with Drum magazine following his break-up with Dineo after she allegedly accused him of being a bad father. "She is literally trying to destroy me. It took me by surprise, why would she try to portray me as a cold bastard who doesn't support his child?" said the rapper.

But it seems like the two have since



OPENS UP: Rapper Blaklez and Dineo Ranaka.

put their differences aside to become better parents for their daughter Kopano and seem to be getting along.

*Drum*

## K.O reflects on 2-year 'dark hour'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Concerned fans have poured onto K.O's social media pages to offer their support to the rapper after he revealed that he has spent the last two years battling in his "dark hour".

The star took to Instagram on Monday evening to post a prayer for strength and claimed he was at a crossroads in his life.

"Eloi Eloi lama sabachthani" cried Jesus on the cross (my God, my God why have You forsaken me). Exact same words rolling off the tip of my tongue as I stand at the crossroads of my life."

The star said he had taken many losses over the last two years and was



AT CROSSROADS: K.O.

looking for light.

"I took too many losses for a man with a heart as big as mine and this dark hour has lasted over two years! Lead me to the light." *Tshisa Live*

## Mandla N telling relatable stories

**JOHANNESBURG** - The man behind Lockdown says the series was successful simply because he told the story.

"Being a black man growing up in Soweto, no one can tell our uniquely black stories better than we can," Mandla N says passionately.

The 38-year-old says after years of being fascinated with international series, he felt the need to turn the wheel and produce strictly local with an international appeal.

He was especially fond of Martin Lawrence because he considered himself a comedian. Little did he know his



AS IT IS: Mandla N.

success years later would see him collaborate with one of the Martin comedy show stars, Tichina Arnold, who played Pam. *Sowetan*

## Zahara bags 40th music award

**JOHANNESBURG** - South African singer-songwriter Zahara recently bagged her 40th music award and shared the proud moment on her social media.

The Mgodini singer was awarded the Next Generation Entertainment Award for best female act in the international act category and it's well-deserved. The Next Generation Entertainment Awards (NGEA) is held annually to celebrate and award uprising stars and creative artists in the global entertainment industry. Ever since she released *Lolive*, Zahara has been consistent in delivering songs that her supporters can relate to, and enjoy - staying true to her roots



PROUD: Zahara.

and sound. Zahara shared her achievement on her Instagram account and captioned it: "Last night I received my 40th Music Award Thank you #ZaharaArmy @warnermusic when God shows you whose God halaaaaaala #Mgodi".

*Drum*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Dabula and Ngwebedla's first stage of their plan is a success. Tensions when Dabula responds to a subtle challenge from Bongani. Samson's doctor's visit does not go as planned. Meanwhile, Phumelele discovers a way that she can protect her family.



PROTECTIVE: Phumelele.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Nina makes Gatanga an offer he can't refuse. An unlikely friend helps Zandre come to terms with his loss. Ntando begins to understand how the other half lives and it moves him.



TEMPTING: Nina.

Muvhango

TODAY

Mulalo agrees to Tenda's request for Khoroni. Livhuwani realises that she's not wanted at Azwindini's house. Molehi proposes a divorce to James.



AGREES: Mulalo.

RUST CITY

TODAY

Lerato decides to put Bongani and Lungile behind her until Bongani comes to disturb her peace. Pearl makes a confession to Mzi. Mapula goes to the school principal about her teacher.



CONFESSES: Pearl.



## PICTURE OF THE DAY

For you 2000s it's not "SISTER BETINA"



IT'S "AUNTY BETINA"

## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

### Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Pace yourself, Capricorn! With the moon and Mars mashed up in your second house of work and money, you won't feel like your usual process-driven self. But not everyone can go from zero to 60 the way you can when you're fired up. Work with people at their speed. If bills or credit card debt is angsty you out, don't just throw those papers in a pile. Call and arrange a doable payment plan—it could be surprisingly easy. Today's fast-moving energy could illuminate a new income stream or help you screw up the courage to ask for a raise that you well deserve.



### Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Today's rare alignment of the creative moon and unstoppable Mars in your sign fires you up to chase after one of your biggest dreams. You'll have the physical energy and the vision, so don't waste a precious second of this cosmic combustion. Get your work done, but save time to channel this turbo-charged energy into your top priority: YOU! Go ahead and talk yourself up, especially if you're scouting for a partner or trying to seal a business deal. Stay open: Under a sky like this, you never know whom you might bump into!



### Pisces February 19 – March 20

Emotions could froth up under today's merger of the fantasy-loving moon and passionate Mars in your dreamy twelfth house. Your imagination working overtime could lead to some hot fantasies (and actual lusty encounters) or a cameo appearance by the emerald-eyed monster. Before you leap, get a reality check—AND get the facts before you accuse someone of something they didn't do. Under this hazy starmap, you could easily have been misinformed.



### Aries March 21 – April 19

Come out of your rabbit hole and be a joiner! Today's collaborative mashup of the moon and your ruler, fiery Mars, in your eleventh house of team spirit reminds you how much strength there is in numbers. If you've been working on a project all by your lonesome, rally support and see who you can draft for Team Ram. Your social life gets a shot in the arm, too. Keep an open mind, and you might find yourself offering a benefits package to someone you always considered just a friend.



### Taurus April 20 – May 20

Ready, set, go! Today's ambitious moon-Mars alignment helps you solidify some professional milestones. But don't sit around waiting for the phone to magically ring with your dream job offer. Get proactive, Bull: Update your resume and LinkedIn profile and reach out to connections that might have an opening or can make introductions. Fortune favours the bold, and with Mars in your career camp, you're nothing if not intrepid.



### Gemini May 21 – June 21

Under today's expansive bond between the dreamy moon and passionate Mars, you'll have no trouble imagining new possibilities. But don't waste time worrying about whether or not something is realistic. This is a time for dreaming and strengthening your vision, a Gemini strong point. Tap into Mars' confidence and make your move. Remember, opportunities aren't doled out from on high; they're manifested by confident creators. So get out there and make your own good luck!



### Cancer June 22 – July 22

Hold your fire, Cancer—or try to, anyhow. Today's unbridled pairing of the moon and Mars in your impassioned eighth house could cause you to leap before you get a chance to look. Your sensitive sign is known for having a cautious approach to life, but under today's starmap, you could do something extreme without so much as a forethought. Since you may not be able to prevent it, at least be aware of the possible consequences.



### Leo July 23 – August 22

It's dynamic duo time! Today's mashup of the moon and Mars in your relationship zone intensifies your closest connections. Single Leos may experience a rush of chemistry they haven't felt in a while and be more willing to take a romantic risk. What's the worst that can happen? You wind up where you are now. Couples can spice things up by throwing away the playbook and experimenting in the boudoir. Professionally, there could be an edge of competitiveness to your interactions, so try to focus on your shared goals and play for the win.



### Virgo August 23 – September 22

Roll up your sleeves and dive headfirst into an organisational mission. Today's mashup of the moon and unstoppable Mars in your sixth house of systems and details summons your inner project manager. Break jobs down into smaller tasks, delegate responsibilities, and motivate the troops to get things done in record time. The sixth house also rules health and fitness, making this prime time to sign up for that cardio-sculpt class or find a running partner. Don't get caught in analysis paralysis, though, Virgo: Just lace up your sneakers and GO!



### Libra September 23 – October 23

Ease into the day slowly and gently? We don't think so, Libra. Today, the moon and passionate Mars team up in your dramatic, risk-taking fifth house. You're ready to take on the world and not quit till you've won the point. This connection increases your creativity and brings out your romantic side, so carve out time to indulge in a personal pursuit—and plan a dress-up date for the evening. Single? See what magic you can work by staying open and swiping right!



### Scorpio October 24 – November 21

A motivational mashup between the moon and your co-ruler, impassioned Mars, in your domestic fourth house may inspire you to spend the lion's share of the day lounging in your lair. If possible, work from home or clock out early. Without constant interruptions, you'll be more productive, giving you needed time to catch up on personal projects you never can find time to finish. Tackle one small area first to build momentum. Tonight, whip up a home-cooked feast with your roomie or romantic interest.



### Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Today's alignment of the moon and aggressive Mars in your communication corner hands you the bullhorn and invites you to hop on the soapbox. You'll have a rapt audience, so don't mince words, Sagittarius. While you're always keen to speak your mind, it's not every day that you get the chance to share your message or support your cause on this level. Not everyone will respond positively, yet they deserve a chance to express their opinions. Ask a friend to make a video of you. You might come up with some perfect gems that you'll want to file away for follow-up social media posts.



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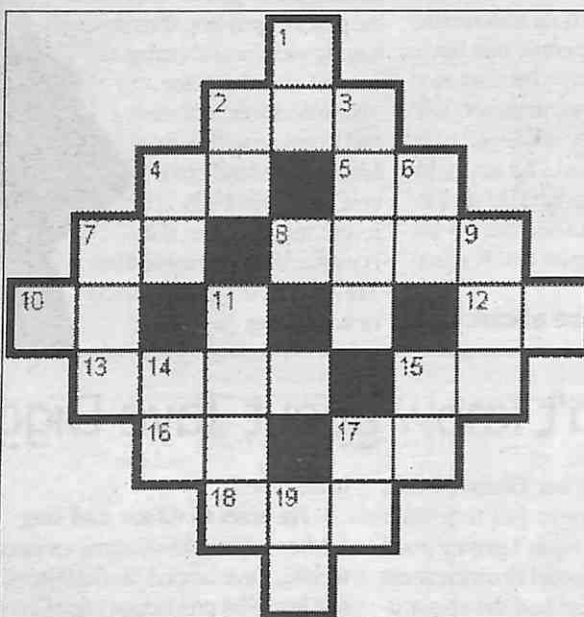
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## PUZZLE CHOICE

### 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

- Nine times seven
- A third of forty-eight
- Three times 1442
- Number of days in three weeks
- Four down plus sixty-two
- Seventeen plus six times 2 across
- Seven down minus 400
- 4163 re-arranged
- Four times four down
- A third of 297
- A quarter of 168
- Five times thirteen

### Across

- Sixty-seven doubled
- Six down minus fifty-seven
- Two down plus twenty-two
- Nine times nine
- 3241 re-arranged
- Number of weeks in a year
- 19 down minus forty
- Three times 620
- Six down plus half of two down
- Quarter of 176
- Seven times seven
- Three times fifty-four

## LOL

Laughing out Loud

### KARMA

Husband: Everytime I hit you, you never fight back. how do you manage your anger?  
Wife: I clean the toilet

seat.....  
Husband: How does it help?  
Wife: I use your tooth-brush!!!!

## USELESS FACTS

- 60per cent of all people using the Internet, use it for pornography.
- In 1778, fashionable women of Paris never went out in blustery weather without a lightning rod attached to their hats.
- Sex burns 360 calories per hour.
- A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continually from the bottom of the glass to the top.
- Celery has negative calories! It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it.

## BRAINTEASERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Yesterday's brainteasers**  
1. What is a Cheerleader's favourite food?  
**Answer:** Cheerios  
2. What is orange and sounds like a parrot?

**Answer:** Carrot

**Today's brainteasers**  
1. What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?  
2. What day is a potatoes least favourite?





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# THE KHOZA BROTHERS LOVE HARD — THE QUEEN

**THE Queen**

...This would be great if they hadn't had to watch her heart being broken multiple times, which has left them feeling paranoid

**THE Khoza brothers are the ultimate partners, they stay down for their loved ones.**

Since Season one, we have seen Shaka and Kagiso fall in love and fall hard. Even when mother dearest doesn't approve we see them pick their women over their families. We love how they sacrifice everything in the name of love! We recap all the moments that prove they are ride or dies:

## Linda, the very first baby mama

When we first met Linda, Shaka was just a playboy who used to frequent the butcher with our beloved Uncle, their push and pull romance turned into a love story that ended tragically. Not only was she the love of his life, but they shared a son too and it seemed to deepen their bond. Linda and Shaka went through the most, but he always stood up for her.

## When Harry opposed Goodness

The beautiful Goodness Mabuza came to tear the Khoza family apart, and succeeded! Goodness came in with a vendetta and dated Shaka and Kagiso at the same time to cause a division among the brothers. When Shaka was paying lobola, Kagiso and Goodness ran off and he shunned his own mama. He even helped his in-law snatch Colombian contacts!

## R10 million ransom for Makhoza

When his wife walked out on him, only a day later, Shaka received an anonymous phone call and was ordered to pay R10 million.

He gathered his family and campaigned for the safe return of his wife, even though she left in the middle of the night. He showed us how deep



**LOVING HARD: Shaka and Kagiso.**

his love ran for his wife, and still continues too!

## Kamina and Kagiso

Kagiso and Kamina share a deep history that stems from his time in Congo, she resurfaced recently when she showed up with his son! But to no surprise - Kagiso is ready to risk it all for his long lost love! We get it, Kamina is flawless but he has been accused by Uncle Brutus for being weak.

We however think it's an honourable trait to be down for people that have your back. Whatever you may say about the Khoza boys, there are just not their looks! They are loyal, ride or dies, any girl would be lucky to have them in their corner! Be sure to watch The Queen to see how it all goes down with Kamina and Kagiso.

## We are not sure about Kea

## and Trevor's love

As The Queen viewers predicted Kea is falling for Trevor. This would be great if they hadn't had to watch her heart being broken multiple times, which has left them feeling paranoid.

Tweeps hoped that Trevor and Kea would take it slow... you know, have a solid friendship that eventually (like after a really long time) grows into solid love. But no, Trevor is already calling Kea 'babe' and the pair are spending their days having picnics and being all cute all over the place.

Now as viewers who have had to put up with Kea's broken heart (and ribs), best believe nobody is in the mood to see Kea cry after she's kidnapped or Trevor runs off with Kamina or something.



**FALLING IN LOVE: Kea Khoza.**

## 4 things you probably don't know about Taye Diggs

**LEARN a few new things about All American's Taye Diggs.**

In The CW's All American he plays Coach Billy Baker, a football coach from Beverly Hills High who lures Spencer James - a star athlete and student from South Central Los Angeles onto his school's team. The series is inspired by the life of the former N.F.L. linebacker Spencer Paysinger. Off the screen, Taye Diggs is a father to son Walker Nathaniel Diggs.

Find out what makes Taye Diggs tick.

### 1. He landed up on TV out of frustration

After breaking into the industry with his role as Angela Bassett's dream man

in How Stella Got her Groove back, Taye decided to move full time onto the small screen. "I wasn't getting good material in film," he told Entertainment Weekly. He has also had the opportunity to work behind the scenes as a producer.

### 2. His looks weren't always appreciated

In primary school, his classmates called 'beady-eyed'. That's when he started taking modern dance classes and lifted weights to fill his slim physique and boost his self-esteem.

He was also insecure about the colour of his skin. "I was called all sorts of names, like Black Toast and Black Dot," he told People. "I didn't think I was

handsome."

### 3. He loves to dance and sing

After getting his degree in musical theatre, Taye landed his first Broadway role in a 1994 production titled Carousel. He also participated in the original cast of the 1996 Rent and helped to make it the success it was.

### 4. He's always wanted a role that would force him to train

Although Taye Diggs only has a brief background in football, he's always wanted a role which would push him to practice the sports. "And for a cat at my age, coaching fits perfectly, because from watching these practices there's no way I could get in those pads and do what these kids do," he told People.



**FYI: Taye Diggs.**



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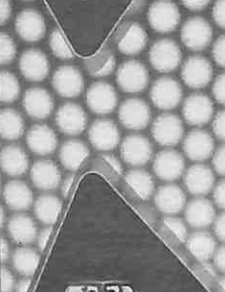
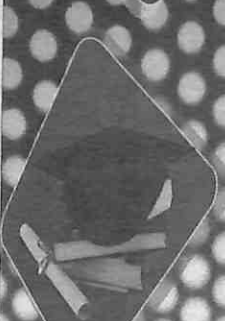
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Enock Mziki Dlamini



Funeral: 20/10/2018  
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Place: kaBhekinkhosi

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Funeral: 21/10/2018  
Vigil: 20/10/2018  
Place: Hhamboko

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Emmelinah Bajabulile Nkwanyana



Funeral: 20/10/2018  
Vigil: 19/10/2018  
Place: eHhuhuma

Kwatiswa tihlobo, bazalwane belibandla le Vangeli eHhuhuma kutsi make Ammelinah Bajabulile Nkwanyana akasekho emhlabeni, tihlobo takhe eSouth Africa nato tiyatiswa u tawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo ekuseni 20/10/2018 emuva kwemlindzelo lotawuba khona ngalesihlanu 19-10-2018 ekhaya lakhe eHhuhuma. Lokhipha simemetelo bantfwabakhe egameni lemnendi.

Edward Mabadlana Sibiya



Funeral: 21/10/2018  
Place: Croydon

Friends and relatives of Edward Mabadlana Sibiya are notified of his death after a short illness on 12 Friday 2018. He will be laid to rest at his home at Croydon, Dvokolwako on Sunday, 21 October 2018. Announcement by his twin brother George Okhey Sibiya.

Absalom Slow Mdluli



Funeral: 21/10/2018  
Vigil: 20/10/2018  
Place: Mhlabudumayo

Kwatiswa tihlobo, bantfwana, bangani nebaka Mdluli eMashobeni ka Mzizi kutsi Absalom Slow Mdluli akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngelisonfo 21-10-2018 emvakwe mlindzelo ekhaya lakhe eSiphofaneni sithesi ka Mhlabudumayo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumake wakhe egameni lemnendi.

Mfana Mandla Sikhondze



Funeral: 21/10/2018  
Vigil: 20/10/2018  
Place: Maphilongo

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Mfana Mandla Sikhondze kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngelisonfo mhlaka 21-10-2018 ekhaya lakhe ka Maphilongo eThandweni kuyalindzela ngeMgcibelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni waka Sikhondze.

Obed Simelane



Funeral: 21/10/2018  
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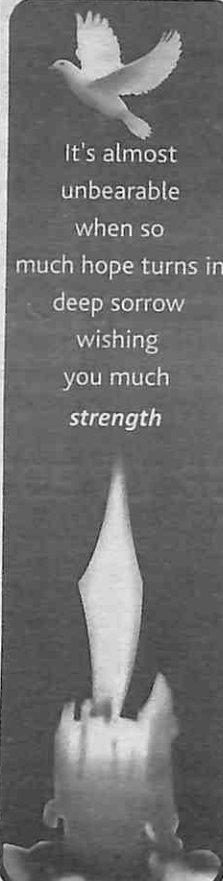
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Ndeleva Mkhathshwa LaSimelane



Funeral: 20/10/2018  
Vigil: 19/10/2018  
Place: Ngudzeni

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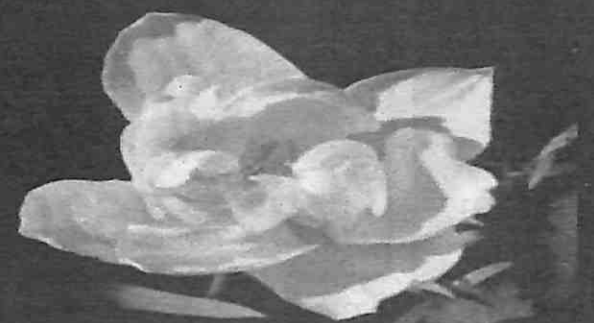
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Psalm 34: 18 (N.T.)

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## 'GERMANY NEEDS MESUT OZIL'

MUNICH - Mesut Ozil must end his international retirement and return to play for Germany - for the good of himself, his country and Arsenal.

That is the view of Arsene Wenger, Ozil's former manager at the Emirates Stadium, who says his one-time favourite pupil cannot be at his best again unless he resumes playing international football.

Ozil, who turned 30 on Monday, quit Germany after the furore over his meeting with controversial Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was compounded by a humiliating World Cup for the team, for which the midfielder became a scapegoat.

## Retirement

The fallout from Ozil's retirement has been bitter but Wenger, who left Arsenal after 22 years in charge in May, said that it is in both sides' interests to rebuild bridges. Germany's miserable form has continued without Ozil - defeats by Holland and France in the last week mean Joachim Low's fallen giants have now lost six of their last 10 games and face relegation in the Nations League.

"I believe that Germany needs Ozil," Wenger told Bild. "I hope that Low can convince him that he will come back. Ozil is a super football player and was not the

... Arsene Wenger urges end to international exile - and warns Arsenal that his former favourite won't play at his best unless he does return



**NEEDED:** Arsene Wenger says Ozil and Germany need each other and must resolve their differences.

worst in the World Cup.

"I did not like that he left the team. A little bit of motivation disappears when you know that you do not have to be ready for the World Cup and European Championship.

"I love it when the player is as good as possible. If he does not play on an international level, a bit is lost."

Wenger, meanwhile, gave a clear hint

that he will be in a new job in 2019 - and that he could already have one lined up. Paris Saint-Germain are known to want him as their director of football but the 68-year-old Frenchman suggested he could become an international manager, or even return to Japan, where he was in charge of Nagoya Grampus Eight before moving to Arsenal in 1996. *Daily Mail*

## Fellaini should be fine for Chelsea trip - Martinez

MANCHESTER - Belgium coach Roberto Martinez has reassured Manchester United fans over Marouane Fellaini's injury, ahead of the Red Devils' trip to Stamford Bridge.

Fellaini missed Belgium's 1-1 draw with the Netherlands on Tuesday in Brussels with a groin strain, but the former Everton manager has

revealed that it was merely a precautionary omission, ahead of Saturday's crunch clash for United.

"He should be fine, it's just that he wasn't 100 per cent," Martinez was quoted as saying by Sky Sports.

"He's got an important game at the weekend and this wasn't the game to use players who weren't 100 per cent.

"We expect he should be fine in the next couple of days."

With Nemanja Matic and Luke Shaw both doubtful, Martinez's announcement will have been music to the ears of United Manager Jose Mourinho.

The under-fire boss will be hoping that the Red Devils can continue the momentum they began to pick up in their 3-2 comeback win over Newcastle United as they visit the home of his former club.

*Sport24*



**FINE:** Belgium coach Roberto Martinez.

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## Even Messi would struggle in current Man United team - Paul Scholes

LONDON - Paul Scholes says even Lionel Messi would struggle to shine in the current Manchester United team and that the struggling club are being laughed at by their rivals.

The former United and England midfielder has been a frequent and vocal critic of his old club, who are languishing in eighth place in the Premier League - five points adrift of any other member of the 'Big Six'.

They had to watch Manchester City win last season's title in record-breaking fashion and Pep Guardiola's men are flying high at the top once more, alongside Liverpool and Manager Jose Mourinho's former club Chelsea.

"That shouldn't make any difference but it does," Scholes told ESPN.

"United now feels like Liverpool from years ago, like we're making all the same mis-

takes as they did.

"We were watching Liverpool and City from afar and smirking as they changed managers and players every year, never getting anything right.

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"It feels like we have turned into a Liverpool or a Man City. I feel like people at Liverpool and Man City are looking at us and laughing like we did at them many years ago."

*AFP*

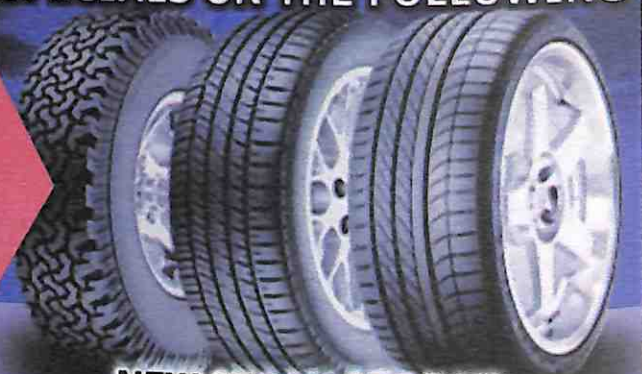
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# JEREMY BROCKIE CONFIDENT GOAL DROUGHT WILL END

**PRETORIA** - Mamelodi Sundowns striker Jeremy Brockie says he is working hard to overcome a difficult spell since joining the Brazilians from SuperSport United.

The New Zealand international has managed just one goal since his arrival at Chloorkop, which came against Kaizer Chiefs in the Shell Helix Cup.

The 31-year old striker had successful three-years at Matsatsantsa netting 54 goals and is confident his luck will soon change for the better at Pitsi Mosimane's side.

"First and foremost, I'm going to work my way back into the starting 11, which is not easy when you look at the calibre of the players in the team," Brockie said, as quoted by KickOff website.

"And then when I get the chance I'll use it to my advantage. You are not going to get many chances when you are at a top football club like this, so hopefully everyone around me stays patient."

"But I'm not going to stay



**OPTIMISTIC:** Mamelodi Sundowns striker Jeremy Brockie.

like this for the rest of my time here at Sundowns, and I'm sure once one goal goes in then hopefully my luck changes. When asked about the importance of a good support structure, the footballer responded;

"Absolutely, I think most importantly you have got to surround yourself with the right type of people and stay off social

media for a while because there you know how harsh they (the fans) can be.

"When things are not going well I still have a lot of support from people close to me, and that to me is the most important thing. Even off the football pitch I take the struggles and work hard."

*Sport24*

## Dolly 'sad' to see what's become of former club

**JOHANNESBURG** - Former Ajax Cape Town star Keagan Dolly says he is 'sad' to see the club languishing in the National First Division.

Dolly admitted that he was stunned when Ajax lost their top-flight status and were relegated to the lower tier at the end of last season.

Ajax were relegated for the first time after a difficult campaign, losing out on a place in the playoffs after being found guilty of improperly playing Zimbabwean forward Tendai Ndoro as they tried desperately to add experience in the second half of the campaign.

Dolly believes it was that lack of experience that cost them dearly.



**NOT PLEASED:** Keagan Dolly.

"When I was there we were down there [the foot of the table] at times, but I never thought it [relegation] would happen, especially with the quality of players the club had," Dolly told TimesLIVE in Montpellier.

"What they lacked was having the experienced players

stay.

"Most of them left and they kept on just promoting youngsters instead of replacing them."

"It's sad to see a team like that in the NFD, a team where I have a lot of good memories."

"But it's part of football, I hope they can come back to the PSL because they deserve to be there with all the talent they produce."

Dolly played for Ajax between 2012 and 2015, eventually leaving for Mamelodi Sundowns, where he won the Caf Champions League, Absa Premiership and a move to French Ligue 1 side Montpellier. He is currently sidelined with a fracture of his fibula.

*TIMESLIVE*

## Manyama involved in car accident

**JOHANNESBURG** - Kaizer Chiefs' star midfielder Lebogang Manyama was involved in car accident while driving home from the club's training session in Naturena, south of Johannesburg, on Tuesday.

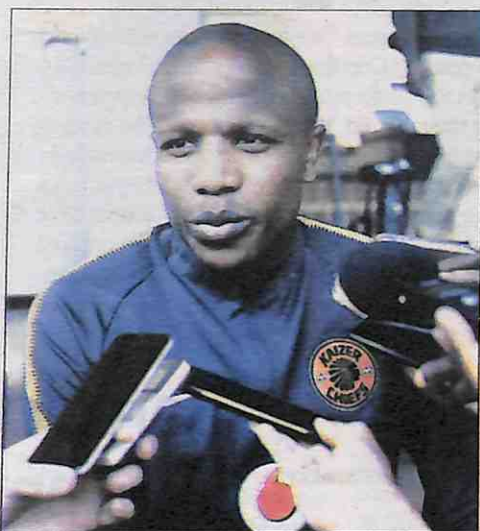
Chiefs confirmed that Manyama was rushed to hospital for examinations and X-rays and was treated for minor injuries to his knee and elbow before he was discharged.

"Manyama will be assessed further by the doctors to determine the extent of the injuries and advised when he will be fit to train again," said the Chiefs statement.

He is likely to miss the club's opening Telkom Knockout clash against Black Leopards at FNB Stadium on Sunday.

The midfielder joined Amakhosi as a free agent in August after his contract with Turkish club Konyaspor was terminated.

*Timeslive*



**SURVIVOR:** Kaizer Chiefs' star midfielder Lebogang Manyama.

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## Wenger to return to management in January 2019

**LONDON** - Former Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has revealed that he is likely to return to football management in January, but doesn't yet know where he is headed.

The Frenchman left the Gunners at the end of last season, after a 22-year reign, and has been without a club since.

However, the 68-year-old now seems eager to get back into coaching.

"Yes, it looks like it," Wenger told

Sport Bild when asked if he will return to management.

"I believe that I'll start again on January 1. I don't know where I'm headed yet. I am rested, and I am ready to work again."

He added: "There are associations, national teams; it could also be in Japan," Wenger said.

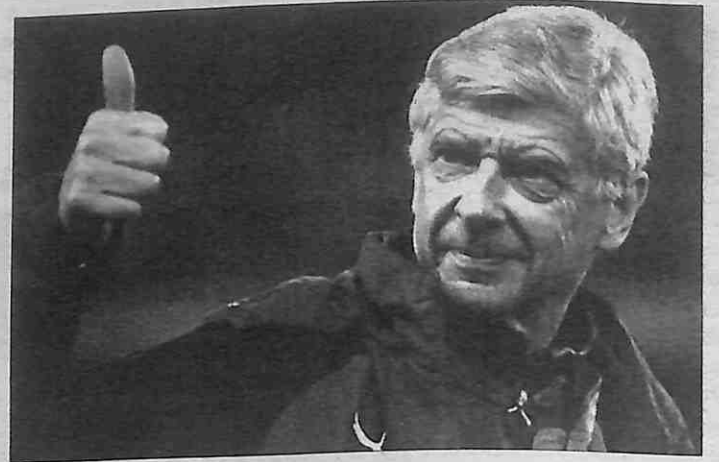
"Thanks to my 22 years at Arsenal, I have big experience on different levels. There are enquiries from all over

the world."

Reports have linked Wenger with a move to Bayern Munich, where Niko Kovac is enduring a difficult run of results, but he stated that the Bavarians should stick with their current manager.

AFP

**THE RETURN:** Former Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger.



## LLORIS HAILS FRANCE'S MENTAL STRENGTH AFTER GERMANY WIN

**PARIS** - Tottenham 'keeper Hugo Lloris hailed the mental strength that saw World Cup winners France overcome a patchy opening period to beat Germany 2-1 on Tuesday.

Germany travelled to the Stade de France looking for the win that would salvage their Nations League campaign, and some pride, following their disastrous World Cup.

Joachim Loew's side got the start they wanted when Toni Kroos fired a 14th minute penalty past Lloris.

But after a much-needed half-time pep talk from coach Didier Deschamps, the hosts emerged after the interval to see Antoine Griezmann level just after the hour, and he clinched the win by converting an 80th minute penalty.

Les Bleus captain Lloris was one of several players who admitted the hosts had desperately needed to raise their game against a rejuvenated Germany side that showed plenty of promise.

"When we lift our level, the play-



**HAILS:** France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris (c) comes to the rescue in a 2-1 Nations League win over Germany he put down to their 'mental strength'. (AFP)

ers' talents really come to the fore," said Lloris.

He also hailed France's defensive efforts in the closing minutes.

"We had to stay alert at the back... stay calm and composed so as not to concede the second goal."

Following a scoreless draw against Germany in Munich, a 2-1 win over the Netherlands and a tense 2-2 draw with Iceland, France sit top

of Group 1.

Germany are bottom on one point after failing to register a win in the competition so far following their draw with France and a humbling 3-0 defeat to the Netherlands at the weekend. Despite an average age of 25, France are showing maturity beyond their years - a tendency vice-captain Raphael Varane believes was crucial to their World Cup suc-

cess. "We managed to win the World Cup thanks to our mental qualities, despite some difficult moments," said Varane. Although he is only 25, the central defender has already won four Champions League titles with Real Madrid. He added: "We have to keep these values, and not allow panic to set in. We have confidence in ourselves, and we know what we're capable of." AFP

## Arsenal loanee finding his feet at Hoffenheim

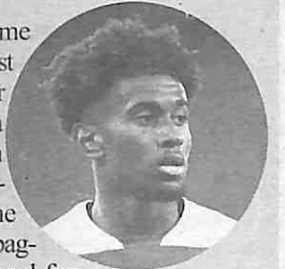
**LONDON** - Arsenal winger Reiss Nelson says he is starting to enjoy himself at Hoffenheim after a slow start at the Bundesliga club.

The 18-year-old joined manager Julian Nagelsmann's side on loan from the Gunners at the end of August but was not selected in the matchday squad for their league opener against Freiburg.

However, he came off the bench against Dusseldorf in their second Bundesliga game of the season and scored a consolation goal in the 2-1 defeat, before bagging his second goal for Hoffenheim against Eintracht Frankfurt, in another 2-1 loss.

"It was a rocky start, but now I'm getting a few minutes here and there and scoring, so I'm happy," Nelson told the press.

Meanwhile, Nelson also started his first England Under-21 game on Tuesday against Scotland, after coming off the bench in his debut against Andorra, and capped off the performance with a goal from a free-kick that helped England to a 2-0 victory. He added: "When we were given the free-kick, my eyes lit up and I knew it was time. Luckily, it went in the top corner, so I'm all smiles now." Sport24



## Gomes may call time on his career

**LONDON** - Heurlho Gomes says this season will probably be his last as he considers hanging up his gloves.

The 37-year-old Watford goalkeeper, who went to the 2010 World Cup with Brazil and has 11 national caps, has found himself sidelined this season.

Gomes was first choice with the Hornets following his loan spell with Hoffenheim, having moved from Tottenham Hotspur, but is now behind England's Ben Foster.

The former Cruzeiro and PSV shot-stopper told Sky Sports: "This will probably be my last season."

"Of course, it is going to be a big change if I go back there to Brazil but we are thinking about this as well."

Gomes added that he is not considering going into coaching at this stage.

"I don't think it will be a role inside the

pitch. I am looking at other options, also in football, but in other roles.

The keeper helped Watford win promotion to the Premier League in 2015 and was the club's player of the year following their return to the top-flight.

On being second choice this season, Gomes added: "I will try to push hard but Ben is doing so well that it is very difficult to get in over him. But I am glad as well because I lost my place to a good goalkeeper."

Reflecting on the changes he has seen at Watford, he further explained: "It has been a big change since I arrived in 2014 with the aim of winning promotion. We are competing, that's the massive chance since I first came."

"We have a very good squad now. I don't know about Champions League but we can go for a European place. Of course, we are pushing to finish as high as we can but there is a possibility of finishing in a place that will give us the chance to compete in Europe. That would be great for the club" he said.

Sport24

## Barcelona eye defender Branislav Ivanovic

**BARCELONA** - Former Chelsea defender Branislav Ivanovic has emerged as a January option for Barcelona.

The 34-year-old had interest from the Spanish champions prior to leaving Chelsea for Zenit St Petersburg and they are weighing him up as one of a number of targets to cover for Samuel Umtiti who is out with a knee injury.

Ivanovic is out of contract in the summer though has the option of a further year.

The Serbia captain could be available on a free and that has alerted Barcelona with other potential signings difficult and more expensive in the January window.

Ivanovic was considering a return to London following tentative enquiries from Fulham and Crystal Palace and they could yet come back into play.

Fulham boss Slavisa Jokanovic wants a couple of experienced players to help his young squad cope



**WANTED:** Branislav Ivanovic.

better in the Premier League.

Ivanovic joined Zenit on a free transfer in February 2017 and has made 60 appearances scoring five goals. Previously he amassed 377 games for Chelsea, scoring 34 goals in a nine-year spell at Stamford Bridge.

Daily Mail



**TO RETIRE:** Heurlho Gomes.



# COLOMBIAN PLAYER SENT OFF FOR HEADBUTTING HIS TEAM-MATE

**COLOMBIA** - A Colombian footballer was sent off headbutting his own team-mate on Sunday after Atletico Nacional duo Dayro Moreno and Jelson Lucumi squabbled over who would take a free-kick.

The outrageous scenes were sparked as the hosts looked for a late winner from the set piece against Deportivo Cali at the Estadio Atanasio Girardot in Medellin.

With just a few minutes left on the clock, it was time for one player to step up and become a hero and potentially earn them all three points in the Liga Aguila encounter.

However, the problem was that two of the Atletico Nacional players wanted the glory and started to argue over who should take the set piece.

As the referee was speaking to the Cali defenders over where the wall should be, 23-year-old Lucumi had the ball in hand ready to place it on the ground.

His team-mate, Moreno, disagreed that Lucumi should take the free-



**UNBELIEVABLE:** Tempers flare as Lucumi (second right) headbutts Moreno (right) after he retrieves the ball. (Daily Mail)

kick before things started getting heated, as well as petty, between the pair.

Deciding that he'd have to take things into his own hands, Moreno sneakily knocked the ball out of Lucumi's grasp before both chased after it like school children.

Lucumi was then pushed into a

Cali defender before the two squared up to each other, sparking memories of Lee Bowyer and Kieron Dyer's famous brawl at Newcastle.

While admittedly not as violent as Bowyer's and Dyer's fight, Lucumi then astonishingly headbutts his own team-mate before others try to intervene and break up the bizarre

fight. Lucumi was then shown the red card by referee Carlos Mario Herrera on Sunday evening.

Local media reported that Moreno had sprinted back to the changing rooms to confront Lucumi after the final whistle but was restrained by his team-mates following the goal-less stalemate. *Daily Mail*

## Sanchez returns to Chile national team after seven months

**QUERETARO** - Alexis Sanchez made his much-anticipated return to the Chile national team on Tuesday night, after more than seven months away.

Chile beat Mexico with a last-gasp goal in a thrilling friendly in Queretaro, with the Manchester United man playing the full 90 minutes.

Sanchez last played for his country in March, before missing the subsequent six matches, all of which friendlies against sides including Poland, Serbia and Peru.

The 29-year-old pulled out of the squad despite being called up in August, with two different reasons being given for his absence.

He was just returning from an injury, with the Chile coach admitting that after a discussion with Manchester United, it was decided he needed more time to get up to speed at the start of the season. *Daily Mail*



**BACK:** Alexis Sanchez.

## Solinas wary of wounded Leopards in Telkom Knockout opener

**JOHANNESBURG** - Kaizer Chiefs coach Giovanni Solinas insists Amakhosi are up against a "dangerous" Black Leopards outfit in the Telkom Knockout last-16 at FNB Stadium on Sunday.

Chiefs enter the match in renewed spirits after defeating Bloemfontein Celtic 2-0 in the annual Macufe Cup in Mangaung last weekend.

Solinas' men previously had a four-match unbeaten streak in all competitions snapped by a surprise 1-0 home loss to Polokwane City in the league.

The Glamour Boys are highly motivated to go all the way in the TKO and end a trophy drought stretching into an unprecedented fourth year.

In Leopards, they face a side in the bottom half of the ABSA Premiership table following their 1-0 loss to Golden



**WORRIED:** Kaizer Chiefs coach Giovanni Solinas.

Arrows last time out.

Solinas, however, is wary of the threat posed by the wounded top flight newcomers.

"We have to respect Leopards," said Solinas, whose side are third in the PSL standings after 10 matches.

"Myself, I have big respect for Black Leopards. I don't underestimate Black Leopards.

"They started the league well. They are a good team. They try to play football.

"It's not going to be an easy game for us. It's a tough game. I respect this team.

"We are trying to prepare for this game very well because Black Leopards is a dangerous team."

A good result for Chiefs against Lidoda Duvha will serve to raise their confidence for the first Soweto Derby of the season against arch-rivals Orlando Pirates at FNB Stadium on October 27.

*Kick-Off*

## Danilo leaves field in tears after ankle injury

**SAUDI ARABIA** - Manchester City have been dealt another injury blow after Brazil right back Danilo rolled his ankle during the 1-0 win over Argentina on Tuesday evening.

The 27-year-old picked up the injury as he helped stop an Argentinian attack before laying on the ground in agony shortly afterwards.

Danilo struggled to hold back the tears as he limped off the field with the assistance of the medical staff

in the King Abdullah Stadium in Saudi Arabia. The full back was replaced by Liverpool midfielder Fabinho five minutes into the second half as Brazil looked to defend a corner. Danilo cut a distraught figure as he was driven off the pitch by a medical truck during the friendly win over their rivals. Danilo has struggled for minutes under Pep Guardiola this season, featuring just once in City's 3-0 win over Oxford in the League Cup. *Daily Mail*

## Motshwari excited for 'dream' Soweto derby

**JOHANNESBURG** - Orlando Pirates midfielder Ben Motshwari is guarded against looking too far ahead but is relishing the prospect of playing in the Soweto derby next Saturday, October 27.

Before that, the Buccaneers still have to face a Telkom Knockout test, as Chippa United are set to visit them at Orlando Stadium this Saturday.

Motshwari, who is in his first season at Mayfair having joined the Sea Robbers from Bidvest Wits, is not taking the Chilli Boys lightly.

"Yeah, but we have to concentrate on the game that's on our hands now. I wouldn't want to look forward to the derby while we have another game to play," Motshwari said as quoted by KickOff website.

"The derby is a derby, and I've

never played in one before so hopefully I'll get an opportunity in this one. But, for now, like I've said, we have to concentrate on the next game."

Focused as he may be, Motshwari is under no illusions about the significance of the rivalry between Orlando Pirates and Kaizer Chiefs to the people of South Africa.

"It's every footballer's dream to play in a 90 000-capacity stadium that's packed," he said.

"We know always in the townships things stand still when Chiefs and Pirates play, so for me, it's going to be an emotional day but at the same time I'll be happy."

"That's what you want to do when you're a footballer, and those are the moments that you want to be involved in when you play football." *Sport24*

## Pitso Mosimane eyes Telkom Knockout honours

**PRETORIA** - Mamelodi Sundowns see the Telkom Knockout as an opportunity to end what has been a good year on a high note.

The Brazilians were crowned ABSA Premiership champions in May as they reclaimed the title they lost to Bidvest Wits in 2016/17, and while they may have been knocked out in the group stages of the CAF Champions League, Pitso Mosimane's side can be happy with how things have gone for them in 2018.

The Telkom Knockout gives them an opportunity to win a domestic knockout competition for the first time since 2015. In fact this very competition is the last knockout trophy they lifted.

Sundowns begin their campaign with a clash at home against

Bloemfontein Celtic on Saturday (18h00).

"It's good to be playing at home. I like playing at home. You should understand the mentality of the game at home, our supporters love trophies. You can't say that we're prioritising the Champions League," Mosimane said.

"That would be a mistake. Our supporters would kill us if you say that. What's important is to try and make them happy and keep going. The longer we keep going without a trophy, the more there will be trouble. If you have congested fixtures like Sundowns and you're out of a cup, it frees you to concentrate on the league and the Champions League but we have a cup that everyone loves. Our team wants the cup and



**WE WANT IT:** Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane.

we want it.

"It has been the norm at Sundowns, that every year there must be a cup won ever since I have been here. There must be one to land, hopefully it's this one."

*Kick-Off*





By Dumisani Ntiwane  
(SNSRC Media Officer)

SHU...Shu...Shukuma Eswatini! Greetings, and welcome to yet another edition of your favourite read.

We at the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) are grateful to the Swazi Observer Group of Newspapers, especially the Sports Desk, for availing this precious space for us to inform the world of our activities.

It is that time of the year again, when the Kingdom of Eswatini sends teams to compete in the African Union Sports Council (AUSC Region 5) Under-20 Games. This year's games will be hosted in Gaborone, Botswana.

Perhaps a brief history on the establishment of the region will go a long way towards enlightening some of our uninitiated readers.

The African Union Sport Council Region 5 (AUSC Region 5) is the sports arm of the African Union, which was once the Organisation of African Unity.

It was formed in the 1960s, and its headquarters is based in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

The main aim of the AUSC is to use sports to achieve peace, integration and unity in Africa i.e. sport as a vehicle of encouraging people to develop and come together, irrespective of colour, economic status, political, class, or gender.

The AUSC divided Africa into seven competition zones due to the vastness of the continent and for financial prudence. The main consideration was the countries' geographical positions. It is from this that AUSC Region was born.

The AUSC Region 5 under 20 Youth Games 8th edition was launched in Gaborone, Botswana under the revamped brand name; Region 5 Youth Games, Gaborone 2018.

The Minister of Youth Empowerment Sport and Culture Development of Botswana, Honourable Thapelo Olopeng officially launched the games by unveiling the games logo and other symbols and announcing the appointed local organising committee (LOC) members. As part of the tradition when announcing the LOC, the minister dressed the members with the games branded jacket as a sign of bestowing the responsibility upon them to deliver the games on his behalf as the authority of sport in the land.

The launch was attended by a number of stakeholders in Botswana and representatives

# REGION 5 UNDER-20 GAMES: ARE OUR TEAMS READY?

...Botswana will host the eight edition of the games in December



**ALL SET: The AUSC Region 5 Under-20 Youth Games 8th edition was launched in Gaborone, Botswana, under the revamped brand name; Region 5 Youth Games.**

of the diplomatic core of the region. Members of the business community and civil society were also in attendance and the minister appealed to them to support the government by partnering through sponsorship.

## Games

The games are at its 8th edition and will be hosted in Gaborone, Botswana from the 7th to the 16th of December

These Under-20 Youth Games will be attended by all Region 5 member countries, Angola, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini, Zambia and Zimbabwe. For this edition, volleyball has been added as new sport code. Other sport codes that will be played are football, netball, tennis, boxing, judo, gymnastics, swimming, athletics, including athletics for visually impaired and basketball

Worth noting is that these games are hosted every two years.

Team Ewatini's disappointing out-

ing in the last games, which were staged in Angola is hopefully a thing of the past. In fact, our team branded their disappointing outing in Angola as a learning curve. We have not forgotten. That is why this time hopes and expectations from the nation are high.

The nation surely deserves much better this time in Botswana.

Most will recall that the country could only bring back one bronze medal from the regional games. This was through Phenduliwe Mavuso in the athletics for the visually impaired category.

We were obviously all so disappointed by the team's failure to reap more medals. However, as it is so often times said, there is a silver lining for every dark cloud. It was still a priceless experience for the country.

We are confident that our team learnt a lot from the outing. Competing

against some of the finest athletes the continent has to offer was an awesome experience for our team members. It has taught our members that they need to double if not triple their efforts for future endeavours of this magnitude.

But the question that begs an answer now is; are our teams ready? Are they ready to bring back the gold medals? Are they ready to take the region by storm? The month of December is just around the corner and we expect our teams to be hard at work, preparing for these games.

It is one of our objectives to facilitate for the production of quality sport coaches for all levels of athlete development through the Sport Education and Accreditation Systems programme.

This cannot be done in isolation, so it is also necessary for Council to provide capital support to assist recognised associations implement equi-

tably all the key performance areas of sports development. That is why Council always ensures to conduct regular consultations with recognised associations to provide technical support and to create a working rapport.

Many have argued in the past that the country should halt international participation temporary but that would be going directly against all of which Council believes in.

The aim of international participation is to maintain alignment of sport practise in Eswatini with international trends, practices and policies, to enhance the quality and standard of sport in the country.

Obviously, the country will be visible through the international participation and for consolidation of the national identity and pride. That is why Council always ensures to facilitate for international participation and hosting clearances for sport associations by the government.

We also maintain a comprehensive register of international participation by all recognised associations that include performances of athletes.

That, however, does not mean as a country we should not have dreams of winning and shining against some of the best, no.

That is why it is also amongst our aims as Council to create an environment and programmes that will enhance the development of high level performance by our local athletes

I will talk to you again next week. Until then, Shukuma Eswatini!

**THE Eswatini National Volleyball Association (ENVA) has been invited to the 36th World Congress in the city of Cancun, Mexico.**

The congress is slated for 15-16 November. Mpendulo Dlamini, who is the association's President, will represent the Kingdom of Eswatini in this important congress.

The invitation of the local association to attend the congress is clear testimony that there is something the locals are doing right.

They are part of the bigger international body, which bodes well for our sport.

## ENVA president off to Mexico

### The itinerary:

1. Welcome by FIVB President
2. Congress Introduction
3. Report of the Credential Verification Commission
4. Election of Scrutineers - 5 scrutineers (1 per Continental Confederation)
5. Approval of the minutes of the 35th World Congress in Buenos Aires 2016
6. NF 25th/50th Anniversary Awards and Special Recognitions
7. FIVB President's Report / Presentation
8. FIVB Future Events & New Partnerships
9. FIVB Financial Reports
10. Presentation of Profit & Loss of the biennial accounts 2016-2017
11. Controller's Report
12. Internal Auditors' Report
13. External Audit by Ernst & Young for the year 2016
14. External Audit by Deloitte for the year 2017
15. Discharge of the FIVB Board of Administration management for the period

### 2016-2017

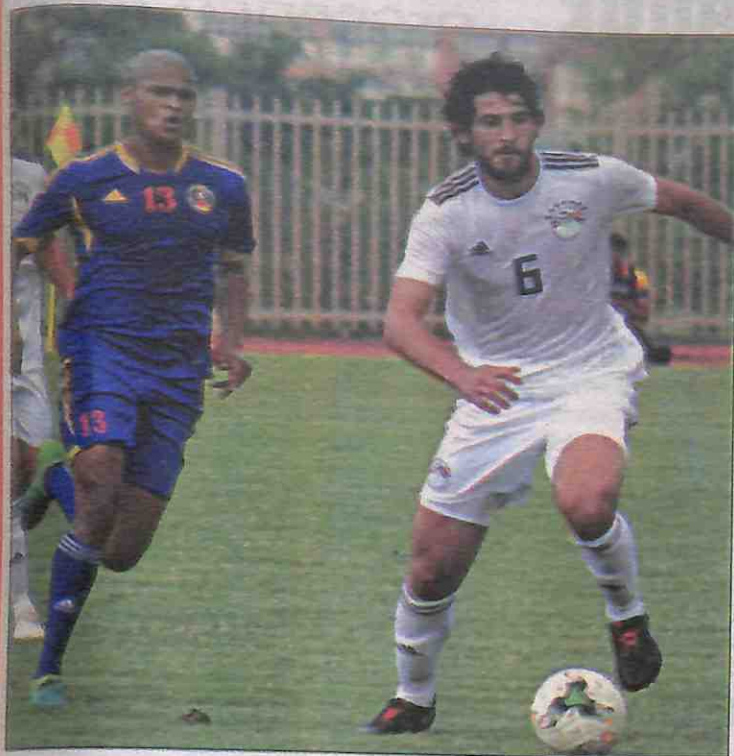
- Budgets 2019-2020
- Report on Investments
- 10. Appointment of the External Auditors for the period 2018 - 2022
- 11. Appointment of Members of the Ethics panel
- 12. FIVB Partners' Presentations
- 13. FIVB Strategic Plan update (9 Goals)
- 14. Councils / Commissions' Activities and Report on Future projects
- Communication Commission
- Technical & Coaching Commission
- Legal Commission
- Development Commission
- Medical Commission
- Refereeing & Rules of the Game Commission
- Beach Volleyball Commission
- Sports Events Council
- Finance Commission

- Athletes Commission
- 15. Confederations' Nucleus Projects Report
- Asian Confederation - AVC
- African Confederation - CAVB
- European Confederation - CEV
- South American Confederation - CSV
- North/Central American & Caribbean Confederation - NORCECA
- 16. Amendments
- Constitution & Rules of procedure of the Congress
- Rules of the Game (Official Volleyball Rules 2017-2020)
- Rules of the Game (Official Beach Volleyball Rules 2017-2020)
- 17. Affiliation, Resignation & Suspension/exclusion of National Federations
- Philippines Volleyball Federation (exclusion) and Larong Volleyball SA
- Pilipinas Inc. (affiliation)
- Reinstatement of India Volleyball Federation
- Reinstatement of Kuwait Volleyball Federation
- 18. Other Business
- 19. Place & date of the 37th FIVB World Congress 2020
- 20. Closing of the Congress by FIVB President

**Quote of the week: A trophy carries dust. Memories last forever. - Mary Lou Retton**



# SIHLANGU VS EGYPT



**CHALLENGE:** Sihlangu's Barry Steenkamp challenging Egypt's Ahmed Elsayed Ali during the AFCON 2019 Qualifiers second leg at Mavuso Sports Centre on Tuesday. Egypt won 2-0. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

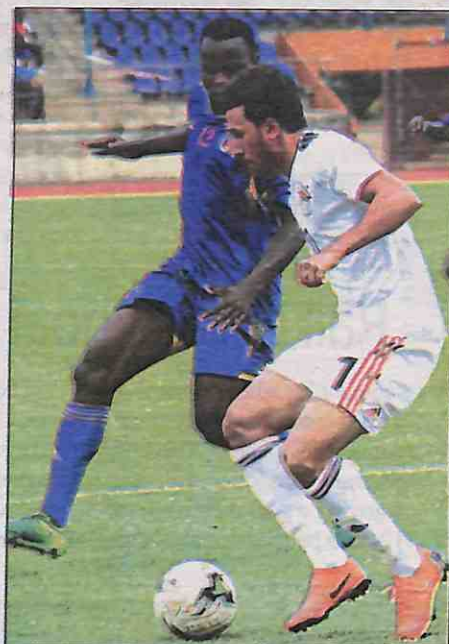


**JOY:** Marwan Mohsen Fahmy Tharwat celebrating in style.

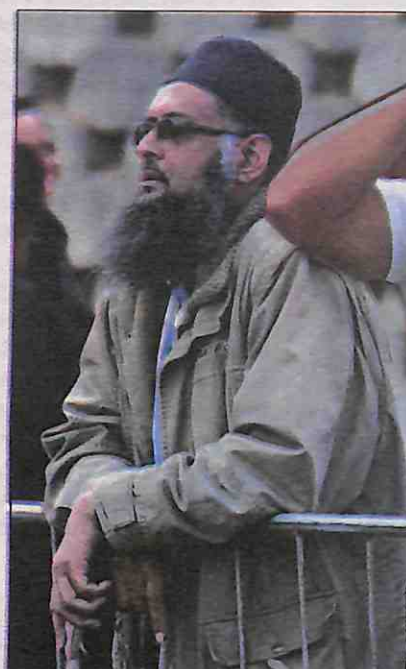
**LEFT:** Egyptian players celebrating their second goal.



**HAPPY PEOPLE:** Egypt supporters had an opportunity to pose with the players after the game.



**MOVE:** Mahmoud Ahmed Ibrahim attempts to go past Siboniso Mamba.



**I WAS THERE:** An Egyptian fan watching the game.

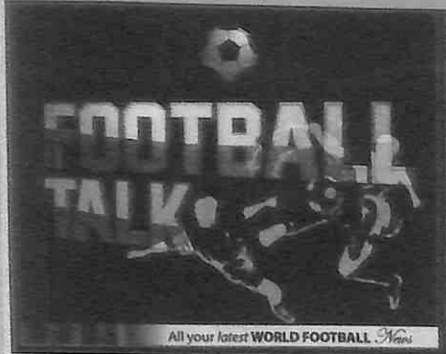


**TOP- TWO AGAINST ONE:** Justice Figareido sandwiched by Egypt's Amr Medhat Mohsen Warda and Tarek Hamed Elsaid.  
**LEFT- NOT THIS ONE:** Sihlangu goalkeeper Sandanezwe Mathabela making a save.  
**RIGHT- HOW IS THE GAME:** Egypt's first goal scorer Ahmed Elsayed Ali chatting with the first assistant referee.



**EISH:** Egypt's Mahmoud reacts after missing a scoring chance.





● Manchester United will prioritise a new contract for Spain goal-keeper David de Gea, 27, after making significant progress on extensions for England left-back Luke Shaw, 23, and 22-year-old France forward Anthony Martial. (*Evening Standard*)



● Barcelona forward Lionel Messi could be allowed to leave the club for free in 2020, if the 31-year-old Argentine does not join another elite league. (*Mundo Deportivo - in Spanish*)

● Tottenham are closely monitoring 23-year-old Bournemouth and Netherlands defender Nathan Ake. (*Sky Sports*)

● Spurs are also interested in Sampdoria's 22-year-old Danish centre-back Joachim Andersen. (*Sport Mediaset - in Italian*)

● Barcelona want a central defender, with Ajax's 19-year-old Dutchman Matthijs de Ligt their preferred option. (*Marca*)



● Spain left-back Marcos Alonso, 27, says he is set to sign a contract extension with Chelsea 'in the coming days'. (*AS, via Evening Standard*)

● Arsenal have joined AC Milan and Inter in the race to sign Cagliari and Italy midfielder Nicolò Barella, 21. (*Gazzetta dello Sport - in Italian*)

● Galatasaray and Besiktas will battle it out to sign Liverpool striker Divock Origi in January, although Everton are also interested in the 23-year-old Belgian. (*Turkish Football*)

● Newcastle United are close to agreeing a new contract with 20-year-old English midfielder Sean Longstaff. (*Chronicle*)

● Manchester City are concerned about what state the Wembley pitch will be in when they play Tottenham on Monday, 29 October, with the venue set to host an NFL match a day earlier. (*Manchester Evening News*)

● Former England manager Sam Allardyce says Tottenham and Three Lions midfielder Eric Dier, 24, is as good as his Barcelona and Spain counterpart Sergio Busquets, 30. (*Talksport*)

● Former Arsenal midfielder Robert Pires says the Gunners will "100%" finish in the Premier League's top four this season. (*Express*)

## FOCUS ON SWAZI TRAC LUBOMBO SUPER LEAGUE:

# ILLOVO LEAD PACK IN SWAZI TRAC SUPER LEAGUE

Stories by Sabelo Gwebu

**SOCCER - THE race for championship continues to take thrill in the Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League as Illovo FC maintain top spot, despite their 3-2 defeat at the hands of fellow neighbours Crookes United last weekend.**

The league entered week seven the past weekend, and Big Bend-based ensemble Illovo are on the summit with 15 points, separated by a single point with second placed Juventus, who have 14 points.

Juventus claimed the scalp of Magwanyane FC with a 2-

1 victory. Rail United, who annihilated struggling Mhlume Peacemakers 5-0, are perched third with 13 points, sharing the same number of points with fourth placed Bhelebane Sundowns.

The latter, who are in their maiden season in the Super League, recorded their 4th win at the expense of rivals, Malaheni United whom they beat 1-0 in a thrilling encounter played at Malaheni Stadium.

In the opposite side of the table, the going seems to be tough for winless former National First Division side Sikhalo seAfrica and Ntengenyane F.C who are rooted on position 16 and 17, respectively. In six out-

ings, bottom placed Ntengenyane managed two points, the same as Sikhalo, who have so far obtained only two draws.

Other results of the weekend saw CPL beating Samampela 2-1 while Mauritius beat CK Survivors 3-2, to climb to seventh spot.

### Played

Unbeaten Mkheweli All Stars were held 1-1 by Sikhalo while Ubombo Flyers and Shewula Arsenal also played a 1-all draw.

The Swazi Trac sponsored league comprises of 17 teams who are competing for promotion to the MTN National First Division League, the country's football second tie.

## Illovo, Flyers in fierce Big Bend derby

**SOCCER - SWAZI Trac Lubombo Super League table-toppers Illovo face an acid test this weekend as they meet rivals Ubombo Flyers in a Big Bend derby billed for Tambuti on Sunday.**

The game, which is expected to draw a huge crowd from

the sugar belt and surroundings, is scheduled for a 7pm kick-off, before another interesting encounter pitting CPL against Bhelebane Sundowns at 9pm.

Interesting fixtures are on the cards yet again as the league enters week eight.

Illovo are on top of the log with 15 points while their opponents, Flyers are 10th with eight points.

For both teams, there is a lot at stake other than the three points, something which will surely bring the razzmatazz known to go with this encounter.

## Rail United goal bangers

scored 17 goals, against five they have conceded in the seven games they played. The Gift Shongwe coached side are enjoying a goal difference of 12, four better than table-top-

pers Illovo. In their previous game, United ran amok to massacre struggling Mhlume Peacemakers 5-0 in a one-sided encounter played at Tambankulu Stadium last Sunday.

## Newcomers make their presence felt

**SOCCER - IN their maiden season in the Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League, some of the newly-promoted teams have started the campaign on a high note by demonstrating determination for glory.**

Seven teams were promoted from the various zonal leagues across the region namely, Bhelebane Sundowns, Samampela, Shewula Arsenal, Mhlume Peacemakers, Mauritius, Crookes United, and Ntengenyane.

Bhelebane Sundowns who won the Malindza Zonal League championship in a spectacular fashion enroute to the Super League, have made their way to the fourth spot with 13 points after recording four wins and one draw in seven outings. Samampela and Mauritius are perched on position six and seven, respectively after obtaining 11 points apiece. An average performance has also been witnessed from the trio of Shewula Arsenal, Crookes United and Mkheweli All Stars who are placed in position 11, 12 and 13, just in front of seasoned campaigners in Magwanyane and former National First Division side, Sikhalo. The league continues to produce interesting results week in and week out as the teams battle it out for honours.

SWAZI TRAC LUBOMBO SUPER LEAGUE LOG

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Illovo	7	5	0	2	15	7	8	15
Juventus	7	4	2	1	11	7	4	14
Rail United	6	4	1	1	17	5	12	13
Bhelebane	6	4	1	1	7	4	3	13
CPL	7	4	0	3	9	9	0	12
Samampela	6	3	2	1	9	5	4	11
Mauritius	6	3	2	1	9	5	4	11
CK Survivors	6	3	1	2	11	6	5	10
Malaheni United	7	2	2	3	4	6	-2	8
Ubombo Flyers	7	2	2	3	12	13	-1	8
Shewula Arsenal	7	2	1	4	6	10	-4	7
Crookes United	7	1	2	4	8	17	-9	5
Mkheweli All Stars	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	4
Magwanyane	5	1	1	3	5	6	-1	4
Peacemakers	4	1	0	3	5	14	-9	3
Sikhalo Se-Africa	6	0	2	4	4	9	-5	2
Ntengenyane	6	0	2	4	5	14	-9	2

## Mandla Mahewu Junior Leagues conclude this weekend

By Jongile Xuba

**SOCCER - MANDLA Mahewu will host the grand closing of the Under-15 and 17 junior leagues this weekend.**

The E15 000 sponsored leagues (E7 500 each) will have their final matches this Saturday with champions crowned on the day.

This was revealed by the Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) Development Officer Sibonangaye Dlamini.

He said the league had proceeded smoothly and they were looking forward to the grand closing.

### Fixtures

"The league has been going smooth over the past couple months and we have thrilling fixtures for the final day. We will have the grand closing at Msunduzi Sports Ground after the batch of games," said Dlamini.

It will be do-or-die between SuperSport United and Hurricane in the U15 League with both teams occupying the first and second places in the log, respectively.

Hurricane have 82 points while SuperSport United have accumulated 79 points and a win will guarantee either side the championship.

Teams will be presented with their trophies and medals after the games.



**GRAND CLOSING: HRFA Secretary Themba Motsa, Hhohho Youth Development Chairman Ntokozo Tsela, Paula Marques, EFA Vice President Comfort Shongwe, and Merika Dlamini during last season's grand closing ceremony.**

Dlamini said this would mark a full year since Mandla Mahewu officially started sponsoring the Under-15 league, making it a truly momentous occasion. The development officer added that there would also be a launch after the closing.

"It will be a double celebration this Saturday as Mandla Mahewu will also be launching the Mbabane Promotional League. So we invite the public to be part of the festivities," said Dlamini.



# FANS SEE NO HOPE FOR AFCON BOUND U-23 SQUAD

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCKER – AFTER Sihlangu's poor run in the ongoing 2019 AFCON Qualifiers, some local fans believe there is no hope for the national U-23 squad.**

The U-23 squad will be led by Sihlangu coach Anthony Mdluli to the AFCON U-23 Egypt Qualifiers slated to start next month.

In a random interview with some fans yesterday, they said they were not certain as to whether the team would do a good job with the junior squad following his not so impressive stint with the senior squad.

Despite having two more games to

play, Sihlangu crashed out of the AFCON Qualifiers after back-to-back defeats at the hands of Egypt.

"The Sihlangu coach failed to impress with the national squad. We were not expecting miracles but I was not entirely happy with the squad selection for camp as well as those that eventually featured in the games," said Nqobile Ndlangamandla.

## Professionalism

Another supporter Themba Mamba said this was a result of non-professionalism in the Eswatini Football Association (EFA).

"The problem here is with our association. It gives out jobs not by merit but to their friends. The coach has not achieved much at team level and with

the women squad but he has been given the senior national team job.

"He has been busy with the senior squad and will have less than a month to prepare the U-23 and we expect miracles," he said.

Melusi Dlamini said he was surprised to learn that the squad would be in action next month.

"We don't even know the squad yet they will be playing next month. Aren't there other coaches that can coach this team?" he said. Meanwhile, Sandile Dlamini said the coach should be given a chance, especially now that he had amassed some experience from the AFCON mission. The squad will play their first qualifier match away from home, against Mozambique next month.

## Moiane, Callies part ways

By Sabelo Gwebu

**SOCCKER – JUST three games into the new season, MTN National First Division side Tambankulu Callies have parted ways with Mozambique-born coach Manuel Moiane.**

The two parties reached an agreement to go separate ways yesterday afternoon following disastrous results, three defeats in as many matches that have left Callies rooted at the bottom of the MTN First Division log. Callies Chairman Ngudze Mamba confirmed they have parted ways with the coach when reached yesterday after what he termed 'failure to meet targets'.

"Yes, we have parted ways after he failed to meet our targets. We are currently looking for a new coach who will build a formidable team. For now, it is not about results but long term planning," Mamba said.

*...The Mozambique-born CAF License A holder remains in the country in search for new team*

Moiane was reportedly still without a work permit and was forced to coach from the stands. Previously, the Mozambique strategist had a stint with RSSC United during their time in the Premier League.

Moiane lambasted alleged living conditions in his short-as-sneeze spell with Callies. "I believe one day I will get a good team with better living conditions. I wish Callies the best of luck and for now I will continue to look for a team in Swaziland (Eswatini). If any team need my services, I am available," said Moiane when reached.

Callies are bottom of the log with an alarming minus seven goal difference in just three matches and play host to Hub Sundowns at Tambankulu Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

## Registration post in Mbabane for Sat Friendship Run

By Sabelo Gwebu

**ATHLETICS – SATURDAY'S eagerly anticipated Simunye Friendship Run has a registration point opened in Mbabane for road running enthusiasts at Outdoor Active Stores.**

Outdoor Active Stores is situated at the Supply Centre along the capital's industrial site. The Friendship Run has the 42.2km, 21.1km and 10km races and will serve as perfect recovery training for athletes that participated in the richly sponsored Imbube Marathon recently.

The Friendship Run route is ideal for runners who like the beauty of nature as it goes through rural Bhekinkhosi and Maliyaduma, among other places, to Mavuso

Sports Centre inside the busy-as-a-beehive Manzini City.

Ninety per cent of the route is gravel and according to Zithande Athletics Club coach Nsizwa Thwala, "The route has everything an athlete needs to survive the Comrades with its 90 per cent gravel soft on the knee and best for resistance training."

The will be free shuttle buses for runners departing Mavuso Sports Centre as early as 5am to the starting points Mafutseni (42.2km), Kukhanyeni (21.1km) and Maliyaduma (10km).

The Friendship Run has a knack of preparing the country's best Comrades Marathon runners. Six Comrades silver medallists this year went through it to prove it provides the perfect resistance training. The

Comrades Marathon is the world's oldest and most popular ultramarathon covering over 90km and is run between Durban and Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. Last year's first Swazi in the finish line at the Comrades Melusi Lukhele had emerged the winner of the Friendship Run and it has been the case with the previous two years with Ntokozo Mamba and Blessing Kunene. Saturday's Friendship Run will be the fourth instalment.

## SIMUNYE FRIENDSHIP RUN DETAILS:

Registration fees: 42.2km (E130), 21.1km (E100), 10km (E100) at Manzini Fitness Zone and Outdoor Active Stores (Mbabane)

Start: 6am

Date: October 20

Routes: 42.2km (Mafutseni, Luve,

## 2018 COMRADES MARATHON SILVER MEDALLISTS:

Melusi Lukhele  
Ntokozo Mamba  
Blessing Kunene  
Kwenzokuhle Thomo  
Mbonisi Mahlangu  
Ronny Sihlongonyane  
Vusi Nhlabatsi

Bhekinkhosi, Maliyaduma, St Michael's, Mavuso Sports Centre) 21.1km (Kukhanyeni, Nyakeni, Maliyaduma, St Michael's, Mavuso Sports Centre) 10km (Maliyaduma, St Michael's, Mavuso Sports Centre)  
Contact: Nsizwa Thwala (7612 3599).

## We were up against highly professional opposition – Comfort

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCKER – ESWATINI National Football Association (ENFA) Vice President Comfort Shongwe says the country's national pride Sihlangu tried their best, but succumbed to a highly professional side.**

Shongwe was one of the delegates who watched Sihlangu bite the dust against the 'Pharaohs' of Egypt during their AFCON Qualifiers match played at the Mavuso Sports Centre on Tuesday.

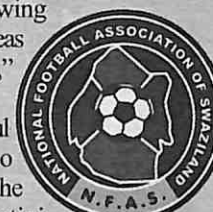
"I think the boys played well. Yes, they had a few faults here and there, maybe lapses in concentration and so forth, but you can see that at least we have a future. Remember, we faced a professional opposition that has their players playing in the big leagues of the world, but we were able to manage them and make sure they don't completely dominate the match.

"Going forward, I think we have a great future; our boys need to build from this performance. They have to go back to the drawing board and see the areas we can improve on," he said.

Meanwhile, Consul of Egypt to Mozambique and the Kingdom of Eswatini Sayed Okail said he enjoyed the match, and was impressed with Sihlangu's showing, albeit the defeat.

"The match was great. I think Sihlangu gave our side a run for their money. They were also up for each and every challenge and were not fazed by our players. I think this proves that Eswatini football has a bright future.

"These two countries enjoy a special diplomatic relationship and it is in such instances where we get to be together and celebrate our two countries' rapport. Unfortunately, this was a game of football and, therefore, there had to be a winner and a loser. Otherwise, this was a great match and a good showing by Eswatini."



## NNAS coaching course attracts 36 participants

By Jongile Xuba

**NETBALL – THE National Netball Association of Swaziland (NNAS) attracted 36 coaches last weekend for a coaching course at the Police Academy in Matsapha.**

NNAS General Secretary, Ntombikayise Masango said they were happy with the attendance.

The course attracted coaches from elite and regional teams as well as aspiring coaches.

The GS said the aim of the course was to ensure the level of netball in Eswatini advanced to another level.

"Our target is to have 50 qualified coaches by 2020. First, we have to develop elite team coaches and then move on to the regional coaches," said Masango.

She said they would also incorporate primary and high school netball coaches to be part of the regional trainings through their partner Eswatini Schools Sports Association (ESSA).

She further stressed that the executive committee made it compulsory for all elite teams to have qualified coaches with at least a Level 1



**IMPROVING STANDARDS: Coaches and instructors pose for a group picture during the NNAS coaching course held last weekend. (Courtesy pic)**

coaching certificate, hence the need to have the training.

The coaching course was conducted by renowned netball instructor and current Eswatini senior women's national netball coach Friction Mayisela. The instructor holds the International Netball Federation (INF) Level 1 Coaching Certificate. Mayisela was

assisted by Eswatini senior women's national volleyball coach Dr. Thulani Maphosa, who holds the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) Level 3 Coaching Certificate. Key areas touched during the course included drawing up training programmes, conducting a training session, conditioning of players and nutrition, to

mention a few. According to Masango, the next instalment of the coaching course will be held on November 24 where the focus will be on practical application. Participants will be assessed through an examination on the theoretical and practical aspects with certificates to be issued out to all successful participants.



## FIXTURES

### MTN PREMIER LEAGUE

Saturday @ Somhlolo National Stadium		
Mbuluzi Chiefs	vs	Moneni Pirates 1:30pm
Mbabane Swallows	vs	Vovovo 3:30pm
Mavuso Sports Centre		
Young Buffaloes	vs	Manzini Sea Birds 1:30pm
Manzini Wanderers	vs	Tambuli 3:30pm
Neukwansuku 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

### MTN NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION

Tonight @ Mayaluka Stadium		
Medlenya	vs	Milling Hotspurs 6:30pm
City Warriors	vs	Rangers 8:30pm
Tomorrow @ Somhlolo National Stadium		
Seven Dreams	vs	Red Lions 6:30pm
Tinyosi	vs	Hiathikhulu Tycoons 8:30pm
Saturday @ Tambankulu Stadium		
Tambankulu Callies	vs	Hub Sundowns 3pm
Killerney Stadium		
Black Swallows	vs	Mbabane City 3pm



### MANDATE:

Newly-appointed Mbabane Highlanders mentor Saul Chaminuka has been told to deliver at least two major trophies this season.



By Sabelo Gwebu

**SOCCER - NEW Mbabane Highlanders coach Saul Chaminuka has been told to deliver the MTN Premier League crown and win one major knockout tournament.**

Actually, the expectations have been expressed in the former Matsapha United and Zimbabwe national team eight-month long contract with the capital city giants. Chaminuka started drilling Highlanders, one of the biggest clubs

...Zimbabwe-born mentor has expectations put in 8-month contract as he prepares for first game against Royal Leopard on Sunday

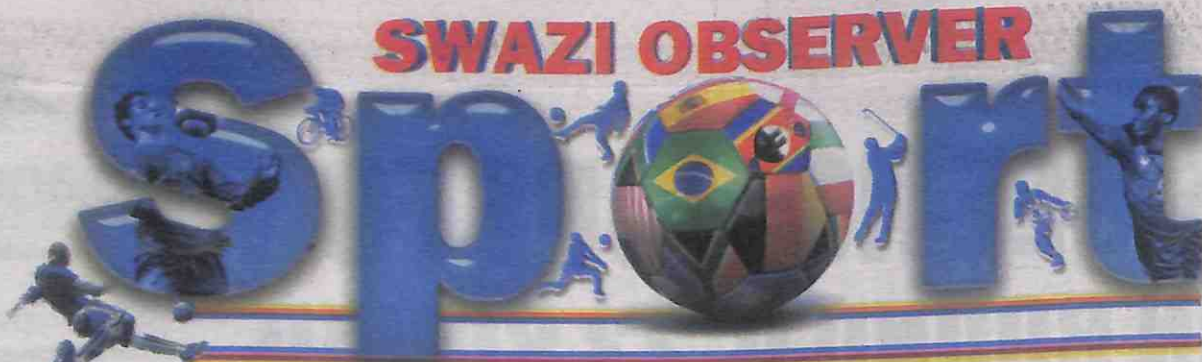
in the country, on Monday as he returns to Eswatini football for the first time after parting ways with Matsapha towards the end of the past season.

"Yes, we do have targets set for the coach. The contract is performance based and runs until the end of the season - that is all I can confirm," said the team's acting Chief Executive Officer Thulani Khumalo.

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Sources close to the coach revealed, however,

er, that Chaminuka has been told to deliver the league crown and one major trophy, a challenge he relishes. It means Chaminuka will have to bag either the upcoming richly sponsored Ingwenyama Cup or the magical SwaziBank Cup. At Highlanders, the highly qualified mentor links up with most of his former players at Matsapha that include, among others, Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze, Vusumuzi Zungu, Sibonelo Dlamini, Nkosinamandla 'Nkoka' Nkambule, Menzi Mamba and Mcolisi Dlamini.

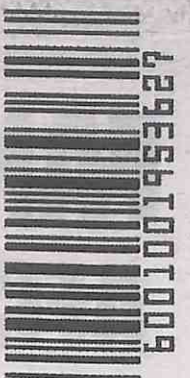


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