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SECONDARY ELECTIONS (POLLING STATION)

REGION	INKHUNDLA	POLLING DIVISION	POLLING STATION
HHOHO	HHUKWINI	Dlangeni	Nsukumbi High School
	HHUKWINI	KaSililo	KaSililo Emphakatsi
	HHUKWINI	Lamagabhi	Hlobane Primary School
	HHUKWINI	Lamagabhi	Lamagabhi Primary School
	HHUKWINI	Sitseni	Gogo Center
	LOBAMBA	Elangeni	Community Hall Emphakatsi
	LOBAMBA	Ezulwini	Somajalose High School
	LOBAMBA	Ezulwini	Ezulwini Community School
	LOBAMBA	Ezulwini	Ezulwini RC School
	LOBAMBA	Lobamba	Emahhulumbeni
MADLANGEMPISI	LOBAMBA	Nkhanini	Community Hall Emphakatsi
	LOBAMBA	Nkhanini	Sitjini Primary School
	LOBAMBA	Zabeni	Gogo Centre
	LOBAMBA	Zabeni	Mindazwe
	MADLANGEMPISI	Dvokolwako / Ekuphakameni	Dvokolwako High School
	MADLANGEMPISI	Dvokolwako / Ekuphakameni	Manzana Nazarene Primary
	MADLANGEMPISI	Ekukhulumeni / Mandlangempisi	Gogo Center
	MADLANGEMPISI	Ekukhulumeni / Mandlangempisi	Mandlangempisi High School
	MADLANGEMPISI	Gucuka	Emphakatsi
	MADLANGEMPISI	Mavula	Mavula Primary School
MAPHALALENI	MADLANGEMPISI	Nyonyane / Maguga	Maguga High School
	MADLANGEMPISI	Tluntini / Buhlebuyeza	Zwide Primary School
	MADLANGEMPISI	Tluntini / Buhlebuyeza	Buhlebuyeza Primary School
	MADLANGEMPISI	Tluntini / Buhlebuyeza	Manzana Nazarene Primary
	MADLANGEMPISI	Tluntini / Buhlebuyeza	Nkambeni Primary School
	MADLANGEMPISI	Tluntini / Buhlebuyeza	Zandondo Primary School
	MADLANGEMPISI	Zandondo	Zandondo Primary School
	MAPHALALENI	Diozini	Ararati Primary School
	MAPHALALENI	Madolo	KuMadolo Emphakatsi
	MAPHALALENI	Maphalaleni	Maphalaleni High School
MAYIWANE	MAPHALALENI	Mcengeni	Mcengeni NCP / Lidlada
	MAPHALALENI	Mfeni	Emphakatsi
	MAPHALALENI	Naingweni	Naingweni Old Inkhundla
	MAPHALALENI	Nsingweni	Sobandla School
	MAYIWANE	Herefords	Herefords High School
	MAYIWANE	Mavula	Mavula Primary School
	MAYIWANE	Missini	Holiness Church
	MAYIWANE	Mkhuzweni	Mkhuzweni Primary School
	MAYIWANE	Mkhuzweni	Maywane High School
	MAYIWANE	Mkhuzweni	Apostle Church
MBABANE EAST	MBABANE EAST	Fontein	St. Marks Primary / High school
	MBABANE EAST	Fontein	Fontein Pre-school
	MBABANE EAST	Mdzimba / Lofokati	Mbuluzi Primary School
	MBABANE EAST	Mdzimba / Lofokati	Zamani Primary School
	MBABANE EAST	Mauduza	KaBoya School
	MBABANE EAST	Mauduza	Mqolo Primary School
	MBABANE EAST	Mauduza	Mauduza Hall
	MBABANE EAST	Sidwashini	Makhohlolo Center
	MBABANE EAST	Sidwashini	Ooduzi Primary School
	MBABANE EAST	Sidwashini	Sebenta Center
MBABANE WEST	MBABANE WEST	Sidwashini	Woodlands School
	MBABANE WEST	Mangweni	Bhahai School
	MBABANE WEST	Mangweni	Mangweni Primary School
	MBABANE WEST	Mangweni	Mangweni NCP / Lidlada
	MBABANE WEST	Manzana	Mbabane Central High School
	MBABANE WEST	Nkwalini	Red Cross
	MBABANE WEST	Nkwalini	Zone 2 Church
	MBABANE WEST	Nkwalini	Nkwalini Primary School
	MBABANE WEST	Nkwalini	Africa Continental Mission (ACM)
	MBABANE WEST	Nkwalini	Nkwalini Primary School
MHLANGATANE	MHLANGATANE	Emalibeni	Gogo Centre
	MHLANGATANE	Mangweni	Mangweni High School
	MHLANGATANE	Mphofu	Ekujabeni School
	MHLANGATANE	Mphofu	EGuthede
	MHLANGATANE	Ndwebangeni	Mhlangatane Nazarene Primary School
	MHLANGATANE	Ndwebangeni	Mdlaweni Primary School
	MHLANGATANE	Ndwebangeni	Mhlangatane Nazarene Primary School
	MHLANGATANE	Ndwebangeni	Ndwebangeni Primary School
	MHLANGATANE	Nykatfo	Emphakatsi
	MHLANGATANE	Sidwashini	Gogo Centre
MOTSHANE	MHLANGATANE	Zinyane	Zinyane Primary School
	MOTSHANE	Kupheloni	Londunduma High School
	MOTSHANE	Kupheloni	Ngwenya Village
	MOTSHANE	Mpolonjeni	New Life Private School
	MOTSHANE	Mpolonjeni	St. Johns School
	MOTSHANE	Mpolonjeni	Ntambanda Church
	MOTSHANE	Nduma	Motshane High School
	MOTSHANE	Nduma	Motshane High School
	MOTSHANE	Nduma	Motshane High School
	MOTSHANE	Nduma	Motshane High School
NDZINGENI	NDZINGENI	Bulandzeni	Bulandzeni Clinic
	NDZINGENI	Bulandzeni	Dinari High School
	NDZINGENI	Kwalweni	Enkoyeni High School
	NDZINGENI	Ludlani	Mphondla Primary School
	NDZINGENI	Meletj	Mpumalanga Primary School
	NDZINGENI	Mgungundlovu	Emphakatsi
	NDZINGENI	Mgungundlovu	Nazarene Church
	NDZINGENI	Mvuma	Mvuma Primary School
	NDZINGENI	Ndzingeni	Ndzingeni Nazarene Primary School
	NDZINGENI	Ndzingeni	Kalahyandza Primary School
NKHABA	NDZINGENI	Nkamanzi	Nkamanzi Primary School
	NDZINGENI	Nkamanzi	Goza Primary School
	NDZINGENI	Nkamanzi	Emphakatsi
	NKHABA	Ejubukweni	Ejubukweni Primary School
	NKHABA	Ejubukweni	Malandela Primary School
	NKHABA	Ejubukweni	Mtyokane Primary School
	NKHABA	Maleni	Maleni Primary School
	NKHABA	Nkhaba	Hawane Primary School
	NKHABA	Nkhaba	Nkhaba Old Inkhundla
	NKHABA	Nkhaba	Nkhaba Old Inkhundla
NTFONJENI	NTFONJENI	Emvembili	Emvembili Gogo Centre
	NTFONJENI	Hlethhele	Hlethhele Nazarene Primary School
	NTFONJENI	Hlethhele	Lufala Primary School
	NTFONJENI	ka-Hloho	eZibonela Pre-School
	NTFONJENI	Ka-Ndandanda	Ntongeni High School
	NTFONJENI	Lomshyo	Ntongeni Primary School
	NTFONJENI	Mshingishini	Ekujabeni Community School
	NTFONJENI	Mshingishini	Mshingishini Primary School
	NTFONJENI	Vusweni	Ekudweni School
	NTFONJENI	Vusweni	Vusweni Nazarene Primary

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REGION	INKHUNDLA	POLLING DIVISION	POLLING STATION
HHOHO	PIGGS PEAK	Bulembu (Luhumaneni 1)	Malanda Hall
	PIGGS PEAK	Luhumaneni/KaNdava	Luhumaneni Primary school
	PIGGS PEAK	Luhlangotini	Lutheran Primary School
	PIGGS PEAK	Luhlangotini	St. Amedeus School
	PIGGS PEAK	Nginamadulo	Kukhanyeni Church
	PIGGS PEAK	Nginamadulo	Nginamadulo Primary School
	PIGGS PEAK	Nsengweni	Magobodo High school
	PIGGS PEAK	Nsengweni	Mbaka High School
	PIGGS PEAK	Piggs Peak	Town Council Magistrate Court
	PIGGS PEAK	Piggs Peak	Piggs Peak
LUBOMBO	SIPHOCOSINI	Luhlangotini	Gogo Center
	SIPHOCOSINI	Luhlangotini	emphakatsi primary school
	SIPHOCOSINI	Sigangeni	Sigangeni High School
	SIPHOCOSINI	Siphocosi	All Saints Primary School
	SIPHOCOSINI	Siphocosi	Masibekela High School
	SIPHOCOSINI	Siphocosi	Siphocosi High School
	SIPHOCOSINI	Siphocosi	Siphocosi High School
	SIPHOCOSINI	Siphocosi	Siphocosi High School
	SIPHOCOSINI	Siphocosi	Siphocosi High School
	SIPHOCOSINI	Siphocosi	Siphocosi High School
LUBOMBO	TIMPHISINI	Emvembili	Gogo Center
	TIMPHISINI	Hloho	Ndlangeni Primary School
	TIMPHISINI	Ludlani	Ludlani High School
	TIMPHISINI	Mashobeni North	Emphakatsi
	TIMPHISINI	Mashobeni North	Mumati Primary School
	TIMPHISINI	Mashobeni North	Mumati Primary School
	TIMPHISINI	Mashobeni North	Mumati Primary School
	TIMPHISINI	Mashobeni North	Mumati Primary School
	TIMPHISINI	Mashobeni North	Mumati Primary School
	TIMPHISINI	Mashobeni North	Mumati Primary School
LUBOMBO	DVOKODWENI	Hlane	Dlalile Primary School
	DVOKODWENI	Malindza	Malindza High School
	DVOKODWENI	Malindza	Mpaka High School
	DVOKODWENI	Malindza	Nkulane Primary school
	DVOKODWENI	Malindza	Gogo Center
	DVOKODWENI	Mhlantlani (Mdlanzulu)	Dvokodweni Primary School
	DVOKODWENI	Njabulweni (Malindza)	Njabulweni Primary School
	DVOKODWENI	Njabulweni (Malindza)	Njabulweni Primary School
	DVOKODWENI	Njabulweni (Malindza)	Njabulweni Primary School
	DVOKODWENI	Njabulweni (Malindza)	Njabulweni Primary School
LUBOMBO	GILGALI	Bulunga	Nazarene Church
	GILGALI	Elizwe (Macetjani)	Khuzwayo Primary School
	GILGALI	Hlute	Hlute High School
	GILGALI	Hlute	Sikhambathini Primary
	GILGALI	Mabondweni (Macetjani)	Mabondweni Primary school
	GILGALI	Macetjani	Gilgal Primary School
	GILGALI	Sigaweni West	Sigaweni Primary school
	GILGALI	Vikizila	Duze Primary School
	GILGALI	Vikizila	Phonwane Primary school
	GILGALI	Vikizila	Phonwane Primary school
LUBOMBO	LOMAHASHA	Lomahasha	Lomahasha Central High School
	LOMAHASHA	Lomahasha	Mafusini School
	LOMAHASHA	Lomahasha	Mokotsweng Primary School
	LOMAHASHA	Lomahasha	Nkulashane School
	LOMAHASHA	Shewula	Majembeni Primary School
	LOMAHASHA	Shewula	Mhondzane Primary School
	LOMAHASHA	Shewula	Shewula/Khuleni Primary School
	LOMAHASHA	Shewula	Shewula/Khuleni Primary School
	LOMAHASHA	Shewula	Shewula/Khuleni Primary School
	LOMAHASHA	Shewula	Shewula/Khuleni Primary School
LUBOMBO	LUBULU	Cantebury	Cantebury Hall
	LUBULU	KaVuma	Mbuluzi Primary School
	LUBULU	Mabantenani	Lubulu High School
	LUBULU	Mabantenani	Ndzavane Primary School
	LUBULU	Mabantenani	Maja Primary School
	LUBULU	Nuthwakazi	Nuthwakazi Primary School
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	LUBULU	Nuthwakazi	Nuthwakazi Primary School
LUBOMBO	LUGONGOLWENI	kaLanga	Emphakatsi Community Hall
	LUGONGOLWENI	kaLanga	kaLanga etitolo (Pre-School)
	LUGONGOLWENI	kaLanga	Matsela Nazarene School
	LUGONGOLWENI	kaLanga	Matsela School for the Deaf
	LUGONGOLWENI	kaLanga	Nyambo Primary School
	LUGONGOLWENI	kaLanga	Purity School
	LUGONGOLWENI	Makhewu	Good Shepherd Primary School
	LUGONGOLWENI	Mindazwe	Mhlumani Nazarene
	LUGONGOLWENI	Mindazwe	Mindazwe Primary School
	LUGONGOLWENI	Mindazwe	St. Boniface Primary School
LUBOMBO	LUGONGOLWENI	Sitshaweni	Sitshaweni Primary School
	LUGONGOLWENI	Sitshaweni	Sitshaweni Primary School
	LUGONGOLWENI	Sitshaweni	Sitshaweni Primary School
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	LUGONGOLWENI	Sitshaweni	Sitshaweni Primary School
	LUGONGOLWENI	Sitshaweni	Sitshaweni Primary School
LUBOMBO	MATSAJENI NORTH	Lukheteni	Mavetela Primary School
	MATSAJENI NORTH	Lukheteni	Mnyafula Primary School
	MATSAJENI NORTH	Mambane	Lucaceni Primary School
	MATSAJENI NORTH	Mambane	Mambane Primary School
	MATSAJENI NORTH	Maphungwane	Ka-Ntuli shops (Play Ground)
	MATSAJENI NORTH	Maphungwane	Loyile Primary School
	MATSAJENI NORTH	Maphungwane	Mphundla High School
	MATSAJENI NORTH	Tibuba	St. Johns Primary School
	MATSAJENI NORTH	Tibuba	Tibuba High school
	MATSAJENI NORTH	Tibuba	Tibuba High school
LUBOMBO	MHLUME	Mafuzula	Ekuthamkani Pre-School
	MHLUME	Mafuzula	Mafuzula Primary School
	MHLUME	Mafuzula	Maphveni NCP/Lidlada
	MHLUME	Mhlume	Mhlume Hall
	MHLUME	Simunye	Ngomane Hall
	MHLUME	Simunye	Simunye Hall
	MHLUME	Tambankulu	Tambankulu Hall
	MHLUME	Tambankulu	Tambankulu Primary school
	MHLUME	Tshani	Tshani Hall
	MHLUME	Vuvulana	Vuvulana Hall
LUBOMBO	MPOLONJENI	KaShoba	Nhlabeni Primary School
	MPOLONJENI	Mpolonjeni	Mpolonjeni NCP/Lidlada
	MPOLONJENI	Mpolonjeni	Siphoso Primary School
	MPOLONJENI	Mpolonjeni	St. Augustine Primary School
	MPOLONJENI	Ndzangu	Ndzangu Lutheran Primary School
	MPOLONJENI	Ngcina	Ngcina Primary School
	MPOLONJENI	Sigaweni East	Sigaweni East Emphakatsi
	MPOLONJENI	Sigaweni East	Sigaweni East Emphakatsi
	MPOLONJENI	Sigaweni East	Sigaweni East Emphakatsi
	MPOLONJENI	Sigaweni East	Sigaweni East Emphakatsi
LUBOMBO	NKILONGO	Crooks Plantations	Crooks Hall
	NKILONGO	Gamsu	Community Hall Emphakatsi
	NKILONGO	Ibova/Mayakula	Mayakula Hall
	NKILONGO	Lunkulu	Community Hall Emphakatsi
	NKILONGO	Nkhanini/Lutabeni	Nkhanini Primary School
	NKILONGO	Phufeni	Big-Bend High School
	NKILONGO	Phufeni	Big-Bend High School
	NKILONGO	Phufeni	Big-Bend High School
	NKILONGO	Phufeni	Big-Bend High School
	NKILONGO	Phufeni	Big-Bend High School
LUBOMBO	SIPHOFANI	KaMkhwelli	Emvembili Primary School
	SIPHOFANI	KaMkhwelli	KaMkhwelli Primary School
	SIPHOFANI	KaMkhwelli	Siphofani High School
	SIPHOFANI	Madlenya	Madlenya Primary School
	SIPHOFANI	Madlenya	Siphofani Primary School
	SIPHOFANI	Mphumakudze	Othandweni Primary school
	SIPHOFANI	Mphumakudze	Mphumakudze Primary School
	SIPHOFANI	Nceka	Mphumakudze Primary School
	SIPHOFANI	Ngcina	Sinceni Mission Primary School
	SIPHOFANI	Ngcina	Makhosini Primary School
LUBOMBO	SIPHOFANI	Ngcina	Sibetsaphi Primary School
	SIPHOFANI	Ngcina	Tambuti Primary School
	SIPHOFANI	Ngcina	Tambuti Primary School
	SIPHOFANI	Ngcina	Tambuti Primary School
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	SIPHOFANI	Ngcina	Tambuti Primary School
	SIPHOFANI	Ngcina	Tambuti Primary School
	SIPHOFANI	Ngcina	Tambuti Primary School
LUBOMBO	SITHOBELA	Luhlangeni	Evangelical Church
	SITHOBELA	Luhlangeni	Luvundamane High School
	SITHOBELA	Mamisa	Themba Primary School
	SITHOBELA	Mamisa	Mamisa Primary School
	SITHOBELA	Nkoniya	St. Loretta Primary School
	SITHOBELA	Nkoniya	Mabhezena Primary School
	SITHOBELA	Nkoniya	Makhosini Primary School
	SITHOBELA	Nkoniya	Makoyi Primary School
	SITHOBELA	Nkoniya	Nkoniya Primary School
	SITHOBELA	Nkoniya	Nkoniya Primary School

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COPS, TUCOSWA PROTESTERS IN BLOODY CONFRONTATION...



BLOODY: Seven protesters were seriously injured after police clashed with striking TUCOSWA members while three were arrested when all hell broke loose at the hub during the course of the protest yesterday.

7 INJURED, 3 ARRESTED

STORY ON
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● operations grounded in some small towns

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2 NATIONAL NEWS

'Stop lidlokolo construction'

CIVIL servants are not buying the excuse that government is broke yet she is building a mansion for ex-Prime Minister Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini.

During the protest in Mbabane yesterday, TUCOSWA's Deputy Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga said for the past three years, government had failed to increase salaries for civil servants and wondered where the budget allocated for the ex-PM's *lidlokolo* came from.

"Why should there be money for other projects but nothing for the civil servants? If anything, *lidlokolo* construction should be stopped and the money be channelled to the civil servant's cost of living adjustment," he said. Mhlanga also disputed claims made by government that they had reached an agreement on some of the listed issues, stating that they did engage in talks but there was no legal document stipulating agreements. The marchers will convene again this morning and they will be heading down to Manzini to continue with the strike which will end tomorrow with all the branches coming to the capital city.



STRESSES A POINT:
TUCOSWA's Deputy Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga.



STAND UP:
Police officers tell this protester.

A TUCOSWA member weeping after being affected by the teargas.



7 INJURED, 3 ARRESTED AS

COVER STORY

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi,
Wonderboy Dlamini,
Sabelo Majola and Starsky
Mkhonta

TOTAL mayhem!

This is the only phrase that can best describe the ugly scenes that were witnessed in the main cities of the four regions of the country yesterday during the organised protest actions called by the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA).

While the situation was controllable in the other towns, complete



CRITICAL: One of the protesters in a critical condition.

pandemonium was the order of the day in Manzini during the first day of the planned three-day protest.

At least seven protesters were seriously injured when police clashed with striking TUCOSWA mem-

bers while three were arrested when all hell broke loose at the hub during the course of the protest.

According to SNAT leaders, three of their members were arrested. However, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati claimed that only three cases of malicious injury to property were reported but no arrests made.

Pelted

Police officers were also not spared from the mayhem in Manzini yesterday as they were pelted with stones.

One female police officer was saved by the quick intervention of her colleagues after she was attacked by agitated protesters who saw her recording the action. Another police

SNAT, NAPSAWU call off strike

Stories by Sandile Nkambule
Industrial Court

THE Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) and the National Association of Public Servants and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) have called off their planned strike action.

This follows a consent order that was issued by the Industrial Court yesterday afternoon by Judge Nkosinathi Nkonyane.

"By consent of all the parties, no strike action shall take place on September 19, 2018, respondents (SNAT, NAPSAWU) however reserve the right to pursue any strike action further at a later date within the confines of the law," Judge Nkonyane ordered. The order was issued after government had brought the matter to court under a certificate of urgency, seeking an order to interdict the unions and its members from engaging in the industrial action that had been billed for today and tomorrow.

The Attorney General Sifiso Khumalo, representing government, told the court he wanted to share good news which he had received from his learned friends Siphos Madzinane and Siphos Mtshali for SNAT and NAPSAWU to the effect that the strike action is not on today.

The attorney general was alongside Principal Crown Counsel Ndabenhle

Dlamini while Madzinane and Mtshali represented the unions.

"My Lord, we have by consent reached an agreement that a consent order be made an order of this court to the effect that the strike action shall not take place tomorrow (today) and that the respondents reserve the right to pursue any strike action in further dates within the confines of the law," the attorney general submitted.

Lawyers Madzinane and Mtshali confirmed the consent order before it was endorsed by Judge Nkonyane as an order of court.

The Government of Eswatini yesterday morning filed an urgent application seeking an order interdicting and restraining the unions and all civil servants who are not members of the unions who may align themselves with the strike action, from embarking upon the strike action.

Further, government was seeking a declaratory order that the unions' notices of intention to go on strike do not comply with the provisions of Section 86(2) of the Industrial Relations Act of 2000 and also declaring that the intended strike action is unlawful with regard to Section 86(8) of the Act.

However, the matter was not argued any further yesterday in as far as the prayers sought by government were concerned as the parties reached a consensus with the consent order made an order of court.

'There will be no govt if elections sabotaged by strike'

ACTING Prime Minister Dr Vincent Mhlanga says sabotaging, disrupting the national elections through a strike action by public servants would certainly result in there being no constitutionally established government of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

The polling, presiding and returning officers together with drivers in the elections process, have been drawn from different government ministries according to Mhlanga and such may certainly disrupt the elections.

This is contained in an affidavit that was yesterday deposed of by the acting prime minister in the urgent application for an interdict of the intended strike action by SNAT and NAPSAWU.

According to the acting head of government, now that the strike has been noted by the unions, it has been carefully and thoroughly considered by the applicant (government) and found to be against the national interest in so far as its timing considering the fact that it coincides with the current national elections.

Mhlanga submitted that all transport used at the elections is fuelled at the Central Transport Administration (CTA), which is manned by the civil servants, whose bargaining agent is NAPSAWU.

"Disruption, failure or sabotaging of the elections by the public servants on strike would certainly result in



NO LAUGHING MATTER:
Acting Prime Minister Dr Vincent Mhlanga.

there being no constitutionally established Government of Eswatini. There is, therefore, an urgent need to divest the industrial action from political manoeuvres," Mhlanga submitted.

Overstretched

He stated in his affidavit that mass industrial action always requires police presence to protect life, limb and property and besides, the general maintenance of public order, unfortunately, the national police service is overstretched in meeting the demands of

the electoral process itself.

He stated that the electoral business extends beyond polling itself as there are also campaigns, polling and possible reruns ordered by the High Court.

The strike, according to Mhlanga, would adversely affect the elections and political life of the country as demonstrated in his above submissions, yet the industrial action is for purposes unconnected with the politics of the country.

The disruption of the elections, once occurred according to Mhlanga, would be irreversible and at huge financial loss to government, a hearing in due course would, therefore, be unhelpful as damage shall have been done with permanence.

Affected

Mhlanga mentioned in his papers that the strike notices by the unions do not comply with the requirements of Section 86(2) of the Industrial Relations Act in so far as the involved employees and affected departments have not been specified so as to enable the employer to make necessary adjustments to her business operations during the strike. According to Mhlanga, there is no other way to stop the strike action with its intended devastating effect on the general business of government, the country's economy and its free and fair parliamentary elections, flagging the fact that the interdict was the only available remedy.



VULA: Protesters attempting to go past the armed to the teeth police officers.

PROTESTERS, COPS CLASH

officer added fuel to the already volatile situation when he threw a stone at a protester.

Unfortunately for him, the stone missed the protester and smashed a window at Pep Stores.

By after lunch, part of the Manzini city was up in smoke. It was the smoke of gunfire, teargas and random fires that were lit by angry protesters in strategic areas around town.

Innocent civilians were also caught in the crossfire.

Motorists had a torrid time trying to negotiate along streets as workers filled the entire town.

In Siteki, a temporal shut down was experienced as protesters blocked the town's main street for approximately five hours.

About 2 000 workers took part in yes-

terday's protest in the small town. Some major shops were compelled to temporarily shut down business as protesters threatened to invade them. These were mainly shops which are situated along the Jacaranda Street, the busiest in the Siteki town.

Demanded

In Mbabane, highly charged protesters marched to the Police Headquarters (PHQ) where they demanded to see National Commissioner Isaac Magagula. They burnt a tyre at the entrance of the PHQ and danced around the fire until they were attended to by Deputy National Commissioner William Dlamini. For the remainder of the day, the workers marched around town while chanting political slogans.

Very few incidents of violence were

witnessed compared to Manzini.

In Nhlanguano, thousands of workers took to the streets and brought the small town into a stand-still.

There was a verbal showdown between the police top brass and TUCOSWA leaders when they could not agree on the routes that had to be used for the day.

The police had suggested that the two main streets should not be used, citing different reasons such as safety of businesses as well as the public.

The workers, however, defied the order and in the nearly five hours protest, they invaded all the streets.

Police tried to form a 'wall' or shield and tried to prevent the workers from using some of the streets but this did not work as the protesters by-passed them without any confrontation.

It's 6.5% or we go Waya Waya

'THIS is just a start'.

These were the words of TUCOSWA members as they vowed to continue with the protest action until government bows to their demands to grant them a 6.5 per cent cost of living adjustment.

Simangele Mtetwa, when addressing the workers in Manzini, said she is a head teacher and she knows exactly what teachers are going through.

She said the situation was too bad as some schools had still not received funds in respect of Free Primary Education money.

Mtsetwa said she had been flooded with calls from parents who are concerned with what is happening.

She informed the workers that TUCOSWA was protesting yesterday and on another day it would be headteachers.

Another head teacher who identified herself as Futhi Dlamini said as workers they would only go back to work once they had received a 6.5 per cent CoLA.

Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) outgoing

President Freedom Dlamini, when addressing the members of TUCOSWA, thanked everyone for coming out to support the protest action.

He said such unity was good because 'united workers stand but divided they fall'. Dlamini said it was time for every worker to stand up and fight for what is rightfully his or hers. Dlamini was interrupted while in the middle of his speech as workers soon burst into song and protested as more and more protesters made their way into the arena. In Nhlanguano, TUCOSWA Secretary General Mduduzi Gina addressed workers before they could disperse and informed them not to report to work today. He assured the protesters that the strike was lawful and, therefore, they should not have any fears about anything.

"All workers are expected to come and join us as this is a lawful protest action. Tomorrow (today), TUCOSWA will hear from you on what next should be done. You are going to give us direction," he said.



GOING WAYA WAYA: Some of the protesters doing push-ups in the middle of the road.

Confusion in schools after 'Vula Vala' statements

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THERE was total confusion in schools yesterday after government closed and opened schools in a matter of hours apart.

Some schools were not operational owing to the confusion that emanated from two statements that were issued by Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Education Sibongile Dr Mtshali-Dlamini and acting Prime Minister Dr Vincent Mhlanga.

The PS announced the closure of all public schools owing to the TUCOSWA strike that launched itself yesterday. She said the closure was motivated by the desire to ensure safety of pupils during the strike that involved teachers. However, at midnight, Mhlanga overturned the earlier decision and ordered teachers to report for work and pupils back to class.

However, it was a little too late as parents had taken the closure announcement. As a result, some did not send their children to school. Teachers also joined the strike action staged in all the towns. A handful of pupils were seen loitering around town.

In essence, schools were closed. The schools that were visited included St Mark's High and Primary, John Wesley Primary, Elangeni High, MDS Primary and High.

The pupils who were found roam-

VULA VALA:
Principal Secretary
in the Ministry of
Education Sibongile
Mtshali-Dlamini.



ing around the school premises told this publication that their principals had sent them back home due to the absence of teachers. Private schools were also affected by the ongoing strike by TUCOSWA. Pupils at Bahá'i Primary, Evangelical Pre-school and Primary as well as Annadale schools were turned back by their principals.

"The principal came and told us to go back home since there were no teachers at the school," alleged a pupil from John Wesley Primary School.

Swaziland Principals Association (SWAPA) President Welcome Mhlanga refuted claims that they defied the government's order to open schools

yesterday. He said they were forced by the situation since some pupils were absent due to the conflicting statements issued.

"The two statements might have confused the pupils," he said, further stating that schools would be operating today. "As principals, we cannot defy the government order to open schools," he said. However, Mhlanga mentioned that if yesterday's situation prevails, principals would have to again turn back the pupils.

On the other hand, Mtshali-Dlamini said she would not comment on the matter. "The matter is now handled by the acting prime minister, thus I will not comment," she said.

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TUCOSWA PAINTS MANZINI RED



IN NUMBERS: TUCOSWA members crowded Manzini streets yesterday in a bid to get government to give into their demands. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



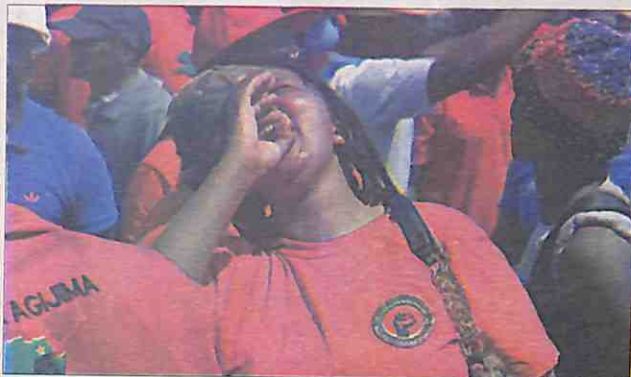
DOLO PHEZULU: TUCOSWA members toyi toying.



VULA: Protesters attempting to go past armed police officers.



NGENTENI: A man being brutalised by police officers.



SHOUT OUT: A protester screaming.



PUSH UP: Protesters doing push ups.



STAND UP: Police officers helping a woman to stand up.

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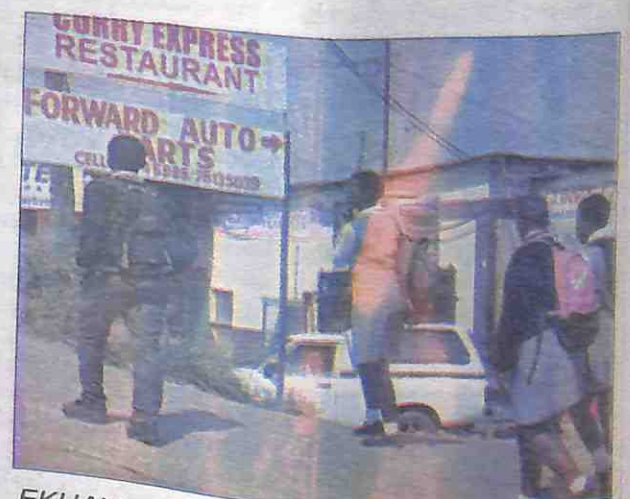
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JUMPING: Protesters scramble away after tear gas was fired at Somhlolo Park.



EKHAYA: Pupils on their way back home.

LANDMARK VICTORY: SA COURT LEGALISES DAGGA

JOHANNESBURG - The Constitutional Court has ruled that the personal use of dagga is not a criminal offence.

"The right to privacy is not confined to a home or private dwelling. It will not be a criminal offence for an adult person to use or be in possession of cannabis in private space," Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo said yesterday.

The judgment does not specify how many grammes of cannabis can a person use or have in private.

The ruling follows a Western Cape High Court judgment that the possession, cultivation and use of dagga for private use was allowed.

The state appealed that judgment in the Constitutional Court, arguing that the decision was not in line with the values of South Africans.

Key laws debated in the Western Cape High Court in 2017 were the Drugs Act Sections 4 (b) and 5 (b) as well as Section 22A of the Medicines Act.

The court ultimately found: "This Court must invoke its powers under Section 172 (1) (b) of the Constitution to order a suspension of the declaration of invalidity for a realistic period to ensure Parliament may correct the defect. In my view, a period of 24 months from the date of this judgment would be appropriate."

"The order also makes clear that the relevant provisions are only unconstitutional to the extent that they trench upon the private use and consumption of a quantity of cannabis for personal purposes, which the legislature considers does not constitute undue harm."

The Western Cape High Court also ordered that, in the interim period, prosecutions for personal dagga possession as described in its judgment should be stayed. Zondo ruled yesterday that Sections 4(b) and 5(b) of the Drugs Act, and Section 22A(9)(a)(i) of the Medicines Act were unconstitutional and

invalid, to the extent that it prohibits the use of possession of cannabis by an adult in private for the adult's personal consumption in private.

Zondo said the Constitutional Court held these statutory provisions to be constitutionally invalid, to the extent indicated, because they infringed the right to privacy entrenched in Section 14 of the Constitution.

The Constitutional Court dispensed with the High Court's limitation of its order to the use, cultivation or possession of cannabis at home or in private dwelling. It held that the right to privacy extends beyond the boundaries of a home.

It suspended its order of invalidity for a period of 24 months to give Parliament an opportunity to correct the constitutional defects in the two acts.

Offence

It would therefore not be a criminal offence to use or be in possession of cannabis for personal consumption, in a private space.

This also extended to cultivating cannabis in a private place for personal consumption in private.

Zondo took the view that it should be left to Parliament to decide on the quantity of cannabis that an adult person may use, possess or cultivate in order for it to amount to "personal use".

He said that a police officer would have to consider all the circumstances, including the quantity of cannabis found in an adult person's possession.

If the police officer, on reasonable grounds, suspects that the person concerned is in possession of that cannabis for dealing and not for personal consumption, the officer may arrest the person. The courts will ultimately decide whether the person was in possession of cannabis with the intent to deal or for own consumption. *(Daily Mail)*

Dagga ruling a joint victory, now to weed out the details

THE State's arguments on the limitation of the use of dagga went up in smoke as Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo gave the green light for personal dagga consumption.

"The right to privacy is not confined to a home or private

dwelling. It will not be a criminal offence for an adult person to use or be in possession of cannabis in private space," Zondo said. The court gave Parliament 24 months to update legislation relating to marijuana to be in line with its ruling. This is a joint

victory for Dagga Party leader Jeremy Acton and Rastafarian Garreth Prince who argued on December 13 and 14, 2016, for the decriminalisation of the herb.

There are still several technical issues to weed out, though, such as the amount of dagga a person can legally have in their possession.

"The judgment does not specify how many grams of cannabis can a person use or have in private," Zondo said. *(Daily Mail)*

You can't light up in public

Phephelaphi Dube, director at the Centre for Constitutional Rights, told News24 that she viewed the judgment as "cautiously progressive".

"It balances, on the one hand, the right to privacy and associated entitlements such as dignity and wellbeing against the need to maintain a lawful and order-

ly society.

"With due deference to the separation of powers, it will be up to Parliament to determine the lawful quantities that individuals may cultivate and consume." *(Daily Mail)*



PRESS STATEMENT

Eswatini Elections Support Network (EESN) on Primary Elections' Preliminary Report

The Eswatini Elections Support Network under CANGO would like to clarify its position regarding its Preliminary report issued on August 27th, 2018, by the Chairperson on the National Primary Elections held on 25 August 2018.

EESN is an independent and nonpartisan network set up in 2003 by CANGO to observe elections with a view to provide an independent opinion on how elections are conducted. In 2018, EESN deployed 120 observers during the nominations and primary elections. The local observers were trained on what to report and observe in elections.

The basis of the mission is to observe compliance with the Constitution, national laws and the international instruments such as SADC Guideline on Elections. The preliminary report issued after elections highlighted major issues observed. Hence, it is not a comprehensive report.

The EESN Observers observed the following: **the time of opening of Polling Stations or centre; the environment outside and inside the Polling Centre; accessibility to polling stations; orderliness; voting procedures and; counting and announcement of results.**

We note the concerns raised on the conclusion that the elections were free and fair. It must be understood that as elections are still ongoing, the statement was not giving an overall assessment of the elections. What was essentially being stated was that on the day of elections most of the election processes allowed the voters to cast their votes in an environment that was not intimidating as well as facilitated the secrecy of the vote.

We would like to reiterate that indeed the elections were peaceful in most of the polling stations; security forces were visible and did not interfere with elections; the counting process was also peaceful and orderly; most candidates had a chance to validate the results; there were also no campaigning materials in the polling stations.

The EBC team which conducted elections did their best to ensure that the voting process was efficient.

Statement by
Ms Tjengisile Shabangu
EESN Chairperson
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State 'allows you to smoke yourself to cancer', says Rastafarian activist

RASTAFARIAN activist Garreth Prince was on colourful display before the justices of the Constitutional Court on Tuesday as he argued for his right to smoke marijuana in public.

A barefoot Prince, dressed in a long red, yellow and green robe, said he just wanted the freedom to use marijuana without being victimised.

"The harm that the criminal justice system has to a cannabis smoker is worse than a joint can ever inflict," he argued during the state's application for leave to appeal against the judgment and order of the Western Cape High Court.

Several members of the Rastafarian community were seen outside court dressed in their colourful regalia. Some members were seen smoking marijuana, while others sang and danced to drums. Some of

their placards read: "My body, my decision".

A metre away from the crowd were a few police officers who kept a close watch.

Arrests

Prince told the justices that the Rastafarian community was "small and marginalised and this court should give effect to our plight".

He said the order made by the High Court, regarding the private use of dagga, allowed users to be victimised. "It [the order] still allows the police to arrest us. The state arrests me because it says it cares about my health - I would hate to see what they would do if they hate me."

Earlier in 2017, the High Court ruled that the cultivation and private use of dagga should be legalised. *(Daily Mail)*



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TOP LAWYER LEO GAMA IS DEAD



RIP: Lawyer Leo Mduzuzi Gama.

By Sisho Magagula
Manzini

A dark cloud has struck the legal fraternity.

Veteran Manzini-based lawyer Leo Mduzuzi Gama passed away on Monday night after battling with cancer of the throat for quite some time.

Gama, an experienced legal eagle polished by years of courtroom litigation, succumbed to death at his home in Manzini around 9:30pm surrounded by close friends and family.

According to a relative, who preferred to remain anonymous because he had not been mandated by the family to speak to the media, Gama had been in and out of South African hospitals after being diagnosed with throat cancer not so long ago.

"We knew he was ill because he had been battling with this thing for quite some time but we did not expect this. We are still shattered by what has happened. We were expecting him to recover and return to work, especially because the cancer had not reached an advanced stage," said the close family relative.

Interviewed yesterday, Secretary General of the Law Society of Swaziland (LLS), Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli confirmed Gama's death.

However, Mdluli politely requested not to elaborate much on the issue and referred more questions to the family.

"We have just been informed of the sad news and we are still shocked beyond measure. Please kindly direct all your questions to the family. The Law Society will issue a statement in

due course," said an obviously devastated Mdluli.

Meanwhile, news of Gama's demise spread like wild fire yesterday morning on most social media platforms.

One of his brothers was the first to make the announcement on Gama's official Facebook page.

"It is with great sadness that I announce the death of my brother Leo Mduzuzi Gama. He passed on peacefully yesterday at 9:30pm 17.09.2018 surrounded by close friends and family. The family is humbled by the outpouring love, support and prayers we have received. May your soul rest in peace Gama *Mahlobo loluhlati*," he wrote. This post attracted over 100 comments, mostly from local lawyers.

Gama was one of the senior attorneys in the country, having been admitted into the bar almost 20 years ago.

He ran an established law firm at the Lihaga Building in Manzini and has been a fully-fledged member of the LLS all his working life.

Throughout his illustrious career, Gama handled a host of high profile cases, including the recent mysterious case of businessman, Almor Oliveria, who is believed to have been murdered. Gama was representing one of the suspects, Dao Thanta Hue, in that case which is still pending. He also represented police officer Lucky 'Obama' Matsenjwa in the much publicised fingerprints case.

In 2010, Gama appeared on behalf of Bhukumusa Sipho Mamba, who was convicted at the High Court for the murder of his girlfriend whom he killed by cutting off her head using a bush-knife. His family is yet to announce the funeral details.

EBC tightens security, special voting goes smoothly

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Manzini

THE Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) tightened security yesterday during the secondary elections special voting so as to ensure the smooth progress of the exercise.

The security was tightened at the entrance of the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre where the exercise was taking place.

Only the people who worked at the essential services organisations were allowed to enter so as to cast their votes.

Plain clothed officers from these organisations were required to produce proof that they indeed worked for such organisations before gaining entry. Those that were wearing uniforms were required to go straight to the voting stations. This time, polling officers were also required to produce proof that they were such. Even candidates did not gain entry without showing proof that they were candidates either for MP or indvuna yenkhundla.

Every person was required to produce a national identity card (ID) and any other card that proved eligibility to vote on the day.

The other card could be a polling officer or candidate name tag. Others were required to produce accreditation tags to show that they were eligible to either vote or be at the voting station yesterday. EBC Commissioner Ncumbi



IN NUMBERS: The near stampede caused by voters as they wanted to push in to vote.

Maziya was among the officers who were making sure that order was restored throughout the day. He was reprimanding every person that tried to act smart by forcing his or her way in. Even presiding officers were not spared from Maziya's wrath on the day.

He made it clear that they were making his work difficult as he, and his team from EBC and police, were maintaining order at the gate.

The presiding officers would be seen at the gate from time to time, wanting to get in and out of the trade centre. EBC Head of Secretariat Richard Phungwayo said they had planned for the security to be even tighter this time. "After the primary elections special voting, we sat

down and identified problems that resulted in the challenges we had. Last time, many people wanted to take chances and vote yet they were not eligible. This time, we could not allow that," Phungwayo said.

He further stated that they issued name tags for all polling officers, which were to be used by them upon entry yesterday. He said they also observed that people did not respect time and this time, they tried to correct that. Members of the uniformed forces were allocated from 0700 to 1100 hours to vote.

Other voters were allowed to vote from 1100 to 1600 hours and from 1600 hours it was a chance for presiding officers to cast their vote.

Stampede at Mavuso entrance

A near stampede was witnessed at the entrance of the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre as voters wanted to gain entry.

The voters got impatient at the gate as they did not understand why they were made to form lines.

EBC officers at the gate wanted the voters to form lines according to the regions in which they were to vote.

This happened from as early as 0700 hours. By 1030 hours, the voters were impatient as some of them claimed that the scorching heat (which reached the maximum of 37 degrees celsius) was getting the better of them.

The voters ended up abandoning the lines they were trying to form and went near the gate. It became difficult to open the gate to let the voters who had voted out. This was because of the fear that voters who were still outside would gain unauthorised entry to the voting station.

Voters tried to push the gate to gain entry but could not because the police made sure that this did not happen.

EBC officials ended up ordering polling officers, who formed part of those who created the near stampede, to assemble at a certain point within the parking lot at Mavuso.

Voted

People who had voted were even asked to use another gate to exit the voting station because at the front gate, people were leaning against the gate and it was difficult to let voters out of the voting station.

This seemed to work in a positive way as the polling officers were given their name tags there and would eventually gain authorised entry in a smooth fashion. By 1300 hours, the situation was better as the number of people who were leaning against the gate decreased.

EBC Head of Secretariat Richard Phungwayo, when asked about this situation, said people had grown impatient. Their impatience had caused the near stampede at the gate. He said many had feared they would go back home without voting so they thought it was best for them to push and shove yet such would not work for them.

Phungwayo said the voters had to exercise a little patience because inside the voting station, they would not spend more than five minutes because there was order. Afterwards, the officials were able to vote freely, without having to be pushed on lines.

BOGALAJANE BARRED FROM ENTERING VOTING STATION

ELECTION candidates' agents (*bogalajane*) were yesterday denied entry into the voting station at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.

They were turned away as they tried to gain entry to ensure transparency during the secondary elections special voting. "Agents are not allowed to enter this place today; you are requested to go back as you are not allowed here," one agent was told by EBC officer as he (agent) entered at about 0900 hours.

The candidates had brought along the agents with them, thinking that they would be

allowed to gain entry. One candidate, when asked about this, said he was told to submit names of the agents ahead of the special voting. But to his surprise, the agents were not allowed to get into the voting station on the day of the special voting.

However, the candidate said he had no issues with that because the exercise was smooth and there was order. Transparency was the order of the day, which meant the work of the agents would have been minimal.

Another candidate from Madlangemphisi commended EBC for not allowing agents to gain entry.

EBC explains Jan's concern on special voting

THE Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) has explained the concern raised by Manzini North MP aspirant Jan Sithole on the secondary elections special voting.

EBC Head of Secretariat Richard Phungwayo said they actually had an instrument allowing them to hold the special voting yesterday.

Phungwayo admitted that they had initially slated the special voting for Monday, but shifted it to yesterday after the elections registration exercise was shifted from June 17 to July 1.

Phungwayo said for someone who had the gazette of September 17, it would be difficult to believe that the special voting was shifted to September 18 because it was not

easy to reverse the September 17 gazette.

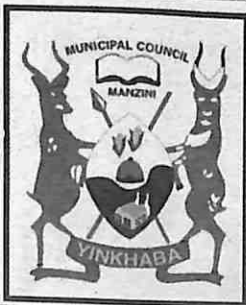
Sithole raised a concern on the legality of the special voting on Monday at the High Court when he wanted to stop the secondary elections in Manzini North.

Sithole wanted an instrument allowing the secondary elections special voting to take place yesterday.

Wanted

He wanted that instrument because the gazette issued on special voting talked about September 17, 2018. Sithole wanted EBC, which he had taken to court, to furnish him with a gazette allowing EBC to hold special voting on September 18.

EBC, through its lawyer Khethokwakhe Nxumalo, ended up not being able to provide such.



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EXPECT THOUSANDS OF VISITORS IN MANZINI THIS WEEKEND, BE WARM TOWARDS THEM

.....municipal games start this Sunday and members of the public are welcome

The Municipal Council of Manzini appeals to citizens to behave well towards the thousands of visitors that are expected to be in Manzini city beginning this weekend up to next week Saturday.

These will be municipal employees, councillors and mayors from over 50 municipalities in the Southern African Development Community (SADC). At least 4,000 municipal employees and officials are expected to descend the Kingdom of Eswatini this weekend for a six-day programme of sporting activities. Whilst the games will be held in various venues, including other municipalities, most of them will be held in vibrant Manzini city; particularly the Mavuso Exhibition and Sports Centre, Bosco Skills Centre, Manzini Club and the Old Trade Fair.

It goes without saying that the visitors have not only come for the games but will want to also explore the vibrant city of Manzini. They will want to experience both day and night life. Council's plea is for citizens to prove that, as already known, indeed the Kingdom of Eswatini is a peaceful country and its citizens are always warm towards

visitors. This, in the long run, will help boost the country and Manzini's tourism sector as the municipal employees will be the city's tourism and investment ambassadors in their respective countries.

The visitors will largely be identifiable by tracksuits and other sports gear that will be branded with their municipalities' corporate colours and logo. Whenever they approach you, seeking directions or whatever assistance, please be of assistance. The issue of crime against the visitors is out of question. If we make them feel uncomfortable and under threat of crime, they will immediately check out and look for accommodation in other towns. They will also not want to visit Manzini city ever again; and that will translate to loss of tourism revenue for our beloved Kingdom of Eswatini and vibrant City of Manzini.

Lastly, Manzini News takes this opportunity to invite citizens to come and watch the games. As mentioned earlier, the kick-off match is on Sunday but the games will be played, and in various venues, until next week Friday. Entrance is free of charge.



...2018 SAIMSA GAMES: MAD RUSH FOR VENDING SPACE

Following an announcement by the Municipal Council of Manzini last week, to the effect that a number of business opportunities were available during the upcoming Southern Inter-Municipal Sports Association (SAIMSA) games which start this Sunday, yesterday morning Council experienced a mad rush for registration.

Interested vendors had already formed a long queue at the Manzini civic offices as early as 7am. To Council, this is an indication of the intensive

appetite for business amongst citizens of the city. It is an indication of the need for more crowd-puller events in our vibrant city so that citizens can be able to make some money and uplift the economy.

Council is excited about the response from the business sector towards these business opportunities.

Manzini News would like to report that most of the vending categories have been paid for. Only 10 spaces, for photography and airtime/mobile

money services, are still available in Manzini. Those who are interested in taking up vending opportunities in the venues that are located in other towns may approach the respective municipalities.

The categories are handicraft, food, cold beverages, African fabric, cosmetics and jewellery, airtime/mobile money and photography. The deadline for registration and payment is tomorrow.

...YOU'RE INVITED: MANZINI AGM NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Municipal Council of Manzini invites all stakeholders to the 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held on Wednesday 26th September 2018, 7:30am, at The George Hotel.

The purpose of the accountability meeting is to present a report on Council's performance during the last financial year (2017/2018). A comprehensive annual report will be distributed to stakeholders on the day.

However, those who are interested in perusing it before the date of the meeting may do so through a number of platforms. A copy will be available (only for perusal) at the Council reception desk as from tomorrow.

A copy will also be uploaded on the Council website (www.mzcitycouncil.sz) and stakeholders who wish to have it emailed to them may contact Council on

pro@mzcitycouncil.sz or 7802 3889.

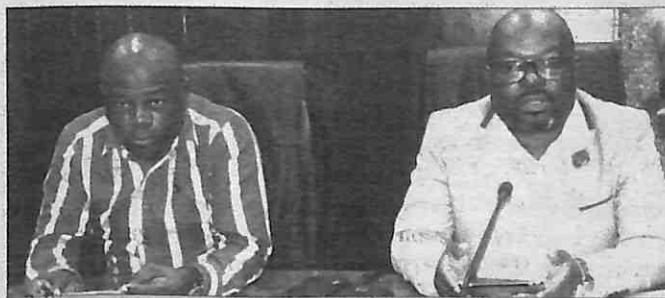
This is an important meeting wherein stakeholders will also be given an opportunity to comment and get clarity on the report.

Most importantly, Council hopes to, through the meeting, get innovative suggestions on how she can improve on municipal service delivery as the new vision emphasizes innovation.

...MANZINI AIRTIME TRADERS DONATE TO PHILANI MASWATI

Over 100 Airtime and mobile money vendors who conduct their trade within the city of Manzini on Monday donated various items including 24 bags of cement, two full-set flush toilets, 20 bags of rice, 20 bags of mealie-meal, 20 bags of sugar and 20 bottles of cooking oil, to Philani Maswati Charity Organisation. The non-governmental organization, whose Patron is Her Majesty the Indlovukazi, seeks to better the lives of the country's elderly citizens through the provision of basic needs. It solely survives on donations from organisations, companies and individual members of the public.

The traders sell MTN Eswatini and Eswatini Mobile airtime. The occasion, which took place at the Council Chamber, was also attended by Manzini Mayor Mxolisi Mabuza, Ward 12 Councillor Siphon Masuku, representatives of Eswatini Mobile and Airtel as well as throngs of airtime and mobile money traders. The following photos were taken during the event...



MANZINI ON THE MOVE- His Lordship the Mayor, Councillor Mxolisi Mabuza together with Ward 12 Councillor Siphon Masuku commended the small business owners for such a noble act



HERE'S TO TAKING CARE OF OUR ELDERLY CITIZENS- all the vendors together with Eswatini Mobile, Airtel, Manzini Municipality and Philani Maswati representatives



OUR DONATION - toilet sets, cement, and food hampers



THANK YOU - Philani Maswati representative Leonard Dlamini appreciating the Manzini City airtime business people for such a great donation

8 NATIONAL NEWS

SEYCHELLES' EX-PRESIDENT IN THE COUNTRY TO MONITOR ELECTIONS

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Sikhuphe

FORMER president of Seychelles, James Alex Michael is in the country to monitor the national elections scheduled for Friday.

The former president landed in the

country through KM III International Airport yesterday afternoon.

He arrived together with a delegation which also adds to the team of elections observers who are already in the country.

Other observers from across the SADC region started arriving on Sunday, and were formally welcomed by the author-

ities of the country.

The nation will be flocking to the polls on Friday for the final dice of the 2018 national elections.

Votes

In the meantime, civil servants have already cast their votes as they convened at Mavuso Trade Centre yesterday for the special voting exercise.



HELLO ESWATINI: Former president of Seychelles James Mancham arrives at KM III International Airport with his delegation.

SEDCO man conquers Mount Kilimanjaro

By Majaha Nkonyane
Mbabane

TRUE to the adage, never under estimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit.

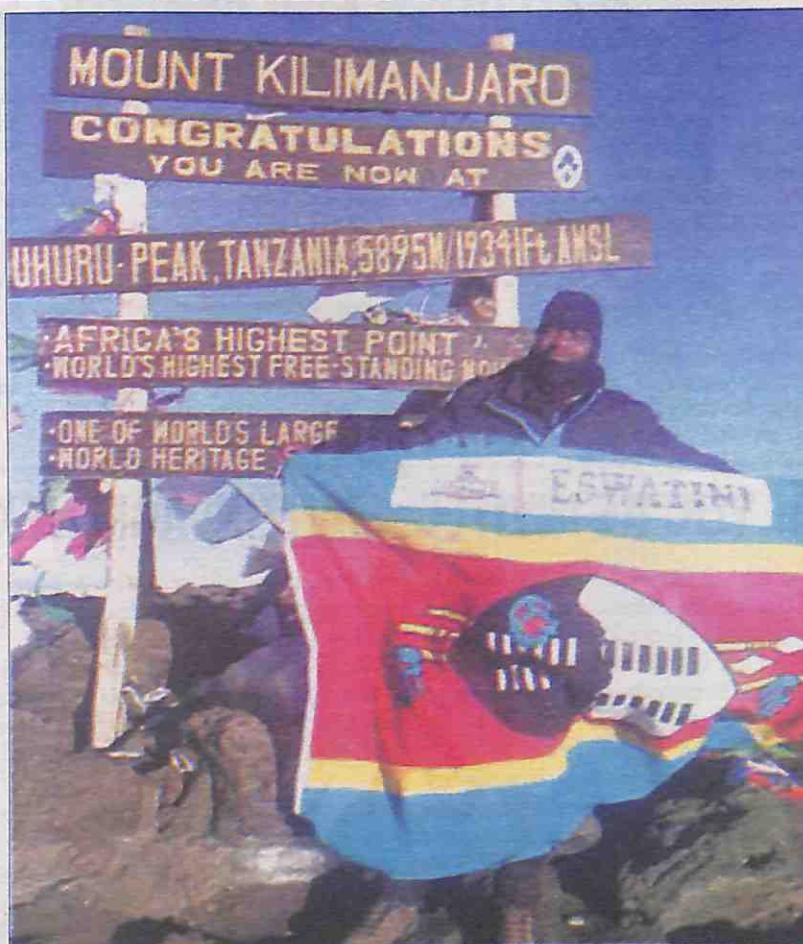
Despite all harsh conditions that make it humanly impossible to get to the summit of the highest mountain in Africa (Mount Kilimanjaro), Themba Dlamini beat all the odds and braved all fears and hoisted the Eswatini flag at the summit on September 6.

Dlamini, who is a senior strategy manager and organisational performance for the Small Enterprises Development Company (SEDCO), took a personal decision to fulfil a childhood dream to summit the mountain that has claimed the lives of very experienced climbers from all over the world.

Dlamini is the first Liswati to hoist the Eswatini flag at the highest mountain in Africa, about 4 900 metres from its base, and 5 895 metres above sea level. The summit took Dlamini five days as he ventured on the journey from September 1 to 7th. The soft-spoken but brave inexperienced climber thoroughly prepared himself for the making of history. According to Dlamini, he had to hit the gym three times a week with a personal trainer and used the Sibebe Mountain as a dummy.

"In August alone, I did Sibebe six times and during the Sibebe Challenge (August 5), I summited twice. My diet had to change and I had to prepare myself psychologically in readiness for the climb," he said.

Dlamini explained that the climb almost took his life as the weather conditions were not friendly. When he was 700



ON TOP OF THE WORLD: Themba Dlamini defied all the odds and braved all fears and hoisted the Eswatini flag at the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro on September 6, 2018.

metres away from the summit, his whole body was failing and he was almost crawling. The first day September 1, saw Dlamini climbing 11 kilometres to reach an altitude of 2 800 metres where he and his chief guide set camp to sleep for the night as each day they had a target.

"The first day was more of a rain forest adventure with low temperatures and a lot of moist from the rain; I even slept on a wet sleeping bag," he said.

The first two days, according to Dlamini, were an experience of walking in the clouds as it was only on the second day that one gets to see above the clouds.

body. The sicknesses got even worse as at this point as he had nausea but his dream to reach the summit kept him going. Dlamini also banked on his medication at this point as he was prepared for the journey, he was now at 3 750 metres above sea level.

...DAY FOUR

This day, according to Dlamini, was by far the most challenging as there was a lot of dust that caused difficulty in breathing. Again, his medication saved the day as he started having congestion problems. On this day, Dlamini had to get to 4 040 metres above sea level and had to climb the baraco wall using his hands.

...DAY FIVE

According to Dlamini, this was yet another tough day as the weather conditions were becoming unbearable. He, at this point, literally had to become a walking wardrobe with four trousers on his body, five pieces of specialised jackets, three thick summit socks and specialised climbing boots. Dlamini reiterated that his knees were hurting and

he had to continually use his medication. Due to having had to abide with the rules, he had to sleep at 17:00 to wake up at 23:00 in order to start the last climb which is the most difficult.

The summit, according to Dlamini, had to happen at day break, the ultimate challenge was 1.3 km a distance he had to cover in seven hours and it was very cold.

"We started to track at midnight and we were at a point where I was physically exhausted, at this point everything was taken away, determination was the only thing keeping me alive," he said.

"When I got to the top, I could not beat the urge to take pictures both for evidence and lifetime memory but both my phones which are high quality (iPhone 8 and Huawei), could not open as it was too cold but I used my other camera to document the experience," he said.

The ice capped summit, according to Dlamini, is rewarding to every climber and those who make it alive to the summit are only allowed 15 minutes at the top.

MZWAKHE MYENI REJECTS RESIGNATION LETTERS FROM FOUR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

By Nomfundo Sifundza
Mbabane

THE Association of Christian Artists in Swaziland (ACASWA) President Mzwakhe Myeni has rejected resignation letters by members of the executive.

Instead, he implored them to go back to work.

About four ACASWA executive members had resigned from the association and these are; Vice-President Frans Dlamini, Secretary General Apostle Vusumuzi Maculuvu, PRO Ronnie Dlamini and Pastor Bonginkosi Dluddu.

Upon receiving the resignation letters, the president wrote to the four and advised them to continue working.

Confirming that he indeed received an order to resume his duties, Apostle Maculuvu said it was within the association's rights to issue such an order and so it did not bother him.

"Our constitution states that when a member resigns from his duties, the president can either accept or decline that resignation, pending an investigation that should be done in 14 days," he said.

Myeni refuted claims that the ACASWA AGM that had been slated for last Sunday had been cancelled because of reasons above their control. He claimed that the AGM was 'postponed' because a large number of artists subscribing under ACASWA had complained that the notice was too short, but on Friday, he said the reason was because of the national elections.

"Artists complained of the time and so we rescheduled the meeting and it would be held 14 days from now as per our constitution," he claimed.

Myeni referred to their constitution more than once and stated that no member was considered as resigned, all members are expect-



NOT ON MY WATCH: ACASWA President Mzwakhe Myeni.

ed to report to the office and carry on with their duties.

The gospel musician said he was aware that there was a plan being 'cooked' at the Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture (ENCAC) to oust him and his committee, hence the resignations by his colleagues.

"Kukhona lokuphekawako lesingakwazi," he said in vernacular, adding "there is interference from the ENCAC, hence the members' decision to disassociate themselves from the executive so that we do not form a quorum, which will lead to the executive being dissolved, but that will not happen," he said.

Last Friday, a highly placed source reported that the CEO of the ENCAC Stanley Dlamini was in a meeting with ACASWA members who had petitioned Myeni, but delivered the petition to the CEO.

The CEO confirmed to have received reports about the association, but was yet to organise a meeting with the aggrieved members and the current executive.

However, Myeni denied to have been contacted by the CEO's office for any meeting.

The ACASWA executive members:

President - Mzwakhe Myeni
Deputy President - Frans T. Dlamini
PRO - Ronnie Dlamini
Secretary - Apostle Vusi Maculuvu

Treasurer - Tenele Mahlobo
National Organiser - Thabile Myeni
Additional Member - Pastor Bonginkosi Dluddu

THE JOURNEY

...DAY TWO

The second day, according to Dlamini, was physically draining as he had to climb through rocks. The gear had to change and one had to use specialised clothing in order to face the harsh conditions. In the first two days, climbers are expected to avoid cotton but use polyether clothing which lets out moisture and keep warmth.

The climb on this day is more of an experience of walking in the desert, the rise in altitude causes headaches with a loss of appetite. The body starts showing signs of ailing as Dlamini's knees started hurting badly but his anti-inflammatory oil saved the day.

Dlamini explained that the night of day two was the most difficult as he fell sick from the hard wind gashes throughout the night.

...DAY THREE

As things were getting tougher, Dlamini had to employ a strategy where he climbs higher and sleeps low at acclimatisation point for the body to avoid shock as these were new conditions for the

TUCOSWA TAKES TO THE STREETS

NHLANGANO



CONVERSING: TUCOSWA leadership in a discussion with Shiselweni Deputy Regional Commissioner Chris Lukhele on logistics of the march. (Pics: Starsky Mkhonta)



SECURITY: There was a heavy police presence to ensure security during the protest.



IN NUMBERS: This was the situation in Nhlango where everything came to a standstill as workers marched in the streets.

SITEKI



ALL OUT: TUCOSWA President Quinton Dlamini conversing with former SNAT President Sibongile Mazibuko.



LET'S GO: Protesters in song.



COMMO-TION: Police clash with protesters.



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PUBLIC NOTICE / SATISO

PENSIONERS ANNUITY DISTRIBUTION BY PUBLIC SERVICE PENSIONS FUND

The Public Service Pensions Fund invites the following deceased pensioners families to meetings to be held at the following scheduled times and dates at the various Pension Offices. Family members are requested to bring certified copies of the following: proof of identity, death certificate, deceased's last pension pay slip, deceased's ID, children's birth certificates, marriage certificate(s) and any other relevant documents.

Lihhovisi letemhlalaphansi (PSPF) licela tihlobo tanaba labalandzelako lebebahola imali yemhlalaphansi kutsi tivele emahhovisi aka Pensheni ngalamalanga netikhatsi letilandzelako.

Tiyacelwa kutsi tiphatse sitifiketi sekufa semufi, i-pay slip yepenisheli yemufi, i-ID yemufi, itifiketi tekutalwa tebantwana bemufi, itifiketi tekutsatsana, nabomatise bebuve (P.I.N.) ID natotokhe tincwadzi letingasita.

The following deceased families are invited to attend a meeting on the following dates:

MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

VENUE: MBABANE HEAD OFFICE, INGCAMU BUILDING.

Name of Deceased	Pension. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Dlamini Mhishi Austin	32305	22.07.2018	09h00
2. Hlubi Richard Mhlanyelwa	28229	22.07.2018	09h30
3. Thwala Thulani Percy	6190051	25.07.2018	10h00
4. Ginindza Merica Ntombi	4069751	04.08.2018	10h30
5. Dlamini Duncan Isaac B.	36583	24.07.2018	11h00
6. Tsabedze Pius Majahodwa	4137539	26.07.2018	11h30
7. Chipiko Michael Ndolite	7085967	08.08.2018	12h00
8. Simelane Busisiwe Kholiwe	57391	10.08.2018	12h30
9. Motse-Shongwe Fikile Esther	8215538	12.07.2018	14h15

TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2018

VENUE: SITEKI EVUKUZENZELE BUILDING

Name of Deceased	Pension. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Maziya James Sibhobo	30815	24.08.2018	10h30
2. Dlamini Patrick Oscar	216894	06.08.2018	11h00

WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2018

VENUE: PIGGS PEAK, LIDLELANTFONGENI BUILDING.

Name of Deceased	Pension. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Mhlanga Mhlupheki Joseph	2159667	10.08.2018	10h30
2. Dlamini James Boso	211227	27.07.2018	11h00

THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2018

VENUE: Nhlango. FNB Building

Name of Deceased	Pension. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Maduna Themba Ludwick	6143365	18.04.2017	10h30
2. Dlamini Phineas Bhoni	6147613	29.07.2018	11h00
3. Hleta Paulos Mkhanyiseni	7079993	15.08.2018	11h30
4. Mhlanga-Dlamini Albertinah	4217002	24.07.2018	12h00
5. Khumalo-Simelane Mary P.	11507	04.08.2018	12h30
6. Hlophe-Simelane Annastasia	4252285	26.07.2018	14h00
7. Mkhalipti Saraffina Siphwe	213409	04.08.2018	14h30

FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2018

VENUE: Mbabane Head Office, Ingcamu Building

Name of Deceased	Pension. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Mabila Gilbert M.	36751	31.07.2018	09h00
2. Tsabedze Paul N.	28764	11.08.2018	09h30
3. Tsabi Gabriel	31992	09.08.2018	10h00
4. Mndzebele Samuel D.	28298	15.08.2018	10h30
5. Ngwenya Jeremiah Z.	211547	22.08.2018	11h00
6. Dlamini-Ndzimandze Jane	3129766	31.07.2018	11h30
7. Ndlovu Titus Piet	219970	23.08.2018	12h00
8. Litchfield Douglas F.	30411	21.08.2018	12h30
9. Mabuza Richard M.	35751	27.08.2018	14h15

For more information please contact Nothando Dlamini at 24119000 or Toll Free Number 8002401

VOTERS ARRESTED FOR STABBING EACH OTHER OVER MP CANDIDATES

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

TWO voters from Nhlambeni area have been arrested after a nasty fight which resulted to one of them being stabbed with a knife.

The fight emanated from an argument, whereby the voters could not agree on who to vote for during the secondary elections expected to take place on Friday.

The two; Bheki Lukhele and Elliot Mathunjwa have since made their court appearances at the Manzini

Magistrate's Court.

Information gathered from sources is that Mathunjwa was in the company of his friends when he was approached by Lukhele from the same area.

Lukhele is alleged to have asked Mathunjwa on who he would vote for to represent the people of Nhlambeni in Parliament.

Mathunjwa is said to have told Lukhele who he was going to vote for, little did he know that the person he intended voting for was not Lukhele's favourite. Lukhele is alleged

to have started getting aggressive, asking Mathunjwa why he decided to vote for his (Lukhele's) candidate's rival. Lukhele is alleged to have retrieved an iron rod and started assaulting Mathunjwa all over the body.

Danger

Information gathered is that Mathunjwa tried to run away, but he could not outpace Lukhele who was assaulting him. Seeing that his life was in danger, Mathunjwa is alleged to have drawn a knife and fought back, stabbing Lukhele. The police

were later called and the two were arrested. Both accused persons appeared before Manzini Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini. Mathunjwa was the first to make his way into the dock.

He was charged with assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm in that on Sunday while at Nhlambeni, he stabbed Bheki Lukhele with a sharp object on his upper body.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge, the crown represented by Fakazi Mngomezulu applied that the accused be remanded back into custody pending recovery of the com-

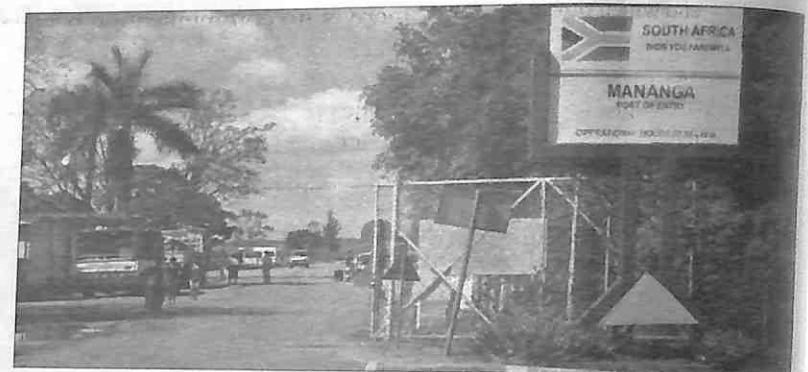
plainant. Lukhele, who was also in court, could not walk properly due to the stab wound. Mathunjwa applied for bail, which he was granted and it was fixed at E3 000. The accused was informed to come back to court today. Bheki Lukhele was then called to enter the dock as an accused person. However, the magistrate said he could not hear Lukhele's matter because he is also a complainant in the same case.

Lukhele was then taken to another magistrate who would preside over his matter as an accused person. Lukhele is expected back in court tomorrow. Worth noting is that the secondary elections are expected to take place on Friday. During this stage, those who will be representing people of the different constituencies in Parliament will be elected.

BRAIN TEASER



SHAYA: Uniformed officers thinking hard as they enjoy a card game at Freedom Square Park where they were deployed to monitor the strike action by TUCOSWA yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



EXTENSION: Mananga Border Gate.

Govt wants Mananga, Ngwenya borders operational hours extended

By Fortune Ndlangamandla
Mbabane

GOVERNMENT wants Mananga Border Gate operational hours extended by two hours, while Ngwenya must operate for 24 hours.

Currently, Mananga opens from 0700 to 1800 hours, whereas Ngwenya operates from 0700 to 0000 hours.

The proposed changes would see Mananga closing business at 2000 hours.

These two gates link the country with South Africa. Principal Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Joel Nhleko said during the anticipated discussions with their South African counterparts, they would negotiate for an extension in the operational hours of the two borders.

This is contrary to reports that South Africa wants to shutdown non-commercial border posts like Gege.

Nhleko said his office has not received any official communication on the subject.

He said South Africa had not indicated what it would table at the round table when meetings start.

However, he was optimistic that South Africa would not table the matter of shutting down non-commercial border gates between the two countries.

He said the PS at the Ministry of Home Affairs Anthony Masilela would be in a better position to interrogate the issue further as his ministry was on the ground. Masilela, when contacted, said his office was also not aware of the matter.

The extension of the hours, Nhleko said, would see Ngwenya Border Gate operate for 24 hours, because it is the busiest crossing gateway and played a massive role in the relationship with South Africa. He said it was not enough that the border was operating until 0000 hours.

Of note, presently, only Mhlumani Border Gate operates for 24 hours. This gateway links the country with Mozambique.

On the other hand, when giving reasons on why government intends to increase operational hours at Mananga to 2000 hours, Nhleko said the entry point was mostly used by business people who operate between the country and South Africa.

Congestion

"The proposal has been that it should close at 2000 instead of 1800 hours to alleviate the congestion," Nhleko stated.

He said the country is still in discussion with their South African counterparts on the matter.

The PS said he was hopeful that the subject would be discussed by the two countries' governments.

In the country, Parliament was dissolved by His Majesty King Mswati III on June 20. MPs last day was June 30, while Cabinet ministers, who had been known as *Sigejane*, were dissolved in the past week.

This means the awaited discussions might resume after the country has elected a new government around October.

So far, operational hours are only extended during the festive season and the Easter holidays.

Mother of 2 arrested for stabbing, assaulting hubby's lover

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A 29-year-old woman has been arrested for stabbing and assaulting her husband's alleged lover with an umbrella.

Fezile Sifundza, a mother of two, bit and stabbed her husband's alleged lover, Magi Sibiya (27) with an umbrella at Vusweni last Friday.

After the assault, Sibiya reported the incident to the Pigg's Peak police who made an arrest.

Speaking at the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court on Monday, the accused said she knew that Sibiya was in a relationship with her husband because she once caught them hugging.

"The whole incident was done in self-defence. Friday while I was going to the local bus stop, I ran into Sibiya who first looked at me and then laughed. This angered me and I asked her why she was laughing. Sibiya then tried to stab me with an

umbrella in the stomach and this infuriated me such that a fight between the two of us ensued," the accused said. Sifundza added that she had two children with her husband, thus could not allow to be stabbed.

"I held the umbrella and assaulted my attacker with slaps. I punched her while I was trying to pull the umbrella away from her. It was during the pulling of the umbrella that resulted in me

biting her twice on the left arm. Sibiya then fell to the floor and I trampled on her. After the fight, the police came and arrested me. I have not seen my husband since the fight. I feel that the reason why Sibiya

was laughing at me was because she knew that she was ruining my marriage," she added.

Senior Magistrate Siphosini Dlamini told Sifundza that she should have reported Sibiya to the police instead

of assaulting her, as the whole incident looked like a trap.

"You should never take the law into your own hands. This whole thing looks like a trap where Sibiya knew she could provoke you and you will assault her. Now you are arrested and your husband

and Sibiya might be having their relationship inside your bedroom while you rot in jail. I will sentence you on September 20, and in the meantime, will remain in police custody," he said.

● "I feel that the reason why Sibiya was laughing at me was because she knew that she was ruining my marriage"

IRREGULARITIES UNCOVERED BY PHALALA FUND PROBE

Stories by Zwelethu Dlamini
Mbabane

THE Parliamentary Select Committee appointed to probe the administration of Phalala Fund uncovered several irregularities in the administration of the scheme.

The committee intended to table the report on their findings, but since their term ended, such was never debated and recommendations have not been implemented, worsening the plight of patients. As per the report, there are several irregularities in the administration of the fund which put the lives of Emaswati in danger.

One major problem was the debt that resulted in the banning of Eswatini patients. The report states that 86 per cent of service providers are owed by Eswatini government and it (government) disregarded advice from Healthshare which resulted in the service providers banning patients from

the country.

The delays in Phalala fund payments according to the report, resulted from the fact that there was no personnel solely assigned to deal with payments at the treasury department.

"There is no focal person engaged by the treasury department to deal with Phalala Fund payments thus the delays. There is no officer designated to reconcile fund creditors at treasury department, furthermore, there is poor methodology in paying debts, as there is inconsistency," reads the report as part.

Providers

Service providers are reportedly not treated with respect and dignity as there is no communication between them and government which resulted in the debts escalating due to arrears.

The probe team further observed that the country spends millions in transferring patients through the fund, while it would be cost effective for it to purchase equipment for specialised clinical services.

"The country does not have a facility and equipment to attend to the specialised clinical services, yet millions go out of the country instead of servicing a loan for our hospital. There is no tender used to locate service providers, but Healthshare headhunted specialised services," reads the report.

Challenges

Among other challenges faced by the patients that were noted in the report are expensive medical visas. The probe team observed that there is a chronic immigration problem at the boarder gate experienced by Eswatini patients especially with the accruing of a medical visa.

"Only one ordinary lodging facility is used, the second one is a semi admission centre where patients who cannot be looked after are accommodated in the wards. Patients do not lodge in people's facilities to make money," further states the team.

The team reported that not all service providers halted services to local patients.

The need to consider establishing a satellite office is to expedite the process of helping referral cases. Seeing as that the government failed to work with the parliamentary select committee, it was recommended that government must collaborate with the Parliament Select Committee as it exercises its constitutional right of oversight. "There is urgent need for proper accounting methods to be used to remit creditors of Phalala Fund. Government to quarterly report in Parliament on the welfare of debt and creditors of Phalala Fund to avoid such anomalies," further recommends the probe team.

Government should consider opening up an oncology centre in the country. The need to consider establishing a satellite office is to expedite the process of helping referral cases.

Govt must pay service providers E60 million - probe recommends

THE committee recommended a consideration of a waiver so as to lift the ban and start attending to emergency cases on cancer patients.

The team also recommended that the ministry of health engages qualified personnel as a Phalala Fund Administrator as the current one is not competent to handle the task of this magnitude on its own.

On the poor administration of the fund, the team said a seasoned administrator must be appointed to direct, monitor, and control resources including patients.

Addressing the failure of government to settle its debts to the service providers, the committee recommended that-

government must maintain consistent payments with the service providers and the intermediary forum.

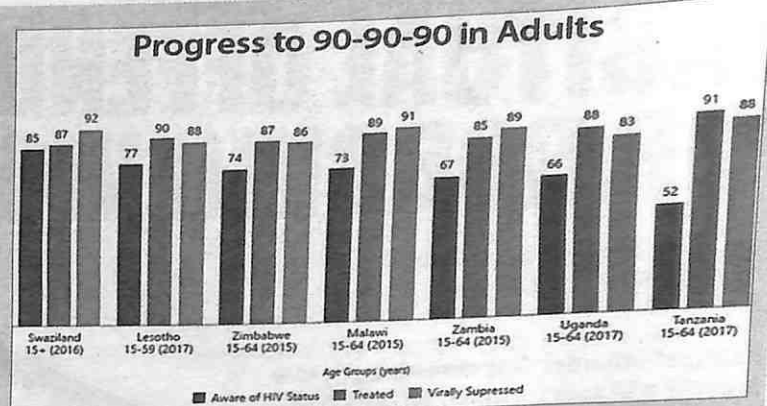
"Government is to immediately formalise payment to the sum of E60 million to the indebted service providers," reads the report.

Probe

The probe team also recommended that government should schedule meetings with HealthShare, and the service providers which should be held yearly to mitigate such debts.

Furthermore, there is need for mutual communication between the service providers as well as HealthShare by government.

Government should consider open-



Eswatini HIV break-through: From HIV positive to testing 'HIV negative'- 7 years later

By Zwelethu Dlamini
Mbabane

HAVE you wondered why is it that nowadays you rarely see people who are thin and pale, whether in hospital beds or going to hospital while this was common in the past?

Apart from achieving the first two of the '90-90-90' targets, Eswatini takes strides in the HIV/AIDS battle and has managed to suppress the viral load to a level where it is undetectable.

Zandile Simelane (26) could not believe it when she went to a facility recently and tested HIV negative after living with HIV for about seven years.

This, she said had always been her dream from the first day she tested HIV positive.

After a year of the test and start intervention, the country achieved '90-90-90' which is the goal of the United Nations (UN) programme on HIV/AIDS to identify 90 per cent of individuals with HIV-infection, get 90 per cent of those patients into treatment, and get 90 per cent of the treated patients to achieve undetectable viral loads.

The latter is reflected by one testing negative after having been diagnosed with HIV before. Simelane is one good example.

In what has come as encouragement to people living with HIV, Simelane who seven years ago tested HIV positive, has come out to share how she has managed to test 'HIV negative'.

Even though she recently tested negative, Simelane is fully aware that this does not mean that the virus is no longer in her body. She categorically states that this means the

virus has been suppressed to a level where it is now Undetectable and Untransmittable (U=U). For this reason, she has vowed to continue adhering to stipulations of the antiretroviral treatment (ART).

"What we might not all know is that after being on ART consistently (everyday) and accordingly (time), such medication suppresses the virus' activity within six weeks of correct uniform intake. Which could possibly result in one testing HIV negative and that was my dream," she said.

"Awaiting the results was obviously not as nerve wrecking as it was seven years ago. It was kind of nice actually, knowing the worst, but hoping for the best still. Anyways, I tested HIV negative which in the Positive World is called U=U (Undetectable=Untransmittable)," she added.

Negative

She said such does not mean that she would stop her ART treatment, behave like she is HIV negative or engage in unprotected sexual intercourse, but instead she will continue fighting the virus with healthy habits.

"I am fighting the virus with healthy habits and self-caring acts. Self-caring could mean, wine/beer intake from time to time. Ok, I just love my beer. It has taken alarms, friends and family to 'remind' me of the exhausting reality I have every day at 2200 hours. Cheers to Adherence," she added on a post she shared on her Facebook account.

Some of the observations made by Simelane in the battle against HIV/AIDS in the country was that unlike in the past, where counselling was in-depth, nowadays the counselling is shallow in some of the facilities.

BREAK-THROUGH:
Zandile Simelane.



SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT



FIELD TRIP: Pupils from a local high school busy with an assignment next to the bus rank last Friday. This is one way the pupils are taught some of the skills they will need in real life. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

12 NATIONAL NEWS

HABITUAL OFFENDER GETS 5 YEARS FOR ROBBING WOMAN E1 480

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A habitual offender was thrown back into prison for five years without an option of a fine after he was found guilty of robbing a woman of her belongings worth E1 480.

Mduduzi Hlatshwayo (34) of Matsisa appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso where he conducted his own defence.

He was facing two counts of robbery and malicious damage to property. On the first count, the accused is said to have wrongfully and unlawfully robbed Sanelisiwe Tsabedze of her items valued at the said amount.

He is said to have used violence to induce submission of the items as he threatened to hack her with a bush-knife if she resisted to the taking of the items.



On a different date, the accused is said to have unlawfully and intentionally damaged a door which belonged to Kenny Ndwandwe. When the charges were read to him, the accused person pleaded guilty to both of them. The Crown, however, elected to call witnesses to prove commission of the offences.

The first complainant told the court that she was at Lonhupheko bus station when the accused

person attacked her and demanded that she surrenders her belongings. The accused is said to have stabbed the complainant once with the bush-knife and further threatened to cut her throat if she resisted the demands.

When he was given time to cross-examine the complainant, the accused elected to remain silent. He was accordingly found guilty on both counts. The Crown, which was represented by prosecutor Nomphumelelo Msibi, informed the court that the accused had previous cases which included violence.

Hlatshwayo is said to have once served seven years in a correctional facility after he was found guilty of rape. On judgment, Hlatshwayo was sentenced to five years in a correctional facility without an option of a fine on the first count while he was sentenced to 10 months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E2 000 fine on the second one.

DD accused pleads not guilty despite breathalyser test

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A case of driving while under the influence of alcohol had to be postponed and set for trial after the accused person pleaded not guilty to the charge. Sandile Matsenjwa (36) appeared before the Siteki Magistrate's Court after he was nabbed by police under the traffic department.

He was charged with contravening the Road Traffic Act of 2007.

According to the charge sheet, the accused person wrongfully and unlawfully drove a motor vehicle, a VW Golf 4 sedan, while under the influence of an intoxicating substance.

The charge reflects that the accused was subjected to a breathalyser test, which subsequently indicated that he had an alcohol content reading of 0.87 mg/l in his system.

This is above the legal limit which stands at 0.37 mg/l.

During his appearance before the court, the accused elected to conduct his own defence after he was informed of his rights to legal representation.

He proceeded to plead not guilty to the charge after it was read to him.

The accused emphasised that he did not commit the said offence.

Postponed

This prompted the Crown to file an application to have the matter postponed to today as it intends to call witnesses to prove commission of the offence.

The accused was granted bail set at E500 and ordered to return to court on the said date for the commencement of trial.

Meanwhile, Thabiso Mamba (28) faced a similar charge of contravening the Road Traffic Act.

He is said to have driven a Toyota Quantum, a public transport vehicle, while under the influence of alcohol.

The content of alcohol in his system is said to have read as 0.42 mg/l, which is higher than the limit of 0.10 mg/l for public transport drivers.

Mamba pleaded guilty to the charge while conducting his own defence.

He then asked the court to be lenient when passing sentence, saying he was tempted to take a few sips from a friend's drink.

He was accordingly found guilty and sentenced to 60 days in a correctional facility with an option to pay E1 500 fine.



GENERAL NOTICE NO. 9/2018

DECISION ON ESCCOM INVESTIGATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 36(1)(A) OF THE SWAZILAND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ACT 2013 RELATING TO SOURCING OF INTERNET BANDWIDTH WIRELESSLY FROM SOUTH AFRICA BY JENNY SWAZILAND (PTY) LIMITED - ESWATINI COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Executive summary

1. The Eswatini Communications Commission is a regulatory authority established by the Swaziland Communications Commission Act, 2013 charged with the duty to regulate and supervise the operation of electronic communications networks and the provision of electronic communications services in Eswatini.
2. On or about 8 February 2018, the Eswatini Communications Commission (ESCCOM Thereinafter) received a complaint from other internet service providers against Jenny Swaziland (PTY) Limited (Hereinafter referred to as Jenny Swaziland), an internet service provider licensed by the Commission.

The Complaint

3. The complaint was in relation to the manner in which Jenny Swaziland was conducting its business when providing internet services to the market. The complainants alleged that Jenny Swaziland was sourcing internet bandwidth using their wireless network, directly from their parent Company in South Africa into the country, bypassing the national backbone infrastructure in contravention of Section 53 of the Electronic Communications Act.

4. Section 36 of the Swaziland Communications Commission Act 2013 enjoins the Commission to investigate any alleged contravention by any licensee of a law or terms and conditions of a licence where such contravention has been brought to the attention of the Commission through a complaint filed by another licensee of the same service or network.

The Investigation

5. The Commission instituted an investigation wherein Jenny Swaziland was required to make written and oral submissions in response to the allegations. The Commission further conducted technical tests to ascertain whether or not Jenny Swaziland was not utilizing the national backbone infrastructure when sourcing bandwidth from other jurisdictions.

Findings

6. The outcome of the investigation confirmed that Jenny Swaziland's conduct was indeed contravening section 53 of the Electronic Communications Act, 2013.

Sanction(s)

7. In exercise of its powers as provided under Sections 42 and 43 of the SCCOM Act, the Commission imposed an administrative fine on Jenny Swaziland for the contravention.
8. The Commission further issued a directive that Jenny Swaziland rectify the non-compliance in their operations within 60 days of issue of the Decision.

Mvilawemphi Dlamini
Chief Executive

'TERTIARY ENROLLMENT LOWEST IN THE WORLD'

Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza
Kwaluseni

WHILE government attempts to improve and prioritise the country's education, it has since emerged that Eswatini's tertiary enrollment is the lowest in the world.

Out of 67 per cent of pupils who enroll in secondary education, only five per cent register for tertiary education in the country.

According to Romeela Mohee, Education Specialist in Higher Education from the Commonwealth of Learning, the country's enrollment is the worst across the globe.

She was speaking on Monday at the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) during a public lecture marking the celebration of 50 years of academic progress and the role of blended learning in higher education.

Thrive

Mohee said the country should at least thrive to have half of the 67 per cent enroll in tertiary, so that they can contribute to the country's socio-economic development.

"The country has a huge role to play in empowering the other 61 per cent of students to enroll in tertiary institutions," she said.

Mohee said every year the enrollment statistics are being monitored and there is no single year that the numbers increase.

She said blended learning (online courses) can help improve the country's tertiary enrollment as more students would easily register for courses

...Out of 67 per cent of pupils who enroll in secondary education, only five per cent register for tertiary education in the country



NOT GOOD: Commonwealth of Learning Professor Romeela Mohee speaking. (R) UNESWA Acting Vice Chancellor Justice Thwala during the public lecture.



online.

Mohee said the country would not need infrastructure for the enrollment of the students and a massive number of Eswatini can register.

Period

"One lecturer can reach a huge number of students in a limited period. A massive number of students can benefit from one lecturer's lecture as compared to a classroom lesson," she said.

She said students can study at their own pace and that working citizens can easily partake in blended learning, study during the weekend and off days.

Blended learning is key - Vice Chancellor

THE University of Eswatini (UNESWA) Acting Pro Vice Chancellor, Mike Masuku says the university needs blended learning to increase tertiary student intake.

He said UNESWA only admits 40 per cent of qualifying students per year.

"What happens to the remaining 60 per cent of Eswatini that have

finished their high school education?" he wondered.

With blended learning, the vice chancellor said the remaining 60 per cent of the students can easily undergo blended learning.

Masuku further encouraged Eswatini to partake in blended learning and not wait for many years to get a chance to enroll full time in the institution.

Lecturers trained on online learning

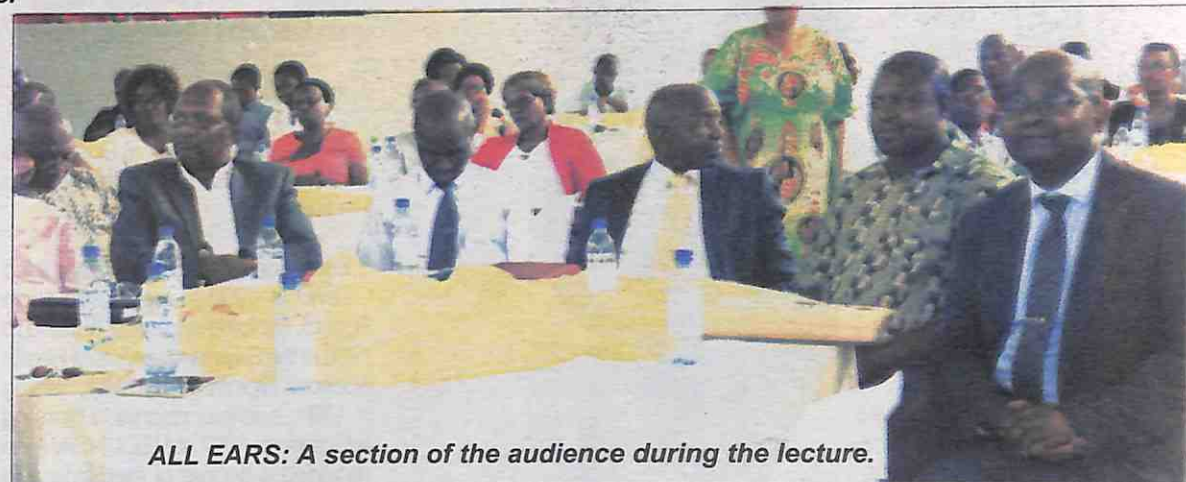
SEVENTEEN University of Eswatini (UNESWA) lecturers have undergone an online training equipping them for lecturing the blended learning to Eswatini students.

UNESWA's acting Vice Chancellor, Justice Thwala said with the support of the Commonwealth Learning, the institute has organised many workshops on blended learning and online learning. However, Thwala said UNESWA's triad mandate remain 'research, learning and community service'.

To enhance the quality of online teaching-learning, the chancellor

said UNESWA intends to produce video lessons to satellite platforms in all the administrative regions of the country.

"Doing this would enable students to have access to lectures from various centres regardless of their location," Thwala said. He said using technology for teaching and learning enables the students' access to global network of education and knowledge. Thwala further mentioned that the COL is an important strategic partner for the institute and that they have committed to work closely with all local and international stakeholders to deliver high quality education.



ALL EARS: A section of the audience during the lecture.

A PHONE CALL AWAY...



LET'S CALL DADDY: An older sister keeps a close eye on her sibling who wanted to play with a pay phone while waiting for their parents opposite the National Library on Monday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

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ROAD TO PARLIAMENT 2018 - 2023

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Dr Jonathan Dlamini – MP Candidate: Mayiwane

'I to contribute towards development of my community'

THE upcoming national elections taking place this Friday have attracted attention from all sectors of society as many professionals have also shown keen interest to run for a seat in the August House.

Police officers, teachers, lawyers, business people, both genuine and shady ones, are also interested in

becoming politicians. Many offices in the public and private sector are empty as the officers have sought leave days to try their luck in the election which has, however, turned to be an expensive project for aspiring politicians as money, instead of integrity, has been the determining factor for those seeking election into Parliament.

Among the many aspiring members of Parliament is renowned medical practitioner Dr Jonathan Mfanisibili Dlamini who hails from Herefords chiefdom.

Unadokotela

He is running for MP position for the Mayiwane umphakatsi. Dlamini is a staunch Christian, fellowshipping at Holyvine Church

in Herefords. He is also a traditionalist at heart and a member of the Inyatsi Regiment at Ludzidzini who goes by the name Shiyumsawakhe.

The 50 year-old Director and founder of the Lulama Health Clinic in Manzini is also a radio programme co-host in a show called Nawe Unadokotela with the Eswatini

Broadcasting Information Services. He is a member of the NERCHA Council, Director of Skymed Pharmaceutical Medical, which is a local NGO. He is also a medical Officer of the Manzini Municipal Council, Filter Clinic-Medical Officer and International Mental Health Resource (imburse Board Member).



1. Name: Dr Jonathan Mfanisibili Dlamini.

2. Chiefdom and Inkhundla: Herefords umphakatsi under Mayiwane constituency.

3. Age: 50

4. Occupation: Medical Doctor and Director of Lulama Health Clinic in Manzini.

5. Educational Background: Completed O'level in 1996 at Herefords High School, Diploma in general nursing in 1990 at the Swaziland Institute of Health Sciences. Diploma in psychiatric nursing in 1991, bachelor degree in Nursing education in 1997 at MEDUNSA. Also obtained a degree of medicine and bachelor of surgery in 2002 at MEDUNSA.

6. Work experience: 1991-92 Nurse at National Psychiatric Centre in Manzini, 1992-1996 trained on basic warder

and worked as a nurse for His Majesty's Correctional Services in Matsapha, 2003 worked as a nurse at Shongwe Hospital in South Africa. In 2004-2007 worked at Sbhonginkhosi Medical Centre and eventually started Lulama Health Clinic which he is running to date.

7. Hobbies: Reading, information sharing, a traditional and cultural events fanatic.

8. Why did you join the elections? To help the King and the nation in contributing towards the development of my community and the country at large and to pass laws that will be friendly to nation building and development.

9. If you win the secondary elections, how are you going to develop Mayiwane? Clean water for the Inkhundla is my priority because currently the community does not have access to

clean water which exposes residents to diseases.

Road infrastructure will be another area which I will give immediate attention because currently the state of the roads is pathetic.

I will also attend to the issue of job creation because a number of people in the northern Hhohho are not employed hence others resolve to crime to earn a living which the country does not need.

Will also focus on bringing health care closer to the people as someone who is very passionate about health issues.

10. If you get to Parliament, what laws will you ensure get the necessary attention? Will make sure that laws that have to do with the health of the nation are passed especially those that will ensure that the country does not run out of medicines because we all know that a healthy nation is a productive nation.

Precious Shongwe – MP Candidate: Madlangempisi Inkhundla

SANITARY TOWELS MAKING MACHINE COMING TO MADLANGEMPISI



ASPIRING Member of Parliament (MP) under Madlangempisi Inkhundla, Precious Shongwe has promised to bring a sanitary towels manufacturing machine for women under the Inkhundla.

Shongwe has promised to bring a new business venture in the constituency once elected a member of Parliament. She was speaking during an organised campaign that was held at Dvokolwako carwash on Saturday. She said she will acquire the sanitary towel machine through a Germany based Non-Governmental Organisation known as MEDEA.

Apart from the sanitary towel machine, the aspiring MP said she had implemented 16 boreholes around the constituency.

"I have also built a two bedroom house

worth E20 000 for a child-headed family at Nyonyane. Through my donors, I have also managed to build a school lunch area and a backyard garden, also at Nyonyane High school," she said, further adding that the construction of the lunch area and the backyard garden amounted to E120 000.

Shongwe told the over 50 voters that when elected to Parliament, she will also construct more than 10 English medium pre-schools around the constituency. She said the constituency has many needs that need a smart woman like her.

"I will maintain the gravel roads of the constituency and also make sure that there is constant supply of clean water to each and every family in the seven chiefdoms," she said. Shongwe further

highlighted that in the rural areas there are many opportunities than in the urban areas.

"In the rural areas, through my donors, we can also purify water and supply our local people when they have functions," she added.

Apart from the projects, she stated that she is also paying school fees for over 10 orphaned and vulnerable children of her area and other chiefdoms in the constituency.

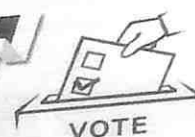
She said once elected, she will also make sure that the children of the constituency get access to pre-school education.

"Pre-school should be the basic of every child, thus all children should undergo pre-school education," she said.

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NOMINEES HIT THE ROAD - ELECTIONS CAMPAIGNS



Mr Eswatini Rodney Landsberg flanked by the sibha-ca team during the event.



FOR THE LOVE OF CULTURE: Ummiso team taking a group picture.

'USE YOUR TALENT TO FIGHT POVERTY'

By Nozipho Sibiya
Madlangempisi

ASPIRING Member of Parliament Sibusiso 'Scorpion' Nxumalo has engaged over 300 youth under Madlangempisi Inkhundla on how to use their indigenous talent to fight poverty by developing and shaping their skills.

Through collaboration with Inspirational Biblical Approach (IBA), Nxumalo brought vibrancy in the constituency through an activity that showcased different talents on Saturday.

Some of the popular people who graced the event included radio personality Siphesihle 'Sihlabane' Nxumalo, who was the master of ceremonies, and Mr Eswatini Rodney Landsberg, who was amongst the guest speakers who motivated the youth under Madlangempisi Inkhundla. IBA focuses on the talent amongst the youth like acting and story-telling in a strategic fashion to create an atmosphere that would boost their self-esteem. Majahonke Bhila, who is the founder of IBA, said he had already trained 100 people, including pupils from the schools around Madlangempisi, to present the IBA concept to those who missed the training.



POSE: Aspiring Member of Parliament Sibusiso 'Scorpion' Nxumalo poses with some of the 100 youth who were trained by IBA on Saturday. (Pics: Nozipho Sibiya)

over the weekend. He said the response has been amazing as more than 50 people under Madlangempisi Inkhundla have joined IBA. He said this was a sign that young people wished to be closer to God. He said IBA also stressed on the importance of staying away from alcohol and going to nightclubs.

"There are better ways to have fun," he said. He advised the youth to remain true to themselves. "Maintain being yourself and expose your God-given talents," Bhila said. He said the event

held over the weekend was aimed at unearthing talent among young people. Young people, especially those still in school, showcased their skills through dancing, reciting poems and many other talents. "Children under IBA are taught on a daily basis how to use their indigenous talents to fight poverty by developing and shaping their skills," he added.

Parents from the area also attended the event to see their children showcasing their talents. They were also advised on how to empower their talented children

at home.

Meanwhile, aspiring MP Sibusiso 'Scorpion' Nxumalo applauded the youth of that area for attending the event in their numbers.

"The turnout proved to me that people of this area want development at all costs. Some may have ignored it, but they later returned and took part in the event," he added.

Nxumalo said it was important for the youth to know their hidden talents and further develop them in order to earn a living through this.

MATTERS OF THE STOMACH:

USIPHEKELE YINI - VOTER ASKS MP CANDIDATE

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

"USIPHEKELE yini kukhombisa kutsi unguye mbamba make lotosinakekela?"

This unusual question, which was asked by a voter to a female MP candidate during the organised campaign at Masibini Umphakatsi under Maseyisini Inkhundla, sent everyone in rapturous laughter.

Nokuthula Dlamini from KaDlovunga, who is the only woman among the six candidates who are contesting for the MP position, was winding up her submissions and she was preparing to return to her seat when the voter asked this question, much to the surprise of everyone present.

Not even one of the other candidates who had made their submissions had been asked this question.

Just when Dlamini had thought no further questions were to be directed to her as she had answered all those who had asked something earlier on, she found herself with no choice when electoral officers gave an opportunity to someone who had his hand up to ask whatever question he wanted to ask from Dlamini.

Prepared

"Having spoken like a true mother who would never want to see anyone starving or hungry, what have you got for this gathering? I mean to say, have you prepared meals for us? *Usiphekele yini lesive njenga-make lotokwati kutsi akufuneki bantfu balambe nase angumholi wetfu noma make wa-Maseyisini,*" the man who was identified as Mthokozisi 'Ma-Hero' Dlamini asked, throwing the whole arena into a reverberating round of uncontrollable laughter.

The gathering thought the voter had just followed his name and became a hero as his nickname 'Ma-Hero', suggests.

The MP hopeful responded by saying she had brought something for everyone. *Ngisiphekele lesive. Lapha emotini kunetinandzinandzi wonkhe lola utotfolo,*" said Dlamini (candidate), which also left the gathering laughing incessantly.

Indeed, after the meeting, the people were seen lining behind Dlamini's twin cab Isuzu where her campaign agents (*bogalajane*) and relatives distributed fruits to everyone. Not to be outdone, former MP Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini, who is seeking a third term in office, was heard shouting that he also had something for everyone. "*Nami nginiphekele,*" he shouted, meaning that he had prepared something for everyone and his campaign managers were also seen distributing oranges to all those who were in a queue. Voters were seen lining for the oranges that were brought by 'Small Joe' and further lined up behind Nokuthula's vehicle for the various fruits she had brought.

Only one Bucopho bounces back at Maseyisini

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

IT appears the electorate under Maseyisini Inkhundla is not happy with the performance of the people who held the positions of Bucopho under the constituency in the previous Parliament.

This has been evidenced by the fact that out of the six chiefdoms making the constituency, only one Bucopho has been retained, with all the other five shown the exit

door. From the six chiefdoms, only Bucopho of Ka-Dlovunga Raymond Dlamini was retained.

Siphiwe Mbingo (Ka-Mzizi), Khetsiwe Mnisi (Simemeni), Peter Thring (Evusweni), Mandlempi Motsa (Masibini) and Sanele Mndzebele (Mbilaneni) all crashed out in the primary elections.

Interviewed on how he feels about being the only one retained by people of his chiefdom while all his colleagues were dumped by the people of their communities, Ka-Dlovunga Bucopho Ray Dlamini felt sorry for

them.

He was not even ready to comment as others could interpret all that he could say as making fun of his former colleagues.

Misinterpreted

"Let me just not say anything as others might think I am making fun of what has befallen them (former Bucophos)."

It's not a right thing to talk about because I don't want to be misinterpreted," said Dlamini.

With only the Bucopho of Ka-Dlovunga to be joined by the new

five new faces from the other chiefdoms as well as the new Indvuna Yenkhundla, it is also yet to be seen whether former MP Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini will be retained or he is also going to be replaced as there are five other candidates keen to topple him. 'Small Joe' is seeking a third term in office as MP and he is facing stiff competition. He is facing Nokuthula Dlamini (Ka-Dlovunga), Bongani Hlophe (Mbilaneni), Thulani Mabuza (Simemeni), Thula Msibi (Masibini) and Sipho Mdluli (Ka-Mzizi).

16 PICTURES

TUCOSWA MARCH



NEAR FALL: Police officers watch as a protester demonstrates his fitness in front of them during the TUCOSWA march held around the Mbabane city yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



TOYI-TOYI: Toyi-toyi was the order of the day during the strike yesterday.



BEST VIEW: A cameraman stands on top of a rubbish bin in a bid to capture better views of the protest march.



IT'S REAL: Members of the public abandoned their businesses and watched the TUCOSWA march.



WATER BREAK: TUCOSWA members scramble for water to cool off from the Baphalali Swaziland Red Cross Society staff.



SQUEEZE: A protester tries to squeeze herself through the fence at the ministry of public service offices.



DOLO PHEZULU: TUCOSWA members led by Muzi Mhlanga during the protest action yesterday.

HELLO: Officials from the ministry of public service arrive to receive a petition from the workers.



TYRE: Some of the workers light up an old tyre during the march.



IN MBABANE



ADDRESS: TUCOSWA Deputy Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga addresses the workers.



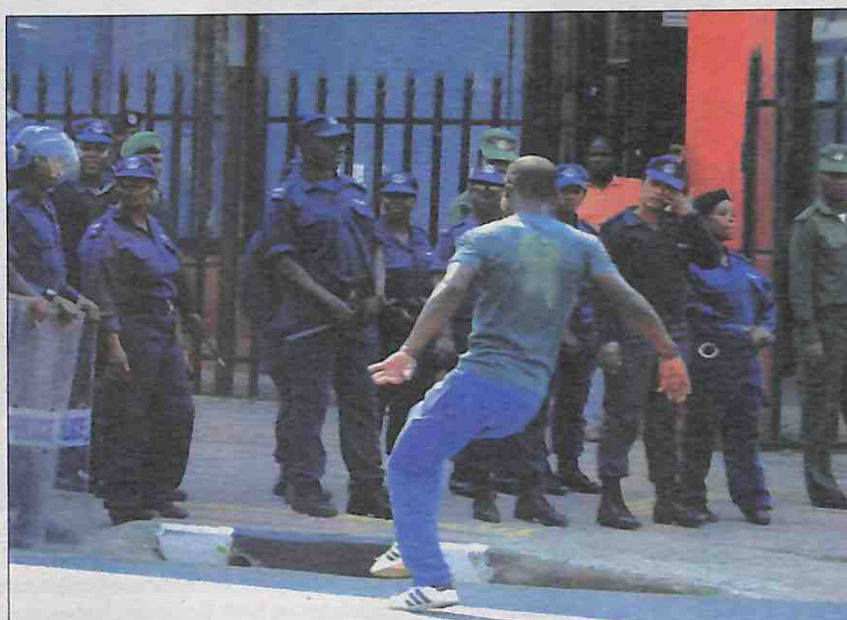
WATER FOR ALL: A police officer quenches his thirst during the march.



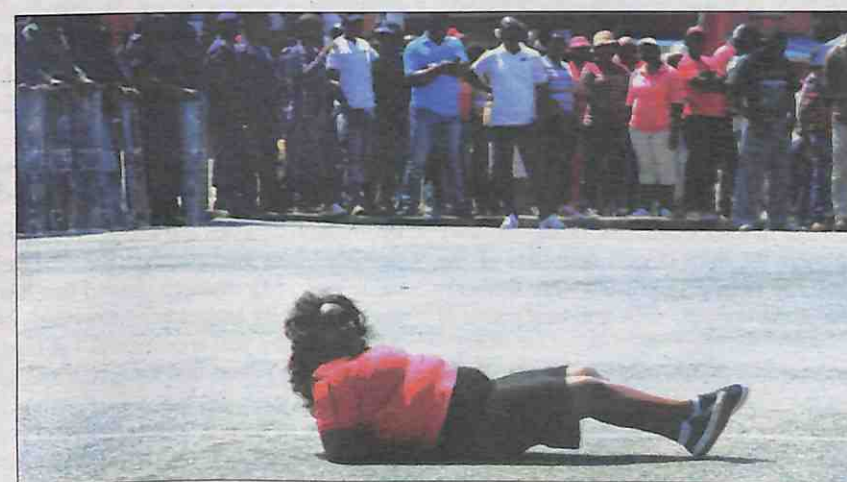
GO BACK: An officer blocks the way of a marcher near the CTA.



GRIEVANCE: One of the placards which had the protesters' grievances.



SENZA NJENA: A protester shows the police officers how to do the toyi-toyi.



BED TIME: One of the marchers lies in the middle of the road.

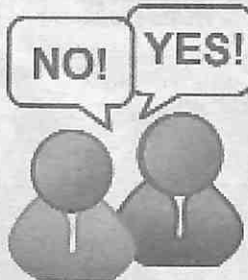
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN: This was some of the action during the march yesterday.



READY FOR ACTION: Police officers sing as they follow the protesters.

WHAT THE POLICE BROUGHT FOR THE MARCH





FEATURES & OPINION

REFRESH WHAT YOU THINK...

1 BILLION RISING REVOLUTION

DO you ever feel like you need a break? Like you could just take five and be free from it all. Not that there is something wrong with it, but because you realise that you have been complying too much and you could use a break.

That moment when you feel so drained and you start questioning exactly whose idea it was. Suddenly you remember that nobody forced you into it - just that it was the "normal" or "good" thing to do.

Discover

For a second there, you discover that actually, you cannot do both. In fact, you discover that there is a long list of things you could never be mainly because they are defined and named by someone else outside your body. You look at the standards and immediately know that you could never be hot or sexy enough. You still comply anyway because that is what is "normal". Probably as normal as the era of wearing corsets. Other writers argue that "it was vital to the creation of the ideal feminine shape, cinching in the waist but remaining desirably plump in other areas of the body."

This aspired silhouette was enmeshed in larger constructions of femininity that emphasised the need for women's self-regulation and the regulation of appetite and that, further, linked the small waist to affluence and high social stand-

NOT GOOD ENOUGH



ing". Definitely normal.

Perhaps just like masculinity is considered to be this restrictive box where society has forced our buff, six-packed with abs and biceps to die for; femininity is a space for oppression and sexual commodification.

Since our black and white TVs, the female body has long been idealised, objectified and fetishised. Perpetuating this stereotype has been how girls have been socialised to respond with aptness to

these expectations like some transnational company responding to market conditions.

Femininity has been encoded within rules and guidelines on how the female body should look and be dressed - and that is what has been termed to be "normal".

As if that was not enough, beyond society's definition of what is normal, the attitude of society towards women further entrenched the oppression of women. As we commemorate 16 Days

of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, we need the honesty, at least to ourselves, to admit that violent behaviours are held in place by social norms and unequal power relations. Society has cultivated attitudes in men and boys that promote violence against women and girls. The fathers whom the boys look up to and idolise have been beating their wives for as long as their children could see.

References

These are the children who hid under the kitchen tables when their father was chasing their mother around the house with a knobkerrie. Fast-forward to today, they cite their fathers as references in their arguments to justify why they abuse their wives. They find it normal because their fathers did it and their friends at Gobidolo Shebeen approve.

We clearly need to find a way to redefine these norms and influence the attitudes held by the people, especially men and boys about women if we are serious about eliminating gender based violence. Girls and women who mutilate voluntarily mutilate themselves to fit-in need to hold a mirror against their faces and speak to themselves what it means to be "hot" and "sexy", if it is even necessary. Before we are exposed to lack of freedom in our countries, may the first demand be freedom "in our bodies", from societal norms and attitudes. Is there not a song that says "...even though we have potbellies, fat thighs, chubby arms... our hearts still give good loving"? Women refuse to be held hostage by these often ill-informed, short-sighted and sorry norms. Sometimes we will choose to not traumatise our bodies with spanx and waist-trainers. Hello, C-H-O-I-C-E!

Education can help protect sawfishes in Moza, Madagascar

OF all sharks and rays worldwide, sawfishes - related to stingrays and manta rays - are considered to be the family at greatest risk of extinction.

The long, toothed saw - which gives them their unique appearance - also makes them extremely vulnerable to entanglement in fishing nets. Their numbers have fallen because they are caught accidentally in industrial fishing nets. In addition to that, they are targeted by some fishermen because their fins can fetch high prices. There are five species of sawfish globally. Two can reach around

seven metres in total length (including the saw), making them the third largest members of the shark and ray family. Sawfishes were formerly common along both the west and east coasts of Africa.

Knowledge

Until a few years ago there was no knowledge of whether they still inhabited these waters, or if populations had plummeted as they have done elsewhere. I set about addressing this gap six years ago. Since then, I have interviewed more than 500 fishers in six different African countries. I collected

information on when and where people last caught sawfishes, how they used them and what their local value was. My research showed that sawfishes are now locally extinct from many parts of West Africa, but are still encountered - at least occasionally - by fishers in Madagascar and northern Mozambique.

Working in fishing communities and engaging in the lives of fishers has provided me with some insights into how sawfishes can best be protected in countries like Madagascar, as well as an understanding of the approaches that won't work. In the



two developed countries where sizeable sawfish populations still exist. *The Conversation*

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ON THIS DAY

... SEPTEMBER 19

1356 - The Battle of Poitiers was fought between England and France. Edward "the Black Prince" captured France's King John.

1777 - The Battle of Saratoga was won by American soldiers during the Revolutionary War.

1796 - US President Washington's farewell address was published.

1819 - John Keats wrote "Ode to Autumn."

1876 - Melville R. Bissell patented the carpet sweeper.

1891 - "The Merchant of Venice" was performed for the first time at Manchester.

1893 - In New Zealand, the Electoral Act 1893 was consented to giving all women in New Zealand the right to vote.

1942 - The first advertisement to announce Little Golden Books appeared in Publishers Weekly.

1955 - Eva Marie Saint, Frank Sinatra and Paul Newman starred in the "Producer's Showcase" presentation of "Our Town" on NBC-TV.

1955 - Argentina President Juan Peron was ousted after a revolt by the army and navy.

1957 - The US conducted its first underground nuclear test. The test took place in the Nevada desert.

1959 - Nikita Khrushchev was not allowed to visit Disneyland due to security reasons. Khrushchev reacted angrily.

1960 - Cuban leader Fidel Castro, in New York to visit the United Nations, checked out of the Shelburne Hotel angrily after a dispute with the management.

1970 - "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" premiered on CBS-TV.

1982 - Scott Fahlman became the first person to use :-) in an online message.

1983 - Lebanese army units defending Souk el-Gharb were supported in their effort by two US Navy ships off Beirut.

1984 - China and Britain completed a draft agreement transferring Hong Kong from British to Chinese rule by 1997.

1986 - US health officials announced that AZT, though an experimental drug, would be made available to AIDS patients.

1988 - Israel successfully launched the Horizon-I test satellite.

1990 - Iraq began confiscating foreign assets of countries that were imposing sanctions against the Iraqi government.

1992 - The UN Security Council recommended suspending Yugoslavia due to its role in the Bosnian civil war.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Sanaa Lathan
(Movie Actress)
-September 19,
1971 (47 years)



Skepta (Rapper)
- September 19,
1982, (36 years
old)

WHY INQUIRY INTO CORRUPTION IN SA NEEDS TO ACT WITH URGENCY

A commission of inquiry into corruption in South Africa is underway. How it goes about its work, and delivers on its mandate, will have profound constitutional and political consequences.

This is more so because it is clear that deposed former president Jacob Zuma, who is at the core of the allegations, has launched a fightback campaign that can undermine President Cyril Ramaphosa's efforts to clean up government.

The remit of the commission, which is headed by Constitutional Court Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo, is to establish the extent of what's become known as "state capture" by rogue elements in government. Its findings will reveal how the country's democracy was so imperilled within two decades of its founding election in 1994. It'll also help ensure that the necessary remedial action is taken to prevent a repeat.

South Africa needs to find out how Zuma and his cronies, the Gupta family, were able to exploit weaknesses in the country's governance system.

To perform its role effectively, a judicial commission must act as an inquisitorial inquiry whose job is to find out what happened and why. This requires it to refrain from acting like a normal (adversarial) court of law. The commission isn't a substitute for criminal prosecution or, for that matter, civil litigation.

A great deal flows from this foundational point.

Zondo's job isn't to "follow the money" as some have suggested. Important features of the corporate labyrinth built by the Guptas and their allies and accomplices has already been uncovered, for example, the property holdings of the Gupta family, or examined in court proceedings.

The commission's job isn't to track the flow of funds or any money-laundering machines. That will be the job of the criminal courts, as and when they get the chance.

Instead, Zondo should grapple with the politics of state capture. He needs to get under the skin of the politics of state capture; to get on record why and what happened; and to make clear findings of political accountability. Speed is of essence. He needs to move fast enough that the commission maintains momentum and does not allow Zuma and other implicated parties to get out ahead of it, or to seek to tilt public opinion in their

favour.

The urgency is underscored by reports that Zuma is plotting with others against Ramaphosa.

PROCESS AND POWERS

To evaluate the commission's progress, it is important to keep in mind its terms of reference and its powers. What can Zondo investigate and what can the commission do about whatever it uncovers?

Firstly, its terms of reference are deep, but narrow. Seven of the nine elements of the terms of reference refer directly to the Guptas' or Zuma's interference with government decision-making and procurement. The remaining two invite a broader inquiry into state procurement.

So the terms of reference are essentially confined to the Gupta family and its relationship with the democratic state – from the presidency and the Cabinet, down through state agencies and state-owned enterprises, and down deep into the executive arm of government.

In digging for the truth, those responsible for what happened will – or should – be identified by the commission so that they can be held to account.

But what powers does the commission have to take remedial action to address any wrongdoings it uncovers?

Very little. Certainly, far less than people seem to think. The commission's task is to investigate and report back to Ramaphosa, which may include recommendations.

These recommendations are not, per se, binding.

The commission is essentially a fact-finding mission and does not have the power to make orders.

So the report could say, for example, that criminal activity has been committed, and the commission may refer the matter for prosecution or further investigation.

But, the prosecutorial authorities don't have to wait for the conclusion of the

commission process. Indeed, they should be following the proceedings closely and initiating action wherever it suggests that criminality may have occurred.

Uncertainty about this point has led to some procedural confusion during the opening fortnight, particularly around whether those implicated would have an opportunity to cross-examine.

Unfortunately, Zondo let the matter fester unnecessarily before finally ruling on September 11. He had little difficulty dismissing the application of the Gupta brothers on the basis that they are, in essence, fugitives from justice who are unwilling to come back to South Africa to give evidence to the commission. In the case of Zuma's son, Duduzane, he granted the application to cross-examine.

This may be justified. But it may also be a red herring. The best commissions of inquiry are those with strong "counsel for the inquiry" who don't just lead evidence of one side of a story, but who test the evidence as they go along, adding to its weight and credibility, in pursuit of a robust version of the truth.

HIGH STAKES

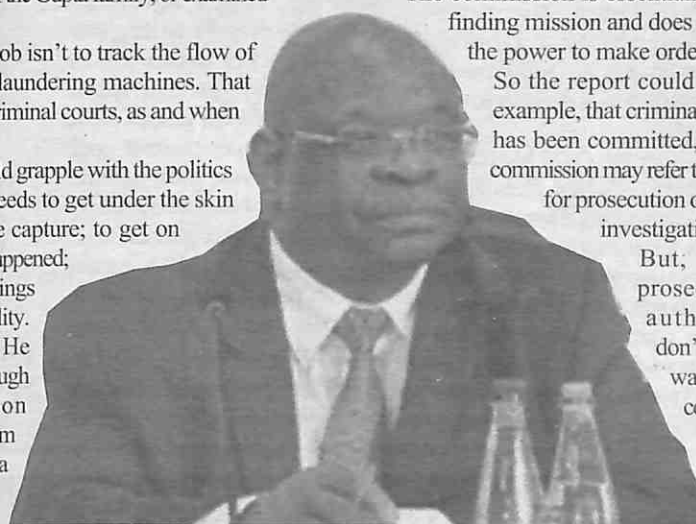
There are anxieties about Zondo's pace. It is worth remembering that this commission derives from the report on state capture by former public protector Thuli Madonsela. Because she had had neither sufficient time nor resources to complete her work, appointing a judicial commission of inquiry was the remedial action that had to be taken.

Madonsela wanted the commission to complete its work in six months. It was a rather optimistic target. But it wasn't entirely unreasonable provided that the commission focused on the narrow scope set by the terms of reference, and organised its procedure in a lean and equally focused manner.

Zondo has asked for an additional two years. It is very far from clear why he needs so long and has led the lobby group, the Council for the South African Constitution, to join the court proceedings to object to any extension.

Regardless, the commission needs to act as swiftly as it can. South Africans are being reminded daily that Zuma may have left office, but that he still is capable of muddying the waters. If it focuses efficiently on its core task, and evidence of the political conspiracy that underpinned the state capture project is adduced and tested, the proceedings of the commission may serve to keep a lid on Zuma's fightback campaign.

The stakes are very high for all concerned – for Ramaphosa's political future, and for the country he leads. *The Conversation*



STATE CAPTURE: Constitutional Court Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo.

Ex-offenders in SA should get a resettlement grant; Here's why...

SOUTH Africa's prison authorities have proposed paying unemployed ex-offenders a social grant for a transitional period after serving their sentences. The grant would provide thousands who re-enter society every year with some income while they try to put their lives back together.

Ex-offenders with a criminal record find it hard to reintegrate into society when they're released. More often than not, they are returned to prison because they can't make it on the outside. Most ex-offenders are stigmatised and find it impossible to find a job. Research on former prisoners shows that finding employment is perhaps the most daunting obstacle facing released ex-offenders in South Africa. The grant proposal by the Department of Correctional Services is an innovative idea and should be taken seriously. But the department has met with a lot of opposition.

Members of Parliament from the country's biggest parties have rejected it outright. Many argued that a grant would be equivalent to "rewarding" ex-offenders for their crimes. The rejection of DCS's proposal is a pity. My own research found that ex-offenders in South Africa suffer from being stigmatised and shamed. This has meant that all previous integration efforts have failed. Accepting the grant proposal would ease the transition and go some way to alleviating the problem.

STIGMA AND SHAME

Criminologists see the reintegration of returning ex-offenders as important to helping curb the tendency of criminals to re-offend. Reintegration strategies need to address the shame inherent in stigmatisation.



The Australian criminologist John Braithwaite made the valuable distinction between two kinds of societal responses to crime and, by extension, ex-offenders. The first is a culture in which offenders are stigmatised and driven away from mainstream culture. Most Western countries (including the US and the UK, as well as South Africa) fall into this category. In the second – what he called integrative shaming cultures – offenders are also shamed but once the punishment has run its course, they're accepted back as a full member of that society. What's notably absent from this response is stigma. China and Japan take this approach. Research shows that in these cultures, recidivism is much lower. Re-offending rates in China at the turn of the century stood at six to eight per cent compared to 86 to 94 per cent in post-apartheid South Africa. *The Conversation*

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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

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CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar/\$ZL	14.9163	14.9663
British Pound/£ZL	19.9234	19.9678
Japanese Yen/¥ZL	7.4828	7.5072
Swiss Franc/SZL	15.4001	15.4786
Botswana Pula/BSZL	1.3703	1.3874
Australian Dollar/\$ZL	10.6785	10.7198
Canadian Dollar/\$ZL	11.4455	11.4815
Venezuelan Bolivar/BZL	5.5211	5.5942
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MOST HOTELS, GUEST HOUSES FULLY BOOKED NEXT WEEK

Stories by Hlengiwe Ndlovu

MOST hotels in Mbabane, Manzini, Matsapha and Ezulwini have reported full bookings for next week as the country will be hosting the week-long SAIMSA games which begin on Sunday and end Friday.

SAIMSA is the Southern Africa Inter-Municipal Sports Association.

Over 4 000 municipality workers from about 50 different municipalities are expected to participate in the games whose main venue is the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre in Manzini. Participants will come from countries including South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, Lesotho and Eswatini. Other games will be played in Matsapha, Ezulwini while the Nkonyeni Golf Course in Sidvokodvo play host to some golf games.

In an interview, Manzini Municipality Public Relations Officer Mathokoza Thwala, who is also the games spokesperson for the upcoming games confirmed that most hotels along the Mbabane-Manzini corridor will be fully booked next week.

He said some of the participants had booked as far as Maguga while

others had made bookings in guest houses, lodges and B&Bs.

There is no denying the economic spin-offs that these games will bring to the economy, not just in the hospitality sector but in other industries like retail, handicraft and other sectors.

Thwala urged the business community to gear up for the games by positioning themselves well and taking advantage of the opportunities that these games will bring. Thwala implored shop owners to ensure that their facilities are presentable and hygienic.

In the same vein, he urged locals to be hospitable to the visiting participants, most of whom will be identifiable through their sports gear. The different games to be played include soccer, netball, pool, darts, table tennis, golf, netball, long tennis, aerobics, half marathon, volleyball and other games.

Last year the SAIMSA games which are held annually on a rotational basis were in Middelburg, South Africa where it is reported that the businesses received good returns from participants who sup-

...As Eswatini prepares to host 4 000 SADC municipality workers in SAIMSA games

'SAIMSA GAMES TIMING PERFECT'

SEPTEMBER is world tourism month, hence the timing of the SAIMSA games is deemed by the Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) as being nothing but perfect.

This was said by Marketing Officer Chunky Mdluli-Dlamini in an interview with the Business Desk. Mdluli-Dlamini said the games are being hosted in a month with generally beautiful weather hence all outdoor sports will be played with fun.

"There is no denying that the SAIMSA games will boost the hospitality sector as well as other industries," she said.

In another matter, she lauded

locals for taking an interest in visiting places of interest within the country, thus boosting domestic tourism.

She said one of the reasons why Eswatini are now supportive of the local tourism sector is that there are many ramifications of travelling outside the country, such as hijackings, accidents and the fact that people have to dig deeper into their pockets when they travel.

Mdluli-Dlamini also assured that local hotels have capacity to take in large numbers of tourists as witnessed in mega events like the annual MTN Bushfire Festival.

ported local enterprises in many different ways.

It is generally expected that the

games will bring good business to Eswatini too as the country last hosted these games in 2011.

STA GEARED UP FOR WORLD TOURISM DAY

By Majaha Nkonyane

PREPARATIONS for this year's World Tourism Day (WTD) are at an advanced stage, with commemorations slated for next week Thursday, at a venue to be announced.

The whole month of September, traditionally, is celebrated worldwide as 'tourism month'.

Eswatini Tourism Authority (STA) Marketing Manager, Bongani Dlamini, revealed this year's theme as "tourism and the digital transformation", a theme he described as accurate in addressing the tourism industry's space in the digital space.

"The importance of digital technologies in tourism, providing opportunities for innovation and preparing the sector for the future of work, is at the centre of World Tourism Day 2018; hence the STA and strategic partners are working around the clock towards hosting a memorable event this year," Dlamini said.

While the local venue for the event



GEARED UP:
Eswatini Tourism Authority Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini.

is yet to be revealed, Dlamini said the official venue for this year's global celebrations was Budapest, in Hungary.

Celebrated every September 27 around the world, the WTD is a unique opportunity to raise awareness on tourism's actual and potential contribution to sustainable development.

"This year's WTD will help put the opportunities provided to tourism, by technological advances including big

data, artificial intelligence and digital platforms, on the map of sustainable development," Dlamini said.

Dlamini also said the World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO), who are the custodians of the WTD, sees digital advances and innovation as part of the solution to the challenge of marrying continued growth with a more sustainable and responsible tourism sector.

Dlamini said harnessing innovation and digital advances provides tourism with opportunities to improve inclusiveness, local community empowerment and efficient resource management, amongst other objectives within the wider sustainable development agenda.

"Today, people and businesses connect, exchange information and execute transactions in ways never before imagined.

The combination of digital platforms, user-generated content and feedback, social media integration, global positioning services, and the use of big data and artificial intelligence, has transformed the way people experience, consume and share information. The tourism sector globally, and even here in Eswatini, has benefited immensely from this transformation given that most marketing efforts as well as transactions are now done online," Dlamini said.

Last year's WTD celebrations were held at Malolotja Nature Reserve, while 2016's were held at Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary.

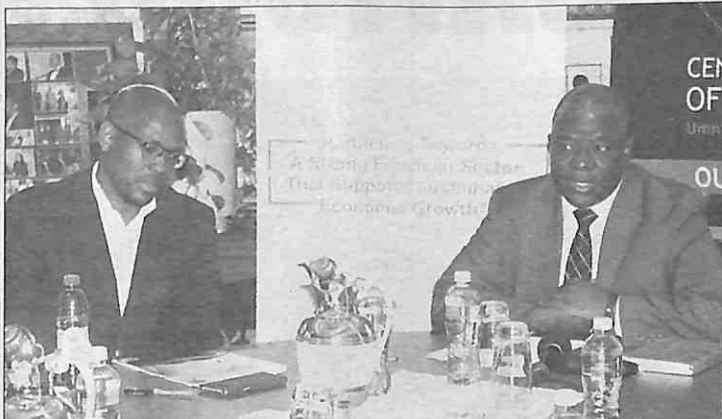
CBE LAUNCHES FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMME

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) on Monday launched the schools challenge, which is a financial consumer education and literacy programme.

The schools challenge is in line with the global money week launched by CBE in March this year. Themed "money matters matter," global money week was carried out in partnership with the ministry of finance, Centre for Financial Inclusion (CFI) Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) FinMark Trust, Junior Achievement and other partners.

According to Sithole, during the celebrations, the CBE together with these partners launched the financial consumer education and literacy programme in order to raise awareness, create an enabling environment, provide guidance and support on financial products and services so that financial inclusion activities can thrive.



BANKERS: Governor of the Central Bank of Eswatini Majozi Sithole speaking during a press conference held at the bank's boardroom yesterday. Next to him is Dennis Mbingo from the Bankers Association. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

The schools challenge is in three phases.

The first phase is a secondary and high schools competition, phase two involves the development of a curriculum while in phase three, the curriculum coordination will be

unpacked further.

Monday's launch marked the commencement of phase one which involves the secondary and high school's competition.

Sithole said complimentary prizes like certificates and T-shirts would be distributed during the regional competition to the winners.

At national level, the competition will award positions one to three, where position one receives a computer and a printer for the school, smart tablets for the three participating learners with bank accounts from a bank of their choice with E1 000 each.

Position two, on the other hand, gets a computer for the school, smart tablets only for the three participating learners with bank accounts from a bank of their choice with E500 each, and position three gets smart cellphones for the three participating learners and certificates.



LISTENING: Some of the members of the Bankers Association who were also present at the launch.



PARTNERS: A section of the partners who were also in attendance.

'Customer complaints emanate from lack of knowledge'

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE banking sector continues to deal with many complaints that emanate from customers with little understanding of the services offered by this sector.

This was disclosed by Eswatini Bankers Association (EBA) Chairperson Dennis Mbingo, who was speaking at the launch of schools challenge at the Central bank of Eswatini on Monday.

"People don't know what they don't know and we have seen this in the banking sector through the number of complaints we get from customers due to their lack of knowledge about some of the services we offer," he said.

Mbingo said the drive for the nation to be financially literate would assist in raising awareness, create an enabling environment, provide guidance and support on financial products and services so that financial inclusion activities can thrive.

Mbingo cited findings from a recent Finmark Trust survey which revealed that many consumers lack the skills or the information required to make informed financial decisions.

Mbingo also said people were prevented from unlocking their full economic potential and were thus much more vulnerable to financial shocks.

"This also prevents growth in the financial markets as potential consumers do not take up financial products and are more likely to default on their loans.

So we see the trickle-down effect the absence of financial literacy can have not only on a nation's economy, but on its people as well," he said.

He suggested that for people to become part of the sustainable economic development of the country, there is a need to educate them on basic concepts of savings and available products and services provided by banks.

MOBILE MONEY PAYMENTS FOR PARKING IN MBABABANE

By Majaha Nkonyane

IN the spirit of moving with the times and keeping up with the technological tide, Lula Parking, a Mbabane based car parking services company that services 15 of the capital city streets, has joined hands with MTN Eswatini for motorists to pay using the mobile money tap and pay system.

This arrangement was unveiled at a press conference held at the MTN headquarters in Ezulwini yesterday. Lula Parking Chief Executive Officer Lomkhosi Magagula said the new payment system brings about a lot of convenience to both their customers and their agents who have a time limit of less than three minutes when attending to a customer. The agents, according to Magagula, would from now on carry less cash as they previously were at high risk as they carried a lot of cash with them, thus exposing themselves to pick-pocketers.

Magagula said the mobile money payment arrangement would lessen the ever prevailing threat of revenue loss in the type of business they operate in as some other customers would negotiate their



CONVENIENT: Lula Parking Chief Executive Officer Lomkhosi Magagula.

way out of paying the full amount after parking. Such negotiations, however, are always to the company's detriment.

MTN Eswatini CEO Ambrose Dlamini said Mobile Money has a potential to create mutual value for both subscribers and retail outlets who accept it as an official payment.

This happens through safety, reliability

and convenience that is part of the use of MTN Mobile Money.

According to Dlamini, using MTN Mobile Money to pay for goods and services means that one stretches the value of a customer's parking, when paying for goods and services, meaning the money that would have been easily seen as 'un-useful change,' can now be accumulated, and used to realise value to the customer in practical terms, like in the payment of parking space, for instance.

Dlamini also said MTN Mobile Money balances need not be entirely withdrawn from the wallet, and converted into tangible hard cash. "By bringing on board more suppliers of goods and services, MTN is making it possible for is payment platform to be used to pay for more goods and services, reducing the need to withdraw cash," he said, adding that some of the latest additions to the Mobile Money payment system include E-tickets, National Maize Corporation products like peanuts, Sihlobo rice, Maize, animal feed and Umndeni beans.

Manzini Municipal Council rates and vendors stalls can now be paid for through Mobile Money.



ATTENTIVE: MTN Head of Business Risk Management Sydney Mdluli and Head of Enterprise Business Unit Thandazile Dlamini listening to speeches.



FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS: MTN Head of Corporate Services Sibusiso Nhleko and Senior Mobile Money Manager Mbali Mulungu were also present.

FNB INJECTS OVER E100 000 TO FOUR ORGANISATIONS

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

THE First National Bank yesterday doled out over E100 000 to four different organisations, including SOS Children's Villages, Yebo Art Gallery, Swaziland Sugar Association (SSA) and the SNAT Savings and Credit Co-operatives.

SNAT is the Swaziland National Association of Teachers.

SOS Children's Villages received E25 000, Yebo Art Gallery got E48 000, SNAT Co-op received E48 000 while SSA got E10 000.

The cheques were handed over to the different organisations by the bank's Head of Credit Thandeka Dlamini on behalf of Chief Executive Officer Dennis Mbingo at the FNB headquarters in Mbabane.

While acknowledging that FNB's core business is primarily in the financial services space, Dlamini said their vision is to contribute as much as it can to the development of the country.

Support

She said the bank is always on the look-out to support strategic partners involved in different social courses. She thanked the recipient organisations for allowing FNB into their hearts, institutions and communities.

Speaking earlier on, Head of Marketing Zethu Dlamini had explained that FNB received many different proposals for financial support from different organisations, but the number was eventually narrowed down to the four recipients.

Unpacking the sponsorships, the head of marketing explained that they had been supporting SOS Children's Villages for a while now, to an extent that there is an FNB house in the Mbabane village.

"FNB loves young people, they are



PRESENTATION:
FNB Head of Credit Thandeka Dlamini presents Yebo Art Gallery Director Aleta Armstrong with a E48 000 cheque yesterday.

(Pics: Hlengiwe Ndlovu)

the future of our country and the bank strongly supports youth development," she said. On the SNAT part, Dlamini explained that the E40 000 would go towards their elective conference which would be held in October.

The Yebo Art Gallery sponsorship will be used to finance seven local artists who will attend the FNB Johannesburg Arts Fair.

In the meantime, the SSA donation will be used to empower young smallholder sugarcane growers.



SO SWEET: FNB Head of Credit Thandeka Dlamini all smiles as she hands over the Swaziland Sugar Association cheque.

MY POINT IS: FNB Head of Credit Thandeka Dlamini making her remarks.

Rand gains after dollar's tariff falter

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's rand gained early yesterday as broad dollar weakness supported investor appetite for riskier assets after Washington imposing additional tariffs on Chinese imports.

At 0645 GMT (8:45am local time,) the rand was 0.35 per cent stronger at 14.8750 per dollar compared with its New York close of 14.9275.

Trade-war tensions have intensified as US President Donald Trump imposed additional 10 per cent tariffs on about \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports on Monday.

Washington has imposed tariffs on \$50 billion worth of Chinese products to pressure China to make sweeping changes to its trade, technology transfer and high-tech industrial subsidy policies.

Beijing has retaliated and talks between the world's two largest economies to resolve their trade differences have produced no results. The rand was expected to trade at 14.80 to 15.10 to the dollar yesterday,



according to an early NKC African Economics note. In fixed income, the yield on the benchmark government bond due in 2026 was flat at 9.250 per cent.

Stocks were set to open higher at 0700 GMT, with the JSE securities exchange's Top-40 futures index up 0.07 per cent.

Reuters

AngloGold agrees to 'historic' wage deal

JOHANNESBURG - AngloGold Ashanti on Monday agreed to a three-year wage settlement and a new shift arrangement that will see entry-level employees earn R1 000 more a year in the third year - a deal labelled by unions as historic.

AngloGold Ashanti signed the 6.5 per cent salary hike with the Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union (AMCU), Trade Union Solidarity and UASA.

Commenting on the deal, Chris Sheppard, AngloGold Ashanti's Chief Operating Officer: South Africa Chris Sheppard, said the deal was a step in an important process to improve pay for its employees, particularly those at the entry level, while providing certainty as it works to return its business in the country to profitability.

Sheppard also said the deal was important for safe production.

"The new shift arrangement is an

important factor, as it provides an opportunity for us to realise improvements in productivity and safe production, which are essential to the long-term sustainability of the business."

The company employs 7 000 people in its Mponeng mine, the mine waste solutions tailings retreatment operation, as well as the surface rock-dump reclamation operations in the Vaal River region.

Business Report

Sasfin salvages some headwind through total income

JOHANNESBURG - Financial services group Sasfin had a tough time of it in the year to June, taking broadsides in headline earnings and headline earnings a share, but salvaged some headwind marginally through total income, which improved 4.46 per cent

to R1.219 billion from last year's R1.167bn.

Sasfin, a bank-controlling company that provides a comprehensive range of specialist financial products and services for business and wealth clients, saw a 37 per cent decline in headline earnings which slipped to R122.1bn from

R194.1bn at the same time in 2017. Headline earnings per share dropped by 37.69 per cent to 381.21c compared with 611.76c in 2017, primarily due to a significant increase in the credit loss ratio to 197 basis points a share (bps) from 124 bps in 2017.

Business Report



World News

TO FIGHT POVERTY, WORLD SHOULD INVEST IN AFRICA'S YOUTH – BILL GATES

WASHINGTON - Gates put forward a 'simple idea' that investing in the health and education of Africa's younger generation would help tackle poverty.

The world should help Africa invest in its people as the continent confronts a demographic boom, said billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates, whose foundation released its annual report yesterday.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation released its annual "Goalkeepers" report measuring progress towards achieving UN poverty-reducing goals in 2030, based on an assessment of 18 indicators.

While poverty is receding globally, the demographic boom could stall that progress and it could even rise, the report warns.

"If those investments are made in the right way," said the report, young Africans would contribute to the economy and the population growth would likely diminish, as has been the case in other countries. A projection of poverty rates in the report showed that by 2050, more than 40 per cent of extremely poor people in the world will live in just two countries: the Democratic Republic of Congo and Nigeria.

"The particular challenge of the population growth in Africa leads

to a simple idea that the world should help Africa invest in its human capital, and that means both the health and the education of this young generation coming up in Africa," Gates told journalists.

In its annual assessment, the foundation cited progress from Brazil on nutrition, Indonesia for family planning and Vietnam for the quality of education.

Bill and Melinda Gates will co-host an event in New York next week, on the sidelines of the gathering of world leaders at the United Nations, to highlight their campaign for investing in youth.

AFP



FIGHTING POVERTY: Bill Gates.

International court sentences Bemba to time served

KINSHASA - The International Criminal Court on Monday sentenced Congolese politician Jean-Pierre Bemba to a €300 000 fine and a 12 month sentence for witness tampering, but his sentence was reduced to zero due to time already served.

Bemba was acquitted of war crimes on appeal in June, but had already been convicted on the lesser charge of witness tampering during his trial.

The politician has been barred from standing in December's presidential election in the Democratic Republic of Congo because of the conviction.

"Future accused persons can look at Bemba's conviction as a cautionary example as to what

consequences obstructing the administration of justice can have," said judge Bertram Schmitt.

"Bemba's acquittal in the main case should have been the end of his exposure to the court, yet he continues to have the spectre of this institution hanging over him."

Bemba's surprise acquittal on war crimes charges in June raised the prospect he could return to Congo and re-enter politics. A final decision on whether the witness tampering conviction makes him ineligible to stand is expected today.

Bemba headed the Movement for the Liberation of Congo party

and its affiliated militia. After he lost an election to Laurent Kabila in 2006 he was sent to The Hague to stand trial for atrocities committed by his troops in the neighbouring Central African Republic in 2002 and 2003.

His initial conviction was reversed on appeal in June, with judges saying prosecutors had failed to show he had enough control over troops to bear responsibility for their wrongdoing and he could not be convicted beyond a reasonable doubt. However, the witness tampering conviction remains.

Reuters



SENTENCED: Congolese opposition leader Jean-Pierre Bemba of the Movement for the Liberation of the Congo (MLC) addresses a news conference in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Portuguese PM arrives in ex-colony Angola to mend fences

ANGOLA - Portugal's Prime Minister Antonio Costa touched down in Angola on Monday kicking off a two-day trip designed to improve ties between Luanda and its former colonial master.

The diplomacy marks an effort to move beyond the bitter legacy of Lisbon's rule over Angola, which ended in 1975 when Portugal withdrew without handing over power. Angola sank into civil war until 2002. "Portugal and Angola have a long history, the tone of which should be defined by the future and not the past," said Costa as he set off for Luanda. Angola entered a new era last year when President José Eduardo dos Santos, who ruled the country with an iron fist from 1979 to 2017, stepped down and

was replaced by João Lourenço.

"There's lots we can and should do together in terms of the economic ties between our countries which are already strong," Costa added shortly after arriving, becoming the first Portuguese head of government to visit in seven years.

"Angola has a major challenge to diversify its economy and to increase domestic production, shrinking imports." Angola is a key trading partner with Portugal, and the third-largest recipient of its investments.

A key source of friction was removed in May when a Portuguese court decided that Angola's former vice-president Manuel Vicente can be tried in Luanda, rather than in Portugal, on corruption charges.

News24

100 people killed across 10 states

ABUJA - Floods across 10 states of Nigeria have killed 100 people, a spokesman for the country's emergency and disasters agency said on Monday.

"A national disaster has been declared in four states - Kogi, Niger, Anambra and Delta," said Sani Datti, spokesman for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), after heavy rain over the past days. National disaster means the federal government has taken over search, rescue and rehabilitation of victims in the worst hit states, which are in central and southern parts of the country.

On Saturday local authorities in Nigeria's southern state of Edo said 30 000 people had been displaced by the floods in more than 35 communities in the eastern and central parts of the state.

The disaster had gone beyond the purview of local government council areas, Aremiyau Momoh, Chairman of Etsako East, told reporters in Benin city, the state capital.

On his part, John Akhigbe, Chairman of Etsako Central, called for urgent intervention from both the state and the federal governments. The duo said camps for the displaced had been placed in strategic locations across the council areas. Similarly, about 700 houses including large farmlands have been affected by flash floods following heavy rains in parts of oil rich Rivers state. Martins Ejike, a co-ordinator of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), told reporters in Port Harcourt, the state capital, that the floods began since August. 'News2

BRIEFS

23 die in Ethiopia

ETHIOPIA - At least 23 people were killed in a weekend of violence targeting minorities in the ethnic Oromo heartland near Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa, a police source said.

The unrest followed a mass rally on Saturday marking the return to Ethiopia of the leadership of the exiled Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) group, which had fought an insurgency for self-determination for Oromos, Ethiopia's largest ethnic group.

Reuters

Armed men attack school

CAMEROON - Armed men attacked a school in Cameroon's southwest English-speaking region, wounding more than 20 people, a government official said on Monday. An unknown number of armed men, using machetes and homemade guns, staged the attack on Saint Joseph's College near Buea late on Sunday, according to South West Region governor Bernard Okalia Bilai. No one was killed, he said. The wounded children were rushed to hospitals and hundreds of parents started pulling their children from schools. "It is a terrible situation. We are not safe at home, our children not safe at school," said Enanga Luisi, a mother of two students. At least half a dozen schools in Buea have asked parents to take home their children.

AP

Nigerian finance minister resigns

ABUJA - Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari last Friday accepted the resignation of Finance Minister Kemi Adeosun, who said she stepped down over allegations of using a forged certificate to avoid participation in the country's mandatory one-year national youth service scheme. Adeosun, a top Cabinet member and a former investment banker who promoted the government's policy to boost growth following a recent recession, said in a statement that she believed she was exempt from the service scheme but felt bound to resign because of the administration's "focus on integrity".

Reuters

Zim's new sports minister pregnant

HARARE - Zimbabwe's newly appointed Youth, Sport, Arts and Recreation Minister Kirsty Coventry, 34, says she is expecting a child next year with her husband Tyrone Seward. Coventry, broke the news on Twitter this weekend, saying that she and her husband were expecting to be parents in May 2019. According to New Zimbabwe.com, the couple got married in January 2013 after Seward paid "lobola" to the Coventrys for the Olympic medallist, who had earlier said she wanted a traditional marriage. The couple then exchanged their wedding vows in a private ceremony in Harare in August 2013.

News24

Two children killed in stampede

LUANDA - Two children and three adults were killed in a stampede at a weekend football match in the Angolan capital Luanda, sparking an investigation, authorities said on Monday. The crush occurred on Saturday as fans were leaving the CAF Champions League quarter-final match between Primeiro Agosto of Angola and TP Mazembe of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the sports ministry said. The incident "caused the death by asphyxiation of five supporters and caused seven injuries at the end of the match," the ministry said in a statement. The two children were aged 10 and 12, it said.

News24

FOCUS ON SA SCENE

COSATU ELECTS ITS FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT

JOHANNESBURG - Zingiswa Losi has been elected President of trade union federation COSATU after being nominated unopposed.

The nominations of South Africa's largest labour federation took place yesterday morning where Losi and the rest of the top six were nominated unopposed.

National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union's First Deputy President Mike Shingange has been elected as the First Deputy President.

Losi, who becomes the first female president of the trade union federation, served as its second deputy president under Tyotyo James and Sdumo Dlamini, who served as president. South African Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union representative Louise Thipe was elected as the Second Deputy President.

The elections body announced that two nominations for National Union of Mineworkers' Nelson Rachosi

to fill the position of second deputy president were withdrawn.

Three other national office bearers Bheki Ntshahintshali, who is the general secretary, Solly Phetoe who is the Deputy General Secretary and Treasurer General Freda Oosthuizen retain their positions as they were also elected unopposed. The official announcement of the winners will be made tomorrow.

News24

Ramaphosa urges unity despite plot to oust him

JOHANNESBURG - President Cyril Ramaphosa on Monday tore into his detractors, saying the African National Congress (ANC) could not go to war while it was divided with members sabotaging each other.

In apparent reference to the general elections next year, Ramaphosa demanded unity to enable the party to do well. He made his remarks dur-

ing his opening address at the Congress of South African Trade Unions' (COSATU) 13th national congress held in Midrand. In attendance was ANC Secretary General Ace Magashule, who has been accused of meeting former president Jacob Zuma to plot against Ramaphosa. Magashule has admitted to meeting Zuma at a Durban hotel but denies being part

of a plot to oust Ramaphosa. Ramaphosa urged unity amongst the alliance and said they have to unite in order to win next year's elections. "We should not spend time on counter-revolutionary machinations of weakening the ANC. If there is gonna be any plot, it must be a plot to end poverty," he said.

African News Agency



WOMAN POWER: New COSATU President Zingiswa Losi.

Thieves steal old hospital 'brick by brick'

JOHANNESBURG - Confidential patient files, hospital gowns and medical waste have been found scattered around the old De Aar Hospital as thieves dismantle the facility "brick by brick" in the Northern Cape.

The hospital, which was replaced with a new facility, was found in a "terrible state" during an oversight visit last week by councillors and a representative of the ratepayers' association.

"It looks as if staff hurriedly vacated the old premises," said Isak Fritz, DA Northern Cape spokesperson on health. "We discovered confidential patient files and X-rays scattered across the floors. Hundreds, if not thousands of packets of condoms, as well as medical supplies, hospital gowns and even medical waste, in the form of disused syringes, finger prick needles and drip bags, can be found abandoned in the old facility. "Aside from what has been left behind, the building itself is in a terrible state. Not only has it been vandalised but it is also being carried away, bit by bit, with the roof already having been disassembled in certain parts." Fritz has called on health MEC Fufe Makatong to investigate and hold management accountable for the potential health risks and wasted resources left behind. The department of roads and public works, as the custodian of state buildings, will be quizzed about why state property is being allowed to be torn down and purportedly neglected. News24

'What's the hullabaloo?'

MIDRAND - That the ANC met with banks over their decisions to close Gupta accounts is not new information, said the ANC's former secretary general and now National Chairperson Gwede Mantashe, adding that the meetings were held so the party could understand the reasoning behind the closing of the accounts.

He made the comments on the sidelines of trade union federation COSATU's 13th congress, currently underway in Johannesburg. On Monday, Standard Bank Head of Compliance Ian Sinton told the commission of inquiry into state capture about two meetings; one with senior ANC officials and the other with an inter-ministerial committee over the decision by the country's four big banks to stop doing business with the Gupta family. Sinton claimed the meetings were aimed at persuading the bank to reverse its decision to close Gupta-linked bank accounts in 2016.

He revealed that in a meeting that took place at the ANC's Luthuli House Headquarters Mantashe, Deputy Secretary General Jessie Duarte and Head of the economic subcommittee Enoch Godongwana asked if Standard Bank was a part of a "white monopoly capital"

campaign aimed at destroying black business.

"I met the banks, that was public. So what is new?" asked Mantashe.

"We met the banks and the meeting with the banks was an open meeting. We don't understand the hullabaloo that we talked to the banks. We did talk to the banks," said the now ANC national chair.

He also insisted that the ANC leadership respected what the banks had to say on the matter. "The purpose of the meeting was for the ANC to have information," he concluded.

The commission is looking into allegations that the Gupta family had undue influence over former president Jacob Zuma and his executive, which family members used to enrich themselves through the looting of state-owned enterprises. ANC President Cyril Ramaphosa also mentioned the state capture commission during his keynote address at the COSATU conference, telling delegates from the federation's affiliates that the resolution at the political party's December conference to support the establishment of a commission of inquiry into state capture was one of the most important outcomes of that event.

News24

PICK A SIDE, SOLLY MSIMANGA TELLS ANC

TSHWANE - Executive Mayor Solly Msimanga has hit back at the ANC in Tshwane, saying the official opposition should make up its mind on addressing corruption.

Msimanga said if the ANC was serious about fighting corruption, it would have supported the suspension of City Manager Dr Moeketsi Mosola as recommended to council, pending the investigation into his role in the GladAfrica tender scandal.

"They would do well to explain

to the press and people of Tshwane exactly what their position is on corruption because they have been inconsistent with decisively dealing with allegations of tender irregularity," Msimanga said.

The ANC had earlier called for Msimanga's head and that of Mosola over tender irregularities.

During a media briefing at Tshwane House, ANC region-

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Chairperson Dr Kgosi Maepa had alleged that Msimanga had for months been aware of the irregular appointment of GladAfrica in a multi-billion rand deal.

According to Maepa, Mosola appointed Bigen Africa on September 17 last year and picked GladAfrica on November 3 without providing a cancellation letter or reasons for the termination to Bigen Africa.

He alleged GladAfrica had received R250 million within only six months of its appointment.

Maepa claimed that although Msimanga claimed he knew nothing of the irregular appointment of GladAfrica, he had in fact known as early as May, according to email correspondence in the ANC's possession.

"We have evidence in the form of an email, letters and correspondence that places the mayor and the MMC of finance at the centre of the corruption."

With

the information in their possession, Maepa said it was enough for the public protector and other independent bodies to proceed with their investigations.

He said Msimanga could not claim ignorance as it was his role to do oversight on all contracts above R200 000, in which case he neglected his fiduciary duties with regards to the GladAfrica appointment. "If Mosola is to be removed, then the executive mayor must also step down as he is responsible for his actions." But Msimanga said: "I have observed that, true to form, the ANC is again grasping at straws and bringing nothing new to the current discourse of establishing the facts surrounding the appointment of GladAfrica."

"The fact is the ANC has no credibility on corruption and today's flip-flop proved just that." He said the ANC needed to stop paying lip service to transparency and accountability. "If they were truly serious about rooting out corruption, why did they fail to support the suspension of the city manager?" If the ANC caucus had documented proof, they would have produced it already, he said. Msimanga said the ANC "should therefore allow the probe to continue without 'more lies or undue influence'". Independent Online

WAIT A MINUTE:
Tshwane
Executive
Mayor Solly
Msimanga.



AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE FLORENCE



AFTERMATH: Florence was seen as a major test for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which was heavily criticised as slow and unprepared last year for Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. (Reuters)



WRONG PARKING: The National Hurricane Centre (NHC) said on Saturday that Florence will produce top winds of 80kph and is 'dumping' almost 40cm of additional rain on the states of North and South Carolina.

FLORENCE - Deadly storm Florence drenched North Carolina with more downpours last Sunday, cutting off the coastal city of Wilmington, damaging tens of thousands of homes and threatening worse flooding as rivers filled to the bursting point.

The death toll rose to at least 17.

Florence, a onetime hurricane that weakened to a tropical depression by Sunday, dumped up to 100 cm of rain on parts of North Carolina since last week Thursday, and continued to produce widespread heavy rain over much of North Carolina and eastern South Carolina, the National Weather Service said.

"The storm has never been more dangerous than it is right now," North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper told a news conference. "Many rivers are still rising, and are not expected to crest until later today or tomorrow". Some rivers were not expected to crest until Monday or yesterday, the National Weather Service said. More than 900 people were rescued from rising floodwaters and 15 000 remained in shelters in the state, Cooper said. Many of those rescues took place on swift boats in Wilmington, a historic coastal city of about 117 000 people on a peninsula between the Cape Fear River and the Atlantic Ocean. More than 641 000 homes and businesses were without electricity in North and South Carolina and surrounding states, down from a peak of nearly one million.

Al Jazeera



UPSIDE DOWN: Officials said some 1.7 million people in the Carolinas and Virginia were warned to evacuate, but it's unclear how many did.



DAMAGE: A gust of 169kph was recorded at Wilmington airport, surpassing the power of Hurricane Fran two decades ago.



HIT: A damaged house after Hurricane Florence struck in Winnabow, North Carolina.



COVERED: During a driving rain, Maggie Belgie of The Cajun Navy, carries a child evacuating a flooding trailer community in Lumberton.



SAFE HANDS: Oliver Kelly, one-year-old, cries as he is carried off the sheriff's airboat after being rescued from rising flood waters in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence in Leland, North Carolina, US.



RESCUE MISSION: Panicked dogs left caged by an owner who fled rising flood waters are rescued by volunteer Ryan Nichols of Longview, Texas, in Leland, North Carolina.



HARD TO SAY GOODBYE: Iva Williamson, four, joins neighbours and pets in fleeing rising flood waters in Leland.

BRIEFS

Florence death toll jumps to 31

CAROLINA - Rain-gorged rivers threatened further flooding on the storm-battered US East Coast on Monday as the death toll from Hurricane Florence, now a tropical depression, jumped to 31. Emergency management authorities in North Carolina said an earlier toll of 17 had risen to 25 since Florence made landfall on Friday as a Category 1 hurricane, with its aftermath threatening further flooding as well as potential dam failures and landslides. Six deaths have been confirmed in neighbouring South Carolina, with the latest being the driver of a pickup truck who drove into standing water in Lexington County.

AFP

Diver sues Elon Musk over comments

WASHINGTON - A British cave diver who helped in the dramatic rescue of 12 boys trapped in Thailand earlier this year sued Tesla founder Elon Musk on Monday for calling him a "pedo guy" and a "child rapist". The defamation suit filed in Los Angeles by Vernon Unsworth, a Briton involved in several cave rescues, follows a highly public spat between the two after Musk travelled to Thailand and offered to assist in rescue efforts. The dispute made headlines in July, when Unsworth called Musk's effort to build a mini-submarine for the rescue a "PR stunt" and Musk responded on Twitter by calling Unsworth a "pedo guy", or paedophile.

AFP

Jailbreakers heading to Thailand

THAILAND - More than 30 inmates on the run after a Myanmar jailbreak may try to cross into Thailand, an official said on Monday, a day after they hijacked a garbage truck and ploughed through the prison gates. The fugitives broke out of Hpa-An jail in the country's eastern Karen state - which borders Thailand - on Sunday morning. State media said 10 of the 41 escapees had been recaptured while police are scouring nearby villages for those still at large. The jailbreak has left villagers near the prison scared, local official Khin Thet Mar told AFP.

AFP

Knife-wielding assailant shot

BRUSSELS - Belgian police shot and wounded a man who attacked one of the officers with a knife on Monday in a northern neighbourhood of the capital city, Brussels. "The man attacked one of our colleagues with a knife, slightly wounding the officer on the head," said Brussels police spokesperson Ilse Van De Keere. Van De Keere said that a second officer shot the attacker and "seriously wounded him". The spokesperson for the Brussels prosecutor's office, Ine Van Wymersch, said the incident did not appear to be terror related.

AP

Child deaths cut by half

UNITED NATIONS - Six million children worldwide died last year from preventable diseases and other complications, which was about half the number of similar deaths in 2000 when nations endorsed goals to end extreme poverty, the United Nations said yesterday. World leaders adopted the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2000, a year in which 11.2 million children below age 15 died from preventable diseases, a lack of clean water, malnutrition and during birth.

Reuters



COCA-COLA LOOKING AT CANNABIS-INFUSED DRINKS

NEW YORK - Coca-Cola said on Monday it is studying the use of a key ingredient in marijuana in "wellness beverages," as a growing number of mainstream companies develop cannabis-infused drinks.

"We have no interest in marijuana or cannabis," Coca-Cola said in a statement. But the iconic soft drink producer is "closely watching the growth of non-psychoactive CBD (cannabidiol) as an ingredient in functional wellness beverages around the world."

Cannabidiol is a chemical in marijuana that does not have the intoxicating effects of THC, the major active ingredient that causes the "high".

It has been used to treat epilepsy and other maladies.

"The space is evolving quickly," Coca-Cola said. "No decisions have been made at this time."

Coca-Cola's statement comes amid reports the company has held talks with Canada's Aurora Cannabis to develop beverages. Some of Coca-Cola's trademark cola products have struggled to grow sales in recent years due to health concerns.

Canada is set to legalise cannabis on October 17 after both houses of Parliament voted to make the drug available for recreational use.

That move has been seen as a potential prelude to further legalisation in the United States, even though recreational use of mari-



juana is still only permitted in a handful of states.

Beer giant Molson Coors announced on August 1 it was teaming up with Canadian medical marijuana grower The Hydropothecary Corporation to develop cannabis-infused non-

alcoholic beverages.

Two weeks later, spirits company Constellation Brands announced a new \$4bn investment in Canada's Canopy Growth in exchange for a 38 per cent stake in Canopy.

AP

'Sex claim against Donald Trump, Supreme Court pick should be heard'

WASHINGTON - In light of accusations that Judge Brett Kavanaugh assaulted a woman, some have urged holding off on a vote that could see him become the top judge in the US.

The woman accusing US President Donald Trump's Supreme Court pick of sexual assault should be allowed to testify before a Senate committee, Trump's top female aide said on Monday.

Kellyanne Conway's comment came as the lawyer for the accuser, college Professor Christine Blasey Ford, said Ford is willing to testify publicly about the decades-old incident which she already described to The Washington Post.

The Senate Judiciary Committee is due to vote on the nomination of conservative Judge Brett Kavanaugh tomorrow, but in light of Ford's comments, a number of committee



UDER-FIRE: US President Donald Trump.

members have urged holding off on a vote.

"She should be heard," Conway said on 'Fox and Friends'.

"This woman should not be insulted and she should not be ignored,"

said Conway, who added that Kavanaugh should also have an opportunity under oath to address Ford's allegations.

"He is a man of character and integrity who has been widely lauded by other women," she said.

The testimonies "would be added to the very considerable mountain of evidence and considerations that folks will have when they weigh whether or not to vote for Judge Kavanaugh to be on the Supreme Court."

But Conway said such testimony "should not unduly delay the vote."

Asked on CNN whether Ford would be willing to testify publicly before the Judiciary Committee, her lawyer Debra Katz said: "The answer's yes." Lawmakers have not, however, made any such request for her testimony, the lawyer said.

AP

Israeli PM gives 1 000 Ethiopians greenlight to immigrate

ISRAEL - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday decided to allow 1 000 Ethiopians to immigrate to Israel, his office announced, in a rare intake of the Falashmura community.

The Falashmuras claim to be descendants of Ethiopian Jews, and they have long fought for the right to settle in Israel, even though the Jewish state does not recognise them as such. Israel - which took in tens of thousands of Jews from the African

nation in the 1980s and 1990s - considers that process to be complete. It also applies a restrictive immigration policy for non-Jews. But in 2015, the government established a nominative list of 9 000 Ethiopians who were allowed to immigrate to Israel within five years on the basis of family reunion.

Netanyahu said that since that decision, 1 300 Falashmuras had immigrated to Israel. "I am pleased to inform you that I have decided

that approximately 1 000 community members - whose children are already here - must be brought to Israel," Netanyahu said. Israel's Ethiopian community now numbers around 140 000 people, including more than 50 000 born in the Jewish state. Most of them are descendants of communities cut off from the Jewish world for centuries, and were belatedly recognised by Israeli religious authorities.

AP

21 killed in bus crash in central Iran

IRAN - At least 21 people died when a bus overturned following a collision with a tanker on a road in central Iran, Iranian media reported yesterday.

Iranian state television said the accident happened late on Monday on the road linking the cities of Kashan and Natanz, about some 250km southeast of the capital, Tehran.

The intercity bus was taking passengers from Tehran to the city of Kerman, some 1 000km to the south-east, when the accident took place.

Many Iranians are travelling this week as the four-day major Shiite Muslim holiday of Ashura gets underway. The TV said 20 people were injured in the crash and were taken to local hospitals. The survivors included two women and two boys under the age of six.

It broadcast footage showing the burning bus and tanker, flames rising into the nighttime sky as rescue teams rushed about at the site.

An unnamed survivor told the TV from his hospital bed that the crash happened close to midnight.

"The flames started at the front of the bus as diesel from the tanker poured in," he said, adding that he managed to escape through a bus window. With some 17 000 motorists killed annually, Iran has one of the world's worst traffic safety records, attributed mainly to widespread disregard for traffic laws, unsafe vehicles and inadequate emergency services. AP



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EMTEE FOR SWAZIBOY SPRING BASH

By Nomfundo Sifundza

SOUTH African award winning rapper Emtee is set to 'roll up' at the Ronde Vu, Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha.

The 'Roll Up' hit maker will be performing alongside his stable mates and top DJs from the kingdom; The likes of DJ Crooks, Wicked, Lungsta, Fantasy, Tempt and 1D.

The rapper will be supported on the rhymes by the country's very own upcoming artists; Ncwiki Flex and Crax, who is known for good music.

This was revealed by SwaziBoy PRO Ur Gal Zee, who said the theme for the event is floral wear. "We urge people to look the part in spring themed style, ladies can rock maxi floral dress-

es, skirts, flower crowns and men can also do so in vests and shorts," she said.

Emtee is known for many controversial stunts, which include live streaming his time in the bathroom, which led to social media users having a glimpse of his private parts.

Record

The rapper is also known for winning awards; -in 2016 he won the MTV Africa Music Award for Best Hip Hop, SAMA for Amstel Record of the Year as well as one for the Best Hip Hop Album.

Some of his hit songs include 'Pearl Thusi', 'We up' and 'Thank you,' to mention only a few. Ur Gal Zee said she was convinced the show would be one of a kind and just the perfect way to usher fun lovers into spring.



COMING: Emtee.

Master P sells over 100 copies in a week

By Ayanda Dlamini

AWARD winning DJ Master P sold 110 copies of his newly-released album; 'Dreams' within a week.

Master P's debut album was released two weeks ago and on Sunday, the album was sold out at Sdeez Manzini. The spinner revealed that he has sold over 110 copies to date. "The album has managed to sell 110 copies in a week, and people are still making orders. It's very impressive, considering the population of the country," he said. The 'Dreams' has also won international hearts such as South African celebrity Somizi's daughter Bahumi. "I met Bahumi at Ezulwini, She was featured at some party and a friend introduced her to me. She was interested in the music industry of Eswatini and I told her about the entertainment industry of the country, which led to a conversation about my album which she later purchased. We exchanged social media handles, so we could keep in touch, and she



FAN BASE: Master P and Bahumi.

promised to market the album within her circles," revealed the spinner. 'Dreams' is Master P's debut album. It is all about celebrating life but mostly, it's about following your dreams and making sure they become a reality. The album features artists such as Tiyas King, Mozaik The Producer, King Terry, Zoe Genesis, KrTC, Mzwaa, Nomalungelo and Mandisa, to name a few.

THE SCIENTISTS MUM ON GCWALISA MOGAMBO HUMILIATION

By Nomfundo Sifundza and Nokwanda Sibandze

TWO weeks later, DJs duo The Scientists still cannot get over the alleged humiliation they suffered at Illa Pen Boy's Gcwalisa Mogambo show.

The two spinners are said to have only been given five minutes on stage at the event that was held at Esibayeni Lodge.

One of the DJs was quick to voice out his disappointment with the treatment they allegedly suffered at the hands of the stage manager Sicelo Zwane, also known as DJ Chuidy, who is a member of the SWAMA executive committee.

DJ Chuidy is not only an experienced spinner and stage manager but he specialises in sound equipment.

When contacted, DJ Chuidy simply declined to comment on the matter and said "no comment, please take that word from me for now," he said.

The Scientists also declined to reveal how exactly they were humiliated and by whom but said they would wait for the right time to speak. They simply congratulated Illa Pen Boy on an event well organised and added; "we can't discuss anything with you con-



cerning what happened at Gcwalisa Mogambo which was an awesome show by the way, despite our five minutes of humiliation. We had fun and had a good time, shout out to Illa Penboy for that show,"

one of the spinners said.

The master of the event Illa Pen Boy said it was nothing more than a misunderstanding between the artists; "as far as I know, it was just a minor misunderstanding as on the night The Scientists came to me and said



it was their time, to perform but at the time, there was a DJ playing on stage and that was it, there was really nothing more to it," said Illa.

It could not be ascertained whether the spinners and all artists had been given specific time slots; All that stands for now is that one of The Scientists members were extremely dissatisfied and even took to social media pages to voice out their dissatisfaction on how some of the industry pioneers were mean to them.

Worth noting is that the duo is nominated in the upcoming MTN SWAMA Awards 'DJ of the Year' category.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK DROP MIX-TAPE

By Nokwanda Sibandze

THE local hip-hop industry seems to be growing bigger and bigger.

New artists Craze A and Sushie-Kid just dropped their mix-tape titled 'Off the hook' and they are determined to stay in the industry.

Real names Andile Mabuza and Thabiso Nyawo, the two collaborated for this project because they believed that they have the same goal when it comes to music.

The mix-tape was released last Friday and the artists say the reception of the mix-tape has been overwhelming.

Delaying

The mix-tape has a total of eight songs, recorded at Life Time Music Empire. The artists gave the project the name it has because they believe that its release meant that they have escaped the traps that had been delaying them from realising their dreams.

"All we want to do is to change the minds of those looking down on this music genre, especially our elders. We want to show them that music is life and without different types of music, the world is empty," said the artists.

The projects has songs such as 'Feelings', 'Bhasop', 'Don't cry', 'Pressure' and many more.

Both rappers said they were passionate about their work so much so that they believed their passion will not only keep them in the industry but also make them rise to greater heights.

NO COMMENT: DJ Chuidy.



WINNER TAKES ALL: The Toyota Aygo on display.

SPUR CAR GIVE AWAY TOP TEN REVEALED

By Nokwanda Sibandze

WITH only a day to go till the Spur win a car give away party; Spur has revealed the actual car that will be given to the lucky winner tomorrow evening at Spur Gables in Ezulwini.

Spur has also released the top ten finalists who are in the race for the winning vehicle which is a grey, white roof top Aygo. The promoters of this competition are Spur Swaziland, a division of Spur International South Africa. To participate in the WIN-A-CAR Competition, customers only had to spend E300 or more at any Spur outlet in Swaziland Sheba's Rock Spur, Sibebe Rock Spur or Mdzimba Rock Spur and swipe with their loyalty card or cell phone number, if registered on the loyalty box,

on a bill between June 1 and August 31. A randomiser on the internet was used to win draw the listed 10 finalists that stand a chance to the Grey-Toyota Aygo tomorrow at Sheba's Rock Spur, Gables at 17:30pm. Each finalist on the list will each receive a key and will try to open the car one at a time, the key that opens the car wins. Each finalist must provide a valid driver's licence, ID and their spur loyalty card as proof that they are the legal winner of Spur WIN-A-CAR Competition. "You are obliged to attend the handover of the prize. If you fail to attend the hand over you will be disqualified.

The prize is non-transferable and may not be substituted or redeemed for cash.

Both the main and secondary prizes exclude transportation to the store in order to claim the prize and the pro-

moter's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered in to," said Bheki Kunene Manager Sibebe Rock Spur.

Everyone will be a winner as the other nine that do not get to win the car will walk away with E2 000 Spur vouchers.

The programme director for the day will be Swazi Observer Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbingo and entertainment will be provided by DJ MBO and Symphony.

TRUMPET FOR BAHLE ART GALLERY

By Nokwanda Sibandze

SIYABONGA Gama, popularly known as Trumpet will again be hosting another show at Bahle Art Gallery on September 20.

Trumpet will also be exhibiting his video for the song 'Kuyasijabulisa'.

According to Trumpet the song is dedicated to King Mswati III. "This song is for thanking him for all the good work he has done in ruling the country in a way that makes us happy hence the title of the song," said the singer.

He also said that the video will be aired at the end of the show adding, people should come enjoy poetry and performances from other musicians.

Trumpet is an afro soul and R&B musician who occasionally dips into the poetry pool.

Performed

Having been a musician for five years, Trumpet has performed at different events inclusive birthday parties, weddings as well as festivals including the biggest one in the country, the MTN BUSH-FIRE Festival.

Trumpet has also hosted a show at the Swaziland Theatre Club where he performed alongside other artists such as Skeel and many others.

His songs include 'Sthandwa Sami' and 'Sengiyahamba'. Like every one of his shows, this show will feature Moyanic, Skeel, Dede, Angie and Tribe New.

SEE YOU THERE: Trumpet.



SA'S SKOLOPAD HINTS ENGAGEMENT TO SWATI MAN

By Nomfundo Sifundza

SOUTH African personality Skolopad has made claims that she is engaged to a Swati man.

The nurse who shot to fame after crashing the Metro FM awards in more flesh than clothes in 2017 confirmed to South Africa media when asked who the man who snatched her finger was.

"I'm in love with him. He's a Swati man and he's married, so I am going to be wife number two. I've said before that I am willing to be a second wife, so it's a dream come true," she is quoted saying.

Skolopad also claimed that the Swati man had told his first wife about her but they had not met formally.

She claims they have been dating for the past six months and is convinced that it is true love.

However, Skolopad did not reveal the name of her prince charming and simply claimed he would pay dowry soon.

The man is said to be of Swati originality and a resident of Johannesburg, his pockets are also claimed to be overflowing.

SA'S NQUBEKO MBATHA HERE ON FRIDAY

By Simon Shabangu

SOUTH African award winning artist Nqubeko Mbatha and Glory of the Last Days will be in the country on Friday.

The globetrotting gospel musicians will be at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre for the live DVD and CD recording of Prophetic Voices Mass Choir.

The event coordinator Sabelo Shabangu said they will also have Best of Africa award winner Nduduzo Matse and Pastor Chris Shabangu of Revival Ministry as part of the event which is expected to be a night to remember for gospel music lovers. Shabangu said they have also involved Thuli Kaledi, well known at Mbabane Miracle Centre.

Shabangu said preparations for the show were at an advanced stage stating that the group was now ready to present an exciting performance on Friday night. He said they have sourced assistance from professional South African music coaches and trainers to prepare the group for the night.

"I can assure the public that the choir is now ready for the show and



YOU ARE INVITED: Prophetic Voices Mass Choir.

we are expecting an amazing night in the presence of the Lord. This will be our second project and we want to give it our best following the failure of the first recording we did a few years back. This time around we decided to acquire services from professionals both for the recording and preparation of the choir. This is a mass choir of about 40 artists from different denominations and we are confident that we will come out with a world class project at Mavuso on Friday. We have a professional crew coming from South Africa to record both the CD and DVD," he said.

He added that they will record about 25 songs most of which are new compositions which are done

mainly by their leader Apostle Zikalala who will also be on stage leading some of the songs in the album.

Intact

"This time around we want to do a professional project which will be acceptable in the market not only locally but internationally. We believe that we will come out with an intact project which will be enjoyed by all gospel music lovers," he added.

Sibusiso Mnguni, who has also been working on the production said he was pleased with the talent he found among the local artists. He said preparations have been on point and the choir is ready to render an exciting night at Mavuso.

Mnguni who is a renowned gospel



COMING: Nqubeko Mbatha.

music producer promised the nation good production on the night. "I would like to urge people not to miss this one as the group will be on another level. We anticipate a good product which we believe the country and the world will receive very well.

We invite people to come in their numbers and witness history being made in Eswatini through this project", he said.

Mnguni has worked with a number of high profile productions including the likes of Joyous Celebrations, Nqubeko Mbatha, Ntoko Mbambo, Pastor Mthunzi Namba, Jabu Hlongwane Lungi Ndala among other productions.

70th EMMY AWARDS 2018



EMMY AWARDS 2018 WINNERS: THE COMPLETE LIST

Outstanding Drama Series

WINNER: *Game of Thrones* (HBO)

Outstanding Comedy Series

WINNER: *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* (Amazon)

Outstanding Limited Series

WINNER: *The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story* (FX)

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series

WINNER: Claire Foy, *The Crown* (Netflix)

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series

WINNER: Matthew Rhys, *The Americans* (FX)

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Limited Series or Movie

WINNER: Regina King, *Seven Seconds* (Netflix)

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Limited Series or Movie

WINNER: Darren Criss, *The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story* (FX)

Outstanding Variety Talk Series

WINNER: *Last Week Tonight With John Oliver* (HBO)

Outstanding Variety Sketch Series

WINNER: *Saturday Night Live* (NBC)
Tracey Ullman's Show (HBO)

Outstanding Guest Actress in a Drama Series

WINNER: Samira Wiley, *The Handmaid's Tale* (Hulu)

Outstanding Guest Actor in a Drama Series

WINNER: Ron Cephas Jones, *This Is Us* (NBC)

Outstanding Television Movie

WINNER: *Black Mirror: "USS Callister"* (Netflix)

Outstanding Structured Reality Program

WINNER: *Queer Eye* (Netflix)

Outstanding Unstructured Reality Program

WINNER: *United Shades of America With W. Kamau Bell* (CNN)

Outstanding Directing For a Comedy Series

WINNER: *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* "Pilot" (Amazon)
The Big Bang Theory "The Bow Tie Symmetry" (CBS)

Outstanding Directing For a Variety Series

WINNER: *Saturday Night Live* "Host: Donald Glover" (NBC)

Outstanding Directing For a Drama Series

WINNER: *The Crown*, "Paterfamilias" (Netflix)

Outstanding Directing For a Limited Series, Movie or Dramatic Special

WINNER: *The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story* "The Man Who Would Be Vogue" (FX)

Outstanding Directing For a Variety Special

WINNER: *The Oscars* (ABC)



SAUCE: Black-ish star Tracee Ellis Ross makes being extra look so good in this Repossi gown.



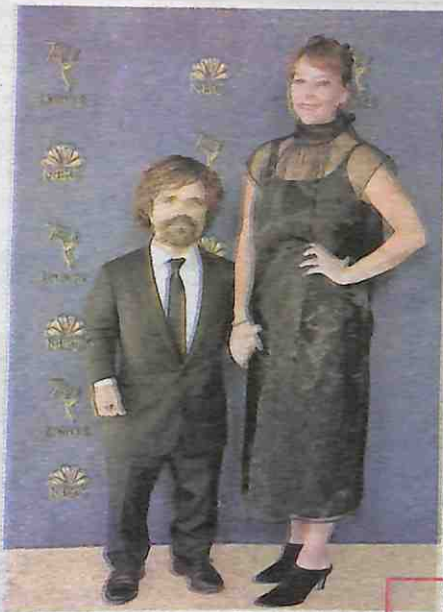
WHITE: Scarlett Johansson makes white look sultry with a gown featuring a deep V-neckline and thigh-high split.



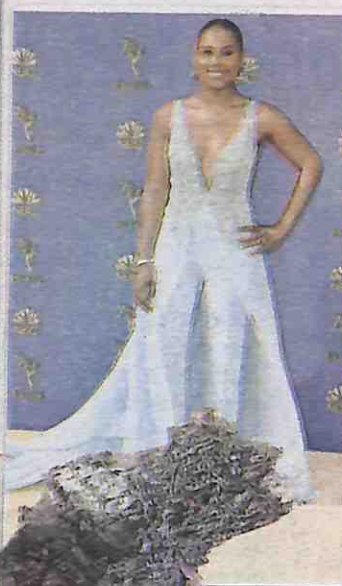
LAKEITH STANFIELD: The *Sorry to Bother You* star's menswear from Ermenegildo Zegna Couture is fit for a Hollywood gentleman.



SHINING STAR: Chrissy Teigen looked absolutely stunning with husband John Legend.



BIG WINNER: Peter Dinklage with his wife upon arrival.



BEST DRESS OVER PANTS: Issa Rae in custom Vera Wang.



ALSO THERE: Actor Sterling K Brown was also nominated and his wife tagged along.



DAPPER: This *Is Us* actor Lonnie Chavis looked dapper.



LOVED UP: Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake.



FLARE: Taraji P. Henson in Giambattista Valli.

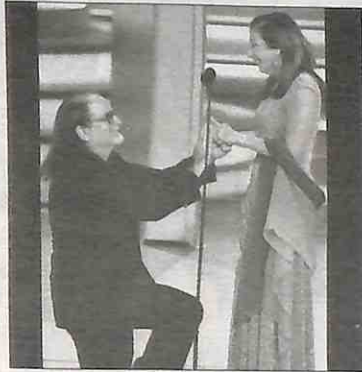


COLOURFUL: Tiffany Haddish went for a multi coloured dress.

International
Celebrity News

Proposal on-stage at 2018 Emmys

LOS ANGELES - Love wins at the 2018 Emmys! Just when we thought the 70th Annual Emmy Awards was well on its way to snooze-ville, Glenn Weiss (and our #ManCrushMonday, TBH) just reinvigorated the whole ceremony with an onstage proposal. While accepting the award for Outstanding Directing for a Variety Special for last year's Oscars, Weiss surprised everyone inside LA's Microsoft Theatre by asking Jan Svendsen to marry him. Yes, you read that right! Weiss dedicated the honour to his mother, who he revealed



LOVE IN AIR: Glenn Weiss and Jan Svendsen. passed away only weeks prior. *Eonline*

Meek Mill, TI fighting over woman



FIGHTING: Rappers TI and Meek Mill.

NEW YORK - Rappers TI and Meek Mill are fighting - over a woman. And no it's not TI's wife Tiny. The two rappers are reportedly having a war of words, after TI confronted Meek about a woman. According to reports, TI has been seeing a biracial model from Hollywood who has a history with

Meek Mill. Word is that TI confronted Meek, asking about his relationship with the girl - and Meek took offence. TI is currently married to his long-time wife Tiny. It's not clear why he is asking about another woman dating Meek. *MTO*

Julie Chen leaving 'The Talk'

HOLLYWOOD - Julie Chen will be leaving her daytime gig at 'The Talk' ... TMZ has confirmed. Sources with direct knowledge tell TMZ, yesterday's show include a videotape of Julie saying she's leaving the show immediately. It seemed inevitable Julie would take a final bow from the show, where discussions frequently involve issues like sexual misdeeds. Although her husband Les Moonves has denied any improper conduct, the fact that 12 women have come forward and that he was forced out ... it would put Julie in a tough spot. *Eonline*



CONFIRMED: Julie Chen.

Julie did appear on 'Big Brother' last week and it seems she'll stick that one out ... at least in the short term. She made it clear she's standing by her husband at the end of last week's show, when she signed off as 'Julie Chen-Moonves.'

Newton drops F-bomb during Emmys speech

LOS ANGELES - Thandie Newton dropped an F-bomb while giving her victory speech on Monday at the Emmy Awards in Los Angeles. The 45-year-old actress won the Primetime Emmy award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series during the ceremony at Microsoft Theatre downtown.

"I don't even believe in God, but I'm going to thank her tonight," said Thandie who won for her portrayal of sentient robot Maeve Millay on HBO's 'Westworld'.

The London native continued: "I am so f***ing blessed to work with the people I have gotten to work with." Thandie beat out a tough field that



DROPS F-BOMB: Thandie Newton.

included Lena Headey, Millie Bobby Brown, Ann Dowd, Yvonne Strahovski and Alexis Bledel. *Daily Mail*

SA Celebrity News

Emtee addresses fall in new song

JOHANNESBURG - Emtee isn't the type to sweep his fall under the carpet. Instead, he's used it in a new single and music video, talking openly about the lessons he's learnt over the last few weeks while reflecting on his past. Emtee recently returned to the spotlight after a near month-long recovery break in Bloemfontein. He went to ground after a video of him "collapsing" on stage during a performance went viral. While the fiasco led to calls for the rapper to get professional help amidst alcohol and drug abuse allegations, Emtee decided to use footage of the inci-



SPOTLIGHT: Emtee.

dent in his latest music video. The video opens with Emtee staggering on stage before falling. He is next shown regaining consciousness as he falls into an empty space. *Times Live*

Minnie celebrates first wedding anniversary

JOHANNESBURG - After having two weddings - one traditional and the other white, Minnie Dlamini-Jones is also celebrating her wedding anniversary on two different dates. Taking to Instagram to honour her special day, Mrs. Jones, who is currently in France with champagne brand, GHMUMM, posted an image from her white wedding where she can be seen holding Quinton's hand while facing the crowd. "I'm such a weirdo. It's my 1st Anniversary y'all #The Joneses #Mrs Jones," she captioned the picture. Minnie Dlamini-Jones and her husband Quinton had their white wedding on 8 July in a fairy-tale cer-



1 YEAR LATER: Minnie Dlamini-Jones and her husband Quinton.

emony which was later televised in a three-part series on Vuzu.

In July, Mrs Jones also took to Instagram to celebrate the anniversary for her traditional wedding. *Drum*

Lorna Maseko plans mouth-watering menu

JOHANNESBURG - Celebrity chef Lorna Maseko is known for her saucy curves, not forgetting her juicy cleavage, sweet smile and luscious lips that all equate to a sexy winning recipe. Maseko is living testament that cooking can be hot, in more ways than one - bon appétit.

But, the million rand question, in this gloomy economic climate of a looming recession, is would you fork out a colossal R4 255 to taste one of her mouth-watering dishes?

Get ready to feast your eyes on Maseko during the Heritage week-



PLANS: Celebrity chef Lorna Maseko.

end as she will be cooking up a storm at the much anticipated DSTV Delicious International Food and Music Festival. "I think it's going to be absolutely fabulous." *Sowetan*

Skolopad spills tea on 'engagement'

JOHANNESBURG - Skolopad says she's engaged. And she's going to be a second wife. Here are some reasons why it seems a bit, uh, tricky. As usual, she took to social media to share the awesome news and social media erupted in celebration. Skolopad also told Tshisa Live how the businessman proposed. "It was just perfect: the right question coming from the right man at the right time. I didn't even wait for him to finish the question, I just said yes. What happened was I was with him last week, so he said he'll arrange for me and my friends to have a weekend away at Harties.



ENGAGED: Skolopad.

But when we got to Pretoria, he insisted on taking us there himself and on Saturday morning, he asked me to marry him and put a ring on my finger." *Tshisa Live*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

TODAY



WANTS: Samson.

Dabula is reunited with his friends. Dabula gets financial back-up from an unlikely source. Samson wants the new Ngubane to be monitored. Jerry and Kaone seem to be getting on like a house on fire.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



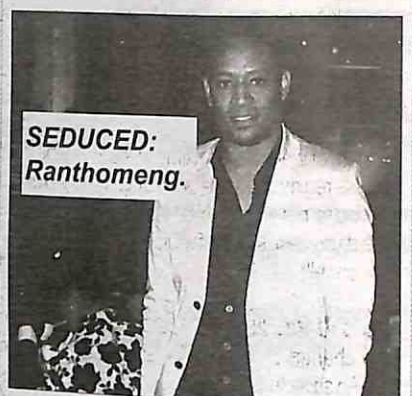
FRUSTRATED: Gabriel.

With Ben out of the picture for now, Lincoln decides to throw Ntando to the wolves. Zandre tries to bring his parents closer together but the damage from the hostage crisis is worse than he thought. Sithembiso continues to frustrate Gabriel by playing gatekeeper to Sechaba.

Muvhango

TODAY

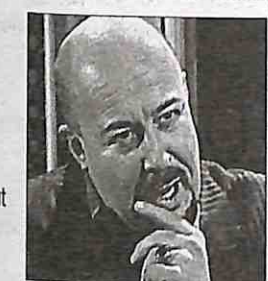
The accusations that Moliehi killed Terror strengthen. Shumi is rapidly gaining control. Ranthomeng struggles to say "no" to Buhle's seduction.



SEDUCED: Ranthomeng.

RUTH CITY

TODAY



OFFERS: David.

Jafta enjoys his celebrity status. David offers Gail a new temptation - but TK wins this round.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

I still don't understand why people who borrow cars are not called Calendars. English is crazy.

@dololo_memes



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Work that fiery mojo today! With the moon in your sign forming a powerful trine to the visionary Virgo Sun, you're getting a midweek power boost to amp up your productivity. You're extra motivated to fly solo, so don't let anyone slow your roll.



AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

The moon drifts through your ethereal twelfth house today, forming a supportive trine to the Sun in your eighth house of the unknown. Believing is seeing (instead of the other way around), as you let your intuition steer the cosmic ship. Listen to your gut and put aside reason as you decipher the ambiguity behind a certain person's motives.



PISCES FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

As the sign represented by two fish swimming in opposite directions, you like to work hard and play even harder. It might be more of the latter today, as the moon in your eleventh house of friendship forms a lighthearted trine with the Sun in your partnership quarters. Connect with kindred spirits and seek out people who operate on a similar creative wavelength.



ARIES MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

You've talked a big game lately, which is okay—but it's time to step up to the plate! Back up your lofty promises with hard data, and you'll be an unstoppable force of nature. You have the support of the cosmos today, with the moon in your ambitious tenth house aligned with the Sun in your sixth house of wellness. Is it time to start that fitness regimen you've been putting off? If you're not sure which activities would suit you best, sign up for ClassPass and try 'em all!



TAURUS APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Take a chance on a heartfelt desire, Taurus! An adventurous moon aligns with the Sun in your passionate fifth house, making the world your oyster. Have you been playing coy or hard to get? Enough with that routine; fortune favors the bold now.



GEMINI MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Midweek slump? You may have hit snooze more than once this morning, with the moon in your eighth house of privacy forming a trine to the Sun in your domestic fourth house. The stars are begging for—if not pleading with—you to retreat to your humble abode. But if a personal day isn't an option, take the comforts of home with you to the office.



CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 22

Speak up, Cancer! The fiery Sun and an insightful moon urge you to communicate openly, restoring the balance of an important relationship. You're not usually one to rock the boat—you'd rather avoid confrontation and keep the peace—but it's time to let the other person know exactly how you feel.



LEO JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

You're most comfortable with intimate conversation today, as the moon sidles up to your ruler, the Sun, forming a cozy trine. Step out of the limelight and retreat into the shadows for some honest talk with your closest allies. It's a day for trading secrets and off-the-record intel, so be sure you're communing with your most trustworthy friends, especially when it comes to business.



VIRGO AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Your adventurous side makes a midweek appearance as the Virgo Sun forms a playful trine with the moon in your fifth house.

If you're glued to your desk until quitting time, devise a raucous escape plan for a night on the town with friends. It's okay to blow off a little steam tonight—you've earned it.



LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23

You pride yourself on being level-headed, but that might not be the case today, Libra. As the moon in your sensitive fourth house syncs up with the Sun in your twelfth house of intuition, you're feeling more emotional than analytical. Approach your tasks and decisions from a place of logic AND instinct. Your Spidey senses are definitely tingling.



SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 21

You're in a collaborative mood today, Scorpio, with the moon in your supportive third house forming an allegiance with the Sun in your eleventh house of esprit de corps.



SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

You're not feeling the usual midweek slump today, and with good reason. The ambitious Sun is firing up your motivated tenth house, forming a trine with the moon in your second house of money. This is a green light for pursuing your biggest, most lucrative ideas.

No need to bear the workload alone, Archer—there are plenty of potential team players just waiting to be invited. But it's up to you to ask for the extra help!



BABY BLUES



BUCKLES



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

Can you find the hidden numbers? They may be horizontal or vertical.

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LOL
Laughing Out Loud

YOU STILL CAN'T DRIVE

A blonde rear ends a man. He gets out of his car and asks:
- Have you ever even taken a driving test?
- Yes, I have, and many times, you idiot!

USELESS FACTS

1. A cockroach can live several weeks with its head cut off!
2. Human thigh bones are stronger than concrete.
3. You can't kill yourself by holding your breath
4. There is a city called Rome on every continent.
5. It's against the law to have a pet dog in Iceland!

BRAinteasers
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's brainteasers

1. 1. Which is heavier? A pound of feathers or a pound of rocks?

Answer: Neither. Both weigh a pound!

2.2. Tom's height is six feet, he's an assistant at a butcher's shop, and

wears size 9 shoes. What does he weigh?
Answer: Meat.

Today's brainteasers

1. Feed me and I live, yet give me a drink and I die Who am I?

2. What kind of room has no doors or windows?



DStv
Feel every moment

NEWS



I BLEW IT

SOMETIMES money costs too much.

This October, Mzansi Magic takes a thought-provoking look into the lives of South Africans who received an unexpected windfall, and in an instant, blew it all.

This sometimes-humorous, often tragic documentary, takes a deep look into the psyche of ordinary South Africans and how they've acted when presented with wealth beyond their wildest dreams. "I Blew It" explores the heady intoxication of life with no monetary restrictions, and the sudden change in relationships and family dynamics.

The show creates a dialogue about the psychology of money and the

influence or wealth it comes with, through the stories of ordinary people. Each episode covers the story of a single participant, starting with their unexpected acquisition of wealth, followed by how the money was "blown", ending with where the person is now – very often finding themselves in a worse financial state than before.

Take, 32-year-old Nonhlanhla who received a lumpsum pay-out of R1 million in 2017. She blew the money in less than a year. She did minor renovations to her family home (owned by her grandmother) and took her mother's advice to invest in a VW Caravelle Kombi. Then she went on a spending spree, indulging her whole

family on an extravagant shopping spree at Maponya Mall.

Then there's Thabo, who won R1.8 million in the national lottery when he was 30 years old. He blew the money within three years, but has great memories of his high balling lifestyle.

M-Net's Director of Local Entertainment Channels, Reneilwe Sema commented on the appeal of this brand new format, "I Blew It" tackles some important sociological questions most of us have often caught ourselves asking: 1. What would I do if I suddenly became wealthy overnight? 2. How does one manage to blow millions of Rands in such a short space of time, often becoming poorer than



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Brinnette, Evodia's tea party gatecrashing drama – RHOJ

FRIDAY's episode of the Real Housewives of Johannesburg ended in one hell of a verbal spat between Evodia and Brinnette.

It all started when Brinnette suddenly revealed that a girlfriend, Olwethu, was joining Evodia's tea party. And not only that, Olwethu showed up with a baby, and the biggest sanitiser the ladies have ever seen, and demanded everyone to sanitise. "No, no, my darling", objected the hostess, Evodia, "unfortunately you can't come here and start calling the shots."

Evodia felt disrespected by Brinnette's action, saying she should have at least notified her in advance if someone else would be joining, especially if the plus one is bringing a baby.

Not one to keep leave her opinion unknown, Christall joined the fray and told Brinnette that "we still love you though", she really should have asked for permission to bring someone to the lush tea party, where Madame had been treating the girls to some time away from their hectic lives.

"Since when do I ask Madam (Evodia) for permission", asked Brinnette during a diary session. She felt that Madam

was being hypocritical in the situation since she had brought her friend Athania to the Soweto trip organised by Brinnette. It doesn't help that Evodia had done so without prior notice.

Olwethu was stunned by the war of words that ensued over her appearance and tried explaining that she had not planned crashing the tea party.

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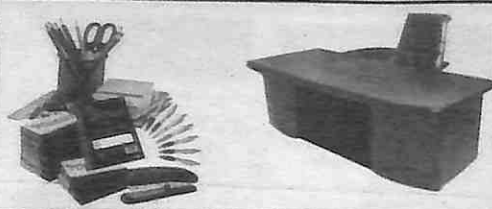
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HANGING UP THE BOOTS: Stephen Darby, the former Liverpool defender (circled, right, starting against Fiorentina in the Champions League in 2009) has retired from football after being diagnosed with motor neurone.

DARBY'S CAREER OVER AFTER MND DIAGNOSIS

LONDON - Former Liverpool star Stephen Darby has been forced to quit football after a devastating motor neurone disease diagnosis.

The Bolton Wanderers defender, 29, has announced he will retire from the sport after a meeting with a specialist.

Stephen, who also played for Bradford during his footie career revealed: "It is with great sadness that I announce my immediate retirement from professional football due to a recent diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease.

"I would like to take the opportunity to thank my teammates, Phil Parkinson and all the staff at Bolton Wanderers Football Club for their amazing support at what has been an extremely difficult period for myself and my family."

Privacy

Stephen asked for privacy in a bid to "adjust to the battle I have ahead and so I can spend time with those closest to me." Bolton Wanderers Manager Phil Parkinson said: "This is heart break-

ing news for Stephen and his family.

"He is an outstanding professional and a fantastic person."

"He was simply magnificent during his time at Bradford and was a key figure in the resurgence of Bradford City as a football club."

"He typified everything the city and the football club represented and led by example on and off the pitch."

Bradford City Chairman Edin Rahic added: "The news is absolutely heart-breaking." *Daily Star*

'Messi has changed since taking over as Barca captain'

BARCELONA - Lionel Messi has changed since assuming the responsibility of being Barcelona captain, the club's President Josep Maria Bartomeu has claimed.

Messi was appointed skipper this season following the departure of long-serving midfielder Andres Iniesta.

The Argentine has led Barcelona to four straight wins in La Liga so far this season and, ahead of their first Champions League clash of the campaign, Bartomeu has been singing the praises of his new skipper.

'Messi is very happy here. He is delighted and excited about continuing to triumph at Barcelona,' he told Onda Cero on Monday.

'Messi has made a change, he has decided to take on the captaincy and assume that responsibility in the team.' *Daily Mail*



REMATCH: Floyd 'Money' Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao during their last boxing match in 2015.

Mayweather v Pacquiao II is on

LAS VEGAS - Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao are in advanced talks over a money-spinning rematch in December, according to reports.

The two former pound-for-pound kings met in the richest fight in boxing history back in 2015, when after years of protracted talks Mayweather outpointed his rival in front of a record pay-per-view audience.

'Money' has since retired, hanging up his gloves after beating Conor McGregor last year. But RING Magazine claim the two fighters are closing in on another Las Vegas showdown, scheduled for later this year.

They claim that talks are in advanced stages and contracts are expected to be sent out this week.

Provided there are no hiccups in negotiations, the fight is likely to take place in Las Vegas on either December 1 or December 8.

The two rivals came face-to-face in

Japan earlier this month, where talk of a possible rematch first gathered pace.

"I'm coming back to fight Manny Pacquiao this year," said Mayweather. "Another nine-figure payday on the way."

Pacquiao, when quizzed on the potential rematch, said recently: "Mayweather? If he decides to go back to boxing then that is the time we are going to call the shots."

"I have the (WBA 'regular' welterweight) belt, so it's up to him. If he wants to come back in boxing, let's do a second one."

Won

Mayweather won all 50 of his professional fights, picking up world titles in five weight classes and becoming the richest fighter in the sport's history.

Pacquiao, meanwhile, has triumphed in a record eight divisions but was beaten by Mayweather amid complaints of a shoulder injury.

Daily Mail



FOCUSED: Lewis Hamilton.

Hamilton won't get carried away after extending lead

SINGAPORE - Although his lead in Drivers' Championship is up to 40 points, Lewis Hamilton says he won't change his approach nor get ahead of himself in the title fight.

Hamilton put in a flawless drive at the Singapore Grand Prix on Sunday night, controlling the race from the first lap to the last.

Securing his fourth race win in five grands prix, the Mercedes leads the race for this year's World title by 40 points ahead of Sebastian Vettel.

He, however, says Mercedes need to keep pushing as Ferrari still have pace.

"We're really just taking it one race at a time knowing that Ferrari have had quite good pace the last few races," Hamilton

said.

"Of course it feels great but I've been here a long, long time so I know I can't get ahead of myself, we can't get ahead of ourselves."

"We have to continue to remain humble and just keep working as hard as we can."

Available

"Still lots of points are available but with this performance and with this focus that we have as a team I truly believe that we can deliver impactful weekends like this for the rest of the season."

"The approach I have is working really well so I don't see the point in changing, you just need to keep getting better and better."

Sport 24

Tiger's Ryder Cup return to cap amazing comeback season

WASHINGTON - Playing in the Ryder Cup will be the culmination of an amazing comeback season for Tiger Woods, one the 14-time major champion feared might never happen after back surgery.

The 42-year-old American has shown flashes of the form that made him golf's dominant player in younger days in his first campaign after spinal fusion surgery, a last-gasp operation to try and extend his legendary career.

"It was a last-ditch effort," Woods said. "I tried everything else because fusion is the last-ditch effort and nothing beyond that. So didn't know what my playing career would be like. This is all uncharted territory." So far, Woods' performances are steadily improving and the medical charts are showing no back issues after years of nagging problems. Woods has hit drives longer than his youthful days, led the British Open in the final round in July, finished second in last month's PGA Championship and fired a 62 earlier this month, his lowest US PGA opening round since the 1999 Byron Nelson Classic.

And the former world number one achieved his goal of securing a Ryder Cup captain's pick from Jim Furyk, who pulled him from a planned assistant captain's role after

seeing the quality of his game. "Deep down, I wanted to make the team. I really wanted to play on it," Woods said. "I had not started playing golf really yet, but still, it was a goal at the end of the season to make this team."

Traction

"As the year progressed, I gained some traction and was somehow able to get some high finishes and lo and behold, I'm a part of this team. It's incredible, it really is, to look back at the start of the year and to have accomplished a goal like that. To be a player is just beyond special." Woods still hasn't won a major since the 2008 US Open and hasn't won any event in more than five years, but has rediscovered the joy of playing after fears it might never happen again. "It's about enjoying being back," Woods said. "Enjoying being able to play golf again. Competing at this level. All of these things at the beginning of the year were all unknowns. It has been one of my best years as a whole."

"To have a winless year, but to go through what I've gone through - I didn't know if I was ever going to play again, I was just hoping to be able to play with my children and golf with my buddies at home - this has been a blessing."

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MOURINHO'S EURO WOES ADD TO PRESSURE ON MAN UNITED

LONDON - Jose Mourinho is facing an unsettling new reality in the Champions League as Manchester United launch their campaign at Young Boys of Bern today.

Mourinho was once the Champions League's pre-eminent force, winning the tournament twice and making the latter stages virtually every year.

But it is four years since the Portuguese coach last managed a victory in the knockout stages of Europe's elite club competition.

In that time, the 55-year-old has been surpassed by Liverpool's Jurgen Klopp, Atletico Madrid's Diego Simeone and former Real Madrid boss Zinedine Zidane as the tournament's most innovative and successful coaches.

In Mourinho's past 10 knockout games with United and Chelsea in the Champions League he has just

two wins and five draws -- his last away victory in the knockout stages came at United's expense in 2013 when he was still at Real Madrid.

Mourinho's decline as a Champions League force mirrors the fading challenge of United, who reached three finals in four seasons from 2008 but have struggled to make an impact since.

The club are preparing for the match against the Swiss champions in Bern after an unsettling start to the season but might feel they have turned a corner after a hard-fought 2-1 win against Watford in the Premier League. Mourinho, in an upbeat mood after Saturday's second straight win, will be desperate to erase the memory of United's spineless last-16 exit against Sevilla last season, during which frustrated United fans chanted "attack,

attack, attack" at their own players. The limp defeat was a far cry from the days when free-flowing United sides won two European Cups under Alex Ferguson and regularly reached the sharp end of the tournament.

The desperate message from the stands that night left Mourinho looking a forlorn figure on the same turf where he had

announced his arrival on the Champions League stage with a jubilant touchline jig during Porto's shock win 14 years previously. Back then,

Mourinho had the world at his feet and he would go on to win the competition for the first time as Porto demolished Monaco in the 2004 final.

Mourinho's move to Chelsea launched the 'Special One' brand as he entranced English football with

his brash attitude and a dazzling first flush of success. *AFP*

UNDER PRES-SURE: Jose Mourinho.



Silva steps into De Bruyne breach

MANCHESTER - Pep Guardiola isn't an easy man to please, so the Manchester City manager's assertion that it is "impossible" to be happier with Bernardo Silva is a testament to the Portuguese midfielder's breakthrough in his second season at the Premier League champions.

City's record-breaking campaign last season owed much to the class of Kevin de Bruyne.

But in the Belgian's absence due to a long-term knee injury, the wealth of options on offer to Guardiola is paying off through both Bernardo

and namesake David Silva. Both players had very different struggles despite City's success last season. Bernardo played his part in eliminating City from the Champions League with Monaco in Guardiola's first season in Manchester, but had to be patient after making a 43 million move to the Premier League as the outstanding form of De Bruyne, Silva, Leroy Sane and Raheem Sterling limited his starts.

A year on, De Bruyne's injury has offered him the chance to play regularly as the creative hub of the City midfield and Guardiola was

uncharacteristically gushing after Saturday's 3-0 win over Fulham. "It is almost impossible to be more pleased as a manager with him," said Guardiola.

"He is skinny, small, but he is wow!"

"He deserves to play all the minutes he plays. I don't for-

get the behaviour he had last season when he played a lot but didn't start. I don't forget that behaviour in front of his teammates. He's an example."

After a performance hailed as a "masterpiece" by Guardiola in City's Community Shield win over Chelsea last month, the Catalan claimed his starting line-up

"right now, is Bernardo and 10 players more." *APF*



BREAK-THROUGH Bernardo Silva.

Spotlight on Cr7 as Juve hope to get money's worth

TURIN - No player owns as many Champions League titles as Cristiano Ronaldo but a sixth with Juventus would surely be his best of the lot.

Ronaldo played the lead role in all of those five previous triumphs, from his towering header for Manchester United against Chelsea in 2008 to the tie-clinching, 97th-minute penalty against Juventus last season in the quarters.

In between, there were the 17 goals he scored in every game but one en route to the trophy in 2014, the title-winning penalty against Atletico Madrid in 2016 and the hat-trick against the same opposition, this time in the last four, a year later. He would

also score twice against Juventus in the final.

It was to become the beneficiaries, rather than victims, of these match-winning moments, that Juve seemingly decided last summer the only way to win the

Champions League before Ronaldo retires is to have Ronaldo on your team.

They begin that assault on Wednesday, when the 33-year-old will kick a ball competitively in Spain for the first time since his dizzying 100 million-euro move from Madrid.

AFP



Bale poised for part two at Real without Zidane, Ronaldo

MADRID - If the summer had gone differently, Gareth Bale might have been on a plane to Switzerland on Monday to play for Manchester United against Young Boys.

He could have been readying himself for a Champions League debut at the Allianz Arena for Bayern Munich against Ajax. Or even, as Tottenham fans might have hoped, back at his old club and back to the San Siro, the scene of that spellbinding breakthrough performance in 2010. Spurs never had the financial clout, nor Bale any inclination, to engineer a return to London. He was never much fussed about yem or United either, despite depositing the word "honoured" in Bild, when ed about being linked with the man champions, and despite United ing it clear to Bale's representa-

tives they should be notified if and when he decided to leave.

That scenario never looked more likely than on May 26. Bale was left out of the Champions League final team to face Liverpool, came off the bench to score with an astonishing bicycle kick, and then declared during the celebrations he would be considering his future. "I need to be playing week-in, week-out," Bale said. There were times last season, most notably after he was hauled off at half-time against Paris Saint-Germain, when Bale and Zinedine Zidane were not on speaking terms. Strong form and a consistent run of games towards the end of the campaign saw relations thaw but the snub in Kiev was a final kick in the teeth. *AFP*

NO PUNCHES WERE THROWN AFTER AMAZULU CLASH - PITSO

DURBAN - Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane defended his behaviour after getting into a scuffle with AmaZulu's head of security Nathi Ngwenya at King Zwelithini Stadium on Sunday.

Mosimane tangled with Mtimande after two Sundowns fans were dragged off the pitch in the aftermath of a 3-3 draw between the clubs in Umlazi. Police had to intervene as Mosimane was ushered away by Downs team Manager Peter Ndlovu. 'Jingles' later reappeared at the post-match press conference. According to reports today Mosimane has been charged with assault, with the Brazilians yet to comment on the matter. Asked about the incident, Mosimane said on Sunday: "No, I mean, really. Our two supporters got onto the pitch, so what



NO PUNCHES: Sundowns fans being dragged off the pitch in the aftermath of a 3-3 draw between the clubs in Umlazi.

do you do, you usher them out. You don't drag them like they are criminals, hey. "And they're not even resisting to go out. So this thing of showing off like you can drag some-

body out of the pitch it must end. Just usher them out. "So I'm trying to speak to the guy and I said, 'Take him out properly'. And that guy wants to be on TV so that his fam-

ily can see him on TV, it's unbelievable. "So usher him out because he's not resisting. When he resists then you can try a different story. So I'm trying to help him and 'this is our supporter, let him out'. And I'm ushering him out.

"There's so many times our supporters have been on the pitch and I take them off the pitch myself, so many times. I don't know if you have seen that. Usher them out properly, they are human beings, hey.

"And you must know the emotions, hey. And some of them are little bit drunk and beautiful, and the game is beautiful and there's no problem. "So why does the guy want to be smart? So I resist and I don't believe in that." Mosimane denied punches were thrown in the fracas.



THREATENS: Black Leopards Chairperson David Thidiela.

PSL responds to Leopards boss threatening ref

JOHANNESBURG - The Premier Soccer League (PSL) has responded to allegations made against Black Leopards Chairperson David Thidiela of threatening a match official with violence.

Thidiela, in a leaked audio clip, can be heard threatening referee Victor Hlungwani after Leopards suffered a 1-0 loss to Bloemfontein Celtic at the Peter Mokaba Stadium on Sunday.

"The National Soccer League (NSL) has become aware of the alleged utterances which appear to have been made by David Thidiela," a statement read. "The league distances itself from any comment or utterance such as that which has been reported. Black Leopards is a member of the league, and both the club and Mr Thidiela are bound by the NSL Handbook.

"If the reported utterances are true, this would contravene the League Code of Ethics. Mr Thidiela has been afforded an opportunity to respond to this matter and provide such information as may be relevant."

The PSL confirmed that the matter would be heard before the Executive Committee and Board of Governors at a meeting called for tomorrow. The Black Leopards boss in the audio can be heard making threats of violence and tribalist utterances against the referee. *Sport24*

'Tembo has given players confidence'

PRETORIA - SuperSport United striker Bradley Grobler says head coach Kaitano Tembo deserves credit for his man-management skills, as players are now enjoying football again under his tutelage.

Tembo took over as caretaker coach when Matsatsantsa parted ways with Eric Tinkler at the start of March and has since been given the role on a full-time basis. The former Zimbabwean international has guided the team to the MTN8 final, giving themselves an opportunity to regain what they won last year with Tinkler at the helm.

In the ABSA Premiership, SuperSport are currently in fourth posi-

tion with three wins after five matches.

"We've got to give credit to coach Kaitano," Grobler said. "He came in at a very difficult stage last season and he did exceptionally well. And we've started the season well and the morale and everything in the team just seems so good. Players look happy again and the results are showing. "It's the things that people from the outside don't really see. Players are excited to go to training again. We've got to give him credit for player management, tactics, [and the] training sessions have been very good. Football is all about confidence and he has brought that confidence back in players.

'Micho' impressed with Pule adaptation at Orlando Pirates

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates coach Milutin Sredojevic is impressed with the contribution of attacking midfielder Vincent Pule at the Soweto giants.

Pule, who has played every game for Bucs this season since joining from Bidvest Wits, scored his second goal for the club in a 3-1 win over SuperSport United at Orlando Stadium on Saturday. The 26-year-old is also enjoying international recognition, having made his Bafana Bafana debut in the goalless draw with Libya in a 2019 AFCON qualifier in Durban 10 days ago. "All the players that came, they really added value to the team," Sredojevic said after a second successive win for his charges on the weekend. "However, we could not immediately put all of them in. Now all the new players, all of us we know each other.

"He [Pule] has really fitted well into the system. He is doing very well and I believe that calling him into the national team is a real merit, he deserves it. "In the same moment, I want this to be an injection of motivation because all our players, they have unbelievable room for improvement and space for development.

"And that's what motivates us as a technical team because we believe that our players are working very hard, day by day to be better human beings, to be better players and this is what is the driving force."

Pirates, in third place on the table with 10 points from six matches, next entertain Cape Town City today.

IMPRESSIVE: Attacking midfielder Vincent Pule.



BRIEFS

Duo in Egypt for trials

JOHANNESBURG - Former Bloemfontein Celtic midfielder Innocent Nemukondeni and ex-Kaizer Chiefs man Philani Cele left the country on Monday to go for trials at Egyptian side Petrojet. Nemukondeni is a free agent after parting ways with Celtic in April, while Cele recently left National First Division outfit Richards Bay FC. Both midfielders will have a one-week assessment in North Africa, according to a source. "Innocent and Philani are both off to Egypt for trials with Petrojet," said the source.

'Referee deserves man of the match'

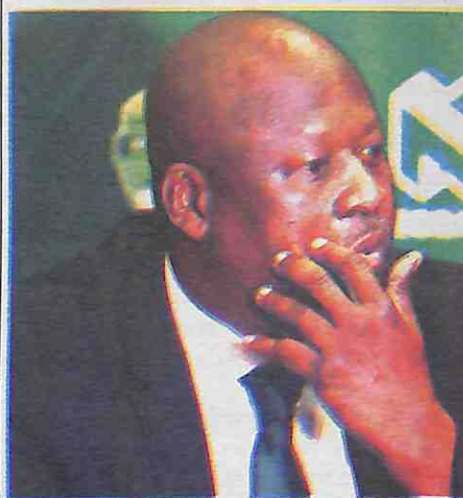
JOHANNESBURG - Lamontville Golden Arrows coach Clinton Larsen was left disillusioned by referee Olani Kwindi at weekend and sarcastically suggested that the official should have been handed the man of the match award after his team's ABSA Premiership defeat away at Highlands Park on Sunday. Larsen called for better officiating when his Arrows host Mamelodi Sundowns today. Arrows went down 2-1 against the Lions of the North in Tembisa with Larsen slamming the decision to award a penalty, which led to the opening goal for Highlands.

Sowetanlive

DNA result an own goal for Mangena

JOHANNESBURG - The much-awaited DNA results involving retired footballer Mike "Sporo" Mangena have revealed that his nyatsi didn't book him for a foul he didn't commit. Sunday World can reveal that the paternity tests have revealed that Mangena, 60, pictured, sired a child with the 23-year-old woman he has been bonking behind his wife's back.

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Sundowns set to trim large squad

PRETORIA - Phakaaathi has found that among those players could be Siyabonga Zulu and Lucky Mohomi who have not been getting game time. Mamelodi Sundowns will shed a few more players in January, sources have claimed. "There are a few players who will be released. Some of them were kept only because they were registered for CAF Champions League and are no longer needed," said a source. Phakaaathi has found that among those players could be Siyabonga Zulu and Lucky Mohomi who have not been getting game time.

Citizen

FIFA CHIEF HAS DOUBTS ABOUT LIGA PLANS FOR US FIXTURE

ZURICH - FIFA President Gianni Infantino has expressed doubts about La Liga's plan to host Girona's home game against Barcelona in the United States.

The Spanish league wants the fixture to be played in Miami on January 26, 2019, but the president of soccer's world governing body is not keen on the idea.

"I think I would prefer to see a great MLS game in the US rather than La Liga being in the US," Infantino said in a statement provided by FIFA to ESPN on Monday. "In football, the gen-



eral principle is that you play a 'home' match at 'home', and not in a foreign country."

La Liga have asked the Spanish federation to approve the game being held overseas, while US Soccer, FIFA, UEFA and CONCACAF, which represents North and Central America and the

Caribbean, must also agree for plans to go ahead.

FIFA told ESPN it had not yet been officially asked to give its consent for the game to be held in the US.

La Liga President Javier Tebas responded on Twitter to Infantino's disapproving comments.

"I will remind the president of FIFA that in the MLS, three teams from Canada play and Toronto FC are the current champions, and in Canada there is a professional league," wrote Tebas.

Reuters



CONTROLS: Linda Maserame Motlhalo of South Africa during the COSAFA Women's Championship match between South Africa and Malawi at Wolfson Stadium on Monday in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Arsenal Chief Executive Gazidis joins AC Milan

LONDON - Arsenal Chief Executive Ivan Gazidis is to leave the club to take up a similar post at Italian giants AC Milan, the Premier League club announced yesterday.

Speculation that Gazidis - who oversaw Unai Emery's appointment to replace Arsene Wenger in May - will depart for Italy has been rife for some time.

Now the move has been confirmed, with Raul Sanllehi, currently Head of Football Relations at the Emirates Stadium, to become head of football when Gazidis heads to Milan.

Arsenal's Chief Commercial Officer Vinai Venkatesham will take over the role of managing director at the same point.

Gazidis, 54, has reportedly been offered £3.6 million (\$4.7 million) a year - a £1 million increase in his present salary - and an equity stake in the AC Milan by the American owners Elliott Management, who took over in July. Gazidis, who will leave Arsenal by the end of October, has worked for the Gunners since 2009 and has been behind a radical change in management structure at the Emirates.

He played a major part in introducing roles such as Sanllehi's, as well as that of head of recruitment - a post held by Sven Mislintat.

Those appointments wrestled some power away from Wenger, whose 22-year tenure came to a close at the end of last season. Gazidis wrote a lengthy message to Arsenal supporters, in which he described his impending move as the "hardest decision of my life".

There have been significant changes behind the scenes at Arsenal in recent months, with majority shareholder Stan Kroenke last month launching a bid to take over all control of the club through his company Kroenke Sports and Entertainment (KSE).

AFP



GREENER PASTURES: Arsenal Chief Executive Ivan Gazidis.

RAMOS SLAMS GRIEZMANN

MADRID - Sergio Ramos lit the blue touch paper for this year's Champions League by taking a swipe at the star player of the team that will host the final next June.

Ramos went for Atletico Madrid's Antoine Griezmann in his media conference ahead of tonight's first group game with Roma, suggesting the player was 'ignorant' and hinting that he believed he was lacking respect for other top players.

Ramos was asked: "What do you think about Griezmann saying he now eats at the same table as [Lionel] Messi and [Cristiano] Ronaldo?" He replied with a Spanish refrain: "Ignorance is always bold." Before adding: "When I hear this kid talking I think about Totti, Buffon, Iker Casillas, Raul, Andres Iniesta and Xavi who have homes full of trophies but never won a Balon

...after Atletico Madrid star insists he is level with Messi and Ronaldo

D'Or." Atletico Madrid host the final of this season's Champions League and Ramos also grinned: "Playing the final at the Wanda Metropolitano is always going to give us a bit of extra motivation." Griezmann has been vocal in his criticism of the recent list of candidates for the FIFA The Best awards. He was absent from the final three with Cristiano Ronaldo, Luka Modric and Mohamed Salah all contesting the prize. In an interview with Diario AS this week he said: "It's a FIFA prize and it is a shame that no World Cup winner is nominated. 'I think the Balon d'Or carries more prestige and more history. 'I have it in my head and there are three months for me to give everything [to win it]."

Daily Mail

SPAIN TAXMAN DROPS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST RODRIGUEZ

MADRID - Spain's taxman has dropped accusations that Colombia's James Rodriguez evaded millions of euros in taxes when he played at Real Madrid, the El Mundo daily reported yesterday.

The newspaper revealed in July that tax authorities accused the Bayern Munich midfielder of having evaded 6.35 million euros (\$7.4 million) in taxes and would have

to pay that amount plus a fine and interests for a total of 11.65 million euros.

They reportedly said James was transferred to Real Madrid from Monaco for 80 million euros mid-2014, but that he registered as a non-resident that year and should have registered as a resident.

But the 27-year-old's lawyers, according to El Mundo, submitted new documents that saw tax author-

ities drop their accusations.

They are still demanding he pay four million euros for "a technical difference in criteria" in his tax return.

Tax authorities refused to confirm the information when contacted by AFP. A lot of players have fallen foul of Spanish tax authorities in recent years. Some have reached deals, like Cristiano Ronaldo, who accepted to pay 18.8 million euros

and receive a two-year jail sentence he won't have to serve.

Spanish tax authorities eventually reduced the amount he had to pay to 16.7 million euros, El Mundo reported. FC Barcelona's star Lionel Messi, though, went to court where he was fined 2.1 million euros for tax fraud and given 21 months in jail, which was subsequently converted into another fine.

AFP

Wilshere faces spell on sidelines after ankle surgery

LONDON - West Ham midfielder Jack Wilshere is facing a spell on the sidelines after undergoing ankle surgery, the Premier League club have announced.

Wilshere, 26, had an operation on

Monday after missing Sunday's 3-1 Premier League win at Everton because of his injury.

Reports said the former Arsenal player and England international could be out of action for up to six weeks.

The club's Head of Medical Richard Collinge said the procedure went well.

"Jack underwent successful surgery in London on Monday morning for a minor ongoing ankle issue," Collinge said in a statement on the

club's official website.

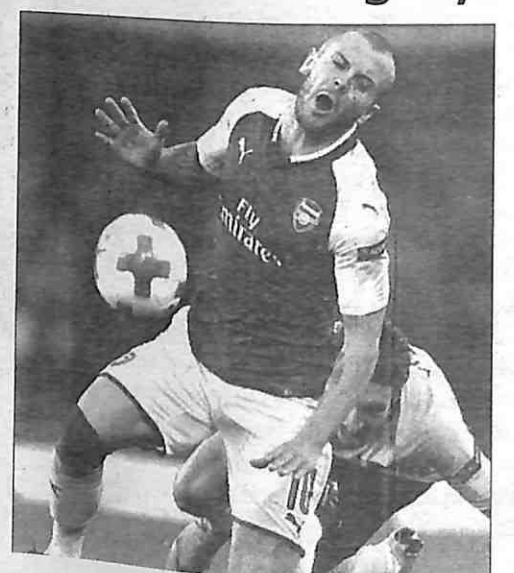
"The surgeon was happy with the procedure and all went as planned.

"We envisage he will only need a relatively short period of rest and will then start his rehabilitation.

Jack is focused and determined to get back training and playing as soon as possible."

AFP

SIDELINED: West Ham midfielder Jack Wilshere.



EVER CONTROVERSIAL MARADONA MAKES WINNING DEBUT IN MEXICO

MEXICO - Controversial and combative as ever, Diego Maradona made his Mexican coaching debut on Monday with a 4-1 win for his new club, the second-division side Dorados.

It could hardly have been otherwise in the country that saw the Argentine legend score his infamous 'hand of God' goal as he led his country to the 1986 World Cup title.

Alternately grinning and defensive, Maradona thumbed his nose at his critics after Ecuadorian forward Vinicio Angulo scored a hat-trick to give Dorados the win over Cafetaleros of Tapachula.

"Some people said Maradona's useless."

There were a lot of stupid people going on television to fill up the time," Maradona told a packed post-match press conference in Culiacan, Sinaloa, his new club's home base.

"I hope they'll come to the pitch now and look at my record and see what we're actually doing, see that I know how to do this."

Maradona, 57, vowed it was just the beginning for the struggling club, who leapt from 13th place in their 15-team



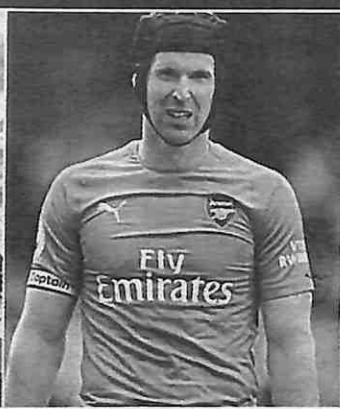
CELEBRATION: Argentine legend Diego Maradona (2-r) celebrates with his players during his first match as coach of Mexican second-division club Dorados, against Cafetaleros, at the Banorte stadium in Culiacan, Sinaloa State, Mexico.

league to 10th with the win over last-place Cafetaleros.

But not all Dorados fans are convinced. Maradona arrived to a hero's welcome last week, but has also been the butt of more than a few jokes about why someone who has battled publicly with drug addiction might take a job in the heart of Mexican drug cartel country.

"I'm not expecting much. Maradona has never shown himself to be a good coach. I think there are better coaches than him in Mexico," said Kevin Juarez, a 26-year-old fan, ahead of the match. "The one good thing is that Maradona's arrival has drawn the world's attention to Dorados," he told AFP.

AFP



CECH YOU OUT: Arsenal goalkeeper swaps glamour of Premier League for linesman duties in Sunday League girls match.

AmaZulu feel brunt in PSL's disciplinary double standards

JOHANNESBURG - Double standards that have emerged in the PSL's handling of disciplinary matters escalated headlong to new heights last week with the severe sentencing of AmaZulu over crowd misbehaviour at their game against Mamelodi Sundowns at the King Zwelithini Stadium.

It can be argued, the fine of R640 000, with R320 000 suspended, heaped on the KwaZulu-Natal club is in accordance with a refreshing tough line in dealing with crowd violence.

But taken in conjunction with the fine of R250 000, with R200 000 suspended, meted out to Kaizer Chiefs for a similar offence by their supporters, makes AmaZulu's indignation regarding the discrepancies in sentencing quite understandable.

In a nutshell, what the diverse PSL disciplinary decisions entails is for AmaZulu to immediately pay an amount of R320 000 in comparison with the relatively modest R50 000 that was required by Chiefs.

In addition, when Chiefs pleaded guilty to a second outbreak of

violence by their supporters at the Nedbank Cup semi-final against Free State Stars at the Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban and sentenced to play two games behind closed doors, the previous R200 000 fine was benevolently not implemented on the lame basis that the PSL itself was in charge of security at the Moses Mabhida Stadium - even though the prime indictment again concerned violence that, in this instance, reached some of the most serious to manifest itself in South African soccer in recent years.

A security guard was critically beaten at the Durban game, at least 14 others badly injured, with damage to the stadium and TV equipment running into millions.

In the circumstances, it came as no surprise on Monday when AmaZulu spokesperson Brilliant Mkhathini confirmed the club intend taking the matter of their fine on appeal.

But more disturbing, perhaps, is the overall trend of the PSL hierarchy favouring some clubs over others with whom they have a close allegiance.

Sport24

Frank Lampard fined £2 000 but avoids touchline ban

LONDON - Derby boss Frank Lampard has been fined £2 000 after accepting a Football Association misconduct charge.

The 40-year-old was sent to the stands in Saturday's 1-0 defeat at Rotherham after arguing with the officials in the 77th minute. Lampard was protesting against a handball decision at the New York Stadium having already seen Tom Lawrence sent off and a penalty awarded against the Rams.

He has avoided a touchline ban so was in the dugout for the visit of Blackburn yesterday. "I need to go back to the rulebook myself because I do not want to be leaving the game," Lampard said after the match. "I was upset with a handball. If those are the rules, managers will get sent off every game."



COMPLAINS: Frank Lampard complains to the assistant referee during Derby County's defeat at Rotherham United.

"I like communication with officials but there was none of that. It wasn't a penalty. They got a soft one but we didn't get one." *Daily Mail*

Di Francesco denies racist insults provoked Costa spitting

TURIN - Sassuolo winger Federico Di Francesco yesterday rubbished claims that he provoked Juventus forward Douglas Costa with racist insults which resulted in the Brazilian spitting in his face.

Costa was sent off for aiming an elbow and headbutt before spitting in the face of Di Francesco, the son of Roma coach Eusebio, in Sunday's game the cham-

pions won 2-1 in Turin thanks to Cristiano Ronaldo's first goals for the club.

Costa, 28, later posted an apology to his teammates and fans on his Instagram account, although he replied to one comment by saying that people did not know what Di Francesco had said to him. "You don't know what he said to me. But no big deal... I say sorry to all those who I have to say it to, because I did

wrong," Costa wrote.

And amid the speculation, 24-year-old Di Francesco hit back at suggestions he had aimed racist insults at his rival. "I'm deeply troubled by the allegations and inventions that have appeared in some national media outlets," Di Francesco said on Sassuolo's Twitter account.

AFP



THE GREATEST: Cristiano Ronaldo.

Why Cristiano one of the greatest of all time

LONDON - Juventus superstar Cristiano Ronaldo is 'one of the greatest footballers who's ever lived' according to his former Real Madrid teammate Mesut Ozil.

Ozil, 29, played alongside the five-time Ballon d'Or winner during 2010-2013 in a fearsome attack under the guidance of Manager Jose Mourinho.

And in a personal article written on Arsenal's official website, he paid homage to the Juventus club record signing, who opened up his Serie A account against Sassuolo over the weekend.

"People always ask me about what it was like to play with Cristiano Ronaldo and all I can say is that I've never seen a person like him," Ozil wrote.

"He works really hard and is

the first guy to get into the training ground, then the last one to leave. He's very professional and always wants to win, even in the training games.

"Of course I was looking at what he was doing, even something as simple as just looking at his shooting technique," the Germany international added.

"I really enjoyed playing with him because he made me better on the pitch and he's a great guy off it, too. I gave him loads of assists and he doesn't need me to remind him of that!"

"It was easy to play with him because you didn't need to create a lot of chances. Even if I just gave him two passes, he would score two goals and that's why he's one of the greatest footballers who's ever lived." *Kick-Off*

BASOP I-KAPPA KAPPA ON WEDNESDAY

Unity is Strength



From the chairman's desk

MANZINI Sundowns Football Club Chairman Mark Carmichael welcomes everyone into the new season.

The chairman wishes to thank our main sponsors MTN for an improved package compared to last season. This is the tonic the PLE needed to improve performance and probably soar above the 14th position in Africa.

The chairman further congratulates Peter 'Touch' Magagula for his appointment into the PLE Chairmanship position.

The man's experience within the PLE executive is a tangible testimony of his experience. The chairman is looking forward to the new season and wishes all stakeholders the best of luck.

IT IS A NEW SEASON - FRESH AMBITIONS

THE 2018/19 MTN Premier League season has begun; obviously with fresh ambitions and aspirations amongst clubs both in the elite league and first division of the Premier League of Eswatini (PLE).

Mandates have been given to coaches and players, and when one follows

closely, everybody looks for a top four finish!

Impossible

Other clubs are looking at dethroning the defending champions. It is, however, neither practically impossible to have all 14 teams attaining a top four conclusion, nor having more than

one champion at the end of the season. It is these diverse dynamics that make football the beautiful game, and the mutually exclusive dreams that brings healthy competition. We have observed a vastly improved package from MTN which complicates the mix of things in a perfect way!

THE CREW MEMBERS

THE chairman announced the appointment of the following dedicated and devoted individuals at the beginning of the season to lead Sundowns for the 2018/19 season:

Head Coach: Darlington Dodo (Zimbabwe)

Assistant Coach: Mduduzi 'Nyama' Shongwe

Goalkeeper Coach: Njabuliso Simelane

Manager: Thabo Zinhe Mlambo

General Manager: Bongani 'Ntjiri'

Ntshalintshali

The 47-year-old Dodo is a holder of a CAF A Licence and has vast national and international coaching experience. Born in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, he won the 2009 Premier Soccer League title with Gunners Football Club in Zimbabwe. He also had successful spells outside the Zimbabwean borders; where he coached Botswana giants Township Rollers, which he also led to a league triumph in the 2012/13 season. He

is not new to challenges and has taken the Manzini Sundowns project with vigour. The chairman correctly put it that he is the right candidate for the job because he is knowledgeable, qualified and experienced.



Supporters membership cards

MEMBERSHIP Cards for supporters have been finalised.

The National Supporters Committee (NSC) Chairman Wandile Nxumalo circulated the first draft within the supporters WhatsApp group for feedback.

The final draft should be finalised within the month. The cards will cost E100 each

and the team aims at raising at least E100 000 for the club from proceeds of sales to at least 1 000 supporters during the month of October.

Supporters are requested to support this initiative by buying the cards. Call Wandile at 7618 3421 for more information.

Sea Birds on the radar

A mini-derby is on the cards tomorrow at Mavuso Sports Centre where Manzini Sundowns Football Club visit Manzini Sea Birds Football Club.

The clash billed for 1830hrs will

precede a Moneni Pirates battle against Green Mamba. Supporters are urged to cram Mavuso. All these teams play a magnificent brand of football. The football entertainment is expected to satiate the football hunger that has

ravaged the kingdom since the league could not commence in the normal early August kick-off month.

Supporters should bring E40 entrance fee. Sundowns shall be seated at their usual position, right of the Royal Box,

Main Grand Stand. Our hopes are pinned in the battalion of youngsters.

We rely on the resurgence of Vusumuzi 'Spoko' Mashaba and on the defensive fortress led

by Calvin Kingu Pemba, and the stealth added by Phumlani 'Fire' Dlamini, who is expected to make his full debut.

Sundowns Shall Never Lose... BASOP!



GOOD START

MANZINI Sundowns Football Club began this year's campaign against Tambuti Football Club at Nsukuwansuku Stadium in Mhlume.

The game, played under blistering weather conditions; which necessitated a water break was an interesting encounter. It finally ended in a nil draw and was generally a good start for Sundowns; with one point in an away encounter. We take this time to congratulate the coaches and players for the achieve-

ment. The first game is almost always the most difficult. It does however serve as a barometer for the future. The future looks bright judging from that performance.

The team was impressed with the supporters who travelled to witness this encounter. Well done! We also had glimpses of brilliance from the new players. Sibonginkosi Dlamini played a starring role, Reagan Kangumbu showed lots of football intelligence and Fundo Mathabela was a marvel in the few minutes that he played. Indeed, the future looks bright.



MTN Premier League 2018/19

PREVIEWS

'WESLIANS' LOOKING TO BOUNCE BACK AGAINST MATSAPHA

Compiled by Sibusiso Dlamini

Matsapha United vs Manzini Wanderers
Mhlume Stadium; 8:30pm

SOCER – SEASONED mentor Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe is a fine coach and to be honest he has in-fact worked hard to keep hub-giants Manzini Wanderers a top-six team in the elite league.

Albeit the fact that Communication giants Eswatini Mobile has pumped in money to the team, Manzini Wanderers' backroom squabble is in turn affecting the team's performance as players had boycotted training for the past two weeks, only for them to be paid only a day before their opening league encounter against Correctional service side Green Mamba – which they eventually lost by a solitary 77th minute Musa Dlamini strike. The team is

arguably without their most influential player last season in hard-working Nigerian forward Kola Aladeon, and yet they didn't beef up their squad with equally good players. They signed t Sifiso 'Tjovitjo' Maseko, Mthobisi 'Mkhelele' Mdluli, Danile Atokarh, and Bruce Seyama among others.

Quality

The team lacks competing quality players and the 'Crooks' - led technical bench only has to work with what they have in their disposal which unfortunately lacks the depth, experience less of all motivation. Mike Dombo, 'Shana' Sicelo 'Junior' Simelane, and Sifiso 'Tjovitjo' Maseko are good players – but they will not help the team because individuals don't win you games, a hard-working team does.

There isn't much to say about Matsapha United because they are a completely new side which we haven't even seen in action since their opening league match against Young Buffaloes was cancelled last week. The team will obviously also be looking to capitalise on the fact that

they will be on their own backyard and the fact that Manzini Wanderers are also still far from being well-prepared. They also have a good mentor in Enerst Mavuso who is familiar with the elite league. Another loss for the 'Weslians' would infuriate the fans to the core and on the other side it would be the perfect start for their Lubombo-based opponents. Kick-off is 8:30pm.

Matsapha United

Coach: Enerst Mavuso

Key Players: Sifiso Dlamini; Mancoba Zwane, Nkosilenhle Dlamini

Manzini Wanderers

Coach: Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe

Key Players: Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya, Sifiso Maseko, Mike Dombo



Can Tambuti take advantage of newly-assembled 'Citizens'?

Tambuti vs Mbabane Citizens
Mhlume Stadium; 6:30pm

TAMBUTI are now under the tutelage of Malian-mentor Alou Badara who returns from a rather disappointing stint with capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders.

The green and white ensemble managed to barely escape the relegation chop last season and will have to hit the ground running this time if they want to at-least make it into the top eight or six bracket.

They have an immense talent pool at their disposal in the likes of gifted Captain Mpendulo Ngidi, winger Simanga Mdluli

and hard-working midfielder Gabriel Goshen.

They proved this in the opening match against Manzini Sundowns but, however, they failed to get all three points as they eventually settled for a goal-less stalemate.

Citizens on the other hand had a rather 'controversial'-filled opening encounter as they had only registered eight players, but then the team countered the move as they revealed seven new signings on Monday which include South African-native Craig Abrahams, Mwapa Mponda and former Manzini Wanderers left-back Ayanda Kunene. Kickoff is 6:30pm.

Leopard all out to maintain perfect start against Vovovo

Royal Leopard vs Vovovo
Somhlolo National Stadium; 6:30pm

POLICE side Royal Leopard are currently on the summit of the log standings after thrashing Malanti Chiefs 4-0 in the opening match, with Lungelo Tsabedze netting a hat-trick.

It couldn't have been a more perfect start for former Vovovo mentor Edwin Matsebula.

The police side have made it known that they want this season to become their revival season which is why they have made sweep-

ing changes in the management and have also been quite active in the transfer market.

The team has also signed a good striker in lanky goal-poacher Melusi Mkhwanazi from Manzini Sundowns.

Their opponents, on the other hand, have been quiet in the transfer window and were lucky to get a draw against a wasteful Manzini Sea Birds in the opening encounter. The Bongumusa

'Giggs' Mdluli-led charges played to a 1-all stalemate against Sea Birds in

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Swallows	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Green Mamba	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Sea Birds	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Vovovo	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Tambuti	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sundowns	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Matsapha	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buffaloes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pirates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Citizens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wanderers	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Highlanders	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
Malanti	1	0	0	1	0	0	-4	0

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● Talks have stalled between Raheem Sterling and Manchester City over a new contract for the 23-year-old England winger, with his current deal to expire in the summer of 2020. (Guardian)



● Crystal Palace have complained to the Premier League over treatment received by their 25-year-old Ivory Coast forward Wilfried Zaha. (Telegraph)

● Roma Sporting Director Monchi says the club was forced to sell Egypt forward Mohamed Salah, 26, to Liverpool because of financial fair play rules. (El Mundo - in Spanish)

● Manchester City Manager Pep Guardiola has urged Algerian winger Riyad Mahrez, 27, to follow Portuguese 24-year-old team-mate Bernardo Silva's example. (Express)

● Former Manchester United defender Rio Ferdinand says Red Devils Manager Jose Mourinho still doesn't 'trust' 20-year-old England striker Marcus Rashford. (Mirror)



● Arsenal Chief Executive Ivan Gazidis is going to leave the Gunners for Serie A side AC Milan after being offered a £1m pay rise. (Mail)

● Former Tottenham and England defender Steven Caulker, 26, could be set to join Ukrainian side Arsenal Kiev after being offered a deal by their coach Fabrizio Ravanelli, the ex-Middlesbrough striker. (Mirror)

● Ex-Arsenal striker Ian Wright says Tottenham's Hotspur's 2-1 home loss to Liverpool on Saturday was their 'worst performance' under Manager Mauricio Pochettino. (Sun)

● Former Chelsea defender John Terry, 37, is still undecided as to whether he will play on after rejecting Russian club Spartak Moscow. Aston Villa have expressed interest in re-signing the defender. (Birmingham Mail)

● Palace have brought in Roy Hodgson's trusted talent-spotter Barry Simmonds, who was with him at Fulham and played a key role in spotting Mousa Dembele, Chris Smalling and Zoltan Gera. (Mail)

● Defender Jonjo Kenny, 21, has called for Everton fans and players to pull together in support of Manager Marco Silva after a disappointing first defeat of the season against West Ham at the weekend. (Liverpool Echo)



● Chelsea's Eden Hazard, 27, would be capable of scoring 40 goals this season - if he was playing for Liverpool or Manchester City, former England international Stuart Pearce says. (Talksport)

IMBUBE MARATHON REGISTRATION EXTENDED

By Sibusiso Dlamini

ATHLETICS – REGISTRATION for the upcoming Imbube Marathon has been extended to this Saturday.

This was announced by Eswatini National Provident Fund (ENPF) Communications Officer Mlungisi Dlamini yesterday.

Dlamini said they noticed the huge interest amongst the public as they were flooded with registration forms on Monday which then forced them to extend the deadline.

"We would like to thank the public for the interest in the race. Initially, our deadline was last week Saturday, but then we decided to extend it because of the number of people who still wanted to come through.

"On Monday alone, we received 674 registration forms and also phone-calls from people who wanted to know what they should do to be part of the action. We host this race for the people, so we had to acknowledge them and extend the registration to this coming Saturday," said Dlamini. He added that registration points would be in place on Saturday at Manzini, Mbabane and Ezulwini. "We will have registration points on deadline day in Manzini, Ezulwini and Mbabane. In Manzini, we will be at the Bhunu Mall, at Ezulwini we will be at The Gables while we will be at the Swazi Plaza and Corporate Place in the capital city," he said. The race attracts thousands annually as it recorded 2 500 athletes in the first edition, and then the number was increased last year as the race recorded 3 300 athletes.

ANNOUNCES: ENPF Communications Officer Mlungisi Dlamini.



Two local officials for COSATA Championships

By Sibusiso Masilela

TAEKWONDO – TWO local taekwondo officials Zakhele Dlamini and Bongani Nxumalo will officiate during the upcoming COSATA Championships to be hosted by Botswana next month.

The World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) has recognised the pair and selected them into the refereeing panel to officiate at the regional championships to feature over 10 SADC countries.

The games will be held at the Gaborone Trade Ground on October 27.

Swaziland Taekwondo Association President Zakhele Dlamini confirmed the developments when sought for comment yesterday.

"It is true that two of our officials will officiate during the games as each country is expected to have two representatives in the referees' panel. We are still waiting for other logistics of the competition while the team is also working hard at training.

"We are also confident the team would make the country proud during the championships, something that would help the country improve in the international scenes," he said.

One of the country's top officials Sizwe Mabuza is currently in South Korea attending a master's course.

The taekwondo national team recently competed in the Kukkiwon Cup and the Tshwane Open, which were held in Kenya and South Africa, respectively.

Dixies International League title race wide open

By Sibusiso Masilela

POOL – HIGH flying rookies Garrison are refusing to surrender in the E20 000 Dixies International League as they are still fighting for the title with current log leaders Way Inn.

The army side has piled more pressure on their title rivals Way Inn, who are still sitting at the top of the log with 52 points following their 16-9 win over Nicks over the past weekend. The win took Garrison to 51 points with only one game before the curtain falls in the inaugural championship bankrolled by the branding company. Other weekend results saw fifth placed Bhunya surge towards the top four following their 14-11 victory over Figaredo Five while fallen giants Macembe recorded a 16-9 win over the inconsistent Correctional.

WEEKEND RESULTS:

Nicks	9-16	Garrison
Figaredo Five	11-14	Bhunya
Macembe	16-9	Correctional

DIXIES INTERNATIONAL E20 000 LOG STANDINGS:

	P	W	L	FF	FA	FD	PTS
Way Inn	17	15	2	267	164	103	52
Garrison	17	14	3	265	160	105	51
Figaredo	16	11	5	217	173	44	41
Bhunya	17	10	7	231	194	37	38
Manikayane	16	11	5	197	194	3	37
Figas	17	5	12	202	223	-21	26
Correctional	18	4	14	208	242	-34	25
Anka Eagles	18	7	11	154	296	-142	25
Macembe	17	5	12	189	236	-47	24
Nicks	17	4	13	178	249	-71	20



REP CLOSE IN ON CORRECTIONAL

By Jongile Xuba

VOLLEYBALL – POLICE side Royal Eswatini Police beat RSSC in the Nedbank Volleyball League to consolidate their second position on the log over the weekend.

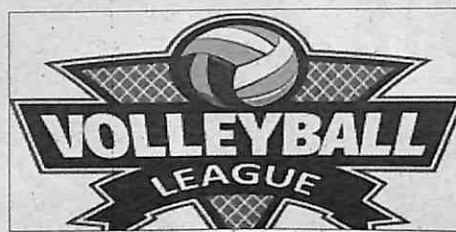
They now have 35 points after 12 games and one point behind leaders Correctional.

Customs are third on the log with 23 points following the weekend games where they won one match and lost one.

UEDF are equal on points with Customs but have played more games, keeping them in the fourth place.

In the ladies division, REP are on top with 32 points after 11 games. Correctional are occupying the second spot with 30 points and have played one game less. Bob Ladies are currently third after their win over RSSC and have 26 points from 12 games. Zakhele complete the top four teams with 22 points after 11 games.

The Nedbank Volleyball League continues this weekend.



NEDBANK VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE LOG TABLES:

MALE							
P	Team	P	W	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	Correctional	12	12	0	36	4	36
2	REP	12	11	1	35	4	35
3	Customs	11	7	4	23	16	23
4	UEDF	13	7	6	23	24	23
5	RSSC	13	5	8	22	26	22
6	Mahanya	13	4	9	17	27	17
7	Ludzeludze	13	2	11	15	35	15
8	Mshinande	13	1	12	12	37	12

LADIES							
P	Team	P	W	L	SF	SA	Pts
1	REP	11	10	1	32	4	32
2	Correctional	10	10	0	30	6	30
3	Bob Ladies	12	7	5	26	17	26
4	Zakhele	11	7	4	22	11	22
5	UEDF	11	2	5	12	22	12
6	Chilly Babes	12	1	11	9	28	9
7	RSSC	11	1	10	5	27	5

'SIKHALI' EYEING JANUARY RETURN

By Sabelo Gwebu

SOCCER – Mbabane Swallows fans and the football loving nation will have to wait a little longer to see Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa in a competitive match.

This is despite that the goal machine is back training fulltime with his Swallows teammates at their Prince of Wales training base. 'Sikhali' is recovering from a head injury suffered over a year ago, in August 2017 to be precise in Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup game against bitter-sworn rivals Mbabane Highlanders.

As a result, a craniotomy surgery was done on the striker at Manzini Clinic, costing Swallows close to E400 000 in operation fees.

The operation is the most complex and delicate and saw the star spend a few

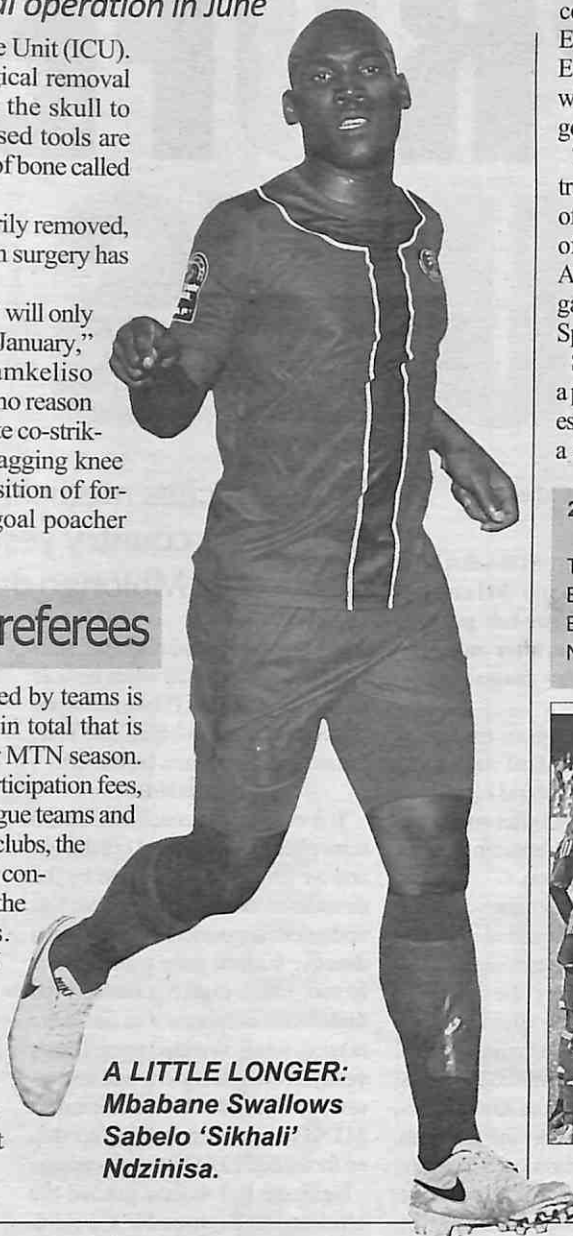
...Though the gangling forward is back training with 'Birds' teammates, six-month precaution taken following final operation in June

weeks in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

A craniotomy is the surgical removal of part of the bone from the skull to expose the brain. Specialised tools are used to remove the section of bone called the bone flap.

The bone flap is temporarily removed, then replaced after the brain surgery has been done.

"As a precaution, 'Sikhali' will only return to the field of play in January," said Swallows doctor Samkeliso Mdluli. It will seem, there is no reason to rush 'Sikhali' back despite co-striker Sandile Hlatshwako's nagging knee injury following the acquisition of former Manzini Wanderers goal poacher Aladeon Kola.



A LITTLE LONGER:
Mbabane Swallows
Sabelo 'Sikhali'
Ndzinisa.

PLE teams contribute E600 000 for referees

By Sabelo Gwebu

SOCCER – PREMIER League of Eswatini (PLE) teams have contributed E590 000 towards match officials allowances for the 2018/19 MTN League season.

The PLE pays E1 210 per match for allowances which includes E240 each for the four referees and E250 for match commissioner. In essence, a whopping E440 440 is spent on the 'men in black' in the 364 MTN Premier League matches and a further E319 440 channelled for same in the 264 MTN National First Division games.

The E600 000 contributed by teams is nothing to the E759 880 in total that is paid to match officials per MTN season. As teams received their participation fees, E100 000 for Premier League teams and E20 000 for First Division clubs, the PLE deducted the referees' contribution as per the rules of the two MTN competitions. According to the MTN Premier League rules, each club is required to pay E25 000 to cover the allowances of referees and match commissioners while it is E20 000 for the National First Division.

Tambuti sign two foreigners

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – TAMBUTI have completed the signing of two international players in Eric Kampamba (DR Congo) and Qiniso Ndlangamandla (South Africa) ahead of their next MTN Premier League outing against Mbabane

Citizens at Nsukuwansuku Stadium tonight.

The foreign duo has joined the Lubombo based side together with other three players in prodigal son Gabriel Goshen, goalkeeper Mpendulo Dlamini and defender Sanele Mngometulu on loan from Green Mamba and Royal Leopard, respec-

tively.

The team's Public Relations Officer (PRO) Nathie Dlamini confirmed their new signings when reached for comment yesterday.

"It is true we have new faces in the team ahead of our next match against Citizens including



international players.

We are confident these players will add depth and further help the team compete effectively in all competitions in the new season," he said.

Tambuti started the league campaign with a goalless draw against Manzini Sundowns last Saturday at the Nsukuwansuku

Stadium.

The former SwaziBank Cup and SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup semi-finalists recently reunited with their former coach and well-travelled mentor Alou Badara from Mali, who has replaced Zambian gaffer Texan Phiri.

The team recently lost the services of Congolese midfielder Regan Kangumbi and Fabrice Mopina to Manzini Sundowns and an unnamed Mozambican side.

Sihlangu's E500 000 for Egypt trip

By Sabelo Gwebu

SOCCER – IT will cost the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) and arm and a leg to send senior national team Sihlangu to Cairo, Egypt for the Total 2019 AFCON qualifier slated for October 12.

EFA will have to fork out at least E176 091 on flight tickets for a 27 men delegation. A flight on Premium Economy using Alitalia, via Italy costs E17 633 per head while an Economy flight with one stop in Ethiopia can cost as low as E6 067 with First Class on Fly Emirates going up to E50 768.

The Anthony Mdluli-led Sihlangu travel to Cairo for their third match of the qualifiers to face the Pharaohs of Egypt in a match billed for the Al Salam Stadium with the return game four days later at Mavuso Sports Centre.

Sihlangu are third on Group J with a point from the opening two matches and need to collect points against a star-studded Egypt expected to

SIHLANGU REMAINING 2019 AFCON QUALIFIERS

12/10/2018

Al Salam Stadium, Cairo

Egypt vs Sihlangu 7pm

16/10/2018

Mavuso Sports Centre, Manzini

Sihlangu vs Egypt 3pm

16/11/2018

Sihlangu vs Niger

22/03/2018

Tunisia vs Sihlangu

parade English Premier League's Liverpool Mohammed Salah in both ties.

"Information on the next camp in readiness for this particular match are still unavailable but obviously the match is coming up in a few weeks time and the nation will be informed soon," said EFA Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe said.

Sihlangu host bottom loggers Niger on November 16 before travelling to Tunisia, Tunisia for their last match to determine a slot in the AFCON finals to be staged in Cameroon.

2019 AFCON QUALIFIER GROUP J

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Tunisia	2	2	0	0	3	0	3	6
Egypt	1	1	0	1	6	1	5	3
Eswatini	2	0	1	1	0	2	-2	1
Niger	2	0	1	1	0	6	-6	1



EGYPT, HERE WE COME: Sihlangu Semnikati.

Eswatini ready to host SAISMA games this weekend

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SPORTS – IT'S all systems go for the upcoming Southern Africa Inter-Municipal Sports Association (SAISMA) games.

The games are scheduled to kick-off this coming weekend and run until next week Friday.

Manzini Municipality public relations officer Mathokoza Thwala said preparations were now at an advanced

stage.

"Everything is on point and we will be welcoming our colleagues from the region this weekend. Preparations are going smooth and we are now awaiting kick-off. These games present an opportunity for Emaswati to mingle with employees from other municipalities and learn about how they deliver municipal services in their respective towns. The games also present an opportunity for Eswatini

municipalities to share ideas and learn best practices from their International counterparts. It also forms part of municipalities' wellness programmes; wherein employees are encouraged to always exercise and keep fit and healthy," said Thwala.

He further urged members of the public to come in their numbers to watch the games.

"We would like to invite members of the public to come and watch

Eswatini municipal employees locking horns against their SADC counterparts in a number of sporting codes; including soccer, netball, volleyball, darts, table-tennis, pool, golf, fishing, 21km half marathon and many others," he said.

The first match to take place during the official opening of the games will see Manzini Municipality take on South Africa's Buffalo City. This game will be curtain raised by a match

between a combined team of Eswatini councilors and a combined team made up of the visiting municipalities. The official opening will be at Mavuso Sports Centre on Sunday; starting at 1pm. Entrance is free. The prize presentation will take place on Friday (September 28) after the finals.

The games hosted by the Eswatini Inter-municipal Games Association (EIGA) led-by President Vusi Matsebula will also be played in other towns such as Mbabane, Ezulwini and Matsapha. However, most of the games will be played in Manzini.

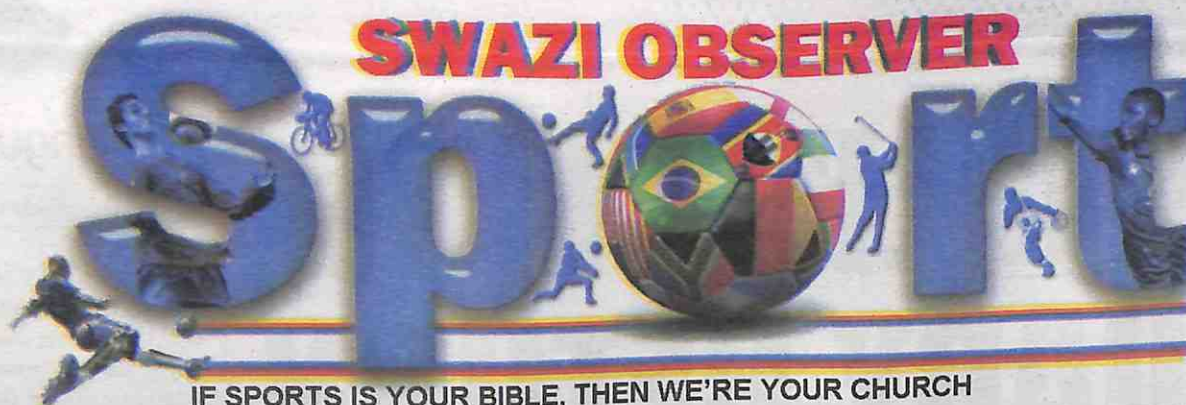
RESULTS

UEFA Champions League

Barcelona	4-0	PSV
Inter	2-1	Tottenham Hotspur
Liverpool	3-2	Paris Saint Germain
Monaco	1-2	Atletico Madrid
Club Brugge	0-1	Borussia Dortmund
Galatasaray	3-0	Lokomotiv Moscow
Schalke 04	1-1	Porto
FK Crvena Zvezda	0-0	Napoli

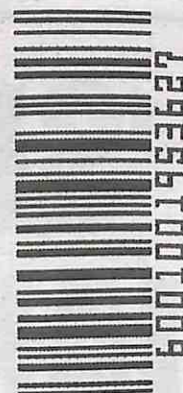
ABSA PREMIERSHIP

Free State Stars	0-2	Kaizer Chiefs
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BULL HOST 'BUFFS' IN SUNDAY'S MTN LEAGUE DOSE

By Sabelo Gwebu

SOCCER – THE intriguing MTN Premier League continues unabated on Sunday.

The Premier League of Eswatini (PLE), through Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Simanga Nhleko, has released the batch of matches to be played across four venues. Mbabane Highlanders host Young Buffaloes at Somhlolo National Stadium with Manzini Wanderers travelling south to Nhlanguano to battle table-toppers Royal Leopard while defending champions Mbabane Swallows will be in Mhlume's Nsukuwansuku Stadium to play newcomers Mbabane Citizens, among interesting pairs.

Elections

The PLE had earlier opted against using this weekend for its matches to give way to the eagerly awaited national elections but since its holiday has been confirmed for Friday, action continues on Sunday. The pending Mhlume Peacemakers, who are trading under Matsapha United status game against Young Buffaloes, will be played next Wednesday at Nsukuwansuku Stadium.

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURE

Sunday

Somhlolo National Stadium		
Manzini Sundowns	vs	Malanti Chiefs 1:30pm
Mb. Highlanders	vs	Young Buffaloes 3:30pm
Nsukuwansuku Stadium		
Tambuti	vs	Matsapha United 1:30pm
Mbabane Citizens	vs	Mbabane Swallows 3:30pm
Tamankulu Stadium		
Manzini Sea Birds	vs	Green Mamba 3pm
King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium		
Moneni Pirates	vs	Vovovo 1:30pm
Royal Leopard	vs	Manzini Wanderers 3:30pm

PENDING WEEK 1 MATCH

Wednesday 26/09/2018

Nsukuwansuku Stadium

Matsapha United	vs	Young Buffaloes 6:30pm
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'PROFESSOR' QUILTS BULL

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – MBABANE Highlanders coach Mlungisi 'Professor' Ngubane has parted ways with the team, after only one match into the new league campaign.

The South African-born mentor is said to have cited medical conditions as the main reason behind his exit at the capital city giants after spending nine months since replacing Alou Badara mid-last season.

The coach left the country yesterday morning for his native country South Africa after tendering his resignation letter before the board of directors on Monday afternoon.

The former Lamontville Golden Arrows coach further missed the club's training session on the same afternoon of his resignation and the team was drilled by assistant coach Bongani Mhlongo. 'Professor' is said to have left the team without even saying his goodbyes to the players.

"He was not a happy man when he left this morning (yesterday) and you could easily tell that he just wanted

- Coach cites medical condition
- Left the country yesterday morning
- Bongani Mhlongo drilling the team ahead of Malanti Chiefs clash

out of the team," said a source, who said he saw the coach when he was leaving. Highlanders Public Relations Officer Mpumelelo Mnisi also confirmed the news when contacted.

Conditions

"It is true that our coach has left the team after citing medical conditions and we are yet to be advised by the directors on the way forward. We will update our supporters once we get a directive from the team's authorities," he said. Efforts to get Ngubane proved futile as his cellphone was out of the network when contacted several times yesterday. Highlanders will tomorrow face Malanti Chiefs in their next MTN Premier League encounter slated for the Somhlolo National Stadium.

Ngubane last season guided the black and white ensemble to a semi-final finish in the 2018 Swazi Bank Cup.

The coach has endured a bitter-sweet stay at the 'Black Bull' as he was also

whisked out of Somhlolo National Stadium using one of the team's official's car after a faction of the team supporters were baying for his blood following their 1-3 to loss to cross city arch-rivals Mbabane Swallows last Sunday. He was also previously reported to have had a better-sweet relationship with the team's Management Committee (MC) headed by estranged Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini.



KOLA EXTENDS 'BIRDS' STAY

By Sabelo Gwebu

SOCCER – FORCEFUL forward Aladeon Kola has reportedly extended his stay with Mbabane Swallows.

The Nigeria-born striker was locked in negotiations with Swallows management in the company of his agent Charles Matsebula on Monday night where an agreement was finally reached.

The latest developments mean Manzini Wanderers and Mbabane Highlanders, among others, have missed out on the services of the striker, who subsequently started training with his teammates at Swallows'

Prince of Wales Ground training base inside the capital city yesterday morning.

Kola is expected to spearhead Swallows' attack tomorrow when the 'Birds' play host to Young Buffaloes at the Somhlolo National Stadium in the MTN League in the absence of injured striker Sandile Hlatshwako.

Hlatshwako limped off the field in Sunday's 3-1 derby win with a knee injury. It is familiar surroundings for the goal machine as he spent the past three months with Swallows in a failed quest to reach the Total CAF Champions League quarterfinals.

South Africa's Premier Soccer League side Maritzburg United, Young



I'M STILL HERE: Aladeon Kola training with a teammate at Prince of Wales Ground yesterday. (Pic: Sabelo Gwebu)

Africans of Tanzania and Angola's Club Desportivo are three teams that

are keen on signing the Nigerian as negotiations are ongoing. The agree-

ment between the two parties is that Kola will be released immediately a move from outside the borders materialises. Swallows are also expected to unleash former Green Mamba and Manzini Sundowns midfielder Phumlani Ngwenya when they meet Buffaloes while right back Colani 'Tyson' Magagula is back training while being closely monitored by the red and white giants' technical team headed by Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

On the other hand, Buffaloes have acquired the services of Manzini Wanderers striker Ali Matse with Tambuti bringing on board Green Mamba goalkeeper Mpendulo 'Scoco' Dlamini, ahead of Friday's registration deadline.

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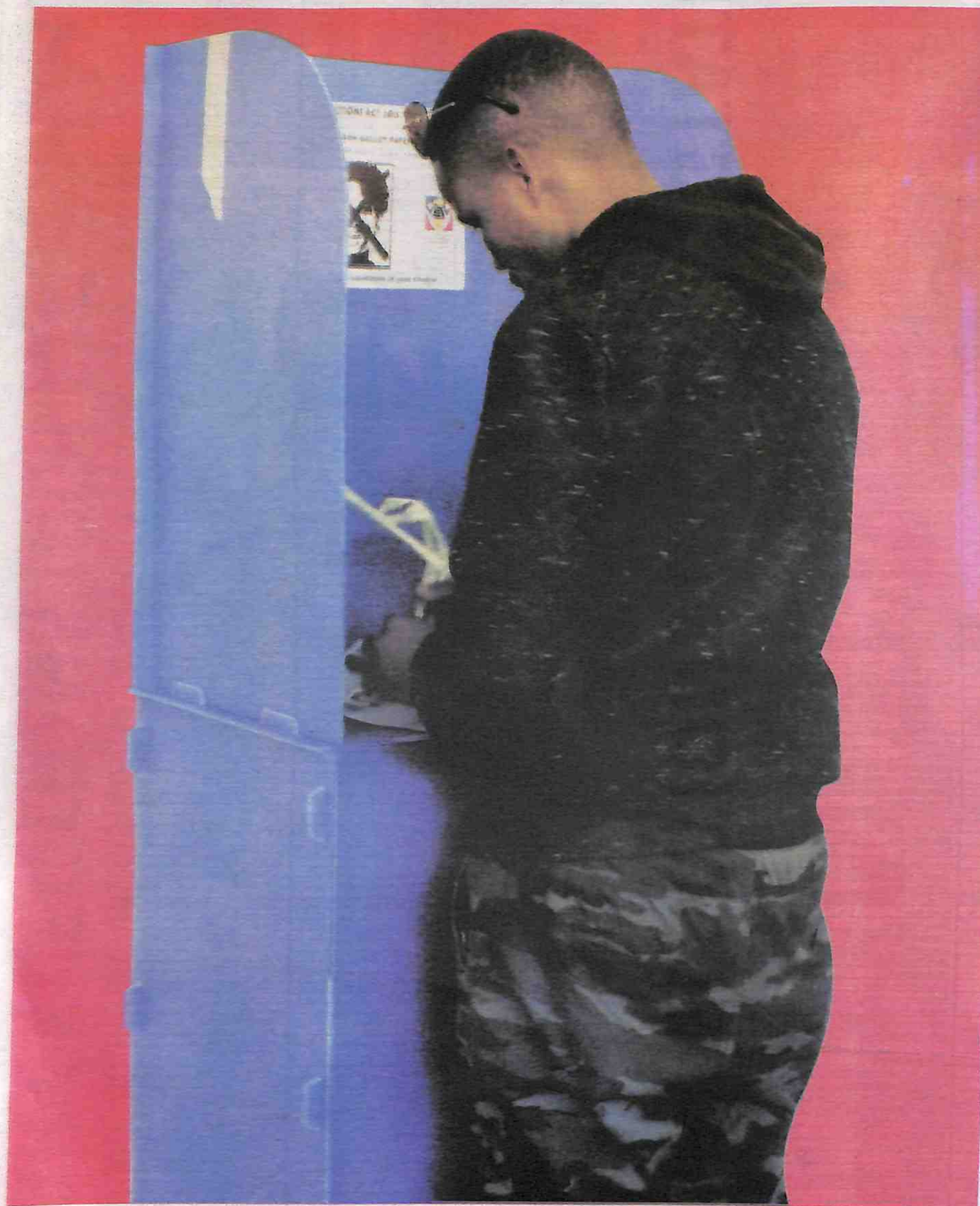
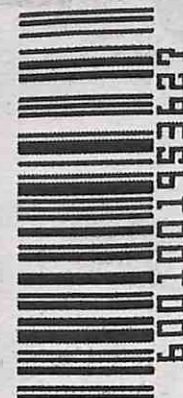


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