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**BLACK FRIDAY MANIA:** Consumers moving around the mall in a bid to make the right selection during the Black Friday sales yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

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● US ambassador tells students to report sexual abuse cases

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RIP: KaMfishane Bucopho Thoko Maseko.

## BUCOPHO MURDER SUSPECT ARRESTED

By Starsky Mkhonta

Hardly two days after the murder of KaMfishane Bucopho Thoko Maseko, police yesterday made a major breakthrough by arresting a suspect aged 38 in connection with the case.

Police are said to have followed leads into Maseko's disappearance and murder which led them to one Sonnyboy Shane Harris (38) of the same area.

Maseko went missing on Sunday and it is said her relatives last saw her alive when she left for church and never returned.

The search that started immediately was halted only on Wednesday when the search party stumbled across the body which was covered with shrubs and tree leaves.

It is said Harris, a neighbour and closely related to the deceased family, addressed each other as 'cousins' and was arrested on Thursday evening just at around 7pm at Malindza in an area known as Mbadlane in the Lubombo region.

### Unconfirmed

There are still however unclear explanations as to how he got to be in that area.

Unconfirmed reports allege that he had gone there to seek help from a powerful traditional healer with the aim of assisting him to be cleansed or helped not be linked with the case.

Others said he went to see the *inyanga* for cleansing after killing the old woman. It is said Harris also told police the reason that led to him killing Maseko was that she practiced witchcraft but these are just allegations reportedly to have been told to the police when he was questioned on what made him to kill her. It is said he stran-

gled her and when doing this, it is said he wore hand-gloves.

It is said yesterday, Harris led the investigating police officers to the scene and further showed them other items including the clothes he was wearing as well as where he hid the gloves.

By noon yesterday, the police were still being shown around the spot/s which were needed to be included as part of evidence.

He allegedly cooperated and made the police work easy.

*Indvuna* of KaMfishane (Zishinini) *Umphakatsi* the area Sam Ndlangamandla also confirmed that police had arrested a suspect.

He said he also heard that it was someone known in the area but the reasons why he killed the woman; he said were still being investigated.

### Confused

"At least there is to be a sigh of relief as all along we were clueless and all of us were confused as to who it could be. I know the suspect as they were almost neighbours with the deceased," said *Indvuna* Ndlangamandla.

Meanwhile, other reports are that another issue linking Harris to the murder, is an article he wrote in one of the dailies *Letters to the editor* column of November 5, 2018 where he was indirectly him accusing the old woman for having been *Bucopho* for almost three terms and this was more evidence allegedly linking to the murder. Police mouthpiece Supt Phindile Vilakati confirmed that a man aged 38 was on Thursday evening arrested in connection with the murder of the *Bucopho*.

"It is true that we now have a suspect and we are still trying to collect more evidence," said Supt Vilakati.

# BUSINESSMEN PIMPING

By Ackel Zwane

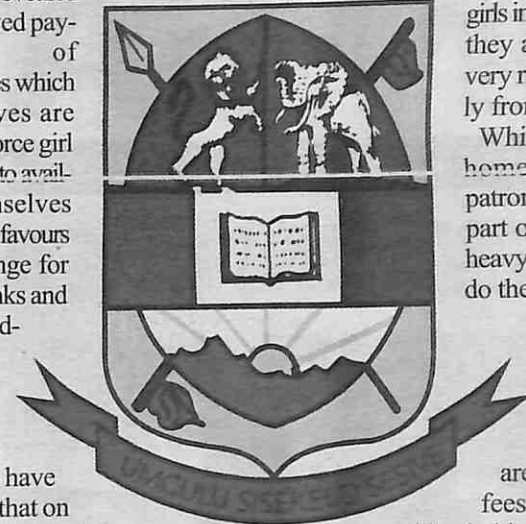
Businessmen are providing transport to ferry girls from the Kwaluseni Campus of the Eswatini University for purposes of pimping them to affluent tourists flooding a popular hangout spot in Matsapha.

These businessmen take advantage of the girls' financial situation on campus and select 'top of the grade' individuals for purposes of promoting their business into hosting upmarket guests. They also take advantage of the girl's academic statuses to market them to guests who arrive solely for purposes of whetting their sexual appetites.

While this does not seek to condone the alleged rape of a student at the University of Eswatini by a prince, it

has been revealed that delayed payments of allowances which themselves are meagre force girl students into availing themselves for sexual favours in exchange for food, drinks and other goodies.

Campus residents have revealed that on weekends, especially month-ends three kombis are commissioned from an entertainment home



around Matsapha to ferry girls in the evening where they are introduced to very rich patrons mainly from South Africa.

While at the dancing home they allow the patrons access to every part of the body while heavy meals and drinks do the rounds.

At this entertainment home there are special rooms in which the girls are treated and paid fees for the services either in kind or cash.

The targets are said to be first year students who are not used to spend-

## I'm a victim of sexual harassment - US Ambassador

By Sicelo Maziya

US Ambassador Lisa Peterson in an effort to encourage students to break the cycle of violence yesterday at the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) revealed she was once a victim of sexual harassment and regrets not filling a formal complaint in fear of retaliation from her boss.

She said she had at that time taken the first step by reporting the incident to the office responsible of handling such cases.

The ambassador's disclosure was made during the launch of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender based Violence against Women and Girls.

In fact, the launch venue (UNESWA) and the ambassador's statement comes at a time when a university female student is fighting for justice after allegedly being raped by a prominent prince and his friend in September.

Despite having reported and opened a case against her alleged assailants, to date nothing has been done and police are reported to have engaged on a never ending investigation, something that led to an online petition being set-up called: Say No to Rape: Arrest Swazi Prince for rape. Equality before the law: Justice for the victim."

By late last night about 2 450 people had signed the online petition, which seeks to get 2 500 signatures.

Yesterday students started the day with a demonstration around campus before joining other delegates at the seminar during the launch of the International Day of the Elimination of Violence against Women and Children which starts tomorrow and ends on Human Rights Day, on December 10th.

Ambassador Peterson having shared her ordeal said she was proud that 30 years after her incident, her university became an example in the

#MeToo Movement

because of charges of sexual harassment. On her regrets the ambassador said: "if I had overcome my fears 30 years ago, maybe the campus culture at my university would have started changing

sooner, and other women would have not have been subjected to the same humiliation I and other women experienced."

The US ambassador said students need to know the tools of how to ensure justice when an act of violence has occurred.

Peterson said: "Justice and accountability for crimes now will be part of what prevents them in the future. You

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must know your rights; act against abuse and please don't look away. If you become aware of an abusive situation, support the person who is suffering the abuse. And if you yourself are experiencing abuse, find the tools to hold your abuser accountable."

The Worldwide campaign marking the 16 Days of Activism against Gender based Violence started in 1991 and is now in its 27th year.

The US Ambassador commended

the efforts of Eswatini organisations to commemorate this period and stated that numbers grow in both number and scope. She said even the UNESWA seminar was an example of how the campaign's efforts have been increasing.

The ambassador also noted the role of the media in informing the nation on where such incidents and reports of violence take place at different homes in the country.

Peterson also disclosed her sadness on noting that women may have no more safety in the workplace than they do at home.

She further stated that intimate partner's violence, stalking, assault, rape and harassment happen in the workplace every day around the world. She said this has an impact not only

## Public transport system also a challenge

US Ambassador Lisa Peterson sharing with UNESWA students encouraged the discussion never to forget that the public transport system is a gauntlet of both physical and verbal harassment.

Peterson disclosed her displeasure: "how productive do you think a woman can be going to work if she had to start her day with a kombi conductor or fellow passenger putting his hands wherever he wants?"

She said that can become a pretty depressing discussion pretty quickly.

The US ambassador was also full of praises saying the past year had been positive in Eswatini.

Peterson said civil society groups showed incredible organisational effectiveness by flooding the gallery of the House of Assembly in the final days of the debate on Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Bill.

She said they were able to persuade MPs to withdraw objections to the Bill. She praised them for mounting a concerted campaign using personal contact, advocacy through the media and

public marches when appropriate, to build support for the Bill and respond to people's concerns.

The ambassador said: "even as we celebrate passage of the SODV Act real victory only happens when the Act is actually used to bring perpetrators of violence to justice. The good news is that magistrates and prosecutors have swung into action, moving quickly to put this law into action, to such an extent that they've been authorised to work on weekends to address the large number of cases."



# UNESWA GIRLS

ing allowances sparingly to last the semester.

"They become virtual call girls. There is hardly a way to complain if shortchanged, that is if the client refuses to pay. Naturally after all the entertainment, good food and drinks the men demand sex and the girls have little room to refuse because by then they would have made those men spend fortunes on them," one concerned student stated.

It has also transpired that most of the girls however do not mind having a decent meal just this once given the long days of hardships on campus without any food.

Normally the tourists or guests would be ushered into the dance floor where they make their selec-

tions and invite the victims into the rooms readily available on the premises.

By making the girls available to their guests the business outlet has also attracted upmarket clients who also bring large business on the property.

Other sources on campus however advance the theory that some of the girls are not necessarily from a poor background economically, but just love high life and mixing with the best of high society for both financial gain and status.

Most of them do it to boost their wardrobe and outshine colleagues. They also do it for prospects of finding employment where these giant 'daddy cools' hold high positions.



**FOLLOWING: Ambassador Lisa Peterson listening to different speakers with Senior Crown Counsel Futhi Gamedze representing the One Stop Centre from the DPP's office.**

on the victims, but also on employers.

"Survivors of domestic violence are likely to have higher rates of absenteeism due to health problems and legal cases directly related to violence," adds the ambassador.

The ambassador shared with students that there is a need to reach into all areas where gender-based violence occurs and push for systematic change and accountability. Peterson said efforts against gender based violence cannot stop at the edge of the family compound or homestead. She further encouraged students "it is fitting therefore that we are here, at an institution that is itself a place of work, but also an entity preparing people for the world of work."

The ambassador informed stu-

dents that gender based violence is one of the most prevalent human rights abuses in the world and in Eswatini. She reminded students of the daily reports and headlines that reminds everyone of the reality almost every day. The ambassador also said "according to UNICEF, one in three females has experienced sexual abuse by age 18. 48 per cent of Emaswati women report having experienced some form of sexual violence in their life time."

The ambassador minced no words when she stated that violence contributed to the high rates of new HIV infection amongst young women, who generally lack the tools to defend themselves from unwanted sexual advances.

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## Poetic language at varsity

The event was marked by different skilled poets who ensured the audience get the best in terms of grasping the theme with poetic expression on the different situations related to gender based violence.

First to take the stage was eloquent poet Gcinumyalo Ntuli who took the students and academic staff to a journey of love that leads to gender based violence with his poem *Sawubona Mntfanaketfu*. Ntuli started his craft with the sweet love relations but ended up

with realities of when love is lost and ended in fights but in the name of love.

As if that was the end another poet Pasha rendered a biblical narration of love and affection praising women.

He further said sorry on behalf of men species for the wrongs of the past.

The poetic language was sealed with a plea by poet Bethu when she took her audience on men's ego and questioning the reasoning behind gender based violence.

## MHLUME MP WANTED OUT

*...people must accept defeat, I was elected by people and I will work hard to fulfil their aspirations*

**Stories by Sicelo Maziya**

A group of disgruntled people under the Mhlume inkhundla are pursuing a giant case in their bid to remove their own Member of Parliament (MP) Victor Malambe two months after the national elections claiming he does not belong to their constituency but an entrant from Mhlangatane.

The bitter residents were found at the Simunye Police Station this week where they had gone to sign affidavits supporting their claim in preparation for a court battle.

Other similar attempts have failed in the past, with Elections and Boundaries Commission Chairman Chief Gija claiming that such a claim can only be contested during the viewing of the voters' roll and anything past that period is of no force and effect.

The residents claim Malambe never qualified for the nomination as he did not adhere to all the laws governing elections that require an individual to be a resident of the area for at least six months as stated in the Elections Act of 2013.

On the other hand, Malambe said he was not intimidated by a certain clique of sour losers who cannot accept defeat.

"I was duly elected and I will continue to serve the interest of my Inkhundla in parliament. I've been doing business in the area for more than 15 years. I don't only have official residence in Mhlume but also own businesses in the

area."

The residents claimed that they launched a complaint with the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) where they were given the go ahead to approach the highest courts of the land.

The residents converged at the Simunye Police Station in their bid to register their disgruntlement on the election of what they termed a non-resident as Member of Parliament.

Residents alleged that the MP was using them as a ladder to be an MP, claiming he was last seen at Simunye when he was pronounced the winner.

### Provocation

Malambe refuted such allegation as witch-hunt and provocation aimed at making his work difficult.

He said he was not going to be intimidated in the execution of the aspirations of the loyal people of Mhlume just because of a few disgruntled individuals.

The residents said they were looking at triggering the importance of the court's independence even for issues that touch on the power of recall laws for any person found guilty of serious wrongdoing. The residents said through their investigation they had unearthed a lot of loopholes deliberately ignored by the EBC officers overseeing the elections.

The residents demand for the investigation and arrest of the presiding and returning officers, as well as those who were *insumpe* for deliberately ignoring the laws governing elections.

## E13 000, cow for Mafucula voters to feast

Some Mafucula residents who now seem to have changed their mind about the choice of MP they elected claimed they were treated by being showered with gifts and material during the campaigning stage of the national elections.

The residents, some of whom are those who are calling for the nullification of the Mhlume Inkhundla vote, claimed MP Victor Malambe gave their associations money and donated building material during the campaign.

He is alleged to have given 13 associations E1 000 each and contributed E5 000 for a beast that was slaughtered for the community during his mini-campaigns. The residents further alleged that Malambe in a jovial and philanthropic mood also donated 60 bags of cement bags and 12 buckets of paint to Mafucula school. Part of the donation which was meant for the clinic was rejected by a senior sister-in-charge who said she could not accept any donation in the area but anyone willing to do so must visit the ministry of health. The men and women who converged at the police station claimed they recalled vividly what they were promised by the aspiring MP at the time. "Taking advice from the King that we shouldn't be intimidated by people who will bring monies to lure us to vote for them, we adhered to His Majesty's advice to take their gifts but do the right thing in choosing our good candidates of choice at the ballot box but with bribery very rife in our area it was not to be as the numbers where he was nominated swelled. Kombis from outside this area were filled with voters to vote here," adds another resident.



**LET'S GO: Residents being transported from the Simunye Police station after they did their affidavit.**

## Accept election defeat

MP Victor Malambe advised residents not to be used by people who lost on the elections and allow the process of developing the Inkhundla a chance.

He said he was aware of the people who are busy trying to influence those who are not aware of the laws of the land.

"I have no worries with the way I was elected and the few that didn't win must accept defeat and allow residents to engage with their MP on the strategies to develop the Mhlume Inkhundla which has a potential to influence the national strategies for food security," adds Malambe.

MP Malambe further disclosed that he had been doing business in the area for 15 years and was aware of the challenges faced by everyone who was a resident.

He said a majority of residents are formed by people who come from all walks of life in the four regions for business and employment opportunities.

"It's unfortunate for some people to then claim I'm not a resident having been operating businesses in the area for more than 15 years," adds Malambe. Malambe said he does not dispute that

The disgruntled residents said justice must prevail in ensuring those who lied having been given the mandate to vet those who are residents or not should be arrested for lying, something that led to the nomination of the MP.

They said their case was water tight and there was no dispute that they were cheated on the controversial election of the Member of Parliament as his wife (Khanyisile Malambe) stated clearly that she was from Mhlangatane.

### Fairly

The residents stated that they anticipated the courts to fairly hear their case as evidence is in Senate.

The residents alleged that they had investigated and found that the MP was never a resident of the constituency.

The residents said their prayers were now with the courts to grant them their wish to have an MP who will know their needs and will be available to get a mandate to represent them in parliament.

The residents who were from different areas within the constituency stated that the last time they saw their MP was on the day he was declared a winner at Simunye.

The residents said they had investigated and found that he was never a resident of Simunye and the surrounding areas.

"We want justice to prevail on this case and we have the evidence and people are willing to testify on many allegations that was employed to elevate him to parliament. We also have a classic example that can be used by the courts with his wife known to be from Mhlangatane, which is in the Hhohho region yet Mhlume is in the Lubombo region," said one resident.

he comes from Mhlangatane, but the Elections Act allows an individual to choose where they wish to register to vote or be voted provided they qualify.

"As someone who lives and owns several properties including conducting business within the Mhlume Inkhundla I qualified to vote and be voted in this constituency. My wife chose in her own right to vote under the Mhlangatane Inkhundla and that doesn't make it a crime. "What is interesting as well, is that if this were genuine concerns from the electorate, and my competitors they should have objected then, not now that I was elected and declared a winner," he said. With regards to the allegations that he was not visible in the community, MP Malambe stated that everyone knows that at the moment Inkhundla has not yet started operations, as there a lot of preparatory meetings and inductions still being done by authorities.

"I had vowed to the people of my constituency that once business starts I will avail myself at the inkhundla on days when I am expected to be there like Tuesdays. I find it insincere that I would be expected to visit communities now," he said.



# BLACK FRIDAY HITS ESWATINI



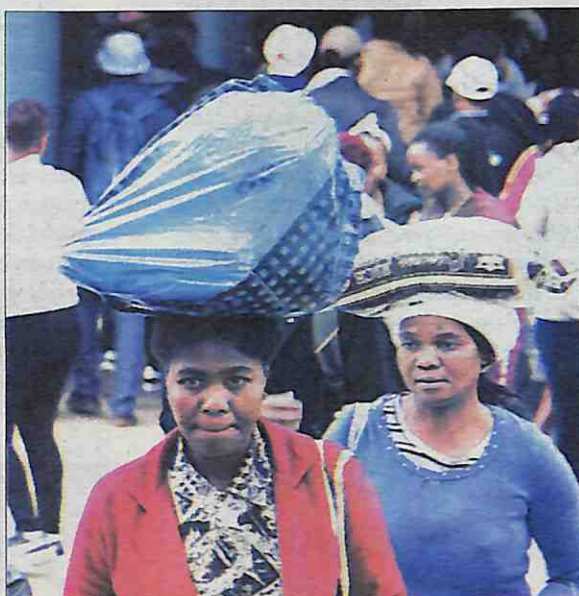
**SNAILS' PACE:** Traffic moving at a snail's pace as it approaches Manzini town. Customers crammed shops all over the kingdom for the Black Friday specials. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



**SORTING:** Customers sorting their groceries next to KFC in Manzini.



**TO THE LEFT:** A consumer crosses the street after successfully purchasing some goods.



**LUCKY ONES:** Ladies carry their groceries after shopping at the New Mall.



**SPECIAL:** Customers were also spoilt for choice inside Total Sports.

## 238 graduate at Christian University

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi

...As programmes finally accredited by regulator

About 238 students graduated from the Eswatini Medical Christian University (EMCU) yesterday following the move by the Eswatini Higher Education Council to officially accredit programmes offered by the University.

The battle for recognition has not been easy for the university as it was last year forced to halt operations after a misunderstanding with government.

However, after signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Eswatini in April 2018 everything became smooth.

The University's Vice Chancellor Professor Whan Kim when addressing those who attended the graduation ceremony at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre made it clear that after three years their programmes have passed the acid test, saying this is a remarkable achievement.

Professor Kim said the programme evaluation exercise; sanction by Eswatini Higher Education Council in June was carried out by independent academic experts, professors and well known universities in South Africa.

The Vice Chancellor said on the basis of the said report parents, graduates and potential employers be advised that EMCU has been granted authority to

continue to operate in terms of Section 19 of the Higher Education Act of 2013.

The Vice Chancellor said to date they have offered training in health related programmes including Nursing Science, Pharmacy, Radiography and Psychology.

What was also remarkable about yesterday's graduation is that the Computer Science and Social Work programme were represented for the first time.

He said their programmes are a response to specific needs in the health sector in the country and they still subscribe to purpose of higher education in the development of an individual.

He said it is their desire to create prepared minds and to stimulate research for the truth. Prof. Kim said preparation of the youth for productive contribution through character development is the main reason for their existence. Prof. Kim said the over 200 graduates may not all be absorbed in the public or private sector but they have been empowered with skills to start their own business ventures or sell their skills in other countries beyond Eswatini.

He said the staff got a handle on the situation despite the challenges and today the university's seven programme have been officially accredited by the regulator such as the Eswatini Higher Education Council.

Prof. Kim said EMCU is a very young institution with humble beginnings but big dreams. He said they are appreciative of the partnership they have with government, he mentioned that the subvention they receive for operations is very low making it difficult for them to pay competitive salaries, including benefits to attract and retain highly qualified academic staff. The Vice Chancellor said over the six years of their existence, working out the budget of the institution has been as challenging as squaring a circle. "Having been given a new lease of life by the ministry of education through the Second Memorandum of Agreement, we humbly look forward to a subvention that will enable us to operate efficiently," Prof Kim said.

He added that there is a need to improve their facilities, particularly their laboratory and library space. He said it is for this reason that the African Continent Mission and Pastor Chong Yang Kim took it upon themselves to once again engage in a fund-raising drive for the construction of Pharmacy and Medical Science laboratories. Professor Kim said the institution is also exploring various avenues for raising funds for construction of students' hostels. He said this is because the present arrangement is not suitable.

## Minister urges graduates to pay scholarship loans

The Minister of Education and Training Lady Howard-Mabuza has urged government sponsored students from the Eswatini Christian University to remember to pay back the loans and scholarships they were granted.

The minister was speaking at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition centre yesterday during the institution's graduation ceremony.

She said as a ministry they are all aware that in recent times, funds have been hard to come by, and the very fact that there is a graduation ceremony means that they have been beneficiaries, directly or indirectly, from some source of funding. The minister said a lot of people have dug deep into their pockets and purses along the way to get where they are today.

"For those of you who did not have family members supporting you, be aware that you are going to have to pay back the loans and scholarship you were granted," Howard said. She said the graduates must pay back the money so that the next generation of students can be afforded the same support that they received. The min-



**PAY BACK:** Minister of Education Lady Howard-Mabuza.

ister said it is worth noting that the Eswatini Medical Christian University is growing in leaps and bounds as in July about 190 candidates graduated from the University and she is reliably informed that a reasonable number has already found employment.

"A total of 233 graduates are expected to be conferred with degrees during this second graduation ceremony," the minister stated.





**DOUBLE:** Minister of Education Lady Howard-Mabuza poses with Nomvula Zwane who received two awards, the Vice Chancellor and Dean's awards. This was during the Eswatini Medical Christian University's second graduation ceremony held at the Mavuso Trade Centre yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

# ESWATINI MEDICAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY GRADUATION CEREMONY



**CREAM OF THE CROP:** The Minister Lady Howard Mabuza and the Vice Chancellor Whan Kim pose with the students who received the Vice Chancellor award.



**NURSE:** Zodwa Vilane being awarded the award for Second Class Upper Division in the Bachelor of Nursing Science.



**VIP:** Some of the VIP's including former Speaker of the House of Assembly Themba Msibi (in glasses).



**GUESTS:** A section of the invited guests watching the proceedings.



**PATIENCE:** Part of the students patiently waiting for their names to be called for the awards.



## SOURCING OF SUPPLY FOR COMMONLY USED ITEMS - 2019

TENDERS ARE HEREBY INVITED FOR THE SUPPLY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE PERIOD 1st JANUARY TO 31st DECEMBER 2019.

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- Tender no. 6 of 2019 - Specialised Envelopes
- Tender no. 7 of 2019 - Bulk Printing Stationery
- Tender no. 8 of 2019 - Protective Clothing
- Tender no. 9 of 2019 - Security Services
- Tender no. 10 of 2019 - Cleaning Materials
- Tender no. 11 of 2019 - Pre-printed Stationery
- Tender no. 12 of 2019 - Office Stationery
- Tender no. 13 of 2019 - Staff Transport
- Tender no. 14 of 2019 - Office Furniture Supplies
- Tender no. 15 of 2019 - Corporate Wear and Promotional Gifts
- Tender no. 16 of 2019 - Supply of meeting refreshments
- Tender no. 17 of 2019 - Maintenance of Air-conditioners

Tender documents together with general conditions of Purchase and conditions of Tender forms beavailable from the Exams Council. Each document will be purchased for a non-refundable fee of E300.00.

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- Certified Copy of Current Trading License (2018)
- Certified Copy of Certificate of Incorporation
- Current Form J of the Company (Stamped by the Registrar of Companies)
- Certified copy of labour Compliance Certificate
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- Receipt of Tender Purchase

Submission must be marked with appropriate Tender Number and addressed to:

The Registrar  
Examinations Council of Eswatini  
P.O.Box 1394  
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Ngonini Road,  
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Not later than 11.00 am on Friday the 14th December 2018 at which time the tenders will be opened at the same delivery venue. The Exams Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest bidder. Telegraphic tenders will not be accepted. Detailed submissions to accomplish the assignment (Financial Proposal and Technical Proposal) must be submitted separately and must be submitted in two copies (one original and one copy), with the envelope sealed and shall be clearly marked:

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- Tender no. 18 of 2019 - Vehicle Hiring Services
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## Matsapha probe:

## AUDIT DECRIES TENDERING PROCESS

By Ackel Zwane

A PricewaterhouseCoopers financial audit of Matsapha Town Council has questioned the tendering process whether it was indeed appropriately followed.

Furthermore the audit noted that tender committee composition was sufficient and adequate for the execution of the duties of the committee. However there is no specific tender committee and the audit asks "is the process followed appropriate?" The tender committee composition would include the key people which would include the town treasurer, a representative from the department and an official from the purchasing department. On remittance of statutory contributions timeously the audit discovered that this was tested and no exceptions were noted.

On testing of cheque payments which were written out to junior staff members the audit noted that the supporting documentation for these transactions would be an internal memo. "We have recommended to management that more appropriate supporting documentation should be maintained."

On disposal policy; items which the former CEO left the council with, the audit reviewed the employee file of the CEO and noted that valuations of these items had been obtained from a computer hardware consultant.

These were the prices which were used to sell the items of to the former CEO.

On settlement of the study loan by the former CEO the audit found that this outstanding amount was settled by the CEO.

The audit inspected a proof of payment document which was evidence of this in the CEO's employee file.

There were other matters of interest that were not covered by the audit and again there are no reasons provided.

The review of the E100 000 matter report which was prepared by Kobla Quashie. Fakudze, then Matsapha Town Board CEO reported that she was robbed of the cash on March 9 2012 during a hijacking, near Lochiel, South Africa. Fakudze went to the bank the previous day to withdraw the cash for it to disappear the following day outside the country, a matter that also attracted the eyes of Senate when then Senator V Bhutana Dlamini raised it in the House but there were no answers, even to this day the Kobla Quashi report has not been made public despite this being a public institution. However Fakudze had claimed to have been in the company of three other junior staff members Nkosingiphile Tfwala (Accountant), Gugu Dlamini (Accounts Clerk) and Mduduzi Dladla (driver) when they were attacked enroute to Nelspruit driving in a BMW 318. The robbers drew guns before snatching the money. Actually the robbers only demanded that the ladies should give them the handbags where the money was kept.

Another matter that had not been covered during the audit is the AON amount which was paid out from African Alliance.

There are no available details about this transaction. The other involves engineering projects whereby the audit wondered: Are the recommendations from research processes/studies performed being implemented? The other involved staff position that are not clear. People who are performing the same job can be included under different employment ranks and earn different amounts. Grading does not follow a clear process.

On policies and regulations, staff standing orders: staff retention states, and educational policies, all of these were not covered. In the tendering process some tenders may be award-

ed to relatives instead of being awarded to the most deserving tenderer. Also, are background checks on tenderers done? On personnel auditing some staff members do not qualify for the positions that they are in. Many consultant studies were done but never implemented.

## Internal control weaknesses

On property, plant and equipment a difference of E759 989.08 noted when comparing fixed assets per the trail balance and that per the fixed asset register, this was subsequently resolved on 27 September 2028. Disposed assets amounting to E35 500 were not removed from the fixed assets register, which again was subsequently addressed on 5 October 2018. Fixed assets which have been purchased during the year were included in trade and other payables instead of property, plant and equipment. These resulted in payables and fixed assets being understated by E4 million, another item subsequently resolved on 18 September. Property, plant and equipment classified under wrong categories in the fixed assets register. The council's fixed assets not tagged for ease of reference. Useful lives of property, plant and equipment not reassessed on

an annual basis in line with International Accounting Standards (IAS 16). Intangible assets were included in property, plant and equipment instead of being properly categorised as intangible assets. Intangible assets policy not in place. On cash and cash equivalents; the main bank account in the general ledger consolidate a number of bank accounts and that makes it difficult to monitor and effectively perform reconciliation.

The bank balances in the main bank account were not recorded at correct values but this was subsequently resolved. Transactions amounting to E67 500 in the council's bank statements not recorded in the cash book or general ledger, which was also subsequently addressed on 17 October.

Petty cash balance of E5 800 per the trail balance was not reconciled to the actual petty cash balance on hand. Unknown cash on hand balance of E26 000 included in the trail balance as at 31 March 2018.

On trade and other receivables; long outstanding debtor balances in trade and other receivables not followed up and investigated. Unknown difference of E201 585 noted when comparing trade and other receivables per the trail balance and that per the debtors age analysis. On borrowings; difference amounting to E250 341 noted when comparing loan balance per the trail balance and that per loan state-

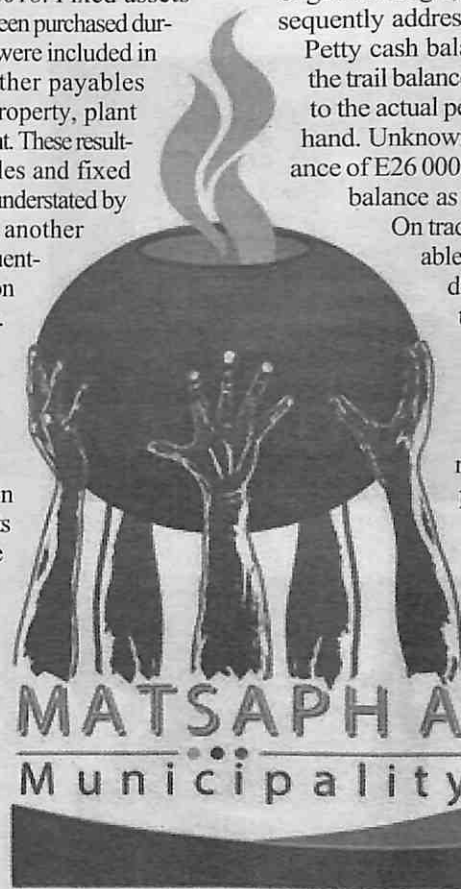
ment, which was resolved on 7 November.

On trade and other payables; the council did not maintain a proper detailed listing to support amounts owed to suppliers at year end. The council did not reconcile supplier balances per supplier statements and supplier balances per the trial balances. Long outstanding accounts payables balances not followed up and investigated by the council. Balances included in unallocated deposits account not aggressively followed up and resolved. Unallocated deposits as at year end amounted to E475 128.65. On operating expenses cash and cheques were used for paying management for trips to be undertaken. Insufficient supporting documents maintained for cheque payments; and insufficient supporting documents maintained for cheque payments made in respect of entertainment allowances. On payroll, employee files not updated with changes relating to salaries. Payroll reconciliations were not prepared and reviewed on a monthly basis.

## Noted

Differences were noted when recomputing PAYE for employees. Poor filing of overtime forms and other supporting documents. Management pensions remitted to AON not taxed. Differences were noted between monthly payroll variance reports. Manual journals not thoroughly reviewed prior to processing. On IT systems unknown automated entries posted in the general ledger accounts.

The council's staff members not properly trained on the newly introduced accounting system. The current IT policy document is outdated and will need to be updated-the current policy was created in 2014. The council does not have a formal backup restoration testing procedure. A post-implementation review and benefits realisation review for the new system was not performed. The council does not have a documented disaster recovery plan. Differences noted when comparing balances per the trail balance (per Samaras) and different modules in Samaras.



## Union petitions NAMBOARD CEO, PS

By Ackel Zwane

Employees affiliated to the Swaziland Agricultural and Plantations Workers Union (SAPAWU) have petitioned National Agricultural Marketing Board Chief Executive (NAMBOARD) Siphephiso Dlamini for allegedly violating a collective agreement.

The petition in particular makes reference to the recent staff bonuses where some staffers are said to have taken home huge chunks while others got virtually nothing.

In the petition sent to the CEO on 26 July Secretary General Manqoba Dlamini states that "we have been reliably informed that your undertaking has continuously violated agreements entered to between yourselves, NAMBOARD and ourselves the recognised union SAPAWU. In that, to mention but a few, your undertaking has violated the Recognition Agreement by infringing on our union's right to collective bargaining in that you have continuously deprived the union its right



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to negotiate terms and conditions of employment of employees in the bargaining unit of your undertaking and further selectively and discriminatorily effected wage increases to employees who are allegedly not members of the union, which is unjust."

The workers further state that the CEO violated the Recognition Agreement by changing terms of conditions of employment of the workers by paying them an ex-gratia payment and forcing them to agree or endorse poorer terms of employment.

They claim in their petition that changes in terms and conditions are supposed to be negotiated in line with Clause 4 of the recognition agreement. Tricking or forcing

unsuspecting employees to unknowingly agree to poorer terms of employment is unethical and illegal.

The CEO is also said to have violated "principles of natural justice, fairness and equity by suspending employees for prolonged periods without advancing changes to the employees which defies the fundamental principles of resolving disciplinary issues, as they must be dealt with expeditiously while all facts surrounding the matters in question are still fresh in the minds of all involved.

"You would obviously note that justice delayed is justice denied," they stated.

He is accused of having violated the memorandum entered to between the union and his undertaking on

22 January at the Commission "where your undertook to cause the salary review to be presented to ourselves on or before the 16th February, five months later your undertaking has failed or refused to adhere to the memorandum of the agreement which is grossly prejudicial as there are other collective bargaining matters interlinked with the salary review."

Furthermore he is said to have violated the Employment Act of 1980 as amended on protection of wages by continuously deducting money from the wages of employees without a legal instrument or the consent of the employees, again to the prejudice of the employees and their families.

"Noting the prejudice caused by the unethical and illegal conduct by your undertaking we are compelled to demand that you address these issues within seven days if not we will be forced to seek external redress which may include petitioning the undertaking's board and/or the ministry of agriculture and/or the courts on matters of rights or engage in industrial actions for matters of interest."



**LEADER:**  
Namboard's  
Siphephiso  
Dlamini.

## ...adamant CEO now reported to PS

Having failed to address the issues raised by the workers in the July 26 letter the union has since written to the ministry of agriculture principal secretary complaining about the host of violations on the part of the CEO.

Last week Thursday the union wrote to the principal secretary requesting his intervention on "continuous violation of agreements entered between the union (SAPAWU) and NAMBoard; discriminatory payment of bonuses which as resulted in bad publicity of the organisation;

"We are seeking an audience with your office to address these among other issues at NAMBoard. We regard this as an urgent matter as we feel our job security as employees is threatened. We hope to get your best cooperation." This one was signed by Chairperson Sandile Mkhonta.



# INSIGHTS INTO SIPA BOSS RESIGNATION ABOUT TURN

By Ackel Zwane

While questions abound regarding the sudden withdrawal of a resignation letter by Chief Executive Officer at Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority Phumelele Dlamini, it has emerged that her performance from 2015 had been measured through the expectations of government's fiscal adjustment roadmap (FAR-2010/11-2014/15). This also came after stinging criticism at the People's Parliament, Sibaya at Ludzidzini Royal Residence when His Majesty King Mswati had requested the nation to assist him choose a prime minister for the country. Insiders say her failure in particular to set a One Stop Shop for investors and the establishment of an Industrial Park were some of the issues around her performance. This was coupled with Eswatini's drop in the rankings of ease of doing business.

Swaziland is ranked 117 among 190 economies in the ease of doing business, according to the latest World Bank annual ratings. The rank of Swaziland deteriorated to

117 in 2018 from 112 in 2017. Ease of Doing Business in Swaziland averaged 116.09 from 2008 until 2018, reaching an all time low of 124 in 2011 and a record high of 108 in 2015.

According to FAR in the medium term, government was to streamline licencing arrangements to reduce the current number of days required for licencing and registration of businesses (from 21 to about two months, respectively) to seven days as well as implement the Investment code.

## Incentives

In addition, government was also to implement a competition framework, the streamlined Companies Act and create incentives for labour intensive FDI to enter the market.

Such measures were to reduce the cost of doing business in Eswatini and complement policies that would reduce costs in ICT, open up the telecoms sector to competition, and expand power supply to provide business with the necessary infrastructure to support their activities. In this regard, it is said, the industrial park in Matsapha remains somewhat empty with no foreign direct investors coming in save for a cou-



WITHDRAWS: SIPA CEO Phumelele Dlamini

ple of factory shells that house fertilisers.

SIPA has taken a leading role in reviewing the investment legislation framework. It had undertaken an audit on the implementation of the Investor Roadmap and had developed a strategy to address the outstanding issues. A draft investment policy had been prepared with the assistance of the USAID Trade Hub, for consideration by government.

Insiders say Dlamini at the helm of the organisation is having issues with just about everyone, from the board to the lowest member of staff as was evidenced with her face off

with cleaners based at the Mavuso Trade Centre in Manzini.

The result of this, according to insiders, no one wants to cooperate with her and most of her efforts are sabotaged deliberately. When she submitted her resignation last week

Last Friday it was ululation and celebration from all quarters but that was short-lived when she withdrew her resignation on Monday.

Interestingly no one seems to want to explain what this means, whether the board's reasons for the acceptance of her resignation fell off.

FAR also calls for need to put in place regulatory mechanisms that will protect investors in the country; this includes the need to create an independent regulator for competition in ICT to encourage reduction in costs and expansion in services. To this effect, government introduced a telecommunication regulator by 2010/11 and a fully operational energy regulator by December 2011.

This facilitates licencing the planned power plants (for 300MW and the private sector 28MW unit) and the potential LUSIP mini-hydro plants.

## New women MPs swearing in Monday

By Ackel Zwane

Speaker Petros Mavimbela has called members of the House of Assembly to the house on Monday at 2:30pm for the swearing in of the newly elected women from the four regions.

In a statement issued yesterday by Clerk to Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini the other business of the day is the election of the Executive Committee members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

"All members are urged to attend this important house meeting."



WELL DONE: Hhohho Region Nokunceda Bujela being congratulated by Jennifer du Pont.



## Swaziland Government - Ministry of Public Works and Transport - Road Transportation Department

### Road Transportation service permit in terms of the Road Transportation ACT No: of 2007

## ADVERTISEMENT

Business Name	Type	From To	Reason
KHULULINHLETIYO TRANSPORT	2	MWENI,NHLANGANO,INTERBOARD	ADDING HLATSI
KHONZA EKHAYA TRANSPORT	2	MBABANE, PINE VALLEY, SIBELE, MBULUZI & MBULUZI BRIDGE	CHANGING BASE POINT TO MAPHALALENI
WORSHIP CENTRE	2	MBABANE,EVENI,SIDWASHINI,PIGGS PEAK,MANZINI	ADDING FLEET BY 1
HLALABEJABULA TRANSPORT	2	BUKA MABEDLA, MLINDAZWE, LANGENI, LOBAMBA, GABLES, CORNER PLAZA	ADDING ROUTE
EBHENEZER TRANSPORT	3	BUHLENI, JACKS, KUTHULENI, MAHOMBE, EMFASINI & MKHUZWENI	ADDING ROUTE
NOSIZO TRANSPORT	2	NGWENYA BORDER, NKUNGU, NGWENYA VILLAGE, MOTJANE, NKOYOYO, MABHODLELENI & MBABANE	TO SPLIT IVECO TO 2 -15 SEATERS
EMANCAMA TRANSPORT	2: Amendment	NHLANGANO, INTERBOARD, HLATSI, TRI-CASH	ADDING MHLALENI AND MAHLANYA
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NETTIES TRANSPORT	2: Amendment	MANZINI,SEDCO,SNPF,BOSCO	TO ADD MKHIWENI,SPRINGS,SIHLAHLENI,MATHAYINI, MASEKWENI
EMANTIMANDZE TRANSPORT	2: Amendment	CHIBIDZE,NHLANGANO,INTERBOARD,MAKHONDZA	DELETE CHIBINDZE
EMANCAMA TRANSPORT	2: Amendment	NHLANGANO, INTERBOARD, HLATSI, TRI-CASH	ADDING MHLALENI AND MAHLANYA
INKOSI IYAPHENDULA TRANSPORT	3: Renewal	MATSAPHA, AFRISAM, KWALUSENI, MBEKELWENI, MABHALA, MANZINI, MONENI, MADONSA, NGWANE PARK, FAIRVIEW, MAHLABATSINI, MBIKWAKHE	ADDING MHLALENI AND MAHLANYA
METHEMBE TRANSPORT	3: Renewal	NKONJANENI, SIDWASHINI, ZIBONELE, NTFONJENI, MSUMPE & PIGGS PEAK	ADDING MHLALENI AND MAHLANYA
DVUBU'S FOR HIRE	3	AROUND SWAZILAND	ADDING MHLALENI AND MAHLANYA
THAMBO'S FOR HIRE	3: Renewal	GOODS TRANSPORTATION AROUND SWAZILAND	ADDING MHLALENI AND MAHLANYA
GCI-MAX INVESTMENT	3: Renewal	SYDNEY WILLIAMS, NGWANE PARK, TRELAWNEY PARK, HILLSIDE, FAIRVIEW, MANZINI CLINIC, CITY CENTRE, COATES VALLEY, ZAKHELE, MONENI & LWANDLE	ADDING MHLALENI AND MAHLANYA
HOREZO TRANSPORT	3: Renewal	NAZARENE,MATSAPHA,INDUSRIAL SITE,MOBENI,MANZINI	ADDING MHLALENI AND MAHLANYA
RAMA TRANSPORT	3	MAKHONZA, THUNZINI, NHLANGANO, HHOTELA & NGWANE COLLEGE	ADDING MHLALENI AND MAHLANYA
MGEDLA TRANSPORT	3: Renewal	SITEKI,SIKHUPHE,HLANE	ADDING MHLALENI AND MAHLANYA
MTHABI'S FOR HIRE	3: Renewal	AROUND SWAZILAND	ADDING MHLALENI AND MAHLANYA
MTHOMBENI TRANSPORT	3: Renewal	GOODS TRANSPORTATION AROUND SWAZILAND	ADDING MHLALENI AND MAHLANYA
MZANGA TRANSPORT	2	THEMBELA ENGLISH MEDIUM PRE-SCHOOL,QINISWENI COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL,LUDZELUDZE PRIMARY SCHOOL	ADDING ROUTE
NGQWANE'S TRANSPORT	3	MANZINI SATELLITE BUS RANK, HHELEHHELE, NGCULWINI, NTABAMHLOSHANA, MKHUZWENI, GILGAL, MPHOSI, MAPHAKANE & MAMPEMPENI	ADDING ROUTE
NGQWANE'S TRANSPORT	3	MANZINI MAIN BUS RANK, NAZARENE, KAKHOZA, MHLALENI & NEW VILLAGE	ADDING ROUTE
INHLOPHO YEMASWATI TRANSPORT	3	MABUTI, NGWABANDLA, LUVE, MAFUTSENI & MANZINI SATELLITE BUS RANK	ADDING ROUTE
WENDLELA TRANSPORT	2	LOMAHASHA, SIMUNYE & MANZINI SATELLITE BUS RANK	CHANGING BASE POINT TO MANZINI



# MONETARY POLICY STATEMENT

23 November 2018

On the 23rd of November 2018, the Central Bank of Eswatini (Bank), together with the Monetary Policy Consultative Committee (MPCC) held a meeting to consider the appropriate monetary policy stance for the Bank until the next meeting on 19 January 2019.

The Bank decided to maintain the discount rate at 6.75 per cent.

This monetary policy stance was found appropriate after considering international, regional, and domestic economic conditions, which would have an effect on the Bank's price and financial stability mandate.

Global growth forecasts for 2018 have been revised downwards to 3.7 per cent from 3.9 per cent. Financial conditions in advanced economies remain accommodative; however, they could rapidly tighten depending on developments in trade tensions, policy uncertainty, and the rising inflation in the USA.

Regionally, the South African economy is in a technical recession following that it shrank by a seasonally adjusted 0.7 per cent in the second quarter of 2018 after a 2.6 per cent contraction in the first quarter of 2018. Consumer prices increased from 4.9 per cent in September 2018 to 5.1 per cent in October 2018. Revised inflation forecasts were observed, and it is now estimated that inflation will average 4.7 per cent in 2018 (from 4.8 per cent), before increasing to 5.5 per cent in 2019 (from 5.7 per cent). The South African Reserve Bank assesses risks to long-term inflation to be on the upside.

On the domestic front, real GDP for Eswatini is projected to contract by 0.4 per cent in 2018 from 1.9 per cent in 2017, mainly due to ongoing government cash flow challenges and the anticipated negative impacts on domestic exports destined to South Africa due to the economic recession.

Annual headline inflation increased to 5.2 per cent in October 2018, from 5.1 per cent recorded in September 2018. The slight increase in consumer inflation was mainly driven by increases in the price indices for 'food and non-alcoholic beverages' and 'clothing and footwear'. The Bank's inflation forecasts for the fourth quarter have been revised downwards from the 5.59 per cent forecasted in September 2018 to 5.45 per cent due to declining international oil prices. Consequently, the Bank's forecast for 2018 is revised downwards to 5.17 per cent from the 5.21 per cent forecasted in September 2018.

Credit extended to the private sector depicted a month-on-month increase of 0.3 per cent to reach E14.4 billion at the end of September 2018. The increase was due to a rise in demand for credit in the Household and Business sectors. However, credit to 'Other sectors' contracted over the review period. Compared to the same period last year, credit extended to the Private Sector depicted an increase of 4.4 per cent.

Gross Official Reserves stood at E7.1 billion at the end of October 2018, depicting a month-on-month increase of 9.8 per cent. The growth was mainly due the quarterly inflow of SACU receipts during the month of October 2018. The Reserves were equivalent to an import cover of 3.3 months, an improvement from the 3.0 months observed in September 2018.

The Bank will continue to monitor developments that will influence the movements of inflation and reassures the public that it will act appropriately if there are significant changes to the inflation outlook. The Bank further reassures the public that the Bank's monetary policy stance remains supportive to economic growth.

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# Eswatini Medical Christian University graduation ceremony

**BEST:** Minister Lady Howard Mabuza hands over a certificate to the best Nursing student Sinenhlanhla Mbhamali during the Eswatini Medical Christian University second graduation ceremony held at the Mavuso Trade Centre yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



**SUPPORT:** Parents and relatives of the graduating students were also there in support.



**READY:** Some of the students queueing before they were presented with their academic awards.



**ACCOMPLISHED:** A section of the graduates in jubilation at the end of the ceremony.

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# TAIWAN DONATES WHEELCHAIRS, WALKING STICKS AND CANES

BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

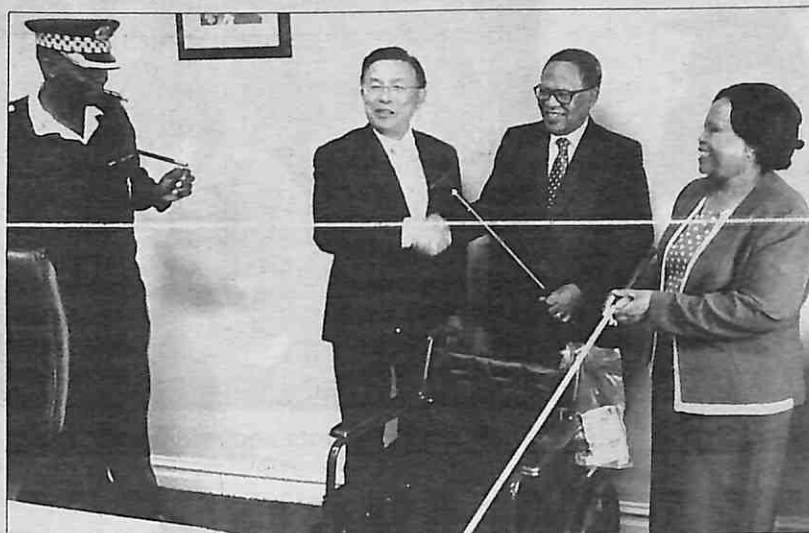
The Republic of China on Taiwan yesterday donated wheelchairs, walking sticks and canes to persons with disabilities in the country.

The handover was done at the deputy prime minister's office yesterday morning.

Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku yesterday received 80 wheelchairs, 70 wooden canes, 100 foldable canes from the Ambassador of the Republic of China on Taiwan Jeremy Liang on behalf of a charity organisation from Taiwan.

Handing over the wheelchairs Liang highlighted that it was not the first time Taiwan has extended the helping hand as this has become an annual gesture and pledged continued support.

"Eswatini and Taiwan have enjoyed 50 years of a long standing friendship between our two countries not only between the governments but also from



**THANK YOU: Republic of China on Taiwan Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini Jeremy Liang shaking hands with DPM Themba Masuku while Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi smiles during the presentation yesterday.**

the people. This donation is a manifestation of the friendship and the love from

... "We are very humbled on behalf of His Majesty's government I would like to thank you in person and the Republic of China on Taiwan for the gesture that you have shown today"

the private sector and we will continue to further enhance the good relations that has been enjoyed by the two countries in the future," Liang said.

## Donation

Masuku making his remarks when receiving the donation thanked the government of Taiwan for the donation which he said was something necessary especially at the time the country was facing financial challenges.

"We are very humbled on behalf of His Majesty's government I would like to thank you in person and the Republic of China on Taiwan for the gesture that you have shown today. This reminds me of the phrase that goes 'a friend in need is a friend

indeed.'

"As you know old friends will always share and help each other on resolving challenges. These days we have a serious economic situation we need to get a turnaround immediately," Masuku said.

Masuku explained that even disabled people wanted to be independent and to be able to go about their livelihood without constantly seeking help from others.

"A wheel chair does not only change the life of the recipient but that of the family as the one who was taking care of the disabled persons is relieved as well as the family and subsequently the community as the person can be mobile," he said.

## Cop at centre of near fisticuffs at funeral

BY SICELO MAZIYA

Chieftaincy disputes prove to be a tactic used by silent power hungry individuals that use tensions in communities and later on try to act as the peace binding figures to legitimise their stay to the powers to be. Mahlangatsha community in the outskirts of Mankayane town learned the wrong way when community members fought in front of congregants during a funeral at one of the homesteads in the area.

Shocking as it may be, the fight was brewing all along following unknown summons that were delivered to the community leadership, allegedly orchestrated by a senior officer within the Royal Eswatini Police Services. The embarrassing situation is alleged to have happened when the family was about to lay to rest their departed family member, as per custom dictates that a representative of the community leadership needs to comfort the community and the family affected.

It is alleged that after a heated argument on the right to speak on behalf of the community leadership the two men almost exchanged blows, quick intervention of several men saved the situation from getting out of hand.

The community further told Observer on Saturday that a quick intervention of the pastor who was leading the funeral saved the day for mourners. The pastor is said to have decided that no community representative would say anything at the funeral as the two men were squaring-up and ready for a fist fight after their heated arguments over the right to speak on behalf of one of the community leaders.

The two men were separated by other mourners as they bared for each other's blood, a true patriotism for their chief of choice.

Tension was already brewing leading to the funeral, after controversial summons were intercepted and clarity being sought on its origins, as no complaint was launched at the local police station or at umphakatsi level save for reporting as per procedure of the funeral to

take place in the area.

The community leadership issued with summons, trying to get clarity on their origin it is alleged they visited the Attorney General's office.

It is alleged the summons were traced and the officer who wrote them is said to have been unaware he was being used by the architecture of the summons. AG's office is said to be aware of the challenges of the continued abuse of their office by the two fighting individuals implicated in the summons saga. It is further alleged that they were told that if they wanted to approach the courts they must fork out their own money and engage private law firms for services.

The community felt the fight was uncalled for, as the area has so many families paying allegiance to different leaders but they have coexisted and accepted the way it is for a long time.

The community members disclosed that their area was another classic example of the massive work the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) needs to work on. They claim families and homesteads pay allegiance to different illegitimate leaders who cause unnecessary tension in the area yet their role is to work towards co-existence of communities in the land.

A senior police officer stands accused of sowing seed of infighting, with his power hungry tactics he is alleged to be attempting to legitimise his questionable community role having ditched his role with one of the community leaders in the area.

The senior officer alleged to have once served as a key person of the very same leadership he disowned when he changed camp for reasons only known to himself, he is accused of causing havoc in the community.

Young people of the area warned the officer to refrain from his bad tactics as he is inviting trouble to himself on further dividing the community. The young people said the officer is causing unnecessary tension in the community whilst he is advancing his ulterior motives. "We understand he has backing of some of senior princes from the royalty and it's unfortunate that the king's name ends

up being dragged in the mad for evil ends of individuals," pleading one young person in the area.

The youth further blamed the senior officer, stating they were very angry seeing their parents fighting in front of them due to the divide and rule of the officer of the law. "We are very ashamed of the incidence that happened in our area and for it to happen at a funeral. It's even despicable to separate your elderly people you respect as your own parents just because one individual wants to achieve his own goals with a fighting community" adds one of the young people of the area.

The young people who spoke freely on the subject on condition their names are not revealed said

"We need peace in the community; the king has said this several times, he (police officer) cannot then make this community fight amongst itself because of his evil intentions. The people who were fighting at the funeral, we both regard and respect them as our own parents and we know them as people who come from the respected disciplined forces of the country, the officer must stop his evil deeds in the community because he is inviting trouble".

## Who is the chief of Mahlangatsha, questions abound

The area has different small community dwellings that continue to grow and many people claiming to be their rightful leaders.

When a question was paused to many people they seem clueless and stated as a fact that they know Madzele Maseko but there is also Mlobokazi Fakudze who now claims to be the rightful chief of the area. They also said the small community also have people who claim to be ruled at eNgcoseni. The confusion is said to have been there for a long time but as a community they don't care as their main priority is to make ends meet with lack of employment opportunities.

The senior police officer is said to be at the centre of the crisis that has

seen the area being on the wrong side of socio development issues.

The community members said the area had so many challenges to attract the media with fights of elders "we have no proper roads infrastructure, the ministry of works and transport abandoned a project they initiated for an important bridge that needs to be highlighted. We cannot be ruled by a controversial police officer who divides the community instead of uniting it"

Efforts to get a comment through the Police Information and communications (PICO's) office failed in a bid to follow the known procedures to get a comment for any member of the police service. The said senior officer was said to be engaged in strings of meetings. Observer on

## Controversial summons intercepted

The courts summons allegedly associated to the confrontation are said to have been drawn from the Attorney General's (AG's) office.

It is further alleged to have been drawn using an officer who was not aware he was being abused on their production as the jurisdiction of the said Mlobokazane is responsible for Ngcoseni not Enswangwini. The gist of the summons are said to be in response to a lie orchestrated by a senior officer who accused the leadership of Enswangwini of stopping funerals for families an allegation that was refuted.

The leadership of Enswangwini after getting the summons they responded with a visit to the AG's Office. Sources reveals that at the AG's office it sufficed that the summons were written based on a later written by the senior officer said to be causing tension in the area.

The controversial summons are said to have been written without the authority of the family who are said to have followed all procedures for any funeral to happen in the community. Residents said officers from the nearest police station pleaded ignorance of any complaint from their station as well as the Mankayane police station also pleaded ignorance on any complaint launched.

Reliable sources thanked the transparency that was exhibited by the AG's office, as it was alleged the office promptly called a

Sources reveals that at the AG's office it sufficed that the summons were written based on a later written by the senior officer said to be causing tension in the area.

meeting that resulted in calling of the author of the summons to clarify on the summons.

It is after the meeting at the AG's office that the community leadership were told to ignore the summons and ensure that the funeral continue as planned after they were satisfied with the explanation of the leadership.

Saturday was informed he promised to call something that never materialised at the time of compiling the story. Observer on Saturday wanted to know what informed the senior officer to launch a complaint through a letter said to have surfaced that ended up getting summons issued to the community leadership of Enswangwini. Observer on Saturday also wanted to know the jurisdiction of Mlobokazi and if he is indeed a chief of the area as per the letter, the other burning issue the publication wanted to know was questioning his act as amounting to abuse of power to issue summons without any member of the family having complained and why such complain failed to start at community level where a police station is available.



## Landlord arrested for shooting tenant's boyfriend

**T**rying to rescue his tenant from her violent boyfriend has landed a landlord in trouble as he has been arrested for allegedly accidentally shooting the boyfriend in the foot.

The landlord Simon Bulawako Makhanya of Mahlabatsini in Matsapha has since been charged with attempted murder.

Makhanya yesterday appeared at the High Court where he filed an urgent application for bail before Judge Mbutfo Mamba.

Since his bail application was not opposed, he was granted bail by the court fixed at E15 000, E3 000 to be paid in cash at the government revenue offices and E12 000 shall be in a form of a surety.

According to the charge sheet, Makhanya is charged with attempted murder in that while at Mahlabatsini area he did wrongfully and unlawfully and with intent attempted to kill one George Matse by shooting him once on the foot with a 12 bore rifle and thus committed the offence.

Represented by Manzini based lawyer Ian Dupont of Zonke Magagula and Company law firm, Makhanya in his affidavit submitted that on the day in question, the complainant and his girlfriend were involved in an altercation at

his property which is rented by the complainant's girlfriend and he attempted to intervene after his tenant (complainant's girlfriend) had raised an alarm.

While attempting to mediate in the dispute Makhanya submitted that the complainant assaulted him without provocation and that is when he retrieved his rifle and fired warning shots in the air in an attempt to put a stop to the assault on himself (Makhanya) and his tenant.

Makhanya submitted that the complainant was undeterred by this and continued to assault his girlfriend and he (Makhanya) warned him against such.

"The complainant then charged towards me, attacked me and tried to wrestle with me for the firearm and in the scuffle that ensued, the firearm was discharged and shot the complainant on the foot, it was never my intention to shoot the complainant," Makhanya submitted.

He told the court that he shall plead not guilty to the offence of attempted murder as he did not commit same.

He submitted that he is 76 years old, married and has 12 children who are dependent on him as his wife is unemployed and also dependent on him.

## MAN (60) SLEEPS AT POLICE STATION BENCH FOR HIS ARREST FOLLOWING DAY

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

**A**fter hearing news that he was wanted by the police, a 60-year old man walked to the Manzini Police station where he slept on the bench as he was not attended to until he was arrested the following day.

Charged with the rape of an 11-year old girl, Sipho Maziya arrived at the Manzini police station and informed the officers that he had heard that he was wanted and enquired the details of what he was wanted for.

However the police he found told him that the officers who were looking for him were not there and he decided to sleep over until the following day.

"I slept at the Manzini police station on the benches at the reception until I was attended to the following day where I was charged with the offence of rape," he said.

Maziya yesterday filed an urgent application for bail at the High Court as he has been charged under the newly enacted Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018.

- He walked to the police station to enquire what he was wanted for, did not find officers looking for him, slept over until attended to following day
- He was later charged for rape of 11-year old girl

Appearing before High Court Judge Mbutfo Mamba, the 60-year old was granted bail fixed at E50 000 as the bail application was not opposed, however the court ordered that he pays E3000 cash and E47 000 shall be in a form of a surety.

### Unlawfully

According to the charge sheet, the 60-year old is alleged to have contravened the SODV act in that while in Manzini he unlawfully had sexual intercourse with an 11-year old juvenile.

The offence is accompanied by aggravating circumstances as envisaged by section 185 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence (CPE) Act in that at the alleged commission of the offence the accused person did not use a condom thereby putting the complainant at risk of contracting sexually transmitted dis-

eases and infections and further that the complainant is a minor.

According to Maziya in his founding affidavit, he appeared at the Magistrate court after his arrest pending his appearance before the principal magistrate where he was advised that he should move his bail application at the High Court.

He submitted that he shall plead not guilty to the offence at trial because he did not commit same.

He further stated that he is a married man who has nine children five of whom are still attending school and averred that the matter is urgent in that he is currently detained at the Zakhele Correctional facility as he has been deprived of his personal right to liberty. Maziya was represented by lawyer Sabelo Bhembe in the matter.

## ROBBERY SUSPECT APPLIED FOR BAIL REDUCTION

**A** robbery suspect yesterday successfully filed an urgent application for reduction of his bail amount at the High Court.

Sicelo Shakes Gamedze in his application pleaded with the court to reduce his bail amount as he could not afford the E5 000 he was ordered to pay in cash.

Initially the court had granted him

bail fixed at E50 000 and was to pay E5 000 cash and E45 000 was to be in a form of a surety.

### Reduced

Represented by Siteki based lawyer Mongi Nsibandze, Gamedze was a lucky man as the court reduced his bail as per his wish and ordered that he shall now pay E2 000 in cash and E48 000 shall be in a form

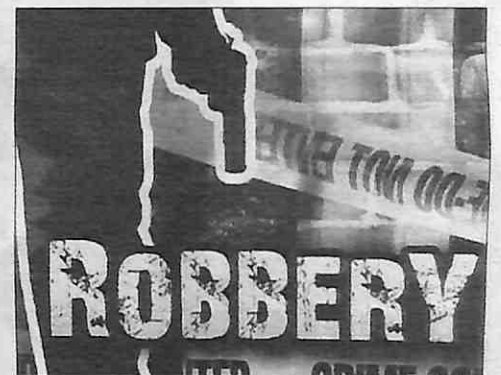
of a surety.

Gamedze of Kashoba area in the Lubombo region submitted in his papers that on September 15 2017 he was granted bail fixed at E50 000 by the High Court and ordered to pay E5 000 cash with the rest in a form of a surety.

However since then he submitted that he has failed to raise the

E5 000 as he cannot afford to and whilst awaiting trial, he is desirous to be released on bail.

He informed the court that he has no previous conditions and that it has taken long for his trial to be expedited adding that there is nothing to suggest that he will abscond trial upon his release from custody.



## Man who stormed class, speared pupil to death granted E15 000 bail

By Sandile Nkambule

**T**he man who made headlines when he stormed a classroom full of grade seven pupils and speared a pupil to death was yesterday granted bail by the High Court.

Thabiso Dlamini (31) of Kashoba area under Chief Sibengwane was granted bail fixed at E15 000 by the High Court, however since his bail was unopposed by the crown, he was ordered to pay E3 000 in cash and E12 000 shall be in a form of a surety.

Dlamini is charged with murder in that he unlawfully and intentionally killed a grade seven pupil Melusi Gamedze (17) by stabbing him with a sharp object on the back and did thereby commit the offence of murder at Kashoba area.

Represented by Siteki based lawyer Mongi Nsibandze, Dlamini submitted in his affidavit that this is an application in which he seeks to be admitted to bail and having a confession made in the Siteki Magistrate court before a senior Magistrate on October 3 2018 be declared constitutionally invalid while awaiting trial at the High Court. According to Dlamini, he submitted



that on October 2 he was arrested by the Siteki Police for the offence of murder and was arraigned at the Magistrate court where he was told that he would be on remand pending his trial at the High Court.

He told the court that the deceased was involved in a sexual relationship with his lawfully wedded wife of six

years and that he once reported the matter to the local authorities at Kashoba who converged a meeting but were unable to make the schoolboy stop visiting his wife at their matrimonial home when he (Dlamini) was away during the week since he was working for DTM Construction.

"There were rumours doing rounds

that the deceased was planning to kill me after our meeting with the local authorities held in June on this fateful day I went to the deceased's school to report him to the teachers with the rumours that I would be killed, I carried a short spear hidden under my jacket just in case I was attacked along the way and I went straight to the deceased's classroom where I waited outside," he submitted.

### Mission

He told the court that while outside the grade seven classroom, a certain teacher attended to him and he told him his mission but the teacher refused to call the deceased outside and deemed such an act as unfair.

"I managed to get inside the classroom and saw the accused staring at me and went straight for him and a scuffle ensued as he could tell I was carrying a weapon, we wrestled and he unintentionally got stabbed, he was able to escape through the window," the murder suspect submitted.

He told the court that he is desirous to be admitted to bail whilst awaiting trial and that he has no previous convictions hence there is nothing to suggest that he may evade trial.

He informed the court that he was working for a construction company DTM Construction (Pty) Ltd a company sub contracted to Inyatsi Construction and was attached to Ndobandoba at Big Bend adding that chances are high that the company will not engage him again hence he shall search for a new job.

Pupils at St Holly Ghost Primary were left in total shock after one of their peer was speared to death right inside a classroom in October.

The 17-year-old boy who is said to be a grandson to the late KaShoba Chief was allegedly having an affair with the wife of the accused.

The spine chilling incident occurred at a time when the Grade Seven pupils were preparing for their external examinations.

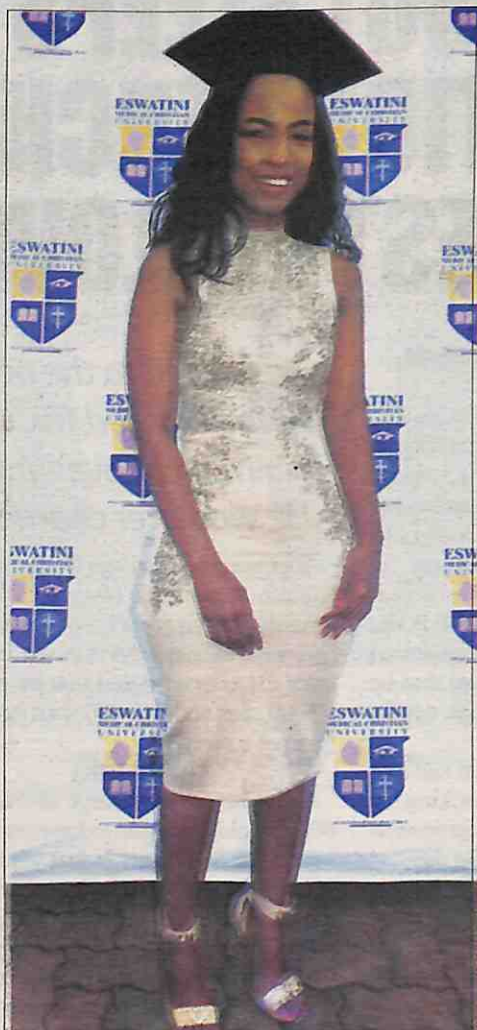
The school is situated near Ngcina, a rural area in the Lubombo region and Dlamini from the same area is said to have stormed the school and demanded to see the pupil from a teacher.

He accused the schoolboy of allegedly having affair with his wife.

According to some teachers at the school, Dlamini was armed with a spear and appeared to be in an uncompromising mood as he stepped into the school premises.



# FASHION AT ESWATINI MEDICAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY GRADUATION CEREMONY



**DRESSED TO THE NINES:** Siphelele Simelane suited up in his checkered suit and brown shoes for his graduation at Eswatini Medical Christian University held at Mavuso Trade Centre yesterday. (R) Fundile Dlamini went for a gold dress and completed her look with gold heels. (Pics: Nokwanda Sibandze)



**CHIC:** Thabile Dlamini in her rose-gold dress and pearl shoes whilst Sihle Maseko decided on a blue suit paired up with a white shirt.



**SEXY:** Nothemba Masuku went for a green and black dress for her big day. (C) **DAPPER:** Nkululeko Mthethwa decided on a grey suit finished off with a black bow-tie and a crisp white shirt. (R) **ANGELIC:** Nomkhosi Mdluli wearing a white dress and lime shoes.



**PROUD MOM:** Busisiwe Dlamini who went for a white dress with studded gold buttons and gold shoes with her mother. (R) **RED NUMBER:** Minenhle Langwenya went for an African inspired dress and floral heels.



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# 'I LEARNT A LOT IN ESWATINI

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

Outgoing United Nations Resident Coordinator Israel Dessalegne says in his six years in the Kingdom of Eswatini he has learnt a lot and amongst these is how to build on strength in the face of challenges.

Addressing dignitaries during a farewell lunch held in his honour yesterday, the outgoing resident coordinator said there was a lot said about weaknesses and there was little focus on strengths.

He however said Eswatini had a lot of strengths as can be shown in how the country managed to control HIV and Malaria. Focus on strength ensures credibility abroad of the kingdom accord-

ing to Dessalegne.

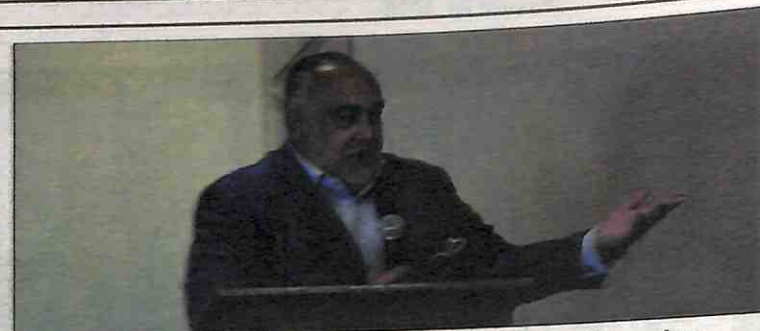
● *Out-going UN resident coordinator says he has learned a lot in his six years in the Kingdom*

He also told the gathering that he had learned about the role of culture and tradition in development and that what culture does is promote or inhibit development. "I saw how the country tries to strike a balance between growth and culture and tradition. In other countries, culture is not prioritised like in Eswatini. Culture also helps in the development of grown solutions," he said.

At the function that was attended by Ministers Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza and Dr Thambo Gina amongst other

dignitaries, Dessalegne said in as far as economy was concerned, he had learned the important of fiscal consolidation and need the investments- both local and foreign. He stated that on its own fiscal consolidation doesn't contribute a lot. Dessalegne who has worked with various stakeholders in the country further said he had learned that as a middle income status country, we to join hands to come up with innovative ways to mobilise resources.

I have learned quite a lot while in the Kingdom of Eswatini.



**RELIABLE:** WFP Country Director Alberto Mendes spoke on behalf of the UN.

## Dessalegne a true friend, reliable partner to Eswatini

Minister for Commerce Industry and Trade Dr Thambo Gina says outgoing United Nations resident Coordinator has been a true friend and a reliable partner to the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Gina said sending off someone so close and helpful is often not an easy thing to do but takes the comfort knowing that he leaves after having made an immense contribution in the development of the kingdom of Eswatini in his six-year tenure as the UN resident coordinator.

"As resident coordinator, leading the UN country team, Dessalegne has played a crucial role in the coordination of all UN operational activities towards the development of the kingdom of Eswatini," Gina said. He said part of what the outgoing UN Resident Coordinator

did entailed ensuring that there was alignment of the UN support with Eswatini's national development objectives and priorities.

As a country, Gina said Eswatini had significantly benefited from capacity building provided towards implementation of internationally agreed obligations and development goals such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

He said the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2016-2022 which is aligned with National Development Strategy (NDS) vision 2022 of the kingdom of Eswatini is one initiative that could be singled out and focuses on supporting the kingdom in areas such as inclusive growth and sustainable development.



**BYE BYE:** Minister hands over farewell gift to United Nations Coordinator Israel Dessalegne.



**REMARKS:** Israel Dessalegne making his remarks.

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# NYAOPE JUNKIES FLOODING FAIRVIEW

...Coates valley resident in Manzini sells E7 000 flat screen TV set for E300 just to get a fix from the easily available habit forming drug at kaTfwala on the margins on Fairview

By Ackel Zwane

Residents of kaTfwala in Fairview outside Manzini are organising a neighbourhood watch to crack down on the fast growing business of the addictive drug, *nyaope*, sold at strategic spots near a homestead in kaTfwala.

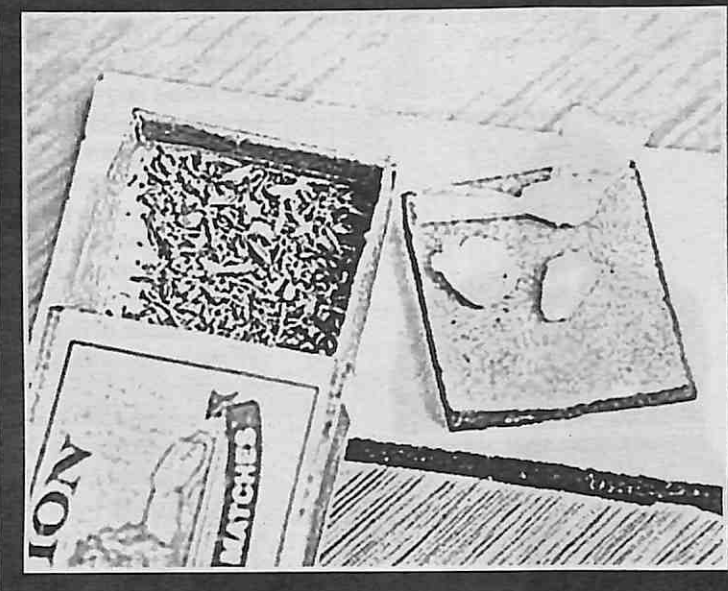
Apart from the growing numbers of the drug dependent community, mainly youths, this has resulted in the rise in housebreaking and mugging cases in the surrounding settlements.

Our investigations have revealed that distributors of the now popular drug obtain it from a homestead in Fairview South then relocate to kaTfwala where they are identified with bibs at specific corners.

There is also a homestead known to be yet another source where the baron directs customers to where they can dispose of their goods and bring the cash to obtain a fix at E50.

An average person to get 'high' needs three fixes but may supplement the state of being high with dagga (cannabis) which is also equally easily available at nearly every corner in kaTfwala, which is also populated with shebeens that sell anything from opaque beer to the most potent Mozambican whisky *tontonto*.

A member of the community police group from nearby Makholweni, who preferred not to be identified, said moves were already at advanced stages to stage raids and catch the



*nyaope* distributors with the product with a view to enforce prosecution. He disclosed that the idea was to at least root out the drug from the area altogether probably for it to be sold elsewhere other than Fairview North, Fairview South, kaTfwala and Makholweni.

## Valuable

He said the ring is spreading fast because it would seem it is more lucrative to sell *nyaope* than dagga because people are able to part with valuable goods for small sums of money and dispose of these items at market prices.

A fix does not last long enough and requires a boost every now and then at E50 a fix while dagga fetches only E15 for a box of matches and can be taken over a number of days.

Just this week a middle aged man of West African origin disposed of his large flat screen TV for a paltry E300 which he had bought for cash at E7 000, bringing with him all the papers as proof of ownership. He was again back in the evening begging to be given on credit promising to bring other household goods when his wife was away.

"Most of the young men who bring expensive goods here come from wealthy families especially Coates Valley. They stick around the street corners to have their fix thus also recruiting other age mates from the area to try the drug. In this way it is spreading fast here at a time we were also worried about the growing number of alcohol outlets.

There is drinking spot everywhere, from bars to bottle stores and she-

beens. Nearly one in four homesteads at kaTfwala sells either alcohol or dagga. This has to stop," said the Makholweni source.

He even mentioned that his community police grouping recalls the time of former Cabinet minister Mntonzima Dlamini who used to support the community police of Makholweni in order to maintain peace.

It is alleged that the police post at Fairview North near St Paul's Methodist Church, Moyeni shopping complex, is ill-equipped and short staffed for the large areas of Fairview, Makholweni, Nkhundleni and as far as Mpholi.

## Distributors

Often a time, he alleged, the police would rather look the other way than confront the problem especially because when the junkies are without a fix they scratch and scream on the roadside asking for donations and pointing at either the particular homestead or the distributors who openly demand cash.

By 2015 Hhohho Anti-Drug Unit's Mshiyeni Ephraem Maphalala claimed that Swazi addicts had developed the science of manufacturing their own *nyaope* but the one at kaTfwala seems to be a cut above the average. He told the public that drug addicts mixed dagga with ARVs (antiretroviral pills) and Ratex to come up with their own version of the *nyaope*, originally a South African fashioned drug.

Last year one Linda Tsabedze of Bhengkosi stole from his sister valuable items amounting to E40 000, that included a Toyota engine (E5 000), tractor grass cutter E10 000, brush cutting machine, refrigerator, car doors, fence, plates and blankets all just to finance the purchase of *nyaope*.

Just recently residents say a young man from Coates Valley stripped to the body all the parts of his brand new 2018 Golf GTI referred to as the Golf 'hot' hatch, part by part, to purchase *nyaope* from the kaTfwala baron.

This had been a birthday gift from his parents. Another boy from the same area came with a ZTE Blade V8 Pro (32GB) 5.5", a Black Diamond valued at over E3000 for a paltry E150 for three fixes.

The size of a fix is no bigger than a grain of rice it is smoked by using a metal straw and by heating the cocktail of ingredients and inhaling the fumes. It is believed that the ingredients are a cocktail of anti-retroviral drugs, milk powder, rat poison, bicarbonate of soda and pool cleaner.

*Nyaope* made a name for itself between 2000 and 2006 in the Tshwane townships of Soshanguve, Atteridgeville and Mamelodi in South Africa before breaking boundaries and borders to neighbouring countries.

It resurfaced around Durban in 2010 before spreading like wildfire throughout South Africa. Initially users feel euphoric or, when using heavier doses, a wonderful sense of relaxation, but the effects soon wear off and another hit is required. For some the less pleasant side effects include a painful stomach, muscle cramps and generally feeling really ill, but when these ease up, they use again.

## Symptoms

Experts say just using it once is enough to get users hooked - similar to heroin addiction. Withdrawal is said to be especially harrowing and include symptoms of stomach cramps, insomnia, diarrhoea and vomiting.

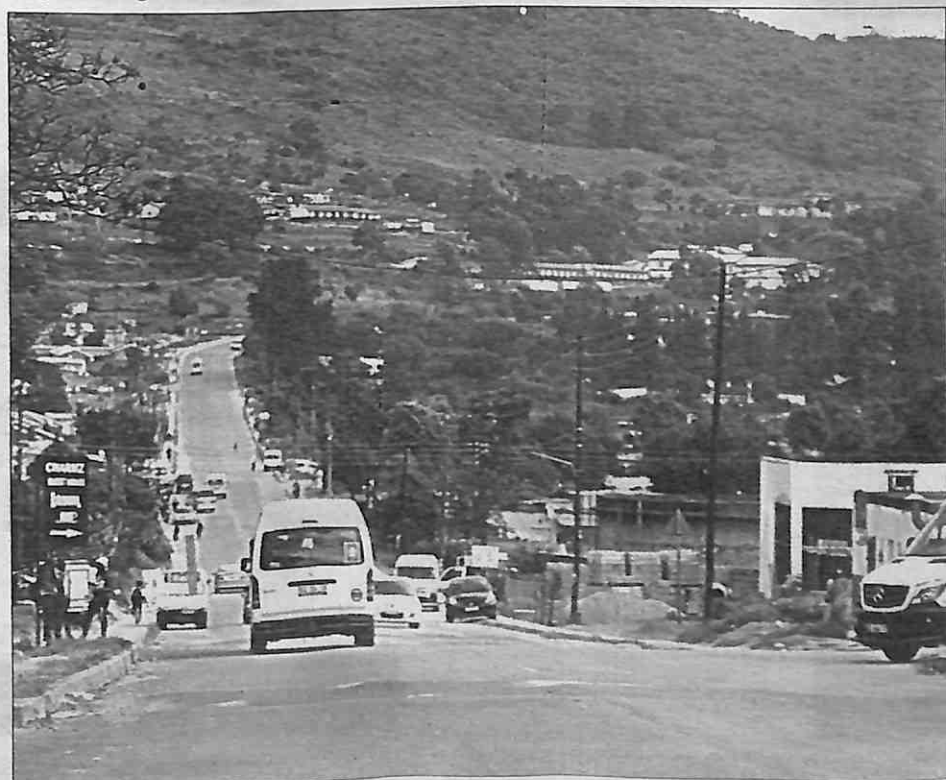
Users also report that, when using *nyaope*, they can go for days without eating, which in turn weakens their immune system and makes them vulnerable to infection.

In the case of kaTfwala the *nyaope* junkies usually invade shops around the city to steal bread, cheeses, polony or other soft groceries which they munch on the roadside in groups when hungry. This has led to the drug also finding its way into the Manzini city centre.

*Nyaope* users in Eswatini are also covered by programmes sponsored by Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) and are classified as KAP, key affected population.

According to Global Fund KAP experience significant disease burden, restricted access to services, and limitations on their human rights.

Any group which meets the three criteria above can and should be considered a key affected population, and therefore deserving of tailored disease response programmes.



FIX CITY: Either side of the *nyaope* corridor where junkies and pushers thrive unperturbed. (Pics: Ackel Zwane)





# ERA MANANGA BORDER DEVELOPMENT A BITTER PILL FOR RESIDENTS

By Sicelo Maziya

Eswatini Revenue Authority (ERA) infrastructure development at the Mananga border has been described as a curse curtailing residents from making honest livelihoods by selling to road users.

They complained bitterly about lack of assistance in the form of restrooms and space for doing business ever since the demolition of the properties that provided such at the border. The demolition gave rise to the current state of the art facility that is now seen as a curse to residents of Mananga and Malibeni surrounding areas.

Residents and vendors decried that they were barred from using the restrooms at the newly built structure. They complained that every development must give room for those who had previously occupied that piece of land.

The residents disclosed their unhappiness with the treatment from officials delegating them as lesser beings for asking for assistance at the newly built facility.

"We are told the facility is meant for people who are crossing the border and passports are demanded from us to access the restrooms. We don't understand if the development was meant for us or for those with means to travel to neighbouring South Africa," adds a concerned resident.

As if the development is not an improvement

to the lives of the people, the informal business people are not happy with the curse the project has turned to be to their livelihood. The infrastructure at the border has shown the ugly dangers of development in the lives of people affected by big development projects. The project is seen by the informal traders as means to push them further to dungeons of poverty.

Mananga informal businesspeople disclosed to Observer on Saturday team that they had been hugely affected such that their informal businesses were now being systematically removed from the area. Currently the now operational border development has forced the relocation of the informal bus terminal to a small congested area.

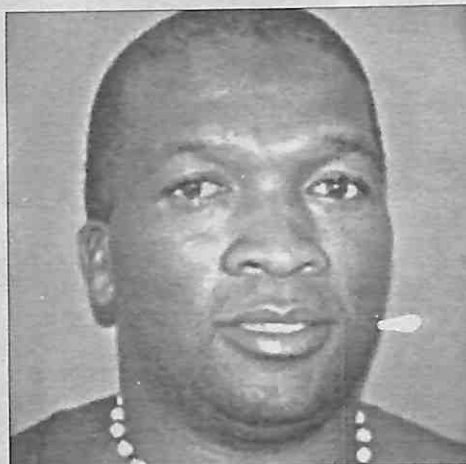
## Disregarded

The booming business area that used to make means to fight poverty amongst local entrepreneurs is turning to be a business area for government and nothing has been done to give the indigenous businesses a decent place to operate.

However it must not be disregarded that before the businesses moved away from the site they were duly compensated save for the small man selling vegetables, fruits and other smaller items.

The businesses are now crowded in one area where groceries, street vendors and buses are in one undeveloped section closer to the cliff of the Nkomazi River.

A non-governmental organisation (NGO) Developmental Officer who shared her views



**AWARE:** Mhlangane Member of Parliament Madala Mhlanga.

on condition of anonymity said "The attempts by government institutions to promote development often entails varying degrees of risk for some sections of society as it is the case with the Mananga development. People have already been displaced and livelihoods disrupted. The development has been hard for the victims who are already impoverished, thus worsening their plight".

The officer further disclosed that the impact had been harsher for the people who live primarily off subsistence farming save for the few involved in the development of the sugarcane

## BORDER POST IS A CONTROLLED AREA-ERA

Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA) Manager Customer Service Riccardo Kruger said as much as residents are concerned, the security at Mananga needs to be controlled in accordance with international standards and measures.

Kruger said a border post was a controlled area by law and they could never allow people to get in and out anyhow.

## Compromise

Kruger said the security area is for the exit and access of the country and it could compromise a lot of things if they could allow people to cross for their special needs without going through the same security commands enforced.

plantation at Malibeni.

Whilst many projects have has a positive impact on people, Mananga residents have been silenced by the huge construction of the dry port.

The development officer further shared that the country's commitment to ending poverty still needed to have all the initiatives on how the risks are mitigated, providing a comprehensive resettlement package.

There is need to design comprehensive compensation schemes for those affected than to allow big development projects expose people to a range of risks to land that has been their livelihood".

Mhlangane Member of Parliament Madala Mhlanga disclosed that he was not aware of some of the challenges.

MP Mhlanga said, "Im not aware of the latest challenges as they have not been brought to my attention as the new MP. However, I cannot lie that I don't know some of the challenges they have been facing as I know some of their plight in regard to the space for taking advantage of the traffic to sell their wares to incoming and outgoing people at the border".

Mhlanga said he had just had his first meeting as an elected MP of the area and promised to look into their challenges and hoped a compromise would be reached once he met all relevant parties on the issue. Mananga is in the northern tip of the Lubombo region a border post between Eswatini and South Africa. The border is open between 7am and 6pm daily.

## Eswatini hospitals continue to face shortages in vital drugs, supplies

By Sicelo Maziya

As many hospitals and medical centers across the country struggle to make ends meet, the ministry of health is still searching for solutions without the necessary resource finances.

Drug shortages in the country have gone way beyond just logistics and trying to source medication, the situation has become rather complex.

There is no change on the critical shortage of medical supplies in public health facilities across the country. Director of Health Dr Vusi Magagula confirmed that the situation was still the same as that the country was facing financial challenges not only in the health sector. Dr. Magagula said as reported by the media even fuel was now rationed due to the fiscal challenges the country was facing. Magagula said the ministry was making purchases to satisfy the shortage temporarily with the bulk still a challenge.

Observer on Saturday in assessing the challenges faced by the health sector visited rural clinics, which also reported equal challenges just like the Mbabane

government hospital that is now being supported by different donors to feed patients. The rural clinics reported to be servicing the key part of the populace including the poor communities that have no means for a choice of medical assistance but rely only on the clinics.

Residents disclosed that rural communities, unlike the urban dwellers, are not privileged with the choice and pharmacies for getting other health services because of poverty as well as lack of such services.

The heavy reliance on the local clinics is always the last resort for almost all poor communities in the country. Lack of key medical supplies to the local clinics has put a strain on the key service of the government for any ailment for the rural folks.

Nurses confided with Observer on Saturday their unhappiness with the dire situation currently being experienced by the health sector in the country. Nurses disclosed that while their profession did not allow them to voice their opinion on such issues as that can create public panic, the situation is calling for a national solution.

Nurses at the visited clinics gave strong

warnings that failing to resolve such a key sector in the government machinery is like setting a time bomb.

"The population is suffering from a number of ailments and the need to put efforts on curative measures is still key than in other countries where they are working with their populace on the prevention strategies," warned nurses.

## Assist

Nurses disclosed that rural clinics were strained more than the urban clinics, which are spoiled with choices for medical assistance, even with a lot of pharmacies for referrals to assist where medication and drugs are needed.

However, Dr Magagula said the country adopted the universal approach in delivering services in the country. He said what was happening at the government could not be compared with where someone was located, as the government is giving same services throughout the country with her health facilities. "Poverty or no poverty all our services are the same as it can be the case with urban dwellers. That's why we have same prices for all our health facilities to avoid separating people based on their geographic locations," adds Dr.

Magagula.

The ministry's challenges with lack of medical supplies continue to be haunted, with a likelihood of diseases that will be resistant to medication.

Nurses said the rural health facilities were running out of remedies they can employ in the absence of effective medication and drugs for different ailments.

In the Lubombo region, nurses confided that requisitions for stock continue to be a challenge as drugs and medical supplies were returned with most of the crucial supplies not on the consignments. Nurses said the situation was so bad and was now affecting them on how they execute their duties as health workers.

"We have been forced by the situation to abandon our patients to highlight the bad working conditions we are currently facing at the different government health facilities, not because we are bullies to the government but the situation is very worsening for health workers in the country," adds another nurse.

The nurse further pleaded with the government to prioritise health issues and solve the challenges of lack of cru-

cial supplies stating the country cannot afford any outbreak of diseases at the moment.

"The challenges that came with HIV has impacted a heavy burden into the health sector and it's still not yet resolved to let our systems fail us again," adds the concern nurse.

The nurse said it is dangerous for the country to have nurses who have adopted an attitude of accepting the situation as life will continue to be lost in the process.

"We have accepted the situation and we work with what we have which is very bad for the country. As nurses we should be motivated to assist our patients as there is nothing good in seeing your patient coming back to tell you they responded well to the medication you administered. We are in a rural area they come anytime to see us here, as well as give feedback on anything," adds the nurse.

Meanwhile, Magagula maintained that the situation has not yet changed and lack of resources has affected the whole government. Magagula said the ministry can only afford what it is currently offering at the moment until resources are available. Magagula said they once resources are available the ministry will ensure everything is back to normal.





**ARRIVAL:** MPs Mduduzi Simelane, Minister Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, Clement Sihlongonyane and Minister Christian Ntshangase upon their arrival before the start of the Regional Women MPs elections in Parliament on Thursday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

## MORE ON REGIONAL WOMEN MPs ELECTIONS



**WINNER:** Winner from the Shiselweni region Nokuthula Dlamini upon arrival with her relatives.



**FOR THE RECORD:** Newly appointed MP Nokunceda Bujela shares her contact numbers while her sister Nozibela looks on.



**HERE:** One of the candidates who lost Hlobisile Ndlovu.



**WOMEN POWER:** Some of the women arrive to witness the elections.



**THANK YOU LORD:** A woman at the public gallery reacts after her relative Busisiwe Mavimbela's name was called under the Manzini region.

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**SMILES:** Chief PICO Superintendent Phindile Vilakati presenting a certificate to a DCS officer.



**KODAK MOMENT:** Sergeant Khanyisile Madolo receiving her certificate.



**OVER THE MOON:** Chief PICO presenting a certificate to her Deputy Inspector Nosipho Mnguni.

## POLICE GEAR UP FOR ERADICATING MURDER AND SUICIDE

In a bid to put a halt to murder and suicide in the country, thirty three (33) police personnel have been equipped with basic counselling skills as a tune-up to an upcoming media campaign aimed at curtailing this phenomena.

The two-day Basic Counselling Skills Training Workshop which was facilitated by the Institute Of Research Management and Development (IRDM) was held at the Matsapha Police Academy on Wednesday and Thursday last week. It was attended by psychotherapists, chaplains as well as officers from the DCS, Crime Prevention, 999 Emergency Response and PICO Units.

Speaking during the official closing, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati who was representing the acting national commissioner of police applauded the Institute Of Research Management and Development for facilitating the capacitation of police personnel on basic counselling skills. She revealed that the existing relationship between the Police and IRDM dates back to time immemorial and it has contributed immensely in professionalising service delivery in the police Service. Vilakati urged participants to

use the knowledge and skills obtained from the workshop to professionalise and raise their counselling abilities so that those in need are helped. She also encouraged them to tune themselves for the upcoming Murder and Suicide Awareness Media Campaign stating that its success and effectiveness hinges on their unlimited commitment. She further urged them to share the knowledge obtained with their colleagues to ensure that a wider population of those in distress is reached.

IRDM's Oliver Tawada Museka stated that the purpose of counselling is to establish a treatment plan for the patient or victim. He revealed that for successful and therapidic counseling it is critical that one is well versed with the objectives of the counselling profession.

Speaking on behalf of the participants, Sergeant Sandile Shongwe expressed sincere gratitude for the opportunity to be capacitated on counselling skills. He noted that the public out there is in serious need for advice and help therefore the skills and knowledge obtained from the workshop will come in handy. He stated that the workshop exposed them to previously untapped phenomena and



**ATTENTIVE:** Some of the Basic Counselling Skills Workshop participants.

pledged their commitment to being professional as they provide counselling to those in distress.

The proposed Murder and Suicide Media Campaign is a result of an alarming rise in cases of murder and suicide

observed since the beginning of the year 2018.

The objective is to partner with other stakeholders in a collaborative effort to fight against murders and suicides for a period of two weeks commencing on

November 26. The aim is to utilise all media platforms in sensitising the general public on these phenomena as well as to provide preventative measures for those in distress.



**SIR:** Sergeant Sandile Shongwe making remarks on behalf of the participants.



**ME TOO:** Chief PICO Superintendent Phindile Vilakati presenting a certificate to the Hhohho Regional Psychotherapist.



**THANK YOU:** Sergeant Sikhulile Dlodlu receiving her certificate.



# TOMORROW IS INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Tomorrow, the global community marks the commemoration of the international day for elimination of violence against women.

To commemorate the start of a host of activities anchored at the United Nations Population Fund Thuli Dlamini-Teferi Programme Analyst- Gender has provided 'I' stories in collaboration with Gender Links to mark 16 days of activism.



# 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

## POOL OF TEARS BLUR

Nothing was ever good enough for you, I tried to please you but you craved for more. You ignored my feelings and always satisfied yourself. Now that I am ..... I was distracted by the pool of tears in my eyes.

Who was I to have expected love from a hopeless place. Everyone one was grown enough in my family to look after themselves. This is what my father would say.

I lived in a male dominated home. I was the only female in the family after the death of my step mother.

I had to give up school to become the house wife of my own father, to be mother to my own brothers.

My father had three sons of his own and his wife who recently died had three sons too, together they raised six sons and I was the only

female. My father was one of a kind, he loved his daughter.

Never felt love so real and pure. He besotted his daughter. He loved her so much like his wife. That is what he claimed.

This was just an infatuation, this man was destroying his own daughter's life. How could I be so blinded by him. I hate myself. I will never forgive myself for being so uncommon. I believed in all his mysteries. Making things worse for me, my brothers would have me for breakfast lunch or whenever they felt like doing so. I felt more like a nobody.

I decided to leave home and go stay somewhere better but where? That was the loudest silent question filing my head. Any good samaritan in the street who would be probably looking for such children.

I left home and took a long route to town. On my way to our hometown a car stopped by for a lift. I boarded the car and went with the beautiful lady in the car. She was too kind and was friendly to me. She asked where I was going with those big bags, I told her my story. She smiled at me and told me not to worry she would help me. What a relief since I did not know where I was going to.

### Took

We went to a restaurant and had nice food. She took me to where she was staying and gave me a room to put my bags. She told me to prepare for a ride with her to get along well and know each other. Wow!! What a person. I felt warmth and welcomed. The atmosphere was too adequate for me, it felt more than too much.

She gave me beautiful nice clothes to wear and a sweet smelling perfume, I don't blame her though, and no one would actually go out with me in those clothes.

We went out and sat by her car, she looked at me with speaking eyes but did not say anything. She kept on smiling at me and asking where I was going to stay if it weren't for her kindness. I told her I would do anything possible for a living. "really?" she asked.

"Yes, anything, to forget the life I lived, either good or bad I would do." We got into the car. She took off and we went to her friend's house. Her friend was a woman of stature. She was hot. Real good looking.

I couldn't believe I would be one of them. Her friend eyed me with a quick glance then greeted her friend.

## I lost my baby

My name is NolwaziMndzebele. I was 19 years when I met my boyfriend Michael Bhembe\* in 2000.

We dated for six months then he married me through the Swazi Law custom (*kuteka*). We were staying at his relatives home since he did not have his own parental home. His parents separated when he was very young and he was raised by his uncle and his wife. The family treated him like their own son, one could not realise that he was not their biological son. The woman who raised him liked me and treated me as her own daughter in law.

My relationship with my mother in law was very good but that lasted for two years. His younger brother got married and the supposed mother in law started to hate me. She used to call me a barren woman since I had not yet conceived and even said I was untidy and my food did not taste good.

Fortunately my husband noticed that I was no longer happy and he decided we build our own home 30 kilometres away from his parents' home. We were happy in that home until I fell pregnant four months later.

I was so happy I thought my husband felt the same way, unfortunately he was not because he had started dating other girls. Throughout my pregnancy my husband did not stay at home. I had no food and I was a sickly person. I used to go to his younger brother's wife to ask for food but because of the bad influence from the said mother in law she would not give me anything.

By the time I was due I had no money to go to hospital and even to buy clothes for my unborn baby. Luckily a neighbour gave me clothes that used to belong to her baby and as for napkins I had to tear sheets and improvise. The neighbour even borrowed me money to pay for my hospital bills.

My baby was six months old when my husband came home. He was drunk; I was surprised since I was unaware that he was into alcohol. He demanded to have sex with me without using a condom. The following day he accused me of cheating

on him and further said that I had infected him with lice. I told him that I had not cheated on him, but he would not listen instead he beat me until I pleaded guilty. Since both of us were infected by the sexually transmitted disease I had to find help and we were both healed.

By the time my baby was ten months I was already pregnant with my second child.

Things had gotten worse by then because my husband would bring his girlfriends home and ask me to either sleep in the same room and watch them as they had sex or take my baby and go to sleep in the kitchen which had no roofing.

During that time I was selling sweet potatoes and exchanging them for maize so that we could have something to eat. One of his girlfriends came and demanded money from him, he in turn asked for the money from me. I told him that I did not have money but he beat me in front of his girlfriend, heavily pregnant as I was. I fell sick and I was admitted, unfortunately I lost that baby.

When I returned home I found that he was staying with another woman. He chased me out of our marital home, I refused but instead he threw all my clothes outside and I collected them one by one in tears and left unknowing where I was going to sleep with my daughter. I was hurt since I had no one to turn to because my parents died when I was young and I was raised by my aunt who was against my marriage from the start and had asked me never to turn back to her should anything happen.

I went to my neighbour and narrated my story, she let me stay with her for a week while I was looking for a job. My husband learned that I was staying with the neighbour and came to accuse her of destroying his family by teaching me adultery but luckily I did find the job as a house keeper and they even allowed me to stay in with my daughter.

I had always thought that my husband loved me and he would not let anything bad happen to me, but through his actions I have decided never to love any man in my life because they are soul destroyers.

## My name is Sabsile Magagula\*

I was married to my husband who loved me so much. I was married through Swazi law and custom and my husband was working for government holding a senior position. When I got married, my mother in law did not like me, she wanted my husband to marry another woman from the area who is a teacher saying I was not working and had just come to finish her son's money.

Each time when my husband came home he was told different stories about me, he was told I hardly stayed home; I go in the morning and come back home late, I don't cook for them as expected from a daughter in law.

The sad thing was that my mother in law would not eat my food even when I had cooked, she only ate when my husband was around.

My step father in law would not say a word and when asked he would only agree with what my mother in law would say.

My husband realised this and decided that we leave his parental home and stay with him in town, we stayed together in town until we bought a piece of land where we built our own home without the knowledge of my mother in law.

When she got the news that we were moving into our new home, she visited us in town and insulted me saying I had come to snatch his son and had taken him to a place they didn't even know. She said I had bewitched my husband and even the three children we have were not his. I phoned my husband at work and he drove home. When my husband came she said I was chasing her away, asking her what she wanted in our house.

I was bold enough to explain to my husband what had happened, fortunately for me I had recorded some of the things she had said using my phone and I played it with everyone listening. Our six-year-old son was also there when all hell broke loose. When his father arrived he told him that mom was crying, when he asked why, the boy told him I was insulted by granny, this saved my day as there was evi-

dence that I wasn't at fault, but it was my mother in law who was on a mission.

My husband tried to talk to her and was told he was not man enough; he had been bewitched and needed to see a traditional healer to neutralise the entire *juju* in his system. After a lengthy discussion, it transpired my mother in law was not ready to listen to anything except wanting his son back home and told us she wanted his son to marry the woman from the area who is a teacher. My husband decided to go buy her groceries, give her money and drive her back home. On his way back from home, he was involved in an accident and died on the spot. I was informed by police in the early morning hours of the night he had died. When I called my in laws, my mother in law told me she did n't want to hear anything about him because I am the one who had killed him.

### Came

On the same day they came and threw me out of the house, loaded all the household goods in our van and drove to their home living me in an empty house with my children because they claimed they didn't belong to their family.

Neighbours came, donated some blankets for me and some food parcels, I was grounded for the whole week without hearing anything from them and not knowing what to do next. After a week they came fetching for me, they found me in the house with my relatives and neighbours, they told me I am needed by my in laws because they were worried why I was not home when my husband had died.

I went there with my relatives, only to find that they had made funeral arrangements, tried to access the money from the bank and had failed, they went to the Master of High Court offices, only to find my husband had written a will and none of them was were in it, just only I and my children and his other brother's son whom we were taking care of.

He wrote on his will that when he died, he would be buried at our newly



built homestead. So when they failed to access the moneys they wanted that is when they called me and when I got there, they asked me if I knew anything about the plans of my husband. I just told them we were preparing to relocate to our new home and some of our belongings were already there and some livestock that we had already bought.

When they asked me about the will I never knew anything about it. They all stood their ground that they will not allow their son to be buried anywhere except his parental home. This went on for over a month before my husband was buried.

During all this, I was counseled by police from the child protection and domestic violence unit, social welfare department and some counselors from other NGOs and individuals.

This helped me a lot and I remained strong as I was getting support from outside.

There is a lot I cannot clearly elaborate through writing here, but my aim is to encourage someone out there that it is important to have a will because even the courts can easily decide on your case if there is a written will. I recovered all I had lost to my mother in law and I buried my husband where he wanted to be buried. Now I am able to take care of my children and I won the battle through courts, it was won very easily because my husband left a will.

Women, let us support each other in times like these because no matter how much your husband may support you, when he dies trouble starts and that is when you will see the real people who love you.



# 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE KHANYISILE'S EYES



They hugged and she introduced me to her friend. 'excuse me please' she left us. I asked the lady I was

with why she was so rude." Don't mind her, she is not bad" she said to me while following her friend

to her room. "How could you bring such people to the group? Who will want her?" "hey, relax will put make

up on her and make friends with her, remember we on business" I could hear them murmuring discreetly.

"Welcome darling" she said. "Hey, don't be like that I was only teasing your brain, um kind dear," she continued.

I was welcomed to their group and made friends with them. They told me that the group was concerned about making themselves happy and reaching out for sweet lives. Money was their only motive. That was how I got into prostitution. Having being used by your own family then kind people from the streets. Who was better than all?

My father led me to this but thank God um out now. I don't ever wish to go back to my family because I blame my dad for all the wrong I did.

## SHATTERED DREAMS

By Sphelele Manyasi\*

I am a female of 31 years I lost my father who was a bread winner at home and have eight sisters we are all from different mothers. Our step mother left us alone after mourning my father's death.

The rest of my sisters knew their mother's places and they left two of us all by ourselves.

We had nothing to do but to seek for jobs by then I was twelve years old and my sister was fifteen. We believed we were going to be exposed to job opportunities if we were to go to Manzini. We did not have bus fare so we negotiated for rides from passing cars and we got one.

When we reached town we drew attention of a woman by the name of Mrs Motsa.

She asked why we were absent from school. We told her our story and she promised to hire one of us to do house chores in her house. She chose my bigger sister and said I should also come with them she was going to get me a job from her friends. Mrs Motsa was a hawker.

She introduced us to her husband and children. Our intention was to work and save money to go back to school. All the house chores were done by us while her children watched television. She then suggested hiring both of us and she divided the labour amongst us. I was responsible to wash school uniforms for her children and polish and shine their school shoes every day. I at least had time to play. My sister would stand from morning till late she was the first one to get up and the last one to sleep.

I would sometimes help her. Came month end we were not paid. We worked for six months and she did not pay us. We then asked when she was going to pay us. She quar-

relled with us told us what exactly would she pay us for. She accused us of not being appreciative as she was feeding us and keeping us safe under her roof, what more did we want.

We were so much bitter about her actions. We agreed between ourselves to go seek for employment elsewhere. The next morning we woke up early we did not do anything but left to seek for greener pastures. We got the same job in another homestead they only needed one person and they also preferred my sister. We separated with my sister and she wished me good luck.

I was then all by myself each homestead I told my story of seeking a job they said I was under age. I thought of going to where I left my sister but I had lost directions, I did not remember the place. It was getting darker and I was scared so I stood by the gate of another homestead because I heard had dogs barking.

As I stood there, a car entered the gate it was the owner of the house, he was drunk.

He shouted at me and accused me of being a thief. I tried to run away but he chased me with his car and forced me in his car and asked me to confess about what I did and who sent me to steal from him? I had to relate my story and he was so touched he took me to his house and prepared me a place to sleep in his spare bedroom.

The next morning when he was going for work he left me with a spare key to come back if I didn't get a job. He told me to feel free and make his place my home.

This man surprised me as I was not offered the job I wanted he was so supportive to me, he never made any advances to sexually abuse me



but treated me like a sister as he always introduced me to his friends and girlfriend as his sister. The problem started when his girlfriend decided to move in with us. I was open to tell her the whole story not knowing she was going to take advantage and ill-treat me. When my brother was at work she used to assign me for house chores and laundry.

She would just be seated and even complain when I made mistakes. She treated me like a slave. I never complained but my brother noticed that something was bothering me and he asked me to tell his girlfriend if there was anything.

He even told her in my presence that she should take care of me because I will be shy to tell him of female issues and if there was need to buy me some pads or any staff she should take care of that.

Life was tense with his girlfriend as she always told me that I should work to be offered all that, but she would pretend as if she was taking

good care of me when my brother was around.

I did not want to cause problems so I did not report her. I pretended all was well I stayed for five years with them. They got married and that was when I learnt my brother did not have a biological sister as I did not have a biological brother too.

I now stay with a boyfriend who is very abusive he broke my virginity and he is a womaniser. My dreams are just shattered. I am not educated, I do not have a job, and I am a no body on earth, my life is a shame.

I don't know if my biological mother is still alive or not. I am still hoping to meet my step sisters. Home still haunts me as the last time I went there with my brother there was no one.

The only home I am sure I still have is my brother's place, but I don't want to cause problems because my sister-in-law does not like me and I know it.

## BEING ILLITERATE IS A PROBLEM

By Nandipha Mhlango\*

It was not until we got married when he showed me his true colours. We had dated for three years and I was sure we were definitely made for each other, till our second month in marriage.

One evening my husband came back from work in a questionable state of sobriety; he showed me a number in his cell-phone and asked me if I knew it, to which I replied to the negative. He told me the number belonged to one Sibusiso whom I did not know, and he said he was my boyfriend.

When I denied knowing him, he strangled me and forced me to confess to the accusation. I stood my ground but he told me this Sibusiso guy would come to get his car repaired at the house the following day.

The day came and yes, somebody came to get his car fixed. I rushed outside to see this anonymous guy who wanted to ruin my marriage, but my husband told me stay in the house and stop running after men. As I peeped through the window, I saw no familiar face, my husband had made this accusation up, but why, I wondered.

Since I was a house-wife, he would come check the door front and when he saw men's shoes prints, I would be beaten until I was numb and be forced to have sex with him. While we have sex, he would tell me I was very wet he could feel that I had been sleeping with other men while he was away and the beating would continue till I turned green.

One day, he told me he was going to work outside town, thus, would come back on the weekend. I saw a chance of going to seek for a job; fortunately, I found it the same day at a restaurant.

Before the first weekend, he returned claiming that he could not stay away from his family and very furious about me working.

He would ensure that I don't enjoy my working life, he stopped buying food for the house, beat me up whenever I bought myself clothes yet he did not buy anything for me; grab me by the hair when I got it done saying that I was wasting money, yet I could not see what he did with his.

One of the worst days, at around 9pm, he told me we should go to the shop, when I told him it was cold, he begged me then we went. I did not notice that he had taken the kitchen knife with him until he grabbed me and threatened to stab me if I didn't tell him whom I'm cheating with.

He tried to stab me but God gave me the strength to block his hand and take the knife and throw it away from him. He then strangled me and a luckily a car come by and he embraced me making it look like we were lovebirds.

We went back to the house where he threatened to kill me in my sleep. I was too traumatised to fall asleep such that I thought of spilling boiling water on him while he was asleep but instead I prayed. In the morning, he confessed to be smoking marijuana, apologised and promised to stop since it was ruining our marriage.

I accepted his apology not knowing that the worst was yet to come.

I would literally run away from any male who talked to me regardless of what he talked about because he had spies all over the place and the consequence would be a severe beating. Whenever he failed to kill me he would try to kill himself by hanging on the rafters.

There was no more life in this relationship so I decided to end it because it seemed like he enjoyed seeing me useless. He felt like he didn't deserve me. There was an educated guy out there waiting for me, as he had not even graduated in primary school.





**REMARKS:** Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase making his remarks. **RIGHT - POSE:** Commissioner General Ntshangase with his executive, Cool Hats Investments representatives (Vulamasango pupils) and their parents, teachers in a group photo after the presentation of the awards at HMCS headquarters.

# COMGEN ACKNOWLEDGES POSITIVE PARENTING

Commissioner General of Correctional Services Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase has acknowledged the positive role played by parents in collaboration with Vulamasango School in nurturing the future of over five hundred pupils.

As the school continues to excel both academically and in extra curricular activities, Ntshangase said it was of paramount importance to recognise the various social partners that play part in the rehabilitation of young persons so that they realise their goals, talents and abilities as optimal learning occurs when any given school, home and community work together in partnership.

On Monday, a group of young achievers from Vulamasango High School visited the commissioner general to present several awards which they won during the Junior Achievement (JA) competition which was held at the University of Eswatini in September. The Junior Achievement programme is aimed at promoting the culture of innovation and entrepreneurship at

## ...As Vulamasango continues to shine

school level and creates a platform for identification and nurturing young entrepreneurs at an early age. The main objective of the programme is to collaborate with the youth through schools to facilitate access to training in technology and innovation to help the younger generation to better understand the world of business and entrepreneurship.

A well thought out, scientifically motivated Cooling Hats project was carried out by the group of pupils during the competition where they scooped several awards and were eventually placed third position, awarding them the opportunity to be amongst the group of pupils who will on November 27; visit the Innovation Hub in the Republic of South Africa.

Owing to that the world today is exposed to harmful Ultra violet rays from the sun which not only deplete the ozone layer but can also cause skin cancer, the pupils opted to create a cool

atmosphere that will accompany people to their outdoor activities without harming the environment.

However, this and many other achievements by the school have not come easy.

### Expressed

The journey to such horizons has not been a stroll in the park but has been through the vision and astute leadership of the commissioner general who has over the years relentlessly worked towards providing a good, conducive learning and working environment.

Speaking during the presentation, Ntshangase expressed appreciation to God, Almighty for his unending guidance and love as He is the reason why the school has been able to achieve in many of its endeavours. Vulamasango School has seen significant change and growth since and has become one of the best performing schools in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

The commissioner general explained

that parents have played a significant role as they have taken the initiative to search for a better future for their children by enrolling them at Vulamasango, a school that offers an extensive range of programmes and services where teachers, social workers, health practitioners, psychologists and chaplains; all work together for the academic development of the pupils.

Unlike in the prison era, where the juvenile school was solely a detention centre for young offenders and as such young delinquents were only admitted in the centre for physical punishment, Ntshangase said Vulamasango has now become a School of Excellence through the close connection that exists between the school and community. He added that clear and consistent expectations are embedded across the whole school as the foundation was about making good choices not poor choices.

On the other hand, Bakhetsile Mdluli who is one of the parents who were present during the presentation expressed



**THANK YOU:** Bakhetsile Mdluli delivering her appreciation remarks to the ComGen.

utmost appreciation to the commissioner general for believing in the younger generation who are tomorrow's leaders.

She said the school (Vulamasango) has been a major player in bringing hope to hundreds of parents who at some point in time were faced with a quandary as their children had made the wrong choices in life.

However, with the good work that the department has done, she said they were optimistic that when their children finish school, they would have so much to give to society.



**WELL DONE:** ComGen Ntshangase congratulates Thuledu Maseko, Siyabuswa Dlamini, Mhlobiso Dlamini and Lindo Mkhonta. In the centre is the designed cool hat.

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'MOVING FROM RHETORIC TO ACTION'

## ESWATINI OPEN FOR BUSINESS

In the past 20 years we may have gone out to the world, attended this meeting or the other, but it is time that from 2019 going forward, we move around the globe to sell nothing but the kingdom and its potential and good opportunities it presents to investors.

In the next few weeks to a month, we expect the Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini and his Cabinet to present his plan of action.

We expect the genesis of that plan to be a Kingdom of Eswatini that is open for business. We expect it to clearly explain in detail how we are positioning ourselves as the destination of choice to foreign direct investors.

This should be an aggressive plan if we want to turn our economy around and put ourselves on a path to achieve our Vision 2022.

Today, it is exactly a year since Zimbabwe's president Emmerson Mnangagwa took over from President Robert Mugabe. After gaining independence from the British, Zimbabwe went through a difficult period between the year 2000 to the time when president Mugabe finally stepped down in November last year.

Their once booming economy between the years 1980 to 2000 had been an envy of the Southern Africa region to one with a discredited currency and a collapsed economy.

This is a period our Prime Minister Mandvulo Dlamini seems to understand in life and likened it to an eagle that once in its lifetime goes through a testing stage of renewal.

It would seem in his first few days in office President Mnangagwa; despite the difficulties back home, saw him going on a world tour to convince business leaders that the once powerful economy is open for business again.

After a long struggle with white farmers who were viciously evicted from their dwellings, President Mnangagwa went around the globe, including neighbours South Africa assuring them that they are once again welcome to revive the once booming agricultural sector.

I am sure that our prime minister can see some similarities between the Kingdom of Eswatini and Zimbabwe, especially the period before 1994 and after. The Kingdom of Eswatini was once a destination of choice during the time preceding 1994. Many big companies, using our proximity to the Republic, chose to be based here than the Republic of South Africa which experienced harsh international sanctions.

The winds of change that blew across the region, in particular South Africa and Mozambique on the East, did not and still do not augur well for the kingdom. The reason is simple, when it mattered



most, the kingdom did not align itself accordingly to face the new realities.

The reality was that our once strong points of appeal diminished and the peaceful environment and stable leadership alone was no longer sufficient to attract the once powerful corporations.

With our economy in the state it finds itself in and the realization that we need to change, we believe that the prime minister's team has realised and seen the need to do things differently.

**Successful**

Doing things differently means now is the time to learn from the experience of countries like Singapore, Malaysia, Switzerland and Luxembourg - countries His Majesty the King described as very small but successful and running first world economies.

It was revealed during the synopsis given by experts like Phil Mnisi at Sibaya that our economic indicators look bad and we have dropped in the Ease of Doing Business index. We expect the prime minister and his team to start hitting the road once they have put together the country's plan to say to the world, The Kingdom of Eswatini remains Africa's New Promise.

In the past 20 years we may have gone out to the world, attended this meeting or the other, but it is time that from 2019 going forward, we move around the globe to sell nothing but the kingdom and its potential and good opportunities it presents to investors.

It is time we choose which global, continental and regional meetings we attend. We don't have

much resources available now, one can suggest that we must limit our involvement in meetings where the issues are not directly speaking to us as Eswatini but delegate our ambassadors to represent government.

We need from now going forward go around the globe looking for partners and further invite them into the country to look for business opportunities. That is what is going to turn our situation around. Attending a global meeting on one thing or the other will not change our situation save for being recognised as a member in good standing. We need more than just being a member in good standing; we need to look out for the interest of Eswatini. Being a member in good standing can only help us access developmental aid.

**Aid**

A country that wants to be amongst the best economies looks beyond aid. In fact, no country has ever achieved sustainable economic development through developmental aid.

This government led by Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini has enough literature in the form of reports and Speeches from the Throne to understand exactly where we are and what we need to do.

The challenge with the previous administration was not to follow up on the policy direction from the Throne. For instance, in 2016, His Majesty the King said the following; "the fiscal sustainability continues to challenge us, because of the highly unpredictable SACU revenues that remain one of the biggest tests of our time. For the

2016/17 fiscal year, it is projected that SACU receipts will fall further than the E6.9 billion of the year 2015/16. We, therefore, need to fasten our belts 'tighter' in order to prepare for this predicament. Our plans for the period ahead should be focused on the transformation imperatives that will accelerate growth, eradicate poverty, create job opportunities, achieve food security in light of the persistent drought and reduce inequality."

He also called upon the government to improve the regulatory framework in business by removing constraints which hinder public private sector partnerships (PPPs) and foreign direct investments.

He said this would be possible with the 30 per cent pension funds local investment. He said the repatriated funds were an opportunity to boost domestic investment to grow the economy whilst at the same time protecting the returns from these funds.

"Utilisation of these resources by the local business community requires careful planning and identification of viable large scale projects that would yield returns ranging in the billions of Emalangeni. We do recognise the projects that have been launched by the pension funds and we still encourage Emaswati to multiply these initiatives. We encourage partnerships within the business sector, incorporating the small, medium and large scale enterprises that would enhance capacity to take up and deliver multi-billion projects for the country. The sooner we join our efforts towards maximising this opportunity, the quicker we can realise a turnaround of our economy."

He went further under the mining and quarry sector to demand that this sector be developed.

He said: "we encourage government to ensure that the nation benefits from processing zones for value addition of our minerals and job creation as soon as possible, guided by an appropriate policy in this regard. This policy should be accompanied by legislation that will adequately safeguard the national interests and prevent export of our raw minerals. The Central Bank and all relevant structures must also play an active role in the safekeeping of our precious stones."

Again, this was never followed up to a level where there is visible evidence of it being implemented. If anything, we have seen a total reverse which has led us to the state of affairs we are in.

In his 2017 Speech from the Throne, again probably realising that nothing was done, he repeated these sentiment on mining: "the full potential of our mining sector remains untapped. We, therefore, need to continue maximising our mining legislation in order to create an environment that is competitive and attracts new investment. In our pursuit of earning foreign revenue with our minerals, we need to ensure that we fully harness the opportunities presented by value addition on our products." In a nutshell we are saying, whatever plan will be put forward, it must be one that demonstrates that the Kingdom of Eswatini is open for business. All potential obstacles must be removed and position the country towards attaining its Vision 2022.

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## Dealing with Diabetes

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**If you inject too deep, the insulin could go into the muscle, where it's absorbed faster but might not last so long (and, it hurts more when you inject into muscle).**

The way that you insert your syringe or pen needle into your skin in order to get a proper dosage of insulin is called 'your insulin injection technique'.

Your healthcare professional can help you to learn an injection technique that will make your insulin therapy as effective and successful as possible.

Injecting at the proper depth is an important part of good injection technique. Most healthcare professionals recommend that insulin be injected in the subcutaneous fat, which is the layer of fat just below the skin.

If you inject too deep, the insulin could go into the muscle, where it's absorbed faster but might not last so long (and, it hurts more when you inject into muscle).

If the injection isn't deep enough, the insulin goes into the skin, which affects the insulin's onset and duration of action.

Most people pinch up a fold of skin and insert the needle at a 90° angle to the skin fold. To pinch your skin properly, follow these steps:

- Squeeze a couple of inches of skin between your thumb and two fingers, pulling the skin and fat away from the underlying muscle. (If you use a four or five millimeter mini pen needle to inject, you don't have to pinch up the skin when injecting at a 90° angle; with this shorter needle, you don't have to worry about injecting into muscle.)

- Insert the needle.
- Hold the pinch so the needle doesn't go into the muscle.

- Push the plunger (or button if you're using a pen) to inject the insulin.

- Release the grip on the skin fold.

- Remove the needle from the skin.

- Note that not everyone injects at a 90° angle.

If you inject into an area of the body that has less fat, you may need to inject at less than a 45° angle, to avoid injecting into a muscle. The angle you should use to insert the syringe or pen needle into your body depends on your body type, the injection site, and the length of the needle that you use. Your healthcare professional can help you determine the right angle of injection for you.

### Remove bubbles from your syringe

Bubbles in your insulin syringe won't harm you if they're injected into your body, but because they're taking up space in the syringe, they'll keep you from getting your entire insulin dose, and that can make it more difficult for you to stay in your target blood sugar range.

# IMPROVING YOUR INSULIN INJECTION TECHNIQUE



There are different ways to avoid bubbles, so ask your healthcare provider to recommend one. Here are two suggestions:

- Draw up your insulin slowly and steadily. You'll know you're drawing too fast when you see bubbles forming in the syringe. If you do see bubbles, push the insulin back into the bottle and re-draw. Do this as many times as needed until the bubbles are gone.

- Draw two more units of insulin into the syringe than you normally need. If you see bubbles, flick the syringe with your thumb and middle finger to make the bubbles rise. You must flick the syringe with some force to get the bubbles to move up, but don't flick too hard, or the needle may bend. Once the bubbles are at the top, or once you have examined the syringe and found no bubbles, push the extra two units of insulin back into the bottle.

- View injection demonstrations to see how to remove air bubbles from a syringe

**Don't forget to push the extra insulin back into the vial - even if there are no air bubbles in the syringe - or you'll get an overdose of insulin.**

If you mix clear and cloudy insulin, you can only remove bubbles from the clear insulin, which is drawn first. You can't remove bubbles after both insulins are in the syringe, because when you push insulin back into the bottle of cloudy insulin, you may be pushing clear insulin into the cloudy bottle. This would cause two problems:

- You won't get the full amount of clear insulin that you need.

- It will change the insulin in the cloudy insulin bottle that you will need to inject at a later time, (because some clear insulin has been mixed into it).

### Injecting another person

The process of injecting insulin into another person isn't much different from injecting yourself.

Training and proper technique are important, and it gets easier with practice.

Family members and friends of people with diabetes who help with injections should:

- Get formal training on injecting insulin

from a diabetes nurse educator.

- Get the details on the person's insulin regimen, injection times, and angle of injection, injection site, and site rotation.

- Wear disposable medical gloves when injecting to protect yourself from insulin leakage or bleeding.

- Use safety-engineered insulin syringes to help prevent getting accidentally stuck by a needle.

*One problem though is that the medication and the equipment are very expensive, not affordable and limited in the country. As the Diabetes Eswatini organisation we kindly urge the government to help and support diabetic people towards those problems they are having in living with diabetes.*

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# lifestyle & entertainment

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## WRITER'S NOTE

WITH NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**W**e're back, your favourite weekend entertainment fix, this week we have you covered. Ladies, this one's for you.

On pages 4-5 we have a young handsome photographer who says he loves capturing moments. Read and get to know Tony Coleman better. He says he has been in the industry for almost ten years and he still loves the hobby. Coleman shares with us how he started out on this photography that has become more than a hobby to him.

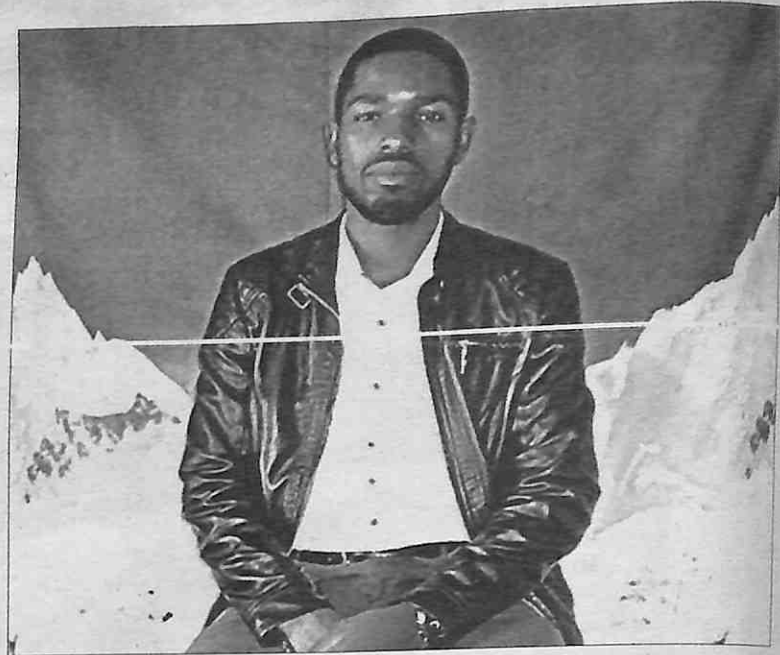
The young man also expresses his love for the art and why he believes that this is a blessing from above.

On pages 2-3 read about Mvikeli Mngomezulu from Lulakeni who released his album last year. The singer said for him, recording an album is a long cherished dream finally coming true.

On page 3 we also give you tips on how to stay motivated and inspired. Read and get inspired to live your dreams. On page 6 read your health guide. This week we speak about Fibromyalgia syndrome. Fibromyalgia is a common neurologic health problem that causes widespread pain and tenderness (sensitivity to touch).

Fibromyalgia is most common in women, though it can occur in men. It most often starts in middle adulthood, but can occur in the teen years and in old age. You are at higher risk for fibromyalgia if you have a rheumatic disease (health problem that affects the joints, muscles and bones) including osteoarthritis, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, or ankylosing spondylitis.

I hope you read and enjoy  
Till next week.



# MVIKELI MNGOMEZULU MAKING WAVES

**I**t is unusual, particularly for a new artist, to churn out albums each passing year as this requires grit or strength of mind. This is not so with Mvikeli Mngomezulu from Lulakeni area under Sigwe Constituency in the Shiselweni region.

The gifted artist now has a second offering in the market titled **Phakama Moya Oyingcwele** after debuting with *'Ingcebo Yami'* last year. Clearly he is one destined for greatness in this topsy-turvy gospel music industry. Only the resolute reach their Canaan of life unperturbed by the circumstances around



them.

Unlike thermometers that detect temperature read-

ings, these unwavering characters are thermostats that change the course of life. Should we say Mvikeli is a thermostat? Well, it is so if the features we've seen in him thus far are anything to go by.

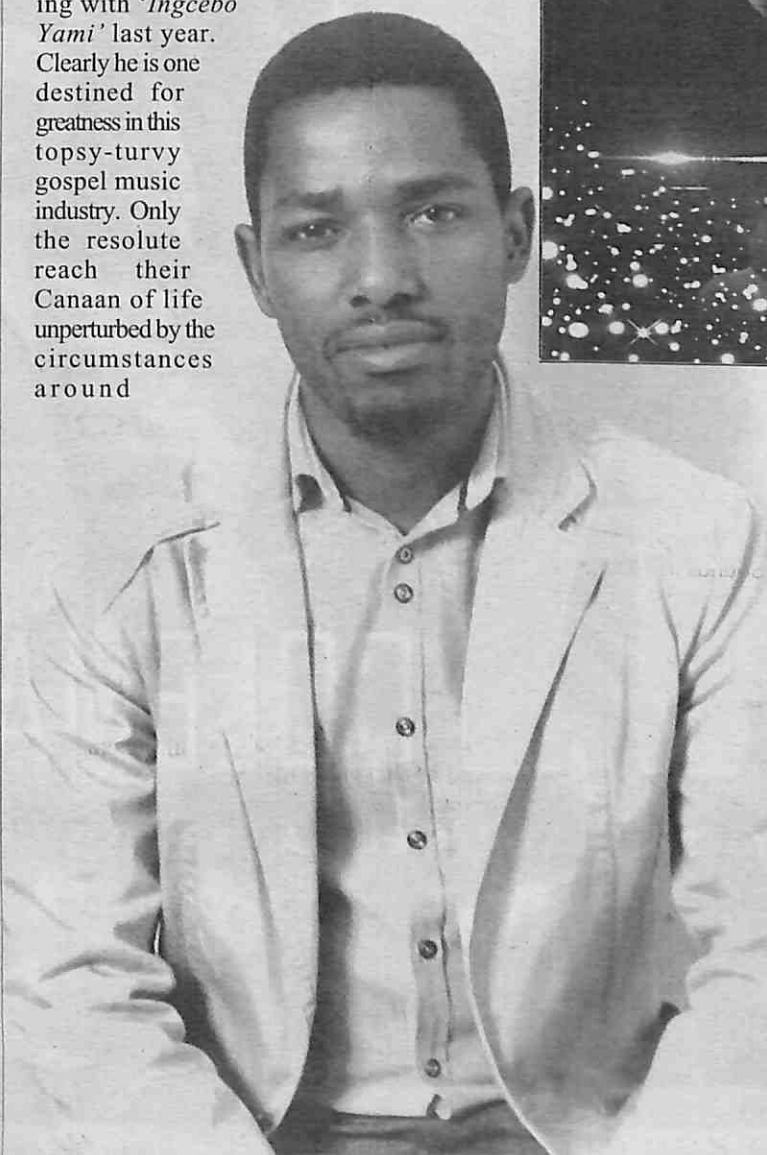
The reason is simple. The Lulakeni born young man released his debut album last year but has now returned with a bang with a second offering likely to leave his eager fans, and gospel music fanatics at large, impressed.

Talk of having a second bit or go at it; that's what Mvikeli has done.

Leading a five-member band, Mvikeli attributes everything to God for guiding him through it all as he delivers on this mandate of entertaining the masses in music.

"For me, recording an album is a long cherished dream finally coming true. From a young age, I always loved singing such that at every turn, I'll mimic my favourite stars and that's how the talent was magnified and cemented upon me. But it was only in 2005 that the path was cleared for me to pursue it," he said.

The turning point was in 2011 though when he accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and personal saviour. This significant decision ensured he





# 6 SIMPLE, REALISTIC WAYS OF STAYING INSPIRED, MOTIVATED

**DO** you have moments when you simply want to get things done, move from where you are in life to the next stage, yet have zero motivation?

Have you been trying to stay inspired? Things may not be going too great as planned, or you simply have so much to do and are overwhelmed so burn out takes the better part of you.

Yasss, you are on the right track reading this. This is the article for you; I'll be sharing 6 simple realistic ways of staying motivated and inspired.

## Write your top three tasks of the day

Write down your three tasks of the day. If you have more go ahead jot them down, but be realistic. What are the three main agendas you have that are so crucial for you to finish today? Find them out and start planning your day around these tasks. Remember to keep the number at three!

## Practice the 50/50 rule

Now that we have established the main tasks that need to be completed today, let's get started.

Work on one important task of the day for 50 minutes, and then take a 10 minute break to refocus. Plan your tasks in order of priority, this way you get what should be done urgently completed and in good time.

It isn't easy but it can be done

## Reflect daily



This is a habit many of us forego mainly because we are probably tired by the time its evening and after a long day at work. But guess what they say, what you do after work is the most important part of your future.

Squeeze in some time for reflection, this will help you self-evaluate your day and know what works and what does not. This way, you are also able to account for your time which is again very important.

## Focus on what makes you happy

Try as much as possible to indulge in your favourite things through the week, and each days. Let's be fair, not everything we do is fun and interesting.

Some may not be things we are excited about, but the thing is they have to be done. So we have to find ways to be inspired and get stuff done when nobody else will.

Express gratitude more often than not. I have started doing a gratitude walk over the weekend, especially on Sunday evenings. During my gratitude walk, I just say out all things I am grateful for.

Later on through the week, I write down 5-10 things I am grateful for in any particular day. It really makes you happier, and gives you more motivation to get what you need done, accomplished. Try it!

## Keep learning

This is a key factor in growing and personal development. This can be easily done through reading, browsing and brainstorming sessions.

Research online; make tutorials your best of friend. There is so much you can gain out there on Youtube. Cultivate a reading culture. As opposed to going for drinks with the same friends over again and over again, try to meet new people.

Network and form support groups. These are essential so your coffee, lunch or drink meet-ups becomes more meaningful. Sharing knowledge and learning, keeps you inspired. This way you stay on track and motivated. Lastly ...

## Stay healthy

Hydrate, drink lots of water throughout your day. Whether you're running errands or at your desk, get accustomed to this habit, you will thank me later! Other than keeping you feeling fresh, alive and energetic water is very good for your skin, we all know this. You can throw in some cucumbers, lemon wedges or even strawberries if you are not a fan of plain water. Exercise if you can, walk, jog, hit the gym for a full work out. Make time for this as it improves your mood. Also, ensure to always get some good rest/sleep at night.

delivered gospel music tunes from an informed perspective rather than singing along as other ignorant souls often do.

It is his parents though that played a huge role in raising him up the Christian way more like **Proverbs 22:6** which states 'Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it'. It was, therefore, inevitable that at some point Mvikeli would become a gospel singer as the seed planted in him had begun to bear fruits over the years.

After dropping out of high school as life fed him lemons when he expected lemonade, Mvikeli migrated to Matsapha where he sought and got employment from one of the factories there. His life was transformed at The Truth Ministries in Matsapha.

"I saw my world collapsing in front of me when I dropped out of high school. It was like my dreams were shattered beyond measure and the future looked bleak. But after accepting Christ as the Scripture says one becomes a new creature and the inner joy is incomparable so that's what kept me going over the years.

"I'm settled and fine in His presence though am not yet where I wish to be. I know that despite and inspite of all nega-

tive things, the future is bright so long as I lean on Him that guides me every step of the way," he says.

You cannot believe it that Mvikeli was in studio just two months back recording this latest offering and when others were anticipating a long wait, he's dropped the new release. If that's not steadfastness at its best, nothing is. The album was recorded at Divine Sounds in Mahlanga area under Lobamba L o m d z a l a Constituency, a relatively new studio owned by Pastor Fanyana D l a m i n i . Though opened this year, this is a fully fledged recording studio set to take in more artists in the not so distant future.

Mvikeli's breakthrough came after he met a Christian man by the name of Mashaba who hails from KaMhlushwa

area in South Africa. The SA brother was to assist Mvikeli in recording his album and launched him into the gospel music scene.

"Mashaba encouraged and motivated me to pursue the craft of music and there was no looking back from there," he says.

His new offering kicks off with the title track *Phakama Moya Oyingwele*, which he describes as a revelation from God and doesn't understand it too. This is because ordinarily exaltations are made to God the Father as One seated on the Throne.

"God reigns in His Trinity so by saying the Holy Spirit deserves to be praised we're lifting praises to Him still".

Next up is *Bayethe Nkosi*, still lifting praises to God as the overall message in this 12-track offering.

## Repent

*Phendukela Kimi* calls for every soul to repent and give their life to Christ as the Son of Man is about to return.

Overwhelmed by circumstances of life, turn to God, he argues.

There is also Tsengisisa Sikhatsi, meant to encourage brethren to redeem the time because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is' per **Ephesians 5:15-16**. Then there is *Izulu lan-*

## Inspirational Corner

### Learning

**T**he process of learning never stops, that means this process forever goes on, it starts in classrooms where children are instructed to sit in rows, even before rows they learn how to identify their heads, shoulders, knees and toes, before you know it those same children are protesting saying that fees must fall, all this is done in pursuit of the key to success once more.

Chasing good credits with the hope that when they are older they will maintain a good credit score, for adults this rule seems to apply even more as they have to learn to cope with the daily grind they also have to learn how to cope with the same routine when the day rewinds. The most important learning we could ever do is learning from mistakes, learning when to press gas and when to hit breaks, learning when to save and when to eat cake, learning how to listen before speaking and not being too loud like phone calls peaking. In the world we live in there is a lot we can learn embracing the lessons helps us grow like a fern that moves skywards towards the sun as it burns. There are lessons to be learned as you study yourself, learning about what you deserve while accepting nothing no less, learning more about the ideas you have, which ones to protect and which ones to project.

By Mlinden Gumedede

*githanda*, which to him emphasises being blessed beyond measure as a Christian irrespective of everything happening in the world.

**"It is by faith that I live and not by sight so I forget the negatives of this life but concentrate on the good things awaiting me in serving Him"**

"It is by faith that I live and not by sight so I forget the negatives of this life but concentrate on the good things awaiting me in serving Him," says the young talented artist.

Seeking God who works in mysterious and mystified works is what *Inhliziyo Yami* emphasises, which is the next track.

"I continuously seek His providence and help for sustenance like a couple walking down the aisle as they rely one on the other".

*Ngcwele Jehova* is another exaltation that celebrates the inex-

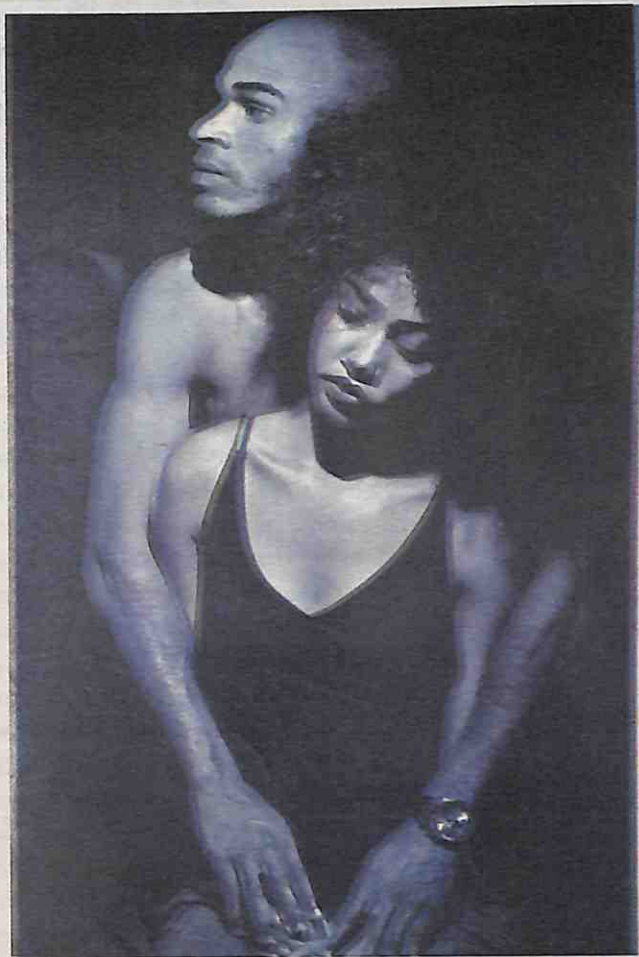
plicable works of God.

Other tracks are; *Ukuhlabelela*, *Nkosi Yami Ungisize*, *E Nkosi Jesu*, *Ngingathula Kanjani* and *Phendukani*.

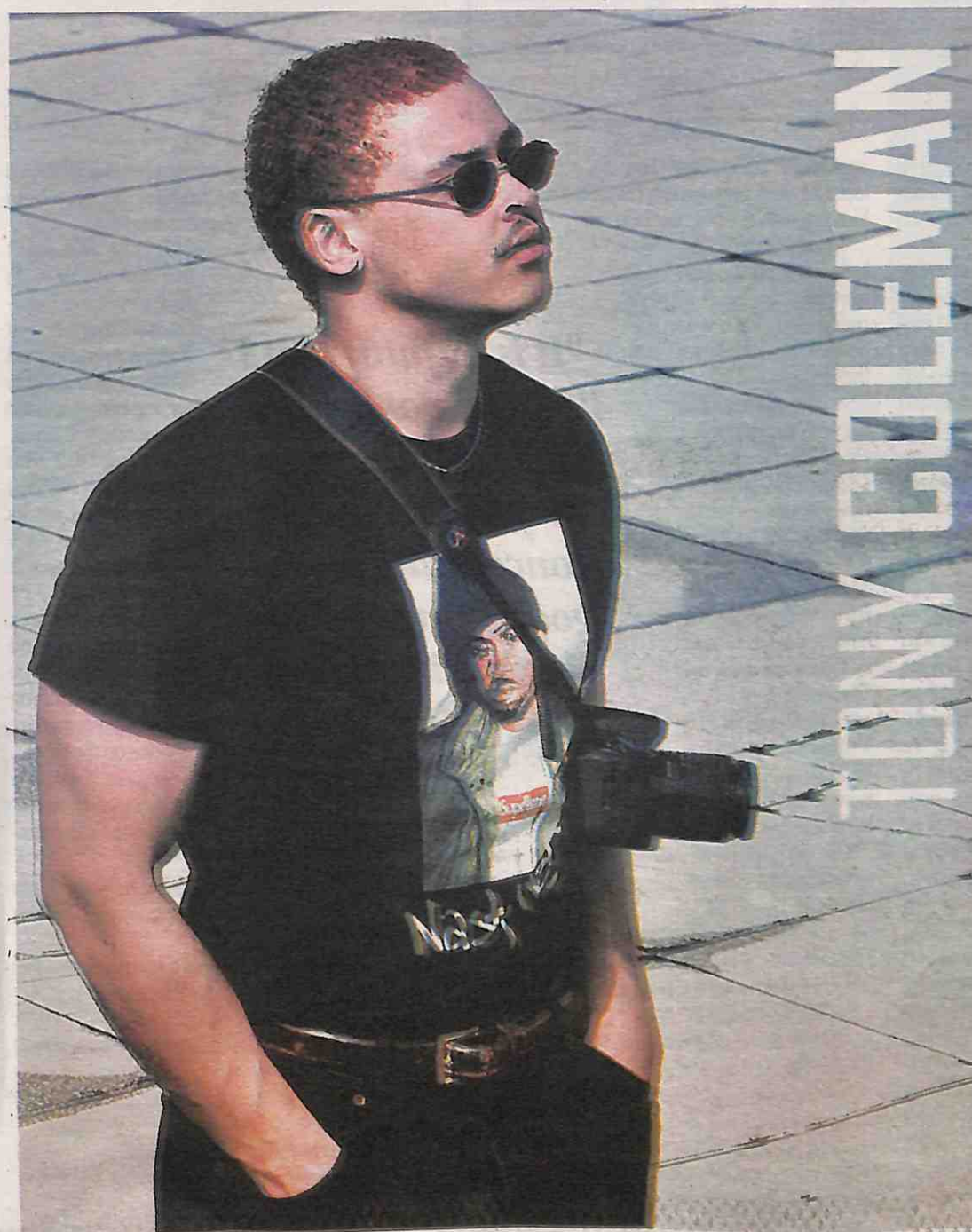
Mvikeli vows to continue lifting praises to God in song so long as body and soul are intact. He is working towards becoming an ACASWA (Association of Christian Artists of Swaziland) member as he has already made the initial contacts with committee members such as PRO Ronnie Dlamini.

There goes another talent from the Shiselweni region! *Yithi Abantu!!!*  
(By Njabulo Dlamini)





# 'MY PHOTOGRAPHY SKILLS ARE A BLESSING'



**T**ony Coleman is the photographer in town you never knew about and the one thing he says he wished he knew before starting out was how expensive this hobby is.

The shutterbug says he captures moments with Nikon's D90 DSLR camera and he started taking an interest in photography and acting 2009, which will make it 10 years as of next year.

Coleman says he is always hanging around better photographers than himself as a means of grasping new photographic trends and tips, 'this practice adds to my experience as a photographer.'

He says the one photographer who influences his work is Leeroy Jason, a Johannesburg based professional photographer. "He inspires me firstly because he's work is exceptional and further because he's worked alongside many prestigious subjects in he's artistry. Finally, his captures are relatable and

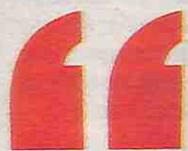
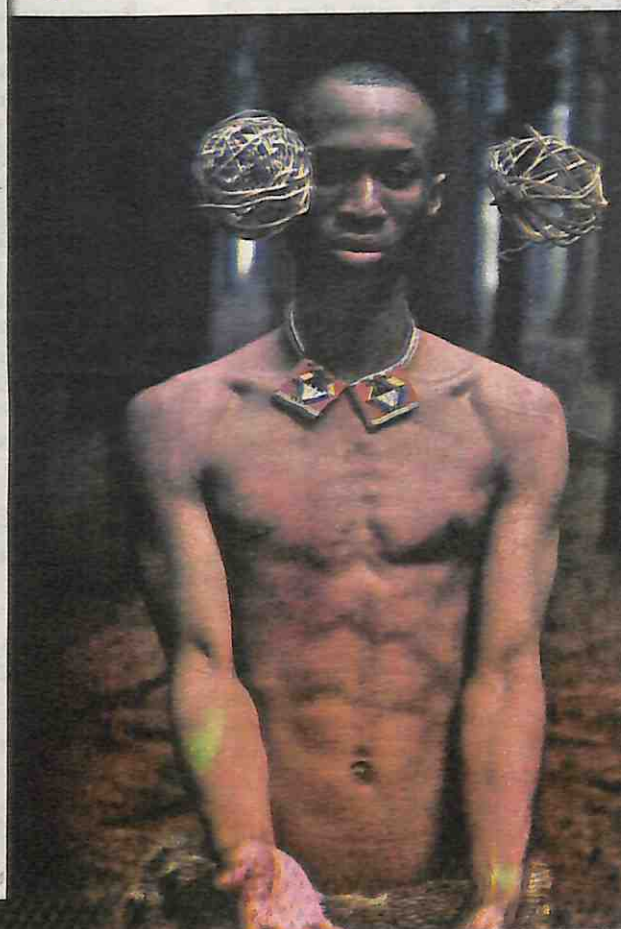
I try to attain the same level of quality. He's handle on Instagram is @darealclickclack for anyone interested in reviewing he's work."

Coleman also says the one thing he wished he knew when he started taking photos was how expensive the hobby is, "it's a very expensive hobby," he said. Initially when the idea came up all those years back, when I used the first DSLR camera that I had borrowed, I hadn't realised how buying photographic equipment can be so costly. Every lens and lighting tool matters, and it's all expensive."

His interest in photography was sparked by his imagination. "My best friend and I, we always imagined ourselves to be such perfectionists. So there was this demand for our Facebook pictures to be as unique compared to other Facebook users. We progressed from using cell phones to using high end DSLR cameras to capture every moment we deemed significant."

Coleman believes that art cannot be learnt which is why he does not have formal training in photography. "I do not believe that there is a master of art. I further do not believe that anyone can teach art or learn it. I have this hypothesis that art is a thing of nature, if you're born with it you're artistic, if





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you're not born with it you aren't artistic. I have no formal training in photography, in fact, I study finance and accounting, my photographic skills are a blessing from above."

He also feels that he didn't choose this line of work, as he says this line of work chose him. "It's a blessing really, as I am fully self taught, I've just taken tricks on the skill from here and that, and gathered what I taught myself."

#### Meditation

"I would like to stress, however, that photography for me is more of a means of escaping from the world, it's more of a meditation technique for me. It is not a line of work; it is a hobby I have, an art I can perform."

He says one of the challenges he has faced in this industry is that of not being marketed enough, and of people not being able to view his work. "I started using my personal Instagram account last year to display some of my work, and the feedback I got was immense. Online marketing solved my problem of not having adequate exposure to an audience. People can follow me @cole\_capture on Instagram to experience my artistry."

He says the one thing he enjoys the most about being a photographer, is the variety of people from different cultural backgrounds and personalities that he gets to meet. He says every gig has a combination of great people.

Coleman is inspired by the reality of doing great things and being credited for those great things that is a concept that has inspired him ever since he can remember.

The pictures I take project feelings, and are not just still moments. I make pictures stand out by them telling you the whole unknown story."

Tony thinks nowadays photography is a fast growing market, and people are really reacting well to it, many people are in demand for better quality photographers in Eswatini. To him photography means he can stop time and save it in a memory, a captured image that he authored.

"I have no favourite image from my work that I could point out, I feel like that favourite picture is yet to come, stay posted. I wish I can take a picture of Jesus, but if not Jesus, than I wouldn't mind taking a picture of Kanye West."

By Nokwanda Sibandze

## Song of the Week

### Cardi B ft J Balvin, Bad Bunny -I like it

Yeah baby, I like it like that  
You gotta believe me when I tell you  
I said I like it like that  
You gotta believe me when I tell you  
I said I like it like

[Cardi B:]

Now I like dollars, I like diamonds, I like stunting, I like shining  
I like million dollar deals, where's my pen? Bitch I'm signin'  
I like those Balenciagas, the ones that look like socks  
I like going to the jeweler, I put rocks all in my watch  
I like texts from my exes when they want a second chance  
I like proving niggas wrong, I do what they say I can't  
They call me Cardi Bardi, banging body  
Spicy mami, hot tamale  
Hotter than a Somali, fur coat, Ferrari  
Hop out the stu', jump in the coupe (the coupe)  
They trippin' on top of the roof  
Flexing on bitches as hard as I can  
Eating halal, driving the Lam'  
Told that bitch I'm sorry though  
Bout my coins like Mario (Mario)  
Yeah they call me Cardi B, I run this shit like cardio  
Oh, damn

Diamond district in the jag (I said I like it like that)  
Certified, you know I'm gang, gang, gang (I said I like it like)  
Drop the top and blow the brains (I said I like it like that)  
Oh he's so handsome, what's his name? (I said I like it like)  
Oh I need the dollars (I said I like it like that)  
Beat it up like piñatas (I said I like it like-)  
Tell the driver, close the curtains (I said I like it like that)  
Bad bitch make him nervous (I said I like it like)  
Cardi B

[Bad Bunny:]

Chambean, chambean, pero no jalan (¡Jalan!)  
Tú compras to'a las Jordan, boba, a mí me las regalán (jejeje)  
I spend in the club (wuh), what you have in the bank (yeh)  
This is the new religion, bang, en Latino gang, gang, yeh  
Trato de hacer dieta (yeh), pero es que en el closet tengo mucha grasa (wuh)  
Ya mude la Gucci pa' dentro de casa, yeh (¡Wuh!)  
Cabron, a ti no te conocen ni en Plaza (no)  
El Diablo me llama pero Jesucristo me abraza (améri)  
Guerrero como Eddie, que viva la raza, yeh  
Me gustan boricuas, me gustan cubanas  
Me gusta el acento de las colombianas (¿Qué hubo pues?)  
Como mueve el culo la dominicana (¿Qué lo que?)  
Lo rico que me chingan las venezolanas (¡Wuh!)  
Andamos activos, Perico Pin Pin (woo)  
Billetes de cien en el maletín (ching)  
Que retumbe el bajo, Bobby Valentín, yeh (boo)  
Aquí es prohibido amar, díles Charytín  
Que pa'l picor les tengo Clarityn  
Yo llevo a la disco y se forma el motín (rrr)

[Cardi B:]

Diamond district in the jag (I said I like it like that)

[Bad Bunny:]

Bad Bunny, baby, be, be, be

[Cardi B:]

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[J Balvin:]

Como Celia Cruz tengo el azúcar (azúca)  
Tu jeva me vio y se fue de pecho como Jimmy Snuka (ah)  
Te vamos a tumbar la peluca  
Y arranca pa'l carajo cabron, que a ti no te vo'a pasar la hookah (hookah, hookah)  
Mis tenis Balenciaga, me reciben en la entrada (woo)  
Pa-pa-pa-parazzi, like I'm Lady Gaga (woo)  
Y no te me hagas (ey)  
Que en cover de Billboard tú has visto mi cara (ey)  
No salgo de tu mente  
Donde quieras que viajes has escuchado "Mi Gente"  
Yo no soy high (high), soy como el Testarossa (rossa)  
Yo soy el que se la vive y también el que la goza (goza, goza)  
Es la cosa, mami es la cosa (cosa, cosa)  
El que mira sufre y el que toca goza (goza, goza)

[J Balvin (Cardi B):]

I said I like it like that  
I said I like it like that  
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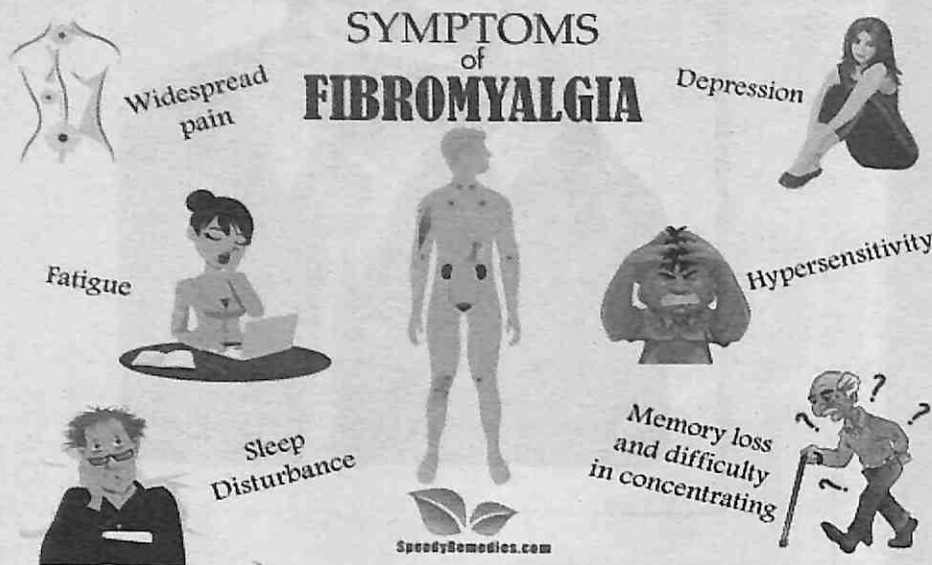
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# PHYSIOTHERAPY AND PAIN

## FIBROMYALGIA/ FIBROMYALGIA SYNDROME (FMS)



symptoms including face or jaw pain, jaw clicking, and ringing in the ears)

### How is fibromyalgia diagnosed?

A doctor will suspect fibromyalgia based on your symptoms. Doctors may require that you have tenderness to pressure or tender points at a specific number of certain spots before saying you have fibromyalgia, but they are not required to make the diagnosis.

A physical exam can be helpful to detect tenderness and to exclude other causes of muscle pain. There are no diagnostic tests (such as X-rays or blood tests) for this problem. Yet, you may need tests to rule out another health problem that can be confused with fibromyalgia.

Because widespread body pain is the main feature of fibromyalgia, health care providers will ask you to describe your pain. This may help tell the difference between fibromyalgia and other diseases with similar symptoms.

Other conditions such as hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid gland) and polymyalgia rheumatica sometimes mimic fibromyalgia. Blood tests can tell if you have either of these problems. Sometimes, fibromyalgia is confused with rheumatoid arthritis or lupus. But, again, there is a difference in the symptoms, physical findings and blood tests that will help your health care provider detect these health problems. Unlike fibromyalgia, these rheumatic diseases cause inflammation in the joints and tissues.

### How is fibromyalgia treated?

There is no cure for fibromyalgia. However, symptoms can be treated with both non-drug and medication based treatments. Many times the best outcomes are achieved by using multiple types of treatments.

People with fibromyalgia should use non-drug treatments as well as any medicines their doctors suggest. Research shows that the most effective treatment for fibromyalgia is physical exercise.

Physical exercise should be used in addition to any drug treatment. Patients benefit most from regular aerobic exercises. Other body-based therapies, including Tai Chi and yoga, can ease fibromyalgia symptoms. Although you may be in pain, low impact physical exercise will not be harmful.

### Medications

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently approved three drugs for the treatment of fibromyalgia. They include two drugs that change some of the brain chemicals (serotonin and norepinephrine) that help control pain levels: duloxetine (Cymbalta) and milnacipran (Savella).

Older drugs that affect these same brain chemicals also may be used to treat fibromyalgia. These include amitriptyline (Elavil) and cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril). Other antidepressant drugs can be helpful in some patients. Side effects vary by the drug. Ask your doctor about the risks and benefits of your medicine.

The other drug approved for fibromyalgia is pregabalin (Lyrica). Pregabalin and another drug, gabapentin (Neurontin), work by blocking the over activity of nerve cells involved in pain transmission. These medicines may cause dizziness, sleepiness, swelling and weight gain.

### Physiotherapy

Living with fibromyalgia can be challenging. Your pain and other symptoms might take different forms from day-to-day. If you avoid activity because of pain, your overall physical fitness might be decreased.

Extensive research supports the use of education, aerobic exercise, and strengthening exercise to help improve fibromyalgia. But fear of pain often keeps people from beginning an exercise programme. Your physiotherapist will teach you how to interpret pain signals—and how to manage and decrease your symptoms—through a customised exercise program.

Your physiotherapist can help you improve not only your fitness, but your quality of life by designing a programme of aerobic exercise, which trains your heart and lungs as well as your muscles. Aerobic exercises include walking briskly (you can talk but you need to take deep breaths), bicycling, swimming, and using a stair-climbing or elliptical device.

If you have severe symptoms, your physiotherapist will work with you to gradually increase your overall activity level and your tolerance for exercise, starting you off with exercises that you are able to perform for short periods (eg, 10 minutes), and then gradually building up your tolerance for

longer exercise. Even short, 10-minute exercise sessions done two or three times per day can improve your strength and increase your endurance. If you have milder symptoms, the physiotherapist might focus on strengthening your muscles or increasing your cardiovascular fitness. The physiotherapist might recommend aquatic exercise in a pool to help reduce stiffness and pain while you exercise.

Even if you start out slowly, you are likely to have more pain as a result of increasing your activity. Your physiotherapist will prepare you by teaching you techniques that you can use at home, such as relaxation techniques and stretching exercises.

You might have other conditions in addition to fibromyalgia, such as tendinitis, arthritis, or heart disease. These conditions can make exercise more difficult for you. Your physiotherapist is uniquely trained to individualise treatment for those conditions, taking into consideration the effect that they might have on your fibromyalgia symptoms and on your exercise ability.

You may be prescribed medications that target brain chemicals that are responsible for the way your body deals with pain. Physiotherapists also take into account the effects that medications may have on your movement and exercise ability.

### Improve your range of motion

Your physiotherapist may use manual therapy techniques to move your joints while you are relaxed to help improve your joint motion. These techniques are combined with exercise, stretching, and movements that you control.

### Use special techniques

Research indicates that the best results are likely to come from combining a variety of treatments. Appropriate medications, exercise, and "mind-body techniques" can work together to help you manage your symptoms.

Some techniques, such as meditation and cognitive behavioral therapy, can change your responses to pain and promote relaxation. Physiotherapists also are educated and experienced in how to recognize behaviors that may interfere with recovery of function, and often refer patients to other health care professionals who can help them overcome these barriers.

Your physiotherapist might use biofeedback to help you control muscle tension and decrease pain, using a device that provides you with information about the amount of tension in your muscles. The physiotherapist places electrodes on your skin with a soft gel, and these electrodes record muscle tension while your physiotherapist explains how you can relieve that tension.

Your physio can also show you how to set a routine time for sleeping and waking to allow for good restorative sleep. They will discourage you from sleeping in the daytime, as that can throw off your sleep cycle.

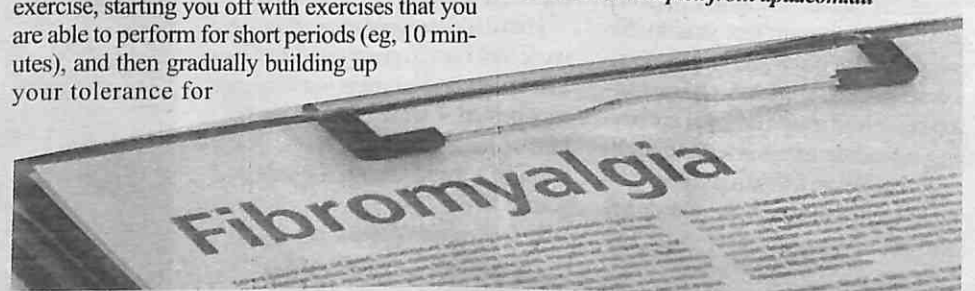
For more information on fibromyalgia or if you suspect you might have fibromyalgia, contact your local physiotherapist so you can get the help you need.

NB: Article adapted from [apta.com.au](http://apta.com.au)

Symptoms of fibromyalgia that patients most often have are:

- Tenderness to touch or pressure affecting muscles and sometimes joints or even the skin
  - Severe fatigue
  - Sleep problems (waking up unrefreshed)
  - Problems with memory or thinking clearly
- Some patients also may have:
- Depression or anxiety
  - Migraine or tension headaches
  - Digestive problems: irritable bowel syndrome (commonly called IBS) or gastroesophageal reflux disease (often referred to as GERD)
  - Irritable or overactive bladder
  - Pelvic pain
  - Temporomandibular disorder - often called TMJ

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## POETRY CORNER



### CHANGING THE PAST

The past is the past for a reason.

That is where it is supposed to stay,  
But some cannot let it go.  
In their heads it eats away

Until all their focus becomes  
The person they used to be,  
The mistakes they made in  
their life.

Oh, if only they could see

That you cannot change what  
happened,  
No matter how hard you try,  
No matter how much you  
think about it,  
No matter how much you  
cry.

What happens in your life-

time

Happens for reasons  
unknown,  
So you have to let the cards  
unfold  
Let your story be shown.

Don't get wrapped up in the  
negative.

Be happy with what you have  
been given.

Live for today not tomorrow.  
Get up, get out, and start liv-  
ing,

Because the past is the past  
for a reason.

It's been, and now it is gone,  
So stop trying to think of  
ways to fix it.

It's done, it's unchangeable,  
move on.

## SOAPIE WATCH | SOAPIE WATCH | SOAPIE WATCH | SOAPIE WATCH



**Monday 26 November**

**M**piyakhe starts to realise that there are things about Sibongile that he does not know. Samson, reeling from his news, is faced with a tough choice.

**Tuesday 27 November**

**M**piyakhe tasks Fezile with finding out about Sibongile's past. Samson's actions cause some confusion for his family.

**Wednesday 28 November**

**S**ibongile knows that she must tell Mpiyakhe the truth about her past. Samson's uncertainty leads to an angry confrontation, before he finally makes his decision.

**Thursday 29 November**

**S**ibongile realises that Mpiyakhe has been investigating her. Samson's unusual behaviour leads people to jump to the wrong conclusion. Lillian is worried about her test results.

**Friday 30 November**

**S**ibongile confronts Mpiyakhe about what she has discovered. Saddam and Lillian finally get the news they have been waiting for.

## ISIDINGO

**Monday 26 November**

**A** beautiful young woman arrives on Sechaba's doorstep with terrible news. Majola vows to make Nina pay for his partner's death. Wendy continues to struggle with her feelings for Hendrik.

**Tuesday 27 November**

**P**hindile decides to escalate her fight when Ntando doesn't agree to pay the two million rand compensation. Things get heated as Obakeng and Cebisa fight over who rules the Zamdela empire. Gatanga puts his foot down. Anja tries to come to terms with reality but it's tricky.

**Wednesday 28 November**

**P**hindile asks as huge favour of the miners that could get them into a lot of trouble. Obakeng's life is under threat from more than one enemy. Wendy makes Hendrik an offer he can't refuse.

**Thursday 29 November**

**S**ibiya and Makgorometsa find themselves between a rock and a hard place. Cebisa sets a trap for Majola and her name is Veronica. Lalage gets territorial with Wendy over Hendrik.

**Friday 30 November**

**P**hindile is on the warpath and it looks like she's taking no prisoners. Majola finds himself on the wrong side of the law.



**Monday 26 November**

**E**veryone is shocked to meet the new Susan. Sundani enjoys unsettling the world. Gugu hears Mme Mashigo out but it doesn't end well.

**Tuesday 27 November**

**M**ulalo gets a ghostly warning that leads him to act impulsive. Gugu gets physical with Mme Mashigo. Moliehi has her first encounter with Lucky.

**Wednesday 28 November**

**M**ulalo is about to do the unthinkable. Gugu is not happy when Brother Max gives her something from her mother. Thobile is rattled to learn about Lucky and Moliehi.

**Thursday 29 November**

**S**undani appoints herself as the regent of Thathe. Gugu is broken down by Mme Mashigo's letters. Thobile struggles with her conflicting feelings for Lucky.

**Friday 30 November**

**T**he chasm in the chieftaincy widens. Gugu makes a very big decision. Thobile snubs Lucky.



**Monday 26 November**

**S**uffo tries to outwit Lerumo, but Lerumo is one step ahead of him. Blossom tries to broker peace. David sets up another trap for Bongi.

**Tuesday 27 November**

**L**erumo comes with further demands and reveals his evil plan. Rene launches the Kleva campaign and gets help from an unexpected source. Bongi takes up David's challenge to perform her new song.

**Wednesday 28 November**

**S**uffo makes a new plan to meet Lerumo's demands. David tries to sabotage Bongi's performance. Rene inspires a young fan.

**Thursday 29 November**

**S**uffo plans a heist to get the money for Lerumo. Mampho finds out that Rene is being body shamed online. David and Bongi make a truce.

**Friday 30 November**

**N**iki forces herself into the heist. Rene is shocked by what the reality show expects. Sabelo is stunned when he learns his neighbour got an RDP house.

## SCANDAL!

**Monday 26 November**

**A** former gangster makes a business proposition to an associate, but will the associate fall for it? Phindi makes a decision which upsets Javas and this leads to unexpected consequences. Another couple 'breaks up'.

**Tuesday 27 November**

**A** police officer betrays his superior's wishes and leaks information to a colleague. Gloria finds that her lunch times are not what they used to be and objects loudly. A mother finds out worrying information about her daughter's marriage.

**Wednesday 28 November**

**A** double crosser is about to be double crossed by an ally with a secret grudge. A wife is unhappy to realise she has less sway with her husband than an inconvenient guest. Two exes try and move on from their break up with different degrees of success.

**Thursday 29 November**

**N**eo is warned of a clear and present danger but is the warning timeous? Tshepo does an about turn but still Chumani gets no joy.

**Friday 30 November**

**N**eo and Quinton find themselves in hot water with the police. Stokkies and Gloria learn that someone could be taking advantage of their colleagues. Romeo gets a confession out of his therapist.



### Baby Blues



### Blondie



### Hagar the Horrible





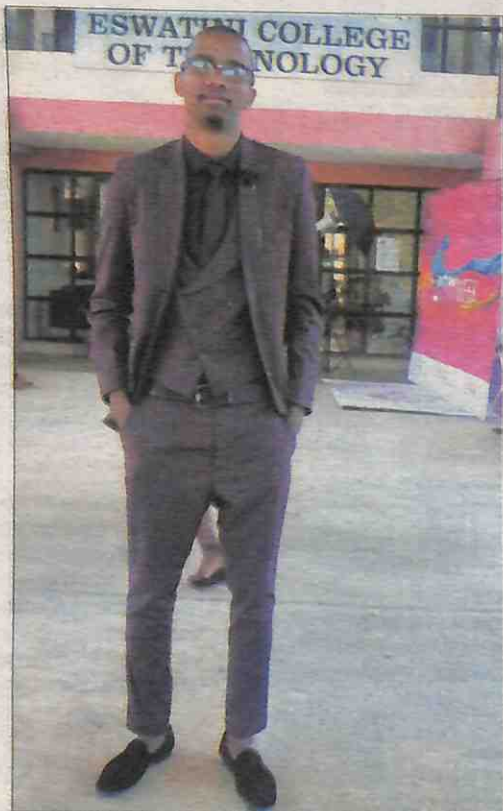
# GRADUATION FASHION DO'S

**F**ashion do's and don'ts are important so that people know what and what not to wear for any event that they attend.

On this section today we are giving you the low-down on the graduation fashion we have seen over the past weeks. Students from universities in the country tried their best to look good for their graduation, some hit the spot and unfortunately some missed it.

Here are the few looks we have seen to be the dos and don'ts for graduation day. These are student from different universities in the country; we hope that the graduating class of 2019 take notes on how to dress for their graduation and most importantly on what not to wear.

(By Nokwanda Sibandze)



**DO:** Classic man, this is just right. Wearing a different colour suit gives you an edge. It does not only make you fashion forward but it also makes you brighten up the room. More guys should look into wearing suits with unusual colours to make them compete for the best look with the ladies.



**DO:** This look is not only beautiful but it is also conservative, the pink works well with the white and since she is wearing a pants suit showing a little skin with the white top is the perfect way to finish off this outfit. Well done girl!



**DO:** You go girl, this is not only beautiful but it also celebrates African print. This look proves that you can celebrate your culture and still look fabulous. This dress and those shoes is perfect for graduation. If you are not comfortable with the length you can always make it longer and just ensure that it does not hide your body shape.

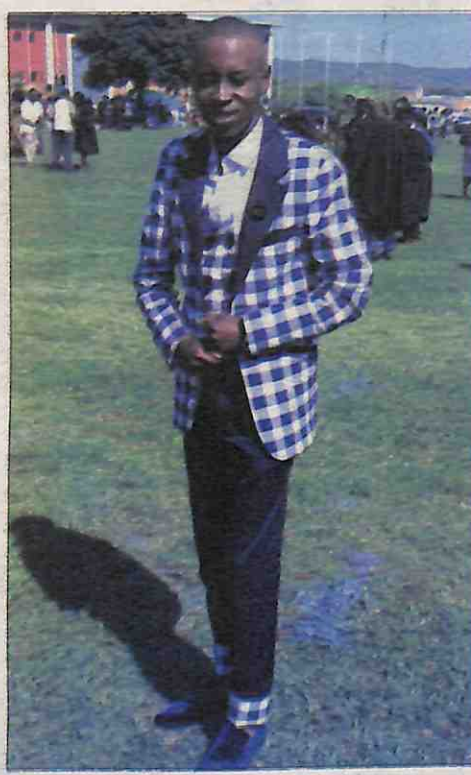


**DO:** Yaaaas, classic example of what a gentleman should look like in a suit. Not only is this the perfect colour but it also screams 'fashion'. The hair colour also works well with the outfit. Take notes because this is how you should look for your graduation.

# GRADUATION FASHION DONT'S



**DON'T:** This is just wrong, the colour is beautiful but the design and the way it fits does nothing for her body, you shouldn't be afraid to show off your curves at your graduation because the gown itself has too much fabric that is already hiding your body, so a tight dress should be your first choice.



**DON'T:** This outfit is a no, mainly because of the pants. The detail on the pants was not necessary because the jacket has enough detail. The fact that the waistcoat also has detail makes it an overload for just one outfit. A clean white shirt and the jacket with plain blue pants would have worked just fine, keep it simple.



**DON'T:** Girl no, it is highly advisable to wear something shorter than your gown, it may not be skimpy but ankle high also works. The trail on this dress kills the entire outfit. Without the trail this dress could be perfect but if you are not comfortable with short dresses make it ankle high and tight-fitting.



**DON'T:** This was not so bad, except that it looks too simple for a graduation. A beautiful neckpiece could have done wonders for this outfit. Next time keep it simple but remember you only have one 'first' graduation and you need to make it count.



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With: Thulani Lushaba

# GLOBAL TRENDS - THE CASE OF A PAPERLESS CLASSROOM

**“We need technology in every classroom and in every pupil’s and teacher’s hand, because it is the pen and paper of our time,” said esteemed author and educator David Warlick. “It is the lens through which we experience much of our world.”**

Many top educators and administrators view the idea of a paperless classroom as an inevitability in education.

In today’s digital age, these educators believe that a paperless classroom promotes a more efficient and organised classroom while preparing pupils for the practical world outside classroom walls. In other words, if every facet of life is becoming increasingly reliant on technology, then why not equip students accordingly?

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This sentiment is shared by many educators, administrators, and parents in the educational community, and for good reason. However, implementing a plan through technological mediums still necessitates the same care and mindfulness of creating a conventional lesson plan, and transitioning to online platforms isn’t without its own unique hurdles.

## Practical first steps (and challenges) for the paperless classroom

According to a recent article by Educational Technology and Mobile Learning, using a simple visualisation web tool — such as Stat Planet for creating infographics — coupled with a document-sharing tool like Google Drive is an excellent first step to explore the potential of paperless teaching methods. These Web tools deliver key concepts to pupils while promoting collaboration and improving classroom efficiency, both of which are demonstrable advantages of the paperless classroom. By utilising and mastering a few online tools (and not introducing too many at once), educators can explore paperless benefits and transition slowly into a completely paperless classroom.

Before introducing these new elements, however, it’s vital that educators are knowledgeable and comfortable with administering all web tools to be used in the classroom. A lack of in-depth educator training will inevitably cause hiccups in workflow, cause undue teacher and student frustration, and compromise classroom efficiency.

Access to devices and adequate Internet bandwidth are also practical needs for making the switch to a paperless classroom. Needless to say, some schools are more readily equipped to transition than others. Budget allocation is always a hot topic, particularly for public schools, so creating line-item budget plans with administration for the paperless classroom is a crucial first step. However, as devices become less expensive, implementing a paperless classroom is becoming more financially practical.

When these simple first steps are introduced and conscientiously implemented, transitioning to a paperless classroom is a results-proven option and not an experimental, theoretical proposition.

## Learning management solutions and classroom websites

Increased classroom productivity and efficient time management are key aspirations for any educator. When properly used, a learning management solution (LMS) is the virtual classroom that enables educators to better meet these goals. These online ecosystems allow pupils to interact with teachers and peers, access assignments, explore content, and more. While there are hundreds of learning management solutions, Moodle and Blackboard are two popular platforms because of their flexibility, ease of use, and robust features.

Although implementing an LMS is a popular option, many educators also choose to create their own website, either through a simple blog platform or by constructing a template. Google recently introduced an easy-to-install, Open Source (Apache 2.0) Course Builder for educators. Through a comprehensive process, an educator can set up and customize his or her classroom’s site.

Whether you choose an LMS or build a website, the online platform will serve as the backbone for your paperless classroom. Working in tandem with your platform, educational apps will offer administrative services, organize documents, and facilitate collaboration between teachers and pupils.

## Helpful apps for interaction and collaboration

To manage a paperless classroom, the right apps are very important. When it comes to organising, sharing, and collaborating on documents, Google Docs is an excellent paperless classroom tool. Instead of running your red ink dry, Google Docs offers multiple ways to offer critiques and allows teachers to have a dialogue with

pupils in real-time. Teachers simply highlight and comment on a section, and pupils have the ability to comment or request clarification. For educators, Google Docs also features research tools, allowing teachers to easily add images, graphics, or any other relevant content to an existing document.

Many educational guides, first-hand teacher accounts, and articles cite Evernote as a ubiquitously useful tool in the paperless classroom. Evernote is a note-taking application that can organise lesson plans, manage workflow, clip content from the Web, and much more. Simple to use, free, and compatible with virtually all mobile devices and desktop computers, Evernote automatically syncs across multiple platforms, allowing teachers to share information with pupils effortlessly. With Evernote, pupils can take notes, store and share information, and organise assignments.

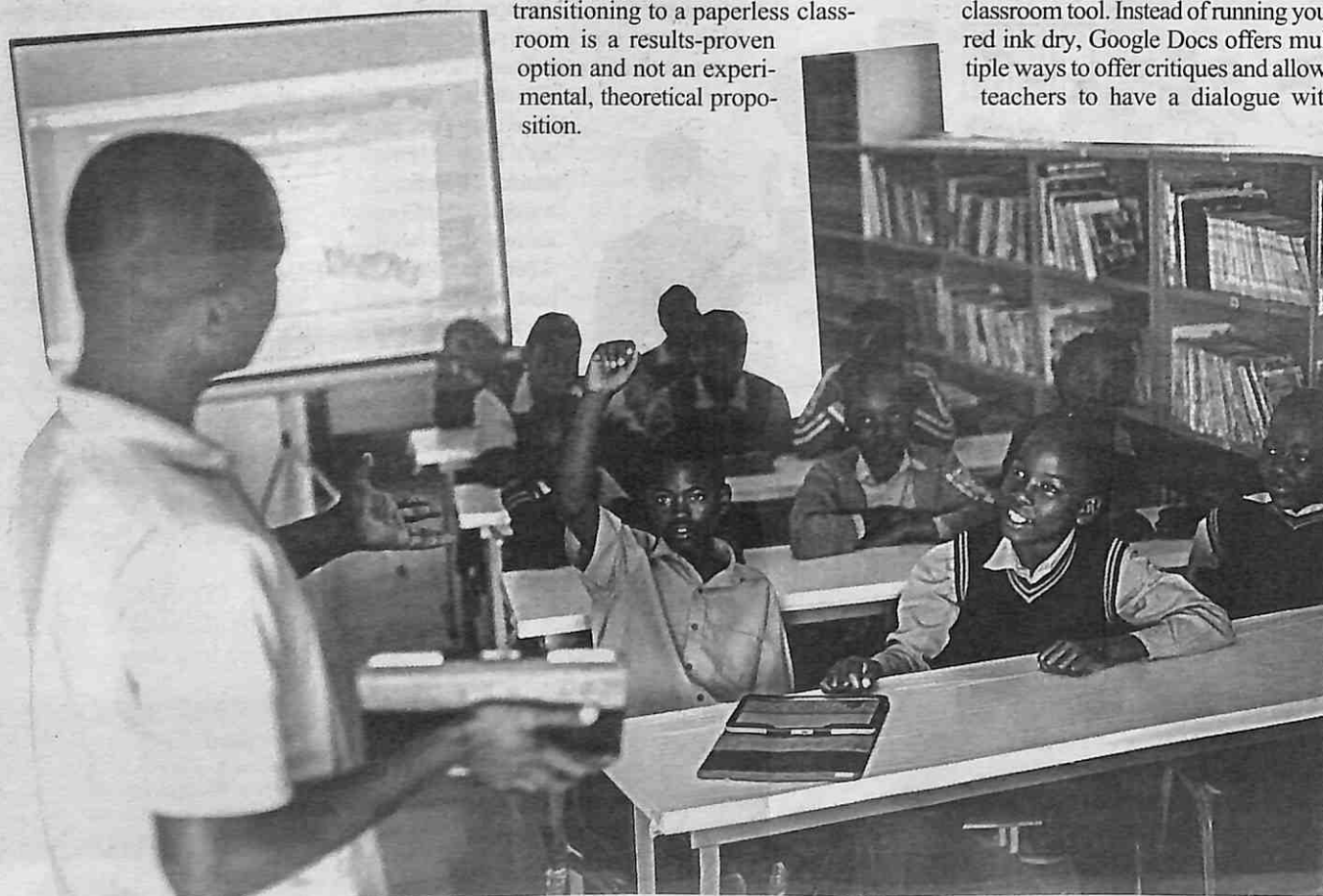
When Edudemic covered digital student portfolios last year, we found that Evernote is also useful for creating an e-portfolio to document a student’s progress. By accessing an organizational application such as Evernote, parents can easily follow the classroom curriculum, and both teachers and parents can track pupils’ progress.

## Recent trends toward the paperless classroom

In 2013, a company in the United States conducted a nationwide survey of educators to provide a snapshot of the technology being used in the classroom and to gauge teachers’ overall attitudes toward classroom technology. Of the educators surveyed, approximately 75 per cent considered technology beneficial to multiple facets of learning. Educators stated that technology allowed information to be reinforced and expanded while accommodating various learning styles. In addition, roughly half of teachers reported using technology for online lesson plans, and a bit under half reported using digital devices for online games and activities.

The growing trend of using technology to go paperless is due, in part, to the increasing access to devices. In fact, the study showed that more than one-third of teachers now use a tablet or e-reader in their classroom — a 20 per cent increase from 2012. According to another survey, 94 per cent of educators also reported that pupils demonstrated improved learning and achievement when technology, such as a tablet, was integrated into the classroom. EdSurge also recently published a piece about how pupils feel about going paperless, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

A paperless classroom offers pupils an interactive, resource-filled platform that also strengthens practical skills. Such skills as technological know-how and peer collaboration are crucial in the modern world. As teachers continue to acclimate to new educational technology, paperless classrooms will continue to redefine teaching methodologies. With the right technology and careful implementation, the paperless classroom can create boundless possibilities for future education.







## ECONOMICS TODAY

**WITH:** George Choongwa

# THE ART OF BEING A STRATEGIST IN BUSINESS

**A vision goes from one generation to the other due to constant changing processes. Therefore, make sure you cement your vision at least 50 years from now, what do you think will be happening to your business? If you can answer this question correctly, you might as well end here because this article might not be for you.**

Every successful business borrows its secrets from a given point of view. Among many of them, let's consider the art of being a strategist.

First of all, it is important to note that operating a business calls for a strong perception of things and its through this kind of thinking that most of the successful business people can admit that it usually takes one's life time to become a successful business person. However, the secrete lies in the thinking part. Strategic thinking is what lacks in most people who wish to do better business.

### Process of strategic thinking

It is important to note that strategic thinking does not happen by accident, but it is a matter of constant practice, taking into consideration certain rules. Remember that arm generals learn certain principles for them to become even more effective, so is strategic thinking in business. Remember that the process of strategic thinking is only driven by one principle, which is a plan with the aim to link ends, ways and means. Though the most challenging part involves the thinking required to develop the plan based on uncer-

tain, ambiguous, complex or volatile knowledge information and data (Jacobs & Jacques, 1989). This is why some experts like Freedman (2003) agrees with this and defines strategy as the framework of choices that determine the nature and direction of an organisation.

Here are some of the common issues one can consider when developing a strategic mindset:

## Strong vision

Having a strong vision is not easy yet without it, any business is good for nothing. Vision is seeing something you will not really get, but have the hope of getting it. In other words, true visions never come true, but they keep you moving, it is only the dream that comes true in business. A vision goes from one generation to the other due to constant changing processes. Therefore, make sure you cement your vision at least 50 years from now, what do you think will be happening to your business? If you can answer this question correctly, you might as well end here because this article might not be for you. However, with a clear understanding of this notion, let's move to the next concept.

Remember that the common usage of the term 'strategy' is related to the concept of strategy (Guillot, 2003:4). It simply means a plan of action for accomplishing a goal. The term is used more often in its broader sense (e.g., strategic planning, decisions, and even leader-

ship). Thus, it is used to relate something's primary importance or its quintessential aspect. When 'strategic' is being recognised and used in this broad sense, it means the most important long-term planning, the most complex and profound decisions and the most advantageous effects as well as leaders with the highest conceptual ability to make decisions (Guillot, 2003:4).

## The drive

Vision without works is dead. Just like the concept for the Christians, faith without works is good for nothing. In business, you need to make things happen being for good reasons or not but they need to happen. This is because everything in business counts on money. For example, if you are renting an office, every single second that goes, it demands money for the facilities. Therefore, in business, especially personal businesses, the issues of holidays does not easily come or else you pay for them. Therefore, move fast and furious if you want things to work for you. Having the drive in place, we can talk of the next concept that contributes to being a better business strategist.

## Attacking

Remember that business is a win or loss, real businesses do not call for win to win, that is not business, it is something else. Every seasoned business person will tell you that business is about capitalism, meaning one man's death can just be another's man's celebration. Therefore, attacking when opportunity shows up is only way one can survive in business as a sole trader these days due to open markets.

Make sure you know your pricing very well and understand how you

at. Do the job and let the job pay you. So let's keep it here, attack. Therefore, strategic thinking knows very well when to attack, how to attack and for how long will the attack be. This is because some businesses are so opportunistic that before the entire world wakes up to your attacks or strategy, you might as well be mov-

ing on the next target.

## Always learn

Real business strategists are never satisfied with their tricks. They always try and learn new moves and trends. They are always dynamic and at most times, they invest in many things. Yes, they master a few of them but they always remain on the side of being open minded. So dance to the winds of change, be quick to listen to what the market wants and after making your mathematics, you find your cut is real, then go for it by mobilising the necessary resources and start making it. Remain open minded in business and always try to meet the demands of a certain group of clients. This is what we call being customer focused. Select your customers and create a good relationship with them. Remember, they might just be your bosses for the next few months. So be good and flexible with them and they might sustain you for some time.

### Keep the seed or flavour

You will soon realise that strategists always have their own way of doing things. That is why it is called 'strategy' is taken from the Greek word which means "tactics." The original meaning of 'tactics' mainly on the battle field. While you might want to be known, make sure your tricks are kept close to your chest or else the business will soon be gone. Most successful business people never just tell the truth about their point of making it in business. They always keep these secret receipts to themselves means of survival. This is called the seed or the flavour to your business. Other might copy but if they do not have the right seed, I tell you the truth, something else will germinate and not the intended seed. Once you have your seed in place, make sure you constantly perfect it making sure it is ever sharp.

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## Untipping The Societal Scales

WITH: Dumisa Dlamini

You see, a woman dating a married man is aware of that fact well before *amgane*, she will not be intimidated by being reminded of a fact she knows. She is only too aware the wife armed with facts suffers *kwashiorkor* of the truth that she also loves the man as much.

Whether by design, accident or a sheer chance, all married women will and have laid their tiny hands unto their husbands' cellphones.

The daring will say it loud and clear that all along she had been wanting to look into it so that she can confront her husband with conclusive evidence of his cheating ways.

Others would lie that she had no intention to pry except that as she was meaning to make an urgent call, a message popped in and she was tempted to read consequently everything inscribed therein.

Women will do and have done anything within the conclaves of technology to unlock their husbands' gadgets.

An old Christian and astute lady who had been married for over half a century gave a very strong warning to a granddaughter who was ready for marriage about a man's cellphone.

She said, "*Lucingo lwendvondza ngu anyanisi*

# THAT CELLPHONE WAR BETWEEN A WIFE, THE OTHER WOMAN

*walucatulula utawukhala tinyembeti*. It does not matter how solid or troubled your marriage is *alubukwa angakavumi yena*.

The cellphone is no different from a handbag, in there lies secrets a woman would never want her husband to find out. That said, women peruse these phones and in there they find other women's number-*skusuke inkhulumo*

First, she will save the other woman's number unto her cellphone with all the chats and conversations in there. When she confronts the other woman, she has all the details of her dealings with her husband.

She will call or text from an attitude and tone of an angered tiger ready for a kill. Naturally, the attacked woman would cower and profusely apologise. They would even promise they will have nothing to do with the man again.

Scales will bet you a dime that a small fraction of women date married men who would do that. The rest won't. She will switch off her phone

or block her. No matter what she says, they will simply not respond, they may not even alert the husband that *sekuyasha ekhaya*, *utawubona ngemfatiwakhe kudvubula umlomo* that *indaba zimbi*.

You see some women are so discreet with the information they steal from their husbands' cellphones.

She will keep it confidential until she is certain she has ruffled the feathers of the bird that, cheats with her man. Before that she pretends everything is fine.

You would hear a man boasting, "*Mine lwami lucingo alutsintfwa*

*ngumfati*." *Yemama! Akatsi nje akati*, for his wife will not ask for his permission and will never broadcast the contents of the phone until she comes with a strategy to deal with the culprits, the other woman and her husband.

Here is a classic example of a woman who went through all three of her husband's gadgets and found that one beautiful lady's contacts featured in all of them and there were romantic chats between the two.

She called the woman and ranted about being the wife to the guy she was dating and that they were a family and had children to raise together. *Kwaphendvula kwesiphocmani*, "I know your children, *babi njengawe*, I wouldn't even mention them to anyone else if I was the mother".

She really got worked up and told her she shouldn't have her hopes up because she was not the only girlfriend her husband was dated.

Again the girl had a response that worked her up to the rafters in anger, "*Pho avusivuleli ngani iWhatsApp group, sitawatana sicoco*, yourself inclusive". In a parting shot, the culprit took over the reigns of the telephonic conversation.

### Trouble

She told Madame Fury that she only three things to tell her so that she would never trouble her again.

First, it was that she was not employed as a security guard, so would not be following a man and paging his cellphone and again she told him that she had a full time job she did from start to end of the week and had no time for other people's phones as she had her own. She had no gun also under whose barrel she might have coerced her husband to date her.

He came on his own volition because, "*Uyati kutsi utfolani lakimi*." It was now the aggressor's decision to cut the call and further block the offender from ever calling again.

Futfumele Mabilisa got a call from a woman who introduced her-

self as Mrs. Buthelezi and wife to Thabo, the man she was dating.

She apologised that she was not going to be able to be on the phone for long for she was attending clients to her work place, however, she would call later which she did. She asked the woman what is it that she wanted to discuss with her to which she rudely responded, "*Ngitsi hlukana nendvodza yami*."

She calmed her down, "*Sisi ngicela wehlise umoya, ngeke ngikhone mntfwana make; loyo muntfu ngimtsandza ngesikikila sami sonkhe*." After a flood of insults, this other woman remained unfazed, calm and resolute in what she said. She told her that as an attorney she was aware of her legal rights that when she was threatened, she could approach the law for protection. Over and above that, she knew that the caller was just LaMabilisa as she was married to the man in customary law thus *angelanywa, utawelanywa ngimi sisi masinyane*. The other woman was so devastated she locked herself in the bedroom and cried all she could. Confronting her husband later in the day, first he wondered where she could have got the contacts of her right.

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You are not going to believe this one wherein an angry wife who had hacked her hubby's phone and having contacts attacked the other woman.

She was never intimidated, in a week of trading accusations, insults and threats, the woman upped her game. She got a print of the aggressive woman's cellphone.

All her calls and chats put together. She was also seeing a married man yet she was fighting another woman for dating her husband.

Armed with facts and the truth she invited her to restaurant in town and she came *neSkeem sakhe saseroundin* as a backup squad should things turn confrontationally physical. In a very soft tone that was brief and straight to the point, the wife was warned never to pursue the fight for "*ngitawunika lendvodza yakho onkhe lamanyonkhololo akho*."

The back team outside were shocked when they saw her coming out of the restaurant humble like a lamb and saying not a word. She vowed to herself, she was ever going to touch her hubby's phone never again let alone confront that woman who had a damning evidence against her. Scales will say, it takes a thief to catch a thief, *labomake labagwabula ticingo tigangi nabo*. Their cellphones are as much a haven of secrets as their husbands.



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**...first reward every obedience. Give the reward instantly the good behaviour happens. Don't delay for even a second. A food treat such as a small dog biscuit is an ideal reinforcement so keep a small supply of small or halved dog biscuits in your pocket.**

**Y**our dog should come, sit, stay and heel on command so that he can be controlled and is never a nuisance or a danger to others or himself.

- Training sessions must be not longer than five to 10 minutes.

- The key to training is your patience and positive attitude.

- Never punish. Use only positive motivation.

- At first reward every obedience. Give the reward instantly the good behaviour happens. Don't delay for even a second. A food treat such as a small dog biscuit is an ideal reinforcement so keep a small supply of small or halved dog biscuits in your pocket.

# TEACH YOUR DOG 'STAY', 'HEEL'



- As the dog learns the lesson, replace food rewards with praise but give food treats intermittently to maintain his interest.

- Training is easiest in an enclosed space like your fenced backyard with minimum distractions.

- Once he gets the hang of a command, practice in different places.

- If the dog starts losing interest, stop, play a game and start again later. Training should always be fun and easy.

- Always end on a positive note. Always end with praise.

### Teaching 'Stay'

'Stay' asks your dog to remain in that position (sitting or lying) until you release him.

Stay should be for only a few seconds at a time in young dogs. If you intend to do advanced training with your dog, you could ask him to stay for half a minute or one minute and even while you are out of sight. But then release. Never leave him sitting for more than a minute or two.

- First, the dog must be able to sit on command.

- Now delay the reward for a second. Next time delay the reward for two seconds. If he tries to move say "No" sternly. Allow a second or two delay and then reward.

- Once your dog is successful at waiting for the treat, take a single step to one side and then back, followed by a reward. If your dog moves, you've probably asked him for too

much, too soon; go back to a very short stay.

- When he maintains the stay, you can start different tests by running in place, sitting on the floor, walking around him in circles, clapping your hands. Reward each step and introduce new tests slowly. If he stops staying, go back to an easier test.

- When you're ready to release him, issue a cheerful command, such as "Bingo" or "Free," give loads of praise, a treat and a game.

### Teaching 'Heel'

On any walk, the dog should never forge ahead or drag behind. He should walk with his nose at your knee (level with your heel), matching your pace with or without a leash. Once he heels he can't stop for distractions so heeling is not for puppies or dogs that have not been exercised and are full of energy.

- Before you begin 'heel' the dog must be able to walk on a leash without pulling.

- Hold the leash in your right hand while taking up the slack with your left. Start with the dog on your left and tell him to 'sit'.

- Now hold a treat in your left hand, bring it to his nose and say brightly, "Spot, HEEL!" and walk briskly for about 10 paces, keeping the food just ahead of his nose. Stop and lift the treat slightly or gently pull up on the lead so the dog sits. Now give him the treat.

- Repeat, lengthening the time between walking and stopping.

- Once your dog walks to heel, you must give him regular breaks to catch up on the news – smell the smells.



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## FEEDING THE WORLD WITH ISO STANDARDS ON WORLD FOOD DAY

● 815 million people in the world go to bed hungry while 1.9 billion people are overweight. Yet achieving a world with zero hunger by 2030 is not only possible, it is the theme of this year's FAO World Food Day, celebrated annually on 16 October.



**Z**ero hunger is one of the ambitious United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the theme of this year's World Food Day.

ISO International Standards are stepping up to the plate by demonstrating that they are valuable tools in achieving it.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), 815 million people in the world go to bed hungry while 1.9 billion people are overweight. Yet achieving a world with zero hunger by 2030 is not only possible, it is the theme of this year's FAO World Food Day, celebrated annually on 16 October. ISO has more than 1 600 International Standards for the food production sector that directly help to end world hunger by creating confidence in food products, improving agricultural methods and promoting sustainable and ethical purchasing.

These include nearly 850 standards from one of ISO's most established technical committees, ISO/TC 34, Food products that encompass everything from animal welfare to food products, such as cereals and milk, and ingredients testing.

It is also responsible for the ISO 22000 series on food safety management that covers standards related to food manufacturing, farming, packaging, catering and animal foodstuffs and feed production.

The key to sustainable food systems is ensuring

the livelihoods of everyone in the food supply chain and ISO is currently working on a number of standards that do just that. A case in point, the upcoming ISO 34101 series on sustainable and traceable cocoa beans is intended to facilitate effective agricultural practices that also protect the environment and improve the social conditions of the 14 million smallholder cocoa farmers in developing countries.

Also in the pipeline is technical specification ISO/TS 26030, a food-sector application of ISO 26000, one of the world's most referenced International Standards for social responsibility.

It will give guidance on how to integrate the core issues of social responsibility into the food chain, thereby contributing to many of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

by providing recommendations to businesses on how they can operate in an ethical, transparent and sustainable way.

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**LIVE SMART, BE ACTIVE, EAT WISELY**

Ministry of Agriculture Home Economics Section

**Having diabetes does not involve any particularly difficult dietary demands. In as much as sugar can affect the blood glucose, it does not mean the diet has to be sugar free.**

**W**hat is it? Diabetes is a condition that impairs the body's ability to process blood glucose, otherwise known as blood sugar.

#### There are several types of diabetes

Three major diabetes types can develop: Type 1, type 2, and gestational diabetes:

**Type 1 diabetes:** Also known as juvenile diabetes, this type occurs when the body fails to produce insulin. This condition occurs when the immune system accidentally attacks the insulin producing cells in the pancreas. People with Type 1 diabetes are insulin-dependent, which means they must take artificial insulin daily to stay alive.

**Type 2 diabetes:** Type 2 diabetes affects the way the body uses insulin. While the body still makes insulin, unlike in type 1, the cells in the body do not respond to it as effectively as they once did, thus the glucose builds up in the body.

**Gestational diabetes:** This type occurs in women during pregnancy when the body can become less sensitive to insulin. Gestational diabetes does not occur in all women and usually resolves after giving birth.

**Prediabetes:** Doctors refer to some people as having prediabetes or borderline diabetes when blood sugar is usually in the range of 100 to 125 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL). Normal blood sugar levels sit between 70 and 99 mg/dL, whereas a person with diabetes will have a fasting blood sugar higher than 126 mg/dL. The prediabetes level means that blood glucose is higher than usual but not so high as to constitute diabetes.

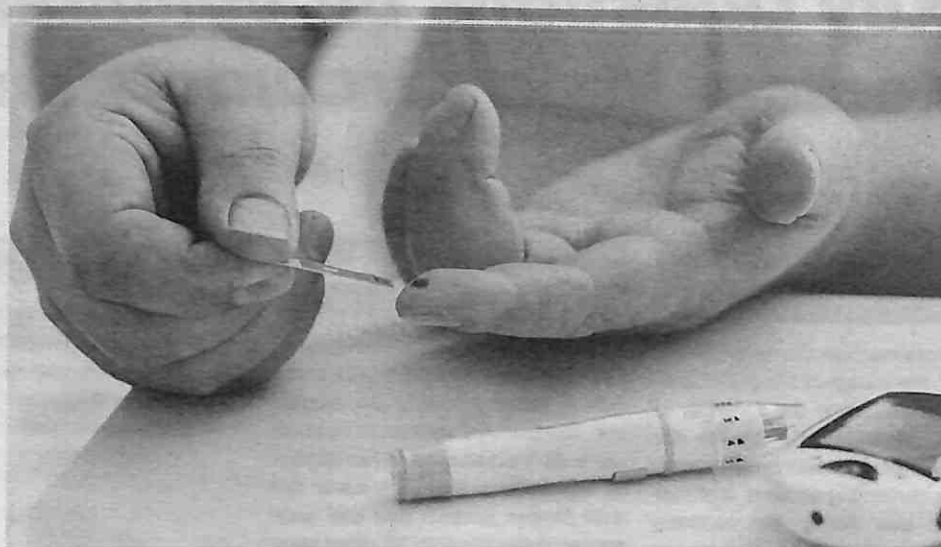
People with prediabetes are, however, at risk of developing type 2 diabetes, although they do not usually experience the symptoms of full diabetes.

#### Managing diabetes with a diet

Having diabetes does not involve any particularly difficult dietary demands. In as much as sugar can affect the blood glucose, it does not mean the diet has to be sugar free.

For Type 1 diabetes, timing of meals is important in terms of glycemic control and in relation to the effects of insulin injections. The diet is mainly about managing fluctuations in blood glu-

# LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER: DIABETES



ucose levels. For Type 2 diabetes, it is about losing weight and restricting calorie intake.

#### The following are some general dietary tips for a healthy lifestyle:

- Eat regularly - avoid the effects on glucose levels of skipping meals or having delayed meals because of work or long journeys (take healthy snacks with you)
- Eat vegetables and fruits and eat them in place of high-calorie foods - a variety of fresh, frozen and canned is good, but avoid high-calorie sauces and food containing added salt or sugar
- Whole grains high in fibre are recommended as a healthy source of carbohydrate
- Eat pulses, a low-fat starchy source of protein and fibre, such as beans, lentils, chickpeas and garden peas
- Reduce intake of saturated and trans fats by having poultry and fish without the skin and cooked, for example, under the grill, rather than fried
- Take a similar approach to cooking red meat while reducing intake and looking for the leanest cuts
- Eat fish twice a week or more, but avoid batters and frying - go for oily fish such as salmon, mackerel, sardine, trout and herring, which are rich sources of omega-3.
- Avoid partially hydrogenated vegetable oils and limit saturated fat and trans fat - replace them with monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats
- Dairy awareness helps reduce fat intake - select skim (fat-free) milk and low-fat (one per cent) dairy products, reduce consumption of cheese and butter and swap out creamy sauces for tomato-based ones
- Cut back on sugar by avoiding added sugars in drinks and foods - have tea and coffee without sugar, avoid fruit that is canned in syrup and pay attention to food labels
- Cut back on salt - prepare foods at home with little or no salt and avoid foods with high sodium such as processed foods
- Cut back on portion sizes - be wary of amounts consumed when eating out
- Be wary of "diabetic" foods - they are of no particular benefit and can be expensive
- Drink alcohol only in moderation - as a guide, no more than one drink a day for women and no more than two for men.

ENJOY THE FOLLOWING RECIPES.

#### Roasted Cauliflower with sauce

- Ingredients**
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
  - 3 tablespoons olive oil
  - 2 garlic cloves, minced

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 small head cauliflower (about 1-1/2 pounds), cut into 4 wedges

#### SAUCE:

- 1/2 cup fat-free plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon tahini
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Dash paprika
- Dash cayenne pepper
- Minced fresh parsley

#### Directions

• Preheat oven to 180°C. In a small bowl, mix the first five ingredients. Rub over cauliflower; arrange in a foil-lined 15x10x1-in. baking pan coated with cooking spray, cut sides up. Roast 40-45 minutes or until golden brown and tender.

• sauce, in a small bowl, mix yogurt, lemon juice, tahini and seasonings; serve over cauliflower. Sprinkle with parsley.

#### Nutritional facts

- 1 cauliflower wedge with about two tablespoons sauce: 177 calories, 14g fat (3g saturated fat), 4mg cholesterol, 421mg sodium, 7g carbohydrate (3g sugars, 2g fiber), 7g protein.

#### Honey-yogurt berry salad

- Ingredients**
- 1 1/2 cups sliced fresh strawberries
  - 1 1/2 cups fresh raspberries
  - 1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries
  - 1 1/2 cups fresh blackberries
  - 1 cup (8 ounces) reduced-fat plain yogurt
  - 1 tablespoon honey
  - 1/4 teaspoon grated orange zest
  - 1 tablespoon orange juice

**Directions:** Place berries in a glass bowl; toss to combine. In a small bowl, mix remaining ingredients. Spoon over berries.

#### Nutrition Facts

- 3/4 cup fruit with 2 tablespoons yogurt mixture: 76 calories, 1g fat (0 saturated fat), 2mg cholesterol, 23mg sodium, 16g carbohydrate (11g

sugars, 4g fibre), 3g protein.

#### Roasted fresh pumpkin seeds

##### Ingredients

- 2 cups fresh pumpkin seeds
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3/4 teaspoon salt

##### Directions

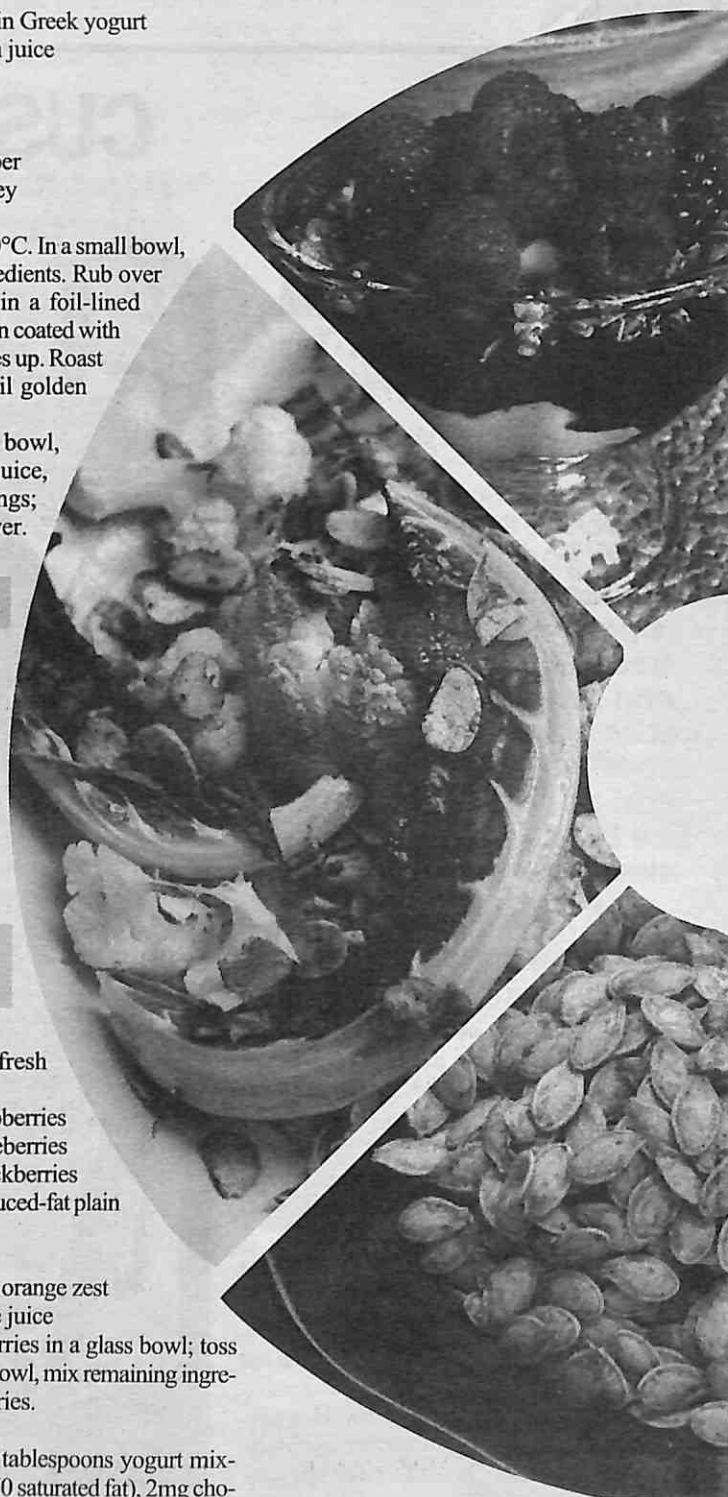
• Place seeds in a 1-qt. bowl; cover with water. Stir in salt; let stand, covered, overnight.

• Preheat oven to 200°. Drain and rinse seeds; drain again and pat dry. Transfer to a 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Toss with oil and kosher salt; spread in a single layer.

• Roast 1-1/2 to 1-3/4 hours or until crisp and lightly browned, stirring occasionally. Cool completely. Store in an airtight container.

##### Nutrition Facts

- 1/4 cup: 115 calories, 6g fat (1g saturated fat), 0 cholesterol, 248mg sodium, 11g carbohydrate (0 sugars, 4g fibre), 4g protein.







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### Q. What is Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision?

A. Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) is the complete surgical removal of the foreskin from the head of the penis. In adults, VMMC is done with a local anaesthetic (pain killer) which reduces pain significantly. The procedure is conducted by trained medical professionals.

### Q. Why should I circumcise? What are the benefits?

- A. 5 Key benefits of VMMC are:
- Reduced risk of sexually transmitted infections such as HIV, syphilis, genital warts and herpes;
  - Boosted personal hygiene;
  - Reduced risk of urinary tract infections;
  - Reduced risk of cancer of the penis;
  - Reduced risk of your partner contracting cervical cancer.

## Key Questions on Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision...

### Q. How can my partner support me for VMMC?

A. Your partner can play an important role at every stage of the VMMC process by discussing the benefits of VMMC, accompanying you to the Clinic for the procedure, joining you for the counselling sessions, and supporting you during the recovery period as well as abstaining from sex for 6 weeks to allow complete healing to occur. By talking to your partner about VMMC she is able to be supportive.

### Q. Do I still need to use a condom after circumcision?

A. VMMC does not offer 100% protection against HIV infection. Circumcision is not a substitute for condom use. Correct and consistent condom use is still necessary to reduce the risk of transmitting HIV. Condoms will help further protect you and your partner from the risks of other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and unplanned pregnancies.

### Q. Where can I have it done?

A. This procedure can be done at Litsembe Letfu Clinic in Matsapha, Sokh City in Mbabane, and your nearest hospital or health centre. Call 1212 to make your appointment.



### THE CUSTOMER CENTRIC ORGANISATION

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When it comes to customer service, in the age of smartphones, we have nearly everything we need at our fingertips, and are accustomed to getting answers in a matter of seconds. The general population doesn't like to wait for anything, much less for customer service.

Imagine the last time you were "put on hold" over the phone with a business for a much longer period of time than you had anticipated or perhaps being transferred back and forth a number of times. How was the frustration?

In the past, consumers were satisfied to wait two to three days for a response to their query, but that is no longer the case.

The reality is that consumers now want instant answers. When it comes to customer service, in the age of smartphones, we have nearly everything we need at our fingertips, and are accustomed to getting answers in a matter of seconds. The general population doesn't like to wait for anything, much less for customer service.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE: NEED FOR SPEED

Speed of response is said to be one of the "fundamental pillars of customer service" and has an overall impact on customer satisfaction. With so much competition in

every aspect of life, especially business, customers seek companies that can give them what they want fast, such that they can continue with their own business. Managing customer service in the social media era we are in is not easy or a walk in the park. It requires being constantly online, checking your accounts and responding to various messages from different channels. Customer support representatives are expected to work as quickly as

possible while maintaining composure under pressure, multitasking, being accurate and knowing the products or services all at once. Some companies are hesitant to speed up customer service because they think that they have to sacrifice service quality, but this does not necessarily have to be the case.

While speed, accuracy, and reliability are all important characteristics of good customer service, none of them will work as well alone as they will together; you'll need a combination of all three to create the ideal experience for customers.

**QUOTE:** "Today's consumers want speed and convenience, but they also want a great customer experience." - John Tschohl.





# Focus on SA Scene

## ANC GIVES RAMAPHOSA RESHUFFLE THE THUMBS-UP

**J**OHANNESBURG - The ANC on Thursday heaped praises on President Cyril Ramaphosa for making changes to his cabinet - saying the reshuffle is an affirmation of generational mix and experience in the country's executive.

This after Ramaphosa made three changes to his cabinet, promoting Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams to the now merged ministry of communications; telecommunications and postal services.

Siyabonga Cwele was moved to home affairs and Nomvula Mokonyane shifted to environmental affairs.

The ANC said Cwele "brings the experience to tackle some urgent tasks in his new portfolio, such as the immigration issue and control of our ports of entry".

In a statement, ANC spokesman Pule Mabe added that Mokonyane "will find a solid foundation in the ministry of environmental affairs laid by the late Cde Edna Molewa, and we urge her to continue to protect the rhino, other endangered species and our precious heritage



**CHANGES:** President Cyril Ramaphosa on Thursday announced Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams(L) as the head of a new ministry born out of the merger of the communications and telecommunications and postal services ministries.

of biodiversity". The governing party went on to say that Ndabeni, 40, who was deputy minister in the same department, would infuse young blood in the executive.

"As the new minister of communications Cde Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams is a tried and tested young activist, having previously served as member of the ANC Youth League national working com-

mittee and currently as serving a member of the ANC provincial working committee in the Eastern Cape and the ANC's communications committee," said Mabe.

The party posited that the merger of communications with telecommunications and postal services would "contribute towards greater alignment of policy and delivery" in the so-called fourth industrial revolution. *Timeslive*

## DA opens criminal case against EFF and Julius Malema over 'VBS looting'

**J**OHANNESBURG - DA MP Kevin Mileham has opened a criminal case in connection with the 'looting' at VBS Mutual Bank against the EFF, party leader Julius Malema and his deputy, Floyd Shivambu.

Mileham deposed an 11-page affidavit at the Cape Town police station on Thursday, quoting various news articles about the bank. He said, "I rely upon the veracity of the newspaper reports referred to and that I am deposing this affidavit on the presumption that the reports are factually accurate."

He said in the affidavit that it was well documented how vulnerable people such as mine workers' widows and hard-pressed municipalities had money stolen from them by politicians and corrupt officials through the VBS Bank heist, through a variety of illegal schemes.

"One primary beneficiary of the illicit VBS Bank funds was allegedly Sgameka Trading Pty Ltd, a company purportedly owned and managed by Brian Shivambu, EFF deputy president Floyd Shivambu's brother.

Through WhatsApps, e-mails and

income streams, Scorpio, an investigative organisation, has formed a link between Sgameka Trading ... and VBS Bank. Between June 2017 and February 2018 it received 13 payments totalling R16,148,569 in illicit VBS funds."

Mileham said bank statements showed that as soon as Sgameka received the alleged "proceeds of crime, the money was moved mainly to accounts of the EFF and Matsobane Phaleng's Mahuna Investments". He said Phaleng was Malema's cousin.

Mileham said Scorpio had traced a total of R1.8m of VBS money which had allegedly gone toward propping up the EFF.

He said R450 000 was paid from Mahuna to a property in Sandown, whose title deed indicated that it belonged to the EFF. The house was at one stage occupied by Malema.

"I am of the belief that on a proper reading of the article and investigation report it becomes apparent that there is indeed a potentially wide range of criminal offences that were committed, including offences in terms of the Prevention of Organised Crime Act," Mileham said.

*Timeslive*

## Allow cabinet members to 'amend' their answers - Jackson Mthembu

**J**OHANNESBURG - ANC chief whip Jackson Mthembu wants parliament to come up with a new rule that will allow cabinet members to amend incorrect answers they provided to the legislature within a specific time frame.

The ANC's call comes about a week after President Cyril Ramaphosa wrote to national assembly speaker Baleka Mbete correcting an answer he gave to DA leader Mmusi Maimane about his son Andile's business dealing with controversial company Bosasa.

"Going forward, our rules must be amended to provide for instances wherein an unwitting, incorrect answer is provided, to allow for corrections to be made within specific time frames. At the moment, we don't have such a rule. The corrections by the president were new areas that parliament needs to look at in terms of its rules," said Mthembu on Thursday.

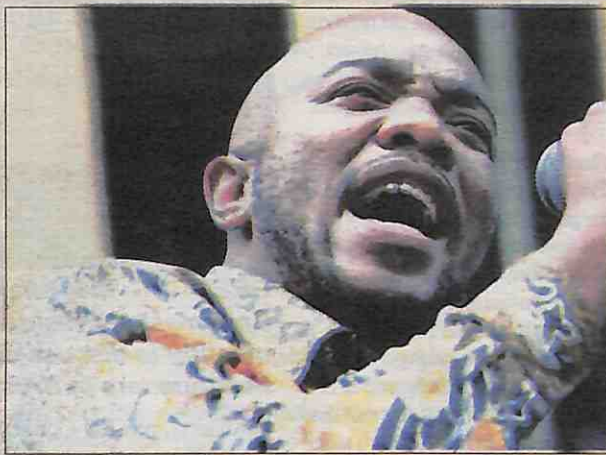
Mthembu added that there was a need for this provision in the rules because it has been proven that it is possible to unknowingly give wrong or erroneous information to the house. He said the rule would also cover statements by MPs, including information shared during debates. Mthembu said his party had accepted Ramaphosa's written correction, sent to Mbete last week, in which the president revealed that his reply to a supplementary question was incorrect and that the payment referred to in the question did not relate to a contract Andile had with Bosasa. *Timeslive*

## R500K Bosasa donation to Ramaphosa nothing short of a bribe

**J**OHANNESBURG - Democratic Alliance leader Mmusi Maimane said yesterday that he would lead a protest at the headquarters of African Global Operations, formerly named Bosasa, against what he insists was a half a million rand bribe to President Cyril Ramaphosa.

"The latest admission by President Ramaphosa that Bosasa donated at least R500 000 to his campaign for the ANC presidency is nothing short of a bribe and requires an extensive investigation," Maimane's office said.

"Bosasa has previously funnelled money to numerous ANC MPs, ministers, senior officials, and now the president and his family. The company - which has received R10 billion in government tenders and contracts - has also been found by the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) to be embroiled in fraud and corruption. Bosasa money is dirty money, and the president must take full responsibility for his cosy



**LEAD FOR CHANGE:** Democratic Alliance leader Mmusi Maimane.

relationship with corrupt businesses."

The protest, at the Krugersdorp headquarters of the company, comes after Ramaphosa sent Parliament a correction to a reply he gave Maimane to a question over a R500 000 payment from Bosasa CEO Gavin Watson, for the alleged benefit of his son Andile.

Ten days later, Ramaphosa

sent a correction to the legislature, saying there had been a donation from the company to his campaign for the ANC presidency to that amount and it was made without his knowledge.

In his initial reply in the National Assembly Ramaphosa said that the payment was in respect of a consultancy contract his son's company had signed with Bosasa.

*African News Agency/ANA*

## Bathabile survives reshuffle, Mzansi not impressed

**J**OHANNESBURG - President Cyril Ramaphosa announced his new cabinet on Thursday and the fact that Bathabile Dlamini remains a minister did not sit well with social media.

Ramaphosa announced that Siyabonga Cwele replaces Malusi Gigaba as home affairs minister.

Cwele is the former minister of telecommunications and postal services, a department which will be merged into a single unit together with the communications department.

The department will be headed by Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams. The introduction of a young female into a ministerial position was largely welcomed by the public. However, the fact that Dlamini remains in her position as minister of women in the presidency was a bitter pill to swallow for many.

In September, the Constitutional Court found that Dlamini had been 'reckless' in her handling of SA Social Security Agency grants payments while she was the social development minister.

The court urged the director of public prosecutions to decide if she would be charged with perjury for being found to have lied under oath.

*Citizen*

## IFP DEFENDS LEADER'S R1.2M BASH

**D**URBAN - The IFP has defended the million-rand sponsorship of party leader Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi's birthday celebrations, after political parties criticised the provincial government for the donation.

The provincial treasury revealed on Thursday that, through the Department of Arts and Culture, a sponsorship of about R1.2million

had paid for the venue.

Several celebrations were held in August and September as part of Buthelezi's 90th birthday.

The National Freedom Party described the sponsorship of the event as the celebration "bash" of "IFP president Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi". "The NFP respects the IFP president but also believes that we must not compromise the limited

state resources which are supposed to better the lives of KwaZulu-Natal citizens," said NFP leader Vikizitha Mlotshwa.

DA provincial leader Francois Rodgers said the sponsorship was not a good way to spend government money and set a bad example.

"I do not believe that a government should be paying for an individual leader's birthday party. Will this

be done for other stalwarts in the DA or the NFP?" he asked.

*The Mercury*

**DEFENDED:** The IFP has defended the sponsorship of party leader Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi's birthday celebrations. (ANA)





## BRIEFS

## Bus drives off mountain highway

**NEPAL** - A bus packed with people returning from a village fair drove off a mountain highway in Nepal on Thursday, killing 16 people and injuring 20 others. The bus rolled about 300 metres down a mountain slope before it slammed near a river in west Nepal, government administrator Karunakar Awasthi said. Rescuers were struggling because of darkness and remoteness of the area but managed to recover the bodies and take the injured to hospitals. Awasthi said the bus appeared to have dragged on the road before veering off, indicating there could be a brake failure. The road was wide enough for three buses to easily pass and there was not much traffic on the route, he said. *AP*

## Two cops killed in gunmen attack

**KARACHI** - At least two policemen were killed when unidentified gunmen stormed the Chinese consulate in the Pakistani port city of Karachi yesterday, officials said. Up to four gunmen tried to enter the consulate but were intercepted by security guards at a checkpoint, senior local police official Javid Alam Odho told AFP. An exchange of fire resulted "killing two of our constables and critically wounding another," he said. He added that the attackers "ran away" but did not confirm if the attack was over, saying the area had been cordoned off and security forces were conducting a clearing operation. *AFP*



## Russia may deploy missiles on allies' territory

**MOSCOW** - A senior Russian lawmaker says that Moscow could deploy missiles on the territory of its allies if the US stations such weapons in Europe. Konstantin Kosachev, Head of the foreign affairs committee in the upper house of the Russian Parliament, said on Thursday that the US intention to withdraw from the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty could herald the way for deployment of missiles banned by the pact to Europe. He warned that if such deployment happens, Russia will target US missiles with its weapons. *AP*

## US missionary killed by remote tribe

**NEW DELHI** - The night before John Chau returned for the last time to India's remote North Sentinel Island, he struggled with a sense of fear that his death might be imminent. "I'm scared," wrote the 26-year-old American from Washington State, who had travelled to the island on a clandestine mission to convert its inhabitants to Christianity. "Watching the sunset and it's beautiful - crying a bit... wondering if it will be the last sunset I see." His initial contacts with the Sentinelese, a tiny tribe of hunter-gatherers who reject contact with the outside world, had not gone well. One teenager shot an arrow at him, which pierced his waterproof Bible. *The Washington Post*

## Police struggle to recover body of American man

**INDIA** - Indian authorities were struggling on Thursday to figure out how to recover the body of an American killed after wading ashore on an isolated island cut off from the modern world. John Allen Chau was killed last week by North Sentinel islanders who apparently shot him with arrows and then buried his body on the beach, police say. But even officials don't travel to North Sentinel, where people live as their ancestors did thousands of years ago, and where outsiders are seen with suspicion and attacked. *AP*



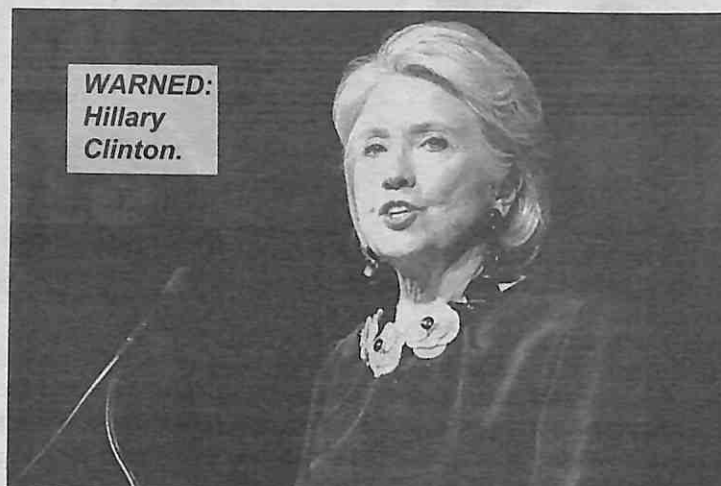
# EUROPE NEEDS TO GET A HANDLE ON IMMIGRATION

**NEW YORK** - Hillary Clinton warned Europe to get a handle on immigration or it could lead to the election of a Donald Trump of its own.

The former presidential candidate told the Guardian that immigration was inflaming voters and contributed to Trump's election in the United States and Britain's vote to leave the European Union.

She called on European leaders to send a strong signal showing they are 'not going to be able to continue provide refuge and support'.

'I think Europe needs to get a handle on migration because that is what lit the flame,' Clinton said to the newspaper. She praised German leader Angela Merkel, who has been struggling with the wrath of voters in her country, who are furious over Merkel's open-door policy.



**WARNED:**  
Hillary Clinton.

'I admire the very generous and compassionate approaches that were taken particularly by leaders like Angela Merkel, but I think it is fair to say Europe has done its part, and must send a very clear message -

'we are not going to be able to continue provide refuge and support' - because if we don't deal with the migration issue it will continue to roil the body politic,' Clinton said. The former secretary of state, who

lost to Trump in a bitter fight in the 2016 presidential election, urged leader not to neglect race issues that she said were behind her loss.

She charged Trump with exploiting racial politics in order to win the election and continuing that policy while he is in office.

'The use of immigrants as a political device and as a symbol of government gone wrong, of attacks on one's heritage, one's identity, one's national unity has been very much exploited by the current administration here,' she said.

'There are solutions to migration that do not require clamping down on the press, on your political opponents and trying to suborn the judiciary, or seeking financial and political help from Russia to support your political parties and movements,' she added. *Daily Mail*

## Confused about Brexit? Here's a guide to the endgame

**LONDON** - The UK and European Union negotiators have reached a Brexit deal and leaders are set to sign off on it on Sunday. But it's far from over yet. Here are the five things to know as we head into the most perilous part.

### 1. What's the deal?

It's the most important international agreement in Britain's post-war history. It sets out the terms of separation that allow the UK to depart the European Union on March 29 in an orderly fashion - and brings with it a 21-month grace period to give everyone time to adjust. Alongside it is a political declaration that sets out that the two sides want how the two sides want to trade in the future - but the details of a free-trade agreement could take years to work out.

### 2. What now?

She has a deal, but it's come at such a high price that not enough members of Parliament are willing to back it. Not yet, anyway. May's party doesn't have a majority, so it was always going to be tight, but those lining up against the deal include pro-Brexit



**GREETING:** May shakes hands with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker before a meeting to discuss draft agreements on Brexit, at the EC headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, on Wednesday.

hardliners, pro-EU Conservatives, the Northern Irish party that has been propping up May's government, and nearly all of the opposition Labour Party.

The main objection is that the guarantees May has offered, to make sure a new border doesn't emerge on the divided island of Ireland, risk binding the UK to EU rules forever. Even within May's Cabinet, some ministers have misgivings.

This historic decision is going to hang on just a handful of votes in Parliament.

May's whips are trying to poach support in the opposition Labour Party while turning the screws on their own.

### 3. What if she loses?

The chaos that ensues would also provide the best opportunity for the pro-EU politicians who want a second referendum to engineer a re-run. For now, there's not enough support for it in Parliament, but that could change. Even members of May's government have hinted this is a possible outcome if the vote is lost. *AFP*

## WIFE OF ACADEMIC JAILED FOR SPYING IN UAE

**LONDON** - The wife of a British academic sentenced to life in prison for espionage in the United Arab Emirates said Britain's foreign secretary assured her Thursday that the government was now working to get him out of jail after months of inaction to gain his freedom.

Daniela Tejada had earlier told the BBC that Foreign Office officials bungled the case of her husband, 31-year-old PhD student Matthew Hedges, who was arrested May 5 at Dubai

Airport after a research trip to the UAE. But after emerging from her meeting with Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt, she said authorities pledged to 'return him home to me.'

'He has assured me that he and his team are doing everything in their power to get Matt free and return him home to me,' she said. 'This is not a fight I can win alone and I thank the Foreign Office and the British public for now standing up for one of their citizens.' Tejada has become her husband's primary advocate, turn-

ing up the pressure on the government to act. She told the BBC earlier in the day that the government had failed to robustly intervene on Hedges' behalf during the early stages of his imprisonment when he was held in solitary confinement under inhumane conditions. 'I was under the impression they were putting their interests with the UAE above a British citizen's rightful freedom and his welfare,' Tejada said. 'They were stepping on eggshells instead of taking a firm stance.' *AP*

## Trump threatens govt shutdown as migrant caravans approach

**PALM BEACH** - US President Donald Trump warned on Thursday there could be a government shutdown next month over security on the border with Mexico, suggesting he could hold up a funding deal if no more money is provided for a wall between the two countries.

'Could there be a shut down? There certainly could and it will be about border security, of which the wall is a part,' Trump told reporters in Palm Beach, Florida.

The US Congress faces a deadline next month to fund parts of the federal government and a possible showdown over money for Trump's proposed border wall.

Having won control of the House in midterm elections, Democrats have said they will be even less motivated than before to meet Trump's wall demands.

Trump also said he had given the military the authorisation to use lethal force if necessary on the border with Mexico. 'If they have to they are going to use lethal force. I've given the OK - I hope they don't have to.'

Trump also warned that the United States could close the whole border with Mexico for a period of time 'if we find that it gets to a level where we are going to lose control or our people are going to start getting hurt.'

This would mean 'Mexico will not be able to sell their cars into the United States,' added Trump, who has complained about the number of cars US manufacturers produce in Mexico. *Reuters*





## ZIM WAR VETS POWER STRUGGLES 'WEAKENING MNANGAGWA'S POWER BASE'

**H**ARARE - Power struggles within the Zimbabwe National Liberation War Veterans Association (ZNLWVA) are reportedly weakening President Emmerson Mnangagwa's power base, as they played a key role to his political ascendancy last year.

According to Daily News, tensions within the 1970s freedom fighters were over resources.

An unnamed official within ZNLWVA said that there were donations, which were given to the former combatants towards the removal of ex-president Robert Mugabe last year.

The resources, however, had not reached all the war veterans, hence the infighting.

A NewsDay, report said that

the war veterans had in recent weeks also accused their Chairperson Christopher Mutsvangwa of undermining the authority of the president Mnangagwa, and causing divisions within their organisation.

The group's Mashonaland West provincial executive recommended that Mutsvangwa be removed from his post as he had brought the organisation and the ruling Zanu-PF into disrepute.

Mutsvangwa was one of Mnangagwa's fierce supporters when he fought to succeed Mugabe last year.

He subsequently became Mnangagwa's top adviser. He was, however, left out in Mnangagwa's new Cabinet after the July 30 elections. *News24*



**POWER STRUGGLES:** Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

## Eight dead as gunmen storm French drilling camp in Niger

**N**IGER - Seven local employees of a French drilling firm and a government official were killed Thursday when suspected Boko Haram gunmen stormed the compound where they were sleeping in south-eastern Niger.

The attack shattered months of relative calm in the Diffa region near the Lake Chad basin, a strategic area where the borders of four countries converge.

The victims, all Nigerien, were shot dead at a site in Toumour, a village near the border with Nigeria where they had been drilling two deep-water wells to improve conditions for displaced people at a local refugee camp.

Seven of them were employees of Foraco, a French firm which specialises in drilling for mining and water projects.

The eighth victim was an official from Niger's ministry of hydraulics.

"A group of terrorists attacked the building where a team of Foraco drillers and technicians were resting in the village of Toumour," a company statement said.

"The assailants opened fire on the sleeping personnel and killed eight people."

Another five people were wounded, two of them seriously, it said, indicating that the injured were being transported to hospital in Diffa, capital of the region of the same name which flanks both Nigeria and Chad.

The location where they were staying had been chosen in agreement with the Nigerien army unit charged with protecting them, Foraco said.

The attackers also made off with two of the company's pickup trucks.

"There were about 15 employees there who under the protection of about 15 soldiers who had just set off to patrol the area at the time of the attack," said Thierry Merle, head of Foraco's Europe and Middle East division.

"We know that Boko Haram is active in the region but for now we've had no claim of responsibility, neither official nor unofficial," he told AFP. *AFP*

## MDC's Chamisa expected before Motlanthe Commission on Monday

**B**ULAWAYO - Zimbabwean opposition leader Nelson Chamisa is reportedly now expected to appear before the Kgalema Motlanthe Commission probing the August 1 post-election violence on Monday.

According to New Zimbabwe.com, the Movement for Democratic Change leader had previously been expected to appear before the commission this week, but he failed to show up.

Several MDC Alliance leaders, who included Vice President Morgan Komichi, National Chair-

person Tabitha Khumalo, Secretary general Douglas Mwonozora and Organising Secretary Amos Chibaya were present at the commission proceedings on Wednesday, the report said.

Chamisa had previously refused to appear before the commission, demanding that President Emmerson Mnangagwa and his deputy Constantino Chiwenga be summoned to testify as well, a Daily News report said.

Chamisa said the commission should demonstrate the spirit of fairness by inviting the two to answer to claims that they were responsible for deploying the

army in the capital.

"If they are to be fair, what is good for the goose must certainly be good for the gander. They must be able to invite Mnangagwa. They must be able to invite Chiwenga. That is why we have said there is a folly in that commission because you cannot invite Mnangagwa so that you report to him."

"Mnangagwa cannot investigate himself because he has been implicated. We would like to see if Mnangagwa is invited. If not, why should I go alone?" Chamisa reportedly quizzed. *News24*

## ZIMBABWE TO CUT MINISTERS' SALARIES

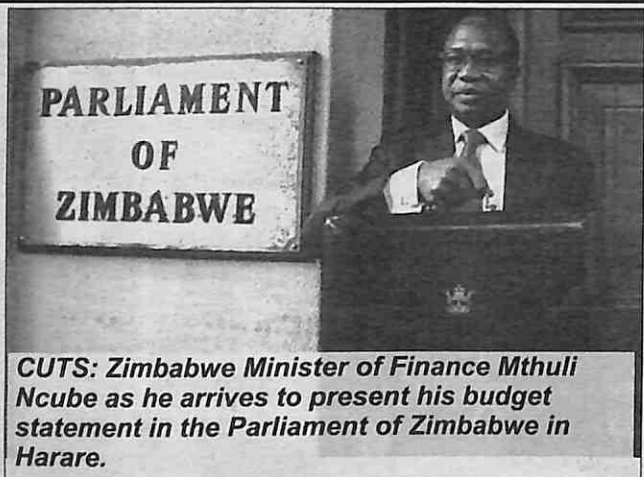
**H**ARARE - Zimbabwe's new Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube announced a five per cent cut to senior government officials' salaries on Thursday in a bid to mend the shattered economy.

Ncube's budget also set out plans for the biometric registration of civil servants to weed out "ghost" workers who appear on the payroll without actually turning up to work.

Ncube said the government would from January cut basic salaries "for all senior positions, ... up to deputy ministers, ministers and the (presidency)."

"The salary cuts are also extended to basic salaries of those in designated posts in state-owned enterprises, including constitutional commissions and grant-aided institutions."

The public sector wage bill accounts for 90 per cent of the country's revenues and the prob-



**CUTS:** Zimbabwe Minister of Finance Mthuli Ncube as he arrives to present his budget statement in the Parliament of Zimbabwe in Harare.

lem of phantom workers is another drag on the nation's finances. This was the first budget since President Emmerson Mnangagwa's disputed election.

Chaos broke out in Parliament after the speaker used police officers to eject opposition members from the building for failing to stand up when Mnangagwa walked

into the house. The theme of the \$6.6 billion 2019 budget was "austerity will lead us to prosperity".

It also unveiled limited compensation of \$53 million dollars for white farmers evicted during the government's controversial land reforms, nearly two decades ago. *AFP*

## BRIEFS

### Telkom Kenya gets \$40 mln loan

**KENYA** - Telkom Kenya, the country's third biggest operator, has secured a loan worth \$40 million from the European Investment Bank (EIB), the company said yesterday, as it tries to gain market share by expanding its mobile and data services. Telkom will use the funds from the EIB, the European Union's not-for-profit long term investment arm, to improve and expand its network, the company and the bank said. The operator, which is the smallest in Kenya behind Safaricom and Bharti Airtel's Kenyan unit, has been focusing on data to try to win customers. It said last month it was in talks with two unidentified parties over partnerships to allow it to sell high speed internet capacity from two undersea data cables that are about to connect to the East African nation. *Reuters*

### Priest killed in Cameroon separatist violence

**JOHANNESBURG** - A Kenyan priest is the latest victim of Cameroon's ongoing separatist violence, which has claimed the lives of at least 400 people at a conservative estimate according to Amnesty International since violence broke out in 2016. The priest was killed on Wednesday in Kembong in Francophone Cameroon's volatile English-speaking south-west region where violence has surged after separatists declared an independent state, the Daily Nation reported on Thursday. According to reports the priest was killed while he was in church with no fighting reported. *ANA*

### Boko Haram kidnaps 50 loggers in Nigeria

**JOHANNESBURG** - Boko Haram militants have kidnapped 50 loggers in north-eastern Nigeria close to the border with Cameroon, the Daily Nation reported yesterday. The abduction



took place at Bulakesa village, 25 kilometres from Gamboru in Borno state. Gunmen loyal to factional leader, Abubakar Shekau, carried out the abduction of the loggers, who were in a camp for people displaced by jihadist violence, last weekend according to a local militia. The news took a while to reach the media due to limited communications with residents in the area. Two of the loggers, however, succeeded in escaping and fled home warning others of the kidnapping. *ANA*

### Minister suggests voluntary colonialism for Africa

**BERLIN** - Vuntary colonialism: That's the solution a German ministered has offered to end migration from Africa to Europe, according to TRTWorld. The proposal calls for foreign powers to acquire land in Africa. But the AU says "it's a lazy answer to concerns about migration and "implies that Africa needs to give up sovereignty". The suggestion has also sparked a lot of criticism on social media. *AFP*

### Opposition leader named Ethiopia poll chief

**ETHIOPIA** - Ethiopia's former opposition leader Birtukan Mideksa, who recently returned from exile, was on Thursday named as head of the country's election body ahead of the 2020 polls. Birtukan's appointment makes her the latest woman to be appointed to a high-profile role and the most senior opposition figure to be picked by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed who is pushing through rapid reforms. As head of the National Electoral Board of Ethiopia, Birtukan will preside over a ballot that Abiy has promised will be free, fair and democratic. The ruling Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) coalition and its allies won every parliamentary seat in the 2015 poll. *AFP*









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Vigil: 23/11/2018  
Place: Sicelelweni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni waBabe Zondo Zakhele Khoza Lotalwa ngu Rachel Ngokha kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa naba labalandzelako, baka Khumalo ekhakhakhe kaHohho, baka Masoko Kuboyane Mbekelweni, Manzini Wanderers Team, Christian family Centre kaManzini. Umsebenzi wekumfihla utawuba ekhaya lakhe esigodini saseSicelelweni kaManzini. Lofuna kwati kabanti angabatsintsa kunayi inombolo 76881175. Utawufihlwa ngeMgicibelo mhlaka 24 November 2018 nga 6am ekuseni emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguKhoza Victor Indvodzana yakhe.

## Our Deepest Condolences

Death is only a bridge towards eternal life with God. Certainly Heaven is rejoicing for another soul has finally reached his true home.

Lucy Zoda Tshabalala Nee Nhlabatsi



Funeral: 24/11/2018  
Vigil: 23/11/2018  
Place: Dwalile

The Tshabalala family sadly notifies family and friends on the passing on of Lucy Zoda Tshabalala Nee Nhlabatsi of Dwalile. Funeral will be on the 24th November 2018 after a night vigil at her home (Dwalile). Announcement by Jeffrey Siphos Tshabalala.

Makhaya Raymond Ntabanezimpi Stewart



Funeral: 25/11/2018  
Vigil: 24/11/2018  
Place: eLangeni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani kaMakhaya Raymond Ntabanezimpi Stewart kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bonke baka Stewart bakaMagongo kanye nebekhakhakhe emalangeni onkhe utawufihlwa ekhaya lakhe eLangeni ngeLisontfo mhlaka 25 November 2018 emvakwemlindzelo. Inkonzo yesikhumbuto ngeMgicibelo icala nga 1pm eLangeni high School. Simemetelo sikhishwa bantwabakhe egameni lemndeni. Bangasali bekhobonina eLangeni.

Mandlenkosi Lukhele naChristinah



Funeral: 24/11/2018  
Vigil: 23/11/2018  
Place: eTingonini

Kwatiswa umndeni wakaLukhele nebakaMazibuko kutsi Mandlenkosi Lukhele naChristinah, abasekho emhlabeni. Bafihlwa eTingonini ngeMgicibelo 24 November 2018 emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguPhilip Lukhele.

David Mchekeza Ndabukelwako



Funeral: 24/11/2018  
Vigil: 23/11/2018  
Place: kaShali

Relatives and friends of David Mchekeza Ndabukelwako are notified of his demise. He will be laid to rest on Saturday 24 November 2018 at Ka-Shali Ngwane Park after a night vigil. The funeral service will begin at 5:30am. There will be a memorial service at St Pauls Methodist Church on Friday 23 November 2018 at 2pm. Announcement by family.

Mengameli Alfred Diani Ndlela



Funeral: 24/11/2018  
Vigil: 23/11/2018  
Place: Ekutsimuleni

Kwatiswa tihlobo teMengameli Alfred Diani Ndlela kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhakhakhe kaNhlengetfwa, bekhobonina kaMndzebele, belibandla lakhe ilando neSamariya Jikelele. Utawufihlwa ekhaya lakhe Ekutsimuleni Engarwini. Umlindzelo ungaleSihlanu mhlaka 23 November 2018. Ufihlwa ngeMgicibelo ekuseni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumkakhe egameni lemndeni.

Jeremiah Zwephe Hlanze



Funeral: 24/11/2018  
Vigil: 23/11/2018  
Place: kuMatjemnyama

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baBabe Jeremiah Zwephe Hlanze wase Mgumudze kuMatjemnyama kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ekhaya lakhe mhlaka 24 November 2018 emvakwemlindzelo lotawuba ngaleSihlanu. Lokhipha simemetelo nguSiphos Hlanze, egameni lemndeni.

Petros Mazolo Nduna Simelane



Funeral: 24/11/2018  
Vigil: 23/11/2018  
Place: Mafutseni

Friends and relatives of Petros Mazolo Nduna Simelane well known at Town Talk are notified that he is late. He will be laid to rest on Saturday 24 November 2018 at his home Mafutseni, Enkhundleni. Announcement by his Children.

Elphus Fanelo Dlamini



Funeral: 24/11/2018  
Vigil: 23/11/2018  
Place: eSiweni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baElphus Fanelo Dlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa indlu yakubo kaHohho Eludlawini nase Gwayimane, bekhobonina kaHohho eMelethi, bekhakhakhe emafutseni Skhuphe naseSiweni. Utawufihlwa ngeMgicibelo emvakwemlindzelo eSiweni kuMalindza. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMahlatsini Hitler Dlamini umnakabo egameni lemndeni.

## REST IN PEACE



Ndabenhle Mdedeleni Gama



Funeral: 25/11/2018  
Vigil: 24/11/2018  
Place: eMbekelweni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baNdabenhle Mdedeleni Gama kutsi sewusishiyile emhlabeni. Bekatalwa ngu Bongani Fonyoza Gama Nee Sacolo. Umngcwabo ungeliSontfo mhlaka 25 November 2018. Emvakwemlindzelo lotaba ngeMgicibelo mhlaka 24 November 2018 khona ekhaya eMbekelweni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.

Gcinile Doris Nkwanyana



Funeral: 24/11/2018  
Vigil: 23/11/2018  
Place: eNsenga

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baGcinile Doris Nkwanyana kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeMgicibelo ekhaya lakhe eNsenga mhlaka 24 November 2018 ngemuva kwemlindzelo lotakuba mhlaka 23 November 2018. Inkonzo yesikhumbuto itakuba kuMatshapha Evangelical Church mhlaka 23 November 2018 nga 12pm. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMandla David Mavuso umyeni wakhe egameni lemndeni.

Lobuhle Margaret Malinga



Funeral: 24/11/2018  
Vigil: 23/11/2018  
Place: eNsenga

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baLobuhle Margaret Malinga lotalwa nguObert naAllice Malinga labangasekho kutsi sewusishiyile emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakaMalinga, bakaMotsa, bakaDlamini nebakaZikalala kanye nalabanye labamatiko. Utawufihlwa ngeMgicibelo mhlaka 24 November 2018. Umlindzelo ungaleSihlanu eNhlagano. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguSibusiso Given Zikalala indvodza yakhe egameni lemndeni.

Thembi Eunice Dlamini Mrs Shabangu



Funeral: 25/11/2018  
Vigil: 24/11/2018

Kwatiswa umndeni netihlobo ta THEMBI EUNICE DLAMINI MRS SHABANGU waseMangcongco lobekendze ku Venice Shabangu kaZondwako kutsi sewusishiyile emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo 25/11/18, kulindzelo 24/11/18 ngemgicibelo. Libandla lakhe leNazareth liyatiswa litochuba umsebenzi. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Venice Shabangu.

Raphael Sibongo Tshabalala



Funeral: 24/11/2018  
Vigil: 23/11/2018  
Place: eMbikwakhe

Umndeni tihlobo nebangani baBabe Raphael Sibongo Tshabalala lobekatiwa ngekutsi ngu Mntozwaya bayatiswa kutsi akasekho emhlabeni inkonzo yekumkhumbula isekhaya kakhe eMbikwakhe ngaleSihlanu nga 5pm. Kutawuba nemlindzelo. Inkonzo yemgchwabo ekuseni itawucala 5am ekhaya. Utawufihlwa ngeMgicibelo mhlaka 24 November 2018 eNgwane Park Cemetery. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.

## JOB 13:15

Though He slay me, yet will I hope in him: I will surely defend my ways to his face.

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# Blatter urges investigation of Infantino's meetings with Swiss prosecutor

**L**ausanne - Former FIFA president Sepp Blatter called for an investigation into his successor Gianni Infantino, after Switzerland's Attorney General admitted meeting the current boss of world football's governing body.

The Attorney General, Michael Lauber, told journalists earlier on Wednesday that his meetings with current FIFA boss Infantino were "normal and regular, especially in complex cases".

The Football Leaks website alleges that Infantino offered favours to a senior Swiss prosecutor, Rinaldo Arnold, in a bid to foster a relationship with Lauber, possibly to obtain privileged information about the FIFA probe.

Lauber added that his office was disclosing the meetings for the sake of "transparency".

According to Football Leaks, the informal meetings occurred in the spring of 2016, a few months after Infantino took charge of FIFA and vowed to restore its credibility, which had been shaken by the corruption-plagued 17-year leadership of Blatter.

## Investigation

The body that oversees Lauber's office, known as the AS-MPC, told AFP on Wednesday that while Lauber was not under investigation, it was examining the propriety of the meetings between Infantino and the attorney general.

Blatter reacted to Wednesday's news

by telling AFP: "The FIFA Ethics Committee... must do something and open an investigation into Mr Infantino."

"Where is the transparency preached by Mr Infantino during his election? He should report himself to the Ethics Committee to show that he is transparent."

Blatter added: "Infantino met Mr Lauber several times, whereas I have been questioned by him just once since a procedure against me was opened in September 2015."

Switzerland has pursued some 25 individual cases since a raid on a luxury hotel in Zurich in May 2015 led to the arrests of a number of FIFA executives and exposed the corrupt underbelly of

## INVESTIGATE: Sepp Blatter.



world football.

In addition to Blatter, the high-profile targets of Swiss investigators include FIFA's former secretary general Jerome Valcke and

Nasser Al-Khelaifi, the powerful Qatari national and media executive who is the president of French giants Paris Saint-Germain.

AFP

# BARCELONA 'RECEPTIVE' TO NEYMAR'S NOU CAMP RETURN

**B**ARCELONA - Barcelona are keen to re-sign Neymar but the club are 'waiting for the player and his father to apply pressure on Paris Saint-Germain'.

The Brazilian left the Nou Camp for pastures new in Paris during the 2017 summer window, but he has recently been linked with a stunning return.

As reported by Mundo Deportivo, many key figures at Barcelona would love to have him back, but are waiting for Neymar to set the wheels in motion.

They write that a conversation has already taken place between Neymar's father and Barcelona president Josep Maria Bartomeu, with the club chief making it known what would be offered to the forward if he returned.

Now the ball is in the player's court if he wants the move, and he must go to Paris Saint-Germain's hierarchy to make his intentions clear.

High-profile stars like Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Gerard Pique have all publicly admitted that they would welcome Neymar's return, while even Bartomeu has not hidden his desire to re-sign Brazil's captain.

There would be a number of stipulations if Neymar did head back to the Nou Camp, one being that he could not earn more than main man Messi. *Daily Mail*

ON TARGET: PSG star Neymar.



# Verstappen still doesn't regret attacking Ocon

**A**BU DHABI - Max Verstappen said on Thursday that he had "no regrets" about his violent confrontation with rival Esteban Ocon after the pair's crash during the Brazilian Grand Prix.

Fiercely Verstappen was ordered to carry out two days of public service by the sport's ruling body after shoving Ocon several times following their crash on lap 44 in Interlagos last week, which cost the Dutchman a likely victory.

The 21-year-old told reporters at this weekend's Abu Dhabi Grand Prix that his response could have been "much worse".

Asked if he now had regrets for his actions he said: "No. Not really. I was after an apology and I got a bit of a different response."

He added: "At the time, I had lost a victory... It could have been much worse."

"What do you expect me to do? Shake his hand and (say) 'thank you very much



NO REGRETS: Max Verstappen.

for being second instead of first?"

Verstappen suggested Ocon goaded him during a conversation when they were on the scales in the drivers' weighing room after the race, in which Red Bull driver Verstappen finished second

behind newly-crowned world champion Lewis Hamilton.

"You guys don't hear what is said on the scales, you just see me pushing, but if you understand the whole conversation, you will see it a bit differently," he said.

"It was something I didn't expect to hear. It doesn't matter what it was at the end of the day because it clearly pissed me off."

Verstappen also dismissed comments from five-time F1 king Hamilton, who suggested Ocon - who was one lap down on the young gun - was right to try to overtake.

"I don't think it changes if you are fighting for a championship. It is easy to say of other people 'you should have done something different'," he said.

"I don't expect to crash with a backmarker. If you get hit like that, I honestly don't understand what I should do differently." *Agence France-Presse*

# Ronaldo gets back to business for Juve

**R**OME - Cristiano Ronaldo gets back to business for Italian champions Juventus against SPAL today after missing Portugal's qualification for the Nations League semi-finals amid reports he has been snubbed for the final three in the Ballon d'Or award.

The 33-year-old Ronaldo has won the prestigious Ballon d'Or five times but could be excluded from the top three, with the winner to be revealed in Paris on December 3.

Ronaldo was rested from Portugal's last four internationals as they became the first team to qualify for the Nations League finals.

During the international break Ronaldo took a short break in London, amid reports he had got engaged to his Spanish girlfriend Georgina Rodriguez, before returning to train in Turin.

"All I can tell you is that when I got back I saw Cristiano training the way he does every day, as a professional and giving his all," Juventus team-mate Mattia De Sciglio told Sky Sports Italia.

"I can't tell you because I don't know anything about this," the Italian defender added of the Ballon d'Or.

"That's all I can say, and what will be, will be."

Juventus host SPAL - four points above the drop zone - looking to maintain their six-point lead over Napoli, who host bottom club Chievo.

The Turin giants then host Valencia in a crucial Champions League match on Tuesday after a dramatic loss to Manchester United.

Massimiliano Allegri can count on Paulo Dybala, back after scoring his first goal for Argentina, Portuguese defender Joao Cancelo and Polish goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny.

But German midfielder Emre Can is still on the mend after returning to Turin following thyroid surgery.

"Matches straight after the international break are always trickier," said defender De Sciglio.

"SPAL play good football and have caused problems for the big teams they've faced so far."

SPAL were riding high after three wins in their first four games this season, but have won just one game since, shocking Roma 2-0 at the Stadio Olimpico.

Napoli host Chievo, as injury-hit Inter Milan, a further three points back in third, host second-from-bottom Frosinone looking to keep pace with the top two.

"It's a decisive moment for the season," said Napoli coach Carlo Ancelotti, whose side host Red Star Belgrade on Wednesday.

"So far, things have gone well, but we need a further effort, we must be ready."

"It's going to be a fundamental run of games coming up, as we must be ready in Serie A and the Champions League. Getting through that group would be really satisfying."

"The Scudetto is a dream for us and it is not a utopia. Utopias are impossible, dreams can be realised."

Napoli last won the Italian league title in 1990. *AFP*



BACK IN ACTION: Cristiano Ronaldo.





## KANTE SECURES 5-YEAR DEAL WITH CHELSEA WORTH £290 000 A WEEK

**L**ONDON - N'Golo Kante has committed his future to Chelsea by signing a new long-term contract.

Kante has agreed a deal which is thought to be worth up to £290,000 a week over the next five years.

Talks have been ongoing since the summer amid long-standing interest in the 27-year-old midfielder from Paris Saint-Germain.

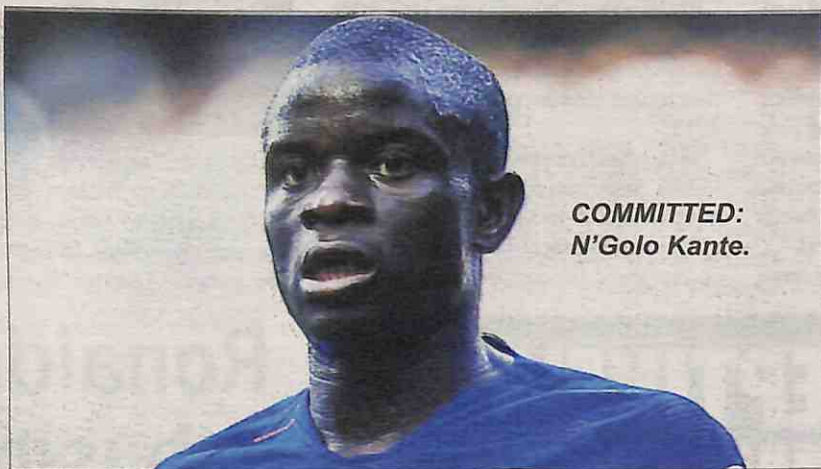
"I'm happy to extend my time with Chelsea, it has been two beautiful years and I wish for more to come," Kante said after signing new terms.

"Since I came, I completely improved as a player, challenged myself and got some awards I never thought about. I like the city, I like the club and I am happy to be here for more time."

Chelsea beat PSG to sign Kante from newly-crowned champions Leicester for £32million in the summer of 2016.

In his first season at the club he helped bring the title to Stamford Bridge and was named FWA Footballer of the Year.

This year he was integral to the France team as they won the World Cup in Russia.



COMMITTED:  
N'Golo Kante.

It has been a phenomenal rise for a player who was signed by Leicester for £5.6m from Caen only three-and-a-half years ago.

This season, he has adjusted quickly to the tactical demands of a new role on the right side of a midfield trio in order to accommodate new £56m signing Jorginho.

Kante is one of seven players to start each of the opening 12 Premier League games under new boss Maurizio Sarri.

They are unbeaten in the league and lie in third, four points behind lead-

ers Manchester City.

His current Chelsea contract which runs until 2021 was among those exposed this month via the Football Leak.

According to French investigative news site Mediapart he was paid a net salary of £4.5m a year and refused to have a percentage paid as image rights into an offshore company in Jersey because he was concerned about paying the right amount of tax.

AFP

## Leicester boss Puel says time to focus on football

**L**ONDON - Leicester City Manager Claude Puel says the team must now look to the future following last month's helicopter crash that cost the life of owner Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha.

Vichai died with four others when his helicopter came down following a 1-1 home draw with West Ham on October 27.

Heartfelt tributes were paid at the club's away match against Cardiff a week after the tragedy before Puel and many of the squad and senior staff flew to Bangkok to attend Vichai's funeral.

They returned for the goalless draw against Burnley at the King Power Stadium on November 10. The players are now back

at the club after the international break ahead of Saturday's trip to Brighton and, however hard it will be, Puel wants to focus on the football.

"It's important to have the good concentration on football to continue to improve," he said. "Our tributes for the chairman are in our minds but now it is important to speak about football."

"During the last two weeks, the players can forget a little and have their minds on other thoughts."

"The international players came back with a smile and are happy to come back and see their teammates. The others worked a lot with quality and focus and it was a good thing."

AFP

## Rashford still searching for Man United role

**M**ANCHESTER - Marcus Rashford has proved with England that he has all the qualities required to be a consistent attacking threat - but his task now is to replicate that form for Manchester United.

Rashford impressed as England beat Croatia 2-1 last Sunday to secure a place in next June's Nations League Finals, yet there is no guarantee he will start when Manchester United host Crystal Palace in the Premier League today.

That is because Manager Jose Mourinho is still wrestling with the question of how best to fit Rashford into his team, an issue that does not appear to be a prob-

lem at international level.

England Manager Gareth Southgate, having switched from the 3-5-2 system he used at the World Cup to a more attacking 4-3-3 set-up, has started to use Rashford on the left of a front three, with Raheem Sterling on the right and Harry Kane in the centre. It is an approach that is working well for Southgate, with Rashford outstanding as England won 3-2 in Spain last month before using his pace to good effect against Croatia to create danger on the counter-attack.

However, to secure the left-sided attacking role at United, Rashford will need to force his way past Anthony Martial, whose current form is as good as anything he has shown during his three years at Old Trafford.

AFP

## Pep pits wits against Pellegrini as City hit new heights

**U**NITED KINGDOM - Pep Guardiola faces Manuel Pellegrini - his predecessor as Manchester City manager - this weekend with his defending Premier League champions on course to smash even more records.

While City go to West Ham United with only a two-point lead at the top of the table, Guardiola's side has nevertheless looked even more impressive than they were 12 months ago.

The statistics bear out that analysis, with City averaging exactly three goals per game and on course to better last season's Premier League records of 100 points and 106 goals for the whole campaign.

In that context, perhaps the fact that Guardiola this week claimed he is a better manager now than at any stage of his career with previous clubs Barcelona and Bayern Munich should not have come as a surprise.

### Circumstances

"Now, I feel being here I am a better manager too, because I learned to handle this incredible league in many circumstances," said Guardiola, speaking at Liverpool University.

"It is the toughest one, for the amount of games, for the weather and the referees saying: 'play (on), play (on), play (on)' and the competitors, there are many. It is the only country that five or six (teams) can win the Premier

League." Pellegrini, who spent three years in charge of City and won a league title and two League Cups in that period, will doubtless agree with Guardiola's assessment about the difficulty of succeeding in the English game.

The 65-year-old Chilean's meeting with Guardiola may also be slightly awkward given recent allegations in the Football Leaks reports. AFP



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## BRIEFS

## Baroka coach hopes to win TKO

**LIMPOPO** - Coach Wedson Nyirenda says he is still mourning the passing of his mother, whom he buried few weeks ago. The 51-year-old hopes to find comfort from his mother's passing by winning their next game in the semi-final against Bidvest Wits. "It is not easy losing my mom, I was so close to her, it has never been easy for me, I am still grieving but, life must go on," Nyirenda told reporters. Bakgakga eliminated Mamelodi Sundowns to make it to the top four, a game away from reaching the final.

Citizen

## Micho tight-lipped on Pirates' new signing

**JOHANNESBURG** - Orlando Pirates coach Micho Sredojevic says he needs permission from the club to discuss defender Alfred Ndengane. Sredojevic confirmed the defender's presence in the Pirates camp, but says the club has rules around discussing newly signed players. Ndengane pushed for a move out of Bloemfontein Celtic last month and joined Pirates a few days later. The Pirates coach said relevant people at the club would talk about Ndengane's situation.

Phakathi

## Mokwena eager to lead a PSL club

**JOHANNESBURG** - Mokwena, who is tipped to succeed coach Micho Sredojevic at Pirates, was linked with a move to Free State Stars, but says he is happy to serve under Sredojevic for now. "So, it is not something that I think about because my priority now is to be the best assistant coach I can possibly be, and be as diligent and hardworking I can possibly be. To serve Pirates and its people to the best of my capacity," Mokwena told Marawa Sports Worldwide. "That is my focus at this moment in time and what the future holds nobody knows because just like David, he got chosen as king after 35 years," he added.

Kick-Off

## Is Mumble heading to the PSL to take over?

**JOHANNESBURG** - Changes are in the offing for local football administration with the imminent appointment of Russell Paul as the new Chief Executive officer of the SA Football Association (SAFA) and the possibility of his predecessor Dennis Mumble assuming same role at the Premier Soccer League (PSL). Mumble has not taken up the opportunity to extend his contact at SAFA and taken leave. Paul, the former president of SAFA Western Cape, is set to be endorsed as the new chief executive when the football body hold their annual general meeting at the Sandton Convention Centre next weekend on December 1, sources have told SowetanLIVE.

Sowetan Live

# SOLINAS: SOWETO DERBY IS THE GAME WITH A CAPITAL LETTER G

**JOHANNESBURG** - After coming across a bit like a rabbit being caught in the headlights, Kaizer Chiefs coach Giovanni Solinas seems much more assured ahead of today's Soweto Derby against Orlando Pirates.

Perhaps it's due to having had some time with work with the players who weren't involved in the Fifa international window, or the fact that the Amakhosi haven't conceded any goals in their last three games.

There were two 1-0 wins over SuperSport United and Black Leopards, and a goalless draw with Chippa United after losing the last Pirates clash 2-1 on October 27.

But whatever it is, Solinas made a great point on Thursday about how history won't favour Chiefs in the Telkom Knockout semi-final at the Moses Mabhida Stadium (3pm kickoff).

"This is Kaizer Chiefs - we play to win. The history shows that in



**IT'S JUST A GAME:** Kaizer Chiefs coach Giovanni Solinas and Orlando Pirates mentor Milutin Sredojevic catch up during a PSL press conference on Thursday.

164 games, Chiefs won 67, Pirates won 40, draw: 52. So, the history is for Kaizer Chiefs, but the history count for nothing for this game. New game, new derby.

"Nothing of the past counts - it's a new history, and we must create a new history for Kaizer Chiefs," the Italian said at a PSL press conference in Johannesburg.

reference in Johannesburg.

"This is not a game - this is the Game, with a G capital letter! Chiefs-Pirates is the game. It's a very important game, and we arrive for this game much better than the last derby.

"It is our responsibility, and for me personally, it is my responsibility. We want to work hard to

make our supporters happy."

Solinas was also optimistic about the condition and readiness of his players, after declaring Lebogang Manyama fit to take on Pirates.

"We had a lot of injuries, and some players didn't train for five or six days (ahead of the last derby). Generally, the condition was not good for the last derby, and now all players are available and training, which is very positive," the coach said.

"We lost the last derby, but we took the lessons from that. The lessons are more fighting, more concentration. This is a cup game, so 90 minutes may not be enough, as we could go to extra time or penalties.

"We need to focus on the details, because we played well for 20 minutes, and then lost our manner to play football - we lost concentration.

IOL Sport

## 'It's great they've taken Soweto Derby to Durban'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Kaizer Chiefs striker Leonardo Castro says 'it's great' that the upcoming Soweto Derby against Orlando Pirates in the Telkom Knockout today, will be played at the Moses Mabhida Stadium.

The Glamour boys face their arch rivals in a winner-takes-all Soweto Derby rematch in a TKO semi-final, after a recent 2-1 loss in the ABSA

Premiership.

"It's great that we have taken this game to Durban, Castro told the Kaizer Chiefs website. "It's already sold out, which means that there will be a fantastic atmosphere at Moses Mabhida Stadium.

"We love our supporters in KZN. We just need to take our talent onto the field and go out and play."

Sport24



**HAPPY:** Bidvest Wits coach Gavin Hunt.

## Hunt happy for Wits to hit the road for semi against Baroka

**JOHANNESBURG** - Bidvest Wits coach Gavin Hunt will be banking on his team's impressive away record when they take on highly unpredictable Baroka FC in their Telkom Knockout semi-final clash at Peter Mokaba Stadium tomorrow.

The Students are unbeaten on the road this campaign after five wins and three draws in all competitions, and Hunt said he was happy that they are hitting the road to Polokwane instead of playing in Johannesburg. "We look a better away side this year.

At home we look a little bit anxious and we get caught like we did in our last match at home, where we lost 2-1 to Bloemfontein Celtic," the coach said.

"Maybe an away game is better and it will be a nice wide pitch."

Though he is happy to be playing away, Hunt is concerned about the afternoon Limpopo heat that is expected to rise up to 28°C and may pose problems for his players.

"It is a day game and the heat may be a problem," he said, adding that Baroka will be motivated to do well in the match because of their topsy-turvy start to the season.

"Baroka have had two good results

over the last two matches, they are not going to win league and this is their chance to win a trophy.

"They will have the desire and put a good effort and we will have to match that.

We have had players away with the national team and you don't know what you are going to get from them when they come back.

"They played on Tuesday and they are not going to do anything on Wednesday, which means they will basically have one day of preparation on Friday.

"Chiefs and Pirates will not have any preparations because they play on Saturday (today) but at the same time players should know what is required."

Hunt has key midfielders Granwald Scott and Daylon Claassen back back in contention after recovering from long-term injuries.

"They are both training. Daylon has made further progress than Granwald but they are coming into contention," the coach said.

They were initially earmarked to come back only next year and they will come into the reckoning for this year because we have about five games left before the Christmas break." *Times Live*

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## Federer unlikely to win another slam - Toni Nadal

**L**ONDON - Swiss tennis great Roger Federer will struggle to add to his record tally of 20 Grand Slams, the uncle and former coach of long-time rival Rafael Nadal has said.

Via a column for El Pais, Toni Nadal feels the new generation of players have made a "quality leap".

"I find it hard to see Federer raising another Grand Slam trophy," he

wrote. "I do not say it for his game, although I do say it for the toughness of the five-set tournaments."

The 37-year-old Federer won his 20th major at this year's Australian Open, but struggled to maintain that form throughout 2018.

He was beaten by 21-year-old Alexander Zverev in the semi-finals of the year-end ATP Finals in London last week, with the young German

going on to take the title by beating world No 1 Novak Djokovic in the final. Toni Nadal did however note that Federer had proved him wrong in the past. "I have to confess that I said that on other occasions and the Swiss, repeatedly, surprised me."

Federer did not win a Grand Slam for four and a half years before he won the 2017 Australian Open by beating Rafael Nadal in the final.

Federer also won the 2017 Wimbledon title, before defending his Australian Open crown earlier this year.

But Toni Nadal added: "For some time I had my doubts about whether the youngsters would be able to overcome the game of Federer on grass, the one of Djokovic on fast courts and the one of Rafael on clay."

"And I had the impression that the change would be caused rather by

the decline of some than by the attack of others. The final in London has made me think about it."

"For now, for the coming year, I trust in the full physical recovery of Rafael. I feel new episodes of his rivalry with Djokovic and, in general, a more open panorama with the definitive incorporation of the new generation." Rafael Nadal is behind Federer on the Grand Slam tally list with 17, followed by Djokovic and America's Pete Sampras on 14.

**Sport24**

## Zungu blames himself for touchline altercation

**J**OHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates assistant coach Rulani Mokwena says Bafana Bafana international Bongani Zungu takes all the blame for a touchline altercation with a Mamelodi Sundowns fan.

Mokwena was at the centre of a healthy debate in South African football for comments he made ahead of the 2-1 victory over Chiefs on October 27, when he said: "Steve Komphela is in my opinion a big loss for Chiefs from a technical perspective."

Things escalated when former Downs star Bongani Zungu suggested in a tweet that it was Mokwena that was responsible for Pirates and Sundowns' success.

Having made his name with the Brazilians under Pitso Mosimane as an assistant, it led to a feisty 0-0 draw against the Brazilians on November 10 during which time a fan confronted him in the technical area.

However, he later told Vodacom Soccer that he urged Zungu to apologise even producing a private message from the player that read: "Hi coach, I've just seen the videos of what happened today."

### Dragged

"I'm very sorry. It's all my fault people are fighting you. I'm the one who they should be fighting. Not you. I feel really bad."

Head coach Milutin Sredojevic also got dragged into the incident and claimed that he would have slapped Zungu for his comments.

"I need to tell you something. If a player that I made... Nemanja Matic (for an example) has done (what Zungu did) to any coach, I would personally slap him," Sredojevic, said.

Ahead of this weekend's keenly-anticipated second derby of 2018/19, he concluded that he would continue to be an energetic presence on the sidelines: "It's okay my brother."

I do certain tasks like substitutions etcetera, but it's okay.

All is well. I'm calm."

Saturday's TKO semi-final clash is set to take place on Saturday at the Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban.

**Kick-Off**

## HAMILTON RUNS WITH NO. 1 ON HIS MERCEDES

**A**BU DHABI - Lewis Hamilton has embraced his status as world champion ahead of this weekend's Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, after changing the number on his car to No 1.

Up until 2014 world champions would traditionally race with the No 1 on their car the season after winning the world championship.

This system saw most drivers race with a number as decided by the order of the constructors' championship from the previous season - with the exception of the world champion and his team-mate who would run with the No 1 and No 2 respectively.

But for the last five seasons, F1 drivers have copied their MotoGP counterparts by having each driver select a personal number, with Hamilton having run with the No 44 since.



**WORLD CHAMPION: Lewis Hamilton.**

However, Hamilton will only run the No 1 on an unofficial basis in Yas Marina. He will not officially be crowned 2018 champion until the FIA gala prize giving award at the end of the season.

As a result the No 1 on his car is technically to mark his 2017 world

championship win, as he would not be allowed to run it had he not clinched last season's title.

Sporting regulations requires the driver to race with a number he is registered to - No 44 in Hamilton's case - which as usual will be displayed on the rear of the car

## PATRICK VAN AANHOLT REVEALS HOW HE ALMOST QUIT FOOTBALL

**L**ONDON - It's only when the conversation turns to a 'wasted' year at Wigan and Vitesse Arnhem that Patrick van Aanholt's natural self confidence fades for a moment.

"I was really thinking about quitting football," recalls the Dutchman solemnly. "I was that upset, I wanted to stop."

"I went on holiday with my missus at the time and said, 'What am I going to do now?'"

No club is going to want me because I haven't played for a year". I was very close."

It came during a period of Van Aanholt's career when he was sent out on loan from Chelsea to five clubs over six years.

Now happily settled back in London with Crystal Palace, the 28-year-old left back is brimming with confidence again. There is no desire to leave Selhurst Park.

"From the moment I stepped

inside the dressing room, it felt like home - a family bond," says Van Aanholt who is approaching the second anniversary of a £14million move from Sunderland.

Equally, there is no disguising the ambition of a player who interested Juventus last summer. Having only made three first-team starts over seven years on Chelsea's books, could he still play for a top European club? **AFP**

## Eymael puts pen to paper on short term deal in Egypt

**J**OHANNESBURG - Former Free State Stars coach Luc Eymael has signed a short-term contract to manage Egyptian Premier League outfit El Geish FC.

Eymael parted ways with Stars earlier this month after a difficult start to the campaign under his guidance.

However, the Belgian mentor proved a hit overall with Ea Lla Koto as last season the side finished in sixth position and won the Nedbank Cup.

### Training

Nonetheless, indifferent form in 2018/19 saw him leave the team and he has now signed a deal with his new club in North Africa.

He told Kick Off website: "I'm in Egypt with El Geish, it's the club of the army in Cairo."

"I have not yet signed but I already gave training, will sign a short-term contract until the end of May with a buy-out clause. I hope one day that I will be able to come back to a big team in South Africa."

"But one thing at a time, now I'm focusing on my job here sure. I want to again thank all the fans and the people at Free State Stars who supported me, all my players again. "I will sign officially on Monday until the end of May."

**AFP**

## Kgatlana leads the scoring charts at Women's AFCON

**A**CCRA - After just two rounds of matches in the group stages of the Women's Africa Cup of Nations currently underway in Ghana, South Africa's Thembi Kgatlana leads the goal-scoring charts with three strikes.

The Banyana Banyana forward grabbed the headlines when she scored a stunner against defending champions Nigeria in their opening match of the tournament.

Kgatlana followed that up with two goals against Equatorial Guinea in the second match of competition.

South Africa also has six goal-scorers from the eight goals they have accrued - Kgatlana (3), Nompumelelo Nyandeni, Linda

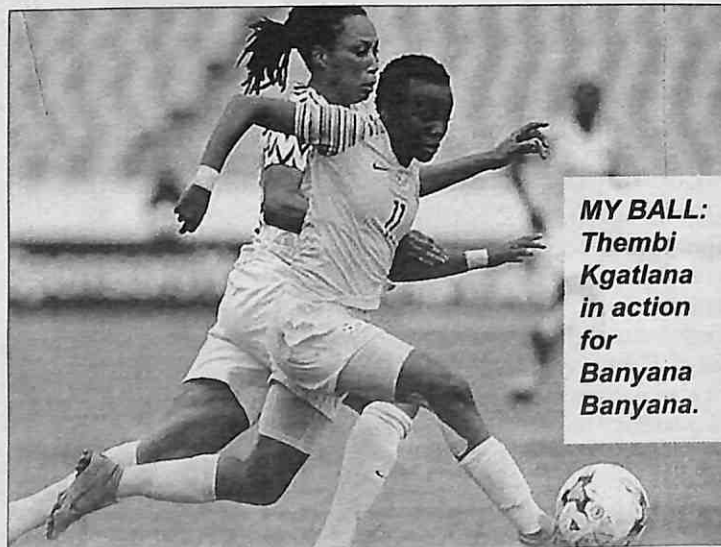
Motlhalo, Jermaine Seoposenwe, Amanda Mthandi and vice captain Refiloe Jane.

Banyana defeated Nigeria 1-0 and whipped Equatorial Guinea 7-1 - the highest-scoring game in the tournament so far.

South Africa's next assignment is the final group stages fixture against Zambia at the Accra Sports Stadium today starting at 6pm SA time.

Desiree Ellis' charges top the group and are on six points - Nigeria and Zambia are tied on three points each, but the Super Falcons have a better goal difference.

Equatorial Guinea has been eliminated from the tournament after two losses. **ANA**



**MY BALL: Thembi Kgatlana in action for Banyana Banyana.**



# MOURINHO ACCUSES MAN UNITED PLAYERS OF LACKING CHARACTER

**M**ANCHESTER - Jose Mourinho has accused Manchester United stars Luke Shaw, Anthony Martial, Jesse Lingard and Marcus Rashford of lacking 'character' and 'personality' as he hit out at the 'spoilt kids' of today.

The quartet were seen driving into training yesterday morning ahead of United's clash against Crystal Palace.

United welcome Roy Hodgson's side to Old Trafford in the Premier League this afternoon.

It is not the first time the United manager has questioned his United squad this season.

Mourinho admitted 'some care more than others' following the Red Devils' defeat by West Ham earlier this campaign.

And now the United manager has spoken about some of his players in an interview with former Barcelona forward Hristo Stoichkov.

"They are lacking maturity. Maturity that when you played, I think the youngsters... look at your situation, at my situation," Mourinho told



Univision Deportes.

"When I say maturity I mean on a personal level. We were more like men.

We were more mature. We were more prepared for life. Let's say it like that. We were less protected.

"In English they call it 'spoilt', 'spoilt kids'.

Our kids are more spoilt than we

were by our parents. We are more mature, we are better prepared. For young people now, it's a different life on a social level compared to ours.

"People are maturing more slowly. For example, the young lad Luke Shaw... He had great potential, yes, but he didn't know how to compete."

"When we talk about Luke Shaw, Martial, Lingard, Marcus Rashford, we're talking about young lads but who also are still missing a word that I can't use but you like to use. They are missing a bit of that. Character, personality, as they say in Spain as well, bad blood, that natural aggression that you had."

*Daily Mail*

## Pitso: I told you guys it'll be difficult to replace Tau

**P**RETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane says replacing a player like Percy Tau was always going to be a huge challenge even for the reigning Absa Premiership champions.

Sundowns sold the Absa Premiership Player of the Season to English Premier League outfit Brighton for a fee in the region of R50 million, who was then loaned to Royale Union Saint-Gilloise in Belgium's second tier.

Tau was massively influential when they won the title in 2017/18 as he scored 11 league goals and provided countless assists.

The 24-year-old is now enjoying success with his Belgian side as well where he has managed four goals and five assists in 13 appearances in all competitions.

As such, Mosimane, who was recently a dignitary for the Nelson Mandela Challenge game between Bafana Bafana and Paraguay, admitted that replacing him was always going to be tough.

Speaking to the media, he said: "I told you guys it'll be difficult for me to replace Tau and you guys are not listening to me, and you don't understand.

"If you don't have a player like that, you tell me where I'm going to get it? But this is not the space for me to talk, this is SAFA's space."

*Sport24*

**IT'S A CHALLENGE:**  
Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane.

## 'I'M READY TO TAKE ON THE TASK'

**M**ADRID - Real Madrid striker Karim Benzema has admitted that there is more pressure on him to deliver goals following the departure of former teammate Cristiano Ronaldo.

Ronaldo netted 311 times in 275 La Liga appearances for Los Blancos before ending his nine-year stint at the Bernabeu in July when he completed a move to Juventus.

In all competitions, Ronaldo was Real's top scorer in each of his nine seasons in Madrid but Benzema is leading the way this term, having netted 10 times in 18 outings.

Discussing the need to take responsibility for



**READY:** Real Madrid forward Karim Benzema.

getting goals, Benzema told Real Madrid TV: "A little bit more now that Cristiano has gone; now he's not here to bring us goals so it's up to me to do that.

"I feel very motivated and I'm ready to take on the task."

Benzema is well aware of what is expected at Real as he is in his 10th season with the club.

He added: "They always ask me for more.

Madrid is the best club in the world. Everyone always wants more from a striker - more goals, more touches, more assists, it's normal.

"I'm more motivated than ever to make it a great year for us."

*Daily Mail*

## Pochettino says footballers being 'pushed to the limit'

**L**ONDON - Mauricio Pochettino accepts he is pushing his Tottenham squad to the limit as he counts the cost of their World Cup exploits.

Out of the 12 Spurs players that went to Russia in the summer, only Harry Kane, Toby Alderweireld and Son Heung-min have not spent time out this season with muscle injuries.

Davinson Sanchez and Kieran Trippier were the latest stars to head for the treatment room before the recent inter-

national break and neither is expected back until next month.

Nine Spurs players were involved in Russia until the final weekend and did not return to Tottenham until the eve of the Premier League season.

Pochettino, whose Tottenham side play Chelsea this weekend, would prefer his young squad to be relaxing in the summer rather than playing football for 12 months.

"Today, we're in a period where the technology and the knowledge of sports science and the medical staff are fan-

tastic -- they can provide the best help," he said.

"But we're pushing players to the limit. The line between getting injured or not is so thin.

"We don't realise that we're playing with the health of the players. They're human. It's so tough. They are young. They need to enjoy life, too."

Pochettino's team selection has come under intense scrutiny this season as he tries to perform a balancing act between resting his players and fielding a strong side. *AFP*

## FIXTURES

### TODAY

#### TELKOM KNOCKOUT

Kaizer Chiefs v Orlando Pirates 15:00

#### SERIE A

Udinese v Roma 16:00

Juventus v SPAL 19:00

Inter Milan v Frosinone 21:30

#### BUNDESLIGA

VfL Wolfsburg v RB Leipzig 16:30

Mainz 05 v Borussia Dortmund 16:30

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Bayern München v Fortuna Düsseldorf 16:30

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Fulham v Southampton 17:00

Everton v Cardiff City 17:00

West Ham United v Manchester City 17:00

Manchester United v Crystal Palace 17:00

Brighton v Leicester City 17:00

Watford v Liverpool 17:00

Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea 19:30

#### FRENCH LIGUE 1

Paris Saint-Germain v Toulouse 18:00

Caen v Monaco 21:00

Strasbourg v Nîmes 21:00

Dijon v Bordeaux 21:00

Reims v Guingamp 21:00

Nantes v Angers 21:00

### TOMORROW

#### TELKOM KNOCKOUT

Baroka FC v Bidvest Wits 15:00

#### SERIE A

Parma v Sassuolo 13:30

Bologna v Fiorentina 16:00

Empoli v Atalanta 16:00

Napoli v Chievo 16:00

Lazio v AC Milan 19:00

Genoa v Sampdoria 21:30

#### SPANISH LALIGA

Athletic Bilbao v Getafe 13:00

Sevilla v Real Valladolid 17:15

Espanyol v Girona 19:30

Villarreal v Real Betis 21:45

#### FRENCH LIGUE 1

Montpellier v Rennes 16:00

Nice v Lille 18:00

Amiens SC v Marseille 22:00

### MONDAY

#### SERIE A

Cagliari v Torino 21:30

#### ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Burnley v Newcastle United 22:00



# MTN ESWATINI NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE ...



## WHO WILL WALK AWAY WITH THE BIG ONE?

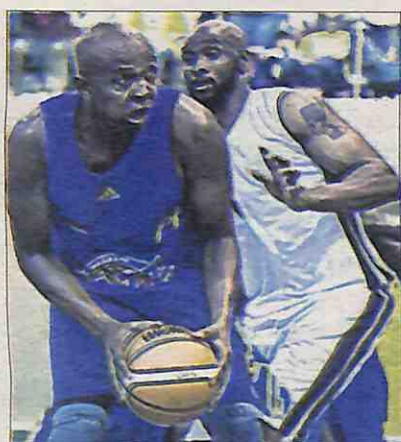
Stories by Sibusiso Dlamini

EML Finals  
Superstars vs Jazz  
Mavuso Sports Emporium

During the semi-final games last week, Eswatini National Basketball Association (ENBA) President Nhlanhla Maphanga had one subject he wanted to talk about and that was the influence - that foreign players have in the local league.

The foreigners' debate in the local league started during the 2016 season when Phoenix Alumni brought through foreigners in the National Women's League (NWL) and they dominated the season, eventually being crowned the Champions.

This season, Superstars have been the ones dominating with foreigners in the Elite League and this past week against



Imbumba they showed that they mean business. The hub based side played competitive basketball against an equally competitive Imbumba.

After this season, it's crystal clear that Busiswa Magongo is the best point-guard we have in the Kingdom right now. His ball-handling, his passing and his men-

tal tenacity are all second to none. He is a marvel to watch on the court.

Superstars are a very dangerous side, with their direct style of play and this their match against Jazz which proved they are the most successful team in the history of basketball in the country, and they have the experience.

The likes of Lwazi, Phinda Dlamini and Co will be at their very best. Again, they've got a hard-worker in Kuda Zvavera the man who can play even when he gets bloody.

Jazz just also got Sabelo 'Sabza' Simelane an exciting talent who has matured like fine wine over the years on their radar, so this match is definitely going to be a thriller.

And as the president suggested, the basketball league needs to sit-down and discuss the foreign quarter issue because if not, then the sport will suffer and E20 000 is at stake in this battle.

### WHAT WE LEARNT FROM THE MPL THIS PAST SEASON

## Chase Basketball needs new coach

MPL finals review  
Chase Basketball vs Dunkylaine  
Mavuso Sports Emporium

Dunkylaine are the Champions of the 2018 Eswatini National Basketball Men's Promotional League after edging Chase Basketball with a narrow 68 - 66 in an entertaining clash that kept the supporters on the edges of their seats at their Mavuso Sports Emporium.

Whilst the teams both played an entertaining match, one thing is for sure, Dunkylaine won the title because they worked harder on the day and because they were focused when it most mattered.

What they will need to work on though going into the elite league is to be less dependent on player-coach Mzwakhe Phiri. Fortunately enough for the capital city side, there weren't teams who had enough firepower to mark him completely out of the game, which is why they managed to continue doing well.

Otherwise, they are overworking the man and that does not make them a good team, he needs to let the boys do more than just the fighting, they need to work on their finishing too. Banele Dlamini is being a bit too defensive and subsequently they are then slacking overall. All they do is work hard here and there and expect Phiri to come through with the baskets.

Coming to Chase Basketball, the team has exceptional talent, but then there are things that make you wonder if they have a coach, or rather the right one for them. Siboniso 'Bonez' Gina as much

as he is an impressive baller himself, he doesn't seem to be doing a good job handling the boys' attitude and sometimes his formation doesn't link up with what he has on the court.

I think two moments were decisive for the match, and because of their lack of winning mentality character, 'Bonez' charges crumbled at the hands of Dunkylaine once again. The team was four points up and there wasn't any reason for Bongi Dube, and Sakhile Dlamini to commit folly fouls and be fouled out. After being so instrumental in the match, the boys then take it a to heart and this tends to cost them because they end up being out in the dying minutes when the team could really need them, especially after Martin's Gama's horrendous showing on the day. Mbonisi 'Mbokza' Ngcamphalala also needs to grow as an older brother figure to the team and be the one with the heart. When the chips are down, he needs to pick them up.

They need a leader with a big heart. A Lwazi Mchobokazi for when the chips are down. This all boils down to one thing, the team needs a new coach who can handle the boys. They have the talent in abundance and they are good enough, but then they need someone possibly harsher who will drum them with the basics of basketball and what it takes to win. Maybe 'Bonez' could still be around them if he gets the best in them, but then for the winning mentality they need a coach - a Sifiso Sibandze figure, a Andile Hlophe, a Size Nxumalo for the handling of the youngsters.



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# MTN Premier League 2018/19

PREVIEWS

## GREEN MAMBA SEEK REDEMPTION

Stories by Sabelo Gwebu

Green Mamba vs Manzini Sundowns  
Somhlolo National Stadium, 4pm

**S**OCCER – With three games remaining before the end of what has been an exhilarating MTN League campaign so far, Green Mamba know four points from a possible nine will guarantee them the E350 000 cheque for being top of the log halfway through the season.

With the hope the recently ended FIFA international break has reignited the fire from Caleb Ngwenya's side following back-to-back defeats at the hands of Mbabane Highlanders and Malanti Chiefs prior to the break, Green Mamba welcome 'slow poi-

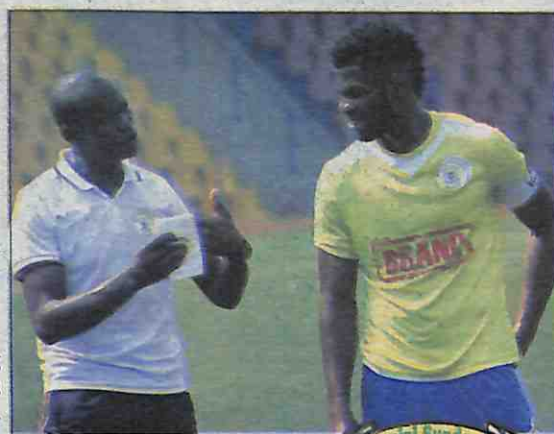


sonous' Manzini Sundowns who have a habit of frustrating star-studded teams.

Nine points separate the two sides and it should be an interesting affair as 'Kappa Kappa' will certainly be salivating on the

prospect of gate crushing the top four while Green Mamba seek to return to winning ways. Despite a major boost for Sundowns, welcoming back from injury Vusumuzi 'Spoko' Mashaba and Enzo Motsa, they have also added experience on their technical team, bringing in Zimbabwean Julius Chakupewa as assistant coach.

**GREEN MAMBA**  
Coach: Caleb Ngwenya  
Captain: Banele 'Makonose' Dlamini  
Key players: Mxolisi Mkhontfo, Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo, Njabulo Tfwala  
Match winner: Musa Dlamini



**SUNDOWNS**  
Coach: Charles Manda  
Captain: Kingu Pemba  
Key players: Phumlani Dlamini, Linda Maphalala, Sandile Dlamini  
Match winner: Reagan Kangumbu

## 'Rocco', Phinda out of Leopard clash

Royal Leopard vs Moneni Pirates  
Somhlolo National Stadium, 2pm

**M**ONENI Pirates visit Royal Leopard this afternoon a depleted side.

Terisayi Changara, the Pirates coach cannot call upon police officers Siboniso 'Rocco' Malambe and Phinda Nkonyane for this particular clash. The duo has been an integral part of Pirates since arriving on loan from Leopard at the beginning of the season.

Pirates however will find solace on the fact that Leopard's camp resembles a casualty ward going to this game. Dynamic midfielder Junior Magagula, goal machine Lungelo Tsabedze, speedy forward Bonginkosi 'Manyovu' Dlamini and Lindelwa Dlodlu have all been ruled out because of injuries.

**LEOPARD**  
Coach: Edwin Matsebula  
Captain: Barry Steenkamp  
Key players: Machawe Dlamini, Zwelli 'Millo' Nxumalo, Juries Gama  
Match winner: Melusi 'Melo' Mkhwanazi

**PIRATES**  
Coach: Terisayi Changara  
Captain: Menzi 'Magawugawu' Simelane  
Key players: Zombodze Dlamini, Lwazi 'Shumi' Mamba, Nhlanhla 'Jive' Nkosi  
Match winner: Bonkhe Myeza

## WANDERERS TRAVEL EAST TO FACE CITIZENS

Mbabane Citizens vs  
Manzini Wanderers  
Nsukuwansuku Stadium, 3pm

**M**BABANE Citizens probably liked the Mhlume environment so much from the last time out that they decided to take their home game against crowd pullers Manzini Wanderers to the sugar-belt.

The two sides will clash at Nsukuwansuku Stadium in this MTN League encounter as Mhlume has

certainly become a home for football, barely two weeks after welcoming other giants Mbabane Highlanders. Wanderers come to this game after a hard fought 1-0 win over Vovovo.

Defender Sifiso 'Tjovitjo' Maseko scored the solitary goals and the 'Weslians' will be out to add more misery to Citizens who have found the going tough in Premier League football.

The host are sweating over the fit-

ness of goal-getter Panawe Calbousso while Wanderers will welcome back captain Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya from injury.

**CITIZENS**  
Coach: Humphrey Mlwane  
Captain: Sizwe Khumalo  
Key players: Craig Abrahams, Mancoba Vilakati, Sandile 'Onyango' Dlamini  
Match winner: Panawe Calbousso



**WANDERERS**  
Coach: Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe  
Captain: Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya  
Key players: Njabulo Magongo, Mfan'fikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze, Sicelo 'Junior' Simelane  
Match winner: Mike Dombo



## MATSAPHA ENTER VOVOVO'S DEN

Vovovo vs Matsapha United  
Prince of Wales Ground, 3pm

**B**OTTOM loggers Matsapha United will enter Vovovo's favourite Prince of Wales Sports Ground hunting ground searching only for their second win of the season from nine games.

It does not get more difficult than that for Ernest Mavuso who has to boost the morale of a dressing room whose heads

are down.

But Matsapha will have to start collecting points now if they are to maintain elite league status.

Vovovo have three major absentees for this game; Bheki 'Djemba' Dlamini has been nabbed by the yellow card rule, striker Mohammed Sabella is injured while star midfielder Leon Manyisa is preparing for his flight to Spain but it does not mean at all that ingredi-

ents to make this an exciting affair have been lost.

**VOVOVO**  
Coach: Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini  
Captain: Mancoba Mavimbela  
Key players: Mncedisi Dlamini, Seto Tekwa, Sifiso Dlamini  
Match winner: Mcolisi Tsabedze

**MATSAPHA**  
Coach: Ernest Mavuso  
Captain: Sifiso Dlamini  
Key players: Muzi 'Mzo' Dlamini, Bandle Nxumalo, Clement Sibandze  
Match winner: Johnson Mensah

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# CORRECTIONAL SUNRISE RAISE E100 000 FOR ZONE 6

By Jongile Xuba

**VOLLEYBALL** - Correctional Sunrise have successfully raised close to the needed E100 000 for the Zone 6 Club Championships.

This was revealed by the teams Manager Cosmo Dlamini during the team's training session held at the IDM Hall in Matsapha on Thursday.

He said Dlamini said they had managed to raise the money which they had budgeted for in donations.

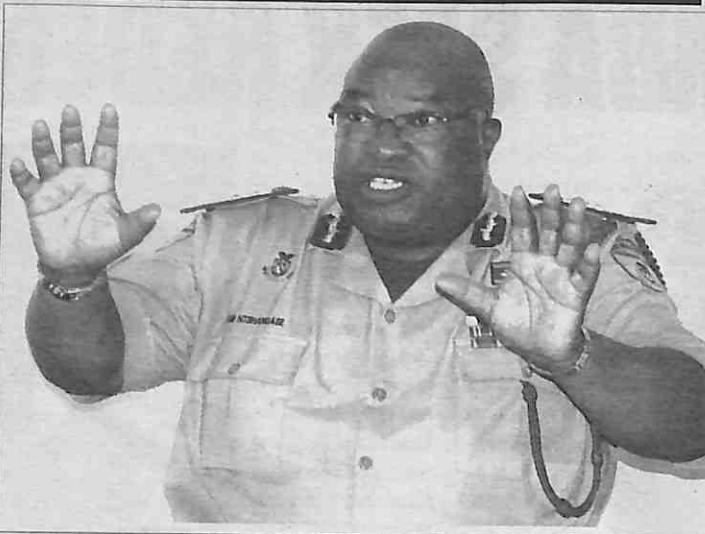
"I would like to thank our primary sponsors OK Foods, MA Engineering and Select Management Services for the financial assistance. Without their help this trip would be impossible.

"The funds will cover accommo-

dation, food, transport and other necessities the teams will need," he said.

Dlamini mentioned Correctional Services Commissioner General Mzuthini 'Isaiah' Ntshangase as a key supporter of the team and the reason they were successful in the court. "I would like to thank the ComGen for his unwavering support. This has helped us train well and sweep all the local competitions," said the manager. Dlamini said the competition would be held at University of KwaZulu Natal Courts in Durban, South Africa.

Both the Correctional male and ladies teams have qualified for the competition. The teams will leave next week Friday and will spend a week in the coastal city.



**TRUE LEADER:** Correctional Services Commissioner General Mzuthini Isaiah Ntshangase.

## Seven Dreams thrash Tycoons

By Jongile Xuba

Seven Dreams FC ..... 2 (3)  
Hlatikhulu Tycoons FC ..... 0 (0)

**SOCCER** - Seven Dreams were in dreamland after a 3-0 win over Hlatikhulu Tycoons at Somhlolo National Stadium on Thursday night.

The MTN National First Division (NFD) clash started slow with both teams taking a while to find their feet. Tycoons took the first chance after 30 minutes when Sifiso Mavuso shot over the bar. Two minutes later Seven

Dreams goal keeper Siyabonga Dlamini made a brilliant save when he pushed the ball over the bar after a rasping shot by Ayanda Mabuza. Theminkosi Dlamini ensured that Seven Dreams took the lead about three minutes later when he struck from outside the 18 yard box.

His shot went wide past the stretched keeper. The team made it two four minutes before the breather through a Mcolisi Maseko header.

The second half continued in the same fashion with tycoons being first on the attack.

Seven Dream's Mxolisi Maseko

however dampened the spirits as he scored the team's third goal in the 53rd minute.

He headed home a floated pass from the right flank.

Tycoons tried to fight their way back and find a consolation goal but they were unable to break down the defense.

Seven Dreams head coach Thobias Ntuli said that he was happy with the win as it was crucial for them to get it.

"We really needed the win after a string of poor results. We had been playing well and not scoring but this evening (Thursday) everything came together," he said.

Meanwhile his counterpart Elmon Nxumalo said his boys failed to keep up the game's tempo.

"We started well but ran out of steam in the second half.

This has been our biggest loss of the season so but we will rectify our mistakes going forward," he said.

### The teams

#### Seven Dreams

Mzwandile, Mxolisi, Siboniso, Banele, Theminkosi, Simanga, Sandile, Siyabonga, Mcinisi, Mcolisi, Ntokozo

#### Tycoons

Siboniso, Sizwe, Neliswa, Mhlonishwa, Lwazi, Sandile, Ayanda, Mcebisi, Sifiso, Melusi, Sencelwe.

## Red Lions secure point against Callies

By Jongile Xuba

Red Lions ..... 0 (1)  
Tambankulu Callies ..... 1 (1)

**SOCCER** - Red Lions managed to rescue a point after coming from behind to force a 1 all draw against Tambankulu Callies.

Lions had to fight back from a goal by Mazwi Sihlongonyane in the first half as Callies dominated a majority of the proceedings, catching the opposition with the fast breaks.

The second half was an all out attack by Red Lions as they searched for an equaliser. The Fairview based side finally got their goal after a charging run by Siyabonga Jele.

The forward muscled past a staggering defence before rattling the back of the net in the 65th minute. They came close to doubling his tally two minutes later but were denied by the opposition goalkeeper.

Lions brought on Jabulane Maziya in the 80th minute and he almost made an instant impact.

He received a long ball and ran past the slow defence just to shoot wide in his first attempt.

The game eventually fizzled out to a draw with both teams content to share the spoils.

Tambankulu Callies Head Coach Simon Motsa said he was satisfied with the result.

"The boys played well today. It was



**VICTORY:** Red Lions players and supporters celebrating their victory against Mbabane Highlanders and promotion to the Premier League in one of the previous seasons.

not a bad result but we need to improve on few things," he said.

He did however lament his team's lapse in concentration after they conceded the second half goal. "I'm not happy with the fact that we conceded an easy goal.

We need to work on our concentration and finishing this week," he said.

### The teams

#### Red Lions

Felizwe, Nhlanhla, Majahonkhe, Sandile, Siphmandla, Kwanele, Mphumuzi, Celimpilo, Njabulo, Mthokozisi, Siyabonga

#### Tambankulu Callies

Sicelo, Siphosethu, Justice, Menzi, Sebenele, Wandile, Mazwi, Vusi, Dumisani, Sandile, Jabulani.

## Manzini Open tomorrow

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**GOLF** - Swazi Industrial Star will tomorrow host the Manzini Open.

Over 40 golfers are expected to take to the greens at the Manzini Golf Club. Manzini Golf Club's Eerfaan Dada yesterday said they were pleased to host the tournament because it was going to give an opportunity to golfers to network and share ideas. "The workplace

can be very stressful at times and employees need to give their minds a break and socialise with other employees. They also need to make sure that they network and share ideas with employees from other companies and this can help grow them as individuals and also as employees of the different entities," he said. The event will see seasoned golfers such as Moses Dlamini, Richard Dlamini and Wakie Lawrence take on the greens at the hub city.

### MANZINI CLUB OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW - 25 NOVEMBER 2018

TEE OFF TIME	PLAYER	PLAYER	PLAYER	PLAYER	
0630 HRS	Sifiso Vilane-1	Brendin Rennie-1	Sanele Myeni-2	Bonginkosi Myeni-4	4
0635 HRS	John Fakudze-7	Michael Mahlalela-8	Jethro Masuku-8	Bambo Kunene-8	4
0640HRS	Machawe Maziya-9	Louis Hasseane-9	Patrick Ndzinisa-9	Moses Dlamini-11	4
0645 HRS	ME Dlamini-11	Walter Dlamini-12	Musa Shongwe-12	Nyakanyaka Dlamini-12	4
0650HRS	Andy Mkhathshwa-13	Steven Dlamini-13	Robert Mgcinah-13	Ivan Groening-13	4
0655HRS	Dale Masilela-13	Sive Dlamini-13	Zenzi Hadebe-14	Sipho Dlamini-14	4
0700 HRS	Simon Motsa-15	Dumisani Hlatshwayo-15	Lwazi Dvuba-15	Elwyn Dlamini-15	4
0705HRS	BJ Simelane-16	Victor Lima-16	Ncamiso Matse-16	Sipho L Dlamini-18	4
0710 HRS	Eerfaan Dada-18	Richard Dlamini-18	Sifiso Zubuko-18	Phillip Desousa-18	4
0715 HRS	Paulos Dlamini-21	Wakie Lawrence-22	Ray Dlamini-22	Aubrey Mkhonta-22	4
0720 HRS	Nkululeko Nxumalo-23	Mbongwa Dlamini-24	Elliot Nkambule-26		3
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## International clubs for RSSC club championships

By Sibusiso Masilela

**TAEKWONDO** - Mozambique and Lesotho pick teams will be part of the action during the upcoming RSSC Club championship slated for the Bosco Skills Centre next month.

The two countries have already confirmed their participation in the annual local tournament billed for December 8.

Eswatini Taekwondo Federation Secretary Mbongeni Sibandze stated that preparations for the competition were already underway when contacted yesterday.

"Two international clubs have confirmed their participation in the RSSC championships. They will join several local clubs that will be part of the action. We are looking forward to the event as it will also help keep our artists fit.

"There will be several categories on the day for both juniors and seniors but other logistics will be communicated in due course. We urge local clubs to continue preparing so that they hoist the country's flag high on the day," he said.

The games will also form part of the national team preparation for upcoming international games.

The team is set to compete in All Africa Games and the World Taekwondo Federation slated for Morocco and England respectively.





# MALANTI CHIEFS STUN SWALLOWS

By Sibusiso Masilela

Malanti Chiefs.....(0)1  
Mbabane Swallows.....(0)0

**S**OCCER - Malanti Chiefs have made it into the top eight bracket after stunning MTN league defending champions Mbabane Swallows at the Somhlolo National Stadium last night.

The Pigg's Peak based outfit recorded a 1-0 victory, dampening Swallows chances of clinching the E350 000 first round incentive as they are still trailing current log leaders Green Mamba by four points.

The CAF Champions League bound Swallows started the match on a high note and were threatening as early as the ninth minute but a shot by their development product William Kunene went wide.

The ex Manzini Wanderers player started in the place of the bereaved captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze who missed the clash. Swallows on form anchorman Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu was unlucky not to score in the 20th minute when his well taken effort resulting from a Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko hit the cross bar with Malanti goalkeeper Qiso Gama well beaten.

Tempers and emotions took the better of both technical benches resulting in Swallows assistant coach Siyabonga Bhembé being sent off by referee Mbongeni Fakudze after an exchange of heated words with some Malanti officials.

Both teams failed to find the back of the net in the opening half and the match went to the break on a goalless stalemate. Malanti eventually came out of their laurels in the second stanza as they took the match to the opposition.

South African winger Sandile Mazibuko failed to beat Swallows goalkeeper Ntokozo Shabangu eight minutes into half after a one on one encounter after combining well with substitute Thokozani Dlamini.

The national Under 20 starlet Thokozani, who came in for the injured Binwell Katinji, eventually broke the deadlock in the 67th minute when he tapped home a spill over ball by the Swallows keeper.

## The teams Swallows

Ntokozo, Mabila, Stevy, Ndzabandzaba, Ndaba, Mcreesh, Wonder, Njabulo, Sandile, Phumlane (Sizolwethu), William (Tawarile)

## Malanti

Qiso, Siyabonga, Innocent, Thembezezi, Sithembiso, Sifiso, Zweli, Sandile, Lindokuhle, Asive (Senzo), (Binwell), (Thokozani).

## Bereaved 'TT' to travel to Tanzania

By Sabelo Gwebu

**S**OCCER - Bereaved Mbabane Swallows skipper Tony 'TT' Tsabedze will fly to Tanzania with the rest of his teammates on Monday.

The red and white glamour will be embarking on their Total CAF Champions League journey where they will take on Simba Sports in the first leg of their clash on Wednesday.

TT, as he is fondly known lost his father Nathaniel Zuluway Tsabedze who passed away on Tuesday. Tsabedze senior, known as the great Zuluway and a former Mhlambanyatsi player himself like the current Sihlangu captain will be laid to rest tomorrow at Sigangeni after a night vigil.

The developments were confirmed by Swallows General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane on Thursday.

"We will leave on Monday and even though we are still to meet Tony's family, we assume he will join us for the trip," he said while addressing members of the media on Thursday night when introduc-



**BRAVE: Tony 'TT' Tsabedze.**

ing experienced Malawian coach Kinnah Phiri.

The late Zuluway joined Rovers from Big Bend where he was recruited around 1972. A year after that he earned a national call-up where he was one of the best strikers in the country.

He was described as a great player; one who was dedicated and did not want to lose. He made sure to pass his talent in the game to both his sons Tony 'TT', Thokozani 'Nyosi' (Green Mamba and Midas City) and Sipho, who has plied his trade with Premier League sides Mbabane Highlanders and Mbabane Citizens.

## Leon Manyisa boost for Vovovo

...As paper work stalls players trip to Spain

**S**OCCER - Vovovo starlet Leon Manyisa will be available for selection for his side's MTN Premier League clash against Matsapha United.

The youngster, who was set to jet off to Spain yesterday for trials with the Sevilla Under-23 side, is reportedly still sorting out his paperwork, something that will allow him to be part of the match billed for the Prince of Wales Sports Ground this afternoon. This was revealed by his Coach Geina 'Magiyane' during the pre-match interview held at Sigwaca House yesterday. "He is still around and will be around for about another week as there has been a delay in his papers. 'Magiyane' who has also played a pivotal role in the players' development during his time with Green Mamba's development said he was confident that the youngster's playing style would fit very well with Sevilla. "In Spain, it's a mixture of Latino football and European football, and I trust him when it comes to football artistry and footwork. It will just be a matter of him adapting to the European style," he said. Coming to the match, the seasoned mentor said he was wary of Matsapha United, but was optimistic of his side's chances despite the injury of trusted striker Mohammed Sabella.

"If there's one thing I haven't mention to my boys this week is Matsapha position on the log because we don't have to let that get to our heads. I was fortunate enough to watch them against Mbabane Highlanders and they are not to be taken lightly. They are a very dangerous side. But my boys are young and can still handle them. I am adamant that despite the injury of Sabella, we will do just fine," he said.

**BOOST: Vovovo's Leon Manyisa.**

## King blesses Ingwenyama Cup

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**S**OCCER - His Majesty King Mswati III has officially blessed the start of the Ingwenyama Cup.

The tournament's official set-off was announced by Prince Hlangusemphi who was representing Ingwenyama Cup Board of Trustees Chairman Prince Hlangabeza during a press conference held at

the King's office at Nkhanini yesterday.

The prince began his speech by expressing their Majesties delight with the growth of the unique tournament which fuses culture and sport.

"The Majesties are really happy with the progress of this tournament and what the Ingwenyama Cup has grown to be in the country. Their Majesties are overjoyed with how

both culture and sport are being merged. As announced by His Majesty King Mswati III during the presentation of last year's edition, the tournament will continue once again this year and will be bigger and better," he said.

He further said the noted late-start was due to the number of national duties that were on-going in the country.

"As some might have noted the late start, this is due to the national duties that the country has had, from

elections and now the national prayer, Incwala.

The tournament dates will be officially released on Monday after the organising committee's meeting," he concluded.

This upcoming edition will be the fourth edition, and the past three editions have all been won by capital city giants Mbabane Swallows. The regional knock-outs for the richest knockout tournament in the land are already on-going in all four regions.



**EAGER: Highlanders goal scorer Mthobisi Mngometulu being congratulated by his teammates.**

## Landers looking to end Somhlolo jinx

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**S**OCCER - CAPITAL City giants Mbabane Highlanders are looking to end their newly discovered jinx of continuously losing at Somhlolo National Stadium.

This was said by the team's coach Saul Chamunika during the pre-match press conference held at the Sigwaca House yesterday. Highlanders will lock horns with Manzini Sea Birds this afternoon starting at 3pm.

The Zimbabwean-born mentor said the team was not pleased with the fact that they have not won at the country's Mecca in a while. He however promised their supporters that they would not undermine their opposition, who are currently placed

second from the bottom on the log standings. "We haven't been winning at Somhlolo Stadium, which is ideally our fortress and this needs to come to an end. We want to redeem ourselves to our fans. In such games, you need to get the maximum points, and I've made it clear to the boys that we need to win this encounter. I need their minds to be in the right space, I need them to know that Sea Birds is a formidable side that can surprise us if we take them for granted," he said. Chamunika's words were echoed by the team's Captain Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze who said the players were looking to redeem themselves following the 1-all stalemate against Vovovo in the last match. On the other hand, Manzini Sea Birds Captain, a former Highlanders player, Sibusiso Dlamini said the hub ensemble was not fazed by the Mbabane giants, especially at Somhlolo. "They (Highlanders) seem to be struggling when playing at Somhlolo and we will worsen things for them. We respect Highlanders and it's obviously always a motivation playing against them, so we are all out for a win," he said.

## Leopard without four stars for Moneni clash

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**S**OCCER - Police side Royal Leopard will be without the services of four key players when they face-off against Moneni Pirates this afternoon.

The players include tough-as-nails midfielder Junior Magagula, goal-a-game forward Lungelo Tsabedze, speedy forward Bonginkosi 'Manyovu' Dlamini as well as Lindelwa Dlodlu.

This was confirmed by the team's mentor Edwin Matsebula during a pre-match briefing at Sigwaca House yesterday. The coach however stated that albeit the injuries, he was confident the team would do well when they face-off against the Moneni Buccaneers.

"Injuries are a part of football. Those players are key to us, but we have depth in the team, so I'm sure we can still get positive results in the match. Those that will get their chance should come out and prove that they are worth the chance, because a team isn't just about individuals, it's about performing regardless of which individuals are missing," he said.

Meanwhile, Moneni Pirates mentor Terisayi Changara will be without the services of midfielders, Siboniso 'Rocco' Malambe and Phinda Nkonyane who are police officers and will have to sit this one out.

The two have been very influential in the team's midfield ever since they joined the hub side. Nonetheless, the gaffer said his charges still had enough firepower. "We are facing a very strong side, but I know we can win against them. We will miss Phinda and Rocco in the middle of the park but we are capable of pulling an upset," he concluded.



# FIXTURES

## TELKOM KNOCKOUT

Kaizer Chiefs	vs	Pirates	15:00
Udinese	vs	Roma	16:00
Juventus	vs	SPAL	19:00
Inter Milan	vs	Frosinone	21:30

## BUNDESLIGA

VfL Wolfsburg	vs	RB Leipzig	16:30
Mainz 05	vs	Borussia Dor	16:30
Augsburg	vs	Eintracht Frankfurt	16:30
Hertha BSC	vs	TSG 1899	16:30
Bayern München	vs	Fortuna Düss	16:30
Schalke 04	vs	Nürnberg	19:30

## ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Fulham	vs	Southampton	17:00
Everton	vs	Cardiff City	17:00
West Ham United	vs	Manchester City	17:00
Manchester United	vs	Crystal Palace	17:00
Brighton	vs	Leicester City	17:00
Watford	vs	Liverpool	17:00
Tottenham Hotspur	vs	Chelsea	19:30

## FRENCH LIGUE 1

Paris Saint-Germain	vs	Toulouse	18:00
Caen	vs	Monaco	21:00
Strasbourg	vs	Nîmes	21:00
Dijon	vs	Bordeaux	21:00
Reims	vs	Guingamp	21:00
Nantes	vs	Angers	21:00

# HIGHLIGHTS



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BULL OUT TO  
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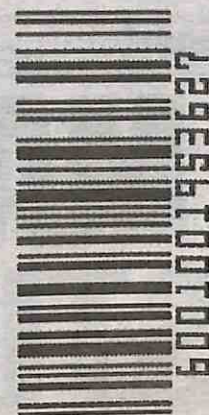
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**FINALE:  
MTN BASKETBALL  
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# MALANTI CHIEFS SHOCK BIRDS



## MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG:

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Green Mamba	10	8	0	2	21	6	15	24
Swallows	11	6	2	3	14	9	5	20
Buffaloes	10	6	2	2	13	7	6	20
Highlanders	10	5	4	1	13	10	3	19
Leopard	9	5	2	2	15	6	9	17
Sundowns	10	4	3	3	13	11	2	15
Malanti	11	4	3	4	9	14	-5	15
Tambuti	10	3	3	4	10	10	0	12
Pirates	10	3	3	4	10	11	-1	12
Wanderers	10	3	2	5	12	14	-2	11
Sea Birds	10	2	3	5	10	16	-6	9
Citizens	10	1	5	4	8	15	-7	8
Vovovo	10	1	4	5	6	12	-6	7
Matsapha	9	1	0	8	3	17	-14	3

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● Malanti Chiefs records 1-0 victory against the MTN Premier League defending champions to jump to position seven on the log standings

# SOWETO RIVALS BATTLE FOR TKO FINAL BERTH

**D**URBAN - Soweto rivals Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates will battle for a place in the final of the Telkom Knockout when they meet at Moses Mabhida Stadium today, kick-off at 15:00.

Chiefs earned their place in the final four by overcoming Black Leopards on penalties (following a 1-1 draw) in the last 16 and defeating SuperSport United 1-0 in the quarterfinals - thanks to an amazing strike from defender Ramahlwe Mphahlele.

## Triumph

The Amakhosi have won a record 13 League Cup titles (three of them in the TKO era), though their last triumph was in the 2010/11 season. Last season they got as far as the



semifinals before losing 1-0 to eventual champions Bidvest Wits.

Pirates had to work hard for their place in this phase of the TKO, edg-

ing Chippa United 1-0 at home in the last 16, before coming from a goal down to defeat AmaZulu 3-1 after extra time in the quarterfinals earlier this month - a Theminkosi Lorch brace sandwiched a goal from Xola Mlambo in the Buccaneers' win over Usuthu.

## Penalties

The Buccaneers have won the Telkom Knockout just once (2011) and last season got as far as the quarterfinals before they were eliminated on penalties (after a 2-2 draw) by Polokwane City.

Chiefs and Pirates have been regular cup combatants as part of their historic rivalry. Their last such meeting was in the last 32 of the 2016 Nedbank Cup, with the Buccaneers

winning 2-0 thanks to a brace from Tendai Ndoro.

## Victories

Yet the Amakhosi have won nine matches outright (plus three by penalties) compared to eight victories for their rivals in the teams' 24 cup meetings since 1985.

Across all competitions, the Glamour Boys' dominance is reflected in 33 wins compared to 23 for Pirates from 90 matches.

However, Chiefs have not claimed an outright win over Bucs in the last 10 meetings of the teams across all competitions, and Pirates are on a two-game winning streak in this rivalry, including a 2-1 triumph at the FNB Stadium (thanks to goals from Innocent Maela and Vincent Pule) from a league match in late October.

## Supersport