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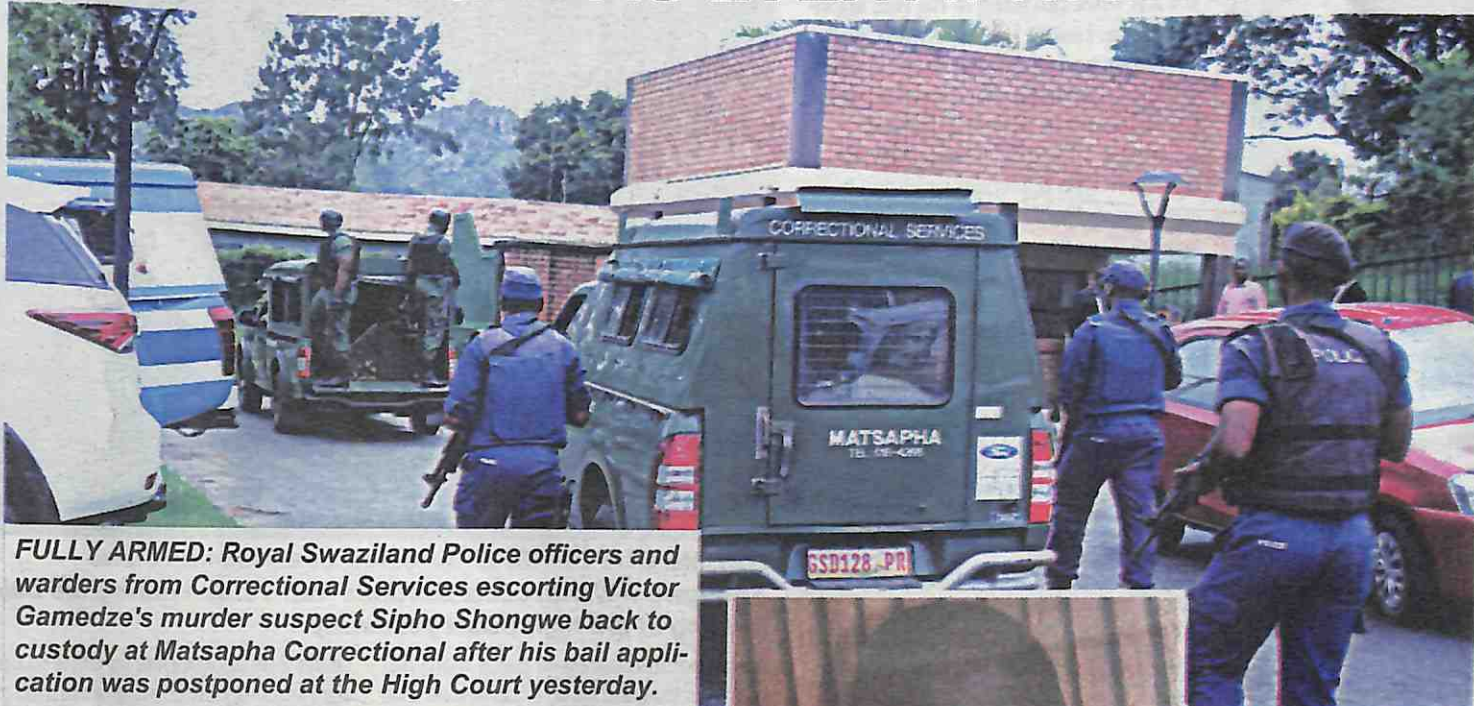
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FULLY ARMED: Royal Swaziland Police officers and warders from Correctional Services escorting Victor Gamedze's murder suspect Siphon Shongwe back to custody at Matsapha Correctional after his bail application was postponed at the High Court yesterday.

SIPHON SHONGWE ADDRESSES JUDGE

...Tells Judge Nkosi he has no problem spending another week in jail

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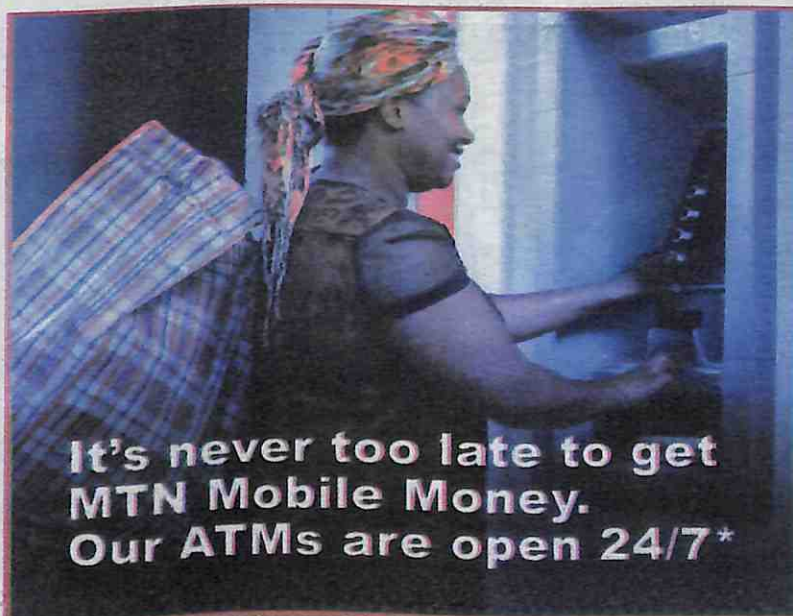


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PACKED: The courtroom was packed to the brim.

Shongwe's bail application continues to pack them

AS usual the day started with the unique sound of police sirens as vehicles from both the Royal Swaziland Police Service and His Majesty's Correctional Services made their way into the High Court premises.

However, this time the police OSSU division used an armored truck to transport Shongwe.

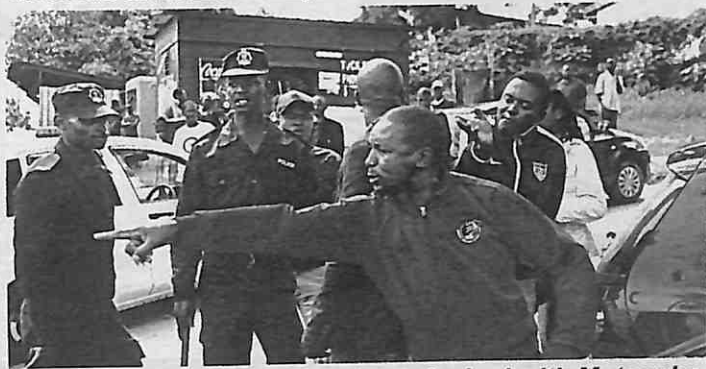
The convoy arrived at or about 8:30am where two open canopy correctional services vans were leading the armored truck which was being closely followed by a white Toyota double cab also from the correctional services.

As the fleet made its way into the High Court tunnel which leads to court D, a blue Toyota RunX, blocked its path as it was negotiating its way to find a parking space, this seemed to infuriate and enrage the armed correctional officers who alighted and violently ordered the driver to make way, while blasting their sirens sending the female driver into a frenzy.

While in that panic mode, more officers joined the fray, some hurling all sorts of unpalatable words at the shaken woman who was frantically trying to move her car to make way for Shongwe's cavalcade until she was finally directed towards the court building.

Shaking

The woman who was still shaking when she alighted turned out to be a Mbabane Swallows fan who was conveying others in her car, three of them females and one male were clad in the Mbabane teams regalia as they also had come to hear how the matter would proceed. Inside courtroom D, over 60 people overflowed the relatively small court, while the accused Shongwe who was flawlessly dressed in a blue suit and white shirt was seen inside a booth where he sat while he conversed with his lawyers Siphos Mhisi, Ben J. Simelane and Advocate Van Vuuren who was present in court for the first time.



FUMING: Swallows supporters clashed with Matsapha United followers along the way from the High Court.

Mbabane Swallows, Matsapha United fans clash at High Court

AS Siphos Shongwe's Matsapha United FC fans made their way out of the High Court premises, a huge altercation erupted which saw police running helter skelter trying to control the situation that almost saw blows being traded.

Information gathered was to the effect that the whole fracas began when a Mbabane Swallows fan parked his car in the middle of the road leading to the High Court, causing a traffic jam.

When Matsapha United fans that had come to the High Court to attend Shongwe's bail application were making their way out, they were blocked by the Swallows fan's car.

This is what allegedly started the

altercation where expletives and insults were exchanged between the now bitter rivals.

However, due to the heavy police presence it all ended with exchange of words and no physical contact.

Case

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba, in an interview with this publication yesterday confirmed the incident however, he said that no case had been reported.

Mamba condoned such behaviour as it was unbecoming and said as the police they would continue to ensure safety of the public at the High Court even after the latest incident that almost saw blows being exchanged.

SIPHO SHONGWE

COVER STORY

Stories by Swazi Observer
Reporters
High Court

EVER since the filing of his bail application, arrested businessman Siphos Shongwe had remained silent in court without uttering a word save for what is contained in his court papers.

Things changed yesterday when Shongwe who is accused of killing businessman and soccer boss Victor Gamedze was put on the spot by Judge Siphos Nkhosi when he proposed postponement of the bail hearing.

Judge Nkhosi asked Shongwe if he would be agreeable to remain remanded in jail for another week.

The judge was motivating for a postponement of the matter and wanted Shongwe's concurrence.

Judge Nkhosi stated that he had only received Shongwe's responding papers to points raised by the state in its papers where it is opposing bail.

He said the papers were filed outside the permitted time on Tuesday at about 4pm.

He said the papers were bulky and had

... As it pleases the court, my Lord I am agreeable and comfortable with spending another week at the remand as you have said that more time is needed in my matter



GET ME OUT OF HERE: Arrested businessman Siphos Shongwe with Advocate Jacobus Van Vuuren during his bail hearing at the High Court yesterday.

many contradictions in them from his mere perusal and he was convinced that he would need more time to read through

them with appropriate scrutiny in order for him to decide from an informed perspective.

Public demands a bigger courtroom

AS Siphos Shongwe, murder suspect in Victor Gamedze's assassination made his third High Court appearance for his bail application yesterday morning, most people who had come for the case registered their concern on the unavailability of space inside Court D.

They pleaded with the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala to provide a bigger courtroom in the future as Court D proved to be too small for the crowd that took up all the space with a lot more remaining outside the courtroom.

By 9am the court was packed to capacity with most people forced to remain seated on the floor while awaiting for the arrival of Judge Siphos Nkhosi who

is presiding over the matter.

Members of the security forces comprising both the Royal Swaziland Police (Service) and His Majesty's Correctional Services had a tough time controlling those who wanted to force their way inside the packed court as they were turned back due to shortage of space.

Corridors

This situation resulted in the close to 100 people forced to squeeze themselves along the corridors leading to Courts E and F as most people were eager to follow the proceedings and in turn this proved to be a disturbance to the other courts as more noise was generated.

As the people in the court awaited the

arrival of Judge Nkhosi who is presiding over the matter, more people flooded the court only to find that there was no longer space.

Function

One would have sworn that there was a function similar to that of the High Court opening which normally attracts a lot of people.

Immediately after Judge Nkhosi had announced that the matter was postponed due to late filing of papers by the applicant (Shongwe), a process that lasted slightly more than 10 minutes, the people left.

As the people left the court, they continued expressing their concern on the usage of the small courtroom.



TIGHT SECURITY: Security was very tight at the High Court.

ADDRESSES JUDGE

"These documents are very colossal and long, they were filed late on Tuesday. I have not been able to read them as they contain many incongruities, I therefore need more time so I can satisfactorily apply my mind to the issues raised especially those relating to the accused's past," said Judge Nkosi.

He also stated that he had received the letter supposedly written by Senior Crown Counsel Absalom Makhanya to the effect that Shongwe's lawyer had failed to file his responding papers on time and he therefore foresaw delays.

Letter

"Yes Mr Makhanya I received your letter pertaining to the issue of late filing of papers by the accused person's lawyers and I was also of the view that it would not be prudent at this point to advance with the bail application, however I don't know the attitude of Advocate Van Vuuren," said the Judicial Officer.

As Makhanya nodded in agreement, this also prompted Advocate Jacobus Van Vuuren to also speak for the first time in these proceedings where he said that he was also in consensus with what the judge was proclaiming.

"My Lord I couldn't agree with you more as indeed the documents are capacious and confidently require your Lordship superfluous time to go through,

it is indeed prudent my Lord that the matter be deferred," said the advocate.

This is when the ball was placed in Shongwe's court where he was asked if he would be agreeable to spending another week behind bars.

A calm Shongwe politely said he was comfortable and agreeable with spending another week behind bars as that would be in his best interest.

"As it pleases the court, my Lord I am agreeable and comfortable with spending another week at the remand as you have said that more time is needed in my matter," said Shongwe in a polite tone.

Attitude

Judge Nkosi on hearing the accused's attitude to a postponement said Shongwe should find it in his heart to forgive him and also that he should also forgive his lawyer and advocate for the inconvenience caused by the delays as he was cognisant to the fact that a day in prison is worth a thousand outside.

"Mr Shongwe please forgive me because the situation that is playing itself out is unfortunate as well as unintended, also forgive your lawyers for the inconvenience I know it's not easy," said Judge Nkosi.

The proceedings were then adjourned and are set to resume next Wednesday.

Most people had hoped that the matter would be put to rest yesterday after previous postponements.

It was this proclamation (postponement) by Judge Nkosi at the start of the hearing that seemed to disappoint the over 60 people in the jam-packed court D, including friends, relatives, attorneys and well-wishers who had come to show support to the accused businessman.

Trailed

First to arrive was Shongwe's lawyer Sipho Mnisi together with Advocate Jacobus Van Vuuren who were trailed shortly by the family, relatives, friends and sympathisers most of whom arrived in a white foreign registered VW 22 passenger Crafter bus.

Shongwe is currently facing a charge of murder, where it is alleged that he, acting in the furtherance of a common purpose with three others did kill Gamedze on the January 14 at Ezulwini Galp Filing Station.

The three others who were allegedly involved in the daylight killing of the late Gamedze include, Mbuso 'Ncaza' Nkosi, Siphiwe 'Ntjabe/Tata' Ngubane and one Sicelo 'Dzodzo' Zikalala who is still at large while Nkosi and Ngubane were arrested over the past weekend in South Africa.

Tight security as more escorts, police presence

WITH the numbers of people coming to follow the proceedings of Sipho Shongwe's bail application, the heavy presence of police continues to be felt.

Police and correctional services officers were littered in all strategic points within the High Court premises while there were armed officers from the Operational Support Service Unit (OSSU) and the Correctional Rapid Response Unit inside Court D.

Also noted was that senior officers from both security forces were present in court as they monitored proceedings while plain clothed

officers also did their part.

Immediately after the convoy of vehicles comprising four from the correctional services and that of OSSU approached from the direction of the Cabinet offices, members of the public including vendors and taxi men near the government hospital had their attention drawn to the convoy.

All those who had come to the High Court also had their eyes glued to the convoy as Shongwe was driven into the back of the High Court building before being led into Court D through the holding cells underground.



Shongwe's wife shielded by close relatives, supporters

SIPHO Shongwe's wife Vuyiswa was delicately shielded by relatives, friends and supporters of Matsapha United FC when she entered the High Court premises and when leaving.

Upon arrival just before 10am Shongwe's wife who came a little bit late yesterday obviously with the hope that the matter would proceed, was driven in a silver Range Rover Sport as opposed to last week where she was driven in a white Toyota Fortuna whilst for the first appearance she was driven

in a white Range Rover Discovery. Upon entering court, she followed the proceedings before the postponement and immediately after, was again shielded by the relatives outside the courtroom as the Mbabane Swallows supporters started chanting slogans outside. The group of relatives and supporters were seen taking Shongwe's wife to the car which was parked closer to the steps leading to the left wing of the High Court before she was eventually whisked away.



SWALLOWS BHOLA: Mbabane Swallows supporters leaving after the postponment of Shongwe's bail application.

Swallows supporters paint High Court red

MBABANE Swallows supporters yesterday painted the High Court of Swaziland red as they came in numbers to follow proceedings in the bail application by murder suspect Sipho Shongwe.

Shongwe has filed an urgent bail application at the High Court as he stands accused of the murder of their team's boss Victor Gamedze who was killed in cold blood on January 14.

As early as 8:30am people started flocking in at the High Court premises as they wanted to be part of the proceedings in court and Swallows supporters who were clad in the team's replica shirts were seen arriving in groups and proceeding to Court D.

However, only a few made it inside the courtroom while the rest remained outside as police officers prevented them from gaining entry due to shortage of space. While squeezing themselves along the corridors of Court F, the Swallows supporters were overheard discussing something in hushed tones. As more people waited for the arrival of Judge Nkosi inside Court D, more and more Swallows supporters flocked in but some found the matter already postponed to a later date by the court. Immediately after the postponement, the Swallows fans who seemingly had organised themselves, started chanting slogans as they marched out of the main entrance of the High

Court building before they paused at the steps leading to the parking lot.

While paused there and waiting for others, they chanted slogans to the effect that "noma sihlupheka, noma sihwele kanzima" with police officers following closely as they monitored the situation. This happened as the convoy of heavily armed officers escorted Shongwe out of the court premises from the back entrance of the court.

This was not only the scene as Matsapha United supporters were also seen in a larger group walking past towards their Sprinter bus at the parking lot.

The Matsapha United supporters were also part of the people who were inside the court following the proceedings.

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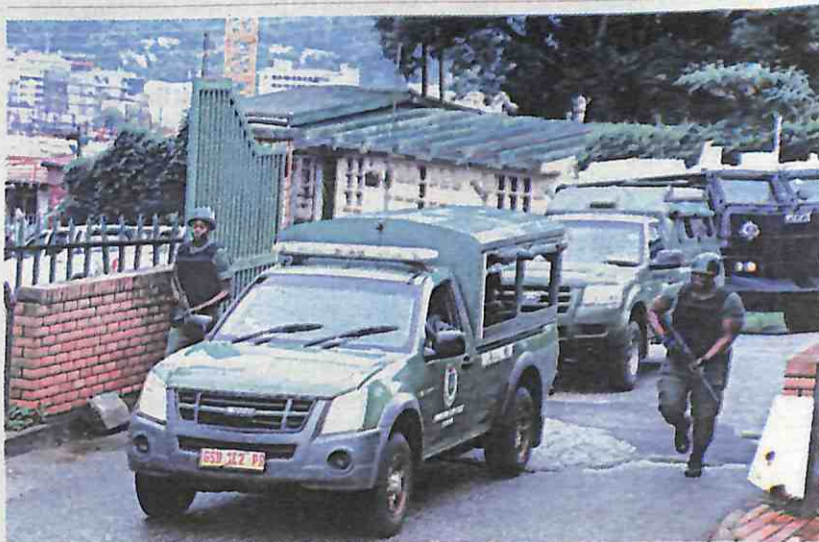
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FUMING: Swallows supporters clashed with Matsapha United followers along the way from the High Court. Police had to intervene to calm the situation down.

SIPHO SHONGWE'S BAIL



ESCORTED: Arrival of Victor Gamedze's murder suspect Sipho Shongwe at the High Court yesterday for his bail application which was postponed for the second time to next week Wednesday.



GET ME OUT: Advocate Jacobus Van Vuuren in court chatting to murder suspect Sipho Shongwe at the High Court.



WELL GUARDED: Warders jumping off their vehicle.

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LEARNED FRIENDS: Arrival of Shongwe's lawyer Sipho Mnisi with Advocate Jacobus Van Vuuren.

HEARING PACKS THEM AGAIN



SUPPORT: Siphosiphile's wife Vuyiswa (2nd from left) with some of the family members in Court D.



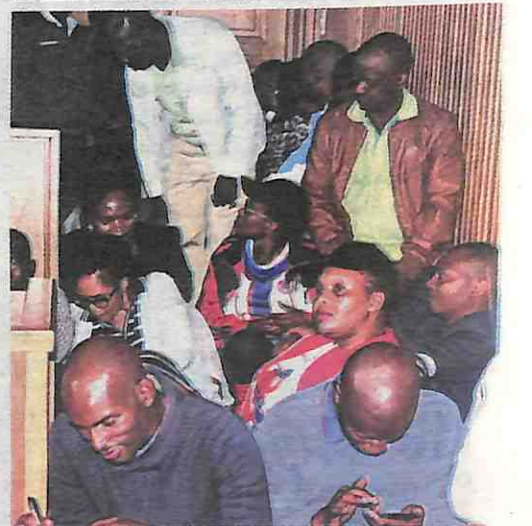
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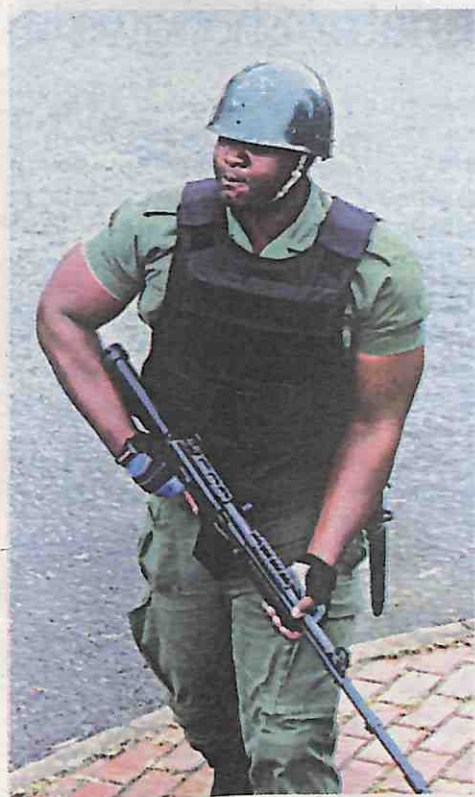
IN NUMBERS: Shongwe's friends and relatives leaving the High Court.



BENCH: State lawyers in a discussion.



NO SPACE: Some Swallows followers were forced to stay outside the court.



NO MANGA MANGA BUSINESS: An armed Correctional Services officer at the High Court.

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SOUTH AFRICA'S VAT HIKE WON'T AFFECT SD

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

THE hike in Value Added Tax (VAT) pronounced by South African Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba yesterday will not have a direct effect to Swaziland.

This was revealed by Finance Minister Martin 'Gobizandla' Dlamini in an interview yesterday.

Dlamini said he won't be negative or positive on the move as he and the ministry's officials were still working on finalising the budget speech to be delivered on Tuesday.

"I think the VAT hike will only have an effect when one is in South Africa. I don't wish to get that much into the subject as we are still busy finalising the country's budget speech and maybe the issue will be addressed on Tuesday," he



said.

South Africa's Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba announced an increase in value added tax by one percentage point from 14 to 15 per cent when he delivered the 2018 budget speech yesterday afternoon. Continuing with the "tough" theme from his mid-term budget last year, Gigaba announced that South Africa's first hike

in taxation on goods in 25 years. The increase is set to take effect at the beginning of the next financial year, on April 1.

The hike in South Africa means that VAT will bring in R348bn in revenue with the cost of living for all households raising R22.9bn for the fiscals while below-inflation adjustments to personal income tax will yield 6.8bn.

Meanwhile, House of Assembly Speaker Themba Msibi announced that the budget speech will be held on Tuesday.

The speaker mentioned that the House would convene its first sitting on Monday and it is most likely that Finance Minister Martin Dlamini would present the national budget speech the following day.

The latest developments come after the opening of the fifth session of the 10th Parliament by His Majesty King Mswati III last Friday.

We don't have 'Dzodzo' yet - Cops

By Observer Reporter
Mbabane

POLICE have refuted claims that Victor Gamedze's suspect killer Sicelo 'Dzodzo' Zikalala/Luthango has been apprehended.

Rumours circulated on Facebook yesterday that 'Dzodzo' is in police custody after being apprehended while trying to cross the border to Namibia yesterday.

It turns out that there is no substance in the allegations as the police denied apprehending the prime suspect in the Victor Gamedze murder.

When sought for comment on the matter, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Khulani Mamba said there is no truth in these allegations.

"No, we did not apprehend Dzodzo," he said briefly.

There was a debate among Facebook users on the matter as some disputed the claims while others sounded confident when asserting that he was indeed apprehended.

Worth noting is that the capture of two South African suspects in the Victor Gamedze murder case Mbuso 'Ncaza' Nkosi and Siphwe 'Ntjhe/Tata' Ngubane first made rounds in social media, particularly Facebook, and the capture of the two was later confirmed by the police.

It remains to be seen if the rumours about the capture of 'Dzodzo' will take the same turn. National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula announced a reward of E450 000 over two weeks ago for anyone who might have information on the whereabouts of the Mbabane socialite, who is believed to be hiding in Mozambique.

PM tells Parly to enact SODV into law soon

Stories by Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

PRIME Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini has pleaded with parliamentarians to have at least passed the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill into an Act by the time the fifth session of the 10th Parliament comes to an end.

Making a submission yesterday in Senate, the PM said the legislators had a challenge to wrap up work they had already begun and to make sure that bills that would benefit the nation like the SODV became law.

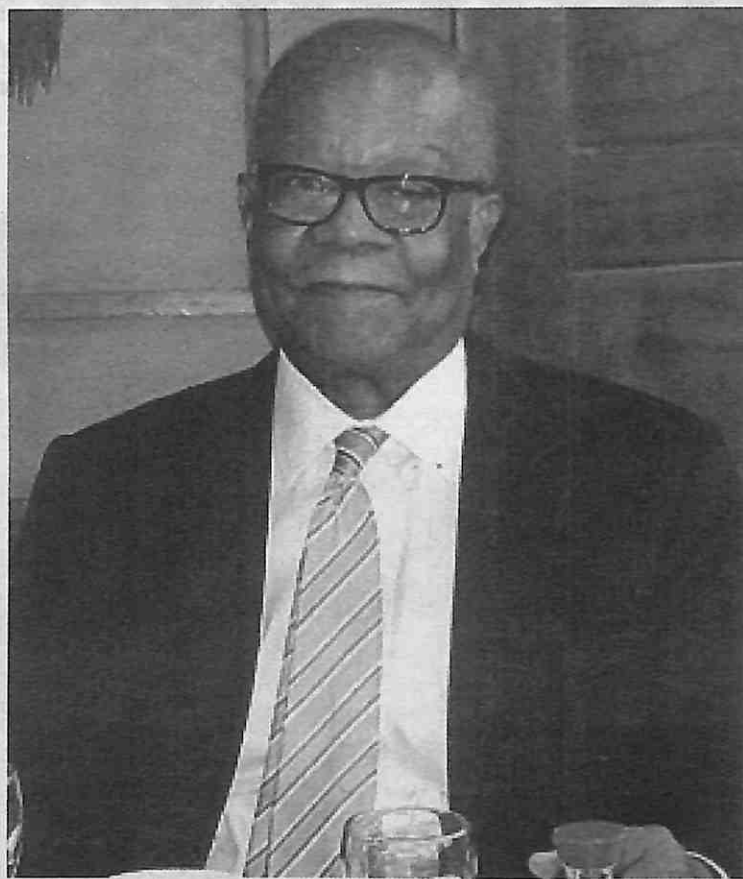
The premier said the SODV Bill was an important one that needed to be made law soon because a lot was riding on it.

He said the bill had been in an out of Parliament for so long and was about time that legislators passed it in order to protect women, children and men alike from sexual offences and domestic violence.

He said His Majesty, in his speech during the official opening of Parliament, had observed that violence was very rife in the country hence this bill would help in curbing it, especially towards vulnerable communities.

"Swazis are watching us and they want this bill to be passed into an Act. We must, therefore, not slack or appear to do be slacking because it is not just Swazis who are watching us as far as this bill is concerned but the international community is also watching us. The United Nations is also watching us so we must act fast," he said.

Dlamini pointed out that the bill also needed the legislators to apply their minds when dealing with it because while it was important to have it passed into an Act it was also important that Swazi Law and Custom be considered.



PLEADS: Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini.

"It is common knowledge that some parts clash with our law and custom so while dealing with it we must apply ourselves because while we want it to become law, we still want to preserve our custom so it is important that we apply ourselves and find ways to balance out the two so they co-exist," he said.

The PM stated this when moving a motion that the legislators thank His Majesty for his presence and address during the official opening last Friday.

Senator Princess Phumelele agreed with the premier that the SODV Bill must be passed. She said violence was rife in the country, therefore, all

necessary instruments in dealing with crime be put in place, including the SODV. The princess also pointed out that sexual offences and domestic violence were not the only forms of violence that were rife in the country. "You can tell that there is a problem in the country, there is no longer peace. People are violent and this is evident by the murder that recently took place in broad daylight in front of people where a person took out a gun and shot another.

That is not normal in peaceful Swaziland. Every day you go through papers you read stories of women and children being subjected to brutality," she said.

Don't use corruption to spite people – Senator Shongwe

SENATOR Sibusiso Shongwe has warned against the use of corruption cases to spite people.

The senator was speaking yesterday in Senate after Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini had moved that senators thank His Majesty for the speech from the throne delivered last Friday.

Making his submission, Shongwe said corruption would continue to be a problem in the country so long as people who were corrupt were being allowed to roam the streets while there were people who were charged with corruption just to spite them.

Shongwe said the fact that His Majesty King Mswati III had started in 2005 directing Parliament and the other two arms of government to uproot corruption was a sign that nothing was being done on that front.

"We have failed as far as uprooting corruption is concerned, His Majesty has been talking about this since 2005 and to date corruption continues to be a problem in the country and our biggest problem is that corruption is used to settle scores. People are charged with corruption to spite them," he said.

The senator said it would, therefore, be unfair to pass on the button to the Judiciary or even blame the Judiciary for the rife corruption.

"We can't say corruption is rife because the courts or Judiciary isn't doing enough. They are actually doing well under the circumstances," he said. The senator stated that a minister had once said in Parliament that government lost E90 million a month but there was no investi-

gation into that and no one had been brought to book for that.

"As we speak, there was a person whose image was tainted just to spite him. He was a managing director of a company and when you follow the charges levelled against him you don't even make sense of the case," he said.

Senator MoiMoi Masilela said it was time legislators admitted that they had failed as far as the fight against corruption is concerned.

"We must just admit to Their Majesties that we have failed," he said. Prince Fipha said while it was clear that there was no improvement in the fight against corruption, it would be a shame to give up. He said government should send investigators to learn from other countries that uprooted corruption.

The PM, responding to the submissions, said the downside of it all is that people who had been charged with corruption never at any point admitted that they were indeed corrupt hence the process must take place and let it be the one to prove either they are guilty or innocent.

The prime minister further said corruption cases were taking forever to be finalised at the courts. "Some cases are 20 years old and people are out on bail.

What are the odds the witnesses are still alive? Obviously the accused is dragging out hoping and praying that the witnesses die in such instances," he said.

Senator Shongwe currently stands accused of corruption after he was charged by the Anti-Corruption Unit.

DR AT CALLS FOR SISWATI PRESERVATION

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Ezulwini

SWAZIS should know that for them to achieve sustainable development, they must preserve their indigenous language, which is SiSwati.

This was said by Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini during the Mother Tongue Day celebrations yesterday at Royal Swazi Convention Centre in Ezulwini.

This is a day held the world over, in remembrance of children who died in Bangladesh just because they wanted to be taught in their mother tongue in schools on February 21, 1952.

Yesterday's event was hosted by Macmillan Swaziland and United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

Dlamini commended the Swazi nation for striving to keep their culture. He said even though the language was proving to be slowly losing its originality, something could still be done to preserve it. Swazis should not lose hope and think that everything has gone away.

Swazis, according to Dlamini, were a lucky nation because they could still communicate in SiSwati. They had not reached a stage whereby they had to pay exorbitant amounts of money to restore their cultural identity. The MD advised this nation to take a leaf from countries such as



SPEECH: Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini delivering his speech yesterday during the World Mother Tongue Day held at Royal Swazi Convention Centre.

France and China.

These countries were proud of their languages and they did not want anyone to deviate them from speaking their mother languages.

Native

"One day I was in France, I wanted to go to offices of their communication ministry. I found a certain lady there, who happens to be a native of France. I started speaking in English and she just looked at me. She then reminded me that I was in France, where only French was spoken, and not any other language. She told me to ask her to speak in English if I wanted our conversation to be in English. I had no choice, but to

earnestly beseech her to do so," Dlamini said.

It became clear to the director that the people of France had agreed amongst themselves to preserve their own language, which differentiated them from other nations. He urged Swazis to adopt such an attitude as they strived to achieve the first world status, of which France was part.

He said what should be noted about language was that it was a priceless asset that could be able to define a nation. Swazis were defined and differentiated because of their language. Even if a nation had money, without culture, it was nothing. He made another example.

"There was a conversation between an American and an Indian. The American mocked the Indian of his poor state back home in India. The American told the Indian that Indians were poor because they were densely populated and lived a low lifestyle. They did not have money. The Indian, in response, said America was poorer because its people were uncultured. They did not have a unified way of doing things that could differentiate them," he said.

He concluded by saying Swazis should always think about future generations as they practised culture, which included the SiSwati language. It would not be fair for the future generations to find that the present generation failed to preserve the language yet they found the original language preserved by the past generation.

Sands hailed for marketing SiSwati

RENOWNED Swazi musician Sandziso 'Sands' Matsebula has been hailed as a hero for putting SiSwati on the map with his music.

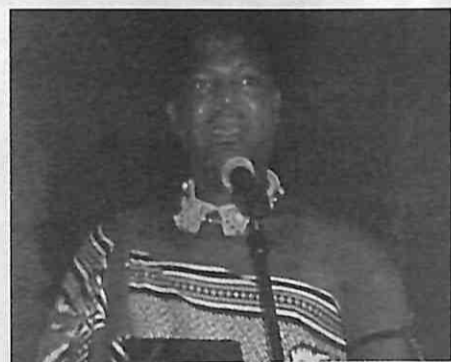
Sands is popularly known for his hit song 'Tigi', which has been making waves in the international music arena. Most of the musician's songs are in SiSwati and the people, including non-Swazis, love it the way it is. The musician, who delighted most of the event's attendees with his presence, said SiSwati changed his life for the better.

"I have been singing for the past 10 years and during that time, I tried singing in different languages. However, the day I decided to sing in SiSwati, everything changed and my life was better. I started being invited for performances abroad," Sands said.

He encouraged Swazis to do whatever they did in SiSwati in order to market the language. People needed to know that Swazis were also part of the international community. This made most soapies to include people who were Swazis.

He said he once went to perform in Zanzibar, Tanzania. That place is one of the most visited and many different kinds of people were found.

Sands ensured that by the time he left the place, the people knew that there was a language called SiSwati which was spoken in Swaziland.



MC: Swaziland National Council of Arts and Culture CEO Stanley Dlamini directing proceedings.



UMMISO: St Francis Primary School pupils in rendering a cultural performance.

INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES LOST EVERY TWO WEEKS

INDIGENOUS languages are lost in every two weeks in the world, UNESCO Secretary Hazel Zungu has said.

Speaking during the World Mother Tongue Day celebrations yesterday at Royal Swazi Convention Centre in Ezulwini, Zungu said this was not an exciting fact because people were going to lose the way they communicated with one another.

What was more unfortunate, according to Zungu, was that the languages did not just diminish on their own but with other important aspects of a nation's culture, like idioms and proverbs. Some languages were more enjoyable when spoken with their proverbs and written with their idioms.

Zungu said as UNESCO, it was their mandate to ensure that every

February 21 of each year, the SiSwati language was commemorated. She said this year marked the 70th year since the United Nations (UN) adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

One of the human rights enshrined in that charter was for every human being in the world not to be despised because of his or her language. That human right should also be protected

in order to protect indigenous languages from extinction.

She also reminded Swazis about the importance of learning other languages. That was important because Swazis did not leave in their own place in the world.

They also needed to cooperate with people who spoke other languages in order to achieve sustainable development.



TIGI-TIGI: Musician Sands upon arrival at the event.



WINNER: Senzelwe Tfwala from Dvokolwako High School receiving her award for best presenter from Dr AT Dlamini, while Macmillan MD Busi Simelane and her teachers look on. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)

Dvokolwako High wins E5 000 SiSwati competition

DVOKOLWAKO High pupils could not hide their excitement yesterday when they learned that they had won E5 000 in a SiSwati Competition.

They scooped the prize after topping other schools in the competition that was staged yesterday during the commemoration of the 'World Mother Tongue Day'. Eight schools took part in the competition and four of them were awarded with different prizes.

Other schools that took part in the competition included Mbekelweni, Mater Dorolosa (MDS), Nyamane and Our Lady of Sorrows High. The schools that failed to win were also given their box of books for having joined the competition.

The pupils were judged on how they

conducted themselves when speaking to the public. They were also judged on their ability to speak SiSwati for at least 20 minutes, without including a word from any other language.

Their ability to keep the listener interested in their speeches was also considered. That was how Dvokolwako High was the best of them all.

It is worth noting though that all the speakers and those who were part of the event were left impressed by the skills displayed by the pupils during the com-

HIGH SCHOOL	PRIZE
1. Dvokolwako	E5 000 and a box of books
2. Nyamane	E3 000 and a box of books
3. Manzini Nazarene	E2 000 and a box of books
4. Good Shepherd	E1 000 and a box of books

petition. All of the pupils were able to spend 10 minutes speaking clear SiSwati, without including a foreign word in their speeches. This, according to the judges and the speakers at the event, called for more dedication from the pupils.

Nowadays, it was difficult to finish five minutes without putting a foreign word in a SiSwati conversation. Teachers of the pupils were applauded for a job well done as they prepared their pupils for the competition.

The pupils were given a task of speaking their minds on how SiSwati language could be preserved for future generations. They spoke in their capacity as Members of Parliament, ministers of education and training, parents, and pupils.



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ADDRESSING ANIMAL NUISANCE IN THE CITY

They also roam the streets in search of food

MBABANE - The Municipal Council of Mbabane has witnessed an increase of animal nuisance complaint incidences which point to the fact that stray animals are a serious headache in the city.

This was revealed by Sabelo Mbingo the Law Enforcement and Security Manager. Mbingo said since the start of February 2018, about 10 dogs have been put down and mentioned that an estimated 20 dogs might be put down by the end of the month. Mbingo warned that the figures of the dog population in the city may grow further as stray dogs are breed uncontrollably.

"The numbers of dogs, be it in controlled settings or of dogs that live in uncontrolled settings, are very high as evidenced by dogs that roam almost every streets especially in residential areas and factor in that households that keep dogs usually have more than two dogs under their care, the figures are very high and worrying because these dogs are then allowed to roam around because they are not kept in a fully secured property. They also roam the streets in search of food," said Mbingo. "The situation is really a challenge in residential areas because the very same dogs pose danger to residents because no

one is safe from a pack of stray dogs and often school going children are the targets of these dog attacks. That is why then Council, through the department, has regular patrols in residential areas because we are aware of this growing problem and



Council has been attending to dog nuisance complaint matters (courtesy picture)

honestly it's the dog owners that have created the situation by not controlling their dogs and we should be prosecuting dog owners," said Mbingo.

He added that the security section has preventive and reactive patrols all of which are meant to address the problems caused by stray animals. Mbingo stated that during reactive patrols Council attends to an animal nuisance complaint raised

specifically against a household or dog owner and the reaction, often than not, leads to the elimination of the dogs provided Council had already served the owner with three notices.

"We do encourage people to report animal

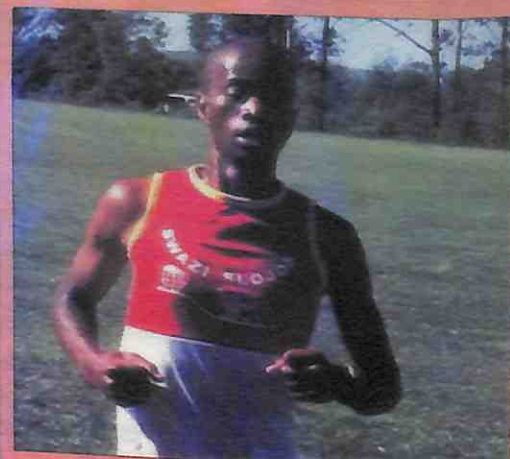
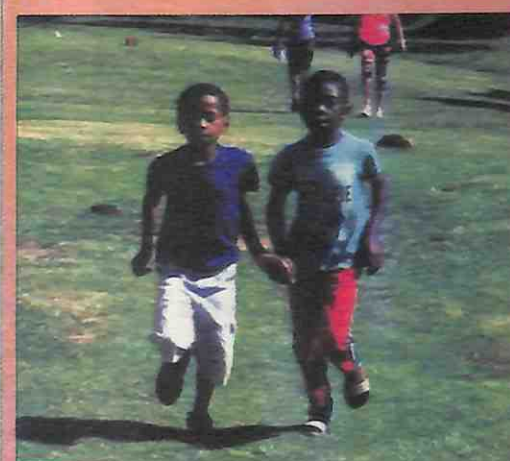


Council's firearm has a silencer gadget. The firearm will be used in operations to put down dogs.

nuisance cases to us but more than anything else we implore dog owners to take care of their animals and to make sure that they are

not becoming a nuisance and danger to residents. It must be said that dogs are not the only one that feature under animal nuisance cases as cattle, goats and horses also feature regularly," Mbingo.

ACTION FROM MBABANE PARK RUN



COUNCIL ROADWORKS ON OVER 30 STREETS

MBABANE - In this month's work schedule, Council's Technical Services has been focusing mainly re-gravelling, drain cleaning and grass cutting along the city's road network which is in reaction to the effects of the ongoing rains. Listed below are the over 30 streets that are being covered by this month's schedule.

February 2018 Monthly Schedule

GRADING AND RE-GRAVELLING

1. Laying of culverts at Bayabonga Complex, Sidwashini Industrial site
2. Re-gravelling of Corporation Road, Licakala Road, Corporation
3. Grading of road passing Mahwalala Red Cross
4. Re-gravelling at Manganganeni road, Mvakwelitje
5. Grading of Mandela Avenue, CBD
6. Grading of Pine Valley Road next to Silver Stone Lodge
7. Grading at Mavukufu Street, Gogo, Mvulindlela Street, Sidwashini south

POTHOLE PATCHING

1. Mshini road - Extension 14.
2. Indingilizi - dalriach west.
3. Lukhosi, Mseni streets- thembelihle-
4. Zwide, Dzweliwe, Mdada, Makhosikhosi, CBD-
5. Mbuya, Mkhonubovu, New Checkers-
6. Sololo, Inhlabi, Westridge Park-

GRASS CUTTING

1. Dzweliwe, Zwide, Mdada - CBD
2. Bishop Watt and Jubela street, Honey Crescent street.- kent rock
3. Mbuya street,
4. Mkhonubovu, New Checkers--makholokholo road
5. Msunduza Road,
6. Jekwa Road,
6. Siguca Crescent,
8. Mshengu Road,

DRAIN CLEANING

1. Sitibeni Township,
2. makholokholo township,
3. Mbovane street
4. Bishop Watt and Jubela street, kentrock
5. Polinjani road, PT
6. Manzana Township

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"I would like to acknowledge and applaud the quick action taken on the filling of the potholes raised in yesterday's Email. Though temporary measures have been used it demonstrates commitment to responsive service delivery. I'm sure a permanent solution is on the way"

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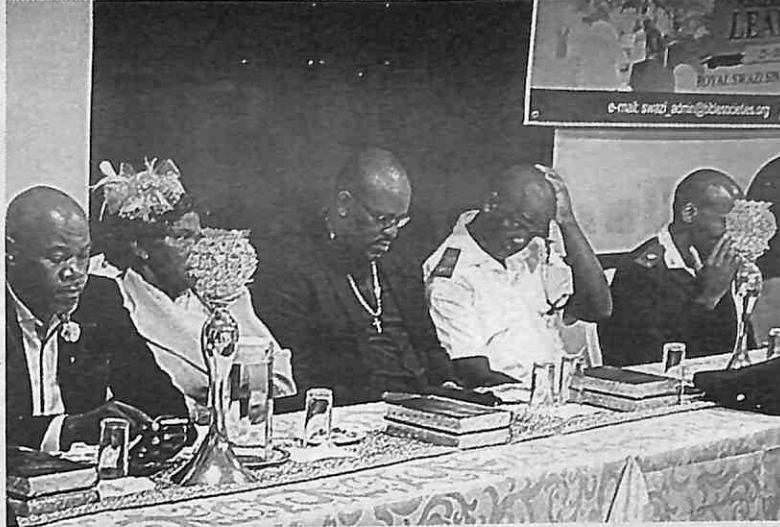
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10 NATIONAL NEWS



HOSTING: Ngcebo Mbuli from The Bible Society of Swaziland making his remarks during the event. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)



ATTENTIVE: A section of those who attended the launch.



BOUNDARY PROBLEMS: Chief Nkamane of Lwandle wondered if boundary disputes would hinder the election process.

BIBLE SOCIETY TO HOST 17 AFRICAN COUNTRIES

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

THIS will be a busy year for the Bible Society of Swaziland as it will be hosting a forum where leaders from all over the world will come together to share experiences and be equipped on serving effectively in public office.

This will be during the African Biblical Leadership Initiative (ABLI) which will take place at Royal Swazi Spa, starting from September 25 to 28.

The event which was officially launched at Esibayeni Lodge yesterday will see leaders from over seventeen countries attending.

Speaking during the event, Bible Society's Ngcebo Mbuli said over 17

countries have already confirmed their attendance.

Mbuli said over four members of Parliament (MPs) from different countries also confirmed that they will attend the event. They will also be joined by leaders from various sectors of society who have also shown interest in being part of the event.

Celebrating

Some of these include Kwaluseni Member of Parliament (MP) Mkhosi Dlamini, Nhlambeni MP Frans Dlamini, Mduduzi 'Magawugawu' Simelane, Bishop Steven Masilela and other foreign reverends such as Reverend Rikus Geyer and Dr Girma Mohammed.

The Bible Society is fresh from celebrating its 20 years of existence and Mbuli stated that there are more than

145 Bible Societies all over the world but the Eighth Edition of ABLI will be hosted by Swaziland. He said they were deeply honoured by that.

During the launch it was revealed that September 26 will be dedicated to the youth of the country under the theme #Youth Plug In. Representing the youth in yesterday's event were students from the University of Swaziland.

The students were applauded for taking their time to attend the event even though they have been chucked out of school were from their respective homes.

It was also revealed that ABLI comes up with opportunities for aspiring authors as there will be a number of people who will be chosen to contribute in writing an ABLI book.



PRESENT: Mduduzi Magawugawu Simelane taking notes during the launch.



A POINT: Dr. Girma Mohammed explaining the concept of ABLI to the attendees during its launch at Esibayeni Lodge.



BIBLE STUDY: Kwaluseni Member of Parliament Mkhosi Dlamini following the proceedings.



REMARKS: The Queen Actor Siphoswe Mjekejeje addressing the huge crowd at the festival.



PRESENT: Isibaya Actor Muzi Mthabela, who plays the role of Regent Duma, following proceedings during the event.



ALSO THERE: Lutsango during their performance at the festival.

Car smuggling rife at Kosi Bay border

By Mbono Mdluli
KaTembe, South Africa

RESIDENTS of KaTembe at Mhlabayalingana District in KZN are bitterly complaining of car smuggling practices in their area.

The residents said this during Umthayi festival held at KaTembe. The car smuggling practices are said to be done by people, who steal cars from the residents on the South African side, and then smuggle the cars to Mozambique, using the Kosi Bay border line.

Although Swaziland was singled out in this illegal act, the authorities from that area asked for cooperation from the country. This was specifically because this happened where Swaziland shared its border lines with South Africa and Mozambique.

They called upon the governments of the two countries to act cooperatively against this act.

So serious is the situation that it even caught the attention of South African Minister for Police Fikile Mbalula, who took the initiative of investigating the matter in an effort to find out facts about the commission of the offence.

The minister was supposed to visit the



INDULGING: King of the Tembe nation Mabhudu Tembe (r) and KZN Tourism MEC Sihle Zikalala taking a sip of Baganu while other authorities look on. This was on Saturday during the Umthayi festival held at KaTembe in Northern KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. (Pics: Samson Ncongwane)

area last Friday to deliver information on what he had found during his investigations in an effort to provide solutions and a way forward in dealing with the criminals who steal the vehicles.

However, Mbalula could not be available on the day he was expected.

KZN Tourism MEC Sihle Zikalala said in the meantime they would have to find ways of cooperating with the Mozambican government to alleviate

the criminal activity. The relationship between the two countries should not be disturbed by some criminals.

KaTembe King Mabhudu Tembe said maybe the minister's failure to show up was a blessing in disguise as he had a task of delivering a message of hope to the KaTembe people so it is of importance that the minister be given time to investigate and come up with the right information.

Mdzimba Umphakatsi moved to Mbabane East

Stories by Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

THE tinkhundla report has indicated that Mdzimba/Lofokati Umphakatsi has been moved from Nkhamba to Mbabane East.

This was announced by the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) yesterday when the commission visited Nkhamba Inkhundla.

EBC Commissioner Ncumbi Maziya said the primary reason behind the move was that the people of Mdzimba were travelling long distances to the Nkhamba Inkhundla yet the laws governing tinkhundla entails that they should be accessible to the people.

"We have also recommended that Ekuvinjelweni Umphakatsi need to have bucopho who will be on the ground in the area as Nkhamba Inkhundla is very big hence the people of Ekuvinjelweni area will lag behind in development projects if they don't have someone driving their missions," he said.

The people did not object the move by the EBC to announce Mdzimba under Mbabane East, instead one Lusentfo Shabangu posed a question to the commissioner on what will happen to people of Mdzimba who were facing charges on wrongdoings while still under Nkhamba Inkhundla.

Maziya said 'licala kaliboli' and thus they will be recalled to face consequences for wrongdoings at Nkhamba.

Dumsile Dlamini wanted to know



NEW DEVELOPMENTS: Nkhamba Member of Parliament Menzi Dlamini having a word with some of the attendees.

which constituency will be awarded the remaining *inkhundla* after Maziya said a number of areas across the country requested to have it as part of their constituency. "We have had many communities across the country requesting to have the remaining *inkhundla* in their areas but we have decided that we are not going to grant it to any of them for now. What we did was craft sub-tinkhundla that will divide big constituencies for the satisfaction and fair service

provision to the people.

The staff members of the main *inkhundla* will spend two days in a week at the sub-*inkhundla* and spend the other three days at the main one," he said. Nkhamba Member of Parliament Menzi Dlamini said he was content on the developments and expressed happiness for the people of Mdzimba for being attached to Mbabane East as they had difficulty coming to Nkhamba.

"They were utilising Mbabane for

most of their services and it was only fair that they get attached to Mbabane East because they couldn't have direct access to Nkhamba, instead they had to go via Mbabane which is against the regulations that govern tinkhundla.

I must say though, that I invested a lot in the area as far as development is concerned and I was going to have a fair share of votes going to the elections but I'm happy for them," he said.

Ncumbi pledges financial support to accident victims

ELECTIONS and Boundaries Commission (EBC) Commissioner Ncumbi Maziya pledged to give financial support to the victims of last Friday's kombi accident that claimed eight lives.

Six people died on the spot while the seventh and eighth died while undergoing treatment at the Mbabane Government Hospital after a truck from the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) collided with a kombi along the Pigg's Peak public road this past Friday. Maziya passed his condolences to the families who lost their loved ones and asked the people of Nkhamba to come together in this dark hour and show moral support to the families. He did not, however, reveal the amount he would contribute. "To the families, who lost their relatives, we are deeply saddened by the horrific occurrence and we pass our sincere condolences. The MP (Menzi Dlamini) should liaise with me so that we give financial aid to the families of the accident victims," he said. A memorial service in honour of the victims will be held at Nkhamba Inkhundla today and prior to that, will be a short prayer at the accident scene that will commence at 10am.



PRESENT: Some of the people who came through for the EBC address at Nkhamba.

Man gets 7 years in jail after buganu drinking spree

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

THE Marula (Buganu) season is already being felt in different quarters of society as evidenced by the jovial mood amongst lovers of the traditional brew.

This is also the time where abusers of the brew find themselves landing into trouble after committing various crimes.

Most offenders would give the excuse that they acted under the influence of liquor. A similar excuse was given by one Siphamandla Shongwe (35) of Lubuli when appearing before Principal Magistrate Dumisani Magagula yesterday.

Shongwe was facing a charge of attempted rape.

He was alleged to have wrongfully and unlawfully attempted to have sexual intercourse with a 44-year-old woman without her consent. The incident allegedly occurred at one of the drinking spots at Lubuli last week.

When the charge sheet was read to the accused person, he pleaded guilty to the charge. He further elected to

enter a statement of agreed facts with the prosecution.

In his statement, the accused person narrated that on the fateful day, he went for a drinking spree at a homestead which normally sells traditional brew in the area. He alleged that he imbibed on *buganu* with his friend and other members of the community. The accused said while having the drinks with his friends, he noticed a woman whom he instantly developed feelings for. Later on the day, the woman is said to have gone into one of huts at the homestead where she intended to take a nap. The accused person said he found this moment as a perfect one for him to express his love for the woman. He followed her into the hut just a few moments later, wherein he found her to have already fallen asleep. This is the time that he attempted to have sexual intercourse with the woman after undressing her.

The complainant is said to have woken up to find the man in the process of the attempt, and she raised an alarm. She was saved by the prompt response of other patrons who were enjoying their drinks just outside the hut.

"I did all this under the influence of

...Most offenders would give the excuse that they acted under the influence of liquor

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the alcohol and I was not thinking straight," he said, during his mitigation.

The accused person was accordingly found guilty by the court. When issuing judgment, the principal magistrate pointed out that the accused person committed a serious offense which could not be mitigated by the mere fact that he was under the influence of alcohol. He subsequently sentenced the accused person to seven years in a correctional facility without an option of a fine.

"You can just pray that you behave well while at the correctional facility and maybe if you are lucky enough, a third of the sentence could be remitted," said the principal magistrate. Magagula said the sentence would also act as deterrence to other would be offenders.

Woman left stranded after Honda Fit stolen in Johannesburg

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A woman driving a locally registered Honda Fit was left stranded when her car was stolen while parked in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The woman, identified as Philile Khumalo, stated that her vehicle was stolen at around 13:30 hours on Tuesday. The woman has since asked for help to help her recover her vehicle.

Khumalo posted a plea in one of the social media groups set up specifically for those who have lost vehicles in South Africa.

"Stolen on Gardens road at Vega School Johannesburg. Stolen at around 13:30, Honda Fit (white) registration, LSD 190 AL. Has a left dent on left light with a red paint".

Khumalo's informed those who will happen to come across the vehicle that it is noticeable as it has a dent on the left side near the light, she said the dent was because of a minor accident she was involved in.

Worth noting is that South Africa's

Minister of Police Fikile Mbalula earlier this month was in Manguzi area after protesters stormed the border saying there are crime syndicates who are working hand-in-hand with some members of the local police to ship vehicles, especially bakkies, vans and 4x4s, over the border to Mozambique and Swaziland.

The protesters were quoted by one of the publications in South Africa as having said that some of the stolen vehicles belonged to government agencies, including hospitals, clinics, various government departments and even the police.

One protester who was identified as Sizwe Gumede was quoted as having said that, "Last year alone, they arrested 18 police officers from Manguzi and Golela, the SA-Swaziland border post, because these officers were working with the criminal syndicate." That tells you how much these crime syndicates have infiltrated the police. There are many other officers who are still working with these criminals," the protester, is alleged to have stated.



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You will die like an ant - Bhekwako told Camber

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

...Crown to parade two more witnesses
as Court opens closed case

PRIME suspect in the KaLuhleko assassination Bhekwako Dlamini is alleged to have threatened his rival Camber Dlamini that he would die like an ant before he was eventually killed.

This was yesterday disclosed by the crown represented by Principal Crown Counsel Macebo Nxumalo who is yet to parade two more witnesses after the court re-opened the murder case that had already been closed.

High Court Judge Siphon Nkosi felt that the two witnesses should be paraded by the crown in order to give an insight into the raging KaLuhleko war which has turned ugly.

Nxumalo stated that one of the witnesses was present at the Umphakatsi when Bhekwako confronted the deceased Camber Dlamini threatening him before Dlamini was eventually assassinated at his homestead.

Bhekwako is the prime suspect in the murder of the inner council member and his co accused Mxolisi Mabuza is alleged to be the one to have pulled the trigger which ended Dlamini's life.

The two witnesses, one a police officer and the other a resident of KaLuhleko were present at the Umphakatsi when Bhekwako allegedly made the statement.

Khanya Dlamini an accomplice witness had stated that seven targeted people including Chief Zuleihle and Inkhosikati LaMkhungu survived the carefully orchestrated plot to assassinate them, while inner council member Camber Dlamini was unfortunate as he was first on the deadly list.

Khanya who was made an accomplice witness in the trial that has generated interest from the community and members of the public, related how he together with Bhekwako Dlamini (first accused) Mndeni Kunene (second accused) and Mxolisi Mabuza who is the third accused, killed one of the inner council members Camber.

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

were enemies to him.

Khanya said Bhekwako gave them the hit list which included Chief Zuleihle, Inkhosikati LaMkhungu, the deceased Camber Dlamini, Silence Simelane, Zacharia Maseko and Aaron Maseko.

He told the court that first on the hit list was the deceased Camber Dlamini and narrated much to the shock of those in attendance in the public gallery how Bhekwako carefully arranged the plot to have him killed.

He said the old man offered them a silver pistol with 13 live rounds of ammunition and that they should proceed to the deceased homestead and gun him down.

Given the responsibility to use the pistol was

Mxolisi Mabuza, they were promised E5 000 plus a cow each. After, they proceeded to the deceased's homestead.

"Upon arrival at Camber Dlamini's homestead, we approached the main door and knocked. When he answered the knock and that is when Mxolisi wasted no time, and shot at the deceased five times with three shots hitting the target while the two missed," he submitted.

Khanya further told the court that after Camber had been killed, Mndeni who had been carrying a note with information on it, dropped it on the ground within the deceased's yard to frame a Malkerns resident.

The note contained information to the effect that one Jabulani Nkambule was the one responsible for the killing reflecting that the deceased had sold land to the said Nkambule, a land deal that had gone wrong. This, according to Khanya was meant to lead all suspicions on the murder to Nkambule who knew nothing about the killing.

Attempted murder convict pays E20 000 compensation to shot victim

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

A man who shot at another using his father's gun has paid E20 000 as compensation to the victim as he is now partially paralysed as a result of the shooting.

Siphon Magagula, who was convicted for attempted murder, was ordered to pay E30 000 as compensation to the victim Mbuso Hlatjwako, an order that was issued by High Court Judge Siphon Nkosi after the conviction.

Having paid the E20 000, Magagula is now expected to pay the remaining balance of E10 000 and all the monies have to be deposited to the Registrar of the High Court's Account at the High Court.

Magagula shot Hlatjwako with his father's gun

behind the head rendering him partially impaired, an incident which happened at Nginamadolo area near Mankayane.

Magagula was keeping guard at his father's shop when Hlatjwako approached carrying sugar cane (*unoba*), when the trigger happy Magagula opened fire and shot him.

His father was also charged for giving an unlicensed person a gun much against the Arms and Ammunition Act. Yesterday, Judge Nkosi ordered that E5 000 be released to Hlatjwako and that the Home Affairs Department should assist him in obtaining a birth certificate and a national identity card so that he can open a bank account.

The money will not be released to him all in cash in fear that he might misappropriate it as Judge Nkosi felt that a certain commercial project should be started for him in order to make ends meet.

'SEXY' TWINS KICKED OUT OF CLASS

TSHWANE - THEY are not identical, but twins Tshiamo and Lethabo Moeketsi have a similar problem.

The 18-year-olds' school uniforms have landed them in hot water with their teachers.

Tshiamo, a Grade 11 pupil at Rosina Sedibane Secondary School in Laudium, Tshwane, said she was kicked out of a business economics class because of the length of her skirt.

"My teacher said I was naked and should come back to class when fully clothed," said Tshiamo. She claimed the teacher was the only one who complained about her skirt.

Lethabo said she left her school in Gauteng last year because teachers accused her of wearing a miniskirt.

"They said I had a bad attitude because I told them they weren't teaching my clothes," she said. "That's why I decided to come to the North West."

But she's not having it easy in



TWINS:
Tshiamo
and Lethabo
Moeketsi.

the North West. Her new teachers complain that her school pants are too tight. "I don't wear skinny pants. It's just that I have a big body."

Tshiamo said she's not attended her business economics class for over a month.

"The teacher told me not to

come back unless I have on a knee-length skirt."

The teacher apparently refuses to mark her work. Gauteng education spokesman Steve Mabona said Tshiamo shouldn't have been kicked out because of her uniform. Mabona said he'd look into the matter. **Daily Sun**



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MAN (58) BLAMES BUGANU FOR DRINK-DRIVING CHARGE

By Sibusiso Gamedze
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

THE court was thrown into stitches when Vusi Malamba Nhlabatsi (58), who pleaded guilty to four counts of contravening the Road Traffic Act, explained that he only took a sip of the Marula brew as per the cultural dictates where one takes a sip in order to show that it was not poisoned.

Nhlabatsi was explaining his case to Magistrate Lenhle Zulu when he appeared before court to answer charges of breaking traffic laws. He revealed that while he was a man of sober habits, he had been sent by his father-in-law to procure the brew from a certain place in the Lubombo region, only for him to return and take a sip that ended up in him taking more than he was supposed to.

According to the charge sheet, on count one, he was charged with driving while intoxicated in that on or upon February 20 at or near Nandos in the capital city, he drove a Toyota Hiace while drunk. His alcometer reading was 0.75mg/l.

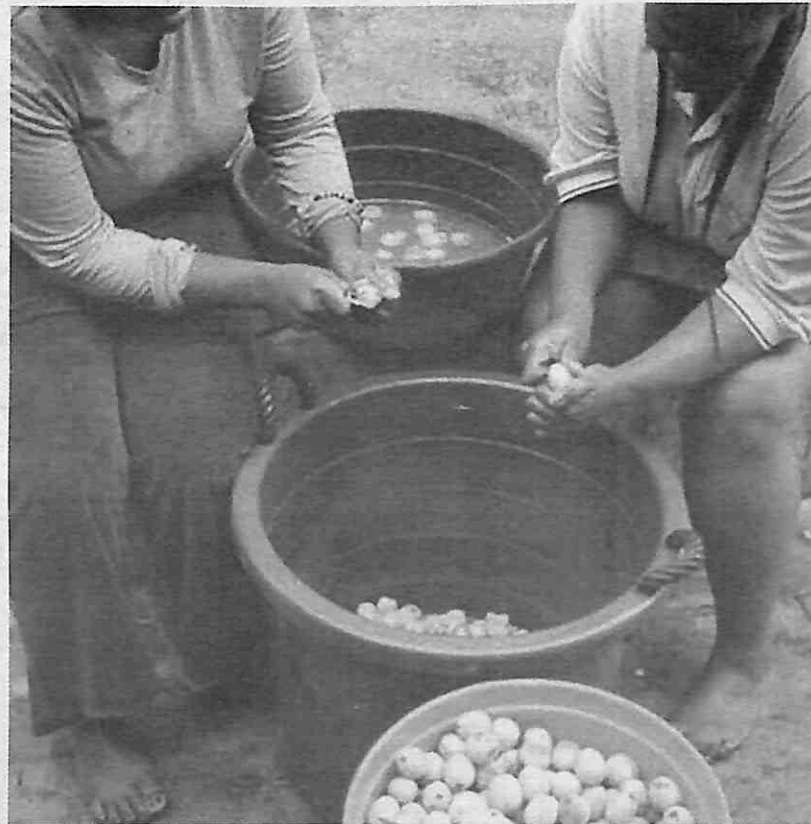
On count two, he was charged with failing to comply with a police officer's instruction to drive to Total Gardens Filling Station, where instead he ran away and when the police caught up with him, he refused to board the police vehicle and further fought with Constable Nhlabatsi, thus contravening the said Act.

On the third count, he was charged with driving while speaking on his mobile phone and on the last count, he was charged with parking his car in the middle of a public road.

In mitigation, Nhlabatsi said he had been sent by his father-in-law to buy a few 20 litres of the brew and upon return he took a sip and it tasted more like juice and he didn't notice that he had had more than enough.

"Nkosiye nkantolo bengitfuywe ngubabeta wami kutsi ngomytsengela Buganu

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lehlandzeni ngase ngiyamphungulela njengelisiko kantsi lentfo itaba mnandzi ngatsi yijuce," loosely meaning, "Your Worship, I was sent by my father-in-law to buy the brew in the lowveld and upon return I had to convince him that it was not poisoned such that when I took a sip I couldn't resist imbibing more to a point of intoxication, yet I don't even consume alcohol."

Magistrate Zulu was shocked when Nhlabatsi revealed that during his trip he was accompanied by his children. He pleaded for leniency and said he was a father to 10 children and a wife.

"Mr Nhlabatsi it means you are a rich man with a lot of drama and the whole time you were travelling with your children.

The court condemns such behaviour and you can't justify what did with culture, it was irresponsible and you know that," said Zulu.

Nhlabatsi was sentenced to a fine of E2 000 on count one, E500 on count two, E500 on count three and E500 on count four. However, the sentences were ordered to run concurrently, meaning he only had to pay E2 000 or spend two years behind bars.

Copper thieves strike at Bhunya Mill, steal E63 000 copper

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

COPPER thieves continue to cause a major setback for the economy of the country.

Yesterday, four suspects appeared at the Manzini Magistrate's Court for stealing copper cables worth E63 000 at Bhunya Montigny Mill.

Mfanimpela Mkhwanazi (31), Fortune Tiplady (31), Mduduzi Dlamini (21) and Mduduzi Mtsetfwa (21) appeared before Manzini Magistrate Philsiwe Simelane and they were charged with theft. The three elected to conduct their own defence during trial.

According to the court record, the accused persons are charged with theft in that they acted jointly and with a common purpose while at Bhunya Montigny Mill, in the Manzini district and allegedly stole an electric cable valued at E63 000.

The cables were said to be in the possession of Victor Makonna (Usuthu Forest Product Company). The list of items allegedly stolen by the accused person when broken down by the court included four (core) armoured cables valued at E40 000 and another four (core) armoured cables valued at E23 000. The total value of the items amounted to E63 000.

During their appearance before court, the accused persons denied

ever stealing the copper as they alleged that their car broke down while they were on their way out of Bhunya since they had borrowed the vehicle from one of the employees at the place.

They alleged that they saw officers coming out of a nearby forest carrying bags which were loaded with copper.

However, a police officer who was speaking as a witness during the case, informed the court that it was not true that the copper came with them.

He said as officers, they saw the car parked in a pathway which is used by people and at first they thought that the car had broken down but upon further inspection, they saw bags of copper nearby. The officer said when they asked who the owner of the vehicle was, Mkhwanazi stated that it was him. However, it later emerged that the vehicle belonged to a Sandile Terrence Magongo.

When Magongo was called and informed that his vehicle has been used for a criminal activity he informed officers that he borrowed the vehicle to Makhanya.

He said Makhanya had told him that he was going to use the vehicle to ferry his children from Matsapha and was not going to take more than two hours. The matter was postponed after Magongo gave his accounts of what he knew pertaining the case.



Dagga plants at Pigg's Peak bus rank still not cut

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

TWO dagga plants are still quietly growing in a public place behind the Pigg's Peak bus rank.

It has been said the dagga has been growing for about two and a half months now. The 'garden' which so far has not been claimed by anyone is located behind a Cafe that is facing the Pigg's Peak bus rank.

On January 31, this publication published a story about the dagga plants and at the time the owner of the Cafe informed this publication that the dagga trees would be destroyed.

Apparently, that has not happened as the dagga trees have now grown taller and look greener.

Interviewed, some sources alleged that even after the original enquiry made by this publication the plants



HOLY HERB: A dagga tree growing in public behind the Pigg's Peak bus rank. (Pic Sizwe Dlamini)

are still growing.

"Everybody at the bus rank knows that the dagga plants are still growing behind the Café, but the problem is that they suspect that the owner of

the plants is a businessman who has a lot of influence, which is why nobody has destroyed the plants. It's now four weeks since the original article about the dagga but still nothing has been

done," he said.

After being asked about the dagga, the businessman is said to have been overheard saying whoever informed the media about his trees would be

in big trouble, added the source.

When approached for comment, the businessman, who is also the owner of the property where the dagga plants are growing, said he had not had enough time to go out and destroy the dagga plants. "As I told you the last time you asked me, I do not know anything about the dagga plants. It could be that the plants started growing after somebody threw dagga seeds there.

Remember that the property is located in a public space, anybody could have just thrown the seeds there. I will cut them down when I have the time," he said.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba said if the businessman does not destroy the plants then members of the Royal Swaziland Police will do it for him.

"All that is required in such cases is for somebody to report the dagga plants to the police and after that is done the police will then destroy them," he said.

Five nabbed with pump action shotgun

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

IT would seem the country is facing an influx of illegal guns these days as not a week goes by without someone being arrested for possession of a gun without a valid permit or licence.

Some of these weapons are confiscated by police officers while others are

seized by members of the Umbutfo Swaziland Defence Force at illegal crossings.

Police reported that on Sunday at 16:00 hours in Mliba, they arrested and charged five men of Luhlangotsini, Mbelebeleni and Sihhoye aged 37, 39, 31, 30 and 29, respectively, for being found in possession of a pump action shotgun loaded with live rounds of ammunition without a valid permit or licence while at

Ekutsimuleni area.

The arrest was confirmed by Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba.

Weapons

Worth noting is that a pump-action or slide-action firearm is considered to be one of the most dangerous assault weapons as it is said it is much faster than a bolt-action and somewhat faster than a lever-action, as it does not require

the trigger hand to be removed from the trigger while reloading.

Information sourced from the internet is that once fired, the forearm is slid forward by hand and the expended cartridge ejected.

It is then reloaded by manually moving the forearm to the front. Just recently, members of the army reported that they nabbed two South Africans trying to cross into the country with guns and 35 live rounds of ammunition.



LIKE THIS ONE: A pump action shotgun pic taken from the internet.

FORMER MISS SD READY FOR 2018 ELECTIONS

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlengano

FORMER Miss Swaziland Nozipho Shabangu is ready to be the first female Member of Parliament (MP) under Matsanjeni South Inkhundla.

Shabangu, who is also said to be actively involved in a number of community projects in areas around Qomintaba and Lavumisa, is a darling to the residents.

It is also believed that the former beauty queen also enjoying the support of elderly people from the constituency, including those in the leadership of the many communities under the constituency.

With the campaign for more women representation in Parliament having intensified, claims are that in areas around Matsanjeni South it seems the electorate was already aware of who to elect as their candidate.

However, in order to win the elections, Shabangu will have to dislodge the current MP, Sikiza Edward Mhlungu, who recently announced that he would be available to seek a second term in office during the upcoming elections.

Shabangu when called to find out if she was ready to contest, first stat-

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THE RACE IS ON: Former Miss SD Nozipho Shabangu and current Matsanjeni South MP Sikiza Mhlungu.

ed that it was not yet the proper time to discuss anything to do with the elections in public until the relevant authorities have made an announcement about the process.

Refuse

In a subtle and diplomatic way, Shabangu did state that she will not refuse if the community or residents of the area decided to make her their servant in Parliament.

"If I am sent by the people of my community there is no way I can refuse their mandate. In short, what I am saying is that if people want me as their representative, I am going to make myself available.

Mandate

"I am ready to serve them and not just that but also make sure that whatever is asked of me is accomplished.

I am matured now and I know that if you are the people's servant, you are obliged to bring back whatever you are sent to do," said Shabangu.

Shabangu said she was aware of the challenges of the communities under this constituency.

She said as someone who was determined to make things happen, she was not going to let the chance slip by in the forthcoming elections.

"I am a woman who is flexible and we all know what women are capable of even in a family setup. The important thing when you are tasked with such responsibility is to show respect to the people who tasked you with that responsibility. *Uyahlonishwa umsebenzi lonikwe bantfu*," said Shabangu.

It seems it's going to be a fierce battle in this year's elections at Matsanjeni South has several prominent figures who have already declared interest in joining the race and some include former MPs such as John Mlivo Shiba as well as former radio personality Qedusizi Ndlovu.

Apart from the current MP Mhlungu, who is also eyeing a return in Parliament, another resident Bomber Mamba, who is another popular figure who tried his luck in the past, is also rumoured to be in the running even this time around.

Minister announces lihiya for Buganu Ceremony

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

ACTING Minister of Home Affairs Sibongile Simelane has announced the lihiya colour to be worn on Saturday and Sunday during the Buganu Festival at Buhleni.

Making the announcement, the minister said the regiment must not wear branded lihiya on the two days but stick to the said colours.

"On Saturday, we shall don our orange traditional lihiya, it can be in any design as long as it is the orange traditional one. While on Sunday, it shall be the orange one," she said.

Simelane said the lihiya should not be the chiffon and must not be branded.

"However, on the Friday they can be branded. On Saturday and Sunday we are one regiment, so we must be in the same lihiya colour," she said.

On another note, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba reminded motorists who will attend the festival not to drink and drive as the police will be manning all roads in a quest to keep the nation safe, as always.

"Traffic police will be on the roads so we can just plead with motorists to uphold the rules of the road and not drink and drive," he said.

He further encouraged people who would be attending the festival to be at their best behaviour.

"Police will also be at Buhleni to maintain peace so we plead with all those that will be attending to be at their best behaviour," he said.



REMINDER: Chief Police Information and Communication Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba.

Man's jacket buried with neighbour's clothes

By Starsky Mkhonta
Lavumisa

A man from Lavumisa wants his neighbours to dig the tomb of their relative as he suspects that his jacket was buried with the body.

Cyprian Dlamini claimed that his jacket was thrown into the grave with the clothes of the neighbours' relative who was buried a couple of weeks ago.

He claims that he had given one of the deceased's relatives his jacket but it was not returned to him, only to hear rumours that it was thrown into the grave as relatives had thought it belonged to their loved one they were burying.

It's normal that when someone is buried some of his or her clothes are also buried. In this case, Dlamini said the neighbours have something to explain as among the clothes that were buried with their relative was his jacket, which he loved so much.

Dlamini is living with a disability as he is confined to a wheelchair. He said ever since he became disabled, life has been difficult for him

and his family.

He said the story of his jacket was also troubling him as he now has a feeling that it could be that those who buried it had ulterior motives.

"I gave my jacket to someone from the neighbours' homestead as he was feeling cold.

"He never brought it back and as someone who works far away, I had to call him and enquire about my jacket.

He told me he gave it to one of his relatives and asked her to give it to me.

Mistake

However, this did not happen but what I later heard was that there was a funeral at my neighbours' home and the jacket could have been included in the deceased's clothes that were buried with his body by mistake. I'm still trying to come to terms with this because no one has come out clearly on what happened to my jacket," he said.

Dlamini said he also suspected that the neighbours were up to some mischief by throwing his jacket into the grave of their relative.

He said as a Swazi, he suspected that such action meant evil intentions and he was not going

to rest until the neighbours tell him what happened to his jacket.

He said the neighbours have asked him to give them time as they were still mourning their dead relative.

"They have not denied the possibility of having the jacket buried with the body of their relative but at the same time they seemed to be also uncertain.

"They asked me to give them time as they can only attend to the issue after they are done with the cleansing ceremony.

I am going to wait but I will also be consulting vigorously.

"For someone's clothes to be buried while still alive and by neighbours is unusual.

As Swazis, we know these things and if someone has done this with a purpose, then I will leave everything to my God," said Dlamini, with a sorrowful voice on the other side of the phone.

He said if this was done on purpose he would definitely demand that they dig up the body and retrieve his jacket, as that would give him peace.

He feels a part of him had already been buried yet he was still alive.

Sipho Shongwe **innocent** until proven guilty - Ngculwini chief

By Observer Reporter
Ngculwini

CHIEF of Ngculwini Prince Mgebiseni has said prominent resident of the area Sipho Shongwe, who has been charged with the murder of businessman and football administrator Gamedze, will face the umphakatsi should he be found guilty.

However, the prince was quick to say at the moment they would not interfere with the case as they will allow justice to take its course. He added that for now they will assume that he is innocent until proven otherwise. He pointed out that as per the procedure the umphakatsi summons individuals to answer for their indiscretions.

Shongwe, who hails from Ngculwini with his son, Sifiso Mbusi Shongwe (24), were arrested

last month at Ngwenya Border Gate following investigations to the murder of Gamedze.

Sifiso was charged with contravening Section 41 (1), as read with Section 41 (2) of the Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (Prevention) Act of 2011, as amended. He was allegedly found in possession of E60 000 on the day of his arrest.

Complained

He was later released on bail for his offences.

Following serious cases committed by people who are from Ngculwini there has been a public outcry as people have complained that a number of suspects who have been involved in high profile criminal activities are from the same area. Just last year, police were dealing with a E320 000 robbery case which happened at Hhelehhele at Taga Investments where one of the suspects Lungani Shongwe, happens to be a resident of Ngculwini.

Lungani is alleged to have been in the company of five South Africans when he allegedly committed the offence.

It could not be ascertained however if Lungani is related in any way to Sipho, who is currently in custody on murder charges among others.

When asked about his subjects, especially the matter of Sipho Shongwe, the prince said it was too premature for him to make any comments.

He said since the case is already with the police, as a community they were just observing how the case would proceed in court. However, he did confirm that Shongwe is a resident of Ngculwini.

Speaking about his subjects in general, Prince Mgebiseni said



NOT YET GUILTY : Sipho Shongwe.

KFC pick-pocketer finally arrested

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

A man believed to be in his early 30's was arrested by Mbabane Police on Monday after he was suspected to be pick-pocketing at the busy traffic lights connecting the Swazi Plaza and the Mall next to KFC.

There has been outcry from the public in recent times on

pick-pocketing at the crossing as people have been losing valuable items like mobile phones and money.

According to a source, who witnessed the arrest of the man by the police, it is said he spent over two hours wandering at the crossing, much to the suspicion of the public that he might be the culprit. Police were called on him thereafter and upon spotting him, he was taken away. Chief Police Information and

Communication Officer (PICO) Khulani Mamba said there had been multiple cases of pick-pocketing and that he was still unaware of the man taken at KFC.

"We are aware of the outcry of pick-pocketing at the KFC street lights but I cannot confirm the capture of a man on suspicions of the same offence because there are many cases of pick-pocketing that we have right now," he said.

Businessman almost swept away by floods

By Starsky Mkhonta
Hluti

HLUTI businessman Bahle Sibandze has related how he was nearly swept away by floods following rains which fell across the Shiselweni region on Monday until Tuesday morning.

The businessman said he was on his way to an area known as Welcome under Shiselweni I Constituency when he found water overflowing the local bridge. He said his intention was to drive to the other side of the bridge but just before he could drive any further, he felt the waves pulling the front part of his sedan where he immediately engaged the reverse gear.

Sibandze, who is a well known businessman owning proper-

ties at Hluti and operating a butchery business, said he was headed to a dip tank at Welcome when he almost got swallowed by the raging river. "I woke up at around 4am with the intention of meeting some of the cattle farmers. The plan was to buy a cow from the farmers which I had intended to slaughter for my butchery."

When I reached the bridge, I found water overflowing but since the rain had subsided a bit compared to the previous night, I took the risk and tried to drive across.

I took a chance but realised late that I was in danger. Luckily, I managed to engage the reverse gear as the strong current was pulling my car," said Sibandze.

Sibandze said he managed to reverse but with some difficulty as the road was slip-

pery. "The vehicle swung from one side to the other but I eventually managed to drive away from the slippery part of the road."

I parked the car and waited for the water overflowing on the bridge to subside. This did not happen and I decided drive back. I did not want to take a risk after the scare I had experienced earlier on. I could have been swept away along with the car had I decided to continue driving across the bridge. He said he also heard that several other roads as well as bridges were damaged and also overflowing which made work for others difficult.

"Some schools were affected and a number of other businesses as it was not easy to move from point A to B," said Sibandze.

Mugabe 'finally' sends condolence message to Tsvangirai's family

HARARE - Zimbabwe's ex-president Robert Mugabe has reportedly "finally broken his silence" and sent a last minute condolence message to his late rival, opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai's family.

According to New Zimbabwe.com, the message from Mugabe was confirmed by the Movement for Democratic Change's acting President Nelson Chamisa just before the coffin of Tsvangirai was lowered into his final resting place in rural Buhara, 220km south of Harare, on Tuesday.

Chamisa said the message was private and could not be read in public.

"It would be improper for me to do that. We are Tsvangirai's



political family, but this is a private message to his real family. Unless they want it read out but that would be their choice," Chamisa was quoted as saying.

According to NewsDay, the message was from both Mugabe

and his wife Grace.

As Chamisa announced the receipt of the letter the mourners responded with "rapturous applause", the report said.

Tsvangirai, the country's fiercest opponent of Mugabe's tyrannical 37-year rule, died last Wednesday aged 65 at a hospital in South Africa where he had been undergoing treatment for colon cancer.

His body was flown to the burial ceremony aboard a military helicopter, accompanied by his mother Mbuya Tsvangirai.

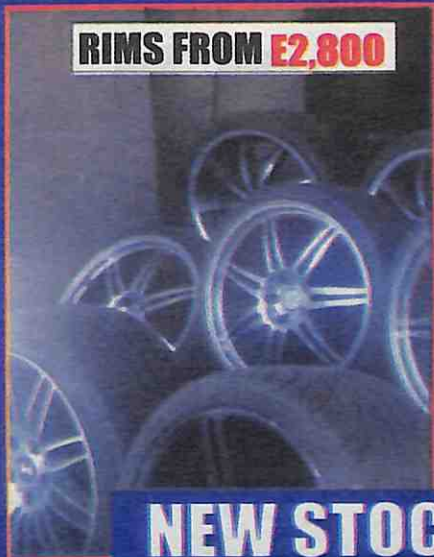
Tsvangirai's dreams of unseating Mugabe through the ballot box were dashed at several elections. But he lived to see Mugabe resign in November, amid moves by his own party to impeach him. *news24*

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MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



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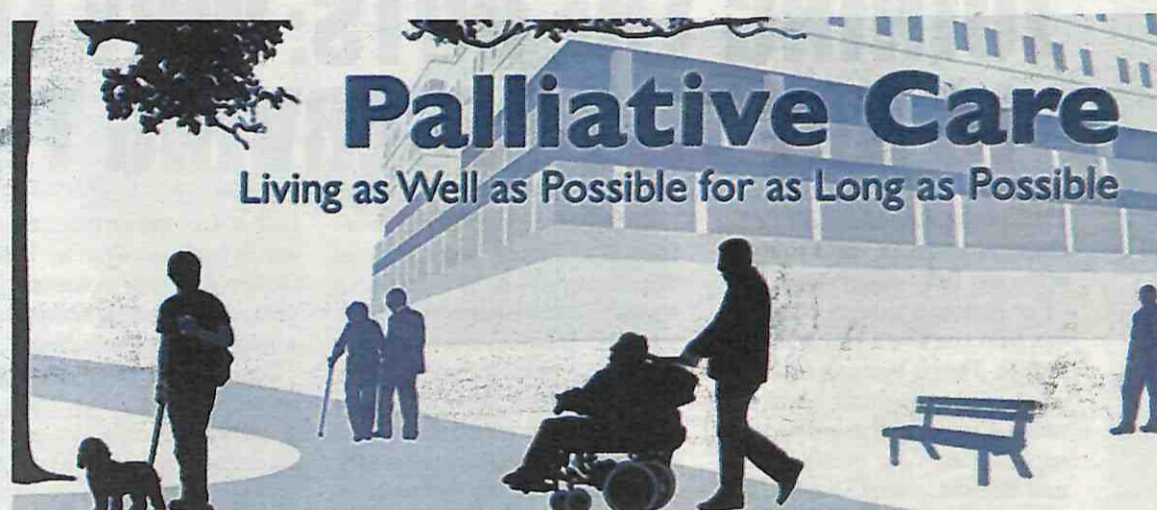
PALLIATIVE care has in recent years been highlighted as an urgent need for patients with HIV and AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses, both malignant and non-malignant.

Traditionally, the palliative care approach was developed in response to the plight of cancer patients. However, with the rise in other terminal, debilitating and life-threatening conditions, these were also added as conditions for palliative care.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has broadened its approach to palliative care and defines it as an approach to improve the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problems associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems – whether physical, psychosocial or spiritual. Palliative care provides relief from pain and other distressing symptoms; affirms life and regards dying as a normal process; Intends neither to hasten or postpone death; integrates the psychological and spiritual aspects of patient care; offers a support system to help patients live as actively as possible until death; offers a support system to help the family cope during the patient's illnesses and bereavement; uses a team approach to address the needs of patients and their families, including bereavement counselling, if indicated; Enhances the quality of life and may positively influence the course of illness; and is applicable early in the course of illness, in conjunction with other therapies that are intended to prolong life, such as chemotherapy or radiation therapy, and include those investigations needed to better understand and manage distressing clinical complications.

People living with HIV (PLHIV) are at risk for developing different cancers such as Kaposi's Sarcoma, non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, and cervical cancer. For PLHIV, these three cancers are often referred to as 'AIDS-defining conditions', meaning that if a person living with HIV has one of these cancers, it could signify the progression from HIV to AIDS. Women with HIV have a higher risk of developing cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN), a precancerous growth of cells in the cervix.

LET'S PRIORITISE PALLIATIVE CARE AS COUNTRY SEEKS TO GET TO ZERO AIDS-RELATED DEATHS



Palliative care in Swaziland

In Swaziland, palliative care has historically focused on the end of life care provided in hospices and other facilities. Recently, however, the approach has expanded to all the regional and referral hospitals. Its main aim is still to improve the quality of life for people with life limiting conditions and it focuses on the delivery of qualitative and quantitative treatment, care support and follow-up services for delivery through all healthcare programmes to achieve access to health for all Swazis. Prior to 1990, palliative care had been provided as a normative service in the health care system in Swaziland but the establishment of the Swaziland Hospice at Home in that year pioneered palliative care beyond traditional health facilities.

Since then, palliative care services have been provided in varying packages by health facilities and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), faith-based organisations (FBOs) at facilities and in communities. The care is provided as in-patient, day care, out-patient and/or outreach basis, depending on the patients' condition and availability of patient's bed space. Home-based palliative care is the most common model of palliative care service delivery for patients who have been well diagnosed and have reached a stage where the condition cannot be cured. Some of the FBOs providing aspects of palliative care in the country include: Cabrini Ministries, Rocking Horse, Claypotts Trust, Hope House, Nazarene HIV/AIDS Task Force, Salvation Army, and the Shiselweni Dutch Reformed Church. Non-governmental organisations providing palliative care in Swaziland are AMICAALL, Cheshire Homes, NATICC, Swaziland Hospice at Home, Swaziland Positive Living

(SWAPOL), and Swaziland Breast and Cervical Cancer Network. Often, counselling, symptom control and pain management are the most provided elements of palliative care, with limited rehabilitation, owing to the effects of the treatment and the prognosis of the condition.

A review of palliative care services held in 2009 showed that its demand is huge, mainly resulting from HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-threatening illnesses like cardio vascular, kidney diseases and diabetes. The survey also revealed that the capacity to provide palliative care among the service providers was challenged by the lack of training and coordination of services nationally and regionally – which was then addressed through the setting up of the palliative care programme within SNAP and the development of palliative care guidelines, published in 2011 to enhance the provision of quality palliative care services as part of the national health sector response to life-threatening illnesses.

Most patients who need palliative care reside in rural areas, often far away from the nearest health facility. In the public sector, chemotherapy services are provided at the referral hospital and regional hospitals focusing on the treatment of HIV and AIDS related cancers, especially Kaposi's Sarcoma. There is no radiotherapy service available in the country and currently, few patients are being managed through referral to neighbouring countries such as the Republic of South Africa.

Cancer rates in Swaziland

Information sourced from the 2016 Swaziland National Cancer Registry (SNCR) – a national 'incidence only' population-based cancer registry that seeks information from multiple sources, especially those in which cancer cases

may be diagnosed or treated, including screening programmes – indicates that both the prostate and cervix cancers remain the top cancers in Swaziland. The other cancers include cancer of the breast, liver, colon, rectum and anus, lung, trachea, bronchus, oesophagus, corpus and uterus NOS, mouth and pharynx, and ovary and adnexa.

According to the SNCR, cervix Oteri has the highest age specific rates, followed by breast cancer and cancer of the ovaries, among females. The age group 70-74 has the highest number of age-specific rates. Kaposi's Sarcoma, liver cancer and the cancer of the ovary presented a sharp upward trend between 60-75 age group. In 2016, a total number of 88 cancer-related deaths were recorded at in-patient, the leading cause of death being cervical cancer accounting for 38 per cent of all reported cancer deaths.

Prostate cancer, which affects males accounted for 18 per cent of the deaths. Additional to inheritance issues, prostate cancer is also linked to age, diet and life style – and of these risk factors, diet and life style can be controlled. Sexual reproductive health (SRH) related cancers accounted for over half (64 per cent) of all mortality cases in 2016.

Swaziland Hospice at Home

As one of the key service providers of palliative care, Swaziland Hospice at Home contributes to the improvement and attainment of the best possible quality of life for terminally-ill patients and their families, irrespective of their religion, nationality and social status. They provide a holistic approach to caring, comprehensive management and an array of interventions that ensure that patients' physical psycho-social, psychological, emotional and spiritu-

al distress is managed and suffering attenuated – through appropriate counselling and support measures, supportive treatment (such as offering advice and training of their families and communities) throughout the four regions of the country – and ultimately assist the dying to pass-on with comfort, dignity and love, while the survivors are assisted to cope with their situation, before and after death of their loved one.

Between April and December 2017, the Swaziland Hospice at Home attended to 223 home-based clients, consisting 128 (Manzini), 62 (Hhohho), 12 (Lubombo), and 21 (Shiselweni). Cancer specific patients included 45 cervical cancer, 23 prostate cancer; four cancer of the breast; three Kaposi's Sarcoma; with 25 suffering from other cancers. In the period, there were 19 deaths. Inpatients totalled 184 clients; – 127 females and 57 males who were affected by non-communicable diseases and other forms of illnesses.

As part of its response to HIV and AIDS, Hospice at Home collaborates with other organisations (NGOs, FBOs, and CBOs) that have introduced home-based care in their programmes, in various ways including advocating for better services for the terminally ill patients, sharing of hospice palliative care information and knowledge and providing in-service education on terminal issues.

Everyone has a role to play in ending AIDS

The success of the country's antiretroviral treatment (ART) programme means that more and more PLHIV are living well into old age. This increase in life expectancy means that the numbers of PLHIV who are ageing with the disease are also increasing. Therefore, as the country plans to end AIDS by 2022, there is need to prioritize the issue of long-term effects of ART and ageing diseases. We need to bring it into the agenda, so it can be dealt with.

For now, however, companies and individuals can support initiatives like the Swaziland Hospice at Home Fundraising dinner to be held from 20:00 hours tomorrow, at the Happy Valley Hotel. For only E300.00 singles and E500.00 couples / doubles, you can 'Be informed about Prostate Cancer' as the theme for the night stars, and still enjoy a scrumptious meal.

Males can also attend a seminar on the same day February 23rd on prostate cancer hosted by Hospice at Home at the Swaziland Water Services Corporation Auditorium

ON THIS DAY

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1860 - Organised baseball's first game was played in San Francisco, CA.

1865 - In the US, Tennessee adopted a new constitution that abolished slavery.

1879 - In Utica, NY, Frank W. Woolworth opened his first 5 and 10-cent store.

1885 - The Washington Monument was officially dedicated in Washington, DC. It opened to the public in 1889.

1892 - "Lady Windermere's Fan", by Oscar Wilde, was first performed.

1920 - The first dog race track to use an imitation rabbit opened in Emeryville, CA.

1923 - The first successful chinchilla farm opened in Los Angeles, CA. It was the first farm of its kind in the US.

1924 - US President Calvin Coolidge delivered the first presidential radio broadcast from the White House.

1954 - ABC radio's popular "Breakfast Club" programme was simulcast on TV for the first time.

1969 - Barbara Jo Rubin became the first woman to win a US thoroughbred horse race.

1973 - The US and Communist China agreed to establish liaison offices.

1984 - The US Census Bureau statistics showed that the state of Alaska was the fastest growing state of the decade with an increase in population of 19.2 percent.

1994 - The US Justice Department charged Aldrich Ames and his wife with selling national secrets to the Soviet Union. Ames was later convicted to life in prison. Ames' wife received a 5-year prison term.

1997 - Scottish scientist Ian Wilmut and colleagues announced that an adult sheep had been successfully cloned. Dolly was actually born on July 5, 1996. Dolly was the first mammal to have been successfully cloned from an adult cell.

2002 - In the Philippines, an MH-47E Chinook helicopter crashed into the ocean. All 10 men aboard were killed.

2010 - A copy of "Action Comics #1" sold at auction for \$1 million. The comic featured the introduction of Superman.

2010 - Walmart announced it was acquiring the video streaming company Vudu, Inc.

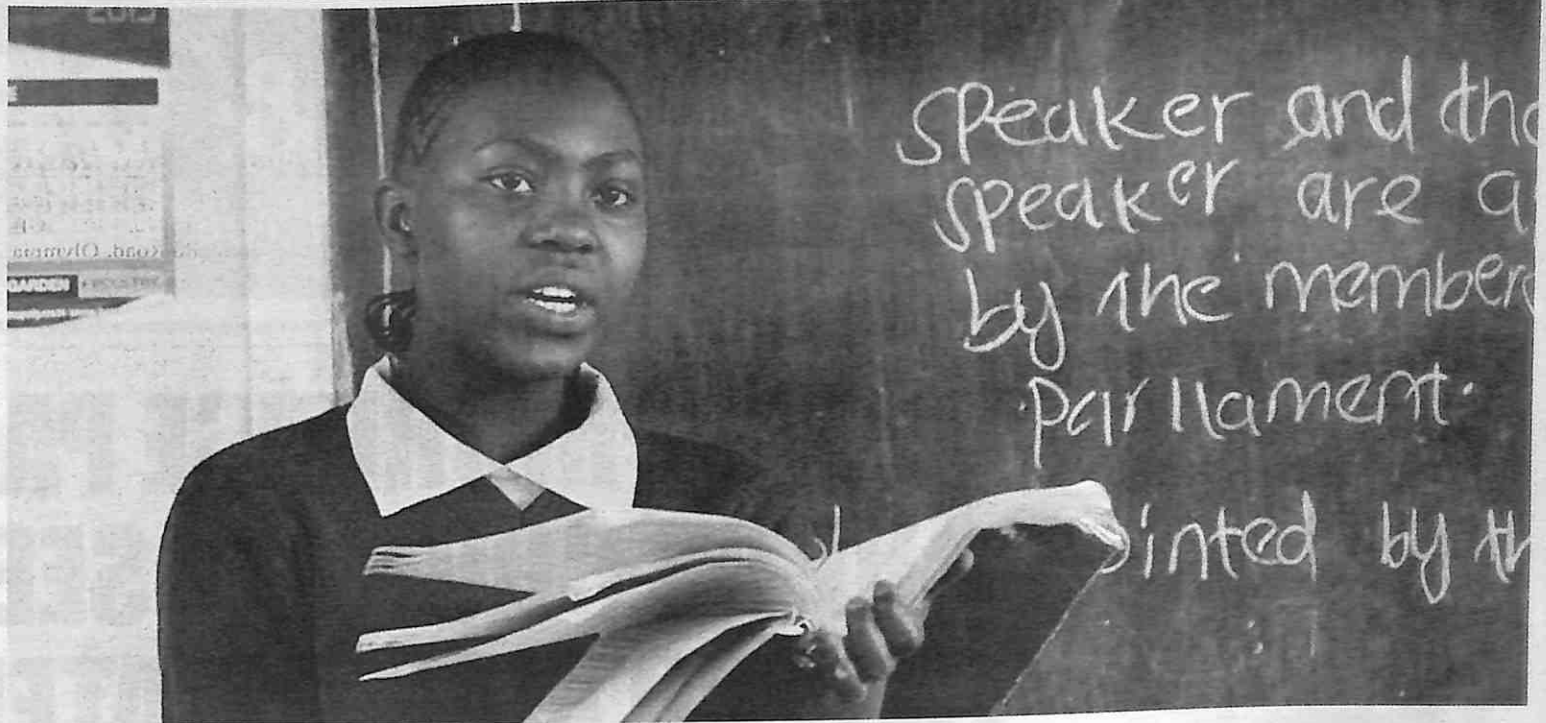
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Michael Johnston (TV ACTOR) - February 22, 1995 (23 years)



Julie Walters (TV ACTRESS) - February 22, 1950 (68 years old)



JOINING THE DOTS: WHY EDUCATION IS KEY TO PRESERVING THE PLANET

THE evidence is clear: education changes lives, in ways that are often not fully understood.

For instance, quality education can help you live a longer, healthier life. This is because education equips you to approach health on a rational, informed basis stripped of superstition. Your own education can benefit others' health, too: research from Malawi has showed that having educated people as close neighbours enhances your health.

Evidence from Indonesia, meanwhile, points to education being a particularly strong predictor of who survived the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami. Cuba copes with hurricanes far better than Haiti in part because its citizens are more educated.

Wolfgang Lutz and Reiner Klingholz recently completed a book, in German, on education's role in resolving pressing current problems of inequality and sustainability, drawing extensively from history and recent scientific research. In 2017 it was translated into English with the title *Education First! From Martin Luther to Sustainable Development*.

Lutz is a world authority on population trends and climate change. Klingholz is a biologist and demographer. The pair worked on the book in South Africa, while based at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study in 2015.

Education as a driver of history

Lutz and Klingholz explore how mass literacy became a revolution that changed the course of Europe's and, via colonialism, the world's history.

Up to around 500 years ago, a defining feature of world inequality was that in those parts of the world where writing existed only around one per cent had access to the schooling and texts that made literacy possible. Virtually all of this tiny minority were men. In Europe, the Muslim world and China, 99 per cent of people were illiterate.

Martin Luther, in rebelling against Europe's Catholic order, insisted that literacy should be universal. It was a view which would have appeared fanatical at a time when no one – probably including Luther – imagined just how much economic benefit would flow from literacy and education more broadly.

The impact of the Reformation on literacy was not immediate, but the genie had been let out of the bottle. By 1800 around half of Protestant Europe was literate. By 1900 literacy was near universal.

Japan, eager to modernise, replicated many aspects of the German education system, starting in the 1870s. Britain's and, much later, Japan's empires proved efficient in their brutality largely thanks to an exceptionally educated population at home. The rise of the United States can be attributed to the fact that this champion of private enterprise also pioneered the mass public funding of secondary schooling.

It is argued that Germany became susceptible to the lies of the tiny Nazi party because its secondary schooling had fallen behind its counterparts across the world.

Enablers and disablers

Modern technologies are undoubtedly education enablers. Their absence has also played a big role in how education has – or hasn't – evolved. One sobering case of technology suppression happened in 1485 when the Ottoman sultan imposed a ban on printing. It lasted for two centuries, throttling the technology that

Luther's revolution relied on. This partly explains why the Islamic Golden Age, with its scientists and thinkers, was unable to evolve into a mass education movement.

Communism, for all its failings on the economic policy front, was generally an excellent promoter of education. Inspired by Marx, himself originally a first-generation Lutheran, Mao laid the foundations for mass quality schooling in China, which made an astounding economic takeoff possible several decades later. Julius Nyerere and

Robert Mugabe were in some respects similar education pioneers in Africa.

Education already serves as a bulwark against existential threats. It helps communities to understand each other, weakens rampant nationalism, assists in population control and widens the talent pool from which innovation must come. But parts of the world need much more of it.

African Sun Media

Africa has made important strides: today around 80 per cent of African children attend primary school and around 50 per cent secondary schooling. But some countries are doing much better than others. Take Nigeria, for example. The oil-rich country should be an education leader in Africa, but is in fact a laggard. African countries with far worse resource endowments have performed much better educationally.

At the other end of the spectrum is Mauritius, which took a decision to massify quality education in the 1960s. The impact is still being felt today. It stands out as the only African country (other than tiny Seychelles) to have virtually eradicated poverty. The island's post-independence leadership in the 1960s was neither

communist nor Lutheran. It simply understood the value of education.

Ethiopia, the only non-Muslim sub-Saharan African country with a long history of literacy – albeit limited to a tiny minority – benefited from good leaders in the 1980s. They refused to follow instructions from the International Monetary Fund to cut education funding. This stubbornness, also seen in Ghana and Mozambique, bore fruits in the form of Ethiopia's recent economic growth, and reduced fertility rates. In Addis Ababa they are as low as in Switzerland. Nigeria, which essentially gave in to the IMF, has paid a high price for this.

Elite capture in places such as Malawi have held education back. 68 per cent of public spending on education goes to the richest 10 per cent of the population, partially because spending is heavily skewed towards one university.

The role of foreign donors

International development funding debates display a short-sighted lack of appreciation for education's long-term benefits. The evidence suggests that a significant portion of the funding being made available for climate change adaptation is best spent on education.

UNESCO's estimate of the annual cost of plugging the financing gap to bring schooling, up to the lower secondary level, to all the world's children equals less than one per cent of what the United States spent on its war in Iraq, or a tenth of what Qatar has committed to the 2022 World Cup. The world moves fast. In the three years since the book was first published in German, much has changed. Then, US participation in global climate agreements still seemed assured. Now its English title can clearly be read as a sideswipe at the Trump administration and its insistence on "America First". One wonders how the authors would have dealt with a newly emerging risk: a tragic mix of a high level of education, as in the US, with an anti-science populism.

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DO WOMEN MAKE GOOD LEADERS?

WITH the coming of the local and national elections, there has been an intensity in the visibility of people interested in running for office.

As the conversations around the suitability of candidates or the necessary requirements of a good leader intensify, there is a question that somehow keeps creeping in, do women make good leaders? Aside from the numerous examples of women performing amazing feats of leadership all around us, some would still require further evidence.

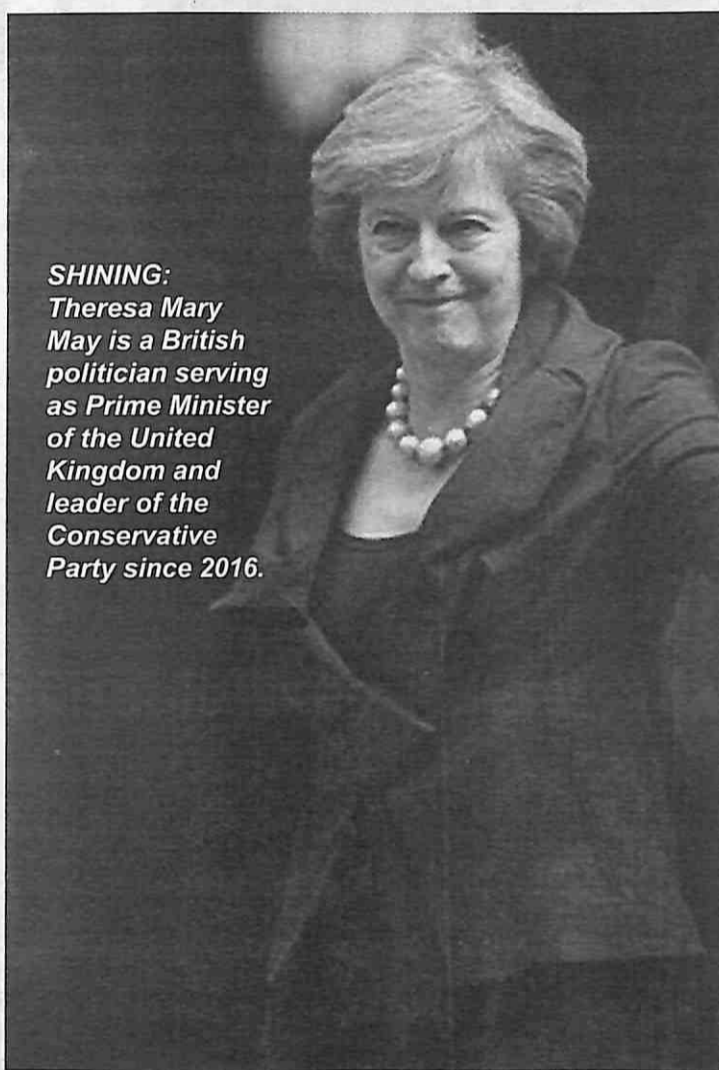
In order to move forward we must first look back, as a common misconception by people is the belief that patriarchy is the only system of ruling but in fact there have been many examples of thriving matriarchal societies peppered throughout history. In matriarchy power lies with the women of the community.

There are many cultures, both historically and current, in which lineage is determined through the mother or the mother holds the dominant position within her family.

Argument

These societies would, however, generally occur during times of societal stress or instability, where the men are absent or unreliable. There is one argument stating that the natural state of these societies was patriarchal and yes this may be true, but it is worth asking ourselves as a people, is it not the sign of a good leader to be able to navigate tumultuous situations and possess the ability to lead a nation through difficult times?

Perhaps one nation that is the closest



SHINING:
Theresa Mary May is a British politician serving as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and leader of the Conservative Party since 2016.

est approximation of a matriarchy and is also well-known would be Great Britain. The reason it fails categorisation as a true matriarch is that, historically, the queen's ascendance to the throne is only due to an absence of male heirs, not because of a system designed to place women in power. It cannot

be ignored that many female-dominated societies in history were in response to trauma or social breakdown. Yet these societies would not only recover but they would thrive.

Historically, women have made great contributions as the world's first civilisations arose from the

spiritual, economic and social efforts of African women who in turn went on to lead their own successful matriarchal societies. African women are even responsible for the greatest invention for the well-being of all people, which is, namely, food security. They pioneered the practise of agriculture that paved the way for population expansion, food surpluses and civilisation as we know it possible.

When women aspire to leadership or even involvement in decision making, our motives are questioned as they are viewed as a threat to male dominance and an aspiration for superiority over men. The comparison between patriarchy and matriarchy lies at the root of this fear as some would believe that the system of ruling would be similar when in fact that is untrue. Matriarchy in ancient Africa was not a mirror image of patriarchy today, it was not based on appropriation and violence, it did not celebrate violence rather it promoted fruitfulness, exchange and distribution.

Matriarchal rule has its advantages just as patriarchy has its own when viewed objectively, but the rule of one in absence of the other leaves the people of a nation lacking. A sustainable system of prosperity is one through which men and women work together as partners both in a domestic setting and a professional setting towards the growth of the country. Both men and women have much to offer society and only through the co-operation of the sexes will our country grow and the people prosper.

Authored by Women and Law



● "I like the night. Without the dark, we'd never see the stars."
— *Stephenie Meyer, Twilight*

● "Hold fast to dreams,
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird,
That cannot fly."
— *Langston Hughes*

● "Grief does not change you, Hazel. It reveals you."
— *John Green, The Fault in Our Stars*

● "And now I'm looking at you," he said, "and you're asking me if I still want you, as if I could stop loving you. As if I would want to give up the thing that makes me stronger than anything else ever has. I never dared give much of myself to anyone before - bits of myself to the Lightwoods, to Isabelle and Alec, but it took years to do it - but, Clary, since the first time I saw you, I have belonged to you completely. I still do. If you want me."
— *Cassandra Clare, City of Glass*

"Never memorise something that you can look up."
— *Albert Einstein*

● "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."
— *JRR Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring*

● "When you're in jail, a good friend will be trying to bail you out. A best friend will be in the cell next to you saying, 'Damn, that was fun!'"
— *Groucho Marx*

● "When it comes down to it, I let them think what they want. If they care enough to bother with what I do, then I'm already better than them."
— *Marilyn Monroe*

● "Those who believe in telekinetics, raise my hand."
— *Kurt Vonnegut*

● "In a good bookroom you feel in some mysterious way that you are absorbing the wisdom contained in all the books through your skin, without even opening them."
— *Mark Twain*

● "I love you. I am who I am because of you. You are every reason, every hope, and every dream I've ever had, and no matter what happens to us in the future, everyday we are together is the greatest day of my life. I will always be yours."
— *Nicholas Sparks, The Notebook*

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Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
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SNPF to run ISSA regional liaison office for next 4 years

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

THE Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) has been tasked with more social security responsibility as they will now be running the International Social Security (ISSA) Southern Africa Regional liaison office.

The new office is based at the SNPF headquarters in Manzini.

"As the Swaziland National Provident Fund, we cannot see the country attaining the first world status as envisaged by His Majesty the King without having a comprehensive and meaningful social security system in the country," SNPF CEO Prince Lonkhokhela said.

The ISSA office was previously run by South Africa, hence the country will be drawing a lot of reference from that country's government. "This office was ably hosted by the Government of South Africa through the department of social development. We consider ourselves very privileged in being chosen as the country to host this office as we will be building upon from the experiences of our predecessor," he said.

It was also mentioned that the neighbouring country did a magnificent job in hosting the liaison office for the past nine years.

Dlamini said the ISSA office will contribute to strengthening cooperation and exchange of good practices among social security institutions in the region as well as between the ISSA and its members.



OFFICIAL: SNPF Chief Executive Officer Prince Lonkhokhela delivering his speech during the launch of the ISSA office in Manzini.



HANDING OVER: ISSA Secretary General Hans-Horst Konkolesky addressing the gathering.

bers.

The office will be tasked with promoting the work of ISSA and create an opportunity for all institutions involved in the provision of social security services to become

members of ISSA.

This, according to Dlamini, will be an opportunity to enjoy the various benefits that come with this such as sharing best practices.

"It promotes regional collabora-

Finally SNPF to convert into national pension scheme

MEANWHILE, the SNPF Chief Executive Officer Prince Lonkhokhela says it is crucial that the fund be converted to a national pension scheme.

He says a bill in this regard will be tabled in Parliament before the end of this session.

The CEO said it is a known fact that social security or pension funds are a systematic way of providing social safety nets to the most vulnerable members of society.

Comprehensive

"As the Swaziland National Provident Fund, we don't see the country attaining first world status as envisaged by His Majesty the King without having a comprehensive and meaningful social security system in the country.

"One of the critical steps for the country to achieve this is the conversion of the Fund to a national pension scheme," he said.

tion and exchanges of experiences and plays a key role in bringing the ISSA's services closer to member institutions. This includes participation in all activities that shall be organised for the member," he said.

EXERCISE BOOKS BECOMING OUTDATED AS ICT WAVE PREVAILS

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

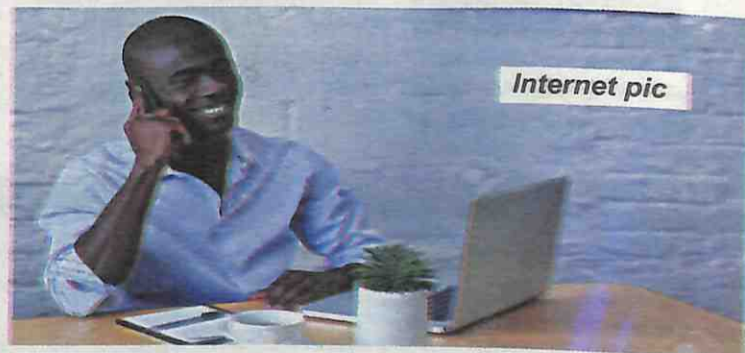
NUMBERED are the days of exercise books, theories and endless philosophies in the country's education sector as the information and communication technology (ICT) wave takes precedence.

The ICT wave demands a hands on skilled and practical human resource which will make an everyday difference in people's technological needs.

These were the words of Sdeez Director Banele Zwane on Tuesday.

Zwane is a cellphone repair entrepreneur whose sights are not set just on the business he established eight years ago but on diversifying to offer niche services in the market.

The Sdeez cellphone repair shop is currently based in Mbabane and



Internet pic

Manzini and employs five people.

"In future, I see institutions such as Limkokwing becoming more relevant for our economy because they are all about creativity and technology.

"Technology is pushing us towards another direction where the whole education system must be overhauled," he said, adding that Swaziland has no option but to grasp the tech-

nology wave and ride on it, if the country perceives ICT as being an industry that can make a meaningful difference towards GDP growth.

"With the ICT industry, the opportunities are endless, I wish we could realise this as a country," he said, highlighting the need for cultivating a crop of entrepreneurs with the ability to predict or foresee gaps in the market beforehand to maintain

relevance in the industry while making meaningful contribution to economic growth.

Sdeez is one of a few locally owned cellphone repair shops as this sector at the grassroots level is mainly dominated by foreign businesspeople, mainly those of Asian origin.

Zwane said his business had been sustained by consistency in providing quality services as well as paying attention to customers' needs.

"I am quite particular when it comes to offering quality service to our clients, which is why I have refrained from opening branches of my shop in other towns despite the need. It is quite difficult to secure skilled people who also value the importance of customer relations," he said.

MECHANIC TO COMPANY DIRECTOR

...Blueline Auto Consultancy Director Muzi Dlamini shares how ENACTUS helped him become the entrepreneur he is today

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

MUZI Dlamini one of three Blueline Auto Consultancy Directors sold his BMW convertible to contribute towards start-up costs for his company.

His investment is now paying off quite well as Blueline Auto Consultancy is growing to become a household name in the fleet management, speed limiters and vehicle tracking sector. Dlamini's company is fully accredited by all insurance companies in Swaziland and began offering fully-fledged vehicle consultancy services after undergoing all the drills required for a business of this nature to operate at full capacity.

A former SCOT student and ENACTUS alumni, Dlamini's business acumen and the passion of being an entrepreneur were all nurtured in his days as an ENACTUS member. "Before, I had never seen myself owning a business. When I enrolled at SCOT, all I wanted to do was to study transport economics."

The love of business was cultivated when I joined ENACTUS," he said in an interview held at the ENACTUS offices. Now Dlamini does not ever imagine himself working for someone else as his focus is fully on being an entrepreneur.

Before establishing Blueline Auto Consultancy, he worked at MVTel as an automotive engineer where his duties included fixing the company's cars and seeing to it that speed limits were put in proper control, among other things.

He says the major breakthrough came when he got to know of a fleet management workshop in Johannesburg and set his sights on attending it. "When I heard about that workshop, I sought



BUSINESS MINDED: One of the Auto Consultancy Directors Muzi Dlamini.

permission from my boss to attend it, and he agreed to this. He even gave me money to go to Johannesburg," said Muzi.

It was in this workshop that he gained broad understanding of the fleet management industry and got a clearer

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"As an ENACTUS member, you are able to meet CEOs and you also have a networking experience that you would otherwise not have had under normal circumstances."

perspective of business opportunities in this sector. It was also in this workshop that he got to meet the other two Blueline Auto Consultancy directors who are products of unnamed South African universities. Dlamini said it was after the workshop that he and the two other directors nurtured and pursued their

business idea until it came to fruition in 2014.

The company currently employs five people and Dlamini believes that if he

and the other directors had not been in business they would have deprived their employees of jobs. He praised ENACTUS for having given him the platform to learn about business and leadership skills.

"As an ENACTUS member, you are able to meet CEOs and you also have a networking experience that you would otherwise not have had under normal circumstances," he said, adding that being an ENACTUS member in his days at college gave him the courage to pitch his ideas to influential people because he knew that he was with a well-known brand.

Students

He advised other tertiary students not to overly set their sights on getting a job after graduating.

"The Swazi economy is quite small and I notice that many companies are overstaffed already which makes getting into business really important for everyone," he said, also recalling the words of former ENACTUS Country Director Khosi Dlamini who once said: "Society needs people who'll understand that not all of us can get hired or make it in the corporate ladder. But some of us must be in business because we can surely make it there". Dlamini confessed that these words had never quite left his mind.

He also encouraged those who want to go into business to refrain from doing this solely to make money. "One thing you need to understand about being in business especially in Swaziland is that you can stay up to three years without making money."

But that is where a true entrepreneur is differentiated from a mere businessman because businessmen go into business just to make money overnight and they don't quite have proper long-term goals.

The entrepreneur on the other hand goes into the market after identifying a gap and also because they love doing what they do even when things may seem not to be going well at a given moment," he said.

More job opportunities as Blueline Auto Consultancy is on expansion path

MANY companies in the past did not see the importance of auto consultancy services but that perception is now changing, Blueline Auto Consultancy Director Muzi Dlamini said.

He pointed out the importance of companies having proper fleet management services as this saves on many ever escalating costs such as fuel. He disclosed that some of the

institutions they are already working with include Inyatsi Construction Company, National Disaster Management Agency, University of Swaziland, PSI, Regional Development Fund, Micro Projects and others.

His company offers different services as some of their gadgets are also able to rate drivers.

They also closely monitor vehicles, speed limiters and vehicle tracking.

Dlamini disclosed that they will soon be opening a call centre.

Preparing

The Matsapha based company is already preparing to relocate to Mbabane as they are working with one of the country's big insurance companies to offer a product previously not available in the local market. Dlamini would not offer details of this service.

FSRA host's 'Know Your Rights' roadshow at Pigg's Peak

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE Financial Services Regulatory Authority hosted its first financial services roadshow for consumers in Pigg's Peak.

The roadshow was themed 'Know Your Rights' as a financial services consumer and was aimed at equipping consumers with information and knowledge on their rights and responsibilities when transacting in the non-bank financial services industry.

The roadshow is one of the various initiatives spearheaded by the authority in driving consumer engagement platforms. During the course of the roadshow the authority's services were brought to close proximity to consumers giving them an opportunity to ask and converse with the authority's officials on matters pertinent to their dealings with non-bank financial services providers. To ensure

maximum exposure FSRA officials distributed brochures, booklets and fliers for Pigg's Peak folk to read and acquaint themselves on further operations of the authority as it is generally understood that financial services products require a lot of understanding due to them being complex in their nature. From the crowd reactions, it was seemingly unknown that credit providers as per the provisions of the Consumer Credit Act, 2016 are not allowed to confiscate identity documents nor bank cards except for the sake of identification purposes. There was a sign of glaring relief amongst the Pigg's Peak folk as soon as this information was communicated to them. Other presenters touched on various topics which ranged from Credit and Savings, Capital Markets, Insurance, Retirement Funds, Medical Scheme, Stock Exchange and how to lodge complaints with the Ombudsman of Financial Services.

The Swaziland Stock Exchange and Ombudsman of Financial Services

THE FSRA collaborated with the Office of the Ombudsman of Financial Services which detailed to residents of Pigg's Peak the complaint lodging process. Speaking during the roadshow, Zodwa Dube from the Ombudsman office sensitised consumers to ensure that they deal or engage licenced financial services providers lest they risk not getting the necessary re-course should disputes between them as consumers and the financial services provider arise.

In the roadshow, the Swaziland Stock Exchange was represented by Sheilla Vovos who taught residents of Pigg's Peak on the fundamental operations of the Stock Exchange.

The authority continues to establish itself as a responsible corporate citizen as Mduduzi Nezinceku Zamagawugawu invited residents of

Pigg's Peak to donate to a poverty stricken lady.

The lady was availed after Mduduzi Simelane sent a plea to the public to avail any person who desperately needed help. Speaking after that gesture the chief executive officer of the FSRA thanked the members of the public for availing themselves to listen to what we had to teach them and further appreciated the kind gesture of donating to the needy.

Roadshows

The FSRA will be continuing with its roadshows. The public should be on the lookout in the newspaper and radios on our next stop.

The authority would further like to invite gatherings who may wish to be educated on any matter under the purview of the authority to contact us in particular community gatherings.



SHAP SHAP: Mduduzi Nezinceku Zamagawugawu with Chief Executive Officer of the FSRA Sandile Dlamini, during their roadshow at Pigg's Peak.



LIKE THIS: Mduduzi Simelane with FSRA CEO and a customer during the roadshow.

BANK WANTS 'MISSING' GUPTA JET GROUNDED

JOHANNESBURG - The bank that helped the Guptas purchase a private jet wants the "missing" aircraft to be grounded.

Business Day reported yesterday that Canada's state export bank, which lent the Guptas \$41-million towards the purchase of the Bombardier Global 6000 jet registered as ZS-OAK, has taken legal action.

Export Development Canada (EDC) applied for an urgent court order last week to force the Guptas to return the aircraft or face having it deregistered. The bank took legal action to ensure it wasn't "implicated in any

illicit or illegal usages".

"The location of the aircraft is now completely unknown," said the bank in an affidavit filed at the High Court in Johannesburg.

A flight tracking device aboard the aircraft had been switched off, masking its movements, which made the bank concerned that it could be used for illicit purposes.

Ahmed Gani, a lawyer representing the Gupta family, said the court application would be opposed. The family have reportedly defaulted on some payments for the aircraft. The Sunday Times reported in

January that millions of rands from a Free State government dairy farm project meant to alleviate poverty had been spent by the Guptas on a private jet and a fleet of luxury cars.

Partnership

The project, set up in partnership with Gupta-linked company Estina, allegedly saw R220-million siphoned off to the Guptas and others. It is the subject of an ongoing investigation by the Hawks.

EDC said in its affidavit that allowing the Guptas to continue using the jet represented "substantial reputational harm" to the bank.

ZS-OAK was chartered by the SA National Defence Force in 2015, taking off from Waterkloof Air Force Base, to ferry "military and civilian dignitaries" to the SA Army Combat Training Centre at Lohatla in the Northern Cape.

Resources

Minister of Mineral Resources Mosebenzi Zwane was revealed by the Sunday Times to have flown in the past with the Guptas on their private jet on a trip to Dubai and Switzerland. An application to have the aircraft grounded will be heard on March 6. *Times Live*



Cell C debt reduction target of R6bn reached

JOHANNESBURG - Cell C, South Africa's third-biggest cellular provider, had met its target to reduce debt to R6billion from R17bn in the year to December, following last year's successful capital restructuring of the business led by Blue Label Telecoms, the company said yesterday.

Blue Label spent R5.5bn for a 45 percent stake in Cell C, while Net 1 UEPS Technologies paid R2bn for a 15 percent stake in Cell C last year.

Cell C chief executive José dos Santos said yesterday the company was "back in business" after cutting debt via the completion of the recapitalisation programme.

Total subscribers grew 6 percent to 16.3 million.

"It (subscriber growth) could have been better. You need to understand that, in the first seven months of the year, we were hampered in any expenditure.

"Our cash flows were not there - literally non-existent. Funding was difficult to come by.

"It was difficult to go out there and compete until the restructuring was complete. Now that it is complete, we are back in business," said Dos Santos.

Cell C's mobile virtual network operator (MVNO) strategy and the growth in the wholesale division had also been key contributors to revenue growth, with wholesale revenue increasing 79 percent to R717 million.

Dos Santos said Cell C was reaping the rewards following a decision to get into the MVNO business four years ago.

"We supply services to Mr Price, FNB, Virgin Mobile. We are talking to other financial institutions. Four, five years ago, people said MVNO would never work in South Africa, and we proved them wrong," he said.

Cell C is the biggest cellular provider in South Africa after Vodacom and MTN. However, Dos Santos said the company was punching above its weight in terms of voice, data and content services. "If you said: 'Where are we today in terms of content?', we are number one in content; no one does what we can do.

Business Report

Discovery plans for a R1.5bn banking launch build-up

JOHANNESBURG - Financial services group Discovery plans to spend a total of R1.5billion in the build-up to the launch of its much-anticipated bank, set to start operating later this year.

The group said it had already spent R1.2bn following the granting of its banking licence by the registrar of banks and the South African Reserve Bank last October.

It said the Discovery Bank would test its capabilities with live testing of system infrastructure, operating processes and regulatory engagement.

"As previously announced, the licence is subject to certain conditions imposed by the registrar relating to the shareholding in Discovery Bank. Shareholders of the bank are currently in discussions to agree how best to manage these conditions," Discovery said.

Presenting the results for the six months to December, Discovery said the purchase of the Discovery-branded but FirstRand Bank-issued credit card business and book remained subject to Competition Commission approval.

Discovery reported a 19 per cent increase in normalised operating profit to R4.06bn, while normalised headline earnings increased by 30 per cent to R2.83bn.

"I think these were a solid set of results and the share price confirmed this by trading higher after their release," said Ron Klipin, a Senior Analyst at Cratos Capital. *Business Report*

KFC's Colonel flies in his American executives to fix UK distribution crisis

LONDON - An American team of executives from KFC's state-side headquarters are being parachuted in to help solve the distribution crisis that has left hundreds of chicken shops closed with tons of meat unused.

Senior executives have already started to arrive in London to meet with bosses at its UK headquarters to discuss the disaster which is said to be costing the food giant in the region of £1 million a day. Some of the chain's 450 stores remain shut today, with reports of it taking up to a month until all 900 restaurants are back open for business.

It was claimed last night KFC which has 24 000 workers in the UK, was warned by the GMB Union last October that switching from Bidvest Logistics to DHL could cause problems.

This comes after pictures emerged showing piles of chicken wasted at a DHL delivery centre in Rugby.

The meat, destined for some of KFC's 900 UK stores, remains redundant after the delivery firm's new computer system 'failed' forcing the popular fast food chain to close almost two thirds of its branches. Up to 570 outlets across Britain were temporarily shut when delivery problems meant

... that left hundreds of chicken shops closed and tons of meat unused



they ran out of chicken - sparking a furious reaction from customers. So panicked were KFC fans that they even resorted to calling police - prompting a stern warning from Scotland Yard officers - amid fears it could be up to a month before some restaurants re-open. One Twitter user, 'Kara', wrote: "Still can't believe KFC was shut because they ran out of chicken", while Emmie Twyford tweeted: "Can't believe the two KFC's in my town are shut... at least we have a Chicken Cottage".

KFC's chicken shortage fiasco

began last week shortly after the fast-food giant switched its delivery contract to German-owned DHL. It was triggered by an accident that shut the M6, causing traffic gridlock and reportedly leaving DHL lorries sat in traffic for hours, sparking a huge backlog of deliveries.

The chaos had a knock-on affect which centred on a DHL delivery hub in Rugby, with KFC saying it first became aware of a problem in the software around a new computer ordering and delivery system on Friday.

Daily Mail

SIBANYE-STILLWATER EXPECTS ATTRIBUTABLE LOSS OF R4.4BN

JOHANNESBURG - Mining company Sibanye-Stillwater said yesterday it expected an attributable loss of R4.437 billion (US\$333 million) for the year ended 31 December 2017, compared with attributable earnings of R3.473 billion (US\$237 million) for the previous year.

The company said the loss was due to impairments, pro-

vision for occupational health-care claims, restructuring and transaction costs and significant differences in commodity prices and the average rand: dollar exchange rate.

It forecast a headline loss per share of 12 cents (1 US cents) compared with 162 cents (8 US cents) previously, a decrease of 107 per cent.

- *African News Agency (ANA)*

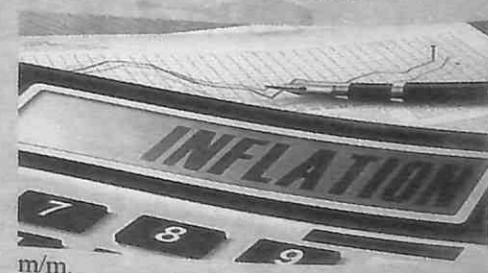


Sharp drop in consumer inflation

CAPE TOWN - South Africa's consumer price inflation came out at 4.4 per cent in January 2018, in line with expectations and down from 4.7 per cent in December 2017. This is mainly due to a drop in the fuel price.

The consumer price index (CPI) increased by 0.3 per cent month-on-month (m/m) in January 2018.

Transport decreased from 0.9 of a percentage point in December to 0.6 of a percentage point in January. The index increased by 4.4 per cent year-on-year. Food and non-alcoholic beverages contributed 0.2 of a percentage point in January. The index increased by 1.3 per cent



m/m. Transport contributed -0.1 of a percentage point in January. The index decreased by 0.4 per cent m/m. Miscellaneous goods and services contributed 0.1 of a percentage point in January. *Fin24*

Focus on SA scene

THEY MUST GO: CABINET MINISTERS WHO SHOULD GET THE CHOP

JOHANNESBURG - Newly sworn-in State President Cyril Ramaphosa is expected to make changes to his Cabinet soon. And while it's a matter of when rather than if, the question remains: who should be on the chopping block?

The publication believes there are seven ministers who should be worried about their jobs.

1. Public Services and Administration - Faith Muthambi

Ever the one to dispense of patronage, Muthambi apparently flew more than 30 relatives, friends and neighbours from back home to Cape Town to listen to her budget speech - although she will deny any wrongdoing. She was one of the first ministers to be exposed as beholden to the Gupta family after she leaked an unsigned presidential proclamation detailing her powers to the family. She is said to have sent a series of e-mails containing confidential information about executive

policy and the scope of her ministerial powers to Tony Gupta.

Then there is MultiChoice's larger than normal payments to the Gupta-owned news channel ANN7 that happened under her watch. Was this the money that pushed for unencrypted set top boxes in MultiChoice's favour?

2. Finance - Malusi Gigaba

A known fence-sitter when it comes to ANC contests, Gigaba's silence in the face of numerous allegations in connection with state capture leave us with only one conclusion. The former ANC Youth League leader left a trail of question marks over his tenure as Minister of Public Enterprises and Home Affairs, where the family often benefited from special treatment.

Gigaba is yet to fully explain his decision to restructure board sub-committees and their powers at Transnet and Eskom, giving more powers on large procurement that coincidentally assisted

in the capture of these organisations. During his tenure there he also appointed a number of key individuals to SOE boards, namely Eskom, Transnet and SAA, where an Indian national was appointed to the board by Gigaba.

Show

Leaked Gupta e-mails later show that Rajesh Naithani owed his presence on the board of SAA to the Gupta family.

At Home Affairs, Gigaba's adviser Thamsanqa Msomi was the Guptas' fixer, personally organising visas for family and employees.

The family, which seems to have had all access to the department, also got their citizenship applications fast-tracked. In his defence, though, Gigaba's removal from Public Enterprises speaks to a possible refusal to follow some instructions from the influential family. Or it could just be that his fallout with Dudu Myeni - another Zuma friend - trumped his usefulness to the family?

Sowetan Live



FAREWELL COCKTAIL: President Cyril Ramaphosa and former president Jacob Zuma.

Ramaphosa hosts farewell function for Zuma

CAPE TOWN - President Cyril Ramaphosa on Tuesday hosted a farewell cocktail function in honour of his predecessor, Jacob Zuma.

The event was held at Tuynhuys in Cape Town.

In attendance at the cocktail were

ministers and deputy ministers.

Pictures of the event were posted on Ramaphosa's official Twitter account.

These were the first pictures of Zuma to be shown since he stepped down from his presidential seat last week. *Sowetan Live*

North West legislature lays charges against health HOD over contract

JOHANNESBURG - The North West legislature has laid criminal charges against the Head of the province's Health Department, Dr Thabo Lekalakala, following a marathon interrogation over a contract given to a Gupta-linked company, which also paid for his junket to India in 2017.

The committee, which held a sitting from early Tuesday evening until the early hours of yesterday morning, was looking into claims that a healthcare organisation called Mediosa was awarded a R30m, three-year contract by the province's Department of Health, in advance and without it going out to tender.

Lekalakala admitted on Tuesday evening, while being interrogated by the committee, that a delegation from the department was taken to India just seven days after the health group

received the payment.

Committee Chairperson Madoda Samabatha told News24 that the HOD was facing numerous charges, which include fraud and corruption, contravening the Public Financial Management Act as well as being in contempt of the legislature.

"We say this because the rules of the legislature allow us to force anyone who appears before us to submit documents. He confirmed that there was a contract and, when we asked for the documents, he made us wait for four hours then refused," said Samabatha.

State capture project

The committee chair said Lekalakala first said he had the service agreement documents. But, when pressed to fetch them, he eventually said they had been removed from the department. *News24*

Mashaba refers himself to ethics committee

JOHANNESBURG - Johannesburg Mayor Herman Mashaba referred himself to the Council Ethics Committee amid claims he hired his wife's company to fix the city's financial problems.

Mashaba denied the allegations, insisting Lephatsi Financial Services is not doing any business with the city.

He said the company's director provided services free of charge, and there is no conflict of interest.

The matter relates to the insourcing of security guards.

Mashaba said he welcomes an investigation into the matter. *eNCA*



ATTACKED: The scene where five policemen were killed during an attack on a police station in Ngcobo, between Mthatha and Komani (previously Queenstown), Eastern Cape. (*eNCA*)

Five policemen die in attack on station

JOHANNESBURG - Five policemen were killed during an attack on a police station in Ngcobo, between Mthatha and Komani (previously Queenstown), Eastern Cape yesterday morning.

SAPS reported that a warrant officer and four constables were shot dead.

Three of the SAPS members were shot on site while two additional members were kidnapped before being killed and left on the side of the road.

An off-duty soldier was also shot dead as the suspects fled the scene.

Two additional male officers who were wounded and transferred to hospital, have since been discharged.

Another five female officers who were on duty at the time are receiving

trauma counselling.

During the attack, ten firearms and a police van were stolen from the police station, and an ATM a short distance from the police station was robbed.

In a statement condemning the attack, National Commissioner of the South African Police Service, General Khehla John Sitole said, "I am appalled and deeply saddened by the cold and callous attack on our colleagues."

"I have activated a task team comprising of experienced detectives of the South African Police Service and the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation to investigate this attack."

"We will not rest until we have tracked down these heartless killers and bring them to book." *eNCA*



DENIES: Johannesburg Mayor Herman Mashaba.

Former public protector Madonsela launches foundation

JOHANNESBURG - The launch takes place on United Nations' World Social Justice Day, and will see the Thuli Madonsela Foundation partner with Khulisa Social Solutions.

Former Public Protector Thuli Madonsela is on Tuesday launched her own foundation at Constitution Hill, Johannesburg.

The launch takes place on United Nations' World Social Justice Day, and will see the Thuli Madonsela Foundation partner with Khulisa Social Solutions. The initiative is also supported by the Stellenbosch

University Law School, where Madonsela is Chairperson of social justice. The launch will be preceded by a dialogue, facilitated Madonsela.

"This event provides an opportunity for marginalised voices to be heard, including underprivileged schoolgoing children, ex-offenders, members of the LGBTI community, domestic violence and rape survivors, victims of xenophobia, community members from townships and the homeless, both rural and urban," organisers said in a statement.

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GENEVA INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SHOW



Manufacturers are allowed enough room to exhibit however they see fit. Lamborghini Huracan looking mean in Geneva.

THE GENEVA INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SHOW.

This motor show is one of the most important in the industry's calendar for various reasons. Since 1905, Geneva has been the host to this prestigious gathering which has seen the industry change dramatically since the beginning of the century. From benzene, to steam and finally the internal combustion engines we see today or variants of thereof. Within the motoring industry's calendar, The Geneva International Motor Show has been known to be the place when manufacturers, especially exotic car manufacturers, pull out all the stops and make their best reveals of the year. The 88th edition this year starts on 8th March and will span 10 days until 18th March.

Switzerland has earned a reputation for being neutral ground for car manufacturers to show case their new releases as Switzerland has no auto industry of its own. This allows the organizer, Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles, to provide space which is the Geneva Palexpo where manufacturers can customize their exhibitions to the best of their ability.

Nine sections of The Geneva International Motor Show:

1. Motor cars with 3, 4 or more wheels; Cars of all sizable configurations are encapsulated in this section.
2. Electric and alternative power cars: Hybrids, hydrogen powered and/or fully electric powered vehicles.
3. Special bodywork for motor cars, car design and engineering: This section is for manufacturers who specialize in body work and other aesthetics.
4. Converted cars (tuners): The kind of cars you would find at the SEMA Motor Show.
5. Accessories and parts: Tech, parts and other accessories
6. OEM (original equipment manufacturers): Manufacturers like Brembo, Ricaro etc.
7. Workshop installations
8. Miscellaneous products & services
9. Animation & attraction

The 2018 Geneva International Motor Show has some goodies in store with a vast array of manufacturers already leaking hints on concepts and prototypes. Maybe someday soon we can have some Swazi influence up on the grand stands at Geneva.



The floor of the Geneva Palexpo. Simplicity and open space allows for an enjoyable experience.



Mercedes-Benz revealing the AMG GT Concept in 2017, this concept shook the industry when it was revealed. Inspiring the future of Mercedes-Benz design.



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Land Rover's Dragon Challenge

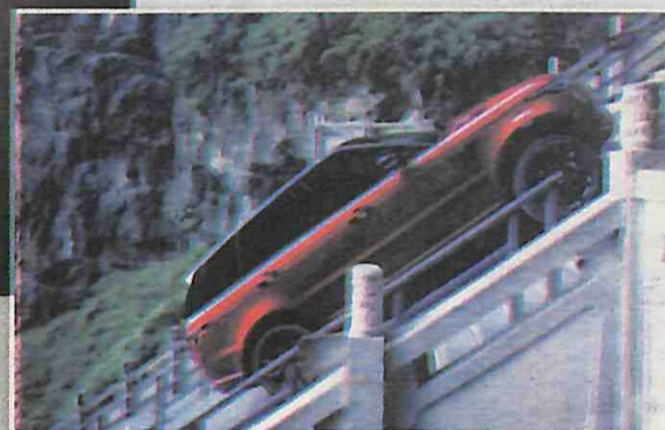
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P400e

This badge demands respect, plug-in hybrids are no longer slow, ugly planet buggers. The Range Rover Sport P400e is the kind of hybrid I would own.



This is what 45% looks like. No safety cables, just man and machine.



The Range Rover Sport P400e is not just a fancy suburban taxi but a fully capable machine. Sibebe Rock anyone?

LAND ROVER'S DRAGON CHALLENGE

So what do you do when you manufacture a product that you have unshaken pride and faith in? Throw it up a mountain pass that has claimed countless lives then send it up a 45% gradient that challenges even those who built it? No?

Well that is what Land Rover has done with its brand new 2018 P400e Range Rover Sport, the first ever plug-in hybrid from the British car maker. Powered by their Si4 petrol motor mated to an 85kW electric motor for a combined output of 301kW and a top speed 220km/h.

THE CHALLENGE

The P400e Range Rover Sport had the daunting task of tackling one of the most unforgiving Taimen Mountain

located in the mountainous northern region of China, Hunan.

Professional racing driver Ho-Pin Tung, a seasoned racer with a LeMans 24-Hour victory under his belt, took on the task to traverse through 99 turns on the mountain pass and then complete the insane Dragon Challenge by climbing 900 steps with the breath taking gap in the mountain known as "Heaven's Gate".

75% of the 900 step pass is a 45% gradient, Tung had to climb with his foot pinned to the floor to ensure that the car does not slow down and find itself being at the mercy of gravity.

The P400e at the helm of Ho-Pin did the challenge in 22 minutes 41 seconds, besides its optional off-road tyres no mechanical enhancing additions were made to the vehicle; it was stock standard from the factory! I can only imagine what Land Rover will come up with next but I am sure a Waterford Kamhlaba hill climb or scaling up Sibebe Rock would be something to behold.

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World News

BRIEFS

Netanyahu accuses Abbas

JERUSALEM - Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused Mahmud Abbas of "running away from peace" Tuesday after the Palestinian leader called for an international conference in mid-2018 to launch a roader peace push. "Abbas said nothing new. He continues to run away from peace and continues to pay terrorists and their families," Netanyahu said in a statement released by his office. **AFP**

Donors withhold Uganda funds

KAMPALA - The United Nations refugee agency says its donors are withholding funds to Ugandan operations. This follows allegations that officials inflated refugee numbers in order to steal aid money. Other allegations include a large-scale sale of food and other relief items for refugees, bribery and the trafficking of refugee girls. The Ugandan government, the UN and the European Union are investigating the allegations. **AFP**

'Presidency is costing family firm millions'

NEW DELHI - Donald Trump's presidency has cost the family firm "millions of dollars" in lost business, his son told an Indian newspaper during a visit aimed at drumming up sales of new luxury apartment complexes in India. Donald Trump junior told the Times of India that the Trump Organisation was turning down new business opportunities around the world because of his father's position. "We are refraining from doing new deals while my father is in office," he said in an interview published yesterday. "We are turning down deals worth hundreds of millions of dollars around the world." Trump junior is in India to promote a series of luxury apartment developments being marketed under his father's name. **AFP**



Afreximbank pledges R17.6bn for projects

NOUAKCHOTT - The African Export-Import Bank said it will invest up to \$1.5-billion (R17.6-billion) in fishing, mining and financial projects in Mauritania, as the mineral-rich north African desert nation seeks to diversify its economy. Afreximbank, based in Cairo, was set up by African countries in 1993 to promote and finance trade within the African continent and trade between Africa and other continents. **AFP**

New hunters hope to find human remains

SYDNEY - Salvagers are confident debris and human remains can be recovered if Malaysia Airlines MH370 is finally found, despite the pitch-black darkness, crushing pressure and ice-cold water awaiting them. The disappearance of the Boeing 777 carrying 239 passengers and crew almost four years ago is one of aviation's greatest mysteries, with an Australian-led hunt across a 120 000 square-kilometre (46 000 square-mile) zone failing to reveal the crash site. Yet a new probe now underway by private firm Ocean Infinity - commissioned by Malaysia on a "no find, no fee" basis - has revived hopes the doomed plane might be found. **AFP**

'NO TO ACCESSORY THAT INCREASES GUN'S FIREPOWER'

WASHINGTON - Faced with an outpouring of grief and anger over a deadly school shooting in Florida, US President Donald Trump on Tuesday threw his support behind moves to ban "bump stocks" - an accessory that can turn a semi-automatic weapon into an automatic one.

Trump also said school safety was a "top priority" for his administration, with meetings on the subject planned through next week, when he holds talks with governors from all 50 US states.

Calls to ban bump stocks have been mounting since Stephen Paddock, a retired accountant, used them on several of his weapons to kill 58 concertgoers in Las Vegas in October 2017 in the deadliest mass shooting in recent US history. Although the former student who shot dead 17 people in Florida last week did not use bump stocks, there has been a renewed focus on the devices because outlawing them is a rare point of agreement between Democrats, some Republicans and the powerful National Rifle Association (NRA) gun lobby.



SAFE SCHOOLS A MUST: US President Donald Trump.

Less than a week after the shooting, the Florida state House of Representatives rejected a ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines in a 36-71 vote, during a session that opened

with a prayer for the people killed in the tragedy.

About 100 survivors of the tragedy held a gun control rally and spoke with lawmakers about gun control and school safety yesterday at the state Capitol in Tallahassee.

Trump - who received strong backing from the NRA during his White House run - said he had signed a memorandum "directing the attorney general to propose regulations to ban all devices that turn legal weapons into machine guns."

The president said he expected the measures to be finalised "very soon."

"We must move past clichés and tired debates and focus on evidence-based solutions and security measures that actually work," Trump said at a White House event to honour 12 Americans for heroism.

"We must actually make a difference... We must do more to protect our children."

Trump said he would meet this week with students, local leaders and members of law enforcement to develop "concrete steps" to protect schools, pupils and communities. **AFP**

US condemns violence at Tsvangirai's funeral

HARARE - The United States embassy in Zimbabwe's capital has condemned the violence which broke out at the burial of former Prime Minister and MDC-T leader, Morgan Tsvangirai, who succumbed to colon cancer.

One of the three MDC-T Deputy Presidents, Thokozani Khupe, was physically attacked on Tuesday afternoon. The other two Deputies Nelson Chamisa and Elias Mudzuri were spared the ignominy.

Suspicions were that the attacks, which occurred at Humanikwa village, rural Buhera, were carried out by youths thought to be aligned to interim Party President, Chamisa.

Commenting on the attacks, the US embassy in Harare said the violence was contrary to Tsvangirai's beliefs. The popular MDC leader died last Wednesday in Johannesburg.

"During his life, Mr Tsvangirai stood in opposition of such violence," said the US consulate, whose representative Harry Thomas Jnr witnessed the incident.

"We encourage all Zimbabweans to move forward



ward together towards elections that are free, fair, transparent and, most of all, non-violent."

MDC-T Secretary-General Douglas Mwonozora, who was also vilified, tweeted: "The politics of hate and violence should not have any place in our society. Really sad developments at Dr Tsvangirai's funeral. The attack on Dr Thoko Khupe was cowardly and sadistic." **AFP**

Lebanese president makes landmark visit to Iraq

BAGHDAD - President Michel Aoun led a delegation Tuesday to Iraq on the first visit by a Lebanese head of state to the war-scarred country, for talks that included ways to eradicate terrorism.

Aoun held talks with Iraqi President Fuad Masum and Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi before travelling to Armenia yesterday. "We had constructive talks which reflect the historical and brotherly ties that link our two countries and our people," Aoun told a joint news conference with Masum.

"I would like to take advantage of this occasion

to congratulate the Iraqi people for their firmness, patience and determination in the face of adversity... and terrorism," he said.

Iraq has been scarred by decades of conflict. After an eight-year war with neighbouring Iran in the 1980s, and the 2003 US-led invasion, Iraq was targeted by the Islamic State group which seized swathes of the country following a 2014 offensive. In December, Abadi declared "the end of the war" against IS and complete control of Iraq's borders with neighbouring Syria, where the jihadists still control pockets of territory.

AFP

Moza govt takes responsibility of deadly garbage dump collapse

MAPUTO - The Mozambican government on Tuesday assumed all responsibilities for the garbage dump collapse on Monday, which killed 17 people and injured another seven.

Maputo Municipality's President, David Simango, told the press that searches in Hulene garbage dump for bodies or survivors will end later on Tuesday, based on statements by residents that no more bodies are expected.

"We assume all the responsibilities for the Hulene accident."

"We will not try to justify ourselves with the closure or the resettlement, otherwise we would be evading our responsibilities."

"At this point... the number of accommodation in the host centre has increased from 32 to 80," he said, adding that the families of the victims resettled and receiving psychological treatment.

"We are securing meals for the resettled families."

"And the funeral of the victims depends on the availability of the families concerned. The government has everything ready to take on," he said. The mayor also revealed that emergency work in the city of Maputo has resulted in the closure of some flooded schools.

On Monday morning, an overnight downpour caused part of the Hulene garbage dump to collapse and bury five houses nearby, killing 17 people and injuring others

African News Agency



WITH Simon Shabangu

CHURCH NEWS



IN the time table of God, 2018 is slated to be a year of new beginnings and resurrection in the Church. We are due for a season of renewal. The Lord is bringing us joy in proportion to our former pain.

He is replacing our years of hardship with years of blessings and preparing us to prosper in places that have been difficult in the past. **Psalms 90 vs 15-17.**

Wonderful times are ahead, but something important needs to happen first. It's time for some confrontation and cleansing. 2017 was a year of embarrassing defeats for the charismatics. We began the year steeped in the news of fallen leadership, late night comedians making jokes about ministers, gays, prostitutes and drugs, but it wasn't funny to the church at large.

However, if we listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying, God can turn things around for his people.

The life of David contains a message for the church in this hour. David was a man after God's heart, but his family was wracked with the kind of scandals that are all too familiar today.

After his own moral failure, God honoured David's repentant heart and

CONFRONTATION, CLEANSING



WORD OF GOD: Divine Healing Ministries Founder Bishop Nash Shongwe preaching at the Mbabane church during the service themed Restoration Time which started in Nhlanguano before moving to Mbabane. The services ended on a high note last Sunday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

blessed him. But David's sons were disappointing. Amon was a rapist **2 Samuel 13**, Absalom was a traitor **2 Samuel 18**, Adonijah was a self-promoter (**1 Kings 1**), and Solomon though wise was self-indulgent and excessive (**1 King 11 vs 1-10**). How could such

a great leader produce dysfunctional sons? David was charismatic, but he struggled with confrontation (**1 Kings Ch1 vs 6**).

A charismatic church is a lot like David. We are passionate about worship, prayer and God's power but we

have a dangerous blind spot. Like David, we are too slow to confront our own. A lack of true spiritual fathering has produced dysfunction and outrageous scandals.

I love a charismatic church, but we have issues. Our sexual sins, self-promotion, and self-indulgence need to be addressed. If we do not get together, we may lose our ability to influence the lost. It is my belief the church in the 21st Century must be a revolutionary church, one that brings changes.

Confrontation is uncomfortable, but is essential. We need the spirit of the Eighty one brave priests who confronted King Uzziah with his sin. They could have kept silent for fear of his authority, but their passion for God and his house, required them to speak the truth and stop his madness (**2 Chronicles ch 26 vs 16-18**).

God is exposing what we have failed to face up to and unless we clean house things will not get easier.

Any structure that celebrates charisma but is soft on truth and character is a house of cards.

It's time to challenge the root issues that are rotting the church and society.

We cannot have the power of

Pentecost unless we are immersed in holiness and cleansed by the fear of the Lord.

Our hope lies in another son of David who stands ready to cleanse and restore us. Jesus loves the church and gave his life to have a glorious bride without spot or wrinkle (**Ephesians 5 vs 26 - 27**). He is ready to remove our shame and cleanse us this season. If we will respond, the renewal we need will come - "a fountain will be opened through the House of David to cleanse from sin and impurity." (**Zechariah 13 vs 1**).

Many are prophesying that 2018 will be better than 2017 and I am convinced they right on if we get tough on sin and start telling one another the truth.

Join us for "The Nations Pray" monthly revival prayer this month we will be with Zoe Christian Family Centre in Matsapha this Saturday past the Eteteni Engen starting from 3:00pm to 4:15pm. Please also visit our Facebook page. The Pentecost Ministries International Trust and your feedback is also welcome to the revolutionarymandate@gmail.com



CHURCH MEMBERS: Bishop Nash Shongwe ministering to the congregants during the service.

MBABANE ALLIANCE CHURCH

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Mondays
Prayer 6:00pm-7:30pm

Thursdays
Bible Exposition 6:00pm-7:30pm

Fridays
Youth 6:00pm-7:30pm

Saturday
Women 2:00pm-3:30pm

Sundays
English Service 8:30am-10:30am
Siswati Service 11:00am-1:00pm

Children's Ministry 8:30am
10:30am, 11:00am, 1:00pm

Men-Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 6:00pm - 7:30pm

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Thursdays- Mid-week Service 6:30-8:00pm
Sundays- Teachings 9:30-10:30am

Main Service
10:30am - 1pm

Mbabane Branch:
Tuesdays - Prayer 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Sundays- Service 10am - 1pm

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Thursday Bible Study 6:00pm

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Fridays 6pm - 7:30pm

Sundays
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Zakhele, Nkambule street, Manzini

BY: Rev Msibi
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Today's verse

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (**Romans 8:38-39**)



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MTN BUSHFIRE PUMPED E51.6m INTO SD's ECONOMY

By Ayanda Dlamini

MTN Bushfire has played an important role in the country's economy as it generated E51.6 million at last year's festival for the country's economy.

This was revealed by MTN Bushfire Director Jiggs Thorne in a statement issued to this publication yesterday.

Thorne revealed that 323 artists from 16 countries participated in last year's edition. "We had people from 66 countries attending the festival last year, with 7 600 pupils having participated in the school's festival to date," said the director of the festival. Worth noting is that the festival received African Best Responsible Event Award, and has also been hailed by CNN as one of the 'Seven African music festivals you really have to see' and listed by BBC as 'A Top African Festival'.

MTN Bushfire, Swaziland's international festival of the arts, is a uniquely African, and yet globally infused festival experience that welcomes thousands of people in an atmosphere of tolerance and offers a holistic experience made up of a rich texture of arts, cultures, crafts, food markets, and specialised zones.

"Bushfire also strives to leave a positive impact on the local community. This is a festival outreach initiative that has

...323 artists participated from 16 countries

...7 600 pupils participated in the schools' festival



GLOBAL RECOGNITION:
MTN Bushfire Director Jiggs Thorne.

been running for 12 years and has impacted over 500 people.

"Through a long running internship programme, members of our community become active participants of the annual event," said the director.

More than simply being a music festival, MTN Bushfire curates inspired envi-

ronments where people from all walks of life collectively come to ignite their flame. Through its range of experiential platforms, the festival offers a diverse and authentic experience with a laid-back atmosphere.

"As Africa's most responsible event, MTN Bushfire is proudly recognised as a safe, family friendly festival with something for everyone. It is worthy to note that all food handlers at the festival undergo health and safety certification and contribute to a sustainably green environment through exclusive use of biodegradable packaging. This year we would like to acknowledge Howler, who will be assisting us to implement a cashless system to food and beverage traders for safe and smooth transaction.

"We also have the MTN Bushfire's Golden Lounge which caters for those with a taste for comfort. This exclusive space with its leisurely atmosphere treats guests to a host of special benefits, including an a la carte menu with waiter service, prime viewing of the main stage, relaxation treatments, as well as exclusive bar and ablution facilities," he said.

Mr Kangaroo starts own record label, signs five artists

By Tenele Masango

HIP hop artist MR Kangaroo has now formed his own record label called Swazi Swag Records.

The former Claiming Grounds signee started his record label last year.

This was confirmed by the artist who is currently the CEO, artist and producer at the stable.

"This year, the label decided to sign new and fresh talent that is ready to shape the Swazi music industry," said the artist.

On Monday, Mr Kangaroo took to social media to announce his label and the names of artists signed under it.

The list was released on Facebook and Instagram.

The artist continued saying he has signed five artists under his stable in the likes of Babutse 'Ace Pee' Masuku from Mpaka and will be dropping his debut album this year, Bhokmusa 'Kgs' Mamba, an RnB singer and song writer from Buhleni who also owns a clothing line called Saca, Sibongseni 'Rap-neck' Malambe, who already has won hearts of the people in his hood at Buhleni, who will be releasing an EP titled 'Gravity', Mnotfo 'Major' Matsebula, who is a rapper from Pigg's Peak and also a student at Limkokwing University of Creative Technology and lastly, Sicinseko 'Scinzo' Mdluli, who will also be releasing his debut album next month.

Swazi Swag Records is located in Manzini, Ngwane Park.

According to CEO Mr Kangaroo the location is deliberate, "It's near the road, closer to town and home."

He says since Manzini 'Yinkhaba Yelive' loosely translated to be the hub of Swaziland, it is good for business.

Mr Kangaroo urged upcoming artists who are passionate, have great talent and aspire to become the best in the music industry to come to his stable and work on something that will change the industry.

He further passed his gratitude to the general public for supporting local talents, and urged them to continue doing so for it improves the standard of music in country.



OWN RECORD LABEL: Swazi Swag Records' CEO, producer, and artist 'Mr Kangaroo'.

LOCAL PERSONALITIES HAIL THE 'BLACK PANTHER' MOVIE

By Ayanda Dlamini

THE most highly anticipated film; 'Black Panther' has lived up to every hype it generated as local personalities and movie fanatics have given the American superhero film a thumbs up.

The movie premiered last week Friday at the Movie Zone at The Gables in Ezulwini. Speaking to personalities who have watched the movie, they all say it's a beautiful show as it acknowledges African wealth.

"I think it is a good movie. It's what we've been looking for and thought of Africans. Heroes that look and speak like us Africans. Well, to the closest degree possible.

Possibilities

"A film that acknowledges African wealth on so many levels and is not afraid to explore the possibilities of that wealth.

"Definitely what our children need to see but it would have been nicer to see our people take more lead roles, guess it's not a terrible start though," said Mozaik.

Lindokuhle 'Leendor' Mthupha

said: "This movie has been long-overdue, we've been waiting! A black superhero, who would have thought. I laughed, I danced, I cried, and I laughed some more because there is so much that the movie teaches regardless of it being a 'superhero movie'. And who would forget the many strong female roles portrayed!!

From 'The Queen', to the all-female Army of Wakanda and the Genius behind all the technology, Shuri!! For me Shuri saved Wakanda, she made the upgrades on the 'Black Panther' suit, and all the technological advancement in Wakanda were



solely headed by her.

So powerful yet not so masculine!! So subtle and yet bold!! #Wakanda Forever #BlackPanther."

"Black Panther has shattered records and made history multiple times over.

It's been one of Marvel's most expensive films to date, and definitely the most expensive first film in a franchise, and that's saying a lot," said Phindile Dlamini, who watched the movie on Tuesday.

SIPHO MAKHABANE, MASTER P FOR SWAZIBANK CUP GRAND OPENING

By Lusito Tsela

MTN SWAMA DJ of the Year Award winner Master P and Swazi born South Africa based gospel icon Siphos Makhabane will on Sunday grace the grand opening of the SwaziBank Cup to entertain the spectators.

This was revealed by the SwaziBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele during the launch of the Under 20 SwaziBank Cup tournament dubbed 'Uyayifuna Na?' at the SwaziBank Auditorium in Mbabane yesterday.

Makhabane, who was present at the launch, passed his gratitude to the bank for their continued support to the industry.

Makhabane praised the bank for the excellent service in all its branches and advised the players to represent them-



HAPPY: Siphos Makhabane passing his gratitude to SwaziBank during the launch of the Swazi Bank Cup Under-20 tournament yesterday at the SwaziBank Auditorium in Mbabane. (Pic: Lusito Tsela)

selves, their teams and the bank accordingly, and also gave them tips on how to score a penalty.

He continued saying, "in as much as the boys will be running in the field of play, I will also do my part on stage, giv-

ing the best performance to make the day memorable for everyone."

He further encouraged everyone present to open a SwaziBank account, and also pass the message to everyone they know so that the

bank can continue serving the nation with merit.

SwaziBank PRO Phesheya Vilakati added that Sunday will be a family day, which is why they selected two artists whose music appeals to all age groups.

He continued saying SwaziBank has always hosted renowned artists for at the SwaziBank Cup grand opening and the final day of the tournament, hence they have decided to be loyal to locals this time around.

Vilakati added that everyone is welcome to attend the grand opening and they should feel at home, for there will be great entertainment and games to watch.

He further urged the public to come in numbers to have a great time, but most importantly, encouraged everyone to open an account with the bank.

Over 300 attend the Roundtable Tour

By Lusito Tsela

THE Roundtable Tour has saw over 300 youth in attendance.

This was during the Red Foundation's Roundtable where the youth came in numbers to participate in the Roundtable, asking questions they needed clarity on and gaining more knowledge in other aspects.

This was revealed by the organiser Pastor Emmanuel Dlamini.

Dlamini said Monday was the last day of the tours and they were at Enjabulweni High school.

He continued saying they have had a tremendous number of attendees since the awareness of the tours.

The youth is hungry for knowledge and the Red Foundation has been able to ignite passion and leadership qualities to the youth through hip hop music.

The tour comprised of performances and panel discussions on the influence of hip-hop music on youth culture in Swaziland.

"The tours were mainly to educate the youth that they can minister the word of God through gospel hip hop. Over

and above, the tours also marked as a promotional drive for the Red Hip Hop Experience, and event that is billed to Swaziland's biggest Christian hip-hop event so far in 2018," said Dlamini.

He added that the youth has shown interest in the upcoming show slated for Sunday at the Liberty Community Centre in Manzini.

"The much-anticipated show was supported by leading hip hop artists in Swaziland in the likes of Switch and P1.7, Movement rappers Skeel, X.O The Hip-Hop Apostle, Caliber and Pyramid.

The show will also see international Gospel Rappers gracing the stage in the likes of Blaque Nubon and Mr Harold Moyo from South Africa, Courtney Antipas from Zimbabwe and David Kalilani from Malawi," he said.

"The Red Foundation is a Christian urban youth empowerment organisation with a vision to influence urban youth for Christ through relevant and cutting-edge kingdom concepts across the seven mountains (religion, family, government, education, media, business and arts) of influence and culture. We are trying to create an atmosphere

that will bring transformation. Evangelism radically engaging the culture and Discipleship produces quality leaders who also produces quality leaders and the chain becomes unbreakable," he added.

He said he was happy that everything went according to plan and the youth showed much interest which is motivating enough.

"We were very happy with the attendance, it was more than a success and it gives us motivation to keep pushing because the youth is hungry for information," he said.

The pastor then passed his gratitude to everyone who attended the event making it a possible success.

He further encouraged the youth to take part in the upcoming Red Hip Hop Experience show as it is for their benefit.

DeJavu partners with AHF for Ms Cosmo show

By Ayanda Dlamini

DEJAVU Cocktail Lounge, in collaboration with SwaziBoy Entertainment, have partnered with AIDS Health Foundation (AHF) for the Definition of Hip Hop Show headlined by SA's Ms Cosmo tomorrow night.

This was revealed by SwaziBoy Entertainment Director Mthunzi 'Shadow' Zwane yesterday.

Zwane mentioned that AHF is giving away 100 tickets to the show which is also the re-launch of the revamped classy lounge.

"AHF is giving away 100 tickets to fun lovers for Friday's show. Visit their Facebook page, like and share. You might stand a luck to win the a ticket to the show,"

Confirming the partnership was AHF Prevention Programme Coordinator Thulani Mtetwa.

"The idea is to incorporate this to the Definition of Hip Hop show on Friday night. People will be given T-shirts for free, condoms, caps, etc. The first 100 people that will be wearing the International Condom Day (ICD) T-shirts at the event, and those that will access services - HIV testing and condoms - will get free entry.

An ICD stall will be placed at the entrance where people will get all mentioned above," said Mthethwa.

International Condom Day is an informal holiday usually observed on February 13 in conjunction with Valentine's Day. ICD promotes safer sex awareness in a fun and creative way while encouraging people to use condoms.

The show will commence at 7pm till late.

Entrance fee is E60 before midnight and E100 after midnight.

Three SA gospel artists for ACASWA Gospel Festival

By Lusito Tsela

SOUTH African gospel giants Fikile Mlambo, Joyous Celebrations Sechaba Pali, PD and Family Gospel Wagon, will grace the Association of Christian Artists in Swaziland (ACASWA) Gospel Festival.

This was confirmed by the association's PRO Ronnie Dlamini yesterday. Dlamini said, "We are happy to

announce that we managed to get three South African artists."

The festival dubbed 'Ujehova Ufohlile Gospel Celebrations' is slated for April 1 at the Metropolitan Church in Manzini.

The second edition of the festival will be a six-to-six show which will end on the Easter holiday.

"The country's gospel giants, in the likes of Frans Dlamini, Phathwakahle, Mduduzi Nezinceku Zamagawugawu, Phetsile Masilela, Nonhle Mthethwa, Come to Jesus, Apostle Maculuvu, Umusa waba-Postoli, Sambulo Khumalo, Amadodana aku Matsapha and Christ Worshippers will minister in song, giving brethren and gospel lovers a night filled with fun and great music."

Dlamini added; "This will be an event of prayer and celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The PRO urged the nation to come in their numbers, promising that this will be one of the biggest events on the Easter weekend.

He further encouraged gospel fans to be on the lookout for developments of the festival as the dates draw closer.



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Celebrity News

Chyna's ex, Mechie, says that's him in the sex tape

LOS ANGELES - Blac Chyna's most recent sex tape partner is her ex-boyfriend, Mechie, according to him, and even though he admits recording it himself, he is as pissed as she is about the leak. A representative for Mechie told TMZ that the explicit video showing a naked Chyna performing oral sex was shot back in July. TMZ was told Mechie was the one who recorded the encounter, but it was all captured using Chyna's phone.

His representative says Mechie never had his own copy of the video, so he has no clue how it got



IN GOOD TIMES: Blac Chyna with ex-Mechie.

out. You'll remember that Rob Kardashian posted naked pictures of Chyna last year, as well as an intimate video of Mechie making out with dark-haired Chyna. The sex tape is from a different session because Chyna has a platinum blonde 'do.

TMZ

Ashton Kutcher lonely after divorce

HOLLY WOOD - Ashton Kutcher just opened up with some rare details about the days following his divorce from Demi Moore.

The 40-year-old actor who is now married to Mila Kunis with two children, sat down with Dax Shepard for an interview on his new podcast, Armchair Expert.

The two chatted about everything from Punk'd to college experiences to diets and sobriety. But the bit that caught our attention was how Kutcher described the lonely days following his split from his ex-wife. As you may recall, the former couple announced their separation in 2011 after six years of marriage and officially divorced in 2013. Now, Kutcher is giving some never-before-heard details about how he 'cleared the palette' following their divorce.

Eonline



DIVORCED: Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore.

Kendrick Lamar, SZA sued for 'Black Panther' music video

LOS ANGELES - Kendrick Lamar and SZA ripped off an artist by taking her famed artwork and using it to promote the soundtrack for 'Black Panther', according to a new suit. Lina Iris Viktor claims her fine art titled 'Constellations I', 'Constellations II' and 'Constellations III' are being used in the official music video for the musicians' song "All the Stars" despite her refusing permission. The artist claims reps for the movie contacted her twice in 2016 and as recently as January asking her to lend her works to the movie or create new work for it but she said no.



SUED: Kendrick LAMAR and SZA.

According to the documents, they did it anyway, which she calls "both an egregious violation of federal law and an affront to the artist, her livelihood, her legacy and to artists everywhere."

TMZ

Bieber, Gomez hugging, smooching at dad's wedding

LOS ANGELES - Justin Bieber's dad was the one getting married, but just as many eyes were on his son and Selena Gomez whose PDA during the festivities set off wedding bell alerts.

Justin and Selena were inseparable during Jeremy Bieber's wedding Monday in Montego Bay. TMZ is sure JB didn't want to upstage his old man but, let's face it, when he and Selena are all over each other the way they were, it's going to draw a lot of attention. As for the other happy couple, Jeremy and his bride, Chelsey Rebelo, went with the Jamaican flow for wardrobe, white shirts and pink shorts with matching bow ties. The younger Biebs didn't make a toast, but you can tell from the pictures everyone was still plenty entertained.

TMZ



HAPPY COUPLE: Justin and Selena.

SA Celebrity News

Thickleeyonce talks her truth

JOHANNESBURG - Lesego 'Thickleeyonce' Legobane is often the target of social media

hate and as much as she tried not to let it get to her, on a bad day it can have an effect.

But she is trying her hardest to ignore the negative comments saying she understands that it comes from a place of self-loathing.



As a teenager she asked herself why she didn't look like girls in magazines but then decided that she would create her own beauty standards.

TshisaLive

BODY SHAMING: Lesego 'Thickleeyonce' Legobane.

Thembisa Mdoda is living the dream

JOHANNESBURG - Presenter Thembisa Mdoda is ready again to put her best foot forward.

She is among 12 untrained celebrities who will, with the help of expert dancers, vie for the top prize in the Dancing with the Stars contest on DSTV Channel 101.

Mdoda, 35, reckons viewers can expect a show 10 times better than any other dancing show produced in Mzansi.



"Each dancer is putting in many hours of practising. We have injuries and our bodies are terribly sore but we continue," she says.

The award-winning presenter started the year on a high note after she left Our Perfect Wedding (OPW), a gig that earned her many accolades. She confidently says she is living her best life, just the way she imagined it would be.

Sunday World

LIVING IT UP: Thembisa Mdoda.

Music is how I say what I need to - Langa Mavuso

JOHANNESBURG - Langa Mavuso's rise to fame has been a learning curve that has taught him

how much of himself to give to people, saying that he prefers to let his music do the talking.

The Sunday Blues singer recently had a sold out performance at The Orbit, Braamfontein. Langa explained that the crowd he pulled and the love people showered him with helped him share vulnerable personal stories.

"I did my own music that kind of brought me back home to myself. My musical journey began in Braamfontein and the place is also where I had my first love happen, so doing my performance there was just fitting. It was a beautiful show."

Even though Langa's songs have a distinct theme of love, he was coy to share any details of his love life, explaining that he preferred to speak through his music.

TshisaLive

MUSIC IS MY PLATFORM: Langa Mavuso

Former Proteas cricketer becomes DJ after eight-year ban

JOHANNESBURG - Last year former Proteas and Highveld Lions cricketer Lonwabo Tsotsobe was handed an eight-year ban from the game due to several breaches of Cricket South Africa's Anti-Corruption Code for Personnel.

This followed a lengthy investigation after another player, Gulam Bodi, had admitted to charges of contriving or attempting to fix matches in the 2015 domestic Ram Slam T20 Challenge. Tsotsobe only admitted to

one charge of contriving to fix a match in the tournament. Since the ban, Tsotsobe has left Joburg and returned to his hometown, Port Elizabeth and has turned to music for comfort. The former cricketer is now a DJ at pubs in and around Port Elizabeth. "People are shocked when they see me DJing at local pubs like KwaNgqoko in New Brighton and they think I am down and out but I am not," Tsotsobe says.

Drum

DJ: Lonwabo Tsotsobe.

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

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PLAN IN ACTION: Mphiyakhe.

Mphiyakhe puts his plan to save his son in action. Iris welcomes a chance at a new life.

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Nikiwe tells Nina she needs her help. Lerato laments the pressures of success with Kgothalo. Gabriel asks Wendy out for a drink.

SUCCESS: Kgothalo.

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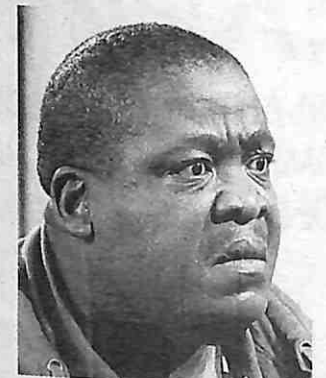
Tendamudzimu sets a trap for Vhutshilo. Susan and Masindi figure out why Konanani is in Thathe. Azwindini offers Livhuwani a shoulder to lean on.



IN THATHE: Konanani.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



COST CUTTING: Fats.

Suffo gets put under increasing pressure by the Baporofeta. Fats is on a cost cutting mission. Lungile has a new proposal for Lerato.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

The REAL life of Slay Queens



behind the scenes

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 - January 19

Make it rain! Today's solar eclipse in Aquarius and your second house of income opens the doors to abundance. As eclipses shine a light on the previously unseen, this wave of prosperity could catch you off-guard. An activity that you love could boost your bank account. You may also need to trim your budget.



Aquarius January 20 - February 18

The annual new moon in your sign fills the skies today, but this one comes with extra oomph. This lunar light is also a partial solar eclipse, which motivates you to make some necessary changes—or launch your solo act—over the coming six months. Dream big, no holds barred! Where will it all lead? Set your sights on July 27, when an Aquarius total lunar eclipse will bring efforts to a grand manifestation.



Pisces February 19 - March 20

Do you have a space that's yours and yours alone, Pisces—one where you can decompress, meditate and create? Today's partial solar eclipse in Aquarius and your twelfth house of divine inspiration urges you to seek that sanctuary...or build it. Designate a sacred room or corner where you can retreat as needed. Some Fish may be inspired to rent a small studio for a few months to develop a creative project.



Aries March 21 - April 19

Is it time for a social overhaul? Today's partial solar eclipse in Aquarius and your eleventh house of friends marks the beginning of big changes to your inner circle. As eclipses tend to reveal what's in the shadows, you could discover good reason to move on from one group and sign up for another. You might also be inspired to join forces with others in the name of building a powerhouse Team Aries.



Taurus April 20 - May 20

Up, up, and away! Today's potent solar eclipse in Aquarius and your ambitious tenth house launches a six-month cycle of professional success. Reflect on what you'd like to accomplish—and dream big, Taurus! Get the manifestation ball rolling with some focused visualization or a good old-fashioned vision board.



Gemini May 21 - June 21

Today's solar eclipse in Aquarius and your ninth house of limitless possibilities has one message: The world is your oyster! Stop dreaming about that once-in-a-lifetime vacay and get plans in motion. You might also travel in a figurative sense by signing up for a series of mind-expanding workshops.



Cancer June 22 - July 22

Today's solar eclipse in Aquarius electrifies your erotic eighth house, kickstarting a sexy six-month cycle. A special someone could stroll into your world and light your fire in a serious way. We're not just talking about physical chemistry—this connection could also touch you spiritually, intellectually and emotionally. The payoff won't only be in your personal ties.



Leo July 23 - August 22

Embrace the power of two! A solar eclipse in Aquarius and your seventh house of relationships spotlights your most important partnerships. Your love life could be up for some changes in the coming weeks. Single? Someone you meet over the next month could turn out to be The One. If you're not content with your current pairing, this eclipse will inspire important changes.



Virgo August 23 - September 22

Dust off your Vitamix, Virgo. Today's solar eclipse in Aquarius illuminates your sixth house of self-care, just in time for spring training. Quit berating yourself for falling off the fitness wagon; face forward and get your heart rate up! If you've been numbing stress with unhealthy vices, make those overdue appointments with the doctor and dentist.



Libra September 23 - October 23

Pump up the passion! Today's solar eclipse in Aquarius and your glamorous fifth house amps up your magnetic mojo in a big way. It's time to put your talents on full display. Your public awaits! A romantic six-month cycle also begins now. If you're looking for love (and maybe even if you're not), an intriguing prospect well outside your "type" could emerge.



Scorpio October 24 - November 21

Changes at Scorpio base camp? During this busy year, your sensitive sign needs a haven—and a strong support system—to keep you grounded. Today's partial solar eclipse in Aquarius and your domestic fourth house puts the spotlight on home and family. Could your personal life use some upgrades? This eclipse can inspire you to redecorate or find a new address.



Sagittarius November 22 - December 21

In and around town is where it's at, Sagittarius. Today's solar eclipse in Aquarius and your third house of local travel can reveal exciting opportunities, both in your own backyard and a hop, skip and a jump away. Consider a more fuel-efficient means of transport, perhaps by looking into the cost of hybrids, carpooling or public transit passes.



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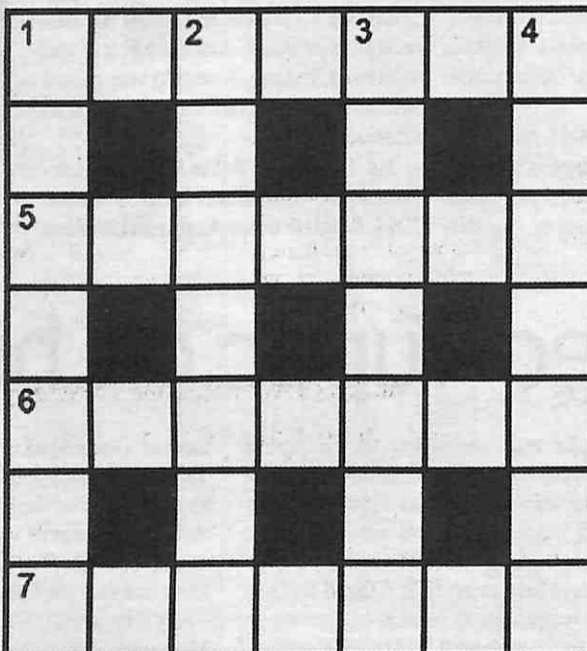


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I guess this is what happens after you've worked at the same place for a while. I was eating at a fast-food

restaurant when an employee began his shift by walking into the kitchen area and calling out, "Honey, I'm home!"

USELESS FACTS

1. More than 25 per cent of the world's forests are in Siberia. Source: "2201 Fascinating Facts"
2. There are two independent nations, both in Europe, that are smaller than Central Park in New York City. They are Vatican City and Monaco.
3. In Alaska it is illegal to look at a moose from the

4. US Interstates which go north-south are numbered sequentially starting from the west with odd numbers, and Interstates which go east-west are numbered sequentially starting from the south with even numbers.
5. 32 per cent of all land in the US is owned by the federal government. Source: "Uncle John's Bathroom Reader"

BRAINTEASERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

YESTERDAY'S BRAINTEASERS

1. What word looks the same backwards and upside down?

Answer: SWIMS.

2. A boy fell off a 30 metre ladder but did not get hurt. Why not?

Answer: He fell off the bottom step.

TODAY BRAINTEASERS

1. Using only addition, how do you add eight 8's and get the number 1 000?

2. How do dog catchers get paid?



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NEWS



THE next Marvel Cinematic Universe movie is here! Black Panther is out in cinemas and fans are flocking to watch T'Challa in action. M-Net Movies will be attending the premiere and we can't contain our excitement about anything and everything Wakandian.

T'Challa? Wakanda? Unless you know something about Black Panther and the MCU, these words may be unfamiliar to you. So here are a few facts about Black Panther that every fan (and newbie) should know before watching the eighteenth MCU instalment.

1. Black Panther was created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby, in 1966. The character made his first appearance in *Fantastic Four* #52.

2. Also known as T'Challa, Black Panther is the first black superhero in mainstream American comic books.

3. He is the richest superhero in the Marvel and the DC Universe. Yes, that means he's richer than Iron Man and Batman.

4. Chadwick Boseman plays the title character in the movie. He made his MCU debut in *Captain America: Civil War*.

5. Black Panther is a hereditary title that is passed on within the royal family of Wakanda, a fictional African nation.

6. Wakanda is a rich source of the fictional metal, vibranium. It absorbs sound waves and vibration. Captain America's shield is made out of vibranium.

7. At the end of *Captain America: Civil War*, Bucky Barnes is granted asylum in Wakanda. Does that mean we'll see him, and possibly Captain

America, in Black Panther?

8. T'Challa's personal guard is known as the Dora Milaje. Nakia and Okoye are key members. In the movie, they are played by Lupita Nyong'o and Danai Gurira.

9. There are several American and English actors in the movie, but it also features German Ugandan actress Florence Kasumba and South African actors John Kani, Atandwa Kani, and Connie Chiume. Nyong'o was raised in Kenya, while Gurira was raised in Zimbabwe.

10. Thanks to John Kani, the language the Wakandans speak is Xhosa.

11. English actor Andy Serkis plays



a South African.

12. Black Panther is directed by Ryan Coogler, the man behind *Fruitvale*

Station and *Creed*.

Black Panther is out in cinemas not on channels yet.

Catch who killed Tupac on history

Did you watch the first edition of the 'Who killed Tupac' series yesterday on HISTORY?

If not seat back and relax this is a six-hour limited series, focusing on the investigation, twenty years after the death of the prolific and influential rapper and actor, Tupac Shakur.

Each instalment of this investigative series will include aspects from the legendary artist's life as well as follow famed civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump as he conducts a full-scale, intensive investigation into key theories behind his murder. Crump has represented the families of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Tamir Rice and other victims of gun violence who many believe were denied their due process of the law.

When Tupac's mother, Afeni Shakur, who went to high school with Crump's mother, saw that he

was fighting for truth and justice for the family of Trayvon Martin, she expressed to him how important that was and that this fight is not just for Tupac and Trayvon, but for all our young black men who didn't get justice. In exploring how Tupac didn't get his due process, Crump seeks to show how it is relevant to what is happening in the social justice movement in America today.

In each episode, Crump and journalist Stephanie Frederic (who has covered Tupac's case since his murder), examine one of the key theories. Having secured the last remaining eyewitness to his murder, they re-stage the crime scene in Las Vegas to shed new light on the case.

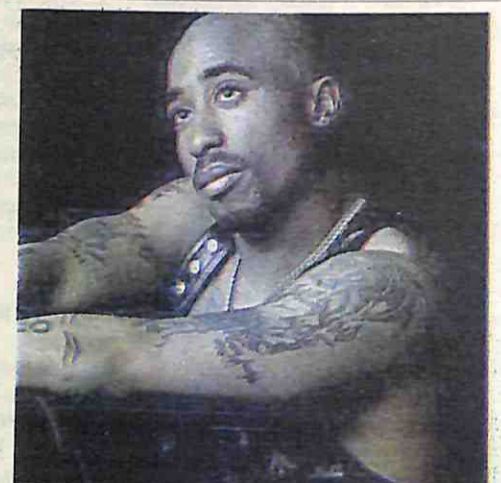
Through Tupac's own words and exclusive new interviews with eyewitnesses, family, friends, and colleagues, viewers will come to understand every

facet of Tupac Shakur's complex personality. In addition, Crump will have a behavioural analysis completed of the late Orlando Anderson, the man many suspect was involved with Tupac's murder, based off of an archival exclusive interview that was shot prior to his death in 1998.

Key interviews also include Tupac's brother Mopreme Shakur, his childhood friend EDI.

Mean as well as other members of his group Outlawz, his first manager Atron Gregory, Al Sharpton, radio personality Big Boy, Christopher Darden, former manager Leila Steinberg, former MTV correspondent Tabitha Soren, executives at Death Row Records, former gang members of the Bloods and the Crips, Quincy "QDIII" Jones III and Digital Underground's Money-B.

The series' opening song, 'Heaven 4 a Gangster',



is written and performed by Grammy-nominated rapper, The Game. He wrote and recorded the song in honour of his hero, Tupac Shakur. The single, 'Heaven 4 a Gangster', dropped on 13 September as a tribute to coincide with the 21st anniversary of Shakur's untimely death.

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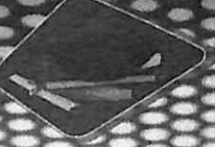
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Mphithiza Abishai Buthelezi

Funeral: 24/02/2018
Place: Ladysmith eMnambithi

Friends and relatives of Mphithiza Abishai Buthelezi, former principal at Bethlehem Mission School has passed on. The funeral will be in Ladysmith (eMnambithi) on the 24/02/2018 starting at 0900hrs at New Life Ministries, number 50 convent road. For more details contact 76076574 or +27721865773.

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Mumeli Johnson Dlamini

Funeral: 24/02/2018
Vigil: Friday
Place: Mzimnene

Friends and relatives of Mumeli Johnson Dlamini also known as Uncle Johns are notified that He has passed on, Funeral on Saturday 24/02/2018 at Mzimnene Tincantwini no night vigil. Announcement by family.

**Cabati Christinah Ginindza**

Funeral: 24/02/2018
Vigil: Friday
Place: eKhayalake

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Zikuphi Juanah Sihlongonyane

Funeral: 24/02/2018
Vigil: Friday
Place: Phonjwane

Friends and relatives of Zikuphi Juanah Sihlongonyane are notified of her Demise. Funeral on Saturday 24/02/2018 after a night vigil at her matrimonial home, Phonjwane. Notice by Bhakisisa Sihlongonyane on behalf of Family.

**Nxobile Yvonne Khumalo**

Funeral: 25/02/2018
Place: Hhelehhlele

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Funeral: 25/02/2018
Vigil: Saturday
Place: Phonjwane

Relatives and Friends of Rose Tsengiwe Vilakati are notified of her Demise. Funeral is at Phonjwane on Sunday 25/02/2018. After a vigil. Announcement by family.

**Dumisa Cyprian Wiseman Mamba**

Funeral: 24/02/2018
Vigil: Friday
Place: eNtjanini

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Dumisa Cyprian Wiseman Mamba kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ekhaya kubo eNtjanini eMpini. Kutawuba nemLindzelo nga Lesihlanu mhlaka 23 Indlovana 2018, angcwatjwenge Mgcibelo mhlaka 24 Indlovana 2018. Utawufihlwa ngemsimbi yesihlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Mamile Thembsile Mngometulu egameni lemalangeni.

Julius Judas Mpini Sihlongonyane

Funeral: 25/02/2018
Vigil: Saturday
Place: eNgculwini

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Siyabonga Gcinumuzi Dlamini

Funeral: 24/02/2018
Vigil: Friday
Place: Malandzela

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Funeral: 25/02/2018
Vigil: Saturday
Place: eNhlambeni

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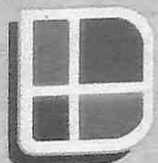
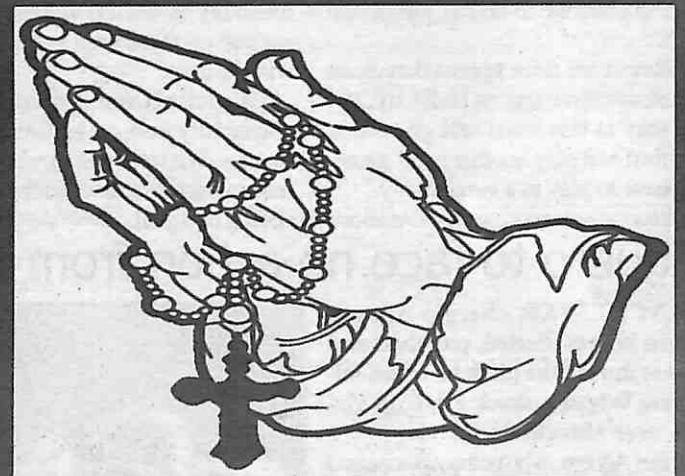
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Willian warns Jose: I want hat-trick!

LONDON - Willian has warned Jose Mourinho he is gunning for his first Chelsea hat-trick against Manchester United this weekend.

The Brazil star hit both posts before finally getting on the scoresheet in a virtuoso performance during Tuesday night's 1-1 draw with Barcelona.

He now has three goals in his last two games ahead of Sunday's trip to Old Trafford - but has never scored a hat-trick for the Blues.

Willian said: "It's coming, it's coming! I'm always ready to score goals. I think the hat-trick is coming soon. I just have to continue to do my job on the pitch."

"I almost had three against Barcelona and almost three against Hull City. We can stay at this level and go to Old Trafford and play another great game. We have to play in a similar way."

Willian was so good against Barcelona

he even outshone Lionel Messi until the Argentina star popped up with the equaliser.

It came after a big mistake from Andreas Christensen, who gifted Barca a crucial away goal with a terrible wayward pass across his own penalty area.

But Willian reckons Chelsea can still spring a surprise in the return leg at the Nou Camp on March 14.

Antonio Conte's men scored an impressive 2-1 win away to Atletico Madrid in the group stage that had the pundits purring.

Willian said: "If we go with the same mentality as we did against Atletico, we can go there with great spirit and win the game."

"Of course it was a great game, we played very well, we had lots of opportunities. We were unlucky because we made a mistake and we suffered by conceding one goal."

"But the result is still open, we can go there and try to win the game. We want to play big games like this one. It's really important."

"We tried to win here and now we must go to the Camp Nou. It will be totally different, we must play with the same mentality, prepare well. If we do well, we can win the game there."

Before that Chelsea face a defining week in the Premier League with a trip to Manchester City following Sunday's clash with United.

Willian said: "Against Manchester United, I think we can do a great job. Against Manchester City it will be like the game against Barcelona - they like to have the ball."

"We have to stay compact and use the same plan as we used against Barcelona. We can win these games. We will go there to try to win."

Daily Star

Aguero to face no action from FA over fan altercation

MANCHESTER - Sergio Aguero claims he was abused, punched and spat at during the pitch invasion following Wigan's shock FA Cup victory over Manchester City.

Striker Aguero, who will not be charged by the FA following the confrontation on the pitch, alleges he was punched by two supporters and one spat in his ear.

City are considering legal action as they examine whether there is case for common assault against at least one fan, with further video evidence emerging to support the claim.

Boss Pep Guardiola and Wigan counterpart Paul Cook will also escape sanction by the FA for their roles in the explosive game that saw Blues defender Fabian Delph sent off.

However, the FA have charged both clubs with failing to control their players and they have until 6pm tomorrow to respond.

They also have a week to provide their observations on the crowd trouble at the end of the game when fans surrounded several City players and staff, and ran towards the away fans end to taunt and throw missiles at them.



Aguero, who has been "reminded of his responsibilities" by the FA, met with senior club staff on Tuesday and claimed he was assaulted by two people, with one spitting in his ear and hurling vile abuse.

They have also taken testimony from coach Mikel Arteta and physio Steven Lilley, who stepped in to help Aguero and shield him as the Premier League

team had to battle through boisterous fans to get to their dressing room.

Wigan player Chey Dunkley also played an important role in calming the situation, first dragging Aguero back as he responded to the attack, and then placing himself between fans and the Argentinean before shepherding him away.

Mirror

Doucoure keen on Arsenal move

LONDON - Highly-rated Watford midfielder Abdoulaye Doucoure has claimed the Premier League big boys are chasing him.

The 25-year-old has caught the eye of Spurs, Liverpool and Arsenal with his performances this season to raise doubt over his long-term future at Vicarage Road.

Doucoure has claimed there is truth in tales last month of their interest.

He said: "It's true that these clubs are interested. But I'm at Watford for the moment and I want to finish my season well."

Asked which of the clubs he would prefer to join, he added: "Arsenal because of Arsène Wenger."

Doucoure has enjoyed an excel-



lent season at Watford, scoring seven times already this term.

The Hornets are back in Premier League action against Everton on Saturday.

Mirror

West Ham blame administrative fault for doping charge

LONDON - West Ham United blamed "administrative oversights" for being hit with a Football Association charge for breaching anti-doping rules on Tuesday.

An FA statement said the London club "failed to ensure its 'club whereabouts' information was accurate on three occasions within 12 months".

West Ham have until February 27 to respond.

"The breach relates to adminis-

trative oversights on the FA's whereabouts system," West Ham said in a statement.

"For example, a player's address had been registered and the house number digits transposed, and the club will be responding to the FA in due course."

"We would like to make it clear that the breach is a club administrative matter and does not concern any of our players." *AFP*



COMFORT BLUES:
Valencia midfielder
Francis Coquelin.

'I was in a comfort zone at Arsenal'

MADRID - Valencia midfielder Francis Coquelin admits he was stagnating at Arsenal and is now enjoying the challenge of playing for a new club in a different league.

The 26-year-old left the Gunners on January 11 to sign for Los Che after spending 10 years at the north London outfit, during which he made 160 appearances across all competitions.

The Frenchman has revealed that he struggled to challenge himself at Arsenal and is delighted to be pushing himself again.

He has made seven appearances for Valencia and scored one goal

since the move.

"It isn't that easy when you've spent 10 years somewhere, but I needed a new challenge," he told Spanish outlet Clicanoo.

"You tend to get into a comfort zone when you stay several years in the same clubs. You try and challenge yourself, but it's a bit harder."

"Here, I'm starting from scratch. It's a new experience, a new training method, new teammates and a new environment."

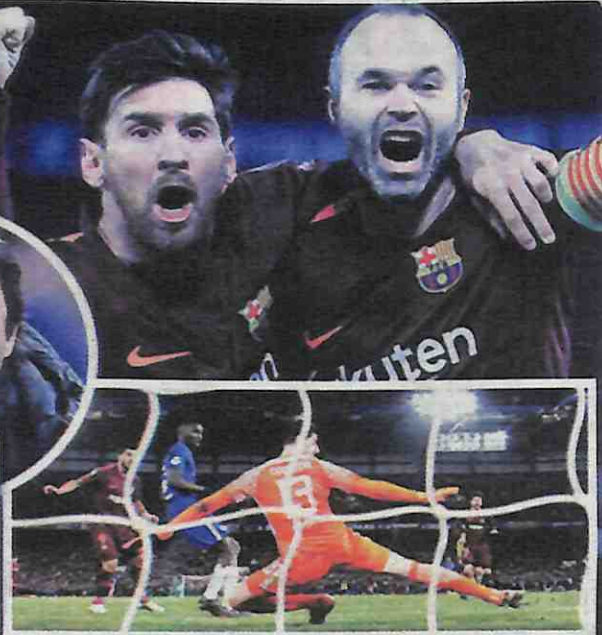
"All that means I was thrilled by the project. There's interesting goals to accomplish. I'm focused on that."

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IT ALL GETS MESSI

Sloppy Christensen gifts Barca goal



LONDON - Willian stole the show but Chelsea failed to take the spoils with one moment of madness.

Chelsea had defended brilliantly but with 15 minutes to go and leading 1-0 Andreas Christensen played a crazy pass across his penalty area and Barcelona punished them.

Andres Iniesta seized on the error beating Cesar Azpilicueta to the loose ball and squared it for Lionel Messi to fire past the exposed Thibaut Courtois. It was the Argentine's first goal against Chelsea in nine games.

Up to then it was a case of never mind the magic of Messi, hail the wonder of Willian.

Chelsea's Brazil star has plenty of critics among Blues fans but he proved them wrong by firing his side in front.

Willian had hit the post twice and earned a pat on the arm from Messi before he made it third time lucky in the 62nd minute.

It was what he deserved for a magical performance.

Antonio Conte started with Eden Hazard as a 'false nine' and left Olivier Giroud and Alvaro Morata on the bench.

But his team made an encouraging start with Willian surging through the opposition, Hazard shooting on sight, and the Blues looked confi-

dent and positive. Antonio Rudiger headed a Willian corner wide after rising above Gerard Pique and Samuel Umtiti in the air, and at times Barca just stood off and watched.

You knew they had another gear though, and Messi slowly started popping up in problem areas.

Hazard, too, looked dangerous, skipping past tackles and jinking his way into good positions. But Paulinho was guilty of a bad miss from a Messi cross after Marcos Alonso lost him at the far post.

When Willian again threatened to storm through, Ivan Rakitic cynically brought him down, but Alonso's free-kick was comfortable for Marc-Andre ter Stegen.

Chelsea's little Brazilian looked a real threat and he rattled the woodwork with a curling shot.

Moments later he hit the other post when Hazard found him in space with a deft little touch after a woeful attempt to clear from Jordi Alba.

Then it was Hazard's turn to go close, volleying just over from the edge of the box after some more poor defending from the visitors. By half-time Barcelona had not managed a shot on target, with Luis Suarez totally anonymous, and the odd flash of brilliance from Messi failing to hurt the hosts. *Daily Star*

Mueller back to his best

MUNICH - After flirting with the substitutes' bench under Carlo Ancelotti, Bayern Munich forward Thomas Mueller is back to his ungainly and hugely effective best as Besiktas discovered on Tuesday.

There was nothing spectacular about either of Mueller's two goals in Bayern's 5-0 Champions League win over the Turkish champions, and the first was downright scrappy, but the 28-year-old has never been noted for his elegance.

"The first goal was typical Mueller," said Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes, who has been credited with Mueller's revival since returning for a fourth stint at the club in October.

"It's interesting how players prepare for these sort of games. Thomas takes it to another level, he knows that a special performance is needed in the Champions League.

"Had he not got injured, he would have a lot more goals. He is performing well and he motivates the others. He's important for our system and not just because of the goals. He's also important for the vertical game."

Mueller, joint top-scorer at the 2010 World Cup, does not conform to the footballer's stereo-



type.

He stumbles rather than glides past opponents, his ungroomed floppy hair has not changed in years, he has unusually skinny legs and he eschews tattoos. His wife is an amateur dressage rider rather than a model or actress.

Reuters

'Chelsea capable of springing surprise

LONDON - Chelsea Manager Antonio Conte believes the English champions can do "something incredible" by knocking Barcelona out of the Champions League at the Camp Nou on March 14, despite blowing a lead to draw the first leg of their last-16 tie 1-1.

Willian gave reason to a bold team selection from Conte on Tuesday by putting the English champions ahead just after the hour mark, having also hit the woodwork twice before half-time.

However, Barca pounced on a very rare Chelsea mistake on the night as Andres Iniesta intercepted a slack pass by Andreas Christensen and squared for Lionel Messi to slot home his first goal in nine appearances against Chelsea.

"We must be realistic. We are talk-

ing about Barcelona. They should tonight to be a strong, fantastic team," said Conte.

"We have showed that if we are ready to work very hard together defensively, but continue to have the right feeling when you win the ball when you have the chance to score, we can try to do something incredible at the Nou Camp."

Conte named a front three without a recognised centre-forward with Willian and Pedro Rodriguez either side of Eden Hazard, while the 21-year-old Christensen started in place of club captain Gary Cahill.

And Conte refused to pin the blame on the inexperienced Dane for conceding.

"I think it was a great performance, an incredible performance," added Conte. *AFP*

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Davids happy with strikers

JOHANNESBURG - Maritzburg United coach Fadlu Davids has applauded his striking pair of Andrea Fileccia and Mohau Mokate, saying they play differently and bring variety to his attacking options. Despite not scoring, Fileccia proved to be a thorn on the AmaZulu side in the Team of Choice's 2-0 win last weekend. Bandle Shandu and the PSL's Player of the Month for January Siphele Ndlovu scored. "Fileccia is unbelievable in his movement up front, really good, he knows when to run and when to steal in behind the defence line. Mohau Mokate is a different type, he is a warrior. You can really count in him at any moment, so we have two really top quality strikers at our disposal," said Davids.

Citizen

Ndlovu following Modise

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana striker Dino Ndlovu is releasing a book this year on his life story titled 'The Winning Goal'. The 28-year-old recently signed for Chinese side Hangzhou Greentown after a successful spell with Azerbaijani outfit Qarabag, who he helped reach the group stages of this season's UEFA Champions League. Ndlovu, who hails from Klerksdorp, has an interesting tale to tell, having also plied his trade in Israel and Cyprus, as well as for Mamelodi Sundowns, SuperSport United and Bloemfontein Celtic. "The book is simply a story about me," Ndlovu tells KickOff.com from China. "People should expect simplicity and I don't want my book to have drama and stuff."

Kick-off

'Fraudulent' sale challenged

JOHANNESBURG - Platinum Stars' agreed sale to Rawat Petroleum for R22.5-million has been challenged by Advocate Ratanang Nke, who wrote a letter to the Premier Soccer League calling it a breach of rules. The sale of Dikwena to the company took place in January although there were some question marks raised about the reportedly low price, as well as coach Roger de Sa's involvement as a part of the consortium. As such, Nke confirmed he was petitioning the PSL to overturn the decision due to a contravention of league rules.

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PERHAPS I SHOULD THINK ABOUT DUSTING MY BOOTS - BENNI

CAPE TOWN - City coach Benni McCarthy has joked that perhaps he should be thinking about lacing up his boots again, considering how woeful his team continues to be in front of goal.

Again on Tuesday against a limited Young Buffaloes team from Swaziland, despite the Cape side dominating of possession and creating a host of scoring opportunities, they had to be content with a 1-0 victory.

It was a case of mixed feelings for McCarthy after his City side eased into the second round of the CAF Confederation Cup.

They defeated the Swazis at the Athlone Stadium - for a 2-0 aggregate victory - but McCarthy was still feeling a bit frustrated.

On the one hand, for the inter-continental competition, the former Bafana Bafana striker was able to rotate the squad to allow game time for his fringe players, but on the other hand, the team's inability



to score goals continues to be a major source of exasperation.

"It looks like a smash and grab again," said McCarthy. "1-0, 1-0, that's all we can do, and it's just so frustrating. We create numerous chances, but just cannot seem to score. I don't know what to do any more. Every week, every single training session, we spend time on scoring goals. We do cut-backs, we do shooting, we allow players confidence on the ball, we work on

their composure, but come game time... nothing.

"Perhaps I should think about having some liposuction and, as a 40-year-old, get on the pitch and show them how it should be done."

It's a work in progress for McCarthy - so despite his disappointment, he remains committed to seeing his team have a good run in the CAF event.

"It's a great opportunity for me to make changes and give guys who

haven't played that much some game time," said McCarthy. "It's games in which they can show themselves and give me a headache when it comes to selection."

"The CAF campaign is important because we are not only representing the club, we're representing South Africa as well. So I want to take it seriously - and it would be nice to go all the way. Obviously there is the financial burden, but I think if a club gets to the latter stages of the competition, then you can make the money back."

"It's good that I can give players a run in CAF, and keep them happy because they have an opportunity to play. But at the same time, I still want to try to win it."

Next up for City is a league match against Bidvest Wits at the Athlone Stadium on Saturday (6pm kick-off) - and McCarthy is looking to continue his extraordinary superiority over his mentor, Gavin Hunt.

IOI Sport

'Too early to think about winning the League'

JOHANNESBURG - Although they are currently on a good run of form, Kaizer Chiefs defender Teenage Hadebe says it is too early to think about winning the Absa Premiership.

"It's too early to talk about that. There are still nine league matches left. We must take it one game at a time and keep focused."

The Zimbabwean has done well since making his debut against AmaZulu in an Absa Premiership encounter last November which ended in a goalless draw.

Since then, Hadebe has started in another nine matches. He delivered an excellent performance against Cape Town City and seems to get better with each game.

Amakhosi beat the Citizens 1-0. "Defending is about not conceding goals," the 22-year-old comments, "and that's what we focus on for every

CHIEFS BOOSTED BY RETURNING TRIO

JOHANNESBURG - George Maluleka, Gustavo Paez and Erick Mathoho have all recovered from injury and should be in the squad for Saturday's match against Bloemfontein Celtic.

Maluleka (calf strain) and Paez (hamstring injury) missed the recent wins over Golden Arrows and Cape Town City, while Mathoho

(ankle) was absent for the Citizens encounter.

But all three are expected to be available for selection for the league match against Phunya Sele Sele at the FNB Stadium on Saturday.

"Mido (Maluleka) is back in full training," Chiefs physiotherapist Dave Milner told the club website. *AFP*

game."

He also points out that Daniel Cardoso is the most vocal of the three defenders. "Daniel is the leader."

Looking back on the Cape Town City win, he adds, "We had a lot of chances to score and should have buried them."

Amakhosi host Bloemfontein Celtic at FNB Stadium on Saturday (start at 8.15pm). "We have a lot of respect for Celtic," Hadebe says. "However, any

team that comes to the FNB Stadium should be scared of us. We need the three points."

Thanks to the nine-game unbeaten, which includes six wins and three draws, the Glamour Boys have moved up to second spot on the ABSA Premiership log standings, just four points behind Mamelodi Sundowns.

African News Agency

'Bidvest Wits going for CAF Champions League gold'

JOHANNESBURG - Bidvest Wits midfielder Thabang Monare insists the Students are not merely looking to add numbers in the African Champions League.

The ABSA Premiership champions are yet to secure their safety in the South African topflight with a third of the season to go, but Monare maintains this will not dampen their continental ambitions.

"We must challenge for everything. As the coach [Gavin Hunt] says we need games to keep playing, so if we advance to the group stages we have a chance of playing more games and improving," Monare tells KickOff.com.

"Our target is to win this thing. We need to get as far as we can in this competition. Hopefully we can maintain... but I think the coach will manage us well."

Monare is confident his teammates will successfully defend their 2-0 lead against Mauritian side Pamplemousses in the CAF competition

this afternoon.

He will not feature in the match as he is still nursing a quadriceps injury he sustained in the 2-1 league win at Golden Arrows on the weekend. "I got injured in the first half of the Arrows game, quad," Monare says.

"In the first leg we beat them 2-0 so I think we will defend our lead. I think the guys will carry on where we left off. And another thing as you know, when a team is playing at home there's that motivation. But I believe the guys are going to do well, though it won't be easy."

"Well looking at the Champions League and the home advantage that they have, you'll never know what may happen looking at the support they might get from their fans. So we just have to absorb the pressure because definitely they are going to come at us from the word go for them to equal our two-goal lead if not more," concludes the Secunda-born player. *Kick-off*



Thajo Investment Lubombo Eastern Zone winners presented

Stories by Sports Reporter

SOCCKER - SAMAMPELA and Mkhutjane were the big winners during the Thajo Investment Lubombo Eastern Zone League first round prize presentation as they walked away with cash prizes for their achievements.

Samampela, who topped the first division league first round, received E2 500 while Mkhutjane got E1 000 for winning the second division first round. The presentation was made by Thajo Investment Director Nichodemus 'Ace' Mashwama at Mpolonjeni on Sunday. Mashwama also made an additional presentation of playing material in form of a set of corner flags to be used in one of the Eastern Zone venues.

The material was added on top of the soccer ball and nets presented by the company last month.



In his brief remarks, Mashwama promised to provide corner flags for all the four venues and he urged the teams to make good use of the material. He also applauded teams for violence-free games witnessed so far. Mashwama's words were echoed by Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA) Vice-

Chairman Sifiso 'Haiso' Shabalala, who applauded the teams for the spirit of fair play displayed throughout the games and the improved standard of refereeing, which he said will always have a positive impact on the relationship of football with the sponsors.

The event was attended by the

sponsors, Thajo Investment which was represented by Mashwama, LRFA Vice-Chairman Shabalala, Secretary General Siculo Nene and his vice Lois Munro, Treasurer Thokozani Shongwe, members Phumzile Dlamini and Richard Shongwe, as well as teams representatives.

WINNERS: Zweli Ndzimandze, Thajo Investment Director Nichodemus 'Ace' Mashwama, Philani and Sifiso 'Haiso' Shabalala during the presentation.

Dvokodvweni United march on in Malindza League

SOCCKER - MALINDZA Zonal League long-time table toppers, Dvokodvweni United are in a mean mood.

The Thokozani Tsabedze coached side, which is in its second season in the league, is showing strong intent for championship as they sit at the summit with 40 points after 17 games, separated by two points with second-placed Siweni United, who have 38 points.

Dvokodvweni recorded their 12th win in the league at the expense of Umsech FC whom they beat 2-1 while Siweni beat Malindza United 2-1 to maintain their second position. Third placed Bhelebane FC ensured they remain on course for the title contention with a 5-1 annihilation of Home Sweepers while Promising Stars, who have a game in hand, are perched fourth following their 2-0 win over struggling Gabigabi.

On the opposite side of the table, Seven Stars, who suffered their 12th defeat at the hands of Mshana FC, are rooted at the basement with six points in 16 games and are separated by three points with 13th placed Gabigabi. A total of 306 goals have been scored so far in the 14-team league.

HIGH-SCORING THIBA CRUISE IN RSSC SIYAKHA UNDER-16 LEAGUE

SOCCKER - THIBA FC are surely riding the crest of wave in the RSSC Siyakha Under-16 League as they have won all their opening five games and are at the summit with 15 points.

The action packed Under-16 league was surely the right tonic for the football passionate people within the sugar belt as a total of 11 games were played at both Mhlume and Tambankulu over the weekend.

The league, which proved to be the centre of attraction, was at Mhlume where all the teams played double fixtures, and of course it was Thiba FC who demonstrated a high level of consistency as they recorded back-to-back victories in their fixtures. In the first game, they went berserk to butcher Macethuka 5-0 before beating Lomkhehle 4-0 in the following match, emerge the high scoring team.

Lomkhehle, who beat Simunye 4-0 in the first match, succumbed to a defeat against the resolute Thiba in the following match. It was a bad day in office for Mhlume Highlanders, who suffered



THANK YOU: Zweli accepting the corner flags from Mashwama.

back-to-back defeats; 0-3 against Super Eagles and 0-1 against Young Reds. Under Tambankulu league, three games were witnessed, whereby Tambankulu

Celtic beat Tsambokhulu Rovers 3-0 while Equator beat Tambankulu Callies 1-0. Tambankulu FC beat Young Killers 1-0 in the first match of the day.

City Warriors extend lead in Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League

SOCCKER - RAMPAGING Siphofaneni ensemble City Warriors beat Dangerous Darkies 2-0 to extend their lead in the Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League.

With 10 games left before the curtains fall for the 16-team league, the reigning Ingwenyama Cup regional champions have 38 points while their closest challengers, CPL, are four points behind with 34 points.

As Warriors collected the maximum points, five of the other title contenders dropped points in what can be aptly dubbed 'weekend of draws' as out of the eight games, six ended in stalemates.

Second placed CPL, were held to a 1-all draw by fellow title contenders, Illovo FC while Malahleni United and CK Survivors, who are

also in the race, settled for a 1-1 draw in a game played at Malahleni Sports Ground on Sunday.

Swazibank Cup participants, Ubombo Flyers, also dropped points in a 1-1 draw against Juventus while Rail United and Mkhweli United also settled for a 1-all draw. Basement side, Lubhuku Liverpool, might have not been defeated in the past four games but they remain winless as they settled for a 3-3 draw against Hot Chillies in an entertaining game played at Siphoso Sports Ground on Saturday. For their part, they continue to be rooted at the bottom with eight points in 20 games, separated by five points with 15th placed Shewula Professionals, who succumbed to their 12th defeat with a 4-1 bashing at the hands of Manyovu Young Fighters.

Celtic maintain lead, Peacemakers roll in RSSC Siyakha League

SOCCKER - RSSC Siyakha North West League leaders, Tambankulu Celtic beat Tongaat Young Stars 1-0 to maintain their pole position while second placed Mhlume Peacemakers pummelled Equator FC 6-1 to pile the pressure in the title race.

Celtic now have 24 points in 11 games, with Peacemakers closely follow them

with 23 points while third placed Mhlume Professionals, who beat Skyline 4-1, now have 22 points.

Completing the top four is Born Again FC, who have 21 points following their 1-0 victory over Eastern Pirates. Winless Skyline, who were condemned to their 12th defeat, continue to occupy the bottom side of the table with two points

while Revelation are placed sixth with seven points. Tongaat Young Stars, who were also plunged down to the relegation quagmire with the defeat at the hands of Celtic are perched 12th with nine points, sharing the same number of points with the duo of Brave Lions and Tambankulu FC, who are in position 10 and 11, respectively.



WELL DONE: Thulani receiving the first prize on behalf of Gcina FC.

SWAZIBANK UNDER-20 TOURNAMENT LAUNCH



PLEASED: SwaziBank MD Zakhele Lukhele making his remarks.

FUNNY MAN: PLS CEO Dumsani Sibandze was given the MC duties.



I WANT IT: Players of the respective teams pose for a group picture with the trophy. This was during the official launch of this year's SwaziBank Under-20 tournament at the company's Headquarters yesterday. (Pics: Sibusiso Dlamini)



HERE YOU GO: SwaziBank ManAging Director Zakhele Lukhele presenting the replica cheque to acting NFAS President Peter Simelane and acting PLS Chairman Peter 'Touch' Magagula.



SIYABAFUNA: Royal Leopard's Bhekithemba Mthupha picks Red Lions.

BELOW - THE BANK WITH A HEART: SwaziBank employees and PLS employees also came out to support.

CONDOLENCES

The Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) would like to take this opportunity to extend its deepest condolences to the families who lost their loved ones during the tragic accident that took place along the Mbabane-Pigg's Peak road on Friday 16 February 2018. We pray that the Almighty God comforts the affected families, relatives and friends during this difficult time. Our heartfelt sympathies also go out to all the passengers who sustained injuries and are undergoing treatment. We wish them a speedy recovery.

The Company appreciates the support and guidance received from the Royal Swaziland Police (RSP) and the Hhohho/Mbabane Kombi Associations. We wish to further acknowledge the compassionate messages we have received from all the bereaved families, our business partners and members of the public.

"The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit"
Psalms 34:18

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ROYAL LEOPARD F.C.	Vs
RED LIONS F.C.	Vs
MONENI PIRATES F.C.	Vs
MIDAS CITY F.C.	Vs
GREEN MAMBA F.C.	Vs
MBABANE HIGHLANDERS F.C.	Vs

STAGE SET: This is how the teams were drawn.



INYOKELUHLAZA: Green Mamba officials following proceedings.



BHAKANIYA: Moneni Pirates players listening attentively.



INTRODUCTION: Bantu FC captain Thapelo Mokhehle introducing his teammates to Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



NGUWE LOMSHANA: Ngcamphalala chatting to Swallows' Mandla Palma.

BANTU FC VS SWALLOWS CAF 2ND GAME



CHALLENGE: Mbabane Swallows captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze challenged by a Bantu FC player during the CAF Champions League second leg at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Bantu won 3-1. Aggregate score 5-5, Birds advance on away goal rule.



FULL HOUSE: Dignitaries watching the game.



OFFICIATING: Referees posing with captains Tony Tsabedze and Thapelo Mokhehle.



VICTORY: Bantu FC supporters celebrating one of their goals.



TJOVITJO: A jubilant Bantu FC supporter.

IT'S A GOAL



GOAL NUMBER TWO: Swallows goalkeeper Sandanezwe Mathabela tries in vain to stop Bantu FC's second goal.



GOAL NUMBER THREE: Mathabela watching the ball as it kisses the back of the net.



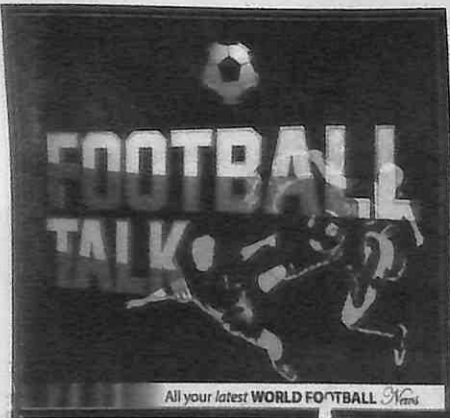
YAMSHIYA: Sandile Hlatjwako dashing for the ball while Bantu FC goalkeeper Thabo Sedisa closes in.



NEVER GIVING UP: Mbabane Swallows supporters celebrating their lone goal.



GOOD JOB: Tsietsi Motseare and Thabo Sedisa celebrating with the team's supporters.



● Chelsea face fierce competition from Bayern Munich for Borussia Dortmund's 19-year-old US winger Christian Pulisic. **(Mail)**

● West Ham are ready to offer boss David Moyes a two-year deal in the summer if he keeps the Hammers in the Premier League - and the Scot is already looking at player recruitment for next season. **(Express)**



● Lazio's Netherlands defender Stefan de Vrij, 26, is ready to switch to the Premier League this summer and is keen on joining Manchester United, but Everton and Arsenal are also interested. **(Mirror)**

● United are also interested in Napoli's Italy midfielder Jorginho, 26. **(Sun)**

● Arsenal sent a scout to watch 25-year-old Besiktas midfielder Oguzhan Ozyakup against Bayern Munich in the Champions League, but the Turkey player did not play. **(Mirror)**

● Barcelona have beaten Manchester United to the signing of Gremio's 21-year-old Brazilian midfielder Arthur. **(Mail)**

● Watford's French midfielder Abdoulaye Doucoure, 25, has claimed some top Premier League clubs are interested in him, with Arsenal his preferred choice. **(Mirror)**

● Tottenham and Liverpool are also keen on Watford's top scorer, who is stalling on a new deal said to be worth £70 000 a week. **(Express)**

● Former Watford Manager Marco Silva is the favourite to succeed Alan Pardew if he leaves West Brom. **(Birmingham Mail)**

● Crystal Palace are poised to sign 35-year-old former Liverpool and Brazil goalkeeper Diego Cavalieri on a free transfer. **(ESPN)**

● Liverpool are lining up a summer bid for Lyon's 18-year-old French midfielder Mohamed Bahlouli. **(France Football via Sun)**

● Jurgen Klopp's desire to bring Roma goalkeeper Alisson to Liverpool has received a boost as the Italian club have lined up a replacement for the 25-year-old Brazil player. **(Gianluca di Marzio via Sun)**



● Rio Ferdinand does not believe Chelsea boss Antonio Conte will be worried about keeping his job at Stamford Bridge, despite his side sitting 19 points behind Premier League leaders Manchester City. **(BT Sport via Star)**

● Chelsea scout Eddie Newton has revealed he assessed Everton's Turkey striker Cenk Tosun, 26, and expects him to "do well" for the Merseyside club. **(Liverpool Echo)**

● Former Liverpool playmaker Philippe Coutinho had 24 hours to forget in Barcelona as his car was towed away for being parked illegally and then his new home was burgled. **(Daily Mail)**



Sigwe: Bigger and better

By Dumisani Ntiwane
(SNSRC Media Officer)

WELCOME to another edition of your favourite read.

We are currently busy preparing for the first Shukuma of 2018. As stated in the last two columns, the Sigwe Inkhundla has been blessed to host the first Shukuma of the year.

Will the Shukuma Sigwe be bigger and better than any of the other Shukuma programmes the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) has hosted before?

It is slated for March 3, next week Saturday, to be precise.

Already, there are signs that this could be the biggest Shukuma in the history of the programme. We are likely to have the biggest number of sports associations attending. Already, the people of Sigwe and surrounding areas that include Nyatsini, Lulalakeni, Ndunayithini and Kuphumleni are guaranteed of seeing and trying out in at least 10 different sporting codes.

We already have sports associations that have confirmed their participation. These include the likes of the Swaziland Tennis



Association (STA), Swaziland National Table Tennis Association (SNTA), Athletics Associations of Swaziland (AAS), Swaziland Cricket Association (SCA), the Swaziland Darts Association, the Cycling Association of Swaziland (CAS), National Volleyball Association of Swaziland (SNVA), SOSAI Karate, Swaziland Boxing Association (SWABA) and taekwondo, to mention just a few of the sport associations, that will definitely be part of the day.

We will also have our fun games as usual, which will include kids' athletics, rope skipping, darts, and of course the indigenous games, which have proved to be a hit in most communities. Such games include the likes of *umlalabala*, draft and others.

We pride ourselves in this invigorating programme, which actually fulfils a very important aspect in the lives of our people. Of course, the primary objective is to encourage mass participation in physical

activity or some sport by all people living in the country, especially those in the rural areas, who can hardly afford going to established in gyms. The idea is to encourage and actually enlighten people that one can exercise in the comfort of their respective homes.

We are expecting the people of Sigwe and surrounding areas to come out in their numbers to play on the day.

Next on line could be the Mkhweni Inkhundla. Watch this space!

Do us proud: Commonwealth team

ON Monday afternoon, the Swaziland Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (SOCGA), in conjunction with the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC), announced the team that will be representing the country in the Commonwealth Games, which will be staged in Australia.

The team will be led by the Swaziland Boxing Association (SWABA) President and SOCGA board member, the vivacious Pearl Dlamini. She is no stranger to such outings. Her experience will surely come in handy.

A closer scrutiny on the team selected to represent the country clearly shows that Swazis will have hopes of podium finishes from the selected athletes. It is a team laden with experience and it is high time they come back home with medals.

The likes of Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa and Phumlile Ndzinisa, both National Sports Awards winners, carry the hopes of the nation on their shoulders.

The team.

Athletics

Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa (100m/200m)
Phumlile Ndzinisa (100m/200m)
Thandaza Zwane (200m/400m)
Mcebo Mkhalephi (200m/400m)
Eric Seyama (High Jump)

Boxing

Zweli Dlamini (50 kg)
Thabiso Dlamini (69kg)

Cycling

Muzi Shabangu (Road cycle)
Mduduzi Zwane (Road cycle)
Gcina Banda (Road cycle)

Officials

Pearl Dlamini (Chef de Mission)
Muzi Mabuza (Athletics Coach)
Fanana Dlamini (Boxing Coach)
Samuel Tsambokhulu (Boxing Coach)
William Kelly (Cycling Coach)
Mbusi Motsa (Cycling Driver)
Machawe Mamba (Physiotherapist)

They have vast experience, having completed in the last Olympic Games.

Congratulations Thandaza

THE country has a new national 400m record. Thandaza Zwane is the new record holder after smashing the previous one set by Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa.

The new record stands at 46:56 seconds.

The Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) congratulates the runner for his feat. It could not have come easier. He worked hard for it and we

do hope he will keep up the good work, as we head towards 2022.

The good thing is that both Matsenjwa and Zwane have been included in the 10-member team that will be representing the country in the Commonwealth Games in Australia.



Yes, we are moving with the times!

The SNSRC is proud to announce the re-launch; you can call it rebirth of our website. Just log on to www.sportscouncil.org.sz.

Updates of our programmes, in particular our flagship one, Shukuma, and the latest sports news can all be found in the website. We believe that we have also created the perfect platform for our sports associations, especially those recognised by the SNSRC.

Everyone can familiarise themselves with the SNSRC's main programmes; National Sports Awards Disability Sports, Women Sports and Shukuma, our strategic objectives and general operations. Until next week, Shukuma Swaziland!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" - Eleanor Roosevelt

SWAZIBANK PUMPS IN E220 000 FOR UNDER-20 TOURNAMENT

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER - SWAZIBANK continues to live up to their slogan of being 'the bank with a heart' as they have increased last year's Under-20 SwaziBank Cup sponsorship from E200 000 to E220 000.

This shows an increment of E20 000. The good news was announced by the bank's Managing Director (MD) Zakhele Lukhele during the official launch held at the company's headquarters yesterday. When delivering his speech, Lukhele assured the nation of the bank's commitment to the development of football in the country.

"I would like to assure the nation that SwaziBank remains committed to the development of local football, which is what this tournament allows us to do.

"The advantage of developing soccer at youth level is that not only are we going to produce world class soccer stars as we instill techniques and insight, but we will also teach them to embrace competition, sportsmanship, discipline and character; things that will help them fight social ills, subsequently becoming better citizens and future leaders." The MD also congratulated defending champions, police side Royal Leopard, mentioning that he had noted that no team had suc-

cessfully defended it. "I would also like to congratulate the defending champions Royal Leopard for working hard last year to win the tournament. I have noted that ever since its inauguration, this cup has been won by different teams and if Leopard successfully defend it, they will become the first team to ever do it. This is also a challenge on all the other teams who haven't won it before to also engrave their names on it."

Acting National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) President Peter 'Samora' Simelane thanked the bank for its continuous support to developing football in the country while acting Premier League of Swaziland



I WANT IT: Players of the respective teams pose for a group picture with the trophy. This was during the official launch of this year's SwaziBank Under-20 tournament at the company's Headquarters yesterday. (Pic: Sibusiso Dlamini)

Chairman Peter 'Touch' Magagula pleaded with everyone to make sure that the tournament runs in a manner

that would make late Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze smile from his grave.

I expected to win by 3 or 4 goals - Benni McCarthy

Stories by Sibongiseni Zondi
(In Cape Town, courtesy of SwaziBank)

SOCCER - CAPE TOWN CITY coach Benni McCarthy says Young Buffaloes exceeded his expectations in their CAF Confederation Cup preliminary round match up.

City beat Buffaloes 1-0 on Tuesday night at Athlone Stadium, to complete a 2-0 aggregate win over the army side and in the meantime advance to the first round of the

...hopes Buffaloes win the MTN Premier League

Confederation Cup. In his post-match comments, McCarthy admitted that he expected Buffaloes to have been a walkover for his side.

"As much as I hate to say this but we are a top six PSL (Premier Soccer League) side, so I would have expected my team to have gone there and at least win by three or four goals. That's what I was expecting but for us to only win by a 1-0 scoreline, is evident that the opposition did a lot of things right. They did very well over the

two legs," he said. McCarthy then wished Buffaloes all the best for the rest of the season.

"We wish them all the best with the five games left in the Swazi league (MTN Premier League). Hopefully, they can still chase down the top team and maybe even win the League. I think they gave a very good account of themselves and they should be very proud," the Cape Town City coach said. Meanwhile, Buffaloes coach Dominic Kunene said his side had learnt a lot from their two matches against City. "This experience will benefit us a lot in terms of confidence.

We learnt a lot from them in terms of marking, especially because they were using quick wing players. I think the defence gained a lot in terms of reactions," Kunene said.

WISH YOU ALL THE BEST: Cape Town City coach Benni McCarthy and Buffaloes coach Dominic Kunene.

Woe unto local teams - Buffaloes' Nyandoro

SOCCER - YOUNG Buffaloes captain Nkosingiphile 'Nyandoro' Tsabedze has fired a warning to their local opponents as the domestic season reaches its climax.

Buffaloes were knocked out of the 2018 CAF Confederation Cup by Cape Town City on Tuesday night. The Cape side beat Buffaloes 1-0 in a preliminary round second leg match at the Athlone Stadium, to complete an aggregate score of 2-0 over the army side.

Despite the disappointment of being knocked out of the competition at the first hurdle, Buffaloes captain Tsabedze chose to focus on the positives when speaking to journalists after the match.

"We made a mistake and we got punished. Our plan was to attack them but

they punished us. However, we have learnt a lot from this experience. I feel for the teams back home because there is a lot we have gained from this adventure. Whoever we face next will experience that we have played a professional side in Cape Town City and learnt from them," Tsabedze said.

With the 2018 SwaziBank Cup underway this weekend, Tsabedze added that his side was aiming at defending the trophy they won last year.

"Our supporters shouldn't despair. They should continue supporting us. The SwaziBank Cup is ours. We are now left with it and the league to compete for this season. We want to try and win both. We do have a chance of winning the league title because if Mbabane Swallows (log leaders) drop



JUST A WARNING: Young Buffaloes captain Nkosingiphile 'Nyandoro' Tsabedze

points, we can catch them. We have set our own target of winning all our five remaining league matches," Tsabedze concluded.

Young Buffaloes player ratings vs Cape Town City

By Sibongiseni Zondi
(In Cape Town, courtesy of SwaziBank)

SOCCER - YOUNG Buffaloes were beaten 1-0 by Cape Town City in the second leg of their CAF Confederation Cup preliminary round at Athlone Stadium on Tuesday night.

That result, coupled with a similar defeat in the first leg, saw Buffaloes knocked out of Africa's secondary club competition at the first hurdle. Below we rate how the players performed:

1. Nhlanhla Gwebu - He had a nervy game overall. He spilled the ball a couple of times, almost costing his side. There was nothing he could do about the goal, however.

Rating: 5

2. Lindo Mkhonta - Just like most of his teammates, Mkhonta had very little input in the match. He was guilty of poor positioning in a couple of instances as well.

Rating: 5

3. Wandile Maseko - He had a better match than most of his fellow defenders. He won tackles and aerial balls but at times struggled to contain the impressive Surprise Ralani.

Rating: 6

4. Sihlangu Mkhwanazi - Mkhwanazi had a poor performance and was the player dispossessed off the ball as City went on to score their winning goal.

Rating: 4

5. Siboniso Ngwenya - Much like his central defensive partner, Ngwenya also struggled with the pace of the match. City regularly broke through Buffaloes' middle. **Rating: 4**

6. Nkosingiphile Tsabedze -

The Buffaloes captain had a solid performance. He rarely lost the ball and protected his defence well. He probably missed the presence of his usual partner Dumsani Mdluli in the middle of the park.

Rating: 6

7. Sandile Gamedze - Just like in the first leg, Gamedze was anonymous for much of the match. Playing a little bit deeper than usual, the playmaker failed to get on the ball as much as he would have loved to.

Rating: 5

8. Sifiso Mazibuko - Mazibuko was Buffaloes best player in the first leg. But on Tuesday night he rarely got involved. The winger hardly took the game to City like he did in that first leg.

Rating: 5

9. Wandile Dlamini - Dlamini had a match to forget. He offered little going forward and was subsequently substituted for Bongani Mhlana in the second half.

Rating: 4

10. Ndoda Mthethwa - It was no surprise seeing the striker being the first to be subbed off just before the hour mark. Mthethwa, who was at fault with the goal conceded by his side in the first leg, failed to redeem himself on Tuesday night. A peripheral figure so to say.

Rating: 4

11. Phiwayinkhosi Dlamini - Dlamini's performance was summed up by a freekick he took in the first half which saw the ball go out for a throw in straight from his foot. The striker also wasted a golden counter attacking opportunity late on in the second half by taking too much time on the ball.

Rating: 3

RESULTS/FIXTURES

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Sevilla 0 - 0 Manchester United
Shakhtar Donetsk 2 - 1 Roma

EUROPA LEAGUE

SKA Moscow 1 - 0 FK Crvena Zvezda

SPAIN - LALIGA

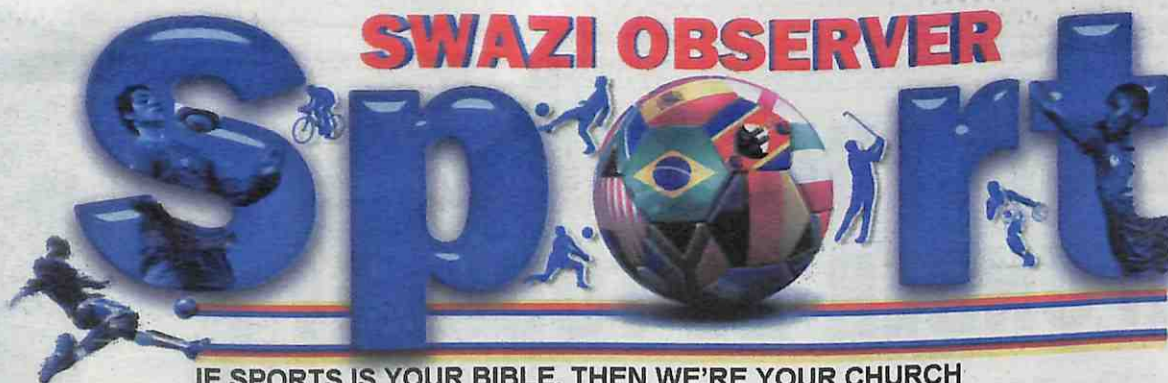
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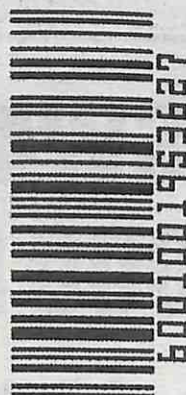
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I WAS PROTECTING FELIX FROM FANS - 'KOKI'

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati has defended his action to substitute Felix Badenhurst, saying it was meant to protect him from the team's supporters.

Interviewed after their 1-3 defeat to Lesotho side Bantu FC in a CAF Champions League preliminary round encounter at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday, the coach said he had to rest the player as he was making costly mistakes during the game.

"We were playing at home and we had to take advantage of that. Instead the player was losing important balls cheaply at the belly of the park. When we were attacking he was nowhere to be seen, hence I had to protect him from the fans who were already booing him," he said.

The coach insisted that his side was tactically indisciplined, something they needed to fix soon.

"I have said it before that we are tactically indisciplined and we need to fix that and if not, get more players because there are positions in the team where there is no competition," he said.

The coach said it was unfortunate that they had lost the game but it was good that they made it through to the next round.

"Today was a question of who wants it the most. The opposition pressed us down with counter and break attacks. Our movement off the ball and possession was not good," he said.

Meanwhile, Bantu FC coach Madidilane says beating Mbabane Swallows on home soil was a great achievement for them.

He said he was happy to see his side win the CAF Champions League second leg clash.

"It is unfortunate that we are not advancing to the next leg of the tournament but beating Mbabane Swallows is an achievement. I am, however, happy with the performance of my team and I must say that this has been a learning curve," he said.

The coach attributed their winning this clash to proper planning.

"We made a lot of mistakes during the first leg and we corrected those mistakes. The intention was to score two early goals but my boys were let down by the equaliser. We were so close but we did well all in all," he said.



GOOD GAME: Coaches Madidilane and Vilakati shake hands.

WE LOST BECAUSE OF 'KOKI', SAYS FELIX

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows forward Felix 'Fela' Badenhurst has blamed the team's loss to Lesotho side Bantu to the coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

Badenhurst said this when interviewed at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday after they were outclassed by the visiting team.

"In all honesty, we are lucky to even progress to the next round after such a terrible performance.

We could have easily won the match but because the coach is always fighting with some of us as players, this is the outcome.

"I am sorry to be saying this, but it's the honest truth and there is no better way to put it. The coach is causing division in the team because maybe

he has a personal vendetta against some of us. I don't know why but this is affecting us now. All I know is that his actions are killing the team and causing division," said the visibly disappointed player, who was close to tears.

'Fela', who was substituted early in the second half, said he was not bitter for being taken out but was not happy with the way the coach was treating some of the players.

Loss

Meanwhile, Swallows captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze only said the team had a 'terrible second half showing.'

"It's a loss and we must learn and build from it. We just have to continue fighting since we have qualified for the next round."

He said it was just not their day and they would go back to the drawing board to see where it went wrong.



PHUMA Felix Badenhurst coming out as Sizoelwethu Shabalala takes a few orders from Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

Unconfirmed reports by impeccable sources within the team are to the effect that the coach has been making unpopular decisions of late.

Below par Birds limp to the next round

...Swallows advance on away goal rule after scoring four goals in first leg in Lesotho

By Qondile Ntiwane

Swallows..... (1)1
Bantu..... (1)3
(Aggregate score 5-5, Swallows advance on away goal rule)

SOCCER - PROCEEDING to the next round of the CAF Champions League, they will but giants Mbabane Swallows are not inspiring going forward, especially if their performance against Bantu FC is anything to go by.

The team's next opponents Zanaco FC from Zambia could have a field day against the red and white ensemble which went down 1-3 to Bantu FC at the country's Mecca, Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

Swallows proceed to the next round on the away goal rule as they scored four goals against the Basotho side during the first leg played at the Setsoto Stadium in Maseru over a week ago.

The decision to inexplicably substitute Felix Badenhurst, the best player on the day, 15 minutes into the last half, saw the Swallows machinery crumble like a deck of cards, a move that was also celebrated by the visiting team.

Bantu were first to find the back of the net through Thabang Lebatha after he head-flicked the ball over an advancing Sandanezwe Mathabela, who watched in disbelief as the ball kissed the back of the net.



BUT WHY: Disappointed Swallows players led by captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze leaving the pitch. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

TEAMS:

SWALLOWS: Sandanezwe, Tony, Sifiso, Sanele, Joseph, Mandla, Wonder, Njabulo, Sandile, Banele, Felix (Richard)

BANTU FC: Thabo, Johannes, Kenny, Peter, Tsietsi, Thaphelo, Lindokuhle, Hlompho, Tsietsi(Mokone), Litsepe, Tsebang (Lazola)

Their joy was, however, short-lived as Swallows found the equaliser a minute later through Badenhurst, who unleashed a shot past goalkeeper Thabo Sedisa, connecting a well played Tony 'TT' Tsabedze shot inside the box.

Bantu were unlucky not to find their second in the 7th minute as Swallows defender Mandla Palma cleared the ball from the goal-line.

The teams huffed and puffed until the end of the first half.

Mbabane Swallows could have been first to rattle the net in the second standza but a place kick shot by Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko missed the target by a few inches.

Bantu added to their tally five minutes before

time through Lindokuhle Pungulwa, who landed his corner kick shot at the top of the net, sending the over 300 Bantu supporters into a frenzy. The visitors' celebrations was not over yet as Hlompho Kalake, capitalized on a defensive blunder by Swallows and fired with a low pass by the Swallows shot-stopper.