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NOSIMILO AND MPHO'S WEDDING AT UMLAZI



ZUMBU: Nosimilo Mthethwa all smiles as her husband Mpho Mkhwanazi appreciates her. This was during the second leg of their wedding ceremony at Umlazi in KZN over the weekend. The local delegation, which was commissioned by Her Majesty, accompanied the Mthethwa family to the colourful ceremony which was a culmination of the Swazi and Zulu cultures. Nosimilo is the daughter to Musa and Slyvia Mthethwa. The ceremony ended with the presentation of bridal gifts to the Mkhwanazi family. (Pics: Simon Shabangu) **MORE ON PAGES 4 - 5**

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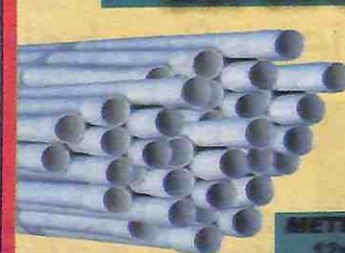
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2 NATIONAL NEWS

Three lawyers appointed acting Supreme Court judges

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

IN a bid to curb the backlog of appeal cases at the Supreme Court, three

lawyers have been appointed judges on an acting basis.

The three in former Deputy Attorney General Sabelo Matsebula, lawyers Judith Currie and Mabandla Manzini were sworn-in by the Chief Justice Bheki

Maphalala. According to Supreme Court Registrar Banele Ngcamphalala, the three would be acting for a period of three months with immediate effect.

According to the Supreme Court roll for the current session, about 70 appeals

are to be heard and finalised before the close of the session.

Matsebula left the position of deputy attorney general in December 2015 when he reached the mandatory retirement age of 60 set for

civil servants.

This is not the first time lawyer Manzini is appointed as acting Judge as he was once appointed acting Supreme Court Judge in 2016 together with six other lawyers.

IMBAWULA KILLS MAN

By Sisho Magagula
Manzini

WITH the extremely cold weather conditions continuing to sweep across the country, a man has died tragically after he fell asleep while enjoying heat from an imbawula inside his rented flat at Mhobodleni location in Manzini.

Imbawula is vernacular for a home-made heater.

David 'Mdvu' Dlamini of Siteki, who resided alone in a two-room flat, is believed to have died last week Tuesday after inhaling excessive smoke from the imbawula.

Dlamini, who was employed by the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital as a cleaner, was only discovered on Monday morning after lying dead inside the house for almost a week. He was discovered by family members who had come to check on him after disappearing for almost a week.

The concerned relatives visited the flat after failing to get hold of him on his mobile phone. The relatives, who comprised his two brothers and one sister-in-law, reportedly became suspicious after visiting his workplace and were told by his superiors that he had not reported for duty for the whole of last week.

In an interview yesterday, David Mkhathshwa, who has been Dlamini's neighbour for more than five years, said the last time he saw Dlamini alive was last week Tuesday around 3pm.

"I was with him for almost the whole day on Tuesday and it was extremely cold that day. So we decided to make fire in the mbawula to keep ourselves warm. We always make fire in the mbawula and sit around it outside. At 3pm I left him and went to work. When I came back the following morning, I didn't see him and the burglar door to his house was locked. I didn't suspect anything because I thought he was at

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ROOT OF EVIL: David Mkhathshwa reacts next to the imbawula which is suspected to be the cause of death of his brother-in-law David 'Mdvu' Dlamini while he was inside his flat. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

work," he said.

Mkhathshwa stated that he did not see his neighbour the whole of last week. He only became suspicious when he also did not see him at the funeral of one of their neighbours on Saturday yet they had agreed to attend it.

"Still, I did not give it much thought and only believed that he had other per-

sonal things to attend to. It was not until yesterday (Monday) when I saw his siblings coming here to enquire about his whereabouts. They said they had tried calling him last week but his phone rang unanswered. They then went to his workplace and his bosses said they had also not seen him all of last week," he said.

Mkhathshwa said they then tried to force open the door since the burglar door was locked. To their shock, Dlamini was found in a seated position on the sofa, dead. He was also in an advanced state of decomposition.

blanket

The imbawula was found just next to the door, with remnants of firewood and coal inside it. Dlamini also had a blanket around his abdomen.

"Kuvele kwabonakala nje kutsi bekotsa lembawula embatse lengubo. He must have fallen asleep and inhaled the smoke," said Mkhathshwa.

Police were called to the scene and they took him to the mortuary. When reporters from this publication arrived at the homestead yesterday morning, shocked tenants were found still discussing the issue. The incident is also the talk of the town at ka-Khoza and Mhobodleni.

The journalists were shown the imbawula which was placed next to the deceased's house by the police on Monday.

Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident.

"Suspicion is that the man was killed by the imbawula but our investigations are on-going," she said.

According to neighbours, Dlamini leaves behind a pregnant girlfriend and an undisclosed number of children.

Schoolgirl, five others arrested for growing dagga

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

A pupil who was working in a dagga farm is thanking her lucky stars after she was cautioned and discharged for growing dagga by a Manzini magistrate yesterday.

Nomcebo* was arrested together with her co-workers Sandile Mbuli, Njabulo Mabuza, Delisile Jele, Nokthula Ndzimandze, and Tiphalele Ndzimandze.

The six made their court appearance in the company of their employer Khanyakwezwe Dlamini, who was also arrested for growing 238 dagga plants.

The seven were charged with growing dagga while at Mtfontjeni area. Even though Dlamini tried to reason with the court that he is the one who caused the arrest of the rest for growing dagga, his statement fell on deaf ears as he was told that every accused person would speak for herself or himself.

All seven accused persons pleaded guilty as charged for growing dagga.

Giving their side of the story, the

accused persons informed the magistrate that they got a job of harvesting the dagga before they were arrested.

They said they opted to harvest the dagga in order to make quick cash to feed their families. However, one accused person Nomcebo told a different story as she said she went to harvest the dagga in order to get money for bus fare as she is a pupil who attends school. After noting the reasons and mitigation by the accused persons, Magistrate Nelsiwe Hlophe sentenced Dlamini to two years imprisonment with a fine option of E3 000.

The other five accused persons were sentenced to two years imprisonment with a fine option of E2 000.

Meanwhile, Nomcebo, who stated that she is a scholar, was cautioned and discharged.

The magistrate exercised leniency on the other five dagga growers except for their employer by suspending half their sentences for a period of two years on condition they are not found to have committed a similar offence during this period.



Chief's son dies after being rejected at clinic

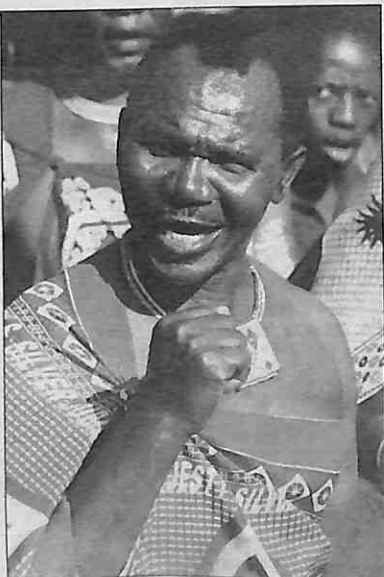
By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

CHIEF Bhejisa Lushaba of Manyiseni in the Shiselweni region has lost his son who was snubbed by Matsanjeni Health Centre laboratory staff last week.

Magugu Lushaba (38) passed away on Monday night, having been overlooked by the health workers at the laboratory while seeking medical attention on Friday afternoon.

Chief Bhejisa said they were attend-

BEREAVED: Chief Bhejisa Lushaba.



ed by a doctor when they arrived at 2pm last week Friday and after a medical examination, they were referred to the laboratory where they were given a cold shoulder by workers. "When we arrived at the laboratory the staff told us that they have knocked off. They told us to go back to the doctor," Chief Bhejisa said.

Our sister newspaper, the Sunday Observer, reported that some of the staff said they were on lunch break at the time. He added that they waited for the staff to report back to their duties until it was 5pm when one of them attended to the patients.

To their dismay, the worker was only there to inform them that they

were closing. The sickly patients were told to come back some other time. He said mumbling could be heard from the patients and those who accompanied them.

The chief added that his child's condition was so bad that he was on a wheelchair as he was weak to stand on his feet. He said means to convince the staff to help his child were unsuccessful.

"I had to take my son to Big Bend but the health facility was closed. I then ferried him to a hospital in South Africa at Etjendlovu and the health workers there told me that his condition was worse, partially because of the long journey through the

road.

"It is very hurting to lose my son because he couldn't get help at the local health facilities. I was treated like a stranger in my own country," said Chief Bhejisa.

Disappointment

Health Ministry Acting Principal Secretary Simon Kunene expressed disappointment and said health services should be available to people 24/7 as they have on-call workers who get overtime and on-call allowances and there was no excuse to overlook patients.

"I will check with the senior medical officer tomorrow (today) to get details of what transpired and follow-up on the matter," he said.

SPECIAL JUDGES FOR ELECTION DISPUTES

COVER STORY

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

... Legal Advisor Lungile Magongo said EBC had been receiving positive feedback from the judiciary in respect of allocating judges who would expediently deal with elections cases that would arise

THE Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) is set to get special judges who will expediently deal with election cases.

This was revealed by EBC Legal Advisor Lungile Magongo when making a presentation during an elections workshop organised by the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) held last week at the Happy Valley Hotel.

Magongo said EBC had been receiving positive feedback from the judiciary in respect of allocating judges who would expediently deal with elections cases that would arise.

She could not get into much detail on the names of the judges that would work on the elections cases.

She also could not say how many of the judges would deal with such cases.

This would be one of the ways in which the EBC would be attending to complaints that had to do with elections.

The judges would only hear elections matters when people decided to approach the High Court to have their complaints heard there. Apart from this arrangement, the EBC had also designed its ways of dealing with complaints with-



ELECTIONS AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

in its own structures.

Magongo said members of the public were supposed to fill up what she termed as Election Complaint Procedures and Forms aimed at providing an effective way to support expediting the process of dispute resolution by the commission.

Complaints

Internally, the complaints are made regionally through election officers and submitted to the legal advisor for admissibility and advice to the commission to deliberate and make informed decisions. Externally, the High Court has the power to review or deliberate an appeal against the decision of the commission.

This procedure is aimed at also minimising the number of complaints, being

taken to the High Court, when the commission is empowered to resolve such matters. Section 18 of the Elections and Boundaries Commission Act No. 3 of 2013 empowered the commission to resolve disputes by resolving the conflict at a lower level by examining and deciding any alleged irregularity or unfair advantage in connection with an election process made in the prescribed manner. Another situation where a dispute could be resolved was where the irregularity or unfair advantage was confirmed. In that circumstance, the commission would take appropriate action to correct irregularity and any adverse effects caused by that irregularity or unfair advantage.

Magongo went on to urge Emaswati to ensure that they had evidence when reporting criminal offences related to elections. She said Emaswati could still elect to remain anonymous when reporting these offences. The only important thing was the evidence related to what was reported.

Efforts to get a comment from Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala were not successful as his phone was not available on the network.

Aspiring MPs should not be intimidated by ministers - Gija

By Sisho Magagula
Lobamba

ASPIRING members of parliament who wish to stand for the nominations this coming weekend should not be intimidated by the fact that cabinet ministers are still in office.

Discomfort continues to bother the aspiring law makers by the fact that the ministers are still in office. Many believe that the fact that the ministers

are still in office will intimidate the rest of them during nominations as the ministers are still being chauffeured around and attend public events as ministers of the crown.

The feeling is that the playing field is not level enough as there is a belief that the ministers will gain an unfair advantage over other parliamentary hopefuls during the nominations. Nominations will be held this coming Saturday and Sunday.

Chief Gija, the Chairman of

the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC), in an interview yesterday, said while the issue was beyond the scope of the EBC, in his view, aspiring MPs had nothing to worry about.

"Ours is to organise and stage successful elections. However, to my understanding, there are currently no members of parliament in the country. Those people are not MPs but *sige-jane* which the head of state requested that it should remain behind in order to help him run

the country. *Sonkhe sasikhona* Esibayeni and we heard what the King said. *Yatsi Inkhosi icela kusala nesigejane leyitawusebenta naso. So ke labo bantfu balibandla leNkhosi, babambise Inkhosi emseben-tini,*" he said. Chief Gija said if there are people who are not happy with the cabinet ministers, they should approach the appointing authority and register their concerns.

"For us as the EBC, we are focusing on the elections now," he said.

Mhlongo's fate now lies with minister

By Sisho Magagula
Mbabane

THE fate of Gideon Mhlongo, the embattled chief executive officer (CEO) of the Mbabane Municipal Council, now lies squarely in the hands of Minister of Housing and Urban Development Phiyinkhosi Mabuza.

This is because council has defied the ultimatum given by the minister to renew the CEO's contract.

Mhlongo's contract will expire next Tuesday. Mhlongo's contractual issue has become the subject of intense debate in Mbabane following the order given by the minister to consider renewing it.

In a meeting held on May 25, 2018, councilors took a resolution not to renew the contract. The minister retorted and wrote a memorandum dated June 15, 2018 in which he said council should embark

on a contractual renewal process with the outgoing CEO. He further ordered that Council should submit the contract for ministerial consideration by close of business on Friday July 21, 2018. Minister Mabuza warned that failure to submit the contract would result in Mhlongo's current contract extension for another five years, effective August 1, 2018.

It has since been gathered that Council has stuck to its guns not to renew the contract and they communicated this in writing to the ministry last week.

In an interview yesterday, Minister Mabuza confirmed to have heard of council's stance but said he had not yet seen the correspondence from council.

He said for the next two days (yesterday and today), he would be very busy with cabinet meetings and would probably see the correspondence tomorrow.

"I don't know what is written in that correspondence. Either way, I will only



FATE UNKNOWN: Embattled Mbabane Municipal Council CEO Gideon Mhlongo.

be able to attend to it on Thursday," he said. Minister Mabuza could not offer details of how exactly he intends dealing with Mhlongo's contractual issue in the event he indeed discovers that Council has declined to renew it as per his order.

Efforts were made to obtain comment from Mayor Zephania Nkambule and, as usual, he did not answer his mobile phone.



AM WATCHING YOU: A close-up of the new road cameras installed near Mangwaneni yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Govt installing CCTV cameras along MR3 road

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

IN the quest to control and manage traffic along the MR3 road the ministry of public works and transport is installing closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras.

The cameras are a traffic management system which will complement the big screens that are along the MR3 road which is from Ngwenya to Lomahasha.

CCTV is a TV system in which signals are not publicly distributed but are monitored, primarily for surveillance and security purposes.

CCTV relies on strategic placement of cameras and private observation of the camera's input on monitors.

The installation has already begun along the Malagwane Hill towards Ezulwini.

This was confirmed by Ministry of Public Works and Transport Principal Secretary Makhosini Mndawe.

He said this will help them react on time whenever there is an accident especially along the Malagwane Hill which is prone to accidents.

"We will have a control room where there will be people monitoring the traffic with the help of the cameras so that we are able to react promptly, sending ambulances, police and emergency services promptly when there is an accident instead of having to rely on witnesses at the scene.

This will also help us when there is congestion towards an accident scene as we will have a clear and better way to tackle the situation. We will be able to post scenes on the screens along the road to raise awareness while also alerting the broadcasting services on time to let the road users in on the situation," he said.

Mndawe highlighted that many countries already have the traffic management system and as a country that is striving to get to the first world status by 2022, it was of significance to emulate those countries.

He said the traffic management system is supported by the Republic of China on Taiwan government and the exact figures for the project are not yet known. He expressed gratitude to the Taiwan government for the funding towards the project.

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4 PICTURES

NOSIMILO, MPHO'S WEDDING AT UMLAZI



NGICELA INKHONTO: Nosimilo, who is Lubombo RA Sylvia Mthethwa's daughter, presenting a gift to her mother-in-law on arrival, a sign of seeking permission to be part of the family (Kucela Inkhonto). This was during the second leg of her wedding ceremony at her in-laws, the Mkhwanazi family, at Umlazi outside Durban. Her Majesty the Indlovukazi commissioned a delegation to accompany the Mthethwas to South Africa. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



LEADING THE WAY: The bride joined by Imbali and Lutsango as she leads the delegation in song and dance.



IN FULL SWING: Lutsango showcasing the beauty of Emaswati to the people of Umlazi.



FULL OF ENERGY: Imbali showcasing the ingadla dance.



THE MTHETHWAS: Bandzile, Mzwandile and brother Pepe dancing with the bride as they came in numbers to support her.



PHOSEKA JAHA: The bride's younger brother Mpendulo appreciating the ceremony in dance.



The bride and the groom dance for the masses.



PRESENT: Locals following proceedings from the stands.



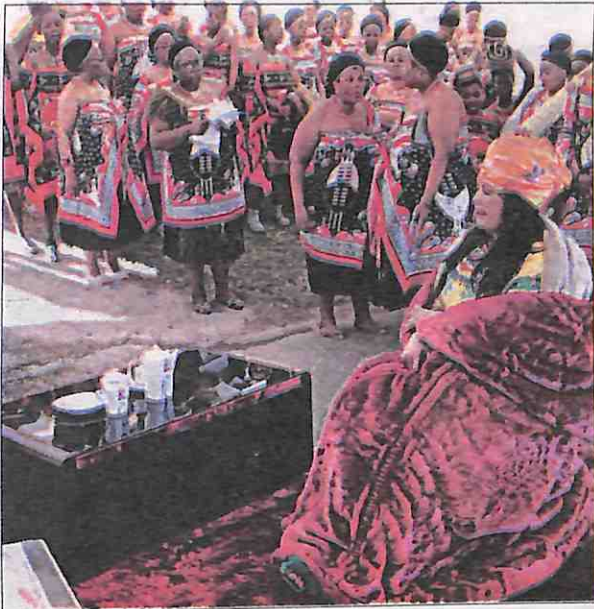
IMBALI: Tandzile, Tiyaanza, Ndumi and Temlandvo were also part of the delegation.



TALENTED: A maiden from the Zulu traditional group showcasing her skills.



LOOK GOOD: Nosmilo Mthethwa presenting gifts to her mother in-law Gloria Mkhwanazi during the Umhlambiso ceremony at her marital home in Umlazi outside Durban.



COMFORT: Mkhwanazi keeping warm after she was presented with gifts by her daughter in-law.



SMILES: The bride with some members of the local delegation that included Princess Khululiwe, Bonsile Mngomezulu, Dr Khosie Mthethwa, Princess Lobuhle and Mary Dlamini.



IN BED: The couple sharing a light moment in between blankets during the presentation of Umhlambiso to the groom's family.



CONGRATULATIONS: S'thofeni Ginindza congratulating Nosmilo after the successful ceremony during the presentation of gifts to her in-laws. Looking on is umbutfo Maneti and the bride's mother Sylvia Mthethwa.



GIFTS GALORE: The bride presenting gifts to some elders of the Mkhwanazi family.



KEEP WARM: Younger brother to the groom Sandile was also presented with classy gifts, including the jacket.



ALL THE BEST: Gogo Ndwandwe appreciating the bride after the success of the event.



POSE: Some members of the local delegation who came through to support the Mthethwa family.



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6 NATIONAL NEWS

TUCOSWA to stage yet another strike

By Mhlengi Magongo
Mbabane

DESPITE police brutality against members of the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) a month ago, the organisation is planning yet another strike.

This was revealed by TUCOSWA Deputy Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga, who said the main reason for the upcoming strike is because government has failed to respond to the petitions they submitted to the ministries of public service and finance on June 29.

"The accurate date of when the next strike will take place will be known during the course of the week," said Mhlanga, who was returning from a trip abroad.

Their last protest march turned nasty as police blockaded the route to the DPM's office. As a result, four people were injured and had to be rushed to Mbabane Government Hospital.

Two were reported critical after severe bashing from the no-nonsense police security.

One Gcebile Ngcamphalala was reported to have suffered a frac-



REVEALED: TUCOSWA Deputy Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga.

ture when she was whipped by officers whilst trying to jump over the Geology fence towards the Mbabane Library.

Also during that incident, Majembeni Thobela, a security guard working for the Swaziland Security Services, was one of the marchers who received the worst beatings and was reportedly left unconscious.

WOMAN KICKED OUT OF HOME BY STEPSON

By Sabelo Majola
Luyengo

A woman has lost everything after she was kicked out of her marital home by her stepson.

Vuyisile Dlamini of Luyengo, who is in her 50s, was married to the late Absalom Mavuso through Swazi Law and Custom and they collectively built their home at Luyengo.

Mavuso died in 2014 and that is when his son, Gugu Mavuso, came to reside at his father's compound. However, that was also the beginning of troubles for Vuyisile. A source close to the matter revealed that the son, who is an employee at the recently changed University of Eswatini, was residing in Manzini prior to his father's death and he was not in good terms with him as he would refer to him as a crook.

"After his father's death, Gugu came back to reside at his father's place but he didn't want to share anything with his stepmother and he kicked her out.

So bad was the situation that Vuyisile was disturbed mentally and went to stay at her parental home, which is situated



IN THE COLD: Vuyisile Dlamini reacts during an interview at her parental homestead after she was kicked out from her marital home at Luyengo.
(Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

here at Luyengo," said the source. When visited at her parental home, where she now resides, Vuyisile narrated that she was threatened by her stepson with a bush-knife when she tried to get her belongings at her marital home and he even dared her to take the matter to the

police, saying it was not going to help her. Vuyisile had a number of flats which she rented out at her marital home to make ends meet but after her son claimed all that, she is now living like a beggar as has no source of income.

"A majority of the people here at home are not employed and they struggle to make ends meet, which is disadvantageous to her because she is a sickly person who takes medication from the Psychiatric Centre and she needs to be well fed.

Reported

Her situation is upsetting because she was living a normal life before the death of her husband but things turned for the worst after he died," said a family relative. Luyengo Indvuna Dumisa Ginindza said he was not aware of the matter as nothing had been reported to the *umphakatsi* concerning the ordeal. The woman is said to have also failed to report the matter to the police after having received the threats from her stepson. Gugu is accused of having a violent nature as he is currently out on bail after he was charged for allegedly hacking his relative with a bush-knife last year.

The matter is pending at the High Court.



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The SNAT – NEC hereby invites all members of SNAT to an Annual General Meeting that will be held at the SNAT Centre on **27 July 2018** at 10:00Hrs.

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NOWHERE NEAR: This is the Mavuso homestead where Vuyisile was kicked out after the death of her husband.

"After his father's death, Gugu came back to reside at his father's place but he didn't want to share anything with his stepmother and he kicked her out.

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MANZINI COUNCIL SAYS: THANK YOU NDLOVUKAZI, MHLEKAZI!

If by any chance last Saturday you happened to pass by the Millennium Park (the recreational park that overlooks the Riverstone Mall) in Manzini, you will agree with Manzini News that the space was a hive of activity.

It was indeed a joyful day as thou-

sands of the elderly from Manzini and all corners of the Kingdom of Eswatini queued to receive medical attention from specialists free of charge. The elderly were also treated to scrumptious refreshments and danced to serenading music. All of this is thanks to Patron of Philani

...for arranging such a huge medical outreach in Manzini city for bogogo and bomkhulu

Maswati Charity Organisation, Her Majesty the Indlovukazi, who felt it would be proper to organize a good treat for the elderly ahead of the 2018 Eswatini Biggest Braai; which was to take place the following day at the

Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre. The Municipal Council of Manzini is short of befitting words to thank Her Majesty for such a noble gesture. The fact that some of the elderly were already at the venue as early

as 6am is proof that indeed this was an intervention well needed by the elderly. The Municipal Council of Manzini says "Nkhosi, Ndlovukazi, Mhlekezzi". The following photos were taken during the event...



GOOD DAY GOGO: Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini interacting with one of the elderly who came for medical attention at the Millennium Park.



HEALTHY CITIZENRY, HAPPY LEADERSHIP: Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini having a light moment with Manzini CEO Lungile Dlamini and Mayor Mxolisi Mabuza during the outreach.



NGIHOLO MNTFWANAMI: Medical staff attending to mkhulu during the Philani Maswati medical outreach which was held on Saturday at the Millennium Park in Manzini.



TIME FOR DANCE MOVES: Bogogo and bomkhulu were so thrilled by the music that they decided to dance to the beat.



ONE BIG, HAPPY FAMILY: The Municipal Council of Manzini team posing for a group photo with the Mayor, Councillors and CEO during the 2018 Eswatini Biggest Braai.

...MANZINI COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN 2018 ESWATINI BIGGEST BRAAI

THE honourable Mayor, Councillors, Chief Executive Officer, management and employees of the Municipal Council of Manzini came through in their numbers numbers to show support to

Philani Maswati Charity Organisation by way of participating in the 2018 Eswatini Biggest Braai; another big event which became a resounding success for the City of Manzini.

The event also presented a team building opportunity for the employees. Council would like to thank all those who attended for an incident-free event. The following photos were taken during the event...

A POSE WITH MY CEO: Employees took time to take selfies with Manzini CEO Lungile Dlamini during the biggest braai.



MORE MEAT, MORE FLAMES: Manzini Council employees enjoying the meat together with their boss, Lungile Dlamini.



SIY'JIKELAHLENI: Manzini Council employees were fascinated to learn that their boss, Lungile Dlamini, is also good with the braai stand. In this photo she is seen assisting them braai their meat.



SO NICE TO HAVE SUCH A CEO: Manzini Council CEO Lungile Dlamini took time to mingle with employees and pose for photos during the 2018 Biggest Braai.



THE BIG CHEFS: Manzini Councillors Siphon Masuku, Sandile Nyaweni, Quinton Els, Sandile Bhembe and Henry Kunene at the Biggest braai.

...REFUSE TRUCKS BACK ON THE ROAD!

DEAR stakeholder. You may have last week learnt that Council was experiencing waste collection challenges as a result of a breakdown in her refuse trucks.

Please note that the trucks were swiftly fixed

and both back on the road on Thursday. Council would like to thank residents and all other stakeholders for their understanding and tolerance during the downtime period. Council is also happy to clarify that it does not

mean garbage was not collected during the period. Other means were made to ensure waste was collected, albeit not at the usual pace. Timely communication was also done to residents regarding the challenges.

8 NATIONAL NEWS

OVER 20 VOCTIM STUDENTS MIGHT NOT GRADUATE

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

OVER 20 students at Gwamile VOCTIM might not be able to graduate due to the fact that they owe the institution.

The students are said to owe the school yet they are said to have been sponsored by government, through the ministry of labour and social security.

This situation has left them at the risk of not being part of the group of students that will graduate on September 19, this year.

One of the affected students, who elected to remain anonymous, said they were saddened by the situation and they did not know where to go for help.

Over 20 students were affected by this situation.

What surprised them in this whole situation was that the Gwamile VOCTIM Principal Musa Mokoena was in the media a few months ago, addressing the issue at hand.

According to the student, Mokoena stated that government had settled the debt issues it had with the school. That was during the time when VOCTIM students were supposed to collect results back in June.

"Unfortunately, this is where we are right now. We do not have our results because we were told that we owed the school. What is even more confusing is that people were allowed to



get their results back in June.

Those who could not get their results at that time could not get them when they wanted them

on a different day," the student said.

The student further mentioned that the school had a tendency of forcing them to deposit a certain amount of their allowances into the account of the institution. The money is for lodging and boarding. Former Gwamile VOCTIM SRC President Sibonelo Ngwenya said he also heard that some students were not going to graduate because they owed. He said he was

equally surprised by this development because he was part of a certain meeting between students and the school's administration.

In that meeting, according to Ngwenya, it was declared that no student sponsored by government owed the school. Ngwenya said what happened to him made it clear that the school was playing a hide-and-seek game with the students.

Gwamile VOCTIM Principal Musa Mokoena could not be reached for comment on the issue. His phone would ring unanswered when called several times yesterday.

He did not even respond to an SMS sent to his phone. Ministry of Labour and Social Security Principal Secretary (PS) Thulani Mkhali said he did not know anything about the matter. He could not elaborate any further about the situation.

Manzini has so much more to offer - Mshamndane

By Bahle Gama
Mbabane

LWANDLE Indvuna Ben Mshamndane Nsibandze has urged all regions to take advantage of Manzini as the centre of the Kingdom of Eswatini for development purposes in terms of being the economic hub of the country.

Nsibandze said Manzini boasts the Matsapha Industrial site, several large colleges and schools under the region. He was speaking during the third annual celebration of Manzini Day last Friday.

He said the region itself had other municipalities such as Mankayane, Manzini, Malkerns and Sidvokodvo.

Chiefs and representatives from government from all ministries were gathered at Somhlolo Park to celebrate Manzini Day.

The ceremony was opened by Manzini Regional Administrator Prince Gcokoma, who welcomed all those present to the hub. Celebrating Manzini Day started about three years ago and is celebrated annually.

"Manzini is not only the centre of Swaziland but also provides various services connecting the other three regions, Shiselweni, Lubombo and

Hhohho. The region also has other municipalities like Mankayane, Malkerns and Sidvokodvo," said Nsibandze.

The principal objection for Manzini Day is said to promote and monitor the social and economic development and to improve the quality of life of the people of the region.

Nsibandze further stated that Manzini being the centre for the entire kingdom has problems affecting the entire region including health facilities (hospitals and clinics) and road infrastructure that will enable free movement of means of transport that is aimed at opening up the region.

Exploit

"This region should exploit the positive factors of the region such as its centrality, its transport network, its agricultural diversity and development, its health facilities, hospitals, clinics, medical centres to help support the health of our people.

As a follow up to the social development issues, we need to cultivate a competitive spirit, directing our attention to sustain all round development through agricultural development, our transport network, social and health services," said the former regional administrator.

Nsibandze added that the regional team should remain the chairman and



URGED: Lwandle Indvuna Ben Mshamndane Nsibandze.

co-ordinator of all the common interests of the region be it social, political or economic.

He also cited that the population of the region was growing at a phenomenal rate.

Mob kills man after stabbing another

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

A man accused of stabbing another reveller in one of the drinking holes at Logoba last Friday, was assaulted by an angry mob and later died due to the injuries he suffered in the hands of his assailants.

Phinda Mdluli, known as 'Phiwo', died while receiving treatment at RFM Hospital on Monday afternoon.

The attack came despite numerous calls by the National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula to stop mob violence across the country.

The deceased allegedly stabbed another fun-lover during a drinking spree at the drinking holes in Logoba near Save More. A source alleged that the deceased had an argument with another person who is from Logoba.

"The two engaged in a fight," he alleged.

The fun-lovers noted that after one of the locals was attacked and injured they attacked the deceased.

"They accused him of being unruly as he came to their popular spot and started stabbing people who are regulars," he alleged. He said the deceased

was assaulted by a crowd of over 20 people who are suspected to be from Logoba area. It is however unclear as to what led to the altercation between the stabbed man and the deceased.

"Police got a tip about the attack and immediately arrived at the drinking hole, but the attackers had already fled by then as they saw the police van approaching the scene," he added.

He said the mob left behind the injured man and the other clubbers who were at the scene.

He was rushed to RFM Hospital, where died while receiving treatment from the injuries he suffered.

Assault

Deputy Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the assault at Logoba, saying it occurred during a drinking spree.

"The deceased was heavily assaulted by a mob and he was admitted to RFM on Friday night and he died while undergoing treatment on Monday," she confirmed.

She said investigations on the matter were still ongoing. She further requested for anyone who might have information that may lead to the arrest of the assailants to contact the police on 999.

TENDERS GALORE IN PARASTATALS, MUNICIPALITIES

By Sisho Magagula
Mbabane

IT is tenders galore in public parastatals and municipalities.

In what will come as good news to various suppliers and business people, the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA) has issued a tender portal, inviting local suppliers and service providers to submit tender applications for over 40 tender titles.

The tender titles are worth hundreds of thousands of Emalangeni, combined. According to the tender portal, most of the tender jobs are available at the Nhlanguano Town Council.

The municipality wants suppliers of building material and hand tools, computers, electrical material, office furniture, road signage and cleaning material, among other items. The Lavumisa Town Board wants a company to provide it with security services, supply of protective clothing and equipment, computer hardware, software and servicing, office stationery, office furniture and equipment. Tender opportunities are also up for grabs at the Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications (SPTC).

The telecommunications corporation is seeking the supply of tyres, fitting and repair services, cash-in-transit services, printing and publishing of the Swaziland

Telecommunications Directory, and strategic and business plan. The Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) wants a company that will help it auction its second hand vehicles and another that will conduct its strategy surveys. The Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority (SWACAA) is seeking a supply that will assist it conducting an organisational climate survey and also do integrated waste management at both King Mswati III International Airport and Matsapha Airport.

The Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA) wants a consultant to undertake a market study for Eswatini Electricity Supply Industry. The Swaziland Standards Authority (SSA) also wants a consultant to review its strategic plan. The Youth Enterprise Fund, another state enterprise under the ministry of sports, culture and youth affairs, wants a private company that will help it select a business development service provider.

The Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) wants a company that will provide it with drilling equipment. The Southern African Nazarene University is seeking a supplier that will supply it with stationery, cleaning supplies, and computer consumables. The Swaziland Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) wants a company that will supply it with motor vehicles.

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10 NATIONAL NEWS

BOGUS COP KILLED BY DAGGA FARMER

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

DRESSED in full police uniform, a bogus police officer, was killed during a 'sting operation' in an unlawful dagga raid.

A 25-year-old man of Khuphuka has been arrested for the death of the bogus police officer and charged with murder.

Phinda Sifundza yesterday filed an urgent application for bail at the High Court following his arrest by the Mliba Police.

Appearing before Judge Nkosinathi Maseko, Sifundza was admitted to bail fixed at E15 000, however the court ordered that he pays E3000 cash and E12 000 in a form of a surety.

According to the charge sheet, Sifundza is charged with murder in that while at Khuphuka he wrongfully and unlawfully and with intent, killed Mduduzi Vilane by stabbing him with a knife in the stomach and lower leg.

Represented by lawyer Sanele Mabila, Sifundza in his papers submitted that he met the deceased on the fateful day as he called him for seven days convincing him (Sifundza) to sell to him dagga and he eventually agreed to the deal not knowing that he had ulterior motives.

On arrival at Khuphuka where he resides, Sifundza said the deceased and his friends convinced him to get into their car in order to weigh the dagga consignment and he called one Manqoba Malambe to assist him in weighing the dagga.

However before he entered the deceased's car, Sifundza said he was shocked to find other occupants wearing police uniform and he looked back only to find the deceased carrying a gun

...Phinda Sifundza, who is charged with murder, has been admitted to bail fixed at E15 000

ordering him to get into the car.

He submitted that when they got to Manqoba's homestead, the deceased got out of the car and fired a shot in the air, took the dagga bag whilst Manqoba's family members together with Senzo Sifundza got scared and ran for cover.

He submitted that when he tried to get out of the car, the deceased's friends who were also wearing police uniform did not allow him to do so but instead they threatened him with death.

Attack

"During such attack, I was trying to protect myself as the deceased and his friends wearing police uniform forcefully tried to drive away with me, due to the fact that I knew the deceased and his friends were not real policemen but dagga dealers in police uniform, I tried to jump out of their vehicle however I had difficulty as the car had two doors and I was at the back seat," Phinda submitted.

He submitted that during the squabble, the car started to move whilst the deceased was still outside and he tried to get out the open passenger door of the moving vehicle, as the deceased was being pursued by neighbours as he had ran away with the bag full of dagga without paying.

He submitted that he managed to escape from the moving vehicle and pursued the deceased wrestled with him but he was overpowered and one of his neighbours told him to watch out as the deceased had drawn out a knife.

During the scuffle, Phinda said he managed

to disarm the deceased of the knife, and eventually, he heard the deceased scream and noticed that he had accidentally stabbed him in the chest and that is when he stopped fighting.

He submitted that all he did was defend himself from the deceased and his friends as he feared that if they drove away with him they would kill him.

He stated that around February 2018, the deceased and his friends drove away with one Gcokoma Sifundza in a similar fashion, assaulted him and thereafter dumped him in the bushes and left him for death.

He mentioned that the deceased's friends had told him that they wanted to kill him that day and in view of the death threat and knowing the capabilities of the deceased that when he forcefully took you away, he would assault you to

death hence he had no option but try to escape.

He submitted that it was unfortunate that in a bid to save his life and escape, the deceased's life was eventually lost stressing that he had no intention to kill him.

He said he only met the deceased as a potential buyer of his product (dagga) since he (Phinda) is a dagga farmer trying to make a living with his family and he is not gainfully employed.



FIRST WORLD INDEED: Workmen taking a break during the installation of new street cameras near Mangwaneni yesterday. This is part of the camera installation exercise along the Mbabane / Manzini highway. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Siblings nabbed with dagga at Msinda

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

SIBLINGS have been arrested after they were found with dagga weighing 10 kg with a street value of E800 while at Msinda area on Monday night.

Msinda is an area in Dvokolwako in the Manzini region. The duo was found in possession of the illegal herb without a permit or license while at Msinda area.

"Police from Mliba acted on a tip-off they received as they stormed a Nxumalo home at about 06:00 hours on Monday," alleged the source.

"The requested to search their houses and discovered that there was dagga packed in a refuse back.

"They arrested the Nxumalo duo for being in possession of dagga without a license or permit thus contravening the Pharmacy Act of Eswatini," said the source.



TRUE: Deputy Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

They were taken to Mliba police station in a police van. Deputy Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Assistant Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the arrest. "On Monday at about 06:00

hours two men aged 33 and 25 both of Msinda area were arrested and charged for being in possession of 10 kg dagga with a street value of E800 without a licence while at Msinda area," said Vilakati yesterday.



SWAZILAND ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

TENDER NOTICE:

INTENTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION	25 July 2018
TENDER NUMBER	03/2018
NAME OF TENDER	Consultancy to Review the Swaziland Electricity Supply Industry (SESI) Tariff Methodology.
APPROVAL AUTHORITY	SERA Board
PROCURING ENTITY	Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA)
REQUESTING ENTITY	SERA Executive Management

In terms of section 45 of the Public Procurement Act No. 7 of 2011 (the Act), following a competitive bidding process, notice is hereby given that a contract award decision for the above cited tender has been reached by the approvals authority as follows:

DETAILS OF BEST EVALUATED RESPONSIVE TENDERER	
NAME	Energy Systems Planning (Pty) Ltd
NATIONALITY	RSA
PROPOSED CONTRACT PRICE	E1,987,000
FINAL EVALUATION SCORE	82.96%

It must be noted that, in terms of 45(2) of the Act, the above contract award decision does not constitute a contract.

Further, in terms of section 45 (4), 46 and 47 of the Act, all tenderers who submitted bids are hereby notified that a period of ten (10) working days is hereby allowed for submission of any application for review from the above stated date of first publication of this notice.

DETAILS OF ALL EVALUATED RESPONSIVE TENDERERS		
	Genesis -Analytics	Energy Systems Planning
Evaluated Price (Szl)	2,438,590	1,987,000
Technical Score (%)	79.40	78.70
Financial Score (%)	81.48	100.00
Final Weighted Score	79.82	82.96

Weighting: Technical Score (80%); Financial Score (20%)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DOC:16796

3 UNESWA students challenging exclusion

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

...They are seeking an order of court compelling the university to allow them to sit for the supplementary examinations pending their appeal

THREE students from the University of Eswatini (UNESWA), have taken the institution to court as they are seeking an order of court compelling the university to allow them to sit for the supplementary examinations.

The three; Wakhile Lukhele, Siphesihle Simelane and Ndumiso Nkambule have taken the vice chancellor, the chairman of the university council and the institution to court as they want it to review, set aside and correct the decision of the university taken on June 28, 2018 confirming the conviction and sanction of the university disciplinary committee excluding them from the university.

According to Lukhele, who is a second year Bachelor of Commerce student in his founding affidavit, they are seeking the relief in terms of Section 33 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Eswatini on the basis that the decision of the respondents to exclude them from the university is unlawful.

Lukhele submitted that the basis of the unreasonableness of the decision is that the applicants were charged with certain offences on unsubstantiated allegations of common purpose and further imposed a disproportionate sentence.

The applicants (students) further contend that the sanction imposed on them by the disciplinary committee was unreasonable and aver that in confirming the decision of the disciplinary committee, the respondents did not apply themselves to the issues before them.

Charges

They argue that if they did apply themselves to the issues before them, they ought to have realised that the Students Disciplinary Committee ought not to have convicted and sentenced them on the basis of the charges founded on common purpose, absent evidence to that effect.

Represented by human rights lawyer Thulani Maseko, the students were convicted of being

ring leaders during boycott of classes at the university.

They argue that the evidence led at the hearing shows that the second applicant (Simelane) was at all material times opposed to the whole idea of the students' class boycott and that this was clear from the evidence of Minenhle Mamba, who was called as a defence witness.

"What is more is that in my own evidence as the second witness at the hearing, I informed the Student Disciplinary Committee that Siphesihle was only a by-stander and in her own evidence, she told the committee that she never participated in the class boycott," Lukhele submitted.

Lukhele stated that on April 13, 2018 the committee handed down its verdict and rejected their version of the events that unfolded during the boycott, adding that they are advised and verily believe that the committee did not find as a matter of fact that they (students) indeed acted in common purpose so as to justify a conviction based on such common purpose.

"We did not and we could not have acted in common purpose when the second applicant

was opposed to the boycott and in fact never participated in it," Lukhele submitted.

He stated that the committee dismissed their defence without applying itself properly on the facts and in doing so failed to act fairly and impartially as per the dictates of Section 33 (1) of the Constitution of Eswatini as read together with the University Act and Regulations.

Lukhele submitted that the prosecution in the hearing only paraded one witness who claimed to positively identify and place the applicants at the scene and that the witness confirmed that

the second applicant was not in the area where the fire extinguisher was discharged or the class was disrupted.

He submitted that the prosecution's second witness was unable to recall which students entered his lecture despite being in much closer proximity to them than the first witness, arguing that having been a lecturer at the university since 2008, one would assume he would be able to recognise current and past student leaders such as the second applicant.

The committee, according to Lukhele, ought to have

taken into account that the lecturer's failure to recognise the applicants meant that they were likely not part of the students who had disrupted his lecture.

The matter was before Judge Nkosinathi Maseko and is yet to be argued before court.

The applicants further contend that the sanction imposed on them by the disciplinary committee was unreasonable and aver that in confirming the decision of the disciplinary committee, the respondents did not apply themselves to the issues before them

ARMED WITH A BIBLE



READY TO DIE: A jaywalker carries a Bible on his way to church along Mbabane/Matsapha Highway near Mfabantfu on Sunday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Man arrested for raping girlfriend

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

A 33-year-old man of Sithobelweni has been arrested for allegedly raping his girlfriend at Big Bend, Mayaluka compound.

Mthokozisi Mamba yesterday filed an urgent application for bail before at the High Court, where he appeared before Judge Nkosinathi Maseko. He was admitted to bail fixed at E15 000, but the court ordered him to pay E3 000 in cash and E12 000 in a form of a surety.

According to Mamba, in his papers filed before court, he was arrested by the Big Bend police on July 18 and subsequently charged with rape as it is alleged that he raped the complainant whom he knew as his girlfriend.

According to the charge sheet, he unlawfully and intentionally had sexual intercourse with the 17-year-old *Girly Dlamini without her consent and without a condom with aggravating

factors being that he inflicted a lifetime trauma physically and mentally by having unlawful sexual intercourse with her.

Furthermore, he did not use any protective measures, contraceptives and exposed the survivor to risk of contracting sexually transmitted infections.

Meanwhile, also appearing before the same court was Sibonginkosi Zulu, who is facing charges of attempted murder and a string of house breaking and theft charges.

Zulu is alleged to have attempted to kill Hypecia Manana, in that upon March 22, 2018 while at KaBhudla, he wrongfully, unlawfully and with intent tried to kill Manana by tying her hands with a cable on the back, and wrapped a masking tape on her mouth and head.

Further, he is alleged to have placed on top of her blankets and wardrobe with intent to kill her and all this happened during a house breaking and theft incident where he stole items in her possession worth E17 000.

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INDOOR SPRAYING NEXT MONTH TO ELIMINATE MALARIA

Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza Simunye

MALARIA kills millions of people all over the world, and a high number of (malaria) deaths are from the African region.

This was revealed by the Director of Health Services, Dr Vusi Magagula last Friday at the Simunye Country Club during the closing of a two-week workshop on malaria elimination and surveillance.

The training was for malaria programme officers and involved direct learning, group exercises and field work which brought to the light the investigating of real malaria cases.

"The disease is not only fatal, it is very painful and if you get it once, you don't feel like having it again, hence the reason to eliminate it altogether the world over," he said.

Magagula said the Kingdom of Eswatini had taken great strides towards eliminating malaria and was obligated even politically to do so.

He said currently, His Majesty King Mswati III is the head of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance



PRESENT: Malaria Programme Manager Quinton Dlamini among participants of the workshop.

(ALMA) and is making efforts in ensuring that the malaria scourge is finally eliminated in the African region.

"As he works tirelessly in that regard, he has not forgotten his obligation locally, hence his immense support for the ministry and the programme.

He has indeed showed great passion for malaria and is looking forward to reaping the fruits of your efforts in this workshop," Magagula said.

Magagula further praised the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Global Fund for assisting Eswatini

in eliminating malaria.

He said in 2017, WHO came up with the malaria elimination guidelines for use in areas of low transmission.

The director added that it was these guidelines that made the ministry to quickly respond and curb the menacing outbreak that was experienced last year.

He said results were seen upon curbing the outbreak; malaria was managed as it did not shoot up as was the case in September and October last year.

He said in preparation for this year and in line with the WHO elimi-



FOCUSED: Dr Gawrie Loku Galappaththy during the training.

nation guidelines 2017, the ministry would commence an indoor residual spraying campaign next month and the process is expected to last for three months.

"We are expecting 8 000 bottles of Actellic and 300 insecticides to be shipped into the country on time. Many thanks to WHO for having identified Eswatini to be the ideal recipient of this consignment," he said. He said Eswatini's dream was to have a 100 per cent malaria free country.

"In this regard, we are going to improve on health promotion and advocacy," he said.

'Eswatini only African country near malaria elimination'

WORLD Health Organisation's (WHO) Dr Gawrie Loku Galappaththy says Eswatini is the only country in the African region which is near malaria elimination.

It is followed by Algeria, which is about to get certification for malaria elimination.

She said the country needs to go an extra mile to push Eswatini, hence the training. Dr Galappaththy said investigating cases as a team enabled the malaria officers to share experiences and learn from one another's mistakes.

Outbreak

She said malaria elimination was a relatively new concept, hence they were still in the process of developing malaria elimination manuals, adding that the experience they were taking from the country would contribute greatly in testing the effectiveness of the manuals.

She added that the country so far is doing well in as far as malaria elimination.

The meeting also discussed the country's preparedness for the next rainy season which usually comes with an increase in local malaria cases. Dr Galappaththy said the plan was to avoid another outbreak, following the one experienced last year and interrupt transmission by 2020.

She said the country needs to be vigilant on people entering the country and provide screening services.

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POSSIBLE ROAD ACCIDENTS AS CHURCH NEXT TO ROAD

By Mbono Mdluli
Mafutseni

BRETHREN from the Church of Christ in Mafutseni are reportedly living in fear as their children might be knocked down by cars in the nearby road.

The church building is about 20 metres from a service road in Mafutseni.

On the other side of the church is a donga, which was made in preparation for the highway from Sikhuphe to Manzini.

This leaves the church in an 'island' like place as it becomes hard for motorists to access the church, which is also situated next to Mafutseni Nazarene Primary School.

Disadvantages

Christians that fellowship at the church, who are motorists, find it difficult to access the place using their vehicles.

This situation forces them to leave their cars at distant places, which is dangerous because anything could happen to them (vehicles).



TOO CLOSE: The Church of Christ building which is situated next to a service road in Mafutseni. (r) A picture showing cracks on the wall of the church building. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)

A church member, who preferred anonymity, said the situation put them at a disadvantage because it was too close to the new service road that is in Mafutseni.

The situation was even dangerous for children of the brethren who would be found playing close to the road,

yet vehicles were driven at high speed on the road.

Worry

The member also complained about the cracks that have since developed on the walls of the church building.

The member said this also posed a danger to their lives because the build-



ing would fall upon them anytime.

A lot of activity happened there and this could collapse the building sooner. Sandile Tsabedze, one of the church leaders, confirmed that the church was under dangerous circumstances.

However, he stated that the church was liaising with the authorities of

the Mafutseni community to relocate from that place because they had suddenly found themselves in an 'island' where it was difficult to access the building.

He also confirmed that the cracks were a problem because the activities happening on the road put their lives at risk alluding too that the structure could crash down on them.

He also said they needed to keep a watchful eye on their children because they would play next to the road such that motorists would be disturbed by their sight on the road at times.

An area had already been identified within the community where the church would be relocated.

However, the problem was that government had not given them money to build a new structure on the site. Initially, government had promised to build a structure for them, but quickly changed and instead opted to give them money.

However, all that has not happened to date.

Khwalala Mabuza, the liaison officer between the community and Inyatsi Construction, said the Mafutseni community was supposed to write a letter to the ministry of works confirming that the church was known to the community.

This would enable the ministry to release money to the account of the church so that a new structure could be built. This would take place next month, if things went according to plan.

Mhlatane teacher accused of having sex with pupil

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A teacher at Mhlatane High has been accused of having sex with one of the pupils in that school.

The male teacher is accused of having sex with the female pupil (aged 17) last week after inter-school games that took place in Manzini.

This incident has left the teachers of the school angry.

Sources said the teacher had

sex with the pupil at his house in the teachers' quarters.

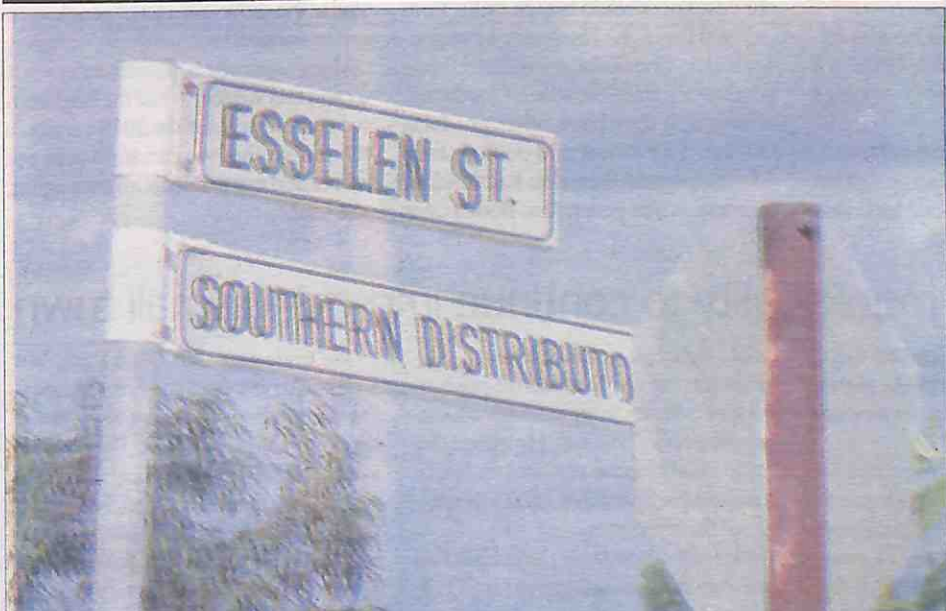
"The teacher took the pupil in front of her friends to his house at the teachers quarters near the school. We understand that he proceeded to have protected sex with her. After this episode, the female pupil then informed one of her friends about the incident, and the story spread across the school."

The source added that other teachers at the school reported the incident to Principal Dr Mandla Dlamini

When approached for comments, Dlamini said he was investigating the matter as he had also heard the rumours.

"In a situation like this one; it is proper to investigate the matter before making conclusions. Currently, this rumour is just an allegation, so I am asking for time to investigate the matter fully. I feel that a proper comment from me will be better if I have completed my investigations that will commence on Tuesday(yesterday)," he said.

WHICH IS WHICH?



SAME DIRECTION: Urgent attention is needed to fix these two street names which are now pointing towards the same direction in Manzini.

(Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



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NORTHERN HHOHHO NEWS

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HAPPY WITH REGIONAL TRADE FAIR

SMALL and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the Northern Hhohho said business at the inaugural Hhohho regional trade fair was excellent.

The trade show took place from Friday to Monday. It featured a multitude of amusement rides as well as a host of businesses that came with the sole purpose of networking and promoting their various brands.

The trade fair had about eight Pigg's Peak based businesses that paid E1 800 each for a stall.

Found at the trade fair was Silowama Investments Marketing Manager Sikhumbuzo Gwebu, who said customers were interested in buying his electric lifestyle products.

"We are a small family owned company from the Northern Hhohho. We sell electrical equipment like fitness belts, various model floor hovers and carpet cleaners.

Coming to this show, it helped us market ourselves to the public who have been very supportive to us and our business. We are happy to have sold some items and some people took our contacts and tested our products. We want to return to the fair next year," he said.



PLEASED: Silowama Investments Marketing Manager Sikhumbuzo Gwebu with a customer at the Hhohho regional trade fair on Sunday.

Tintsaba Crafts



ART: Nelsiwe from Tintsaba Master Weavers.

Show attendants intrigued
by Tintsaba products

TRADE fair show attendants were intrigued by products from Tintsaba Master Weavers.

The stall delighted the people as it was filled with African jewellery and African handcraft. "We are a local northern Hhohho company, based at Phophonyane. Tintsaba has producers of various handcrafts, we are happy with the fair because we have had a chance to market our company and our products. It is important to note that all the products we make are

made by local people of Northern Hhohho with material also sourced from the region.

This, we feel, is important as it will allow the businesses in the region to grow. We thank all the people who attended the show and supported us at our stall.

We will definitely attend next year to display our products again. At the show we managed to sell jewellery, especially earrings and are happy with the reception received from the people that attended," Nelsiwe said.

Security company thankful to SIPA

TOP Two Security is thankful to SIPA for being afforded the opportunity to man the Hhohho regional trade fair.

Speaking to this publication, Davis Mngometulu, said the local security company was established in 2017.

"As a local security guard company, we are very happy that we were trusted by the Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) to secure the inaugural Hhohho trade fair. It is important to note that many companies applied to secure the venue, but we won

the tender. As you can see, there have been no incidents of crime and we have had no complaints from members of the public or the event organisers. We currently have 20 security guard personnel employed with our company and have posts in Pigg's Peak and Mbabane.

We hope that we will be back again in 2019 to secure the second edition of the Hhohho regional trade fair. Our offices are located at the Small Enterprise Development Company (SEDCO) building in Pigg's Peak," he said.



ON DUTY: Personnel from Top Two Security Company at the Hhohho regional trade fair.

Buy Cash Hardware looking
forward to next year's trade show

BUY Cash Hardware also showcased its products at the Hhohho regional trade fair held at Killarney Sports Ground in Pigg's Peak.

"Buy Cash Hardware is now well-known in Northern Hhohho, but as we all know, it is important for companies to expand and grow.

Buy Cash Hardware is no different, we see such events as the perfect place to market ourselves and our business

model of 'buy cash buy quality' as reflected in the quality of our various products. Our stall has different products that our customers could buy or order from us," said Buy Cash Hardware's Precious Tsabedze. She said a bulk of their business comes from the sale of hardware, adding that they have other products like lights for indoor and outdoor use.

Tsabedze said they also had outdoor furniture, water generators, both indoor

and outdoor tiles as well as all types of other hardware for the home.

"All these products are available at our stall at the show and a lot of people came out to support us.

Many customers placed orders with us and this we feel is just the beginning, we cannot wait for the 2019 version of the fair so that we can showcase ourselves and our products all over again," she said.

Pigg's Peak municipality to continue improving small town

PIGG'S Peak Town Council CEO Mzwandile Ndzinisa says the public response at the trade fair was positive.

"This regional trade fair enabled the council to interact with the ratepayers and members of the public who engaged our employees on a wide range of issues; such as rates payment, ongoing infrastructure projects, application process for small and medium enterprises, land availability for commercial development and many other things. The municipality commends government for this

noble initiative because as local government, we are focused on positive service delivery coupled with educating the public," he said. He added that at the 2018 Hhohho regional trade fair, many people visited their stand to enquire about their services.

"We had educational pamphlets that had important information to aid locals who are not always abreast on the various rules and regulations that are in our organisation. We are happy with the outcome of having a stall at the event and, we are also looking forward

to the trade fair show next year. We would like to thank the event organisers for the show and we will continue supporting and improving Pigg's Peak town," he said. Other local businesses at the trade fair included Swaziland Building Society that reminded members of the public about their mobile money function that allows people to access MTN mobile money through their Automated Teller Machines (ATMs). Total Service Garage (Pigg's Peak) used the platform provided by the fair to market their products.

MAN STEALS BULL, SELLS IT

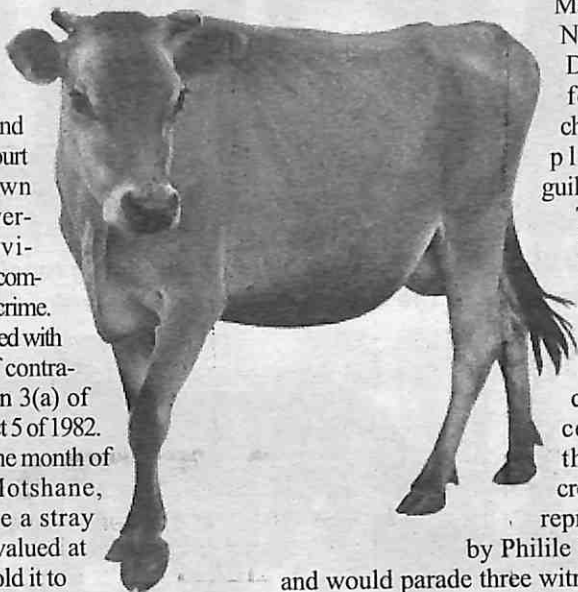
By Mncedisi Dlamini
Mbabane

A 26-year-old man has been charged with stock theft after stealing a stray bull.

Zakhele Maseko (26) of Motshane in the Hhohho region was found guilty by the court after the crown submitted overwhelming evidence to prove commission of the crime.

He was charged with the offence of contravening section 3(a) of Stock Theft Act 5 of 1982.

It is said in the month of March, at Motshane, Maseko stole a stray brown cow, valued at E6 000 and sold it to Dumisani Dlamini, a



butcher whom there and then slaughtered it.

The complainant in the matter is a female identified as Ncamsile Mpila, a veterinary officer from Motshane.

Yesterday the accused Maseko appeared before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini for the charge and pleaded guilty.

The magistrate stated during the court proceedings that the crown was represented by Philile Dlamini

and would parade three witnesses to prove its case.

First to make a stand at the dock was witness Robert Dlamini, a community member who boldly put it before the court that Maseko had no authority to sell the bull.

Dlamini further described the stray bull that is said to have been stolen by the accused.

The cow's head was brought before court as an exhibit.

The other two witnesses also made it to the stand and it was discovered that the evidence brought before court by the three witnesses corroborated.

The magistrate said Maseko had not challenged or disputed the overwhelming evidence brought before court.

For the stated reasons, the crown had proven its case beyond reasonable doubt that the accused Maseko is guilty as charged.

Maseko pleaded with the court in mitigation to be lenient when passing a sentence. The accused was advised by the magistrate to desist from disposing other people's items.

He is expected back in court on November 27, for sentencing.

Jeppes Reef-Malelane kombi operators buy fuel in Matsamo

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

AS the price of petrol in South Africa continues to hike, public operators operating along Jeppes Reef-Malelane route now resort to crossing the border to buy fuel in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

A petrol attendant working at the filling station situated at Matsamo border post, said, the filling station is usually busy in the mornings and the evenings due to kombi operators from South Africa flocking to buy fuel.

"In South Africa the cost of unleaded petrol is E15.80 per litre while in the Kingdom of Eswatini it is E13.35," said the petrol attendant further adding that it is therefore cheaper to buy fuel in

Eswatini.

The petrol attendant said the kombi drivers usually fill up full tanks in the morning and evening.

"They say, the fuel hike in their country is affecting the public transport industry immensely," he added. He said buying fuel in Eswatini was a huge save for them.

"They save almost E2.45 per litre," he said. The petrol price reached an all-time high in July when it breached E16 a litre in South Africa for the first time. The

latest hike was attributed to the combination of a weaker rand/lilangeni, higher global oil prices and higher fuel taxes. Meanwhile, at least 90 per cent of South Africans had pledged their support for the mass shutdown planned for this Friday against fuel price increases, the organisers have said. People Against Petrol and Paraffin Increase convener

Visvin Reddy said it was all systems go for the planned shutdown, and coordinators across the country (South Africa) were garnering support.

Reddy urged citizens not to use public transport or private cars on the day, as the roads would be unusable.

The Durban-based businessman said the organisation was in talks with taxi associations, bus unions and all other transport stakeholders to secure their support for the shutdown.

He said attempts to hold talks with the government had come to naught.

"At the rate things are going right now, petrol will cost around R20 a litre and unfortunately these increases affect the poorest of the poor the most," he said. "So, since the politicians we have elected to speak on our behalf have decided to keep their silence, it's time for us ordinary citizens to stand up for ourselves." He said Sasol fuel was produced locally, and as such, the government had all the means to make the company bring down its prices to E8 a litre.



IT'S NICE TO BE HERE!



ON TOUR: A group of tourists having lunch near the Galp Filling Station at Ezulwini after visiting different places of interest around the kingdom yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Man gets 5 years for hacking another

By Mncedisi Dlamini
Mbabane

BHELEZA Nxumalo, the man who is said to have avenged his friend's death by hacking another with a bush knife was yesterday sentenced to five years imprisonment for the offence.

Nxumalo (22) and Brant Littler (19) both of Ezulwini area appeared before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini, at the Mbabane magistrate's court for sentencing.

They were both charged with the offence of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (GBH), after hacking Wandile Dlamini using a bush knife on the head whilst at Manzana at Ezulwini.

Count two was that of contravening section 92 of Crimes Act 1889 after being found in possession of a dangerous weapon.

Littler was however acquitted and

discharged on both counts as he could not be held accountable for them since the crown had failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that he was guilty as charged for the said offence.

The crown had paraded three witnesses to further boost its case including the complainant Wandile Dlamini.

It transpired that the evidence that was brought before court by the witnesses pointed at Nxumalo as a perpetrator in the matter.

Simanga Dlamini who is said to have witnessed the brutal attack also identified Nxumalo as the one who hacked Dlamini on the head using the said bushknife.

Nxumalo who seemed not to be much of a talker was very brief in mitigation. He only said he was sorry for committing the offence.

The magistrate sentenced Nxumalo to five years imprisonment with a fine option of E6 000 fine.

Deceased miners' relatives to cash in dvuladvula

By Mhlengi Magongo
Mbabane

IN the event a mine worker is deceased, his relatives are the ones to claim part of the E91 million dvuladvula, Ministry of Labour and Social Security Principal Secretary Thulani Mkhalihi has said.

He said deceased miners' relatives would be compensated on their behalf. "If the miner is deceased, his beneficiaries will be compensated when the rest of the miners

are compensated," he said

Beneficiaries would only be compensated when they have provided the proper documentation linking them to the deceased. Included in the documents should be the miner's death certificate as well as employment documentation.

Mkhalihi said they have not discussed as to where and how the issue of payment would be handled, adding that the ministry of labour and social security is yet to announce how the whole process would be carried out before the end of the week.

State security placed on high alert after MDC shut-down threats - Minister

HARARE - Zimbabwe's security organs have been put on high alert following opposition threats to stop next Monday's elections if the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission did not heed their demands for a level playing field.

Home Affairs Minister Obert Mpofu told journalists at a press briefing Monday that government had put all security institutions on red alert.

This comes after MDC Alliance presidential candidate Nelson Chamisa had repeatedly threatened to "shut down the country" if his demands for pre-electoral reforms were not met.

"The government of Zimbabwe is doing all it can to ensure that every citizen exercises his/her right to vote.

"We have therefore put all security apparatus on high alert and those bent on causing disorder are being warned that the long arm of the law will be applied without fear or favour," Mpofu said.

The minister said while government appreciated the prevailing peace ahead of elections,

it was worried by threats to disrupt the electoral process by the opposition.

"As government, we are deeply concerned with threats of violence, intimidation and use of hate speech that has been stepped up by some political parties who have openly declared that they will shut down Zimbabwe and make it ungovernable," said Mpofu.

Chamisa has threatened to stage vigils at ZEC's main Harare offices to demand a more transparent electoral process especially on access to the voters' roll as well as clarity around the printing and storage of the ballot paper.

Mpofu said government will not brook "lawlessness".

"Government has a duty to maintain law and order and ensure that there is peace and security. Every political party, group or individuals should share in the same space, whilst exercising their constitutional right which should be balanced with the maintenance of law and order in the country," the home affairs minister said.

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DR. HUGH IN CHRISTIANITY TO PROVOKE THOUGHT

By Mbono Mdluli
Matsetsa

WELL-KNOWN musician and Reverend Dr. Hugh Magagula says he is in the Christian fraternity to provoke thoughts and stimulate discussions among Christians.

Magagula said this on Monday during a celebration of his ordination, held at his home in Matsetsa, just outside Siteki.

Magagula mentioned that there were still challenges in the gospel that needed to be sorted. Such challenges, if remained unsorted, would pose a serious challenge because people would not understand the gospel message for what it was.

He made an example of an incident that took place in 1952, when he was still doing Grade One. He said his teacher, Miss Mnisi, once told them that "ubusisiwe umntfwana locabangela labanye bantfwana (blessed is a child that puts other children first before themselves)."

The teacher, on another day, told them that "unesono umntfwana locabangela labanye bantfwana (it is sinful to wish for other children to encounter bad situations)."

Magagula said they thought the teacher was lying to them by saying contradictory statements.

They could not believe that the teacher had used one word to mean two different situations. The SiSwati word "locabangela" could be used to mean to put others' welfare before yours. The very same word could also be used to wish for others to encounter bad situations, and that was sinful.

Magagula urged religious leaders to be careful when using words that could have different meanings for them to be heard clearly.

He said it was also important for Christians to stop thinking that some things should not be done on certain days by Christians.

He said in the book of Genesis, there was a man called Nimrod. He was a famous man and was feared in his community. He even suggested to his coun-

Magagula mentioned that there were still challenges in the gospel that needed to be sorted. Such challenges, if remained unsorted, would pose a serious challenge because people would not understand the gospel message for what it was



PRESENT: Dr Hugh Magagula (r) and Dr Ben Nsibandze listening to speeches delivered during the celebration of Magagula's ordination held at his home in Matsetsa on Monday. (Pics: Mbono Mdluli)



WELCOME: Dr. Magagula's daughter Anelisa welcoming guests to the Magagula homestead. (R) Sister Theresa from the Roman Catholic Church making her remarks.



trymen that they should build a tower that would enable them to go to heav-

en. However, that project was unsuccessful as the people began speaking



LUNGS OUT: Dr. Hugh Magagula singing together with members of the Christian Fellowship Centre Church.



LET'S DANCE: Sibhaca team from Royal Eswatini Police Service entertaining guests with the Sibhaca dance.

different languages and they could not hear one another. Magagula said Nimrod used to have celebrations on December 25 every year.

He said it would be unnecessary for Christians to think of December 25 as a day not worthy of celebrating the birth of Jesus just because Nimrod made his celebrations on that day.

"During wars, a nation would defeat their opponents and claim the land occupied by their opponents by hanging their flag on that land. This would signify that the triumphant nation had taken that

land. Likewise, Christians had taken December 25 and put a flag on it to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We cannot avoid this day because of Nimrod who died a long time ago," Magagula said. He added that these were some of the issues that Christians had to think about and discuss them to find the right solutions to such problems.

Magagula was ordained as a reverend last year on December 3. The ordination was consummated by Reverend Griffiths Dlamini who is the founder and president of the Christian Fellowship Centre.

Long wait for residents' relocation at Eqinisiweni

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

SOME residents of Eqinisiweni have waited longer than anticipated to be relocated so that they pave way for a school project.

The project has brought frustration to some residents as they are still not sure what is likely to happen to them.

The area is under the jurisdiction of Engwanyameni authorities.

Eqinisiweni Primary is one of the schools with a high enrolment in the Shiselweni region as it takes not less than 1 100 pupils yearly.

This has since caused demand for the construction of a high school.

The primary has been relying on the other neighbouring high schools such as Makhonza and Ngwane Central to

absorb its pupils who had passed Grade Seven.

These schools also have their own feeder primary schools.

Eqinisiweni sports ground is reportedly earmarked for the construction of the high school and several nearby homesteads will be affected by the development, thus, they must be relocated.

It is said no one is aware on when exactly the work would commence.

With part of the land still occupied by the residents, they are not allowed to rebuild any of their collapsing structures and should wait until they are shown their new land.

Some of those to be affected by the project, have been assisted in putting up structures not far from the previous land they occupied, but this was happening at a snail's pace.

A resident said authorities had warned

against putting up structures in the piece of land earmarked for the school.

There are families with stick and mud houses, and it is said they were banned from building descent structures even if the current ones are collapsing.

Dark

"Other families are still in the dark about what is happening, others are aggrieved as they are not allowed to rebuild anything on the land considered to be part of the location for the project. Should anyone be found doing any patching up or falling structures, he or she is taken to task by the elders of the area and others are threatened with fines," said one of the residents.

Other families have since been shown where they would relocate to, but have still not moved out of their homes not because they were resisting to do so but their new structures have not been com-

pleted. "We are among the families affected by the project but fortunately, we have been shown where to move to, but the challenge is that they have not completed the houses they are building for us. Considering that we are not supposed to carry-out any activity where we are right now as we will ultimately move, we are in a dilemma," said one of the residents.

"It's a different story for those that have not been shown where to move to, but are not expected to be rebuilding any of their falling structures. Anyone defying this order is penalised as it is considered disrespecting the authorities who endorsed the school project," said another resident.

Meanwhile, authorities of the area including Chief Mbiko could not

be reached for comment as his phone rang unanswered.

On the other hand, the Principal of Eqinisiweni Primary School Duncan Nzima could not delve much on the matter especially the controversies surrounding the project of constructing the high school.

He said from what he knew, the project would take place as soon as other things including identifying the land was long done and they are awaiting for the Land Management Board (LMB) to give its blessings.

"It's a project we still believe will take place, the elders of the area have identified where the project will be located. What is now left is for the LMB to come and do the sod cutting ceremony, maybe what has also delayed the project to take off is funding," said Nzima.



FEATURES & OPINION

REFRESH WHAT YOU THINK...

1 BILLION RISING REVOLUTION

GENDER stereotyping, the act of ascribing an individual woman or man specific attributes, characteristics or roles by reason only of her or his membership in the social group of women and men.

This is a topic that has been discussed throughout the ages, even within our own series, yet the true extent to which gender stereotyping permeates throughout our lives is beyond measure.

The power of gender stereotyping lies in its unobtrusive nature, it is a societal norm that requires the willingness to question and understand for a complete mind-set overhaul.

It is present in our daily lives, in the conversations we have, the people we meet even the toys we buy.

Gender stereotyping serves no true purpose towards the survival and development of the species, its disadvantages far outweighing its purpose.

It is an accepted and undeniable part of human existence yet the true extent to which gender stereotyping controls our lives remains underestimated.

It influences the decisions we make, the statements we speak, the opinions we hold in our daily lives at all levels.

The modern age has experienced unprecedented levels of technological advancement, social media now forms the backbone of our social interaction, meaning it is also vulnerable to gender stereotyping.

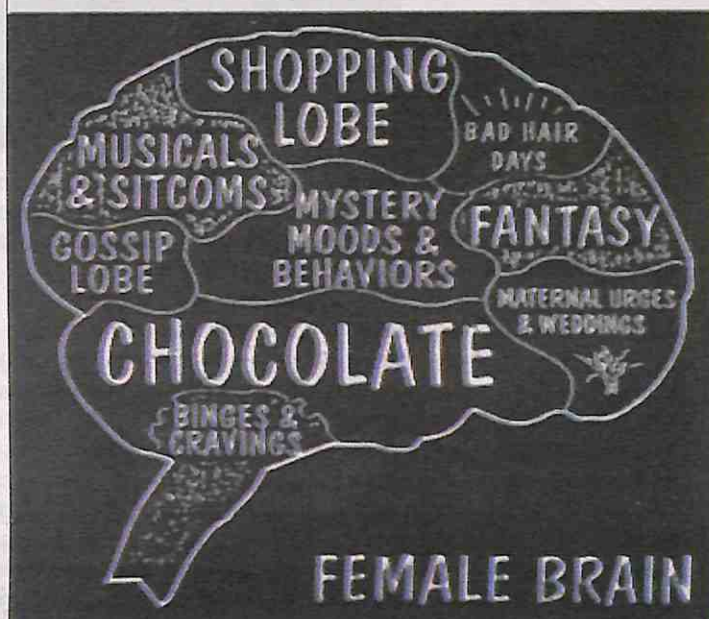
A woman on social media can expect anything from unsolicited nudity, harassment, cyber-stalking and the use of highly aggressive language patterns.

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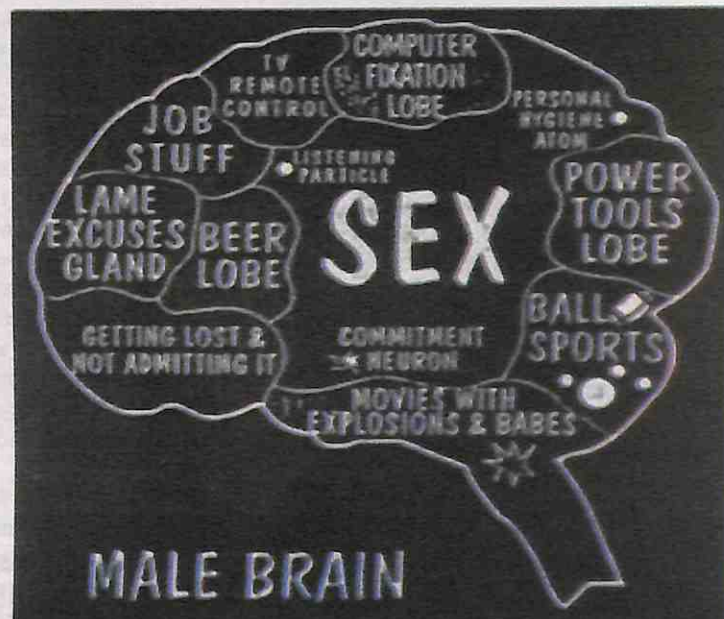
WOMEN AND MEN;

SAME CONVERSATION BUT DIFFERENT RULES

Gender Stereotypes



FEMALE BRAIN



MALE BRAIN

attach to femininity and masculinity, when a comparison is made, clothing between the sexes and the differences in design are glaring. The primary purpose of women and by extension their clothing is to be aesthetically appealing, even at the expense of functionality.

Faux pockets will be added to women's clothing for beauty's sake yet real pockets must be forsaken for the prevention of unsightly lumps, an unacceptable blemish for femininity yet acceptable for masculin-

ty.

On a more tragic note, gender stereotyping also lays at the heart of victim blaming. Women have been placed in a position of responsibility for men's actions, thoughts and opinions.

Abused

When a woman is raped or abused, then the prevailing opinion is that she must've done something to provoke or cause this negative event to happen. In this way stereotypes are used to assign guilt to the victim and justify the perpetrator for example a

women blamed for getting raped because she was dressed in a short skirt.

The socially acceptable professions and hobbies for women and men are themselves defined by gender stereotyping.

Women are expected to partake in ladylike activities, meaning they should not be physically taxing or endanger her pretty face in anyway. When seeking job opportunities women are relegated to the low level posi-

tions, because gender stereotyping mandates that leadership is an exclusively male role.

Gender stereotyping limits the potential of the human race as it serves no true societal purpose, only ensuring a waste of valuable human resource.

Half the planet's population is ignored whilst the other half's potential is limited, the former is expected to be more 'lady-like' and the latter to 'man-up' preventing both women and men from effectively participating in public life and social development.

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ON THIS DAY

... JULY 25

1914 - Russia declared that it would act to protect Serbian sovereignty.

1924 - Greece announced the deportation of 50 000 Armenians.

1939 - W2XBS TV in New York City presented the first musical comedy seen on TV. The show was "Topsy and Eva."

1941 - The US government froze all Japanese and Chinese assets.

1943 - Italian Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini was overthrown in a coup.

1946 - The US detonated an atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific. It was the first underwater test of the device.

1946 - Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis staged their first show as a team at Club 500 in Atlantic City, NJ.

1947 - Fortune Gordien of Oslo, Norway set a world record discus throw of 178.47 feet.

1952 - Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the US.

1978 - Louise Joy Brown, the first test-tube baby, was born in Oldham, England. She had been conceived through in-vitro fertilisation.

1978 - Pete Rose (Cincinnati Red) broke the National League record for consecutive base hits as he got a hit in 38 straight games.

1984 - Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya became the first woman to walk in space. She was aboard the orbiting space station Salyut 7.

1987 - The Salt Lake City Trappers set a professional baseball record as the team won its 29th game in a row. (Utah)

1994 - Israel and Jordan formally ended the state of war that had existed between them since 1948.

1997 - KR Narayanan became India's president. He was the first member of the Dalits caste to do so.

1998 - The USS Harry S. Truman was commissioned and put into service by the US Navy.

1999 - Lance Armstrong won the Tour de France. He was only the second American to win the race.

2010 - WikiLeaks leaked to the public more than 90 000 internal reports involving the US-led War in Afghanistan from 2004-2010.

2016 - Verizon Communications agreed to purchase Yahoo!'s operating business for \$4.83 billion with the intention to merge it with AOL.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Shantel Van Santen (TV Actress) - July 25, 1985 (33 years)



Matt LeBlanc (Movie Actor) - July 25 1967, (51 years old)



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Maxwell Dlamini
Resource Mobilization
and Communications Officer

ALL ABOUT CONTRACEPTIVES

IT is quite exciting to note that the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 2018 has finally received Royal Assent from His Majesty King Mswati III and is now law in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

I strongly believe that the existence of the SODV Act of 2018 will provide a protective environment for the marginalised and vulnerable groups of society, restore peace in different family settings and make courts accessible for victims of sexual and gender based violence.

The coming into law of the SODV Act of 2018 will create an environment in Eswatini where sexual and reproductive health and rights are protected, supported and respected. True to the words of an African giant, *Ngugi WaThiongo*, "There is no night so long that it does not end with dawn". Indeed, the SODV Act of 2018 presents a new dawn in the struggle to champion access to quality and non-discriminatory SRHR information and services in Eswatini.

Today's article will focus on the different types of contraceptives available in the country that can be used to do family planning.

The following types of family planning methods are available and provided in the Association's static clinics.

1. Pills
2. Injectable
3. Implants
4. IUDS / Loop 1
5. Condoms

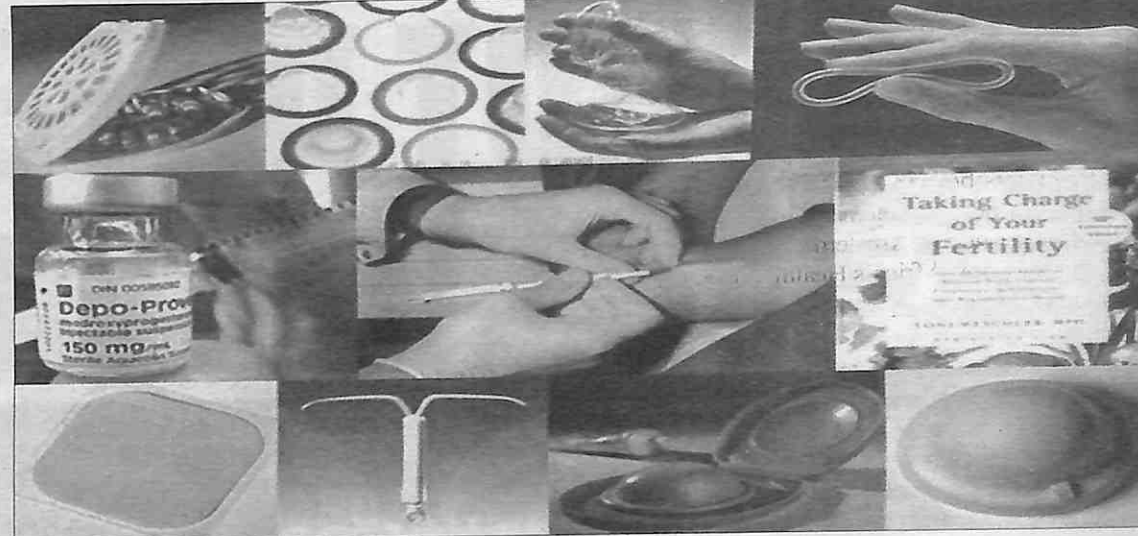
1. Pills

Nearly all women can use pills safely and effectively, including women who have or have not had children, are not married, have had miscarriage and without cervical cancer screening. The pill has to be taken daily and consistently at the same time of the day, even if there is no sexual activity that day or week.

1.1 Combined Oral Contraceptives (COC)

These are pills that contain low doses of two hormones – a progestin and an estrogen – like the natural hormones in a woman's body. They work by primarily preventing the release of eggs from the ovaries (ovulation).

Common side effects that are associated with the COC include changes in bleeding patterns which may include lighter bleeding and fewer



days of bleeding, irregular bleeding, infrequent bleeding and no monthly bleeding. Other side effects may include headache, mood changes and dizziness.

1.2 Progestin Only Pills
POPs work primarily by thickening cervical mucus, which blocks sperm from reaching the egg and preventing the release of eggs ovulation. POPs can be safely taken and very effectively taken by the women who is breastfeeding as they work in synergy with breastfeeding. POPs for the non-breastfeeding woman will result in more bleeding irregularities and higher pregnancy rates than will COCs.

1.3 Emergency Contraceptives
Pills (ECPs) – Morning After Pills ECPs are safe and suitable for all women and there are no tests or examinations needed before taking ECPs.

2. Injectable Contraceptives

Nearly all women can use injectable contraceptives safely and effectively. Injectable contraceptives work primarily by inhibiting ovulation and make cervical mucus thick which stops sperm from entering an egg. The benefits of using injectable is that they are private as no one can tell you are using injectable, can be stopped at any time and action does not require daily action.

2.1 Two and Three Months Injectable
containing the hormone progestin These are injectables that are taken after every two or three months' intervals. Dapo Provera (DMPA), the more common injectable, is effective for three months while Noristat (NET-EN) is effective for two months. These injectable may,

however, cause spotting heavier or longer periods for first few months, may cause weight gain, headaches as well as mood changes.

2.2 Monthly Injectable

Monthly injectable contain both progestin and estragon and work primarily by preventing ovulation. For greatest effectiveness, it is important that the woman receive an injectable every four weeks. Limitations of monthly injectable includes weight gain, headaches and the woman may experience lighter monthly, fewer days or irregular bleeding.

3. Implants

Implants are small plastic rods or capsules that release progestin like the natural hormone progesterone in a woman's body. A specifically trained provider performs a minor surgical procedure to place the implants under the skin on the inside of a woman's upper arm. Implants work by inhibiting ovulation as well as make cervical mucus thick which stops sperm from meeting an egg. Benefits include that they are highly effective and long lasting methods, stop working once removed and return to fertility is rapid. Limitations associated with implants include changes in bleeding patterns, mood changes and weight change.

4. Intrauterine Contraceptives Device (IUDC) Loop

Loop is fitted inside the womb and can be inserted soon after child delivery to prevent pregnancy for seven to 10 years. A trained health care provider can insert it into a women's uterus. Works primarily by causing a chemical change that

damages sperm and egg before they meet. Limitations include prolonged and heavy monthly bleedings, irregular bleeding and more cramps and pain during monthly bleeding.

5. Condoms: Male

A male condom is a thin sheath of latex or other material that a man puts on his erect penis before entering the women's vagina. The condom prevents pregnancy by holding semen so that it does not pass into the women's vagina. A new condom must be used for each act of sex. A male condom help protect against risks of pregnancy, STIs and HIV, can be used without seeing health provider and increases male participation in family planning.

The Female Condom

A female condom is a thin covering of polyurethane plastic that forms a pouch that covers the outer labia and lines the vagina. The female condom works by blocking the entry of the sperm into the uterus so that no contact is made between the sperm and egg. The female condom helps to protect against risks of pregnancy, STIs and HIV and can be inserted ahead of time so not to interrupt sex.

These family planning methods are safe and effective. Individual method choice depends on factors such as marital status, frequency of sex, perceived susceptibility to HIV and STIs, convenience, costs and side effects. The general public is encouraged to visit FLAS clinics in Manzini and Mbabane to acquire more information about family planning methods as well as access quality and non-discriminatory SRHR information and services.

The HIV pandemic:

TIME TO RECALIBRATE AND TARGET THE WEAK SPOTS

HIV remains a global challenge. Between 36.7 million and 38.8 million people live with the disease worldwide.

And more than 35 million have died of AIDS related causes since the start of the epidemic in the mid-1980s. Two years ago, the International AIDS Society and The Lancet put together a commission made up of a panel of experts to take stock and identify what the future response to HIV should be.

The report is being released to coincide with the 22nd International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam. The Conversation Africa's Health and Medicine Editor Candice Bailey spoke to Head of the International AIDS Society Professor Linda-Gail Bekker, who also led the commission, about its report.

What have we learnt about the global HIV response in the last 30 years?

The world had an emergency on its hands 30 years ago with the arrival of HIV. A huge amount of effort was put into trying to find solutions. And there were some incredible breakthroughs.

First was the miracle of lifesaving antiretroviral treatment, the biggest game changer over the last three decades. Great strides have been made in rolling out the treatment. UNAIDS tells us that 22 million people are currently on treatment. That's truly remarkable.

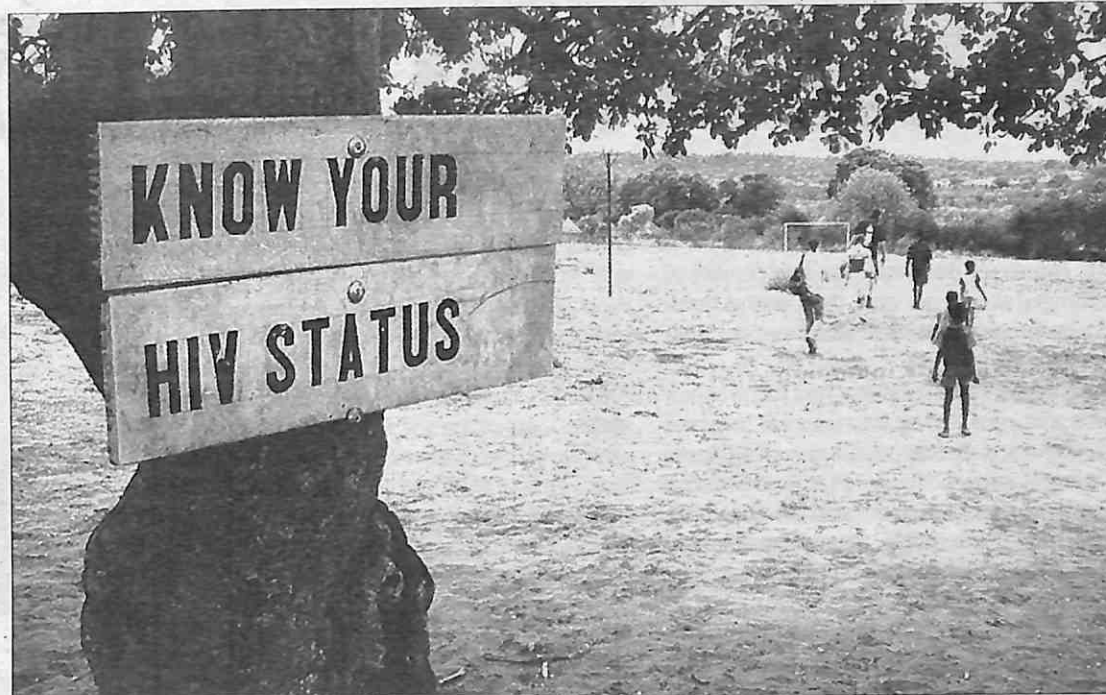
But we've also learnt that relying on the current pace is insufficient. That's clear from the figures.

In some countries, the incidence is rising, and in many parts of the world, the incidence rate has stalled or plateaued.

We are not seeing the downturn that we need to be able to reach the global goal of ending the HIV pandemic by 2030. The biggest lesson we've learnt is that we need to reinvigorate the prevention message, especially since we have new tools to combat HIV transmission in many different settings.

This includes Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) – a daily antiretroviral that's given to people who have a high risk of contracting HIV to lower their chances of getting infected – as well as treatment and prevention, which involves giving people living with HIV antiretrovirals to suppress their viral loads.

For a sustainable response and looking forward to the next era, it will be important to position our responses to HIV within the broader health agenda. Patients don't only have HIV, they have other issues. There are mental health needs and



there are sexual and reproductive health needs, so HIV treatment and care must fit into that broader agenda. This will enable a more sustainable response.

This is a challenge in many parts of the world where HIV is in a siloed response and people are only treated by HIV specific services. There needs to be a service delivery model that considers the broader health agenda.

This goes beyond integration. We need to think about where can we take the lessons from HIV into other diseases. In the case of HIV, person centred and community-based care has become critical to ensure people get access to treatment. The message is simple: the epidemic is far from over and it's not time to disengage. We're here for the long haul. To ensure we have a sustainable approach, we need to recalibrate. The commission is calling for a new way of doing business that will seek common cause with other global health issues. We understand that the HIV response will need resources. This will be a great way to get a double bang for the buck.

What's still going wrong?

In many regions, we have left whole sectors of the population behind. These include men who have sex with men, women who trade sex and people who inject drugs. They aren't getting proper services because of policy, prejudice and stigma.

And different regional pockets need particular attention. One is in Eastern Europe and Central Asia where there has been a 30 per cent increase in new infections since 2010. This is particularly concerning. It's clear that whole regions are being left behind because of poli-

tics, denial and stigma. Here the administrations are not doing the evidence based thing – they are failing their people and the response.

Another pocket is West and Central Africa. These are countries that are not reducing rates of infection as quickly as we had hoped, often due to limited resources. Nigeria, for example, needs help with the reduction of mother-to-child transmission. These are areas that are going to need attention, help and encouragement. But we don't want to put out the notion that we are in trouble across the world.

In East and South Africa, for example, we have made significant gains. There is still a lot to be done but the trends are going in the right direction. In many ways, South Africa really is a good news story because its administration and politics favour an enthusiastic response to do the right thing. Domestic funding around HIV has increased.

South Africa still has the biggest number of people in the world living with HIV – 7.9 million according to the latest HSRC report. But the country is beginning to turn the ship around. That's something we can be incredibly proud of.

There are, nevertheless, still pockets that need attention. For example, adolescent girls and young women under the age of 25 in KwaZulu-Natal are roughly three times more likely than men younger than 25 to be living with HIV.

We have had them in our sights but we now need a concentrated effort to tackle HIV in this cohort, otherwise we will miss the target.

We need to look at the evidence and where can we make an impact with integrated care.

This would be through HIV programmes that are part of sexual and reproductive health along with eco-

nomics empowerment initiatives such as getting girls to stay in school and making sure they have opportunities to make autonomous decisions about sexual and reproductive health.

Doing everything for everyone is a waste of money and time. We need to sharpen the tip of our response. We must put our responses where we get the biggest bang for buck and call on those resources that offer prevention and treatment.

What are the biggest challenges between now and 2030?

Resources are the constant challenge globally. We live in a world where politics is unpredictable. We need to constantly advocate for funding while diversifying funding opportunities.

The second challenge is stigma and discrimination. Policy and ideology that is counterproductive also feeds into stigma and discrimination. We need to do something about laws that criminalise behaviour, like sex work, and stigmas towards intravenous drug users, gay people and men who have sex with men. Decriminalising sex work in South Africa, for example, would go a long way to reduce stigma, enable services and help the public health approach.

Continuing to understand how to reach young women and girls and protect them socially and medically; those are also big challenges.

Finally, in South Africa, there is a challenge to find men who are not in the health services and get them into care and onto treatment.

We know that a suppressed viral load means no HIV transmission and so this should be on its agenda.

The Conversation



"So be sure when you step, Step with care and great tact. And remember that life's A Great Balancing Act. And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and $\frac{3}{4}$ percent guaranteed) Kid, you'll move mountains."

— Dr. Seuss, *Oh, The Places You'll Go!*

"Success is getting what you want, happiness is wanting what you get"

— W.P. Kinsella

"Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor."

— Truman Capote

"Letting go means to come to the realisation that some people are a part of your history, but not a part of your destiny."

— Steve Maraboli

"The worst part of success is trying to find someone who is happy for you."

— Bette Midler

"Have no fear of perfection - you'll never reach it."

— Salvador Dali

"Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm."

— Winston S. Churchill

"Anyone whose goal is 'something higher' must expect someday to suffer vertigo. What is vertigo? Fear of falling? No, Vertigo is something other than fear of falling. It is the voice of the emptiness below us which tempts and lures us, it is the desire to fall, against which, terrified, we defend ourselves."

— Milan Kundera, *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*

"If A is a success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut"

— Albert Einstein

"Don't spend time beating on a wall, hoping to transform it into a door."

— Coco Chanel

"I'm a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down."

— Abraham Lincoln

"Cry. Forgive. Learn. Move on. Let your tears water the seeds of your future happiness."

— Steve Maraboli

"Sometimes it takes a good fall to really know where you stand"

— Hayley Williams

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."

— Walt Disney Company

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

— Oliver Goldsmith

The Citizen of the World, Or, Letters from a Chinese Philosopher, Residing in London, to His Friends in the Country, by Dr. Goldsmith

"All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence; then success is sure."

— Mark Twain

"How would your life be different if...You stopped making negative judgmental assumptions about people you encounter? Let today be the day...You look for the good in everyone you meet and respect their journey."

— Steve Maraboli, *Life, the Truth, and Being Free*

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 24 JULY 2018

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.4912	13.5412
British Pound/SZL	17.6431	17.7084
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.2238	8.2521
Swiss France/SZL	13.5603	13.6051
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2978	1.3135
Australian Dollar/SZL	9.9308	9.9717
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DISCOUNT RATE REMAINS UNCHANGED AT 6.75%

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

THE country's discount rate has remained unchanged at 6.75 per cent, the Central Bank of Eswatini announced in its monetary policy statement.

"This monetary policy stance was found appropriate after considering international, regional and economic domestic conditions, which would have an effect on the bank's price and financial stability mandate," the bank said in a statement, further assuring the public that the bank's monetary policy stance remains supportive to economic growth.

CBE described global economic conditions as remaining buoyant but facing upside risks from the ensuing trade war between the United States of America and China.

Global growth was also expected to increase from 3.9 per cent this year to the 3.7 per cent

recorded last year.

Leaders of the BRICS emerging economies - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, who are meeting in Johannesburg this week, are expected to address the threat of a worsening global trade war.

With US President Donald Trump's hardened stance, fears of a trade war continue to worsen after he slapped levies on goods from China worth tens of billions of dollars as well as tariffs on steel and aluminium from the European Union, Canada and Mexico.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, China's President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the annual three-day summit, which starts in Johannesburg today.

Earlier this month, China said it would step up cooperation with other developing nations like the BRICS grouping to counter 'trade protectionism,' reported Finance 24.



STANCE: US President Donald Trump.

Jenny wireless internet sponsors this year's entretchship summit

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

THIS year's entretchship summit, which will be held on the 4th of August at the Mountain Inn, has been sponsored by Jenny wireless internet.

Themed 'ICT emerging trends,' the summit is hosted by Siyatfutuka ICT Foundation, whose founder is S'dumo Dlamini.

Event organiser Jacob Ntshangase said colleges which offer ICT related courses such as Mananga and Soft Tech would also be part of this event to expose their students to emerging technology trends. Ntshangase said Jenny internet's sponsorship for this summit would be maintained until next year.

"Jenny internet recognises the impact ICT is playing in the development and growth of small and medium businesses hence the initiative to sponsor this good course," said Ntshangase.

He extended an invitation to small business owners to attend this summit which will address a myriad of issues, including the role of e-Commerce in developing small businesses, as well as the role of ICTs in small and medium enterprises. Other topics of the day will be on start-ups and financing and how collaborations can be enhanced in SMEs through ICT platforms.

Facilitators in this summit have been drawn from a broad cross section of society and they include Brandit Design Director for Eswatini and South Africa Dean Van Zyl, Inhlonhla Insurance Business Growth Finance Manager Nathi Van Zuydm and others. Other companies which have partnered with Siyatfutuka ICT Foundation are Branding Design, On-time Business Network, Photoworks and Auto-Smith.

Ntshangase encouraged those who want to register for this summit to do so before August 1. They can contact S'dumo Dlamini at 7625 1683 or Jacob Ntshangase at 7688 0391.



BITCOIN PRICE INCREASES FOR FIRST TIME SINCE MAY

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

AFTER a continued downward spiral in the last two months, the world's largest cryptocurrency- Bitcoin's price has climbed back above E106 000 (\$8 000) for the first time since May, CoinDesk's price index shows.

Bitcoin had been on a downward trajectory since May as it traded at as little as E72 260 (\$6 355) a few weeks ago.

Even though its current price of E105 000 is still a far cry to its over E220 000 in December last year, cryptocurrency traders take solace in cryptocurrency's sudden ascent.

Meanwhile, data shows that Bitcoin's market capitalisation dominance has also increased significantly over the past two months.

Information published by CoinMarketCap shows that Bitcoin accounted for 37 per cent of

the total cryptocurrency market capitalisation in mid-May.

The weakening of Bitcoin came in the wake of startling data published by dead coins, an online cryptocurrency tracker, which demonstrated how over 800 digital currency brands had simply vanished between 2014 and now.

Scam

Dead coins declared all 800 cryptocurrencies as either being dead, parody, scam, or hack.

At Eswatini, the cryptocurrency craze is not promising to fizzle out anytime soon as many people, with the hope of making quick fortunes, view digital currencies as an ideal conduit which they can use to reap excessively high amounts of money.

This is despite media reports in March which showed that a group of locals were scammed over E200 million in a BTC Global scam where they had invested their money.

Swaziland Reality Consultants receives E451 015 tender for Nhlanguano valuation roll

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

SWAZILAND Reality Consultants has been awarded a E451 015.50 intention to award contract for the preparation of the 2018/19 Nhlanguano Town Council general valuation roll, which is a legal document that consists of property information of all rateable properties within the boundaries of a municipality.

This tender announcement was made by the council's Chief Executive Officer Appollo Maphalala in documents published in the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA) website. Swaziland Reality Consultants beat three other responsive tenderers with a total evaluation score of 87 per cent, 70 per cent of which was based on technical expertise while 30 per cent was in lieu of the consultancy's financial score.

The responsive tenderers were

DETAILS OF EVALUATED RESPONSIVE TENDERERS

NAME	NATIONALITY	BID PRICE AS READ OUT	EVALUATED PRICE	TOTAL EVALUATION SCORE
1. Liyewela Property Consultants	Swati	E1 020 500.00	E1 020 500	62 per cent
2. G.S Chiyanda Property Consultants	Swati	E925 680.00	E925 680	70 per cent
3. Christian Amoako and Company	Swati	E860 426.40	E860 426.40	74 per cent

Liyewela Property Consultants, whose bid price as read out was E1 020 500.00. Liyewela Property Consultants attained a total evaluation score of 62 per cent while their evaluated price remained unchanged from the bid price as read out. The second responsive tenderer was G.S Chiyanda Property Consultants whose bid price as read out of E925 680.00

remained unchanged when the evaluated price was determined. G.S Chiyanda Consultants attained a total evaluation score of 70 per cent, eight per cent higher than Liyewela Consultancy's score. With a total evaluation score of 74 per cent, Christian Amoako and Company was the third responsive tenderer. Their bid price as read out was E860

426.40. In the meantime, Springbok Property Valuers and Goldstone Property Consultants were classified in the non-responsive tender category for varied reasons.

Goldstone Property Consultants was not responsive to data sheet 1.4, while Springbok Property Valuers did not qualify for the evaluation of a financial proposal.

DETAILS OF NON-RESPONSIVE TENDERERS

1. Goldstone Property Consultants	Not responsive to 1.4 of the Data Sheet
2. Springbok Property Valuers	Did not qualify for the evaluation of Financial Proposal



ANNOUNCED: Nhlanguano Town Council's Chief Executive Officer Appollo Maphalala.

Domestic economy declines in first quarter compared to 2017

By Zwelethu Dlamini

MACROECONOMIC Analysis and Research Division (MARD) findings indicate that the domestic economy has drastically declined in the first quarter (April - June, 2018) compared to that recorded in the first quarter of 2017.

MARD is a wing within the ministry of economic planning and development (MEPAD)

Several highlights of the economic performance have been cited in the E-Bulletin No.25, Quarter 1, 2018 which include inflation rate, discount rate, gross reserves, public revenue and public debt.

The country's inflation rate has subsided substantially over the last several quarters, falling to 4.2 per cent in 2018 Q1. Hence the inflation rate has moved below the Common Monetary Area (CMA) upper-band of six per cent inflation.

The discount rate is generally set to be close to the South African repurchase rate (which was also lowered by 25 basis points to 6.5 per cent) with a differential in order to minimise capital outflows.

"Furthermore, the reduced inflationary pressures allow for a more accommodative discount rate that can assist in stimulating economic activity. Following the reduction in the discount rate, the rate at which banks lend to their most credit worthy customers (the prime lending rate),

also dropped by 25 basis points to 10.25 per cent," reads part of the report.

The Central Bank of Eswatini lowered the discount rate to 6.75 per cent at the end of March, a 25 basis point decrease.

The lilangeni strengthened significantly relative to most major currencies in 2018 (Q1), reaching an average value of E11.95 to the USD. However, since the beginning of the second quarter, the lilangeni has weakened.

Gross official reserves have continued to decline and were sufficient to cover just 3.2 months of imports, during May. Gross official reserves contracted by 7.8 per cent from E6.6 billion observed in May 2018 to E6.1 billion at the end of June 2018.

At this level, the reserves were enough to cover an import cover of 2.9 months at the end of June 2018, down from 3.2 months recorded in May 2018. Compared over the year, the reserves went down by 11.5 per cent when valued in Emalangeni terms and by 16.8 per cent in Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) terms.

Total imports increased substantially in 2018 Q1 compared to 2017 Q1, while exports fell. This has led to a large merchandise trade deficit for the quarter.

Total domestic revenue grew by 12 per cent in 2017/18 Q4 and domestic revenue collections have continued to surpass SACU receipts. Nevertheless, public debt has continued to grow and is now equivalent to over 20 per cent of GDP.

VAT hike to cause major inflationary pressures

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

THE imminent increase in the country's VAT from 14 to 15 per cent next week Wednesday is likely to cause serious inflationary pressures, the Central Bank of Eswatini states in its Monetary Policy Statement.

"The bank also considered the impact of the increase in VAT and utility prices as major contributors to the upward trend in an inflation outlook," states the CBS in its report.

Eswatini's headline inflation rate slightly increased from 4.8 per cent in May to 4.9 per cent in June due to a rise in food prices and non-alcoholic beverages. The Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini announced in his budget speech earlier in the year that the country's VAT would increase from 14 to 15 per cent to align it with that of South Africa. However, Parliament did not pass the Finance Bill of 2018, the legislative instrument which allows the one per cent VAT hike.

However, despite Parliament not passing this Bill into an Act, the minister of finance disregarded complaints from the public and announced in a memo that as of August 1, VAT would hike from 14 to 15 per cent. The min-



ister said he was doing this through powers conferred upon him by Section 84 (2) of the Value added Tax Act, 2011. This section gives the Minister the power to implement the hiked VAT.

The 10th Parliament's dissolution did not halt the minister from effecting the VAT hike as it was upon the end of its tenure in office that the minister invoked the special powers to effect the hike. The Central Bank's projections show that the country's inflation could hike to over five per cent this year as it was initially forecasted.

Inflation averaged 4.83 per cent in

this year's second quarter, which is 0.22 per cent below the the forecast of 5.05 per cent for the quarter. Forecasts for the third and fourth quarter were revised upwards from 5.66 per cent for both quarters to 5.89 per cent and 6.31 per cent, respectively.

CBS noted that in recent months, global inflation remained fairly stable but with an upward bias. Rising oil prices, US dollar appreciation as a result of higher US yields, and trade and geopolitical tensions, however, continued to pose an upside risk to inflation thus clouding the global economic outlook.

...South African economy also contracts by 2.2 per cent

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

IT was not just the country's economy which was faced with dwindling growth prospects as the South African economy contracted by 2.2 per cent in the first quarter from a growth of 3.1 per cent in the last quarter of 2017.

This observation was made by the Central Bank of Eswatini. The major contributors of this contraction were mainly mining and the manufacturing sectors.

Even though South Africa's consumer inflation also increased from 4.6 per cent in June from 4.4 per cent in May, it was still lower than that of Eswatini, which currently stands at 4.9

per cent.

"The impact of the VAT increase in South Africa appears to be less than anticipated, hence the headline inflation is now expected to average 4.8 per cent this year before increasing to 5.6 per cent in 2019. "The South African Reserve Bank noted that rising oil prices and a weaker exchange rate pose an upside risk to the inflation outlook".

ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI APPOINTS NEW CEO

JOHANNESBURG - AngloGold Ashanti has announced a replacement for its outgoing CEO and executive director Srinivasan Venkatakrishnan.

In a statement on Monday, the international gold mining company announced the appointment of Kelvin Dushnisky as CEO and an executive director, effective 1 September 2018.

Dushnisky is replacing Venkatakrishnan (Venkat), who departs at the end of August 2018 for a role at London-based Vedanta Resources. Venkat will also cease to be a member of AngloGold Ashanti's board with effect from 31 August 2018.

Venkat, who had been with AngloGold Ashanti for 18 years, spending the last five as a largely successful CEO, resigned in April. AngloGold Ashanti chairperson Siphos Pityana said Dushnisky's appointment follows an "extremely competitive global search".

Dushnisky, who was president and executive director of Barrick Gold Corporation, will relocate to Johannesburg, home of AngloGold Ashanti. Pityana said Dushnisky "brings to us an impeccable set of values, a deep understanding of operating a large, complex global portfolio of mining assets and projects, and a keen familiarity of an evolving geopolitical landscape".

"He will head a strong, cohesive team



APPOINTED: AngloGold Ashanti's new CEO Kelvin Dushnisky.

committed to executing AngloGold Ashanti's strategy of sustainably improving returns, through disciplined capital allocation," Pityana added. Since his appointment as president of Barrick in 2015, Dushnisky held direct responsibility for Barrick's overall business and the execution of its operating plans and strategic priorities. This role included oversight of Barrick's activities across Australia, Africa, the Middle East, North

America and South America.

He also held responsibility for Barrick's relationships with host governments, local communities and other external stakeholders.

Dushnisky holds a B.Sc. (Hon.) degree from the University of Manitoba and M.Sc. and J.D. degrees from the University of British Columbia. He is a member of the Law Society of British Columbia, the Canadian Bar Association, the Business Council of Canada, the Institute of the Americas, the Canadian Council for the Americas (Vice-Chair) and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

While at Barrick, Dushnisky represented the company at the World Gold Council and the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM). He is a member of the International Advisory Board of the Shanghai Gold Exchange and the Accenture Global Mining Executive Council. Dushnisky said he felt honoured and excited to "unlock the enormous potential that exists" in AngloGold Ashanti. "AngloGold Ashanti has a strong portfolio of assets and an exciting pipeline of organic growth opportunities," he said.

AngloGold Ashanti's share price jumped on the news, reaching an intraday high of R108.31 before retreating to trade at R107.33 (+0.31%) by 14:32 on the JSE.

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Call for mass protest against unsustainable fuel levies

PRETORIA - The Democratic Alliance, the Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse, and taxi and transport associations have joined forces to call for mass civil action against the high price of fuel.

They're calling for NGOs, political parties, religious bodies, taxi associations, civil society organisations, and ordinary South Africans to join a mass protest all outside the offices of the National Treasury in Tshwane on Tuesday 31 July at 10am, calling for a reduction in fuel levies.

On top of a one per cent rise in VAT to 15 per cent, increased income tax and higher taxes on tobacco, alcohol and

sugar, they say, ordinary South Africans have been hit with no less than four fuel price increases in four consecutive months - April, May, June and July - with another increase set for August.

"In March petrol cost R14.12 a litre; it's now over R16," said DA leader Mmusi Maimane. "And every cent of that is absorbed by ordinary South Africans, either directly through increased transport costs, or indirectly by the resulting rising food prices."

"Something has to give," he insisted. "Poor South Africans are already stretched to breaking point by a stagnant economy and spiralling unemployment, and there is no sign of this improving any

time soon."

Maimane, Outa, the taxi associations and transport organisations say not all of the huge increase in fuel prices can be blamed on 'international markets' as R5.30 a litre (33 per cent) of our fuel price is made up of the general fuel levy and the Road Accident Fund levy.

The mass protest will call for the immediate reduction of the Road Accident Fund and general fuel levies by R1 a litre each - which will bring the price of petrol below R15 a litre - as well as an urgent debate in parliament on restructuring both the Road Accident Fund and general fuel levies to help limit further fuel price increases. *IOL Motoring*

Sappi's latest R7 billion upgrade to help boost KwaZulu-Natal economy

CAPE TOWN - Sappi has announced major planned upgrades at its Saiccor Mill in Umkomaas, Durban which will be worth R7 billion.

KwaZulu-Natal Acting Premier, Sihle Zikalala has welcomed Sappi Limited's enormous R7 billion planned investments that are expected to have a massive positive impact on the economy on the province.

The investments include a R2.7 billion capacity expansion project and a planned R5 billion over five years in various continuous improvement initiatives and upgrade projects. The massive investments currently being poured into different parts of KwaZulu-Natal by big conglomerates are a major vote of confidence in our province's resolve to grow its economy for the benefit of all its citizens, Zikalala added.

"We will continue to sell our

province as a destination for quality investments. Working with the central government, we will also continue to create an environment which is conducive for businesses to thrive." The provincial government also commended Sappi for its recently launched Skills Centre near Saiccor Mill, which has created training and opportunities for the workforce and for the local youth. KwaZulu-Natal would engage other conglomerates to invest more on skills development to assist in reducing unemployment, Zikalala said.

Zikalala said KwaZulu-Natal was supportive of President Ramaphosa's efforts to spur the country towards the growth trajectory under the banner of Operation Thuma Mina which encourages corporate South Africa to begin to invest in the economy.

Business Report online

SAA in talks with prospective new business partners

CAPE TOWN - SAA announced yesterday that it was in talks with potential commercial partner airlines as it pushed ahead with the implementation of its turnaround strategy.

The state-owned entity said that it was making steady progress with its turnaround plans to lead the company to financial sustainability, adding that network optimisation and development was an important part of the strategy.

Last November the airline embarked on a network and route rationali-

sation programme, part of which was the revitalisation of all alliance and partnership, including interline and code share, agreements.

"In these meetings with other airlines, SAA also discussed possibilities of these airlines taking our excess cabin and flight deck crew on contract basis as part of our turnaround strategy implementation." The airline said it had met Emirates, Turkish Airways, Qatar Airways, Kenya Airways, Air Mauritius, United Airlines and Singapore Airlines. *Business Report online*



Economic prospects are looking much brighter

JOHANNESBURG - The investments sought by South Africa through President Cyril Ramaphosa's special investment envoys is intended to support inclusive growth and increase actual productive capacity in the country.

The president's economic adviser Trudi Makhaya said in the past few months South Africa had seen a significant revaluation of South Africa's economic prospects. "It is no secret that in the past few years the economy has performed

beneath its potential and now we have a unique opportunity to ensure that we reach that potential, given the many opportunities that exist for investment and for taking this economy forward," said Makhaya at the BRICS Business Council Annual meeting in Durban yesterday. BRICS Business Council chairperson Dr Iqbal Survé said South African business people and citizens tended to be unusually critical about the country's conditions.

Business Report online

Vodacom increases revenue on strong customer growth, cheap data deals

JOHANNESBURG - Mobile services operator Vodacom on Tuesday said it increased group data revenue by 9.6 per cent in the quarter to end-June 2018 on the back of increased customer numbers.

The group said in a trade update that it added 2.5 million customers - 1.5 million in South Africa and 1.0 million in its international operations - to reach 76.5 million. This excludes Saficom customers.

Apart from South Africa, Vodacom has operations in Tanzania, the DRC,

Mozambique and Lesotho. Through Vodacom Business Africa, the group offers business managed services to enterprises in 30 countries across the continent. Locally, Vodacom grew service revenue by 4.9 per cent, supported by customer growth of 9.5 per cent to 43.1 million customers, this "despite the dire economic environment in South Africa". Vodacom CEO Shameel Joosub said this growth was driven by the company's 'Big Data'-led innovations, which contributed to robust demand for personalised bundles.

According to the trade update Vodacom sold over 600 million bundles in the quarter under review, resulting in an effective price reduction of 10 per cent on voice minutes and 17 per cent for data megabytes.

"This is evidence of our commitment to lowering the cost to communicate," said Joosub. Other cost cutting initiatives for consumers include the new Vodacom Ticket, which allows customers to save up to 50 per cent on data for social media, video, music and gaming, he added. *Fin24*



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SMVAF BOARD POSE FOR A GROUP PHOTO WITH HIS MAJESTY KING MSWATI III DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SMVAF OFFICE PARK AND EKUPHILENI CLINIC.



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RADIOGRAPHER HLONIPHILE MTETWA SHOWS THE KING HOW TO OPERATE THE CT SCANNER.



THE KING POSES WITH MVA CEO'S FROM THE SADC REGION.



CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER PINKIE GLOVER EXPLAINS THE CLAIMS PROCESS TO HIS MAJESTY.



SIYA MASEKO HANDS THE SCISSORS TO HIS MAJESTY TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE BUILDING

HIS MAJESTY KING MSWATI III SPEECH AT SMVAF OFFICIAL OPENING



Your Majesty the Indlovukazi, Emakhosikati, Your Royal Highnesses, Prime Minister, Councillors, Chiefs, Chief Justice, Deputy Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Regional Administrator for the Hhohho region, Members of the MVA board, Chief Executive Officer of MVA and staff, Funds Chief Executive Officers from the region, Distinguished guests, Ladies & gentlemen.

Siyanivusela nonkhe bekunene lapha eConvention Centre Ezulwini.

It gives me great pleasure to join the MVA family today to bless the new Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund building and the clinic here in Mbabane. This occasion marks a significant milestone in the history of the MVA Fund which plays an important role in catering for road accident survivors. We welcome all those present here to witness this occasion and we extend a warm welcome to our visitors who have travelled from the different parts of the region to be with us today.

Significance of Sincephetelo MVA Fund

It is on such occasions that we get to appreciate the important role in development that is played by some of the institutions in this country. Progress is good and desired by all and our growth as a nation over the past 50 years has come with massive infrastructure development, particularly our road network.

While this improvement has been welcomed by all, we have witnessed numerous unfortunate incidents on our roads which have claimed many lives, leaving others injured or paralysed. None of the victims or survivors of road accidents are ever prepared for them yet when they do occur, they require substantial resources to provide medical care and support. This is what led to the introduction of the third party insurance back in 1973. It offered compensation to the victims, provided the owner of the vehicle had purchased insurance cover.

However, as we may recall, this was not enough to cater for the increase in traffic accidents as motorists could not afford to keep up with their payments due to a hike in premiums - leaving many accident victims without compensation.

Government took the concerns of the people into consideration and established a universal cover for victims of traffic accidents that is funded by a fuel levy. We can all attest to the fact that road accidents can cause one to lose their ability to work, resulting in the loss of support to the victims and their families. Since its establishment in 1991, the fund has settled claims to the tune of e1.4 billion which we hope has gone a long way in mitigating the detrimental effects of road accidents.

Growth and turnaround of MVA

We are pleased to note how the fund has managed to overcome a huge deficit of E71 million in 2006 to becoming an institution that boasts of current assets valued at E578,463,173 as at March 31, 2017; against liabilities which are valued at E227,215,004 these are claims that are being processed yet to be paid out. We congratulate management for devising a turnaround strategy that has yielded these positive results that should sustain the organisation well into the future. We are happy to learn that a greater part of the fund's turnaround, is a product of long hours of information and experience sharing among countries of the region over the past decade. We have also learnt that the financial turnaround is attributed to sound financial management and strict controls in terms of claims payment and returns on investments. We urge you to maintain these standards.

Launch of the new building and health centre total cost E200 million.

The five storey building we are here to bless today is a product of the successful turnaround strategy of the fund, which is laudable. During a tour of the building, I was highly impressed by the world class clinic facility which houses one of the best radiology centres across the SADC region. Having such a facility in the kingdom will, no doubt, eliminate the need to transfer patients across the border where we face high medical costs. We commend MVA for opening this facility to the public for consultations which will complement facilities currently available in the public and private sector. It is assuring to learn that MVA now has an Investment Manager's office, whose mandate is to take advantage of investment opportunities and effectively make the fund a sustainable institution.

Decentralisation and call centre

Also pleasing to note is that as the road network expands to all four corners of the kingdom, the Sincephetelo MVA Fund has grown to decentralise its services countrywide. We encourage the nation to take advantage of the satellite offices which are spread across the country and serve to complement government's efforts towards decentralisation of services.

We have also been made aware that you have recently established a call centre as part of your public awareness and information efforts. May we encourage the public to make full use of these services to educate ourselves on the services provided by the fund. We would also like to urge the recipients of MVA payouts to use the payouts responsibly to avoid future hardships.

Regional integration

As we look to the future with major developments taking place in the region, we are encouraged by the on-going consultations between MVA and similar institutions in the region. This should enable cross border assistance in claiming for compensation for accidents experienced outside the country.

Ingwenyama cup contribution

In reaching out to the public, we have also noted that the MVA has devised creative ways to enhance road safety awareness through initiatives such as the Ingwenyama Cup. Using sports and culture to achieve your objectives has helped changed the lives of many Emaswati who have participated in the tournament and we look forward to your continued support in this regard, well into the future.

Conclusion

While it is important that the country has a fund to compensate road accident victims, it is equally important to ensure that road accidents are reduced significantly. In this regard, we urge you to intensify your road safety awareness drives. We also call upon the various stakeholders to strengthen their partnership with MVA in the prevention of road accidents. We appeal to motorists not to drink and drive and to ensure their vehicles are roadworthy. Livestock owners are also urged to keep their animals away from the roads, as this would contribute immensely to the reduction of accidents and the loss of lives. Finally, may we thank all those who contributed to the success of this event. We appreciate the wonderful entertainment and the gifts presented to us.

Declaration

I now have the honour to declare the new Sincephetelo MVA building and the clinic officially open under my hand today.

I thank you.

May the Almighty God bless us all.

1. The new name for the building is
SINCEPHETELO MVA FUND BUILDING

2. The new name for the clinic is
EKUPHILENI CLINIC



SMVAF BOARD CHAIRMAN - ZWELI JELE

Your Majesty King Mswati 111, Your Majesty Indlovukazi, Your Royal Highnesses Emakhosikati, BantfwabeNkhosi, Your Excellency The Right Honourable Prime Minister, The Honourable Chief Justice, Cabinet Ministers, Members of Diplomatic Corp, Board members of Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund, Distinguished guests, Ladies and gentlemen

We are gathered here to celebrate a remarkable milestone - that of the official opening of the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund building. Our celebration is not so much a festivity but an occasion to pause and look back at the journey that Sincephetelo has travelled thus far. It has for all intents and purposes been a thirty year journey thus far.

It is an occasion, Your Majesty for us to look at the hills and mountains that we have climbed and have yet to climb. It is also an occasion where we pay homage to those that were instrumental in the establishment of this organisation, those visionary individuals deserve our utmost respect. As we celebrate and acknowledge the various milestones that we have reached, we need to pause and reflect on how faithful we have been to their vision and ideals. On this day, Your Majesty we salute the visionaries like Dr Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini, Mrs Lomalanga Matsebula, Mr Musa Nkambule. It is a result of their tenacity and dedication that we are able to be here today.



Your Majesty, on behalf of the SMVAF, please allow me to welcome their Majesties and your subjects in attendance to this historic event in the history of SMVAF. We are here in the Company of their Majesties, in the event of the office opening of the SMVAF Head Office Building and the Radiology by you, your majesty. Lastly, your majesty, the entire SMVAF family wish to thank their Majesties most sincerely for the privileged opportunity to serve you in the organisation and to be here today on this historical occasion, hopefully having made same contribution to the success of the Fund.

Your Majesty, might I express the SMVAF's profound gratitude for gracing of this event by their majesties, notwithstanding their ever very busy schedule on National duties in the country and outside the country. Your Majesty, on your instruction, so as to put matters into perspective, may I restate the mandate and purpose of the SMVAF. The SMVAF your majesty was established for the sole purpose of compensating road accidents victims for any injury or damage caused by the unlawful or negligent driving of motor vehicles anywhere in Swaziland.

Thirty years ago, when SMVA was established, we began in a modest way under the umbrella of Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation. We occupied a small section of SRIC. Thereafter we acquired premises along Gwamile Street which was our home from 1991 when we became a fully-fledged public enterprise.

It would be remiss of me, if I did not pay a special tribute to my predecessors, as Board Chairman, some of whom we now honour in their memory. We thank them for their guidance and meaningful contributions.

We wish to thank you for having over seen the most important milestone in the history of this Fund, which was the acquisition of a sound financial position. In the years 2006 and 2007, the Fund was in deficit to the tune of E61 Million. The deficit was occasioned because of multiple factors which included under funding, inadequate controls and other factors. In 2008, the Fund embarked upon a turnaround strategy based on three strategic focus areas, being: institutional reform, high performance and customer focus.

The implementation of the strategy, gave rise to some notable achievements such as the implementation of strong internal controls, the implementation of a decentralisation strategy which saw the birth of the Manzini and Piggs Peak service centres, the reduction in medical providers payment turnaround time from an average of ninety days to an average of thirty days, and other measures designed to improve the financial sustainability of the organisation. As a consequence the Fund has risen from a deficit of E61 Million in 2007, to a surplus of E578 Million in 2017.

SMVAF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - HELMON VILAKATI

To this end your Majesty, may you allow me to pay tribute to their Majesties for their wise guidance directly and through the country's governing structure responsible for the operations of the fund, namely your majesty, your parliament, your cabinet and your board. The SMVAF your Majesty salute you the unwavering and relentless support for the fund right from the it's inception in difficult times and through good times part of its early years was operating under tough and turbulent times, struggling financially in constant deficit position.

Your Majesty, as a parastatal may we also on behalf our of colleagues the other parastatals further pay tribute to their Majesties leadership which ensured that leadership of these parastatals were systematically localized post colonial or protectorate era. Your Majesty this is truly a vote of full confidence in your subjects and is greatly inspiring and as we are here today in amongst many such events that have happened in the past, which continue to happen, and surely will forever happen, we are indeed happy that we have not betrayed their majesties confidence in the ability of your subjects to lead such and similar organisations and in their capacity to be in any position of leadership.

This surplus has been influenced by a number of factors, including the costs expended per claim as a result of the efficient monitoring claims processing, the increase in the fuel levy from 24 cents in 2007 to 35 cents in 2015. Since 2008 we have garnered momentum in scaling up our operations. Building on the strong base, we were able to turn our focus on improving our services. This was achieved through the amendment of the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Act in 2011, which allowed us to increase the amounts payable per accident, enable us to cater for claims arising out of accidents involving unidentified vehicles and further permitted us to embark upon apposite treatment of accident victims.

As part of our endeavour to reduce costs and contribute to the improvement of health care in the country, we have established a modern state of the art medical facility adjacent to our headquarters, which offers a wide range of services. Through this facility, we hope to reduce the costs of rehabilitation whilst complementing the public and private health facilities in the country.

Let me conclude Your Majesty, by making a brief comment about the building that is being opened today. The building including the medical facility is only a shell to make possible the work that is done inside it. It is by the quality and volume of its work that an organisation such as the Fund must be judged, by the manner in which it deals with claimants. We commit ourselves your Majesty to continue to improve and serve your nation with honesty and integrity. I thank you all and may the Lord shower His blessings upon you all!

**BAYETHE WENA WAPHAKATHI.
UYIMBUMBE UYABALEKELWA**

Your Majesty, successful management of such organisations will always depend on collaborative efforts amongst stakeholders and other parties. Your Majesties, we stand before you very pleased to say that the SMVAF journey has been a journey of collaborative effort with your governing structure and also many other stakeholders, which include your entire nation, road safety stakeholders i.e the Police, Road safety department in Ministry of works, Ministry of Health, transport association and the news media.

Your majesty, the collaborative effort in the case of SMVAF extended even beyond the borders of your country. In particular, the SMVAF wants applaud before you the very fruitful working relations we have in the region, notably with Botswana, Namibia and South Africa. Your Majesty, allow me to mention here and now that leaders of this organisation are here today amongst your invited guests.

Lastly, your majesty, the entire SMVAF family wish to thank their Majesties most sincerely for the privileged opportunity to serve you in the organisation and to be here today on this historical occasion, hopefully having made same contribution to the success of the Fund.



THE FRONT AERIAL VIEW OF THE SMVAF OFFICE PARK.



EGPAF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WELCOMES THE KING TO HIS OFFICE.



SWADE CEO SAMSON SITHOLE SHARES A LIGHT MOMENT WITH THE KING.



CHAIRMAN ZWELI JELE WALKING THE KING THROUGH THE BUILDING.



EGPAF EXECUTIVES PRESENT A GIFT TO HIS MAJESTY.



HIS MAJESTY POSES WITH THE TECHNICAL TEAM THAT DESIGNED THE SMVAF OFFICE PARK.

EKUPHILENI CLINIC EQUIPMENT IN DETAIL

1.0 Introduction

The MVA Centre consists of two key healthcare services, essential to both MVA patients and of Swaziland patients inclusive of Private and Public sectors. These two services include Diagnostic Radiology, MRI and EEG services and Physiotherapy Treatment services.

These facilities and services can be found to a varying degree in either private or public institutions within Swaziland, but neither is able to provide the depth and range of diagnostic capacity services and physiotherapy services. The MVA Centre has been designed as a center of excellence for both these key services and encompasses all healthcare services in the same Centre and is significantly more capable in its range and depth of these services.

Below each diagnostic and therapy system has been outlined, providing detailed benefits in Healthcare services not provided within Swaziland.

2.0 Clinical Services

The MVA Centre will be able to deliver clinical services initially to MVA patients and later on to the general public as the clinic grows.

Screening rooms

The MVA Centre has 7 screening rooms. One screening room shall be used by the Chief Medical Officer to screen and review MVA patients.

6 screening rooms have been reserved for specialists to screen patients. Different specialists will be given days to have their clinics. Initially the specialist will be seeing MVA patients only with referral to the radiology and physiotherapy departments as per need. Latter on specialist will be able to see private patients from these rooms

One room has been reserved for the Radiologist for reporting

Observational room

One room has been set aside as the observation room. The room is equipped with resuscitation equipment. The function of the room will be to stabilize a critically ill patient before referral to the Hospital

Procedure Room

A procedure room has been designed for changes of dressing, wound cleaning, suture removal and other sterile procedures

3.0 Diagnostic Centre

The Diagnostic center is housed on the lower level floor. This comprises a fully versatile and cutting edge Radiology Centre and includes a multimodality MRI (modules selected for prevailing services), CT scan, Ultrasound Scan, X-Ray/Fluoroscopy with a 32 channel EEG system as well. This Unit includes the following systems and their diagnostic necessity:

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

This will be the very first MRI in Swaziland, and it has been designed with additional modalities to cater for the vast majority of diagnostic MRI cases required within Swaziland. Currently all MRI cases are referred to South African Hospitals, increasing the cost for this Healthcare service and extending the lead time for diagnosis and treatment to critical patients.

Furthermore, the lack of MRI services in Swaziland hinders the development of other key Healthcare specialties including Neurology, Neurosurgery, Oncology, and Interventional Radiology.

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The MRI will be a 1.5Tesla Systems with 46 coil/16 channel setup with an additional Brain Imaging Engine. The increase in Coils and channels from the base unit will allow for increased work flow and faster imaging while the Neuro engine will proceed more rapidly in complicated Neuro cases, which is expected to be the bulk of the cases.

The system also includes the following diagnostic modules:

- Neuro Suite
- Angio Suite
- Cardiac Suite
- Body Suite
- Oncology Suite
- Breast Suite
- Orthopaedic Suite
- Paediatric Suite

Together with a comprehensive software packages for spectroscopy, neuro perfusion, Chemical shift, Stroke detection (SWI), and many ease of use protocol software's and a full range of coils (including head/neck, extremity, foot/angle, and matrix) – this MRI system and extras will accommodate 99% of all MRI cases within Swaziland, both for patients in Private and Public Institutions.

Computed Tomography (CT) Scan

Although CT scan services are provided by both Private and Public institutions, no Diagnostic Centre of excellence is complete without a CT scan. Given that the majority of MVA Patients will require either a CT scan or an X-ray, both systems were included so that no Outsourcing of MVA patients would be required. For this reason a mid-range 16 slice CT scan has been selected that will cater for all Orthopedic, Angiographic, Head Injury and Trauma cases.

That being said, this CT scan selected is still of higher specification than other CT scan in the Private sector and in conjunction with the other digital radiographic services and the planned in-house radiologist, imaging results and readings will be provided to patient within the same day. This will provide a significant advantage to other CT scan in Private and public Institutions that currently require the outsourcing of the radiologist reading services to outside the country.

2 in 1 Fluoroscopy & X-ray (FLUOR - XRAY)

A significantly advanced model with Siemens X-ray and Fluoroscopy systems, this FLUOR-XRAY will be able to do both Fluoroscopic studies as well and general X-ray cases. The system is extremely versatile, and with its 80kva X-ray Generator, the imaging quality will be far superior to any other X-ray system in country.

The 2 in 1 system, includes an additional ceiling suspended X-ray Arm for fast throughput of General X-ray cases, including chest, extremities and other, while the Fluoroscopy engine allows for increased image resolution and higher patient workflow and comfort during fluoroscopic studies including Fluoroscopy Functional case studies.

Mammography

The most advance Mammography system Siemens has to offer, besides incredibly more advanced than any other Mammography in Swaziland, it is also considered an elite system within the southern African region. The system includes Stereotactic view, Tomosynthesis Engine and 3D Biopsy software.

The advantages of digital mammography are significant. The workflow of the exam is more efficient, since the technologist does not have to leave the patient in the room to process the image. The monitor in the room immediately reveals the image, allowing the technologist to quality assurance of the image, and decide if repositioning is necessary. This ultimately leads to fewer retakes. Additionally, the radiation dose is lower than film screen mammography. The ability to transfer images between centers, allowing for intradepartmental review, improves patient care.

The most noted advantage of digital mammography is the documented improved breast cancer detection in dense breasts, especially in younger patients. This is afforded by resolution of the image, and the ability of the radiologist to manipulate the image by computer graphics.

With the 3D Tomosynthesis Engine further advantages to this system are:

- Fewer call backs for additional screening and testing.
- Simple detection shows the inner structure of the breast without the traditional distortion and shadowing.
- Faster detection as thin layers of tissue are shown separately and suspicious lesions from traditional a traditional 2D image can be ruled out as benign.
- Increased comfort because 2D and 3D images can be produced in a single compression.
- Improved imaging for large dense breast tissue.

Multi-diagnostic Ultrasound (US)

To complete the MVA Diagnostic Centre, a multi-functional 3D/4D Ultrasound has also be installed. This Ultrasound is considered an upper mid-range Ultrasound within Siemens portfolio that serves as a work horse for all routine Sonography needs. The Ultrasound comes with 5 transducers and software so that a multitude of diagnostic tools are readily available to the sonographer. Diagnostic Capacity includes: Abdomen, Obstetrics, Gynecology, cardiac, Cerebrovascular, Peripheral Vascular, Thyroid, Venous, Urology, Testicle, Orthopedic, TCD, Emergency Medicine and 3D/4D imaging.

Electroencephalograph (EEG)

The first and only EEG system in Swaziland has been included in to the Diagnostic Centre and will be used to diagnosis conditions including:

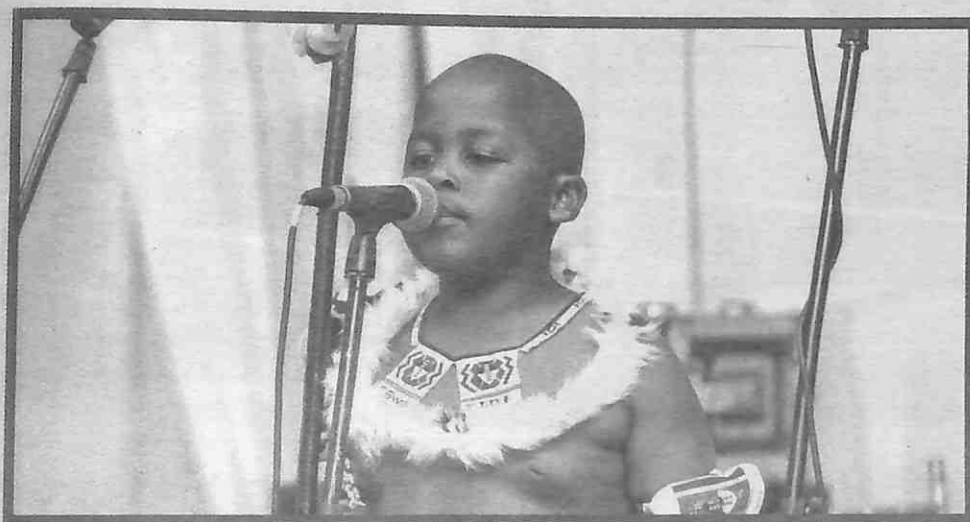
- Seizure disorders (such as epilepsy)
- Head injury
- Encephalitis (an inflammation of the brain)
- Brain tumors
- Encephalopathy (a disease that causes brain dysfunction)
- Memory problems
- Sleep disorders
- Stroke
- Dementia

The EEG suite has been designed with two rooms for monitoring and sleep examinations with CPAP systems for sleep disorders as well. The 32 channel instrument will be equipped to handle: Standard EEG Tests, Sleep EEG Tests, Sleep-deprived EEG Tests, Ambulatory EEG Tests and Video-telemetry Tests.

A fully versatile setup to cater for MVA head trauma patients and any brain disorder patients within Swaziland.



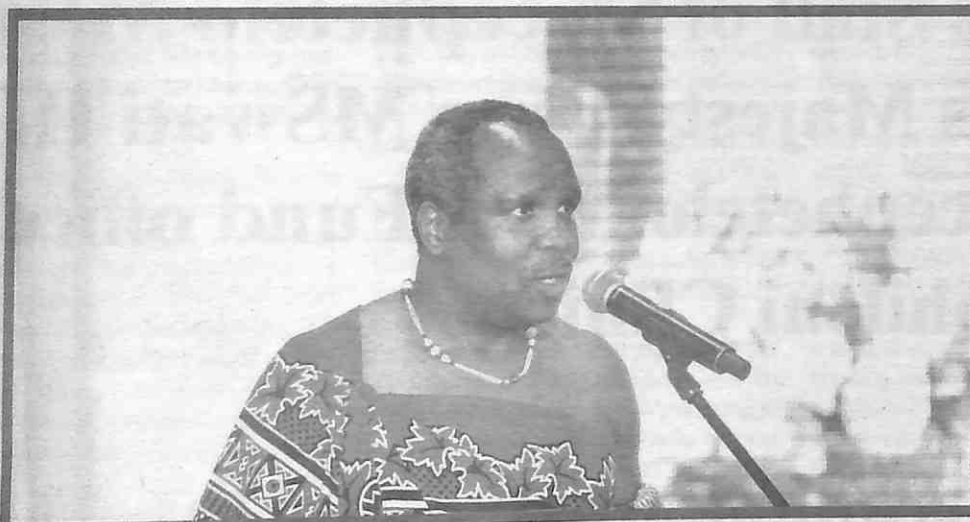
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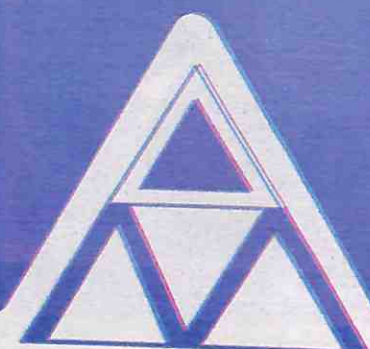
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GAUTRAIN MANAGEMENT TRY TO AVERT PLANNED STRIKE

JOHANNESBURG - Gautrain management will be meeting up this afternoon hopefully to find a way to avert a mass 'shutdown' planned for Monday.

Gautrain Spokesperson, Kesagee Nayer, said although they could not give a formal statement regarding the planned strike, management would be meeting up later today to discuss the issue.

She said following the meeting only then would the parastatal be able to brief the public and the media.

The United National Transport Union (UNTU) today gave Bombela, operator of the Gautrain, a 48-hour notice that their members would be embarking on a protected strike from Monday.

UNTU General-Secretary Steve Harris, said the decision by members to go on a strike stems from wage negotiations which deadlocked last week.

Harris said the union and the management had been negotiating salary increases since May.

He said meetings with a facilitator had failed and the decision was then taken up by the CCMA which also failed to bring about an amicable agreement between the two parties.



As such the CCMA gave the union the 'green light' certificate to proceed with the strike.

The union is demanding a 10 per cent increase for workers, along with a housing allowance of R1 600, transport allowance of R800 and incentive bonuses of R20 000 for all employees.

Additional demands include a 10 per cent increase for nightshift allowance

and medical aid contributions of 55 per cent by the employer.

Harris said the issue of wage increases had been an issue for the past five years, with the management simply stating that was all they could afford.

"They haven't given us a clear indication of their financial standing and this has led to a bad relationship between the employer and the employees," he said. *IOL*

Seven reasons Eskom's finances are at a 'tipping point'

JOHANNESBURG - At the release of Eskom's 2017/2018 dismal financial results on Monday, Chairperson Jabu Mabuza described the power utility as being at a 'tipping point'.

1. Eskom suffered a net loss of R2.3bn in 2018, compared with a R0.9bn profit the previous year.

Allegations of financial mismanagement against senior officials and of other issues related to lapses in governance processes and other internal controls were the biggest contributors to the deterioration of confidence in Eskom by lenders which constrained the power utility's access to funding, leading to a liquidity crunch, according to the new board appointed in January.

2. Eskom reported R19.6bn in irregular expenditure and this figure could still rise.

The new board went as far back as 2012 to unearth contracts that did not adhere to the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA). The board expects phase two of the recovery programme to address the shortcomings identified in the audit qualification and this could result in further irregular expenditure reported in the 2019 annual financial statements due to transgressions from the past.

3. Eskom has only raised 22 per cent to date of the R72bn borrowing requirement for 2018/19.

CEO Phakamani Hadebe said that following recent governance interventions, lenders had expressed an appetite to extend Eskom credit.

4. Eskom received a qualified audit opinion for 2017/2018. The qualification arose because for the greater part of the year ended 31 March 2018, the group's procurement procedures generally did not comply with the PFMA and some of the financial information could not be relied upon, according to the Directors Report.

5. Eskom will continue to face cash issues for the foreseeable future.

This is mainly due to the high debt burden, low sales growth, high primary energy and employee benefit expenses as well as finance costs, according to the board.

6. Municipal debt to Eskom is on the rise. Total municipal debt, including interest, increased from R9.4bn in 2017 to R13.6bn in 2018.

7. Tariff increases placing a strain on Eskom. Eskom was granted a 5.2 per cent increase for 2018/2019 by the National Energy Regulator (Nersa), after applying for a 19.9 per cent raise. *Fin24*



Amplats to concentrate on existing assets

JOHANNESBURG - Following the acquisition of Glencore's stake in the Mototolo platinum mine, Anglo American Platinum (Amplats) will now prioritise investing in its existing assets, Chief Executive Officer Chris Griffith said yesterday.

Amplats, the world's largest platinum producer, yesterday announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, Rustenburg Platinum Mines, had bought Glencore's 39 per cent interest in the Mototolo joint venture near Burgersfort in Limpopo.

Mototolo is an equally held joint venture between Anglo American Platinum and a partnership between Glencore (39 per cent) and Kagiso Tiso Holdings (11 per cent).

The transaction takes Amplats' overall stake in Mototolo to 89 per cent. In terms

of the agreement, Amplats will make an R800 million upfront cash payment and additional monthly payments over six years that will be based on the rand price of platinum group metals over the life of the Mototolo mine. Amplats said the total purchase price would be capped at R22bn.

Amplats, which has undergone extensive restructuring in the past five years, was in no hurry to make further acquisitions to its portfolio of value-accretive assets, said Griffith. "There are not too many opportunities," he said.

Instead, the group would prefer to invest capital in its existing assets. He said the company's restructuring - which entailed closing costly mines and reducing the headcount - was paying off, even at the relatively low price of platinum, which yesterday stood at \$833.20 (R11 150) an

ounce. Prior to the restructuring, half of Amplats was loss-making at \$1 500 an ounce, he said. He said Amplats' assets were cash-generative at the current platinum prices. Griffith said the Mototolo transaction was critical to the future development of the adjacent Der Brochen deposit, which Amplats owned.

He said there were synergies between Mototolo and Der Brochen.

"The acquisition of Glencore's stake in the Mototolo joint venture increases Anglo American Platinum's interest in a mechanised, low-cost, high quality resource, creating another major (platinum group metals) hub for the company. "The transaction unlocks significant optionality for the company in its wholly owned Der Brochen resource," said Griffith.

Business Report

Nene to tackle govt issues at PIC

JOHANNESBURG - Finance Minister Nhlamhla Nene will this week announce 'decisive steps' to address governance issues at the Public Investment Corporation (PIC).

The minister said in a statement yesterday that he had completed a review of documents and evidence regarding these issues, as well as the allegations against Chief Executive Officer Dr Dan Matjila.

Nene asked the PIC board chairperson in May for a detailed response to allegations raised in a media article, all internal audit and other reports relating to these allegations, and the board's view on whether disciplinary action should be taken against



TO ANNOUNCE: Finance Minister Nhlamhla Nene.

the chief executive and other PIC executives.

Business Report

TRADE WAR RISK TO DOMINATE BRICS SUMMIT IN SA

JOHANNESBURG - Leaders of the Bries emerging economies - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa - will meet in Johannesburg this week, with the threat of a worsening global trade war topping the agenda.

US President Donald Trump's hardening stance has compounded fears of an all-out trade war after he slapped levies on goods from China worth tens of billions of dollars as well as tariffs on steel and aluminium from the EU, Canada and Mexico.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, China's President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the annual three-day summit opening in Johannesburg today.

Earlier this month, China said that it

would step up cooperation with other developing nations like the BRICS grouping to counter 'trade protectionism'.

China on Monday rejected accusations by Trump that it was manipulating the yuan to give its exporters an edge, saying Washington appeared "bent on provoking a trade war".

Trump has said he is ready to impose tariffs on all \$500 billion of China imports, complaining that China's trade surplus with the US is due to unfair currency manipulation.

"As for the US being bent on provoking a trade war, China does not want a trade war but is not afraid," China's foreign ministry spokesman said when asked about Trump's threat to impose the across-the-board tariffs on Chinese



goods.

Russian Economy Minister Maxim Oreshkin said last week ahead of the Johannesburg meeting that "this summit is about the context - we are at a

time when the US and China announce new measures almost every week".

He said much of the discussions with China would likely focus on what is happening with the United States.

"This is a trade war, so leaders' discussions are particularly important in coordinating our positions," said Oreshkin.

Sreeram Chaulia, of the Jindal School of International Affairs outside Delhi, said BRICS leaders would "concur that the US has unleashed punitive trade wars that are hurting all the BRICS members". "They have a collective interest in promoting intra-BRICS trade.

The urgency this time is greater," he said.

The BRICS group, comprising more than 40 per cent of the global population, represents some of the biggest emerging economies, but has struggled to find a unified voice - as well as achieving sharply different growth rates.

Fin24



Focus on SA Scene

MALEMA USES EFF'S FIFTH BIRTHDAY TO FIGHT ANC IN EASTERN CAPE

EAST LONDON - The Eastern Cape is not widely seen as an EFF stronghold.

This may be exactly why the party has chosen the province as the venue for their fifth birthday celebrations.

On Monday, The Citizen reported that during an address in the East London township of Mdantsane as part of the lead up to the EFF's birthday, party leader Julius Malema let on that this specific venue was chosen for their birthday celebrations to highlight the many problems there.

"We decided to come celebrate in Mdantsane because we wanted to show the state and the condition of the community," he said, mentioning he would take up the

issues he saw there with Parliament.

This demonstrates the manner in which the leader of the red berets could be seen to be cleverly using the party's fifth birthday celebrations as an opportunity to campaign, rather than just to celebrate.

The choice of the Eastern Cape is significant, as in the 2014 elections, the EFF achieved 3.48 per cent of the vote in the province, a much lower margin than the 6.35 per cent they achieved nationwide. Similarly, in the 2016 municipal elections, the party achieved 8.19 per cent nationally, compared with 5.18 per cent in the Eastern Cape.

The ANC, meanwhile, won more than 70 per cent of the vote in the province in 2014, a much higher



FIGHT ON: EFF leader Julius Malema.

percentage than their national taking of 62.15 per cent.

And while their support in the

2016 municipal elections was lower than it has ever been, at 53.91 per cent, it was significantly higher in the Eastern Cape, at 65.31 per cent.

The EFF choosing a province that is not seen as their biggest stronghold could, therefore, be seen as a clever tactical move.

On the one hand, it allows the party to photograph their leader speaking to huge crowds in the Eastern Cape. On Twitter on Monday, they did this with the caption: 'What we mean when we say Eastern Cape is the home of the EFF.' The party is, therefore, trying to fight the perception that they do not enjoy large support in the province.

Citizen

Western Cape ANC ward councillor shot, killed outside home

JOHANNESBURG - Residents of Knysna have reacted with shock at the murder of Ward 8 councillor Victor Molosi.

Molosi was Knysna's Ward 8 councillor and tributes are already pouring in. A full-scale police investigation is currently underway.

Residents of Knysna have reacted with shock at the murder of Ward 8 councillor Victor Molosi.

Molosi was allegedly shot outside his house on Monday night and later pronounced dead, reports the Knysna Plett Herald.

A full-scale investigation is now underway into the death of the 50-year-old from Knysna. Preliminary investigation indicates that Molosi was on his way home from a School Governing Body meeting at about 22:00 when a gunman approached him. The suspect fired several shots at the victim. Molosi sustained a gunshot wound to the head. He was taken to hospital in a private vehicle, where he was declared dead on arrival. Forensic experts, accompanied by members of the police's K-9 Unit, have been on the scene since late on Monday night. According to Captain Malcolm Pojie, the Southern Cape police spokesperson, said no arrests have yet been made and the motive for the murder is still to be established. Molosi was the Ward Councillor for Ward 8, Concordia and Joodse Kamp. Executive Mayor Mark Willemsen said they were devastated by the loss of a colleague who selflessly served Greater Knysna with pride and dignity. "We are privileged to have known and worked with Victor. He was a passionate contributor in council debates, advocating strongly on behalf of his party and the community he served. Our thoughts go out to his wife and his children. May his soul rest in peace."

Citizen



RIP: Victor Molosi.

Motsoaledi heads SA delegation to International AIDS Conference

JOHANNESBURG - Deputy President David Mabuza on Monday, delegated Health Minister, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi to lead a strong South African delegation to the 22nd International AIDS Conference (Aids 2018) taking place in Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

The conference will take place from Monday this week to Friday, under the theme: "Breaking Barriers Building Bridges".

The presidency said Mabuza will join President Cyril Ramaphosa as South Africa's hosts the 10th Brics Summit in Johannesburg.

"Through Minister Motsoaledi, the deputy president has conveyed his sincere apology to the conference and especially to more than 500 South African delegates consisting of AIDS activists, researchers, scientists, government officials, HIV/AIDS ambassadors as well as premiers, deputy ministers and MECs that are in attendance," the presidency said. "South African Ambassador to the Netherlands, Bruce Koloane has welcomed all members of the SA delegation to Amsterdam, urging them to be positive ambassadors for South Africa and to make a strong country impression to this global gathering. South African delegates have already taken part in some of the AIDS 2018 Conference sessions, including ones on HIV prevalence and prevention as well as on key populations in Africa."

The conference is the largest on global health issues in the world and was first convened during the peak of the AIDS epidemic in 1985. The conference is expected to provide the 18 000 delegates with the latest HIV research, as well as an opportunity to reflect on key issues facing both the HIV sector and the broader global health community, the presidency said.

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KZN taxi massacre survivors want to quit the industry

DURBAN - Two of the five survivors of the taxi massacre on the R74 between Colenso and Weenen on Saturday afternoon, will be going home to Gauteng not knowing how to support their families.

Sixteen men were in a Toyota Quantum returning from the funeral of their boss, a taxi owner, in Matimatolo, west of Ladysmith.

In Weenen, slowing down for speed humps, the occupants were surprised when two men, according to those interviewed by the Daily News, disembarked from a waiting car.

"I'm sure there were two men, but only one opened fire with an automatic rifle. I was shot in the leg, and if it wasn't for my ancestors I would be dead. Must I become a criminal to support my

family?" asked 31-year-old Nkululeko Mlaba.

"We were all drivers working for the man. Why is it that we must be caught in the line of fire while the people fighting are owners? I want to get better and go home. I'm not going back to this industry. I don't have any qualification I'll see over the course of time what to do," he said.

Mlaba said there were 16 occupants in the taxi and 11 died in the hail of bullets.

One escaped unharmed. Four are being treated at the Ladysmith Provincial Hospital, including one in intensive care.

It is believed that a number of bullets were fired at the Quantum.

Mlaba said: "It's so bizarre because we know nothing. We

were all drivers and if there was a gripe between our employer and whoever is responsible for this, why hit us?"

"These people are heartless and they don't care who they hurt." The four are being heavily guarded by police in hospital. When the Daily News arrived, two uniformed police officers could be seen. About 20 minutes later, four plain-clothes officers arrived.

Last year, a taxi boss was murdered on his way to Ladysmith.

In that incident, Klipriver Taxi Association Deputy Chairperson Muzikayifani Ngobese and his four bodyguards died when gunmen opened fire on their double-cab vehicle. Six teachers on their way to work were also killed in that massacre. *IOL*



Ramaphosa welcomes Xi Jinping to South Africa

PRETORIA - President Cyril Ramaphosa welcomed his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, at the Union Buildings yesterday morning.

Xi touched down in the country on Monday evening ahead of the BRICS summit which begins in Johannesburg today.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of diplomatic relations between South Africa and China.

The presidency said both nations aim to strengthen political, economic, social and international cooperation.

Xi has pledged to strengthen economic ties with Africa and has already visited Senegal and Rwanda, with South African being the last stop of his African tour.

eNCA

'CAN'T MOVE, CAN'T BREATHE - CENTRAL LINE IS A HAZARD IN THIS HEAT'

LONDON - London commuters cooked in temperatures of 97F inside crammed Tube carriages on Monday evening on their way home from work.

City workers wiped the sweat from their brows, buttoned down their shirt collars and rolled up their sleeves as they suffered in silence and shared an uncomfortable, sticky journey home.

While Brits basked in the sunshine - with a year high 91.94F recorded in Santon Downham, Suffolk - London commuters entered the depths of the sweaty, stuffy underground.

The mercury rushed from 86F at the entrance to Liverpool Street station, central London, to 91F on the platform of one of the capital's deepest, oldest tube lines.

The red hot Central line has been clacking through the tunnels with basic air ventilation systems since the year 1900. It's London's longest tube line at 34 miles long.

Passengers had no option but to travel in sauna-like carriages, where the temperature rocketed to a baking 97F.

Sarah Gordon, a lawyer from Finchley Road, north London, usually avoids peak times in the heat and enjoys the delights of the air conditioned metropolitan line train.

The 35-year-old was outraged by the conditions on the rickety Central line on Monday as she travelled through its busiest stations at 6.30pm to try on bridesmaids' dresses at Oxford Circus.

She said: "Knowing it is 36 degrees down here is shocking - that is almost body temperature."

"It is awful when you get on a train as normal and you leave soaked through with sweat."

"I am going to try on bridesmaids' dresses for my best friend's wedding and it will feel absolutely disgusting and sticky after this journey."



CROWDED: London commuters cooked inside crammed Tube carriages on Monday afternoon as temperatures hit 91F in parts of Britain. (Daily Mail)



UNPLEASANT: A young girl tries to cool herself down with an electric fan as her family squeeze into the boiling carriage.

ney. "If this was my commute I would want to work from home or move home or job to avoid the hot, sweaty journey."

"You would need to go home and shower before doing anything else."

Sam Mitchell, 27, is a trainee solicitor who uses the Central line to commute from East Acton on West London, to St Paul's in central London every weekday.

He often waits 15 minutes fighting for a space on an overcrowded carriage and said the worst part of his 35 minute sweltering journey is between Marble Arch and St Paul's where overcrowding is pushed to the max.

He said: "This commute in this heat is the worst way to start my day. It is really uncomfortable."

"There is no air conditioning which is appalling."

Michael Obire, 25 of Marylebone, central London, started taking a longer, alternative route to commute to his job as a sales executive at St Paul's.

Michael said: "My tactic is to stand next to the carriage door window where you can catch a slight breeze."

"The Central and Northern lines are the worst; it is too hot down there."

"They are the most crowded, especially in zones one and two."

"I avoid it when I can in this heat." Kavina Depala, an 18-

year-old sales executive, takes the Central line from Tottenham Court Road to St Paul's as part of her daily commute from High Barnet, north London. She said: "I dread the rush hour. It's really hot and stuffy. There are so many people and it is boiling on the train."

Daily Mail

● Commuters bake as temperatures on London Underground hit 97F during evening rush hour



MY FAN: Commuters fanned themselves down on a Central Line train during their sticky, stuffy journey.



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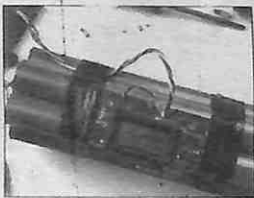
RWANDA - Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has arrived in Rwanda, his first stop in a tour of Africa. Modi was welcomed in Kigali, the capital, late on Monday by President Paul Kagame as the first prime minister of India to visit the East African country. The governments of Rwanda and India later signed bilateral agreements. Modi will also visit Uganda and then go to South Africa to attend a summit there of the BRICS emerging economies. Chinese President Xi Jinping, who will also attend the BRICS summit, was also in Rwanda on Monday. **AP**

Protesters loot aid agencies in South Sudan

SOUTH SUDAN - Angry protesters on Monday forcefully entered and looted around 10 humanitarian agency compounds in conflict-torn South Sudan, said the UN refugee agency UNHCR which reported two staff members were injured. "The demonstrators forcefully entered UNHCR's compound and looted its offices and residence," the organisation said, adding local residents were demanding job opportunities and accused humanitarian organisations of hiring from outside the north-western Maban county. "Ten other humanitarian agencies' compounds as well as the office of the Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA) have been attacked and looted." **AFP**

Suicide bombing in Nigeria kills 7

NIGERIA - Nigerian officials say that seven people have been killed in a suicide attack on a mosque in Konduga town in the country's north. Bello Dambatta, Head of Rescue Operations of Borno State Emergency Management Agency, said on Monday that seven others were injured. He said the dead and injured have been evacuated to medical facilities in Maiduguri, about 30km away. Dambatta said the suicide bomber pretended to join early morning prayers on Monday before detonating his explosives. **AP**



Prophet fails to raise dead man, arrested

ETHIOPIA - An Ethiopian man claiming to be a prophet capable of resurrecting the dead, has reportedly been arrested after he failed to "bring back a dead man back to life". According to the BBC, health worker and self-proclaimed prophet, Getayawkal Ayele approached the grieving family of the deceased Belay Biftu, in the small western town of Galilee, in the Oromia region. Ayele allegedly told the family that he could raise Biftu - who had already been buried - from the dead, just like the biblical resurrection story of Lazarus who was brought back from the dead by Jesus. **News24**

Bulldozers destroy hundreds of homes

NAIROBI - Kenya's largest slum was woken on Monday by the sounds of cranes and bulldozers that demolished hundreds of shanties overnight to make way for a road, leaving desperate residents homeless. Kibera lies on the outskirts of Nairobi and is one of Africa's largest slums, home to more than 400 000 people, but parts of it are being demolished for a new road to ease congestion in the capital. Construction started in 2016 and there have been earlier demolitions, but residents said the latest move had taken them by surprise as authorities had promised compensation and advance notice of any forced evictions. **Reuters**



BEMBA RETURNS TO DR CONGO AUG 1 AHEAD OF POLLS

KINSHASA - Former DR Congo vice president Jean-Pierre Bemba, acquitted last month of war crimes, will return to the country on August 1 ahead of end-year elections, his party announced on Monday.

"The Movement for the Liberation of the Congo (MLC) has the signal honour to announce that it has pleased our Lord God, after 10 years away, to allow the return of Senator Jean-Pierre Bemba Gomba to his country of birth, the land of his ancestors, the Democratic Republic of Congo on Wednesday, August 1," the party said in a statement.

"The MLC invites the Congolese people, especially the Kinshasa (Kinshasa inhabitants) to give him a warm, peaceful and enthusiastic welcome,"

it added.

The MLC on Friday named Bemba as its candidate for planned December 23 presidential polls after the government said he could apply for a diplomatic passport to return home after he was acquitted of war crimes in The Hague.

The DRC is in the grip of a crisis over the future of President Joseph Kabila, who has ruled the country since 2001 and has remained in office despite a two-term constitutional limit that expired in December 2016.

He claims he can do this under a clause in the constitution that enables a president to stay in office until a successor is elected.

In June, the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague over-



HOME SWEET HOME: Former DR Congo vice president Jean-Pierre Bemba.

turned a 2016 conviction against Bemba on five counts of war crimes committed by his militia in the Central African Republic in 2002-2003. The court said he could not be held

criminally liable for atrocities the militiamen committed, which included murder, rape and looting, as he was unable to influence their conduct. **AFP**

Granny gets death threats after pledging to vote for MDC

BULAWAYO - A video of a Zimbabwean granny pledging to vote for the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) Alliance presidential candidate Nelson Chamisa has reportedly now turned her into a target after she received death threats.

In a video, that has since gone viral on social media, the unidentified old woman, speaking in the local *iShNdebele* language, says that although she supports another presidential candidate who leads an MDC splinter group, Thokozani Khupe, she would rather vote for "Khamisa (Chamisa)" as he stands a good chance of winning against the ruling ZANU-PF party's Emmerson Mnangagwa.

But, after the video went viral, the old woman is reportedly now living in fear because of death threats from unknown people, the privately owned New Zimbabwe.com reports.

The MDC Alliance's Chamisa



CANDIDATE: MDC leader Nelson Chamisa.

told his supporters in Bulawayo over the weekend that the unidentified woman has been living in fear because of death threats she is receiving after pledging to vote for him.

Chamisa met the old woman for the first time over the weekend and invited her to the podium before he promised to invite her to his "inauguration" and a one night sleepover at the state

house should he win the July 30 polls. "Gogo, I want to assure you that you will not die before my victory."

I want you to come to the state house during my inauguration and sleep there. You are definitely coming to sleep at the state house," Chamisa was quoted as saying.

Zimbabweans are set to head to the polls on July 30.

According to an AFP report, previous elections in the southern African country were marred by fraud, intimidation and violence during former president Robert Mugabe's 37-year rule.

Mnangagwa, however, has promised to deliver a free, fair and credible elections.

Campaigning has been more open and less violent than under Mugabe, the report said.

A run-off vote is scheduled for September 8 if no candidate wins at least 50 per cent plus one of the vote in the first round. **News24**

Ghana leader names new election chief, opposition dismayed

ACCRA - Ghanaian President Nana Akufo-Addo on Monday named lawyer and governance specialist Jean Mensa to head the national electoral commission, dismayed the main opposition party which said Mensa was an unsuitable choice.

She replaces Charlotte Osei who was fired by Akufo-Addo last month for "misbehaviour and incompetence," relating to alleged breaches of Ghanaian procurement laws. Osei denied the accusation.

Until her appointment, announced by the presidency, Mensa headed the Accra-based Institute of Economic Affairs think-tank, organisers of presidential debates ahead of general elections in Ghana.

The West African nation, a major commodity exporter, will hold elections in December 2020, a vote that is likely to be a close contest between Akufo-Addo's New Patriotic Party and the main opposition National Democratic Congress (NDC).

The NDC boycotted the last presidential debate ahead of 2016 elections, accusing Mensa of working in the interests of Akufo-Addo, then leader of the main opposition. She dismissed the accusation. **Reuters**

Ebola infects woman's husband, sons, a year after she recovered

PARIS - A woman who survived Ebola in July 2014 may have infected her husband and two sons more than a year later, said a study yesterday, highlighting the need for "continued surveillance".

The seeming virus "flare-up" killed one of the boys, a 15-year-old, according to research findings published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases medical journal. The boy tested positive

for Ebola in Monrovia, Liberia, on November 19, 2015, and died four days later, it said.

His father and eight-year-old brother also tested positive for Ebola RNA - molecules that convey DNA instructions - and experienced symptoms such as tiredness, headache and fever. Both recovered.

The mother was also tested but had no traces of Ebola RNA, said the

research team. However, she carried Ebola antibodies, indicating she had previously been infected and that her body had launched an immune response to fight off the virus.

Further tests "suggested that she survived an acute Ebola virus infection in July 2014," said a press statement. The virus appears to have "re-emerged" after the woman gave birth to a fourth son, "making the infec-

tion flare up in October 2015, then transmitting the virus to her family," it added. Liberia was declared free of human-to-human Ebola virus transmission in May 2015.

The virus carried by the father and two sons appear to have been a "continuation" of the 2014 outbreak when the mother was infected while taking care of her brother who died of Ebola. **AFP**



World News

BRIEFS

Japanese heatwave kills 65 in one week

TOKYO - An "unprecedented" heatwave in Japan has killed at least 65 people in one week, government officials said yesterday, with the weather agency now classifying the record-breaking weather as a "natural disaster."

In the week to Sunday, at least 65 people died of heat stroke while 22 647 people were hospitalised, the Fire and Disaster Management Agency said in a statement. Both figures are "the worst-ever for any week during summer" since the agency began recording fatalities resulting from heat stroke in July 2008, an agency spokesman told AFP.

AFP

Hundreds arrested in Nicaragua crackdown

MANAGUA - Nicaraguan authorities have "arbitrarily" arrested hundreds of people in a continuing crackdown on a wave of opposition calling for President Daniel Ortega's ouster, rights groups said on Monday. Many of the detainees were seized on suspicion of taking part in marches against Ortega's government, or providing aid to those agitating against the president, the Nicaraguan Centre for Human Rights said. The rights group said 292 people had been killed in three months of protests and repression by police and paramilitaries using firearms, raising a previous toll.

AFP

Drug-fuelled HIV surge raises concerns

AMSTERDAM -

Concerns over an HIV surge in countries where strict laws cause drug users to share virus-laced needles, were raised on Monday at a world AIDS assembly in Amsterdam. Some 15 000 delegates researchers, campaigners, activists and people living with the AIDS-causing virus -- gathered for a five-day war council amid dire warnings that complacency and a shortage of funds may yet cause AIDS to spiral out of control.

AFP

Daniels, husband to divorce - lawyer

NEW YORK - Adult film star Stormy Daniels, who is battling President Donald Trump in court over their alleged sexual encounter a decade ago, and her husband plan to divorce, her lawyer announced on Monday. Daniels, 39, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, married Glendon Crain, 41, in 2010. Crain is a heavy metal musician and pornographic movie actor, featuring in adult films under the name Brendon Miller. Daniels, who was married twice previously, gave birth to a daughter in 2011. "My client Stormy Daniels and her husband Glen have decided to end their marriage," lawyer Michael Avenatti said in a statement on Twitter.

AFP

Chile investigating Church sex abuse

CHILE - Chile is now investigating 158 members of the country's embattled Catholic Church - both clergymen and lay people - for perpetrating or concealing the sexual abuse of children and adults, prosecutors said on Monday. The cases relate to incidents dating back as far as 1960 and involving 266 victims, including 178 children and adolescents, according to public prosecutor Luis Torres. The prosecutor's statement offered the first general view of the extent and scope of the abuse scandal faced by Chile's Catholic Church - and how many people are implicated. Last month, Pope Francis accepted the resignation of five Chilean bishops, amid accusations of abuse and related cover-ups.

AFP

GREEK FIRES KILL 50

GREECE - At least 50 people have been killed, including 26, who died fleeing from a seaside villa as deadly forest fires ripped through Greece.

Hundreds of tourists have been evacuated from beaches while three women and a child drowned in the sea while trying to escape flames rampaging through woodland around the Athens region. In an 'extreme situation' fuelled by winds of up to 65mph and 104F

(40C) temperatures, the worst Greek forest fires in a decade ripped through communities in a matter of minutes, leaving lines of cars torched and farms and forests charred. The youngest victim was a six-month-old baby who died of smoke inhalation.

Horried officials found 26 bodies, apparently families, huddled tightly together - many of them hugging - in a field less than a 100ft from the sea

and near a villa in the devastated coastal town of Mati, 25 miles from the capital.

A mass evacuation is underway with military vessels, a flotilla of private boats and army helicopters mobilised to rescue those who fled to the harbour in Rafina, one of the worst hit areas. Greece has asked for US drones 'to observe and detect any suspicious activity' as it emerged that 15 fires

had started at the same time in three different areas - possibly by criminals intending to ransack homes once they were abandoned by fleeing residents.

The majority of the casualties were found in their homes or cars in Mati, in the eastern Rafina region, a popular spot for Greek holidaymakers, particularly pensioners and children at camps. *Daily Mail*

North Korea begins dismantling rocket test site: analysts

NORTH KOREA - North Korea has started dismantling some facilities at its main satellite launch station, seen as the testing ground for its intercontinental ballistic missiles, according to expert analysis of recent satellite images.

If confirmed, the analysis by respected US-based website 38 North could signal a step forward after last month's landmark summit between Kim Jong Un and US President Donald Trump, although some experts questioned the significance of the gesture.

After the summit, Trump had declared the North Korean nuclear threat was effectively over, and US media reports suggest he is privately furious at the lack of any subsequent progress on the denuclearisation issue.

His public statements, however, remain upbeat and the 38 North analysis came as the president pronounced himself "very happy" with the way talks were progressing with Pyongyang.

The website said imagery indicated the North had begun taking down a processing building and a rocket-engine test stand that had been used to test liquid-fuel engines at its Sohae Satellite Launching Station.

AFP

NY Daily News slashes half its newsroom staff

NEW YORK - The New York Daily News, the century-old tabloid known for its provocative headlines, made its own news on Monday by slashing half its editorial staff, in the latest retrenchment in the newspaper sector.

The daily owned by the media conglomerate Tronc said in an email to employees that the move sought to address the newspaper's "significant financial challenges." A source familiar with the matter told AFP the cuts represent "nearly 50 per cent" of newsroom staff. Tronc declined to comment on the cutbacks or confirm precisely how many staff were affected, but the rival New York Post said the Daily News had some 85 editorial staff before



LEAVING: Former New York Daily News editorial staff members Carla Roman and Reggie Lewis depart the newspaper's Manhattan office. (AFP)

the layoffs.

The editorial staff will be slashed as the newspaper looks at a fundamental restructuring to focus on breaking news, mainly in areas of "crime, civil justice and public responsibility," according to

the note to staff, which was widely circulated on Twitter. "The decisions being announced today reflect the realities of our business and the need to adapt to an ever-changing media environment," the memo said. *AFP*

Trump considering pulling security clearances of critics

WASHINGTON - US President Donald Trump is considering revoking the security clearances of six former top national security officials who have been critical of his administration, a move that opponents and experts say would be an unprecedented politicisation of the clearance process.

White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said on Monday that the president is "exploring the mechanisms" to strip clearance from former CIA Director John Brennan as well

as five other former officials who have held some of the most sensitive positions in government: Former FBI Director Jim Comey; James Clapper, the former director of national intelligence; former CIA Director Michael Hayden; former national security adviser Susan Rice; and Andrew McCabe, who served as Trump's deputy FBI director until he was fired in March.

The leaders have served in both Democratic and Republican administrations, including Trump's. Sanders accused the officials

of having "politicised and in some cases monetised their public service and security clearances" by making "baseless accusations" that the Trump administration had improper contact with Russia or was influenced by Russia.

"The fact that people with security clearances are making these baseless charges provides inappropriate legitimacy to accusations with zero evidence," she said.

Sanders did not cite specific comments made by any of the officials. *AP*



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ILLA UNVEILS CONFUSING 'GCWALISA MOGAMBO' LINE-UP

By Andile Dlamini

AS 'Gcwalisa Mogambo' draws closer, the host, Illa Penboy, has released a star studded line-up, that is confusing.

The likes of SwaziBoy's Lyrikal Busta, Mozaik, KrTC, 80 Script, Trippy King 20, Symphony and The Scientists, to mention a few, are on the said line-up.

Even though some of the acts are in the dark as to how they made it into the line-up without being engaged, Illa Penboy remains adamant that they will perform.

The event is scheduled for September 1 at Esibayeni's Café Mogambo.

Whilst Illa Penboy claims to have signed contracts with all the artists in the line-up, others preferred not to comment on the matter as yet, but simply said "no comment" if not "we are still in talks."

The rapper is not new to scheduling artists to perform without having spoken to them.

In his first attempt to fill up Mavuso Trade Centre, the rapper encountered countless allegations about not informing relevant stakeholders about the intended use of the venue as well as not alerting artists that he would be expecting them to perform at his event.

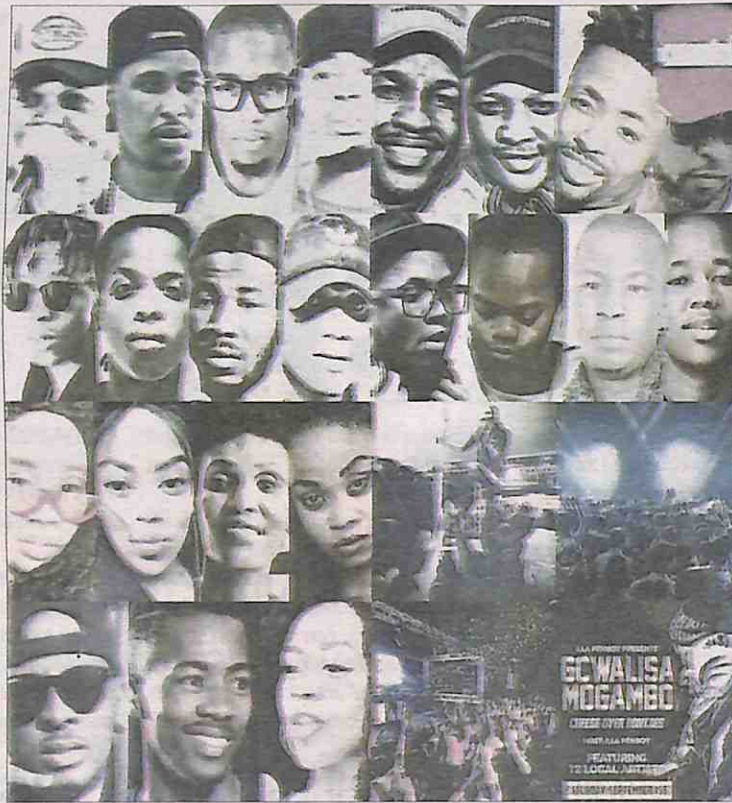
Confirmed

Acts that confirmed Illa's booking for this year's event include afro soul artist LomaSoul of 'This is me' fame and urban soul singer Symphony.

Lyrikal Busta also confirmed that he would perform at the event.

The young artist said his fans should expect nothing but fire from his performance.

According to Illa Penboy, the show would be MC'd by comedian Mdura and Saneh.



IMBIZO: Sisusa Dlamini.

ALL SET FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IMBIZO

By Nokwanda Sibandze

JAZZ MEETS OL SKOOL SESSIONS MAKE SPLENDID RETURN

By Nokwanda Sibandze

AFTER almost a year of absence, Jazz Meets Ol Skool sessions made a splendid comeback on Sunday afternoon at Emfuleni Lifestyle.

A brain-child of Indibano Jazz Club and Ol skool legends, the session proved to be popular with the mature audience, who attended the show.

The sessions have further created an international footprint as they have been prominently featured in other similar jazz renditions outside the country, includ-

ing the Elangeni Jazz Festival and the Mkhondo FM Jazz Festival.

The session was filled with good music, taking music lovers back in time.

Zwide SN started off the show, luring more music lovers to the venue with a relaxing soulful mix, followed by the much enjoyed set by DJ Tibza. The DJs made it a point that they played calm and easy-going music but as the night went by, DJs started to go back in time with upbeat music.

Award winning DJ Master P also took to the stage with old school music which was a bit different from what he always plays

but he sure met the crowd's desires.

DJ Wicked also gave a much loved performance. Another local DJ who lit the place up was 1D, and he also played old school type of music which the crowd appreciated.

Followed

DJ Mixmash also delivered a spectacular set as he did what he knows best, making the crowd dance with his old school mix. DJ Mixmash was followed by DJ Ntombz, whose set was dedicated to the late businessman and socialite Dumisani 'DVK' Nkambule.

The highlight of the night though

was vocalist Judah who serenaded the crowd with his voice; his performance took a rather exciting turn when he brought singer S-Tone to the stage.

Both singers did what they know best, delivering the night's best performance.

The crowd did not only fall in love with Judah and S-Tone's voices but they were taken away by Judah's saxophonist Zwile Bhembe as the crowd screamed for him to do a solo.

Jazz and old school fanatics will be excited to know that the much loved jazz sessions would now be taking place every month.



IN SONG: Judah and S-Tone rendered the best performance of the night at the Jazz Meets Ol Skool session held at Emfuleni Lifestyle on Sunday. (Pics: Courtesy of Ekhyaya Kusekhya)



POSE: DJ Ntombz posing with friends at the Ol Skool session.

ALL is set and ready for the Women's Empowerment Imbizo scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

Due to the yearly increase in the number of attendees, this year, Semusa Networks will host the educational and empowering seminar at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre in Manzini.

Semusa Network, under the directorship of Sisusa Dlamini, seeks to encourage women all over the country to be the best they can be. The second annual event will see a number of successful women motivate other women.

This year's conference will see Bishop Nash Shongwe's wife Zanele touching all challenges women face in society. Gcebile Dlamini, a human resource practitioner serving the Central Bank of Eswatini will also be empowering the women in attendance as she is well known for supporting the girl child initiative. Nosipho Simelane, a Stellenbosch student who is in the male dominated industry (Engineering), will also be a speaker at the conference.

Themed 'A woman's Emancipation Will Surpass Any Circumstances,' this year's conference has also attracted men as the director says she invites all men to attend the event in support of the women in their lives.

Last year, the conference attracted over 300 women hence this year, the team is expecting more people.

Speaking at the launch, Dlamini mentioned that next year they would consider a men empowerment session.



GETTING DOWN: Gqom fans dancing during DJ Zulu D's set. (R) DJ Culolam dishing out Hip-hop tracks to the crowd. (Pics: Nokwanda Sibandze)

DJ ZULU D DELIVERS LIT NIGHT OF GQOM

By Nokwanda Sibandze

DJ Zulu D did nothing below his fans expectations last Friday at Solani's Shisanyama as he delivered four hours of spectacular undiluted gqom music.

Gqom is the music genre made popular by the likes of Durban's Babes Wodumo, Mampintsha and Distruction Boyz.

It is a fast growing genre that has seen the duo of Distruction Boyz winning awards.

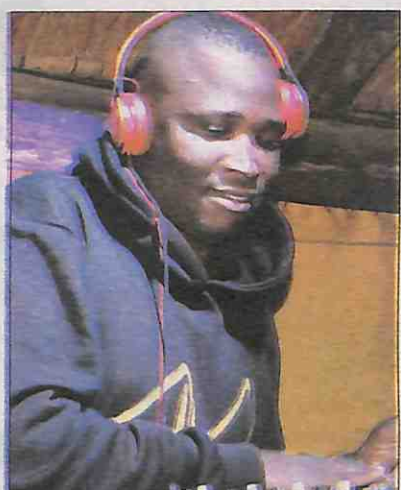
Dropping a mix of local gqom tracks such as tracks by Mzion and South African artists Babes Wodumo, Tira and Tipcee to mention only a few.

The place was packed to the extent that some dancers decided to take the party outside to the open area so they could be able to let loose.

Stage

Zulu D played for more than the four hours he had promised to his fans as fans screamed for him not to leave the stage.

After Zulu D's performance Solani's



GQOM KING: DJ Zulu D enjoying his own performance.

resident DJs took to the decks to end the night on a high.

AMADADA: these ladies were clearly having fun during Zulu D's set.



CRAX GOES IN HARD ON NEW SINGLE

By Nomfundo Sifundza

FEATURING sampled speeches from King Sobhuza II rapper Crax has dropped massive punch lines in his new single titled 'Go Getta.'

Known for speaking his mind the rapper went in hard, touching all superiors which he perceives as little devils.

Whilst other hip-hop acts worldwide have used their creativity to produce feel good music others have used their creativity to voice out their views as well as pour out their hearts.

Crax is no exception to this as in this new single he speaks about betrayal, people suffer in the hands of their closest friends.

Questioned what inspired the song the rapper said; "a lot, the money we keep chasing is slowly turning us into some vultures, have you seen the hearts of

Some of the punch-lines in the song include the following:

■ "Phela vele kumele sihlale sibelesele sili-bele kubaba njenga pelepele/
Kuphela angfuni ibheme ngibhala kuphele ipen, ngfuni-pencil
Buthebelele ya'll are well aware, endlini kunema-cheri kuse-Mawelawela."

■ "Kraha fasa baba nge guarana, usen-gashayisa if you run."

■ "Njengebus vukuzenzel, fana nami go and get turn ten, divide and multiply against them."

■ "Manje wena'ufuna senteni masekeke sacosha ema senti/ konkhe kumele kuhambe kahle ethendeni/
On the day you bury me lamhlabeni."

some of our seniors lately? Little devils I tell you."

The opening speech from the throne in the single is quoted "Umntfu uye atsi ngyahupheka abe ahambe ngetinyawo takhe, maye ngyahupheka. Mawusahamba ngetinyawo tinyawo takho yati kutsi uyabusa kulomhlaba."

Loosely translated 'many people claim to be poor when they have both feet, if and when you still have both your feet, know that you are privilege in this world.'

As the rapper goes in hard with the punch lines he then drops one saying "I deserve what my superiors got/ I give them better peanut butter, I'm the cat though."

Crax went on explaining how the late king had it all but remained modest and in touch with nature.

The single was released last week and all the rapper aims to do is make use of his creative juices whilst they still flow, so he said.

Luju Festival to celebrate African vintage lifestyle

By Nomfundo Sifundza

THE upcoming Standard Bank Luju Festival is set not to only satisfy foodies but also celebrate the most loved African Vintage dress code.

The inaugural Luju Festival is only ten days away and will take place at the House on Fire, Malkems on August 4.

The festival will feature a host of engaging food, drink, music, and lifestyle experiences including cooking demos and master-classes, interactive spaces, the best in hand-crafts and arts, as well as some of the most exciting musical performances from across Southern Africa. Foodies, travelers, culture buffs, and anyone looking for an authentic and sophisticated African-vintage styled event will relish Luju's firmly locally rooted programme.

For a more relaxed ambiance, patrons are encouraged to visit the Luju Design Café – a space curated by Khulekani Msweli a local master of design and art – which will be showcasing the best in design, art and fashion.

Within the Design Café, festival patrons will have the opportunity to see and engage with the work of three leading artists from the country Peppy Sibanyoni, a photographer now based in Cape Town, Celimpilo Dlamini a painter, and Sakhile Gumbi a painter, musician and all-round creative.

The festival will also go in deeper with the lifestyle aspect; from life planning with Standard Bank

and Liberty insurance, and environmentally sustainable living with Watts Up Solar, to choosing an active lifestyle with Phela Live Gym, Bailamos Dance, wheelchair Basketball Swaziland, All Out Africa, as well as mountain biking displays, Luju lifestyle is all about celebrating natural goodness.

Festival-goers can try out a diverse range of fun ways to stay healthy and active.

Put on your dancing shoes and join a Salsa, Kizomba or Bachata class; experience a moment of calmness in a yoga class, get a new perspective in life and try out wheelchair basketball, or get your heart pumping and join an aerobics class – who said being healthy has to be hard work!

If this isn't enough, festival-goers can also have the chance to take an exhilarating quad bike ride through the Mandela's Farm. Or, hit the virtual road with a simulator from Mercedes-Benz.

On stage at the festival will be South Africa's Mi Casa, Thandiswa Mazwai and from the country's shores Floewe, Khole, Judah and Tribe New will be providing musical pleasure.

The festival is already a hit with local personalities who do not go a day without mentioning their eagerness to be part of the inaugural food and lifestyle event.

Whilst others are more excited about showing off their vintage clothing, others are more interested in the various food selections that will be served.



Zamo's 'Inhlanyelo' to hit shelves this week

By Nomfundo Sifundza

SONGBIRD Zamo's new album 'Inhlanyelo' is officially out.

However, local fans are not yet able to physically purchase it as only soft copies are available on iTunes.

To ease on the hassle of download-

ing the album for those who are not gadget friendly, Zamo assured local music lovers that the album will be made available in local stores before the end of this week.

The singer's second album was released last Friday and has thus far received positive reviews from those who could purchase it from the online platform.

The singer who has been hard at work ever since she quit award winning group Joyous Celebration, first released her comeback single 'Tinyembeti' which was followed by a heart-warming 'Njengami' and now she hopes to work her way into music fanatic's hearts with a full compilation.

With songs such as 'Mncandzeni,'

'Cabhocabhozi and Basekhakhami' Zamo's album is set to set radios ablaze and in turn make a mark.

Sticking

Nothing has held the singer from sticking to her local flair, in performance outfits and in her music.

On the other hand, the video of 'Tinyembeti' has been on high rotation in South African music video channels; Channel O, TRACE

Africa and Trace.

Zamo also boasts of five award nominations this year. She scooped five nods at the MTN SWAMA Awards nominee's party.

The songstress assured her fans that she would not only deliver hard copies of her album in music stores but would be available for a CD signing session in the capital city.

International
Celebrity News

Beyonce, Jay-Z soak in \$1.4 million yacht

ITALY-They earned a combined \$147million last year, according to Forbes. And Beyonce, 36, and Jay-Z, 48, apparently aren't afraid to spend up big when it comes to vacations, as the musical power-couple were spotted aboard a superyacht with a \$1.4 million weekly rental fee in Ponza,

Italy, on Sunday. The 'On The Run II' performers were joined by their one-year-old twins Rumi and Sir Carter for the family holiday on the seas.

'Halo' hitmaker Beyonce was spotted carrying one of the rarely-seen twins whilst wearing a billowing floral dress and a headscarf.

Daily Mail

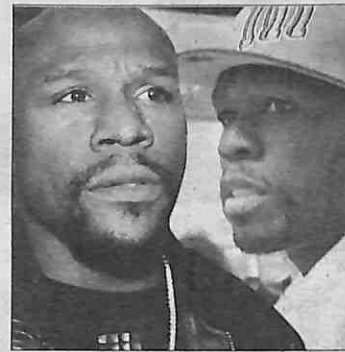


ON VACATION:
Beyonce and
Jay-Z.

Floyd Mayweather goes off on 50 Cent

LOS ANGELES-Floyd Mayweather didn't just throw shade at 50 Cent - he threw EVERYTHING at the rapper ... including a piping hot bag of dirty laundry. The on-again, off-again beef between the 2 is firmly back on, after Floyd shared a message on social media that began with ... "Curtis 'Confidential Informant' Jackson, you're mad because your oldest son Marques mother doesn't want to be with you! Your Son, your own flesh and blood don't want nothing to do with you!"

And Mayweather was just get-

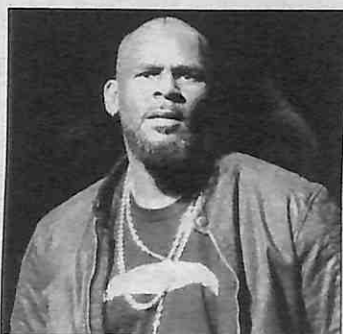


BEEF: Floyd Mayweather
and 50 Cent.

ting started. *TMZ*

R. Kelly addresses sexual abuse allegations in song

LOS ANGELES - R. Kelly is addressing allegations of sexual abuse against him in his new song. On Monday, the 51-year-old dropped a new track on SoundCloud, a 19-minute song called 'I Admit.' Kelly shared a link to his song on Twitter on Monday morning, writing, "Today is the day you've been waiting for." In the lyrics of the song, Kelly admits to a series of things that he's done in his life. Kelly starts the song by singing, "I admit I made some mistakes/And I have some imperfect ways." He later sings, "I admit I f--k with all the ladies, that's both older and young ladies/But tell me how they



CONFESSES: R Kelly.

call it pedophile because that s--t is crazy/You may have your opinions, entitled to your opinions/But really am I supposed to go to jail or lose my career because of your opinion?" *Eonline*

Snoop Dogg's side chick wants to snitch on him

NEW YORK-Exactly one week ago, Snoop Dogg was exposed for cheating with popular Insta-tottie, Celina Powell. Well, now it looks like she's got a new job. MTO News exclusively learned that Celina has signed on to join the Love & Hip Hop family. The paperwork was signed on Friday, and she's official. We're told that producers are trying to determine WHICH franchise to include her on. And get this. She's not joining the franchise alone. She's now

being managed by former Love & Hip Hop star NIKKO. Remember - the guy who made the s*x tape with Mimi.



CHEATING: Snoop
Dogg.

Well the two are "dating" and Nikko is managing her. They will be joining Love & Hip Hop as a COUPLE. Snoop was exposed for CHEATING on his wife Shante - and he got caught RED HANDED. Celina claimed that Snoop flew her out to Los Angeles (economy, of course) and then banged her out. *MTO*

SA Celebrity News

Mshoza to take legal action after fake claims

JOHANNESBURG - Mshoza is set to take legal action against fraudsters, who have set up a fake Twitter account using her name and has claimed that Cassper Nyovest owes her R100 000. The kwaito star is gatvol of people using her name to try to get attention, and is serious about making an example of this situation. The fake account caused a stir on Thursday when it claimed that Cassper had asked Mshoza to borrow some coins to help him #FillUpFNBStadium. Cassper responded to the claims, and the storm it had



TAKES ACTION:
Mshoza.

created, by calling it a way to get Mzansi talking. *Sowetan*

Rouge traumatised after alleged police 'harassment'

JOHANNESBURG-Rapper Rouge was left shaken after allegedly being harassed by police officers in the driveway of her own house.

The 'Déjà vu' hitmaker spoke out about the incident on Twitter over the weekend explaining that she and her boyfriend were returning home when they saw a car apparently pull up alongside them. Rouge said they initially feared that they were on the verge of being hijacked, which is when her boyfriend decided to reverse out of the driveway. The rapper added that it was at that point that the police officers turned on their blue lights. However, Rouge's relief soon turned



TRAUMATISED: Rouge.

into a horrible ordeal as a police officer allegedly ransacked her car and accused them of being suspicious. *Sowetan*

Nathi Mankayi on why he only speaks isiXhosa

JOHANNESBURG-Ever since afro-soul singer, Nathi Mankayi entered the industry he made a firm decision to conduct all media interviews, as well as, communicate only in isiXhosa because it allows him to express himself more freely. During an interview with Tshisa Live, Nathi explained that even though he understood English like most Africans, but chose not to pretend to be someone else. "People will never not love because they don't understand the language you speak. They hardly ever care about that. So when I got into the industry, I im-



OPENS UP: Nathi
Mankayi.

mediately decided that I was not going to pretend to be someone I am not. *TimesLive*

I'm not Mzansi's shade queen - Zahara

JOHANNESBURG-Zahara is not about that throwing shade life, but she isn't gonna just sit around and watch her career get disrespected. The singer had the internet in a stir earlier this month when she responded to a fan questioning whether she was still relevant by bringing the receipts of her successful career so far. Speaking to Tshisa Live, Zahara said she had to put the person straight and would not tolerate people coming for her career. "They can say things about me and I really don't care. I have heard it all and I know it is not true. But they mustn't say that I am not relevant or don't sell



RESPONDS: Zahara.

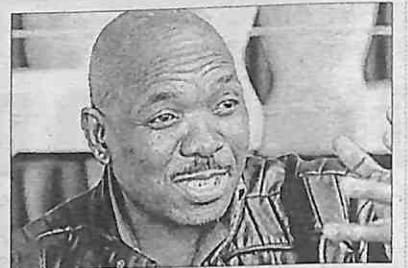
music. I am one of the most successful artists in the country." *Tshisa Live*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Things escalate between S'Khaleni and Mkongwane and they exchange blows. Judas and Lillian go to Lt. Mkhize with the evidence. In a moment of despair, Thandeka has a terrible outburst. Duma decides to seek out Gloria.



VISITS LT: Judas.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

When Lerato offers that she and Sechaba both use her lawyer, Sechaba declines and gives her reason to worry. Ntando questions Kgothalo about her feelings for Rajesh and gets the answer he wasn't expecting. Anja buys groceries and presents for her family, but it raises suspicion.



DECLINES:
Sechaba.

Muvhango

TODAY

Tenda takes his gun with him to the big confrontation. Hangwani wants to know Moliehi's ulterior motives. Vho-Mukondeleli's hopes and dreams are crashed.



DREAMS
CRASHED:
Vho-
Mukondeleli.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Mzi tries to process the shocking revelation about his father and Pearl. Mapula goes to speak to her school - and find out her fate. David is furious with his beef supplier.



FURIOUS: David.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Me in other people's houses vs in my house.



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Aries March 21 – April 19

You could experience a blast from your romantic past today—or over the next three weeks—as communicator Mercury spins backward in Leo and your fifth house of passion and creativity until August 19. Things can reappear during retrogrades, so don't be surprised if you hear from a long-lost friend or an ex looking to spark things up again. But it's up to YOU, Ram, to decide whether this former flame deserves a second chance. If you've got serious doubts, it's probably not worth risking getting burned again.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Today, your ruling planet, Mercury, turns retrograde in Leo and your introspective twelfth house. Over the next three weeks you could find yourself sinking into an emotional swamp or tilting at imagined windmills. But you've got a choice, Virgo. You can wallow in old wounds and fears—or you could let this heavy vibe inspire you to finally get some closure. Replay the old reels but splice in a new ending: one in which you walk away victorious and confident in a brighter future.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

All is NOT quiet on the Taurus home front as communicator Mercury turns retrograde in Leo and your fourth house of domestic affairs. Over the next three weeks, some forward progress you were making with a roommate or a home improvement project could slow down or become undone. For instance, someone might renege on an agreement or pick a fight for no apparent reason. Since you won't be able to sort things out until August 19, remove yourself from the action and focus on taking better care of yourself.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

Caught a case of foot-in-mouth disease, Gemini? Do your best to 'inoculate' against it for the coming three weeks. Today, your ruler, expressive Mercury, turns retrograde in Leo AND your communication corner—a bit of a double whammy to contend with until August 19. For starters, choose your words carefully and reflect on what you're going to say before you speak. Even then, there's a good chance you'll be misconstrued. It's not your fault, Twin, and there's not much you can do—except try to stall on important sales calls or brainstorming sessions until the messenger planet straightens out. And if that's not possible, go in ultra-ultra-prepared!



Cancer June 22 – July 22

Double-check those credit card statements and review your receipts, Cancer. Errors and glitches might be more the rule than the exception during Mercury's retrograde through Leo and your second house of finances until August 19. Money could get a little funny, so pay attention and don't just assume that everyone is as honest as you are. Your cash flow could suddenly become a trickle, possibly requiring you to tighten your belt or take on a temporary side hustle. But if it's profitable—and fun—it might be worth hanging onto.



Leo July 23 – August 22

It's déjà vu all over again as mental Mercury kicks off another three-week retrograde period. This one might be particularly charged for you (gulp) since Mercury is also backsliding through Leo. Between now and August 19, think long and hard before making any inflammatory posts or saying anything that verges on TMI. What might normally pass as a mic drop could wind up pulling the plug on an important relationship. Since that's obviously NOT the goal, check in regularly with your people—and assume nothing!



Capricorn December 22 – January 19

The devil is in the details, and he could also be lurking in the shadows over the next three weeks, so train your hawk-eye vision on the hidden areas. Today, observant Mercury turns retrograde in combustile Leo and your emotionally charged eighth house. If you feel overwhelmed by anger, competitiveness or jealousy, get a handle on whether your suspicions have any grounding or if the negativity might be your own projection. This backspin is a perfect time to RE-view and RE-consider your own trust issues.



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Boy: Do you know who I am?
Girl: No...
Boy: Good! *Walks away*

USELESS FACTS

1. The first episode of 'Joanie Loves Chachi' was the highest rated American programme in the history of Korean television, a country where 'Chachi' translates to 'penis'.
2. Shakespeare is quoted 33 150 times in the Oxford English dictionary.
3. The word Pennsylvania is misspelled on the Liberty Bell.
4. NBA superstar Michael Jordan was originally cut from his high school basketball team.
5. During a severe windstorm or rainstorm the Empire State Building sways several feet to either side.

BRAINTEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSYESTERDAY'S
BRAINTEASERS

1. Why are goldfish red?

Answer: The water turns them rusty!

2. What is the best hand to write with?

Answer: Neither - it's best to write with a pen!

TODAY'S BRAINTEASERS

1. What can you catch but not throw?

2. I run, yet I have no legs. What am I?



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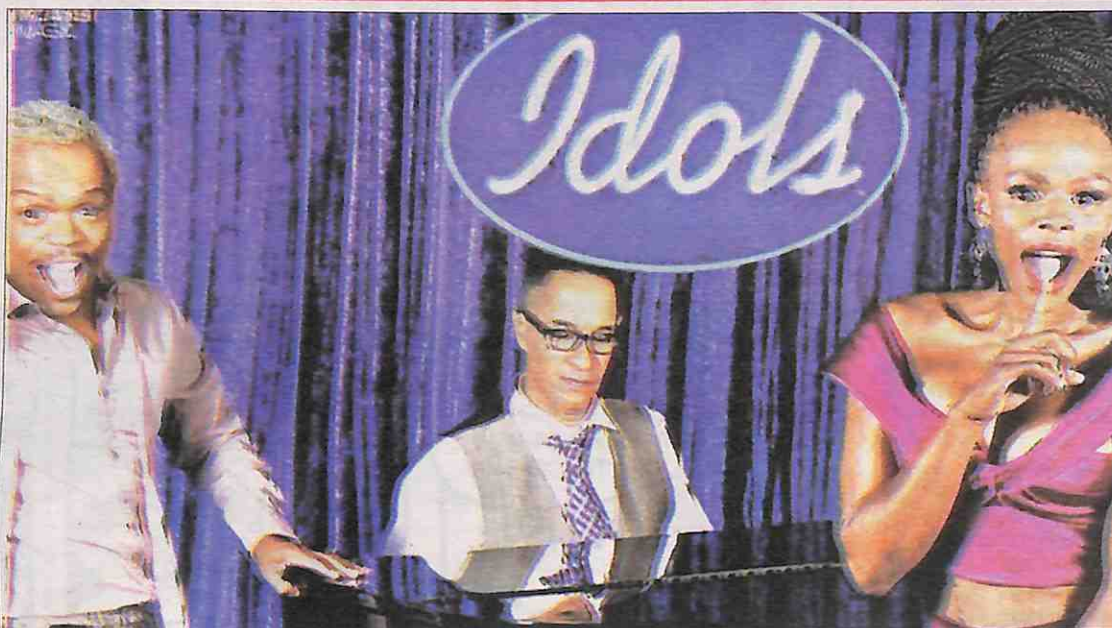
PRETORIA has long had a bit of a reputation for blessing us with colourful characters and some of the funniest auditions in Idols SA history.

That said, it wasn't all fun and games because our contestants this year managed to equal Durban's effort with a whopping, 24 golden tickets. Returnees dominated the night (both good and nightmarish) but we also observed the same trend forward very young and brilliant auditionees much like in previous cities.

Case in point? 18-year-old Ntokozi and 16-year-old Bophelo who both scored four yeses thanks to their beaming smiles, stunning looks and impressive vocals.

These young ladies proved without a doubt that impeccable control, maturity and razor-sharp focus aren't the reserve of the more advanced in age.

We also got our fair share of eclectic performers with interesting stage names. While many turned out to be a lot less inspiring than their titles



suggested (we're looking at you King K and Sheyn Voetseeg) others surprised with refreshing takes on the classics we love. King B & Wattahmelon come to mind here with the former managing to not only move people with his voice

but melt hearts with his loveable personality too.

Also returning but certainly not in the same company as Lucky were former contestants, Blessed, Ndumi, Mnqobi, Que and Lebo.

Randall put them under serious

pressure when he asked that they audition altogether without warning but instead of crumbling under the pressure they all WENT OFF! Perhaps it's a testament to the excellent training they got at Theatre Week?

We are shook by TGOM's \$28k whiskey in lobola negotiations

TJERRRR! Alcohol that costs that much better come with its own mansion and car...with unlimited petrol!

Just when we thought Gracious couldn't get more extra she went and asked for a whiskey that costs \$28 000 from the Khozas in addition to the R250k for Mmabatho's lobola. And Twitter could hardly believe it!

Firstly, Gracious insisted that she be the head negotiator even after she was told that women aren't typically allowed to negotiate lobola. But it's her house so everyone has to play by her rules. Secondly, Gracious and Brutus in the same room it never ends well because between the two of them, the savagery is unimaginable. Then, just as viewers thought there was progress, Gracious asked for a bottle of whiskey, with a price that could probably pay 10 children to school. Brutus wasn't willing to part with that kind of guap, so the negotiations did not conclude. It was super intense, but Twitter thinks its the sexual tension between the two that's making them fight. They had the memes for it.



BEING BONANG 2 ENDS, WE WILL MISS HER

FRIDAY marked the final episode of *Being Bonang* season two, and we couldn't be more bummed!

While we can't wait for the premiere of *Real Housewives of Johannesburg* this Friday at 19:00, we will really miss *mo'ghel* and all the fun she tossed so generously this season.

Here's what we won't be forgetting about anytime soon:

BONANG

Well, it would be weird to miss everything about the show and skip the president of the situation. We love a queen who knows how to keep our eyes fixed on the screen for an entire 30 minutes, just because her authentic self is a delight to watch! And consistent with her mantra to 'give people what they want', this season the good sis gave us everything we've come to expect and love from her. The fashion, attitude, quotables, sparkle, work and fun were all in that bag!

LORNA MASEKO BEING ALL ACROBATIC

She was a ballerina before focusing on her flourishing career as a celebrity chef and businesswoman. But who knew Lorna was that flexible, and that fond of doing random splits and all kinds of near-impossible stretches? We feel like she really came through this whole season with the energy. Love it!

THE PARTIES HUNY!

The first season came with that lav-



FINAL: Bonang.

ish 30th birthday soiree that is alleged to have cost over half a million, so there's no topping that. Still, that didn't stop Bonang from splaying sparkles all over town when she threw herself not one, but two birthday parties because, why not!? For the intimate dinner, she wanted to it to be so over the top that guests

would find it 'unnecessary.'

THE QUOTABLES ON STERIODS

Her famous sayings are so popular that she's now launched a line of T-shirts with the quotables emblazoned on them. We live are living inside Bonang's era.

The river: The Dikanas falling apart

YOH! Zweli is stuck between a rock and a hard place.

Ever since Sheree arrived in the Dikana mansion, she's been nothing but trouble. She's tried every trick in the book to seduce Zweli with the hope of getting him to fall for her.

But with every trick she's pulled, the further Zweli pushes her away. Until Tshabalala handed him a file revealing Sheree's true identity, Zweli has had very little success in securing information that will get Sheree out the way.

Now it's come to a point where

Sheree wants Zweli to divorce Lindiwe; she's got a sex tape and pictures on hand which she's threatened to release if Zweli does not file for divorce.

Many people have been wondering why Zweli won't just tell Lindiwe the truth and stop Sheree from holding him hostage in his own house.

Zweli is now literally racing against time; will the evidence he's found on Sheree be the answer to getting rid of her once and for all, or will Sheree do the unthinkable and release the tape?



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Ozil resignation took Germany coach Joachim Loew by surprise

BERLIN – Mesut Ozil's shock retirement from international football caught Germany head coach Joachim Loew by surprise, it emerged yesterday.

Loew was on holiday in Sardinia when news of Ozil's retirement broke on Sunday and he only found out when the Arsenal midfielder posted statements on Twitter and Instagram.

"Neither the national coach nor I were informed in advance," Loew's agent Harun Arslan confirmed to German daily Bild.

Ozil, 29, dropped a bombshell by announcing his retirement from Germany duty and accused the President of the German FA, Reinhard Grindel, of racism.

"In the eyes of Grindel and his supporters, I am German when we win, but I am an immigrant when we lose," Ozil wrote in his lengthy farewell statement. Ozil, a 2014 World Cup winner, was born in Gelsenkirchen but has strong Turkish roots.

The German Football Association (DFB) on Monday refuted Ozil's allegations of racism, but the fiasco has damaged the governing body's reputation in football-mad Germany.

A survey of 5 000 Germans by t-online.de showed 49.7 per cent think Grindel should resign over the saga.

Ozil says he is quitting over the furor caused by his meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the eve of the World Cup as Grindel failed to back him, amidst the criticism.

When Germany crashed out of the World Cup in Russia after the knockout stage, Ozil was made a scapegoat by some pundits in a group of senior players who failed to perform.

Confirmed

He was dropped after the shock 1-0 defeat to Mexico, sitting out the last-gasp 2-1 win over Sweden, but was one of several stars who played poorly in the 2-0 defeat to South Korea which confirmed Germany's early World Cup exit. The Arsenal midfielder is walking away after nine years as one of Loew's most trusted players.

The news that he had no warning is surprising as Arslan has a co-operation agreement with Ozil's advisor Erkut Sogut, who only warned the DFB that a statement would be released on Sunday.

After 23 goals and 40 assists in 92 appearances for Germany, the loss of Ozil is a blow to Loew, who deployed the Arsenal midfielder as his main playmaker.

Germany's first game after the World Cup debacle is against newly-crowned world champions France in the new Nations League tournament on September 6 in Munich.

With Ozil gone, Loew will have to find his replacement with Paris Saint Germain's Julian Draxler or Borussia Dortmund star Marco Reus as the leading candidates.

AFP



RESIGNS: Mesut Ozil.

Erdogan praises Mesut Ozil's decision to quit German team

ANKARA - President Recep Tayyip Erdogan yesterday said he had spoken to Turkish-origin football star Mesut Ozil after his decision to quit the German team on the grounds of racism, offering his praise for the Arsenal player's move.

"Last night I spoke to Mesut. His attitude in the statement is completely patriotic," Erdogan said, quoted by state TRT Haber broadcaster.

"It is not possible to accept this kind of racist attitude towards a young man who poured so much sweat for the German national team's success. This cannot be tolerated."

Ozil's decision to quit playing for Germany and his strongly-worded four-page statement caused uproar in Germany even as it was applauded by Turkish ministers. He had faced heavy criticism during the World Cup, especially over a controversial photograph with Erdogan in May ahead of presidential and parliamentary polls in Turkey.

Ozil, a key member of the squad which won the 2014 World Cup, criticised the German Football Association (DFB) bosses, sponsors and the media.

He lamented a lack of support from DFB President Reinhard Grindel. "In the eyes of Grindel and his supporters, I am German when we win, but I am an immigrant when we lose," Ozil, 29, wrote. But the association said in a statement on Monday that it rejected "the notion that the DFB is associated with racism".

In his statement, Ozil addressed critics of the photo and said that he was not making a political statement when he appeared with the Turkish leader before the World Cup finals. "I have two hearts, one German and one Turkish," said Ozil. *Sport24*

Nigeria coach denies cash inducement claims

ABUJA - Nigeria's chief coach Salisu Yusuf has denied any wrongdoing after footage broadcast yesterday showed him accepting money from undercover reporters posing as football agents.

The BBC showed video of Yusuf taking what it said was \$1 000 (850 euros) after a conversation about the selection of two players for the 2018 African Nations Championship (CHAN).

He was also told he would receive 15 per cent of the fee if the players were included in the Nigeria squad for the tournament, which is open only to home-based African footballers.

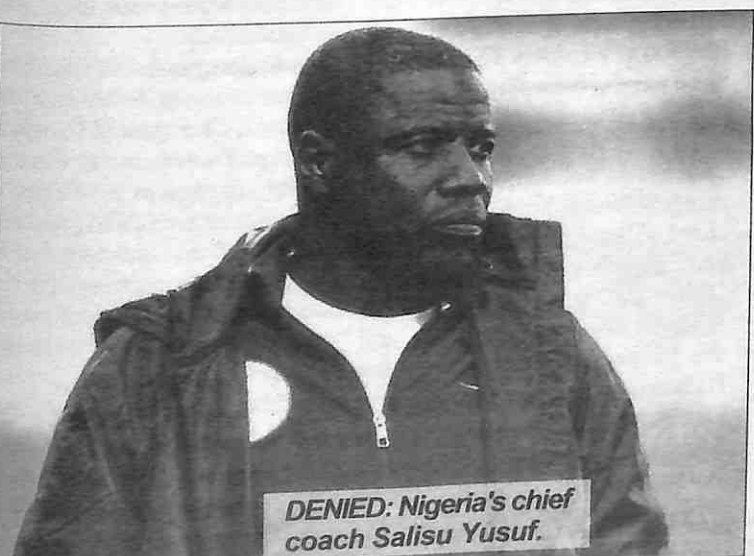
The BBC said the footage was part of a wider investigation into corruption in African football by Ghanaian journalist Anas Aremeyaw Anas. His expose has led to the resignation of the head of the Ghana Football Association, Kwesi Nyantakyi, after he was accused of soliciting bribes and kickbacks.

The two players in the latest report were not identified.

In a letter to the BBC, made available by Yusuf, he confirmed he met two people who introduced themselves as football agents and that they had a discussion about players for the CHAN.

He said he neither promised nor committed to select the players nor asked for money, which he maintained was \$750 not \$1 000 as claimed.

But he said he believed the money was not an inducement and fell within guidelines from the world governing body FIFA and the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) about accepting gifts. *AFP*



DENIED: Nigeria's chief coach Salisu Yusuf.

Barcelona agree €41m Malcom move

BARCELONA - Barcelona have agreed a €41 million (£36.5m/\$48m) deal to bring Bordeaux forward Malcom to Camp Nou having hijacked Roma's move for the Brazilian. Goal understands.

The 21-year-old was set to fly to Italy to complete his move to the Giallorossi, only for the Camp Nou outfit to step in and make a bid of their own.

Roma confirmed on Monday that they had reached an agreement to bring the 21-year-old to the Italian capital for a fee of €38m (£34m/\$44m).

The player was expected to arrive in Rome yesterday to undergo a medical and complete the move but did not travel given Barca's late interest.

And a deal with the Spanish champions has now been agreed, with Malcom set to sign a five-year contract with Ernesto Valverde's side.

The Blaugrana want to bolster their attacking options, ahead of the new Liga season and have been heavily linked with a move for Chelsea's Willian.

But Malcom became their primary target after a campaign during which he scored 12 goals and laid on eight assists in all competitions.

He has previously attracted interest from both Arsenal and Tottenham, with the north London rivals both making their interest known during the January transfer window. Manchester United, Bayern Munich, Inter and Paris Saint-Germain have also been linked with his signature while Everton made a bid this summer, only to be beaten to a deal by Roma.

He will now, though, become Barcelona's second major signing of the summer window following the arrival of Clement Lenglet from Sevilla. Malcom's arrival will see him become the fourth non-EU player on Barca's books alongside Philippe Coutinho, Yerry Mina and Arthur Melo - whose own arrival was fast-tracked having originally agreed to join up with his new team-mates in early 2019 - with La Liga rules stipulating clubs have no more than three players from outside the European Union.

Goal

'Yellow jersey could be won by today'

CARCASSONNE - Geraint Thomas believes the destination of the Tour de France yellow jersey could be decided by today, when a short but intense stage 17 hosts the final mountaintop finish of the race.

Welshman Thomas took a 1min 39sec lead over Sky teammate and four-time champion Chris Froome into the first of four days in the Pyrenees yesterday when the race resumed following a rest day.

Dutch rival Tom Dumoulin is third overall at 1:50, Primož Roglic fourth at 2:38 and Frenchman Romain Bardet fifth at 3:21.

Despite three tough days in the mountains up ahead, only one of them -- stage 17 -- ends on a mountaintop.

As opposed to downhill finishes, the dramatic summit finishes on the Tour are where Sky's rivals can realistically take back lost time.

And Thomas said: "It's the last mountaintop (finish) that will be most decisive."

Like most teams, Sky have previewed the routes of all three Pyrenean stages, as well as the penultimate-stage time trial from Saint-Pee-Sur-Nivelle to Espelette.

"We've seen the finals of them all," added Thomas, whose bid to become the first Welsh champion of the Tour could be tempered by Froome's ambitions for a record-equalling fifth yellow jersey. *AFP*





2018/19 PSL FIXTURES

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AJAX CASE TO INTERDICT START OF PSL SEASON POSTPONED

JOHANNESBURG - Ajax Cape Town's urgent court application for an interdict to halt the start of the 2018/2019 Premier Soccer League season has been postponed to tomorrow.

The Urban Warriors are asking the South Gauteng High Court to prevent the season from kicking off without them.

According to the PSL, the league is scheduled to start in the first week of August.

Ajax was relegated from the ABSA Premiership last season after they were docked



POSTPONED: Unfazed Ajax Cape Town preparing for battle against PSL relegation.

points for fielding an ineligible player, Zimbabwean forward Tendai Ndoro.

The club was due to play

in the season-ending relegation/promotion play-offs against Black Leopards and Jomo Cosmos but was replaced

by Platinum Stars.

Leopards were victorious in the mini-league playoffs; however, Ajax successfully appealed their relegation.

The court's decision reversed Ajax's relegation from the top.

The PSL's appeal will now be heard at 9am tomorrow with Ajax's interdict set down for 11:30am.

With the opening weekend fixtures already released, these cases will decide if the new season starts on 4 August.

eNCA

Mhlongo leaves Pirates for NFD role

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates have confirmed that assistant coach Benson Mhlongo has been released to take over the role as coach of National First Division newcomers TS Sporting. Since retiring from playing in 2016, Mhlongo has worked with coaches such as Muhsin Ertugral, Kjell Jonevret as well as current man in charge, Milutin Sredojevic. However, having gained some experience in guiding Pirates' MultiChoice Diski Challenge team and working as an assistant in the first team, the 37-year-old former Bafana Bafana defender is ready for a new challenge with Sporting in Mpumalanga.

As such, Bucs' official website wished him well in his future endeav-

ours, saying: "Benson Mhlongo has received the Chairman Dr Irvin Khoza's blessings to leave the club and pursue his dream of becoming a head coach."

"Dr Khoza granted Mhlongo's wish to leave the club following a meeting with Chairman of TS Sporting Slungu Thobela earlier this week. "Mhlongo leaves the club having amassed a wealth of knowledge where he was exposed to three different head coaches at the club, including a stint as head coach of the Orlando Pirates MultiChoice Diski Challenge team."

"On behalf of the Orlando Pirates family, we would like to wish Benson the best of luck in his future endeavours."

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Ibra hints at 'special' signing for Man United

MANCHESTER - Zlatan Ibrahimovic is predicting "something special" for Manchester United, with the club's former forward suggesting Jose Mourinho could land a big transfer deal.

Ibrahimovic left United to link up with MLS side LA Galaxy in March but joined his old colleagues at a training session yesterday. And the former Sweden striker hinted Mourinho is working on major transfer targets, with players including Alex Sandro, Willian, Harry Maguire and Miralem Pjanic linked to United.

"Hi everybody. Guess who is back watching United train?" Ibrahimovic said in a video message on Instagram.

"I see a lot of quality, but not quality like me but that's okay! It is great to see the guys, to see them happy and to see them training good."

"Be ready for this season because something special will happen and I think the boss has something going on. "We will keep that a secret! Enjoy the season, I wish you all the best and happiness." Mourinho has already bolstered his ranks this summer, with deals being done for Fred, Diogo Dalot and Lee Grant.

Tea Talk



Thierry agrees to become new manager

LONDON - Thierry Henry has agreed to become Aston Villa's new manager.

The Arsenal and France legend is ready to lead Villa's charge back into the Premier League - once he's had reassurances from the Championship club's mega-wealthy new owners.

Steve Bruce remains in charge at Villa Park. But new majority shareholders Nassef Sawiris and Wes Edens are unconvinced if he is the right man to take the Villans back to the Premier League.

And they have already turned to Henry, who announced after the World Cup he wants to be a full-time manager.

The 40-year-old was Roberto Martinez's assistant as Belgium reached the semi-finals in Russia but now wants to go it alone as a boss. Another Midlands club in the Championship, Derby,

have already moved to appoint another unproved former top Premier League star as their new manager, with Frank Lampard taking charge.

A source close to the takeover negotiations told Starsport on Monday night Henry had "verbally agreed" to be Villa's new boss.

But there remains much still to do, including axing Bruce and agreeing a salary package and transfer budget with Henry.

They must also explain how Villa can move forward within the confines of Financial Fair Play.

Sawiris - a member of Egypt's richest family - and American tycoon Edens - a co-owner of American basketball team the Milwaukee Bucks - look ready to invest big in Villa.

They see the club as having enormous potential and while the club is currently valued at

£80m a return to the Premier League could see that rocket to £400m. Sawiris and Edens have each bought a 27.5 per cent stake in Villa, meaning between them they have a controlling stake. To buy those shares, the pair paid Chinese businessman Tony Xia £30m. Their investment is understood to have allowed the club to pay HMRC a £10m debt while Xia remains on the board as co-chairman.

According to Forbes, Sawiris has a net worth of £5.2bn and the pair have vowed to take Villa back into the top flight. In a statement they said: "We believe that together we can bring business and sports experience that will help strengthen the club to ensure that Aston Villa can return to its rightful place in the upper echelons of English football."

Daily Mail

Mahrez determined to win trophies at City

MANCHESTER - Manchester City new boy Riyad Mahrez says he is ambitious and wants to win as many trophies as possible during his stay at the Etihad Stadium.

The Algeria international joined Pep Guardiola's Premier League champions from Leicester City for a reported £60 million this month and has set his sights on winning a trophy every season.

"I'm an ambitious player, I want to win trophies every season," Mahrez told the press. "I think Manchester City is a club who try and have ambition to win every season. It's a big club, the football they play is amazing, with a big manager. That's why I'm here." On Guardiola, he added: "He's very ambitious. He wants to win everything. He works very hard in training on small details. I will improve under him and he will improve the squad." The 27-year-old made 36 Premier League appearances for



AMBITIOUS: Manchester City new boy Riyad Mahrez.

the Foxes last season and scored 12 goals while also providing 11 assists. *Sport24*

Alexis ready to deliver for Man Utd - Mourinho

MANCHESTER - Jose Mourinho believes Alexis Sanchez is in the "perfect" place, with Manchester United set to see the best of the Chilean forward in 2018-19.

The Red Devils acquired the 29-year-old forward from Arsenal in January, with a swap deal seeing Henrikh Mkhitaryan head in the opposite direction. Sanchez struggled to make much of an impact during a testing opening to his Old Trafford career, recording just three goals in 18 appearances. His signing was, however, considered to have been quite the coup for United - with arch-rivals Manchester City having also expressed an interest - and Mourinho believes a proven performer will come good with a full pre-season under his belt. He told ESPN: "It is not easy to come in the middle of the season. "I'm not a big fan of the winter market because the players are coming in the middle of the season and it is not easy for them to adapt. "So I think after a few months with us, now to

start the season I think it is a perfect moment for him to establish himself as an important player for us."

Sanchez has been a late addition to United's squad kicking off the summer in America. Visa issues prevented him from travelling with the rest of his team-mates, forcing him to initially work alone at the club's Carrington training base.

He has, however, linked up with Mourinho's side and played 65 minutes of a goalless draw with MLS outfit the San Jose Earthquakes on Sunday. United are likely to call on him to provide attacking inspiration once again when they open their International Champions Cup campaign tomorrow. The Red Devils are set to take on AC Milan in California before going on to face Liverpool and Real Madrid. They will then return to Europe to take on Bundesliga champions Bayern Munich before starting the new Premier League season with a visit from Leicester City on August 10. *Goal*



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MOURINHO EXPLAINS WHY WORLD CUP BROUGHT THE BEST OUT OF POGBA

LOS ANGELES - Jose Mourinho believes the World Cup environment helped bring out the best in Paul Pogba and the Manchester United manager wants the France midfielder to show the same focus and intensity at the Premier League club.

The 25-year-old, who moved to United from Juventus for a then world record fee in 2016, lit up the Premier League with moments of sublime skill but his inconsistency has been equally frustrating for the fans.

He was routinely criticised for his performances for United last season, but stepped up a gear in Russia, marshalling the France midfield alongside N'Golo Kante and scoring in the final as the side were crowned world champions for a second time. "I don't think it's about us getting the best out of him, but about him giving the best he has to

give," Mourinho told ESPN. "I think the World Cup is the perfect habitat for a player like him to give (their) best. Why? Because it's closed for a month, where he can only think about football.

"Where he is with his team on the training camp, completely isolated from the external world, where they focus just on football, where the dimensions of the game can only motivate. During a season, you can have a big match then a smaller match, then one even smaller, then you can lose your focus, you can lose your concentration, then comes a big match again."

Mourinho said it was easier for a player to keep improving his game at event like World Cup as his side progressed at the World Cup. "In the World Cup, the direction of the emotion, of the responsibility, of the big decisions is always growing... You are in the group phase,



THERE YOU GO: Jose Mourinho and Paul Pogba.

you go to the last 16, to the quarter-finals, to the semi-finals, to the finals," he added. "This feeds the motivation. This feeds the concentration of a player. So I think it was the perfect environment for him. I think players in the World

Cup, they really feel that extra commitment with playing for a country... so they play for the team, and only for the team, and the team is the most important thing, and they do everything to try to succeed.

Reuters

Leicester set to battle to keep hold of Maguire

LEICESTER - Leicester City manager Claude Puel is hoping to retain the services of England midfielder Harry Maguire amid reported interest from Manchester United.

The 25-year-old former Sheffield United and Hull City man, who also spent time on loan at Wigan Athletic, was a standout performer for the Three Lions at the World Cup in Russia. His performances garnered the attention of some notable teams, with United reportedly in pole position for his signature.

The Foxes are keen to keep hold of Maguire but may listen to offers in the region of £50m for the player. Puel, though, told Sky Sports: "It is important for Maguire to continue for Leicester.

"It is a good feeling. If our players are interesting a lot of clubs it is because we are recruiting well and doing good work. It is important we continue this. "When we welcome players back from the World Cup, I hope we can give them the opportunity to continue advancing their ambitions and perform in the Premier League."

Leicester winger Demarai Gray added: "I think Harry's happy here. "He's had a good World Cup. He won't think about things too much. I think he'll come back and continue. "You can tell by the way he plays he is a relaxed player who gets his head down and gets the work done. He performs on the pitch and is a great player to have in the changing room. "Everyone saw what he is capable of in Russia. He has done himself proud."

Sport24



NEW HOME: Xherdan Shaqiri.

Liverpool new boy to join up with Klopp's squad in New Jersey

LIVERPOOL - Xherdan Shaqiri is set to meet up with his new Liverpool team-mates in New Jersey as he joins the tour of the United States.

The Switzerland international has been on extended leave because of his involvement in the World Cup - interrupting that only to complete a £13million move from Stoke - but that is now over and the 26-year-old has some catching up to do.

Liverpool's squad will train in Charlotte, North Carolina, before flying to New Jersey ahead of their International Champions Cup match against Manchester City.

Shaqiri is already in New York so will meet them there but Thursday's match, their second of three in America, will come too soon for him to be involved.

But while he gets up to speed, manager Jurgen Klopp has to get to grips with trimming down his squad. Having added Shaqiri, midfielders Naby Keita and Fabinho and goalkeeper Alisson, the German now needs to make big decisions on who to keep, who to loan and who to let go.

Striker Danny Ings, who was left behind on Merseyside to do extra work on his fitness after an ankle problem, seems one of those players likely to be on his way after three frustrating, injury-plagued seasons at Anfield.

Teamtalk

Klopp backs Karius, despite record signing fee for Alisson

CHARLOTTE - Liverpool's new goalkeeper Alisson is 'desperate' to play for the Merseyside club and could make his debut against Serie A side Napoli in a pre-season match on August 4, manager Jurgen Klopp has said.

Liverpool signed Brazil international Alisson from AS Roma this month, smashing the world record for a goalkeeper in a deal worth up to £72.5 million.

"He is desperate to play. He could have joined us here in America but it made absolutely no sense," Klopp said in North Carolina, where they lost a pre-season clash 3-1 against Borussia Dortmund on Sunday.

"As Brazil's number one, it was quite an intense year, so I sent him on holiday again... I would say he plays in Dublin (against Napoli)." Alisson, 25, is expected to replace Loris Karius as first

choice goalkeeper with the club's other keeper Simon Mignolet set to drop lower down the pecking order.

Klopp defended Germany's Karius, who was blamed for two of Real Madrid's goals when the Spanish side beat Liverpool 3-1 in the Champions league final in May.

"Loris is an outstanding goalkeeper."

Reuters

City's Sane determined after Germany World Cup snub

NEW YORK - Leroy Sane has thanked Manchester City Manager Pep Guardiola for helping him overcome his World Cup heartbreak.

The City forward, who was a key member of Guardiola's Premier League title-winning side last season, was left stunned by Germany coach Joachim Low's decision to omit him from the squad for the tournament in Russia.

It was a move which backfired for Low after his side failed to exit the group stages, leaving many to question the wisdom of leaving out a player who scored ten goals and provided 15 assists in a campaign which ended with him being named as the Football Association young player of the year.

Yet with the Euro 2020 qualifiers on the horizon, Sane, who refused to comment on the Mesut Ozil racism scandal which has engulfed German

football, believes he will have a chance to resurrect his international career under Guardiola's guidance.

"Yes, Pep had a chat with me after it happened," said Sane, when asked about his shock omission from Germany's squad. "We talked about everything and how my mind was and now we are just looking forward. "I was disappointed but from that moment and now I'm just looking forward. I'm just preparing to be ready for the start of the new season. It gives you motivation.

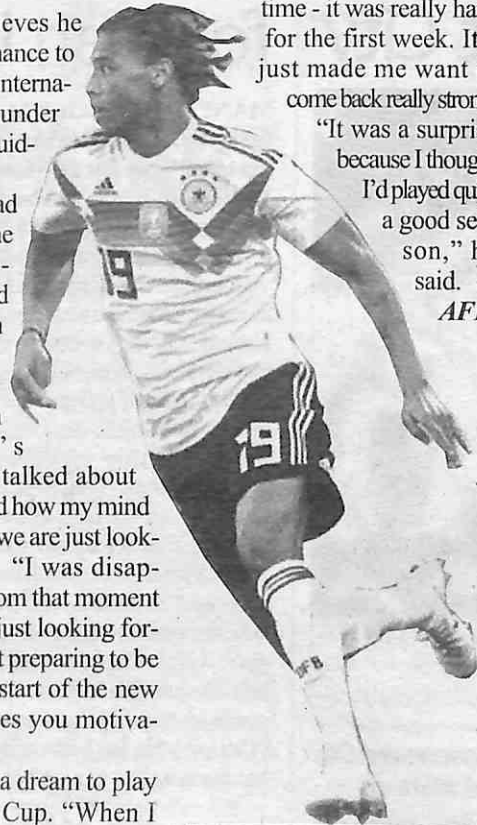
It would be a dream to play in the World Cup. "When I watched the World Cup I had

the feeling that I wanted to be there. But I'm 22 and I still have a lot of years to prepare.

"I was disappointed at the time - it was really hard for the first week. It's just made me want to come back really strong.

"It was a surprise because I thought I'd played quite a good season," he said.

AFP



THANKS: Leroy Sane.

Pochettino to test young stars on US tour

LONDON - Mauricio Pochettino will use Tottenham Hotspur's pre-season tour of the United States to give his young players a chance to impress.

Spurs are currently preparing to compete in the International Champions Cup where they will face Roma, Barcelona and AC Milan.

With a number of the club's players still on holiday after their World Cup exploits, Pochettino has taken some of the club's up and coming players to the USA.

Speaking to the club's website, the Argentine manager explained: "It's a massive opportunity for our younger players to show their quality and for players to show they are in condition to fight for a place in the first team. "We have three very good tests and more than results, it's about how we are going to approach the games and both collective and individual performances."

He added: "It's about players showing they are in condition to fight for a place in the starting 11 and to share that with our fans in America will be fantastic.

"We're looking forward to playing, looking forward to a nice tour and sharing time with our fans, that's important too."

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INTER EYE MOVE FOR MESSI TO RIVAL RONALDO AT JUVENTUS

MILAN - Lionel Messi has emerged as a shock target for Inter Milan as the club want the Argentine 'to rival Cristiano Ronaldo at Juventus'.

Ronaldo ended his nine-year La Liga duel with Messi this summer as he swapped Madrid for Turin in a £88 million move.

But now Inter are said to be plotting an audacious swoop for his fierce rival, according to interesting comments made by Pirelli CEO - and Inter fan - Marco Tronchetti Provera. The quotes led to a front page story for Tuttosport yesterday as Tronchetti Provera suggested Suning, the club's owners, want to make a 'huge signing'. "I hope that Suning, once Financial

Fair Play will allow it, can make a huge signing," said the CEO.

Now back in the Champions League, Inter are building towards a serious assault on titles both domestically and in European competition and Messi would provide a huge boost in belief. With both players approaching the tail end of their careers, there may be a temptation for the Argentine to try his hand outside of Spain.

Having lost Neymar to Paris Saint-Germain last summer for a world record deal, Barcelona will have no desires to sell their biggest star and asset and that is the biggest obstacle for the Italian side.

Daily Mail



Deschamps, Zidane head FIFA award nominees

Zurich - Didier Deschamps and Zinedine Zidane lead the 11 candidates in a likely French domination of FIFA's best men's coach award.

Deschamps led France to win the World Cup, and his 1998 World Cup-winning team-mate Zidane coached Real Madrid to a third straight Champions League title. Zidane, who has since left Madrid, won the FIFA award last year. FIFA says its expert panel picked five World Cup coaches among the contenders. They include all four semi-finalists - Deschamps, Zlatko Dalic, Roberto Martinez and Gareth Southgate - plus Russia's Stanislav Cherchesov.

Pep Guardiola is nominated for leading Manchester City to a runaway English Premier League title win.

The nominees for #TheBest FIFA Men's Coach 2018:

Massimiliano Allegri
Stanislav Cherchesov
Zlatko Dalic
Didier Deschamps
Pep Guardiola
Jurgen Klopp
Roberto Martinez
Diego Simeone
Gareth Southgate
Ernesto Valverde
Zinedine Zidane.

Later yesterday, FIFA published candidate lists for the men's and women's best player awards.

The winners will be announced in London on September 24 and are voted by national coaches and captains, plus media from FIFA's 211 member countries, and fans voting online. *AP*

I want to repay Pirates with titles - Happy Jele

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates' longest serving player Happy Jele has one major objective - to help his club win more silverware.

Jele has been with the Buccaneers for 12 years and is the only member of the squad who has played in both spells head coach Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic has had at the club. His outstanding service was recognised last week at the Pirates awards function when he was handed the Chairman's Award by club boss Dr. Irvin Khoza. "Jele has served us with dignity and he deserves his accolade," Khoza was quoted saying by the Sowetan.

A lot has been achieved in Jele's career since arriving at Bucs as a teenager from Mhluzi, Mpumalanga, having previously played for Walter Stars. But this has by no means diminished his appetite to improve and to be successful on the field.

"There are a lot of things that still

keep me motivated to go and play football," he said. "But first of all I have to thank God for keeping me at this great football club. "I now view the lessons that I get every day at training, in the changing room and during matches in a different light than I did when I was a kid. "I would say that maybe in the past years I didn't see football the way I do now. I'm seeing it in a different way and I think that's the thing that keeps me going."

The Sea Robbers defender certainly has many memorable moments to look back on, but is determined to contribute further to the club's legacy while he remains part of the setup. "There are a lot of highs but winning the treble, qualifying for the CAF Champions League final in 2013 and the CAF Confederation Cup final in 2015, are the main for me. "I want to play football and win many things and repay the team for keeping for me so long," he concluded. *Sport24*

Ronaldo tops Instagram Sport Rich List for 2018

LONDON - Cristiano Ronaldo has once again got the better of rivals Lionel Messi and Neymar after the Portuguese superstar beat both to top the Instagram Sport Rich List for 2018.

Ronaldo, who recently joined Juventus in a sensational £100 million move, saw off his two biggest rivals in the game in a report based on how much a sponsored Instagram post could cost brands.

HopperHQ.com, an Instagram scheduling tool, analysed data to reveal a list of the highest paid celebrities and influencers on the social media platform. They looked at factors such as average engagement, how often they post and number of followers.

Ronaldo has amassed a staggering 133 million followers on his account and is a frequent poster as he shares images of his lavish lifestyle and hugely successful footballing career. And that has translated well into how much he can charge companies when it comes to using his account for promotional purposes. The report shows brands would have to fork out \$750 000 (£570 000) per post. Neymar, Messi and David Beckham and Gareth Bale join Cristiano in the top five of the sport-ing list.

Posts on Neymar and Messi's

accounts would be worth \$600 000 (£457 000) and \$500 000 (£381 000) respectively. Beckham, meanwhile, could charge \$300 000 (£228 000) while a sponsored post on Bale's profile would be a costly \$185 000 (£141 000).

Ronaldo's success extends beyond the sporting world though because he has also made it into the overall top five.

The 33-year-old finished third in the global ranking, edging world famous stars and renowned Instagram posters Kim Kardashian and Beyonce into third and fourth, respectively.

Television personality and model Kylie Jenner boasts top spot with \$1 000 000 (£762 000) per post while singer Selena Gomez takes the silver medal on \$800 000 (£610 000).

Daily Mail



ALWAYS TOPS: Cristiano Ronaldo.

BRIEFS

'CCL games are must-win'

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns right-back Anele Ngcongca says their remaining CAF Champions League fixtures in Group C are "must-win" encounters. The 2016 African champions are bottom of the standings after picking up a two draws and a loss in their opening three matches in the competition. However, the Brazilians have a chance to get back to winning ways when they face Togo-Port in Tshwane on Friday - Pitso Mosimane's side lost the reverse fixture 1-0 last Tuesday. In the bracket, defending champions Wydad Casablanca are on five points along with second-placed Horoya. *Kick-Off*

Leopards pass on Semenya, Gcaba

JOHANNESBURG - Black Leopards have reportedly decided against signing veteran defenders Thabiso Semenya and Ayanda Gcaba. Semenya and Gcaba started training with Leopards at the start of July with the hopes of earning a deal under coach Joel Masutha following their respective off-season exits from Polokwane City and Orlando Pirates. However, the experienced duo found no joy after signs were initially looking positive, according to a source at the Premiership newcomers. "Gcaba and Semenya are gone. They are no longer training with the team," says the source. *Kick-Off*

Jordaan salutes youth teams

JOHANNESBURG - SAFA President Danny Jordaan is pleased to see South Africa's youth teams getting results in continental and global qualifying action. Amajita qualified for the U-20 African Nations Cup by beating Malawi 2-0 in Blantyre on Saturday, having been under pressure after drawing the first leg 0-0 on home soil. Thabo Senong's charges followed on from Banyana Banyana's recent qualification for the Women's African Nations Cup taking place in Ghana this year, which was achieved in style with a 7-0 rout of Lesotho. *Kick-Off*



Barca host Real for first Clasico

LAS ROZAS DE MADRID - Defending Spanish champions Barcelona will host Real Madrid on October 28 in the first Clasico of the 2018/19 season, the Spanish football federation said yesterday. Real Madrid, who finished third in the league, 17 points behind champions Barcelona, will host the second meeting of the two Spanish giants on March 3, the federation added as it unveiled the season calendar. The season opens on the weekend of August 18-19, and ends on May 18-19. *AFP*

REAL PROFESSIONALS CROWNED BUILD IT UNDER-13 CHAMPIONS



CHAMPS: The Build It Under-13 champions Real Professionals posing with their trophies after their victory on Sunday at the Correctional College in Matsapha. (Courtesy pics)



CONSOLATION: Losing coaches receiving their runner-ups prizes.



BEST: The tournament's best player Andiswa Malaza receiving his prize from EFA CEO Frederick Mngomezulu while a Build It official looks on.



LISTEN: The Real Professionals coach instructing his players.



DIGNITARIES: Real Professionals players meet EFA CEO Frederick Mngomezulu and other officials before the start of the final.



WIN: Real Professionals players run in celebration after their victory over Royal Leopard in the final.



COACH: The team's coaches posing with EFA CEO Frederick Mngomezulu, TD Boy 'Bizzah' Mkhonta and other officials after the games.



FAIR PLAY: Real Professionals and Royal Leopard players meet before the start of the final.



SILVERWARE: Trophies on display during the games.



WINNER: The Real Professionals coach receiving a new kit from sponsors Build It and EFA CEO Frederick Mngomezulu.



BIRDS: Mbabane Swallows players and officials posing for the cameras after their farewell function at Sigwaca House yesterday morning. Swallows left the country for Tunisia where they will face Etoile Du Sahel in the CAF Champions League on Friday night. (r) The luxury bus that Swallows used to travel to Johannesburg. (Pics: Sibongiseni Zondi)



WE WON'T DISGRACE THE COUNTRY - 'KOKI'

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati says his side won't disgrace the country when they face Tunisian giants Etoile Du Sahel in the CAF Champions League on Friday night.

Swallows left the country yesterday for Tunisia where they will take on the former African champions and two time runners-up at the Stade Olympique de Sousse. Sahel trashed Swallows 3-0 at the Mavuso Sports Centre last week Tuesday, raising concerns that the damage in the away leg on Friday might be even bigger. But, according to coach Vilakati, Swallows have learnt their lesson from last Tuesday's hammering.

"We know it didn't go well on Tuesday but we have rectified all our mistakes. We were not outplayed but we made mistakes which cost us. We promise not to disappoint or disgrace the country. We have made our calculations. We know that if we get a point in Tunisia, we will then need three more in our last home match and we will be home and dry then," Vilakati said.

The Swallows coach added that they would be much more cautious when dealing with set pieces on Friday.

Two of Sahel's three goals last Tuesday came from set pieces.

"We were poor in defending set plays and we were a bit static last Tuesday. Our cohesion and our transition play were poor. So we have tried to rectify all that. We will try and stop them from playing. It is important to get at least a point to boost the moral of the team," Vilakati said.



TOUCH: Head of delegation Peter 'Touch' Magagula with EFA President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa.



A BIRD: New Swallows striker Kola Aledeon with defender Stanley Umukoro were also present.



MR COOL: Striker Sandile Hlatshwako was a picture of calmness at the farewell function yesterday.



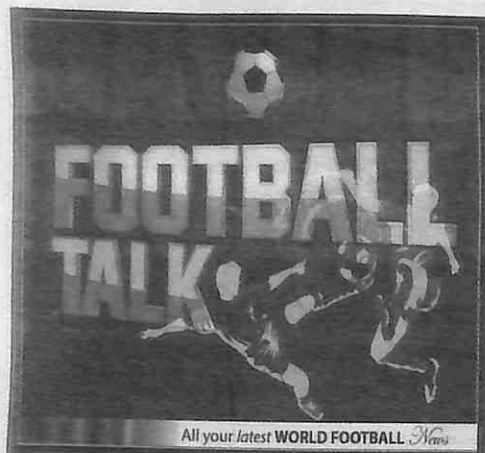
TACTICIANS: Swallows physical trainer Siyabonga Bhembe listening to speeches with coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.



YOUNG ONES: Young midfielders Richard McCreesh and Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala also left with the rest for Tunisia.



NEW BOYS: Goalkeeper Ntokozo Shabangu and defender Siboniso Ndzabandzaba following proceedings.



■ Former Arsenal forward Thierry Henry, who is now on the Belgium coaching staff, has 'verbally agreed' to take his first managerial role - replacing Steve Bruce at Aston Villa. **(Star)**

■ Juventus will sell Bosnian Miralem Pjanic, 28, as part of a strategy to bring France international and fellow midfielder Paul Pogba, 25, back to the club from Manchester United. **(Corriere dello Sport, via Express)**



■ Liverpool's 25-year-old German goalkeeper Loris Karius is thinking about leaving Anfield after being disappointed by manager Jurgen Klopp bringing in Brazil international Alisson, 25, as the club's new number one. **(Telegraph)**

■ The Reds want £27m for 27-year-old Belgium striker Divock Origi, who has attracted the interest of Spanish side Valencia, and are ready to sell up to seven players to raise £100m. **(Liverpool Echo)**

■ Cristiano Ronaldo's medical with new club Juventus showed the 33-year-old Portugal forward has the physical capacity of a 20-year-old. **(Mirror)**

■ Leicester are determined to hold on to England centre-back Harry Maguire and fend off any interest from Manchester United in the 25-year-old. **(Telegraph)**



■ Chelsea are preparing to make an improved £45m bid for 23-year-old Juventus and Italy defender Daniele Rugani, having had an initial £36m offer rejected. **(Goal)**

■ Arsenal are still interested in signing Sevilla's World Cup-winning midfielder Steven Nzonzi, 29, but are unwilling to meet the France international's £35m release clause. **(France Football - in French)**

■ Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho will consider selling 22-year-old France forward Anthony Martial for £50m - but only to a club outside the Premier League. **(Guardian)**

■ Tottenham are hoping to recoup £30m by selling Netherlands striker Vincent Janssen, 24, and Spain forward Fernando Llorente, 33. **(Evening Standard)**



■ Premier League newcomers Fulham will try to sign Newcastle's English striker Dwight Gayle, 27, if they fail to recruit 23-year-old Serbia striker Aleksandar Mitrovic from the Magpies. **(Mirror)**

Langalam Dunkylaine thrashes Blazers in Monday Basketball action

By Sibusiso Dlamini

BASKETBALL - LANGALAM Dunkylaine are showing their seriousness to claim the Men's Promotional League (MPL) title and a ticket back to the Elite Men's League (EML) after thrashing youngsters Enjabulweni Blazers 129-55.

This was during the opening match during the Swaziland National Basketball League (SNBL) on Monday action at the Mavuso Sports Emporium.

Langalam Dunkylaine showed no mercy to the basement side that is yet to claim a victory.

The second match of the day saw Luyengo Pacers take on Nkambeni Scavengers and the former eventually won 49-44 in what was a tightly contested encounter, while log leaders of the MPL Chase Basketball continued with their fine form, winning 66-51 against Nhlanguano Warriors and have now won all five of their opening matches. Meanwhile, action continues this Saturday at the Mavuso Sports Emporium where Mbabane Jazz



WINNERS: Langalam Dunkylaine.

THE FULL RESULTS:

Langalam Dunkylaine	129-55	Enjabulweni Blazers
Luyengo Pacers	49-44	Nkambeni Scavengers
Chase Basketball	66-51	Nhlanguano Warriors

FIXTURE:

Saturday, July 28

Manzini Raiders	vs	Enjabulweni Pacers	9am
Langalam Dunkylaine	vs	Chase Basketball	11am
RRSC Tridents	vs	Manzini Superstars	1pm
Manzini Titans	vs	Manzini Steels	3pm
Mbabane Knicks	vs	Mbabane Raptors	5pm
Mbabane Jazz	vs	Imbumbé	7pm

will take on Imbumbé. Jazz are currently on the driving seat of the EML with nine points alongside arch rivals Steels. They will be looking to win the crunch encounter against Imbumbé to consolidate the top-spot they currently occupy with a superior goal difference. Their opponents, on the other hand, are currently placed sixth follow-

ing their loss against Mbabane Raptors and this will be their opportunity to bounce back in style. Tip-off is 7pm.

The games will start-off with a fixture pitting Manzini Raiders against Enjabulweni Blazers at 9am and will be followed by the battle between Dunkylaine and Chase Basketball at 11am. RRSC

EML

Teams	Plyd	Won	Lost	Forfeit	Pts
Mbabane Jazz	5	4	1	0	9
Manzini Steels	5	4	1	0	9
Manzini Superstars	5	3	2	0	8
Mbabane Raptors	5	3	2	0	8
Manzini Titans	5	3	2	0	8
Imbumbé	5	2	3	0	7
Mbabane Knicks	5	1	3	1	5
RSSC Tridents	5	0	5	0	5

NWL

Team	Plyd	Won	Lost	Forfeit	Pts
Superladies	4	4	0	0	8
Enjabulweni Griffins	4	3	1	0	7
Lady Jazz	4	2	2	0	6
Lynx Basketball	4	1	3	0	5
Shooting Stars	4	0	2	2	2

Tridents will take on Manzini Superstars in an EML fixture at 1pm and, thereafter, joint log-leaders Steels will take on Manzini Titans at 3pm in an exciting hub derby. Mbabane Knicks will face-off against the impressive Mbabane Raptors who come to the match in high spirits following their wins against Jazz and Imbumbé.

Boxer Thabiso Dlamini finishes second in Mandela Cup

By Sibusiso Masilela

BOXING - TOP local boxer Thabiso Dlamini finished second in the annual Nelson Mandela Cup held over the weekend in Mtata, South Africa.

The national team star was second overall behind champion South African Mazibulele Njila, who was also competing in the 69kg.

Dlamini won his first fight against Njila 3-2 last Thursday

before losing out to the same opponent by the same score-line during the second fight on Saturday afternoon.

Other boxers, who competed in the tournament, came from Botswana, Mozambique and Germany. When interviewed, Dlamini said he was happy with his performance in the tournament. "I am happy I took part in the tournament which helped me gain the needed experience and exposure. Njila gave me good competition in both fights and I am happy to have fought

with a good fighter like him. I am confident that I will do better during the upcoming international competitions to be held later this year. "I would like to thank the Swaziland Boxing Association for allowing me to take part in the competition," he said. Dlamini is also expected to compete in the Springs Boxing Tournament likely to be held in October as part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SWABA and South African National Boxing (SANABO).

We will bounce back - Velekhaya

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - NATIONAL Under-17 coach Velekhaya Mtsetfwa has vowed to bounce back from their 0-4 crippling loss to Angola when they take on Malawi in their last group match this afternoon at the Francois Xavier stadium.

Mtsetfwa said they had rectified the mistakes they committed during their previous match on Monday. He said they would push for a win against the 'Junior Flames' in their last group match of the on-going COSAFA Under-17 Championships held in Mauritius. "We will have to give it our best shot and see what we can get afterwards.

We need to do a post-mortem of the previous match and see what let us down against Angola.

I am confident we will recover from the Angola defeat and come to the party against Malawi where we still need to work hard as a team," Mtsetfwa said.

The junior national side needs a win, this match in their quest to qualify for the semi-finals of the competition as second best group finishers behind Angola. The local side started off the competition on a high note following their 3-2 win over Zimbabwe last Friday.

GROUP C LOG:

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Angola	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Swaziland	2	1	0	1	3	6	3
Malawi	2	1	0	1	5	1	3
Zimbabwe	2	0	0	2	2	8	0

Way Inn extend lead in Dixies League

By Sibusiso Masilela

POOL - GIANTS Way Inn have extended their lead in the on-going Dixies International E20 000 League following their 15-10 victory over Figaredo Five on Monday afternoon.

The Malkerns based side occupies the top spot with 34 points, one point ahead of second placed Garrison, who have 33 points.

The army side, Garrison maintained their good run in the league with their 13-12 win

THE FULL RESULTS:

Bhunya	11	Figaredo	14
Mankayane	12	M Eagles	13
Macembe	12	Garrison	13
Nicks	10	Correctional	15
Figaredo Five	10	Way Inn	15

over Macembe, who suffered to their second consecutive league defeat.

Knicks

Garrison can retain top spot if they win their pending DC case against Knicks, who did not honour the two teams' clash which was due to be played two weeks ago.

Bottom of the table,

Correctional recorded their third win of the season at the expense of Knicks while Figaredo proved to be too strong for Bhunya following their 14-11 win.

Manzini Regional Pool Association (MRPA) Chairman Muntu Dlamini confirmed the results. "We are quite impressed with the standard of the league which continues to be exciting with every passing week. We further commend the sportsmanship displayed by the teams and supporters. We will release the log before the end of the week," he said.

'PAPI' BLOW FOR BIRDS



BLOW: Xolani 'Papi' Sikhondze.

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows have travelled to Tunisia for their CAF Champions League clash against Etoile Du Sahel without new midfielder Xolani 'Papi' Sikhondze.

Swallows unveiled Sikhondze as one of their five new signings earlier this month.

Sikhondze, formerly in the books of Manzini Wanderers and Mbabane Highlanders, joined the 'Birds' at the back

of the exit of his brother Banele, who left for South African top flight side Polokwane City.

However, just as it happened in last Tuesday's clash against Sahel at Mavuso Sport Centre, Swallows will not be able to use 'Papi' on Friday night because of a delay in obtaining his playing card from CAF.

Planned

"We had planned on taking 19 players to Tunisia but now we will be taking 18 because 'Papi' is not going.

His papers won't be ready

in time for Friday's match," Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati told journalists before his side's departure for Tunisia yesterday.

Reached for comment, Sikhondze wished his teammates all the best of luck for Friday's match.

"I can only wish my teammates all the best of luck. When they come back, I will rejoin them and continue to work hard. I'm confident that by the time we play our fifth game in the group stage I will have my papers ready," Sikhondze said.

Thabiso boost for Bull

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MBABANE Highlanders South African striker Thabiso Mokenkoane is set to rejoin the team following his two-week assessment with Maltese side Zetjun Corinthians.

The former Amatuks player's move to the tiny European state is now in limbo after the Maltese side is said to have exhausted its foreign quota.

Mokenkoane is expected to resume training with Highlanders on Monday in preparation for the 2018 Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup finals which will be held next weekend at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

A source close to the matter said the player was on his way back to the black and white ensemble.

"The player will be joining Highlanders after his suitors in Malta exhausted their foreign quota and he is now waiting for Highlanders to send his return ticket," he said.

Highlanders Chief Executive Officer Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini said they were still waiting for a formal briefing from the directors when contacted yesterday.

"We are yet to get a briefing from the directors regarding the player and I can be in a better position to comment once they give us a formal update," he said.

Mokenkoane joined Highlanders mid-last season where he netted 11 league goals during the previous MTN Premier League campaign. The player recently missed the team recent pre-season camp held in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, two weeks ago.

Sundowns star training with Leopard

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MANZINI Sundowns could lose their talisman Melusi Mkhwanazi to Royal Leopard during the new season of 2018/19.

The 2018 Ingwenyama Cup joint top goal scorer is currently training with the police service side under the watchful eye of newly-appointed coach Edwin Matsebula.

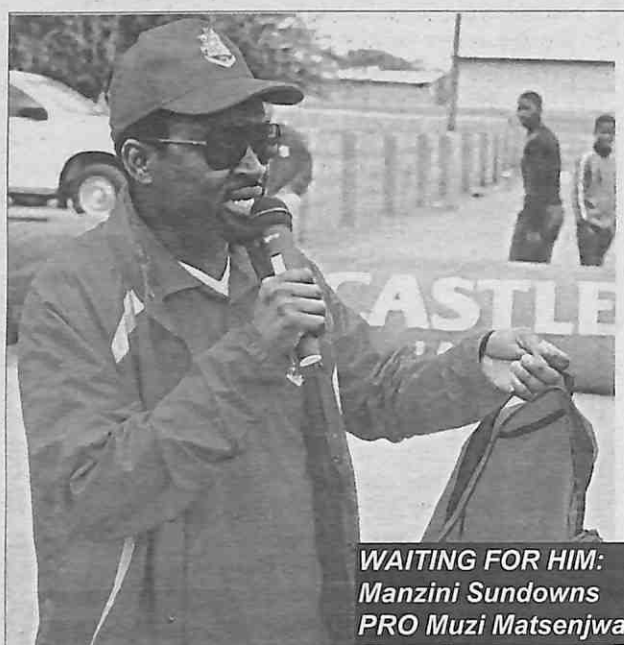
A source close to the matter said the former Umbelebele Jomo Cosmos player was close to completing a switch to the police service side.

"The player has been training with Leopard since they started their pre-season and the two teams are yet to meet over negotiations," the source said.

Royal Leopard Public Relations Officer (PRO) Frank Hurube could not agree nor deny the matter when sought for comment.

"I am yet to see the player you are talking about at our training, therefore, it would be folly to commit myself on the matter," he said.

Sought for comment, Sundowns Public Relations Officer Muzi Matsenjwa they



WAITING FOR HIM: Manzini Sundowns PRO Muzi Matsenjwa.

were still waiting for the player to report to training.

"All our senior players, including Melusi, are now expected to return to training with immediate effect since we are now at an advanced stage of completing our assessments.

We will soon announce our new signings once we have concluded the entire

recruiting exercise and our supporters should not press the panic buttons since we are working

around the clock to assemble a strong and competitive squad," he said. Mkhwanazi's exit could force newly-appointed Sundowns head coach Darlington Dodo to scout for new strikers as the team is also on the verge of losing striker Justice Figureido to ABSA Premiership side Maritzburg United.

Leopard and Sundowns have previously sealed transfer deals involving the likes of Phumlani Dlamini, Jerome Ntshalinshali and Sizwe Khumalo, among others.



ABOUT E60 000 MADE IN CHARITY CUP PLAY-OFFS

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - ABOUT E60 000 was made through gatetakings during the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup play-offs at Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday.

Young Buffaloes beat Green Mamba in the final to win the play-offs and will now join the big three in Mbabane Swallows, Manzini Wanderers and Mbabane Highlanders in the main finals on August 5 at Somhlolo National Stadium. The army side eliminated Moneni Pirates en route to the final while Green Mamba had beaten Malanti Chiefs

in the other semi-final.

Interviewed yesterday, Charity Cup PRO Lington Gule said Saturday's turnout had impressed them.

"We are very happy with how the play-offs went. We made about E60 000 through the gates and that is good considering the crowd pulling powers of the clubs we had on the day. It gives us all the confidence that we will be able to surpass our target of E1 million during the main finals," Gule said.

The Charity Cup mouthpiece then added that the much anticipated draw for the main finals would be held early next week.

"We will have the draw early next week.

We are still finalising other logistics of the main finals but definitely early next week we will have the draw. Between Monday and Tuesday the draw will be conducted," Gule said. Swallows come into this year's edition as defending champions having triumphed in last year's competition.

Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup finals teams:

Mbabane Swallows (defending champions)
Mbabane Highlanders
Manzini Wanderers
Young Buffaloes.

October 15 deadline for Birds, 'Buffs'

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows and Young Buffaloes have until October 15 to confirm their participation in next season's CAF competitions which will begin in November later this year.

Swallows and Buffaloes qualified for the 2018/19 CAF Champions League and Confederation Cup after being crowned champions of the MTN Premier League and SwaziBank Cup last season, respectively. Next season's CAF competitions will be a transitional period as the continental football mother body moves away from its traditional February to November calendar to an August to May one.

That, therefore, means next season's CAF competitions will kick-off immediately after the end of the ongoing competitions instead of starting in February 2019. The deadline for clubs to register their interest for next season's competitions is October 15 according to a letter sent by CAF Deputy General Secretary Anthony Baffoe to African national football associations last week.

"We would like to inform you that the engagement for CAF interclubs competitions for the transitional season 2018/19 is now open on the CAF CMS website as of today. Kindly be reminded that the deadline to receive the applications of engagements is October 15 2018," Baffoe wrote.

Reached for comment yesterday, Eswatini Football Association (EFA) CEO Frederick Mngomezulu confirmed receiving the communication from CAF and added that they had already informed Swallows and Buffaloes.

"Yes, it's true that the deadline is October 15. We have already notified the clubs, in this case, Swallows and Buffaloes, and now it is up to them if they will partake or not. Next season will be a transitional season, hence these changes. Before, the deadline was November 30. However, these changes will not affect us that much because our domestic football was running through the August to May calendar," Mngomezulu said.

If both clubs decide to participate next season, it will be the second consecutive season that they have represented the country on the continent.

While Swallows are still going strong in the CAF Champions League, Buffaloes were eliminated in the preliminary round earlier this year by South African top flight side Cape Town City.



BOOST: Thabiso Mokenkoane.

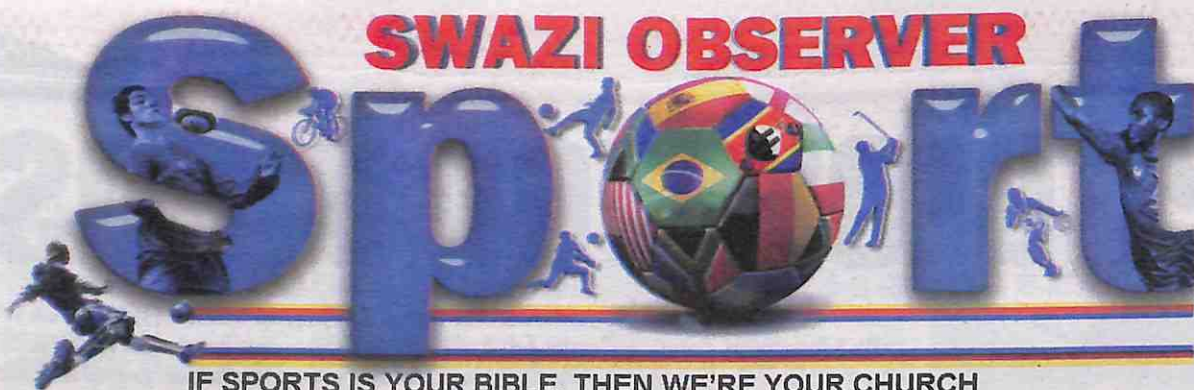


IMPRESSED: Charity Cup PRO Lington Gule.



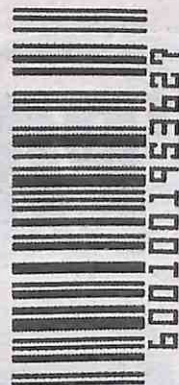
CAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FIXTURES

Friday			
18:00	1° de Agosto	vs	ZESCO United
20:00	Difaa El Jadida	vs	ES Setif
21:00	M Sundowns	vs	AS Togo-Port
21:00	Etoile du Sahel	vs	Mbabane Swallows
Saturday			
15:00	KCCA	vs	Esperance
18:00	Township Rollers	vs	Al Ahly SC
20:00	Wydad Athletic C	vs	Horoya
21:00	MC Alger	vs	TP Mazembe



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GREEN MAMBA PUT SEVEN PLAYERS ON TRANSFER

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - CORRECTIONAL Services side Green Mamba have transferred seven players, ahead of the 2018/19 MTN Premier League kick-off.

The transferred players are Mcebo Mdluli, Mthobisi Mdluli, Shaka Nkwanyana, Thembinkosi 'Mbhedze' Dlamini, Phumlani Ngwenya and two goalkeepers Xolani Mngometulu and Mpendulo Dlamini.

These players are now free to join teams of their choice.

The club's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Thame Phakathi confirmed the developments when contacted yesterday.

"It is true that some of our players have been allowed to join other teams this season so that they may get game time. We are now open to negotiations to the teams that are interested in their services," Phakathi said.

The duo of Mcebo Mdluli and Mthobisi Mdluli is set to complete a switch to hub giants Manzini Wanderers while speedy striker Shaka Nkwanyana is on the verge of rejoining his former side Manzini Sundowns.

Nkwanyana spent the previous campaign on a one season loan at Manzini Sundowns. 'Inyoka Eluhlazana' have only signed two players in the new season in midfielder Linda Nkambule from Manzini Sundowns and goalkeeper Sidumo Vilakati, who was recalled from Mbabane Highlanders.

The Caleb Ngwenya-led side will now get ready to compete in the MTN Premier League following their early exit in the 2018 Eswatini Telecom, where they were booted out in the play-off final by rivals Young Buffaloes on penalties (2-4) at the Mavuso Sports Centre last Saturday.



LIFE GOES ON WITHOUT FELIX, 'NKOMISHI' - 'KOKI'

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows have to move on from the departure of key players Felix Badenhorst and Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza, according to coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

As reported by the Sports Desk on Saturday, the two players have joined South African National First Division side Mbombela United and were not part of Swallows travelling party for Tunisia that was bid farewell by the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) at Sigwaca House yesterday morning.

Swallows will take on Etoile Du Sahel in their fourth CAF Champions League group stage match at the Stade Olympique de Sousse on Friday with kick-off at 9pm. The two sides met last week

- Coach urges Birds to move on from two stars' departure
- Talking about them a waste of time - Koki
- Captain Tony says duo's departure hardly makes a difference

Tuesday at the Mavuso Sports Centre with Sahel emerging as 3-0 winners. Badenhorst played the full 90 minutes of that match while Ginindza watched from the bench.

Interviewed after the farewell ceremony, Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati said life would have to go on without the departed stars.

"Talking about their departure would be a waste of time. It would be like pouring water on a duck's back. It has happened, we must look ahead. Yes, they were important members of the team but

now they are not there. Life has to go on," Vilakati said.

The coach's words were echoed by captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze, who said the two players' departure would not affect the team.

"We have played some games with the same team when one of them (Badenhorst and Ginindza) was suspended, for example, so it's almost the same thing. We will go there and fight and play for each other," Tsabedze said.

Bidding Swallows farewell, EFA President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa urged the 'Birds' to fight for themselves and the country away in Tunisia. "This is a point system. Away in Tunisia we don't need to score many goals, just one goal and we have three points. You have set standards for yourselves and you need to maintain that. As the FA, we believe in you. We are hopeful you will make the country proud. Go there and fight for yourselves, Swallows and the country," Mthethwa said.

Swallows coach Vilakati has

NO HARD FEELINGS:
Mbabane Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

taken 18 players to Tunisia, among them striker Kola Aledeon, who will be looking to make his debut for the club. Defender Sanele Mkheweli, who will join another South African NFD side TS Sporting at the end of August, has also travelled with Swallows. Acting Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) Chairman Peter 'Touch' Magagula is the head of delegation with the 'Birds' expected back in the country on Sunday.

SWALLOWS TRAVELLING SQUAD:

1. Tony Tsabedze (C)
2. Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko
3. Sandanezwe Mathabela (GK)
4. Sifiso Mabila
5. Sanele Mkheweli
6. Mandla Palma
7. Stanley Umukoro
8. Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu
9. Richard McCreesh
10. Sallieu Tawarelli
11. Sandile Hlatshwako
12. Ntokozo Shabangu (GK)
13. Joseph Ndaba
14. Richard Sewu
15. Simanga Shongwe
16. Kola Aledeon
17. Siboniso Ndzabandzaba
18. Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala.

GLORY BE TO GOD - KOLA

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows striker Kola Aledeon has expressed his relief that he will finally be able to play for his new club in the CAF Champions League.

Aledeon has been in the middle of a protracted saga around his future that has dragged for two months and has been to the Eswatini

Football Association (EFA) Players' Status Committee (PSC), High Court and even the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) as Manzini Wanderers and Swallows fight over ownership of the Nigerian striker.

On Monday, the High Court ruled that Aledeon was free to play for Swallows pending the outcome of an appeal that Wanderers have filed concerning the striker's status.

That decision means Aledeon is now in contention to start for Swallows against Etoile Du Sahel in their fourth Champions League group stage match away in Tunisia on Friday night. The striker was part of the 18-man Swallows squad that left the country for Tunisia yesterday morning. Interviewed before their departure, Aledeon said he was happy the case had been settled, at least in the meantime.

"I feel good. I've been training because I knew it was going to be sorted. I missed the first match (against Sahel last week Tuesday) but it is not the end of the world, its part of football. I'm focused. I just give glory to God that finally the case has been sorted. This is my dream but I know that God is in control," Aledeon said.

The forward then promised Swallows supporters that he would give his best for the club.

"We will try to do well for the country. We will try to work hard. I promise the supporters that we will give our best for them to be happy," he concluded.

Swallows coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati also welcomed the clearing of the player and added that Aledeon would add value to his side.

"As Mbabane Swallows, we always go for quality. We all know Kola. I like his physique, he runs non-stop. We needed such a player. He is not afraid, so he will help us a lot," Vilakati said.



PRAISE THE LORD: Mbabane Swallows striker Kola Aledeon.