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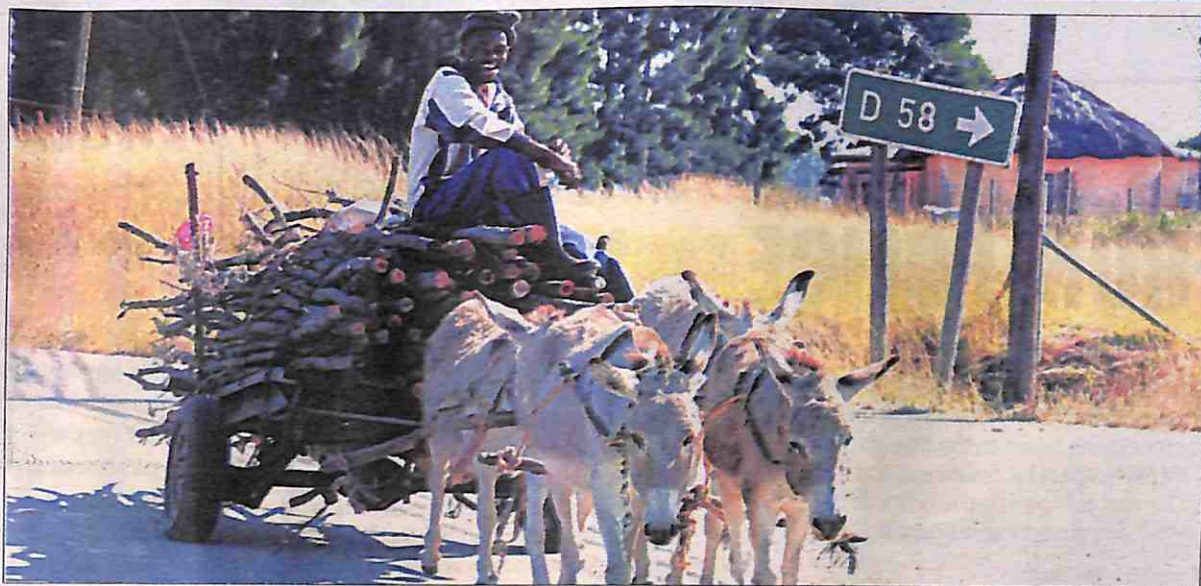
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2 NATIONAL NEWS

Good news for TV licence debtors

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

IN a quest to ease the burden on television sets owners, the TV licences team has now opened room for negotiations.

The team has noted that some debtors are finding it difficult to service their debts that date back to 2012.

The consortium was established to

implement the dictates of the Swaziland Television Act of 1983 that calls for owners and dealers to pay licences for their TV sets. While doing so, the team observed that a number of television owners with huge outstanding fees dating back to 2012 or following years are unable to settle their debts at once.

To assist the individuals and business owners, the consortium is ready to listen to what they have to say as means to have the debts settled by way of

monthly instalments.

However, there is a condition.

To qualify for the negotiation of payment terms, an individual or business owner is expected to pay for the current year's TV licence and enter into an agreement with the TV Licence office by signing an acknowledge of debt form. Thereafter, it is upon that person to ensure that they do not breach that agreement entered into.

He or she is expected to honour pay-

ment month after month depending on the terms agreed upon.

The available payment option plans afforded to individuals or a business for settlement range between four to six months within the year of validity of the TV licence.

Money

The negotiated money to be paid is based on the amount owed.

Currently, approximately 200 people are expected to have settled their debts owed as TV Licence fees by September 2018.

A majority of those that entered into this kind of payment arrangement have

faithfully followed up in paying the outstanding TV Licence fees which included payment of penalty.

The penalty as stipulated in the Television Viewers Regulations of 1983 is calculated at 50 per cent from the date of purchase of the television receiver where the owner has never complied or from the date of the default in payment where the owner refused, failed or neglected to comply.

For those that have failed to honour the payment plan, the office is in the process of having them issued with summons and appear before a court of law.

SHOT SUSPECT DEMANDS
E2 MILLION FROM POLICEStories by Sandile
Nkambule
High Court

SUSPECTED of a string of house breaking and theft as well as robbery cases, a suspect was shot by the police while allegedly fleeing during a police sting operation.

However, 15 years later, the suspect's law suit against the national commissioner of Police was yesterday heard by the High Court as he is demanding E2 million from government.

Dumisani Ndzinisa of Maliyaduma cited the national commissioner of police and the attorney general as the first and second respondents, respectively.

Represented by lawyer Osborne Nzima, Ndzinisa alleges that the police shot him on the back while he was at his parental homestead at Maliyaduma after coming out from the house he was sleeping in.

● He alleged that after the shooting in 2003, he was taken into custody and spent four days at the police station before being taken to the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM) hospital for treatment and further claimed he was dumped by the police at the Mbabane government hospital

**The claim
breakdown**

- Pain and suffering – E1 million
- Discomfort – E500 000
- Contumelia – E100 000
- Future medical expenses – E400 000
- Total: E2 million**

He alleged that after the shooting in 2003, he was taken into custody and spent four days at the police station before being taken to the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM) Hospital for treatment and further claimed he was dumped by the police at the Mbabane Government Hospital.

Ndzinisa took it upon himself to show the court his injury

after alleging that since the shooting incident, pus has been coming from the gunshot wound despite his treatment.

According to particulars of his claim, he wants to be compensated for future medical expenses as well as pain and suffering. Appearing before Judge Maxine Langwenya, Ndzinisa further alleged that the late top detective Jomo Mavuso told the other officers that it was not the person they were looking for after the shooting. Representing the commissioner in the matter is Bheki Tsabedze from the Attorney General's office and Nzima paraded two doctors who informed the court about their findings during treatment.

...He was evading
arrest - police

LED by lawyer Bheki Tsabedze from the Attorney General's office, Senior Superintendent Sihumbuzo Fakudze told the court that the plaintiff was escaping in a bid to avoid arrest when he was shot by the police.

Fakudze said they were conducting a sting operation after numerous complaints by Maliyaduma and Salukazi residents on alleged robberies and house breaking and theft incidents.

According to Fakudze, their investigations led them to the plaintiff's (Ndzinisa's) parental homestead as Ndzinisa and his brother Simanga were amongst the list of suspects they had.

Upon arrival at Maliyaduma in the company of a contingent of about 15 officers, they introduced themselves by shouting at the two brothers in the house they were in to come out as the police had come to effect an arrest on them.

However, Fakudze said instead of surrendering themselves, both Dumisani and Simanga bolted out and a chase ensued as warning shots were fired.

Simanga, according to Fakudze, successfully outpaced the police and managed to escape while the plaintiff was shot as he failed to stop despite warning shots being fired.

This, after he had been swallowed by a nearby forest which the police cordoned and forced him out before again bolting away and eventually got shot.

Truck runs over
three, kills twoBy Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

TWO pedestrians died while another was rushed to Mankayane Government Hospital after they were run over by a truck along a pavement at Malutha area on Sunday.

Malutha is an area near Bhunya in the Manzini region.

According to a reliable source, the truck was driven by a man in his mid-30s who lost control of it before running over the three unsuspecting pedestrians who were from church.

The source said one of the pedestrians died on the spot while the other two were rushed to Mankayane Government Hospital.

"The second person died while undergoing treatment yesterday," stated the source.

The three male pedestrians are related to each other.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the accident.

"A Toyota truck driven by a 34-year-old man of Mahwalala knocked down three pedestrians. A 32-year-old man of Hlatikulu was seriously injured and was certified dead on arrival at Mankayane Government Hospital while the second one died while undergoing treatment at the same hospital yesterday. The third person is still admitted in hospital," he added.

Confusion over TSC boss' retirement

By Sisho Magagula
Mbabane

THERE appears to be confusion surrounding the retirement of long-serving Executive Secretary of the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) Mduduzi Nkambule.

According to reliable information obtained from insiders within the ministry of education and training, Nkambule was due to retire from the civil service on May 26, 2018.

This is the date on which he allegedly reached the mandatory retirement age of 60 years, having been born in 1958.

However, Nkambule is still in office, going about his normal duties as executive secretary of the body that is responsible for the hiring, disciplining and firing of teachers in the country.

What further throws confusion into his matter is that, just this previous Saturday, Nkambule hosted a party at his homestead at Ngculwini, outside Manzini, in celebration of his retirement.

The party was attended by scores of people, including his neighbours, relatives, friends and workmates. The event was even covered by the Eswatini TV news crew and was aired on their 7pm news on Saturday.

When Minister of Education and Training Dr Phineas Magagula was called for clarification regarding Nkambule's position, he said he was also in the dark. He said according to his knowledge, Nkambule was still at work.

"I have not been informed of what the position is regarding this matter. All that I know is that he is at work. So I really cannot comment," he said.

When the minister was informed that there was actually a party somewhere around Ngculwini over the weekend in celebration on Nkambule's 'retirement,' Minister Magagula said he was equally surprised when he saw the news item about the party.

"I also learnt about this party on TV news and I was surprised. I was particularly surprised to learn of a farewell party organised for someone who is still here at work. *Useselamse bentini mosi lomuntfu* so I'm wondering how a 'farewell party' can be held in honour of someone who is still around. In fact, as someone who has worked with us for so many years, I had thought I would also be informed of his retirement date and subsequent farewell party. As things stand, I am in the dark about what is happening," he said.

The minister declined to comment

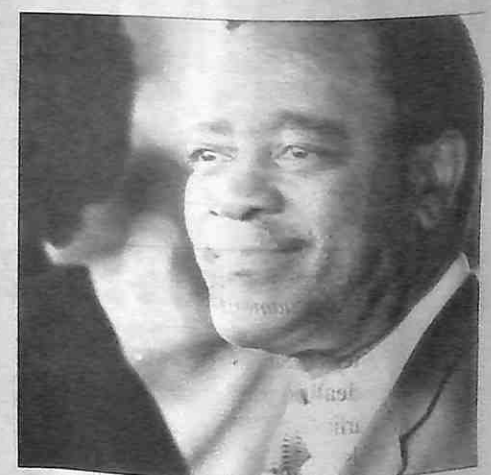
any further, pending proper feedback from officials within his ministry.

The ministry's Principal Secretary (PS) Dr Sibongile Mtshali was called for clarification on the Nkambule's issue.

When she was first called, she said she was in a meeting and would call back later. When she was called again later in the day, she did not answer her mobile phone.

On the other hand, Nkambule was called more than 10 times and he did not take calls for the whole of yesterday.

Nkambule has been working under the ministry of education all his adult life. On October 23, 2013, he was arrested and charged with contravening Section 27 of the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006 for allegedly appointing his wife, Jabulile Patience Nkambule (nee Hleta) to be the head



CONFUSION: Executive Secretary of the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) Mduduzi Nkambule.

teacher of Manzini Practising Primary School. After his arrest, he was suspended from duty and stayed home for about 29 months. During his suspension, government spent about E863 253.36 on his salary as the suspension was with full pay. At the time, he was earning a monthly salary of E29 767.36. He was, however, acquitted by the High Court on May 17, 2016.

Voters roll now ready check it out - Chief Gija

Stories by Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

THE voters roll is now ready for inspection and validation.

Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) Chairman Chief Gija Dlamini said the voters roll was now ready for inspection and validation at the different chiefdoms and polling divisions.

"Pursuant to Section 21 of the Voters Registration Act 6 of 2013, which provides inter alia that the revision of registers of the voters under this Act may be carried out at such other times as the commission may prescribe, the EBC takes this opportunity to inform the general public that the preliminary voters

register has been compiled and is ready for inspection and validation from Tuesday the 26th June to Friday 20th July 2018 at chiefdoms or polling divisions," he said. He said people who had registered and did not find their names on the register can make representation to the registration officer for their names to be included.

"Any person who has duly applied to be registered and whose name is not included on the appropriate register of voters may make representation to the registration officer for his name to be included on the register within seven days in terms of Section 17(1) of the Act," he said.

During this time, a registered voter can

object to the inclusion or retention of any person's name in the register of voters, the restoration or addition of any person's name to the register of voters, the removal of a person's name from the register and check the correctness of any person's registration details in the voters register.

"In the case of notification of change of name or residence, any registered voter may do so in terms of Section 20 in accordance to the procedure stated in Section 13 (4) of the Act," he said.

READY: Elections and Boundaries Commission Chairman Chief Gija Dlamini.



...10 000 more register in 6 days

ALMOST 10 000 people have registered to vote in the last six days.

Following the announcement that the voter registration period has been extended to July 1, 9 687 Emaswati who had not registered before the

extension have taken to the different stations.

By close of business yesterday, a total 535 760 people had registered. E B C

Communications Officer Mbonisi Bhembe said the turnout was really impressive.

He said it was His Majesty's wisdom that had seen it fit to extend the registration period because he was of the view that other people were left out.

"We thank His Majesty for the extension, we realise a lot of people had been left out when you consider that in the six days almost 10 000 people have registered," he said.

Of the total registered, 285 988 are female and 249 772 are male. He further stated that 18 588 of the total figures were people living disability.

MINISTER TO EXPLAIN PSPF PROBE FREEZE

COVER STORY

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Lobamba

MINISTER for Public Service Owen Nxumalo has been called by Members of Parliament (MPs) to explain why Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF) probe was stopped.

This happened yesterday in the House of Assembly when Nkhamba MP Menzi Dlamini called on Nxumalo to table a ministerial statement in the House on why the probe was stopped.

MP Menzi stood on a point of privilege (Standing Order 58) to move a motion calling on his fellow legislators to second him in passing the motion.

The Nkhamba MP stated that the issue was starting to become a pain in the neck as people ask them a lot of questions as MPs regarding the PSPF probe suspension matter.

He said the nation was now confused

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on what was happening and did not understand why the Financial Services Regulatory Authority's (FSRA) probe on PSPF was stopped.

The Nkhamba legislator was seconded by Mtfongwaneni MP Mjuluklo Dlamini. MP Mjuluklo said it was important for Nxumalo to explain to the House why the probe was stopped.

Government

He said he did not understand why an independent body like FSRA would be stopped by government to probe PSPF.

The Mtfongwaneni lawmaker suspected that there was foul play of some kind within PSPF, which government did not want FSRA to reveal, hence they stopped the probe.

Minister Owen Nxumalo's attempt to have the report tabled on Thursday failed as MPs would hear none of that.

Nxumalo had asked for Thursday because of a Cabinet meeting to take

place today.

"I am pleading with the honourable members of the House to understand that the Wednesday they are asking for might be a problem for me as I cannot be able to compile all the information after the Cabinet meeting tomorrow (today)," Nxumalo said.

In response to his request, House of Assembly Speaker Themba Msibi could not allow that, stating that it could be possible for the House not to sit on Thursday. It was finally agreed that Nxumalo present the statement tomorrow.

The FSRA launched investigations into the PSPF after there were allegations that PSPF made investment decisions without involving its members or the investment committee.

There were many other areas that the financial regulator wanted to probe within the PSPF. However, that was not suc-

...Housing minister to speak on Mhlongo saga

MINISTER for Housing and Urban Development **Phiwayinkhosi Mabuza** is accused of interfering in the affairs of the Municipal Council of Mbabane.

The accusation was made by Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini yesterday in the House of Assembly.

MP Sikhumbuzo also moved a motion on a Point of Privilege (Standing Order 58) to call upon Minister Mabuza to present a ministerial statement tomorrow.

The statement, according to MP Sikhumbuzo, should give details on why there was so much noise at the country's capital city.

He said it had become difficult to ignore that there was so much noise at the city and the minister was also involved in it.

MP Sikhumbuzo further said the statement should also give

details on why the minister was interfering with the work of the council, regarding the employment of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Gideon Mhlongo.

The Nkwene MP accused Mabuza of frequently issuing directives on what the council should do, regarding Mhlongo's issue.

Fate

He was of the view that the minister should not be the one deciding on Mhlongo's fate, but the council should be left to deal with that without fear or favour.

MP Sikhumbuzo was seconded by Motshane MP Phesheya Hlatshwayo, who was also of the view that the statement should be tabled so that the nation at large could get to know what was happening in Mbabane.

The minister did not object to that, meaning he would table the statement tomorrow.

cessful as government stopped the probe.

This attracted an outcry from public sector unions and other mem-

bers of the public. They were made to firmly believe that there was a lot going on within the pension fund that needed to be unearthed.

PM back at work, thanks MPs for prayers

By Mhlengi Magongo
Parliament

PRIME Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini is back at work after dealing with his health issues.

He was in Parliament yesterday taking part in debates. He also thanked MPs for their prayers that saw him beat the illness that arrested him for a reasonable time.

Speaker Themba Msibi welcomed the PM before affording him an opportunity to say a few words.

The PM fell ill in April before he was rushed to the ICU at Mbabane Government Hospital. He was later flown to Taiwan for further treatment. On his return, he took some time off. He publicly thanked his wife Primrose for saving his life.

E230m FINCORP Loan Bill passed

'Project will cost an estimated E2 billion'

Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo, speaking yesterday in Parliament, said the project had to be approved because it was meant to help a lot of people.

About 15 000 people were expected to

benefit from the project and 2 500 homesteads were to benefit.

He also mentioned that 34 homesteads were affected by this project as they had to be moved.

settled.

The minister further said FINCORP was given the money because of its good track record when it came to honouring its debts. He said the company could also pay on its own behalf, should government fail to pay the debts secured on behalf of FINCORP.

Prince Hlangusemphi further told the MPs that the country was still in the right position in terms of its debt stock. The country owed E12.14 billion to external and internal creditors and this was equal to 20 per cent of the country's gross domestic prod-

uct (GDP).

The country needed to reach 35 per cent to be considered not good to be landed money.

Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo seconded Prince Hlangusemphi in urging MPs to approve the loan.

He said FINCORP was also borrowed an additional E125 million to do its projects. This was because of the company's clean track record in paying its debts. This would be paid by the company without the assistance of government. The Bill was finally passed.

...LUSIP II also gets E582m loan

MPs also allowed government to secure a loan of E582 million to implement the second phase of the Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP II).

Government is expected to contribute E216 million towards the implementation of the project, which will be administered by Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (SWADE).

The LUSIP II Extension Project, according to the SWADE website, is a continuation of the Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP) whose goal is to improve the standard of living of the population in the project area through an environmentally and culturally sustainable process.

The objectives of LUSIP II Extension are:

1. To integrate smallholder farmers into the commercial economy through the establishment of farmer-managed irrigation companies.
2. To increase efficiencies in the sugar cane value chains
3. To strengthen bulk water administration and infrastructure maintenance
4. To improve the quality of life for people living within the PDA
5. To attain efficient project coordination and management

4 NATIONAL NEWS

First husband dumps double tekaed wife

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

THE first husband of the woman who was married (tekaed) twice said he would move to have his embarrassing 30-day marriage annulled.

The husband, whose name has been deliberately withheld, was speaking to this publication last night. "My case is very embarrassing but I feel like the Swazi Observer helped me a great deal by publishing the story so that the world can know that these crazy things do happen. It is very shocking that someone would do such a thing, at first I blamed myself for the incident because I don't have a lot of money so I delayed on the payment of dowry but now in hindsight I feel like that was a blessing in disguise because this woman is not worth all the trouble. If I do manage to locate her I will inform her of my decision," he said.

He said his wish was to find the woman and haul her before traditional authorities in his home area. The said woman was tekaed twice in 30 days by different men. Sources close to the matter disclosed that the love pest was first tekaed late last month after visiting one of her boyfriends where she spent the night, only to be tekaed the following morning. Her first catch is aged 48. Things looked fine for the newly weds until the woman longed for her

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other boyfriend. She apparently forgot that she was now tied to one man, her new husband. The two-timing woman is said to have snuck out of her matrimonial home to visit her other lover who it is alleged had no idea that the 'love of his life' had committed to another man.

Makhwapheni

The adulterous visit was made on Friday. She spent a stolen night with her now makhwapheni who after a splendid time under the sheets reacted with a teka ceremony the following day (Saturday) at Bulandzeni. After the second marriage, the woman was taken back to her parental homestead at Ndzingeni by her second husband's family to report the occurrence and for pleasantries.

Govt parastatals still using 'Swaziland'

By Sisho Magagula
Mbabane

CHANGE can sometimes be difficult to embrace and this adage holds true for many government parastatals.

Despite that the country's name has officially been changed to Eswatini, many government parastatals have still not changed their official names.

The change of the country's name was announced by His Majesty King Mswati III on April 19, 2018 during the 50/50 double celebrations.

Therafter, a Legal Notice was issued by government formally announcing the change of the country's name.

It is, however, worth noting that companies and other bodies are not forced to change and embrace the name Eswatini.

Government has about 50 public enterprises under its sole ownership and only one of them has officially changed its name by replacing the word Swaziland with Eswatini. That is the Central Bank of Eswatini.

Two weeks ago, Governor Majozi Sithole called a press conference where he announced that the bank's board of directors had approved the change of the bank's name.

The bank has even changed its official webpage and has replaced the word Swaziland with Eswatini.

Other public enterprises include the Swaziand Tourism Authority (STA), the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA), the Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC), Swaziland Railway, Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC), University of Swaziland (UNISWA), Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA), Swaziland Competitions Commission, Swaziland Standards Authority, Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA), Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC), Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) and Swaziland Environmental

Authority (SEA). SRA was established in terms of the Swaziland Revenue Authority Act of 2008 and is under the ministry of finance. According to its website, which was last visited yesterday; it is still referred to as SRA, not ERA. It has a board of directors appointed by the minister and its current Chairman is Ambrose Dlamini while Sthofeni Ginindza is the Vice Chairman.

The SWSC is another category A public enterprise which has not officially changed its name. The corporation was established in terms of the Water Services Corporation Act No.12 of 1992 and, according to its website, it is the sole provider of water services in the urban areas (water supply, and sewage treatment and disposal) and its core business is to control the abstraction of raw water from boreholes in those areas for which it is responsible. SPTC has also not embraced the country's name change.

Large

This is another large public enterprise whose parent ministry is the ministry of information, communications and technology. According to its website, it is still referred to as SPTC and was established in 1986 under Act No. 11 of 1983. The Corporation is categorised as a Class A Public Enterprise under the Public Enterprise and Monitoring Act No.8 of 1989 which is defined in Section 2 (a) as a body wholly owned by government or in which government has a majority interest. The organisation is made up of two business units, SwaziTelecom and SwaziPost.

SRIC started doing business on January 1, 1974 and it has also not officially changed its name to Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation as would be expected.

Its parent ministry is the ministry of finance and it has a board of directors chaired by Kenneth Mbuli. Other parastatals who have still not come to the party in terms of changing their names are, among others, UNISWA, SWASA, SEC and Swaziland Railway.

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SCHOOL GIRL IN HIT-AND-RUN ACCIDENT



BAD DRIVER DID THIS TO ME: A pupil from a local primary school being assisted by a Good Samaritan after she was knocked down by a motorist who did not stop after the accident. The pupil was in the company of her three schoolmates when the accident happened in the city centre yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



SAFE: The pupil being taken into the ambulance by a paramedic.



UNDER CONTROL: A police officer arrives to take care of the situation as the pupil did not trust anyone near her.

SO FAR SO GOOD AS OVER 104 000 PUPILS DE-WORMED

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

THE ministry of health has so far been able to de-worm 104 595 children which is approximately 34 per cent of the targeted number of children.

According to a report on the programme, the Manzini region had the highest number of children de-wormed of 120. It was followed closely by Shiselweni where 99 were attended. Hhohho and Lubombo regions had 55 and 62 respectively.

The report states that one in every six children suffers from Bilharzia and one in every 50 children have intestinal worms in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

"As such school appointments are strategically scheduled as per meal times. The campaign is targeting school age children both primary and high schools and equally from public and private.

In total there are 916 schools with approximately 310 000 children. By June 19, 336 of the 916 schools were covered," reads the report. The ministry continuously gives health education to children prior to de-worming and the importance of eating prior to ingesting is emphasised to avoid discomfort and minimise side effects.

Globally, it is estimated that more than 70 per cent of people suffering from NTDs are school age children and a majority are living in sub-Saharan Africa.

The de-worming process is expected to end this week. The campaign is fully funded by the government and WHO. The 2018 de-worming exercise was officially launched by the minister of health on June 13 at Jubukweni Primary and High Schools.

The event was also graced by World Health Organisation and UNICEF country representatives.

The de-worming group is made of 48 teams split into 12 per the four regions.

Each team comprises a qualified nurse, three student nurses and a driver. There are two regional supervisors and at national level and the multi-sectoral national task team is responsible for overall supervision.

Since inception of this campaign the teams have noticed very few side effects with no adverse events seen. "Common side effects seen thus far are: vomiting, nausea, headache,

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dizziness and diarrhea in all the areas covered."

Response

In response to that, the teams have first aid kits and children experiencing side effects after the teams have left are attended to by local health facilities

and EMS through the toll free 977. The ministry notes that this year's campaign is progressing very well unlike the previous campaigns.

The ministry also got a positive response from private schools in the country. To date, the teams have managed to cover among others the following private schools: Khanyisile, Sifundzani, Kazakhali,

Living Waters, Apex Tutorial, Malkerns Valley, Premier Independence, and many more.

The ministry further appreciates continued support from the parents/guardians for allowing their children to be dewormed.

"The ministry acknowledges the support from line ministries and partners for making this de-worm-

ing campaign a success," reads the report.

De-worming

The report further highlights that the de-worming exercise is very important for school going children as it reduces the number of heavily worm infected children, decreases anaemia and improves nutritional status of children.

"It also increases optimal growth among children, improves cognitive, mental and physical development and ultimately results in improved school attendance and positive outcomes."

The campaign is supported with a total of 57 cars from the following ministries: ministries of health, education, Central Transport Administration and Deputy Prime Minister's Office.

Transport support is also provided by supporting partners: ICAP, MSF, PSI, Young Heroes, World Vision and NDMA.

SEC ECO SCHOOL COMPETITION 2018

The Swaziland Electricity Company (SEC) invites high school environment groups to present project proposals on the following topic:

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Eligibility of the schools

- Be strictly made up of pupils from that particular school
- Have a patron, or administrator who is a teacher from your school
- There must be evidence of full support by your school administration in form of a letter
- The club members must form a steering committee for accountability of the project

Specification, guidelines and project proposal requirements:

- o The proposed project must be submitted as a PDF document (not more than 5pages) highlighting the following:

1. Introduction:

1.1 Brief background information (What Where and Why)

- o The school and environmental club, mission statement
- o Objectives of the club
- o Previous activities if any

1.2 The proposed concept

- o Introduction of the concept
- o Benefits to school and surrounding communities
- o Indicate how you will mitigate and adapt

against identified environmental effects caused by climate change within your school's surroundings.

2. Project details

- o Description of the project
- o Project Activities
- o Work plan
- o Budget
- o Anticipated challenges and proposed solutions

3. Motivation for winning

4. Conclusion

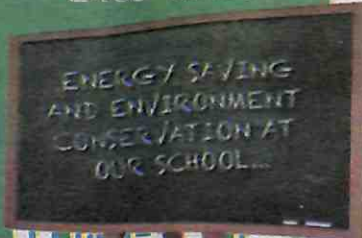
- o Focus on environmental education, sustainability and social responsibility.
- o Preferably, it must be a long-term project that SEC can monitor and support in 3yrs.
- o The competition is open to all high schools with or without environmental clubs
- o A carefully constituted panel of judges will adjudicate on the proposals
- o The top three schools will receive E15, 000, E10, 000.00 and E 5, 000 and many more, respectively towards the implementation of the project

- o The deadline for submission is 6 July 2018,
- o Submission is by email to: eco.schoolscompetition@sec.co.sz

For more details kindly contact the SEC Environment Department at SEC 2409 4131 or 2409 4343.



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6 NATIONAL NEWS

PATIENTS' RIGHTS NOT RESPECTED – MFOMFO

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

AS long as the rights of patients in the country are not respected, the problems engulfing Phalala Fund will be there.

This was said by former Minister of Health Mfomfo Nkambule, who also appeared before the Parliament Select Committee that was appointed to probe the alleged maladministration of Phalala Fund.

Nkambule said the problem here was that the rights of patients were not considered when administered treatment.

He called on the government to ensure that legislations protecting rights of patients are put in place. Emaswati, according to the former minister, were easily turned into guinea pigs and no law dealt with this. Guinea pigs are usually defined as rodents that are usually kept in laboratories for research purposes.

He pointed out that there were services that were available at Baylor Clinic in Mbabane, which was a research centre to test a lot of manufactured drugs, where Emaswati were turned into guinea pigs.



NOTED: Former Minister of Health Mfomfo Nkambule.

Nkambule said during his time as a minister of health, there were no irregularities as Phalala Fund was still new. He asserted that during his tenure, budgetary hiccups were noted well in advance, as there was an audit team, which was independent of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). He also noted that during his tenure, there was high commitment to fix the health sector in the country.

The former minister further advised the committee to engage with a certain

Make LaTfomo, if they wanted more information on Phalala Fund. He said Make LaTfomo would give more insight on the issues affecting the administration of Phalala Fund.

However, efforts to engage Make LaTfomo by the committee did not yield positive results. She told the committee that they would get more information from the current Phalala Fund Administrator Thabsile Dlamini, whose submissions were captured in yesterday's newspaper.

Patients speak on Phalala experience

SOME patients who have received treatment on Phalala Fund have not been getting good treatment at all, according to the report.

The report stated that the Phalala Fund patients were not helped by the fund as they were not monitored at all.

Amos Mvumeleni Magagula was described in the report as someone whose operation was septic. Magagula, according to the report, was in chronic pain. He had gone for a heart operation last year at Sunninghill Hospital and after that, there was no monitoring at all.

Magagula was in a bad state and Phalala Fund seemed not to be responsive to his plight. The emergency unit at Mbabane Government Hospital kept pushing him from pillar to post, without any assistance.

The referral doctor at Mbabane Government Hospital was described as someone who refused to assist Magagula. He kept referring the patient to the Sunninghill doctor, who conducted the intense operation. He said the Sunninghill doctor should be the one assessing Magagula.

The committee resolved that Phalala Fund Administrator Thabsile Dlamini should ensure that Magagula was taken care of and was awarded timeous treat-

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Zanele Malangwane-Hlophe submitted before the committee that she experienced the Phalala Fund corruption when she was supposed to receive treatment.

Malangwane-Hlophe, a former worker in the ministry of agriculture, had an eye problem and was treated at Brenthurst Clinic.

The former civil servant submitted that she experienced the same corruption she experienced during her treatment. Her treatment profile stipulated 100 per cent burns on her body, which contradicted her treatment plan, as she was admitted by an eye specialist for eye treatment.

She appealed to the legislators to do something to ensure that corruption ends within Phalala Fund. Her prayers were that the Phalala Fund administrator should work with Healthshare and the service providers to avoid such anomalies because this had proven to be a

serious drain on government coffers.

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He cited that the treatment received by Emaswati lodging in Concordia was different because of the huge bills owed by the government. Simelane said even in terms of food, patients from Botswana, for example, are given the best ever.

He further mentioned that Phalala Fund administration did not monitor nor track the records of its patients whilst the administration from Botswana checked on their patients on weekly basis.

Simelane said the ban on Emaswati from receiving treatment from the South African hospitals truly affected Emaswati, even in terms of routine medical check-ups. His prayer was for government to assist in paying up the outstanding bills to rescue Emaswati from the situation they have found themselves in.

Make Senti offers her solutions

PATIENTS suffering from cancer can go to one Make Senti for consultations and check-ups.

Make Senti also appeared before the committee and advised people suffer-

ing from cancer to go to her for screening. Her office is situated in Manzini by St Theresa's Clinic, next to Caritas.

She said patients should first go to her for screening before going to South

Africa, as this could help government in saving on the costs involved in taking patients to South Africa.

She charges E100 for consultation and E500 for regular visits.

ACC DIRECTOR ELECTED INTO REGIONAL BODY

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

ANTI-Corruption Commission (ACC) Director Jabu Phakathi has been elected to form part of a member bureau of the Network of Anti-Corruption Stakeholders in Southern Africa (NASSA).

Five members of the network aimed at fighting corruption across countries in the Southern Africa region were elected.

These are Rueben Lifuka of Transparency International, Zambia, ACC Director Jabu Phakathi, former President of Liberia Amos Saywer, Mauritius Editor in Chief weekly, Touria Prayag and Director General, Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime in Botswana Victor Paledi.

The regional conference attended by scholars, policymakers, research institutions, civil society organisations, regional and international institutions was in Botswana the past week.

The anti-corruption network for institutions in Southern Africa aims to strengthen their capaci-

ty and enhance their fight against corruption across the Southern African Region.

According to the representatives from all the countries, corruption disrupts the socio-economic progress of African countries.

"It increases the cost of doing business, discourages potential investors, leads to misallocation of scarce resources, affects the delivery of social services, and promotes rent-seeking behaviour that is not productive in African countries," highlighted the speakers.

The event marked intense discussions on the problem of corruption including the scourge of illicit financial flows in Southern Africa, its sources and dimensions, the role of key actors in addressing it, and how national policies can be strengthened in addressing it.

The meeting provided a platform for anti-corruption institutions in the region to share knowledge and experiences, lessons learned, best practices, and discuss challenges, opportunities and prospects.

SWAGAA does not support Pride Parade

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

THE Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) will not be participating in the Pride march scheduled for Saturday.

As the nation gears up for the first pride march in the country, the NGO has stated that while they are aware of the violence that the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex (LGBTQI) community is exposed to, they followed the non-discriminatory clause when providing them with psychosocial support whenever they were in need.

Communications and Advocacy Officer Silindele Nkosi said they would continue to serve people of the LGBTQI community but they would not be participating in the march nor in support of it.

"SWAGAA is completely aware of the public violence perpetuated against LGBTQI groups hence we follow our non discriminatory clause is providing them with psychosocial care and support whenever they are faced with violence," she said.

She said the organisation would not support the march because the ideas on which it stemmed from were against the beliefs that the organisation held.

"I must point out though that the organisation does not support the idealistic connotation that comes with the upcoming march as it is completely against our creator, Lord Jesus' plans for His people in being together as man and woman," she said.

The pride event is scheduled for Saturday at the Prince of Wales Sports Ground. It is an event that takes place in many countries in the world.

Eswatini pride parade is geared to celebrate diversity and free expression as part of the global Pride Week.

Advocacy and communication officer and organiser of the event Melusi Simelane said the event would be about celebrating diversity, a carnival of activities that includes entertainment as well as an opportunity for start-up entrepreneurs to make money on the day.

Simelane said the event would be a simple day of freedom of expression as enshrined in the Constitution of the land and the instruments of the United Nations where Eswatini is a signatory.

Simelane invited all peace loving Emaswati to attend the historical first Swazi Pride Parade in the land. He said many people have different opinions about the community and this will be a chance to mingle.

RITUAL KILLING SCARE AS MAN FOUND DEAD

● According to relatives who spoke to this publication, the death of the man, who was identified as Gcina Sigwane, is surrounded by conflicting details which give different versions of the cause of death.

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

MYSTERY surrounds the discovery of a middle-aged man of Maphungwane who was found lying dead in the bushes of Mzilikazi last Friday.

The man, who is said to have been in his 20s, was discovered by residents of the area, who subsequently alerted the police.

He was found about two hundred metres away from the homestead in which he was staying together with his elder brother.

According to relatives who spoke to this publication, the death of the man, who was identified as Gcina Sigwane, is surrounded by conflicting details which give different versions of the cause of death. One version suggests that the man was murdered and mutilated while another version suggests that he killed himself.

A relative, who asked not to be named, disclosed that Sigwane's body was found in a decomposing state which however appeared to have been induced by some chemicals. An empty container of an acidic liquid was found a few metres away from the body.

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It is believed that the body was sprinkled with the acid so it would decompose rapidly. The relative said upon inspection of the body, it was discovered that some parts were cut off with a sharp object. This is one version which gave the impression that the man had been killed for ritual purposes. In the meantime, a suicide note is said to have been found in a bag belonging to the deceased.

The bag was kept in the house in which the deceased shared with his brother whom he had paid a visit. Apparently, the deceased's parental home is at

Maphungwane, he had only gone to Siteki to visit his brother.

The purported suicide note is said to have indicated that the deceased was frustrated by the fact that he was unemployed and struggling. The note further indicated that he was to end his life by hanging.

However, relatives say there was no rope found near the body.

The discovery of the dead man is said to have revived fears of ritual killings which have engulfed many parts of the country.

When reached for comment, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed reports of a man who was found dead at an area known as Msahweni near Mzilikazi.

Mamba said police were investigating a case of suicide following the discovery of a suicide note.

Man draws gun, shoots another at KaGcina Bar

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

PATRONS ran helter-skelter at KaGcina Bar when a fight between two men saw one of them drawing out a gun and shooting at the other patron.

The incident is said to have happened on Saturday night in full view of other patrons. It is not clear what sparked the argument between the two, but information gathered is that one of the patrons identified as Frank Sikhumbuzo Zwane (36) of Ezulwini shot at Majaha Masuku with the intention of killing him.

However, Zwane is said to have missed Masuku with the bullet. Zwane has since been arrested and charged with attempted murder and two other counts. The accused made his first court appearance before Manzini Senior Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli.

When his rights to legal representation were read, the accused elected to hire the services of an attorney. However,

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the charges were not read to him. The prosecutor handling the matter applied that the accused be remanded back into police custody until July 12. He was advised that due to the seriousness of the first count should he want to apply for bail he must do so at the High Court.

According to the charge sheet the accused person is facing three charges. The first charge is that of attempted murder in that on Saturday near KaGcina Bar in Matsapha the accused person acting unlawfully and intentionally did assault Majaha

Masuku by shooting at him with a pistol. On the second count, the accused is charged with contravening the Arms and Ammunitions Act in that he possessed a fire arm while he did not possess a valid licence or permit. The firearm carried by the accused person was said to be a 9mm pistol serial number 9202738.

Zwane was also charged with another third count of contravening the Arms and Ammunitions Act in that he was in possession of three live rounds of ammunition for a pistol.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK FOR MEASURING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY STRATEGY 2018 - 2030.

Individual Consultant - Monitoring and Evaluation Framework Expert

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy has received a grant from the African Development Bank towards the cost of the Energy Sector Support Project, and intends to use part of the proceeds to engage the services of an individual Monitoring and Evaluation expert consultant to design and establish a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) framework and system to measure the progress of implementation of the National Energy Policy (NEP) 2018 - 2030 incrementally through a five-year National Energy Action Plans (NEAP), with initial focus on the first NEAP (2018 - 2022). The Monitoring and Evaluation consultant shall benchmark and develop a Monitoring and Evaluation framework for the Energy Department.

Specific objectives of the consultancy:

The objectives of this consultancy are to:

- I. Develop a Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanisms for accessing the effectiveness of the implementation of the national energy strategy,
- II. Enhance the skills of the staff of the Department of Energy through training in design of M&E framework.

Required Qualifications

The Consultant shall possess:

• Education:

A Master's Degree in the Social or Physical Sciences

• Experience:

At least 10 years relevant and successful work experience in developing and implementing M&E frameworks, with experience in energy or related M&E systems. Practical experience of having undertaken 3 similar assignments in the past 5 years of which at least one was in a developing country. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants" May 2008, Revised July 2012, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. Expressions of interest should be sent by electronic mail (email) to the address below by the 30th June 2018 and entitled "EOI - Monitoring and Evaluation Framework Expert". Based on the assessment of the responses received, a shortlist of qualified individual consultants will be prepared, and who will then be notified to submit proposals in response to a detailed Terms of Reference.

Interested consultants may obtain further information from the Project Manager Email: mandlav@yahoo.com, cc: thobbydee@gmail.com

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- Understanding of forestry products value chain

Applicants are required to email their application letters and Curriculum Vitae to hr@montigny.co.sz or mail to The Human Resources Manager, Usutu Forest Products Company Limited, Private Bag Mbabane H100, Swaziland. The deadline for applications is Friday 6th July 2018.

Should you not receive feedback within one month of the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful

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BUSH CRASH: Occupants of this VW Golf were rushed to the hospital after sustaining injuries when the driver lost control of it while travelling along the Nhlangano/Lavumisa Highway near Hluti over the weekend. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Man beaten for comparing World Cup lightweights Panama with Sihlangu

By Sisho Magagula
Manzini

AS the World Cup in Russia gains momentum, a man was assaulted after comparing Panama with Eswatini's national team, Sihlangu Semnikati.

Panama was beaten 1-6 by England on Sunday afternoon in the on-going soccer World Cup games currently taking place in Russia.

This is by far the biggest loss any team has suffered since the beginning of the games a few weeks ago.

In an interview, Khulani Dlamini (24) of Fairview said he was assaulted after watching the game together with scores of other people at Grand Valley Bar on Sunday afternoon.

He said they were all enjoying the game until its dying minutes when he made a comment which did not go down well with one of the bar patrons who was also watching it.

"It was when England scored the last goal that I randomly made a comment and said Panama was playing like Sihlangu. It was an innocent joke which was not intended to offend anyone.

The other people we were watching the game with understood the joke and laughed it off.

However, this one particular guy did not take kindly to the joke and took me to task," he said.

He said the man asked him why he was making fun of Sihlangu and he tried to explain that it was just an innocent joke.

"I thought we had sorted everything out and we continued watching the game until the end. After the game, I went out of the bar and went to join my other friends next to the butchery.

The man approached me again and asked why I was mocking Sihlangu. I again explained that it was a joke.

He then slapped me across the face and said *ngiyedzelela*. He continued assaulting me with fists and I fell to the ground. It was then that my friends intervened and rescued me," he said.

Dlamini said after the brawl, he decided to report the assault to the police post at the bus rank. When asked if he knew the identity of his assailant, Dlamini said he had seen the man at

the same venue several times but did not know his name.

"I asked my friends to accompany me to the police post but just before we could reach the Mzimnene River, three men approached us driving a Honda Fit and pulled over. The man who had assaulted me was also inside the vehicle.

They asked to talk to us. They begged me not to report the matter to the police since the case would cause problems for the culprit. The man also apologised to me," he said.

Dlamini said after lengthy deliberations, he decided not to report the matter to the police after being told that his assailant was actually a civil servant.

"I considered that the man might lose his job if I report him to the police. I also decided against reporting him because I somehow knew him but just did not know his name. During our discussions, I was also made aware that he is a staunch Sihlangu fan and had indeed taken serious offence at my joke," he said.

The World Cup continues in Russia and the finals are expected to be played on July 15. Several entertainment spots around the country are also showing the games live on television and many soccer fanatics make it a point to watch everyday.



POOR RUN: The underperforming Panama national side at the World Cup.

Motorist who knocked down 3 pedestrians gets E1 000 bail

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

THE motorist who was involved in a road accident where three pedestrians were knocked down near Mzilikazi has been granted bail at E1 000.

Stephen Dlamini (46) of Mafutseni appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso on Saturday.

He was charged with culpable homicide after one of the pedestrians died while undergoing treatment at Good Shepherd Hospital.

According to the charge sheet, the accused person wrongfully and negligently knocked down a pedestrian, one Thabo Maseko of Siteki who sustained serious injuries on the head.

The pedestrian was rushed to the hospital where

he later succumbed to death.

Particulars of the charge includes that the accused person failed to apply brakes timeously to avoid an accident which a reasonable driver would have avoided.

It is further stated that the accused drove the vehicle without due care despite that he was approaching a sharp corner.

When his rights to legal representation were explained to him, the accused person elected to conduct his own defence.

He then filed an application to be admitted to bail, which was eventually granted at E1 000.

The accused was then warned to return to court on July 2 for setting of a trial date.

Meanwhile, the other two pedestrians were reported to have since been discharged from the hospital and were recovering at home.



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Qualifications:

A candidate to the post of Senior Advisor should be very mature with solid technical skills and a rich experience in the economic and financial sector.

Possess a high competence in economic and financial matters, and meets the ethical standards required for the office.

He/she should be a national of Eswatini and possess a minimum of ten (10) years' work experience in the financial and economic sector.

Have at least a Master's degree in economics or finance or any related field.

Term of Service:

The Senior Advisor shall be appointed for a maximum of three (3) years.

Deadline for submission:

Interested candidates should submit in writing their application and a detailed curriculum vitae with copies of the academic certificates to:

Postal/hand-carry address: **Director Corporate Services
Ministry of Finance
P.O. Box 443 Mbabane
Corner Usuthu/Mhlambanyatsi Road
Swaziland**

Or by e-mail to mlangenit@gov.sz and copies to e-mail thabi247@hotmail.com by 2nd July 2018 at 16:30hrs Mbabane time.

Over 50 OSSU cops disperse angry Sigcineni residents

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Sigcineni

MORE than 50 heavily armed police officers stormed the Sigcineni Umphakatsi to stop residents of the area from attending a meeting with Chief Madubula.

This led to a serious clash between the police from the Operational Support Services Unit (OSSU) and residents from the area.

According to reliable sources, the meeting was scheduled to take place on Saturday but as early as 6am, police were already at the umphakatsi, where the meeting was supposed to take place. The police were turning back anyone who was coming to attend the meeting.

It is said they (police) informed the residents that the meeting, which was to be held at the umphakatsi, was not supposed to take place. This did not go down well with the residents who are said to have tried to force entry into the umphakatsi.

The police, who were using a single car, soon called for back-up and within a short period of time, police officers from the Operational Support Services Unit (OSSU) stormed the area using a Casspir, which is used to disperse rowdy

crowds.

The standoff between the police and angry residents started from morning until sunset as residents were adamant, that they would not go anywhere.

MTN employees who had come to the umphakatsi with the intention of registering residents for the MTN Vela service which requires every citizen to register their sim cards were not spared from the commotion as they were denied entry.

The MTN staff was forced to register citizens outside the umphakatsi.

It is said the reason for registering at the umphakatsi was so that MTN can bring the service closer to the people because they were going to get the Royal Kraal close-by as the Indvuna was present to stamp letters for anyone who wanted to register.

Contention

When asked about the bone of contention, it was revealed that the area has two chiefdoms as there is another which is not recognised by residents and this has caused a division amongst them as there are those that support the newly established Royal Kraal while others claim that the rightful one is under Chief Madubula.

This has even led to the voter registration being affected as a group of

women approached the EBC after they were informed that registration will be taking place at the new umphakatsi.

After the issue of registration was resolved by EBC Chairperson Chief Gija, it soon emerged that the two Royal Kraals will be at each other's throats for a very long time.

This is because every time the Royal Kraal from Chief Madubula's side tried to hold meetings, they were confronted by the police.

On Saturday, the residents decided to stand their ground and said their Royal Kraal was a legitimate one since even the chief code on their ID documents reflects that they are under Chief Madubula.

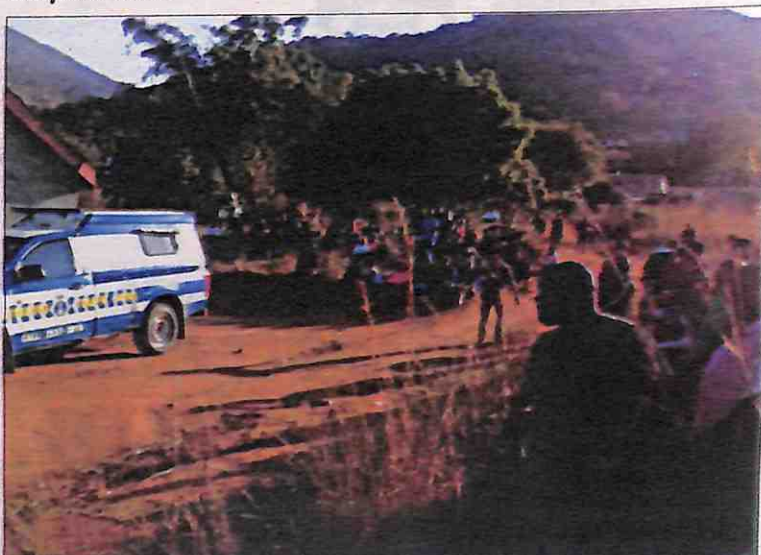
Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba confirmed that there was an incident whereby police were deployed to stop a meeting at Sigcineni.

Mamba said the meeting was stopped because the matter was currently being discussed at Nkhanini and the residents were told to wait until the matter was finalised by the rightful authorities.

ANGRY: Residents standing near another police van parked at the entrance of the umphakatsi.



STAND-OFF: Two police vehicles parked outside the umphakatsi premises at Sigcineni area during the stand-off that started from morning until sunset with the residents who wanted to hold a meeting at the umphakatsi.





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10 NATIONAL NEWS

ENGWENYAMENI RESIDENTS CHANGE TUNE

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

AFTER initially threatening to boycott the elections, Engwenyameni residents have changed tune as they have gradually warmed up to the EBC call for them to be part of the Lobamba Lomdzala Constituency.

The Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) through the demarcation process moved Engwenyameni from LaMgabhi constituency to Lomdzala, a move that did not go down well with the area's inhabitants.

They opted to boycott the elections, demanding audience with the EBC on the matter but the latter didn't give in to their demands.

Their concern was that they had invested so much into the development of

LaMgabhi and it was easily accessible to them.

A prominent resident of the area said they didn't want to come across as disrespectful to the leaders of the country hence they reversed their decision of boycotting the elections.

"We are still bitter over the issue but we are active in the registration process

because we want to exercise our right and vote for the rightful candidate. We also don't want to come across as bad-mannered to the leaders of the country because we conform to the norms and customs of the land," said the resident.

When contacted on the matter, Engwenyameni *Bucopho* Makhwanati Shiba confirmed that the people of the area were actively involved in the registration process even before the extension of the deadline.

"Boycotting the elections would be succumbing to defeat and people would have participated in the process either way and we would be grumbling about the aftermath when we could have influenced it. Folding hands and watching as the elections pass us by was no option and we will play our part," he said.

Shiba made it no secret, however, that they fail to understand why other communities had the demarcation reversed after employing the EBC to reconsider whilst their request fell on deaf ears.



ELECTIONS
NGETE NGASALA SAKHA KWETFU
2018

Bogus attorneys get 6 years for conning mkhulu (73)

By Mncedisi Dlamini
Mbabane

TWO bogus attorneys who allegedly robbed a 73-year-old man appeared at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court on charges of theft by false pretence.

Madoda Ndlovu (36) of KaLaMgabhi, Etiyeni under Chief Mabhedla Hlophe and Daniel Magagula (42) of Sidvashini both appeared before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu for the charge.

They pleaded guilty when given a chance to make a plea.

The two are said to have committed the said offence during the month of April near the Mbabane Government Hospital.

They are said to have wrongfully, unlawfully and with intent to steal and defraud, mispresent themselves to Shedrack Matsebula that they were attor-

neys from SNPF Enguleni offices in Manzini and that they could represent him in his current assault case.

So, they asked him to deposit E1 500 for opening a file thus committing the said offence.

Representing the crown was Sakhile Khoza, who submitted papers before the court which stated that both the accused had previous convictions.

In mitigation, both the accused pleaded for the court's leniency, stating that they were both employed and if they remained incarcerated they might end up losing their jobs which would inconvenience their families as they were bread winners, respectively. They were each sentenced to three years imprisonment or alternatively pay a fine of E3 000 in order to obtain their liberation. They were also ordered to pay a sum of E750 each as compensation to the complainant.

Liswati truck driver arrested for 45kg dagga at Ngwenya Border

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

ANOTHER truck driver destined for South Africa was arrested at Ngwenya Border gate for dagga possession.

He was arrested for being found in illegal possession of 45 kilograms of dagga while at the border post.

Christopher Khulu of Khubuta was arrested on Saturday just before he could cross over to the South African side of the border and the dagga found in his possession was 43.969kg, which was stashed in the trailer of the truck.

Bail

Khulu yesterday filed an urgent application for bail before Judge John Magagula and the crown did not oppose same.

Represented by lawyer Sabelo 'Chicken' Dlamini, Khulu was admitted to bail fixed at E15 000. However, Judge Magagula ordered that he pays E3 000 cash and E12 000 in a form of a surety, which he was able to pay.

According to the charge sheet,

Khulu is charged for contravening the Pharmacy Act in that he was found in unlawful possession of the potentially poisonous or harmful substance while driving a Volvo truck registered HC 89 WX GP pulling a trailer registered HD 66 JL GP.

Wife

In terms of Section 12 (3)(b) of the Pharmacy Act, upon conviction, the crown will apply for the forfeiture of the truck and trailer.

According to the 33-year-old truck driver, he is currently kept at the Mbabane Police Station awaiting his transfer to the Sidvashini Correctional Facility hence he is desirous of being admitted to bail.

He stated that he has been employed as truck driver for the past 14 years and that his continued incarceration may lead to him losing his employment and has a family comprising five children and a wife, who are dependent on him.

Meanwhile, the arrest of the latest truck driver follows several others who were arrested for similar offences at the border.

STOMACH POLITICS



SUNDAY LUNCH: A family enjoying the famous "Chicken Dust" from one of the outlets outside UNISWA on Sunday afternoon. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Castle Milk Stout thief challenges five-year custodial sentence

By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

CONVICTED of house breaking and theft, a man has filed an urgent application at the High Court seeking an order for review of a five-year custodial sentence.

Phinda Ndlovu also wants to be released on bail pending review in a matter which was filed before High Court Judge John Magagula yesterday.

Ndlovu in his papers submitted that he was arrested by the Manzini Police on May 28, and charged with the offence of house breaking and theft before being arraigned at the Magistrate Court, where he was convicted and sentenced to five

years without a fine option.

He alleged in his papers that he did not commit the said offence and that he was arrested for the sole reason that a certain cell phone was at one time in his possession and denied breaking into Siyabonga bar where the said items were stolen.

Belief

Ndlovu was charged with house breaking in that he broke into Siyabonga bar where he stole four cases of Castle Milk Stout worth E409 and a cellphone Sony Experia worth E2 500 all property valued at E2 909.

He claimed the cell phone was given to him by one Makhosatsini whom he gave money hence he believes he is the one who broke into the bar.

"I told the police and also informed the court how the cell phone ended up in my possession but my story was thrown out of the window," he submitted.

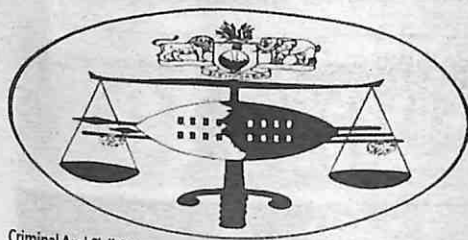
He submitted that since he is appealing against the conviction and sentence, he is now desirous of being admitted to bail pending the appeal and stated that his family suffers due to his continued incarceration as nobody takes care of them.

He stated that both his parents are deceased and has a child whose mother is unemployed and his source of income is only through selling clothing items he buys from South Africa.

Ndlovu is represented by lawyer Beneme Dlamini in the matter.

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Mbabane
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OFFICIALLY OPENED: Minister Jabulani Mabuza cutting the ribbon to mark the official opening of the Mdumenzulu Evangelical Church on Sunday. Looking on are Indvuna Wilson Mkhabela, who represented Chief Kusa, Evangelical National Chairman Reverend Jabulani Msane and Reverend Dr Nicholas Nyawo of Matsapha Evangelical Church. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Mdumenzulu

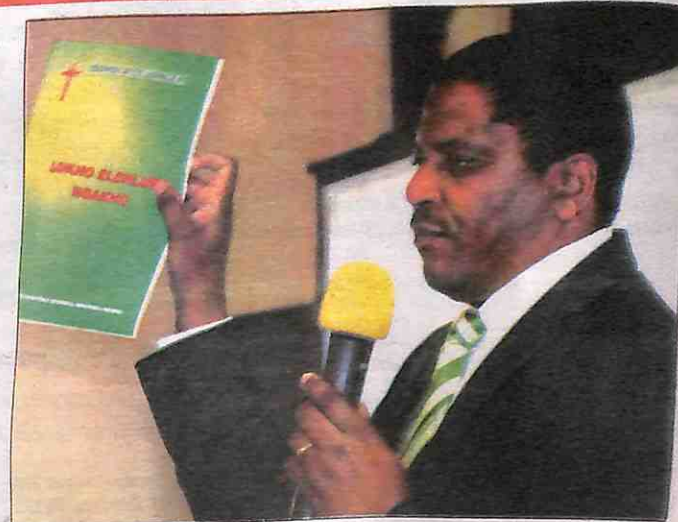
MINISTER of Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza has pledged to assist the Evangelical Church at Mdumenzulu with the construction of a pastor's house.

Speaking during the official opening of the Evangelical Church branch on Sunday, the soft-spoken minister said it was important to house the pastor inside the missionary.

He, therefore, pledged to help the church in constructing the house. He said the church was also willing to construct a pre-school, also in their premises. Mabuza, who was the guest

speaker during the opening of the new branch, also spoke of the importance of tithes and offerings.

"Offerings and tithes are of great importance so I encourage each and everyone here to do it with a willing heart in order to see the wonders of God," said the minister, who also donated E5 000 to the church. The event attracted people from all parts of the country, including members of the royal family. Other guests included Minister of Public Service Owen Nxumalo, Princess Gcebile, who represented Inkhosikati LaNgangaza, Senator Kusa's wife Inkhosikati LaMavuso, Livestock Overseer Macaleni Dlamini, and many



CHAIR: Reverend Msane displaying the church documents as he made his remarks.

more. Minister Nxumalo also donated E5 000 while Lubombo Regional Administrator Sylvia

Mthethwa contributed an undisclosed amount to the church. They said the money would



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REF: 062018WA - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO CONDUCT AN ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE REVIEW AND WORKLOAD ANALYSIS FOR THE MEFMI SECRETARIAT

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Evangelical Church thanks Inkhosikati LaNganganza

INKHOSIKATI LaNgangaza has been applauded by the Evangelical Church leadership for contributing immensely to the construction of the Mdumenzulu branch.

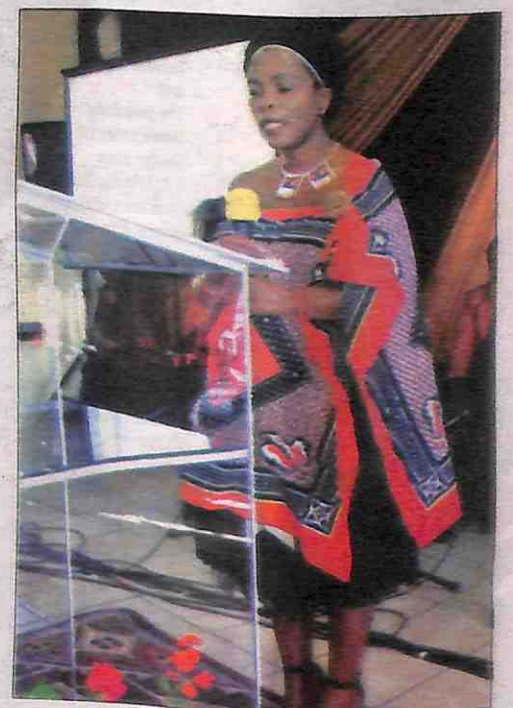
Matsapha Evangelical Church leader Dr Nicholas Nyawo said Inkhosikati LaNgangaza did all she could to make sure that the structure was put up nicely. "We are very grateful to have such a great mother in our county," he said.

He said he believes the Inkhosikati will continue doing such a great job not only for his church but for all churches in the country.

Meanwhile, Inkhosikati LaNgangaza's representative Princess Gcebile, congratulated the church for opening the new branch as per their promise.

She said the church will not only help brethren from the Evangelical Church but the entire country to grow spiritually.

"She encouraged members of the church to recruit more people to the church as by doing so, more lives will be saved," she added. She also tasked the church members to go out and recruit more people like John in the Bible did. As a token of appreciation, the church gave the Inkhosikati and Princess Gcebile gifts.



ON BEHALF: Princess Gcebile represented Inkhosikati LaNgangaza at the event.

ASSIST CONSTRUCT PASTOR'S HOUSE

help in carrying out other duties.

Mabuza said he was proud of the Evangelical Church for putting up such a beautiful structure said to have cost E350 000. "We would like to thank all those who contributed to the construction of this structure, surely God will bless them abundantly," he added.

He also encouraged church members to continue doing good as it will not only help them but the community and country at large.

"When people accept Christ in their lives, they begin to live a holy life and miracles begin to happen," he said.

Mabuza mentioned that the church was more than welcome to ask anything from him if the need arose and he would always be available to assist. He also thanked Evangelical Church Matsapha leader Dr Nicholas Nyawo for his great leadership skills. "It is amazing to hear that this church is growing as we have all heard that today we are opening the 130th branch in Swaziland," he closed.



HOUSE OF GOD: The new church structure which was officially opened.



THANK YOU: Dr Nyawo presenting a gift to Princess Gcebile, who represented Inkhosikati LaNgangaza.



THANK YOU: Reverend Muzi Simelane of Mdumezulu Evangelical Church receiving a cheque from the guest speaker Minister Jabulani Mabuza.



AMEN: Reverend Sifiso Simelane sharing the Word of God during the service.



ATTENTIVE: A section of the congregants listening to the sermon of the day.

Don't deviate from preaching Word - Mdumezulu leaders warn

MDUMEZULU leaders have warned the Evangelical Church against deviating from preaching the Word of God.

Senator Chief Kusa's representative, Indvuna Wilson Mkhabela, reminded the church to stick to its constitution and mission. He said the traditional structure of Mdumezulu Chiefdom had the authority to close down any church deviating from preaching the Word of God.

"We have seen a lot of churches crumbling because of conflict amongst members," he said. He also warned people to desist from killing each other as this is against the will of God.

"We are now living in fear due to the killing of our children, sisters and brothers for ritual beliefs," he said.

He said killing people for ritual beliefs will not assist anyone in anyway. He noted that at first the killers targeted people living with albinism, bald headed people but now they are after everyone, especially the children.

Mkhabela said almost every



GIFT: Reverend Dr Nicholas Nyawo presenting blankets to Inkhosatana Tsembile and Inkhosikati Gogo Mamba who allocated land to the church on behalf of the Mdumezulu Royal Kraal.

day, the nation wakes up to screaming newspaper headlines of people killed in the country. He said what he particularly found disturbing was that a majority of these murders occur for several of reasons, which points to the fact that people have lost respect

for the sanctity of human life.

"For instance, these incidents are related to ritual killings as people believe the human part will perform miracles for them. This is not true, only God can perform miracles for humankind," he said.



Swaziland Environment Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: PROPOSED MBABANE – EZULWINI WATER SUPPLY PIPELINE

A public notice is hereby published in terms of Section 52 of the Environment Management Act, 2002. The Swaziland Water Services Corporation has prepared an initial Environmental Evaluation report and formulated a Comprehensive Mitigation Plan for the Proposed Mbabane to Ezulwini Water Supply Pipeline Project.

The purpose of the study was to identify environment impacts that are likely to emerge as a result of the proposed development so that measures are taken to mitigate negative environmental impacts and enhance positive ones. Copies of these reports are available at the following places;

1. Swaziland Environment Authority Offices - RHUS Office Park, Mbabane.
2. Mbabane National Library.
3. Somjalose High School.
4. Ezulwini Community High School.
5. The Gables Police Post.
6. Lobamba National High School.
7. Ezulwini Satellite Police Station.

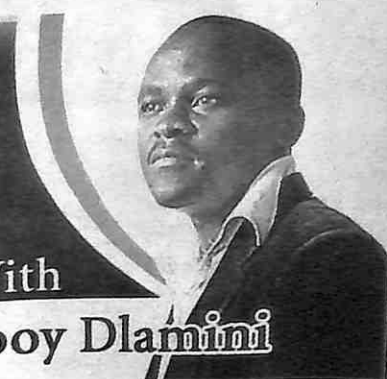
Interested and affected parties are requested to submit comments and/or objections as per the Environmental Audit, Assessment and Review Regulations, 2000. Written submissions should be directed to the Director, Swaziland Environment Authority, P.O. Box 2602, Mbabane. Fax: 2404 1719. Email; ceosec@sea.org.sz

The deadline for submissions of comments is **20th July 2018.**

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LUBOMBO news

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'DISTRIBUTING FOOD NOT A CAMPAIGN STRATEGY'

FAMOUS Malindza community police leader Seven Tsabedze has hit back at the police who allegedly blocked him from making a food distribution to residents, saying his actions had nothing to do with campaigning.

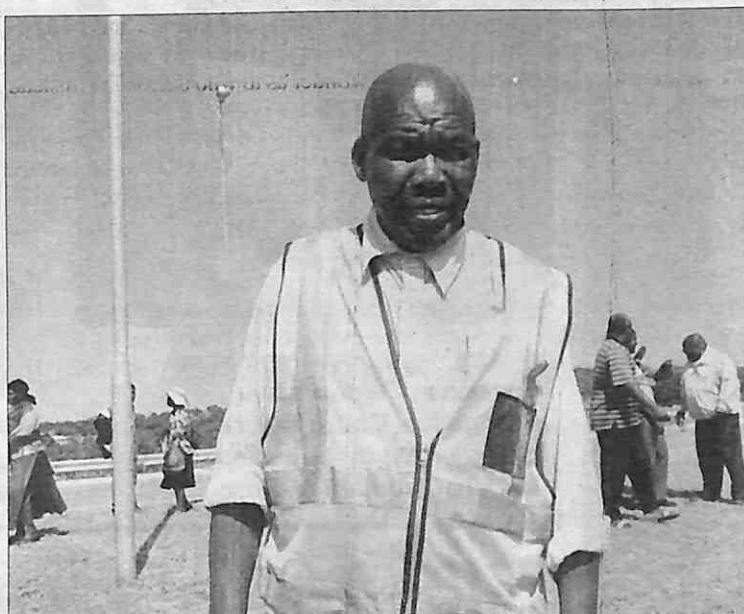
The self-proclaimed spokesperson of Malindza was said to have been blocked from distributing food to some residents while at Mpaka about a week ago.

This was after the distribution was viewed as a campaign strategy by some residents who subsequently reported him to the police.

Tsabedze has however voiced out his disappointment in the manner he was blocked from carrying out what he termed as a noble exercise.

Speaking during an interview, Tsabedze first highlighted that he was not campaigning for anyone this year. Apparently, Tsabedze had grown to be known as an influential campaign manager who determined the previous member of parliament for Dvokodweni *Inkhundla*.

Evidently, Tsabedze has worked for at least three of the previous MPs of the constituency. Early this year, Tsabedze declared that he was not going to campaign for anyone in the upcoming elections after he alleged-



NOT CAMPAIGNING: Seven Tsabedze.

ly had a fallout with outgoing MP Musa 'Stezi' Dlamini.

Distribution

Tsabedze said the food distribution exercise which he carried out therefore, had nothing to do with the elections. In fact, Tsabedze disclosed that he was continuing with the distributions as it was an exercise which he started a long time ago.

Apparently, Tsabedze had become

a notable figure as he would be spotted donning a reflector jacket belonging to the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) during every public event for the past three years.

Drought

The only time he wore something different was when he wore a reflector jacket belonging to the Road Safety Council.

Tsabedze claimed that ever since the area was hit with drought in 2015, he has been working with different organisations and agencies in distributing food to the affected families. He said distributing food was therefore an ongoing exercise which he will carry out for as long as he gets support from organisations and individuals.

He pointed out that the area was still faced with food shortages as only a fraction of residents had the courage to plough their fields following the drought situation which was experienced in the past three years.

Tsabedze said as a result of food shortages, residents had resorted to crime as livestock was being stolen on a daily basis.

"With the current hunger situation in the area, I went all out and looked for assistance from various organisations who then gave me food to distribute to the people.

I have been doing this for the past three years, and I have no intention of stopping it for as long as I get more donors," he said.

Tsabedze then appealed to other organisations and members of the public to come through and assist some needy families in the area.

14 Lubombo schools going for national competitions

A total of 14 schools in the Lubombo region will on Friday battle it out with schools from other regions in the Schools' Culture Competitions.

The schools, both primary and high schools are engaged in a competition which seeks to promote the Swati culture among the youth. They are competing in traditional dance such as *ingadla*, *ummiso* and *sibhaca*.

According Coordinator of Schools' Culture Mandla Shongwe, the competition which is sponsored by Macmillan Swaziland started at regional level.

Macmillan has pumped in a whopping E250 000 for the competition.

Shongwe said the Lubombo region started off with a total of 22 schools which included 19 high and three primaries. Some of these schools were eliminated during the regional level, leaving only 14 schools to compete at national level.

Objective

The coordinator highlighted that the main objective of the competition was to instil culture to the pupils. He noted that the best way to teach culture and traditions was through competitions as the children get excited in winning the various prizes.

The competition also aims at helping the children to discover their talents which can be eventually their source of income.

This is mainly because the competition also provides a platform for drama, music and dance. He disclosed that during such competitions, the pupils are expected to uphold to a certain standard of performance.

Meanwhile, Shongwe reported that the national competitions will be held at Matsapha Correctional Sports Ground. He urged Lubombo teachers to come well prepared for the competition so that they may come back with more prizes.

Moreover, Shongwe thanked all organisations which are supporting the cultural activity. These include Corban Hardware and the Arts and Culture Council. He also asked for more sponsorship from other organisations, pointing out that schools struggle to finance the transportation of pupils to competition venues.

UNIONISTS, YOUTH SHOW INTEREST IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS

THE national elections fever is evident in all levels of the society.

Unlike in previous elections where the youth would opt to be spectators in the process, the 2018 national elections is most likely to see an increase of youthful politicians if the registration process is anything to rely on. Such is also notable in the number of young people who have in one way or the other, declared their interest to contest for political positions in the upcoming elections.

Information gathered by this publication was also to the effect that some notable unionists are already lobbying for support for the elections.

It was reliably gathered a member of the National Public Service and Allied Workers Union (NAP-



SAKHA KWETFU: Citizens voting during the 2013 national elections

SAWU) who also holds a certain rank at regional level intends to contest for the position of MP under Lugongolweni Constituency.

The unionist whose name has

been deliberately withheld also confirmed the information when he was quizzed by this publication.

"For the past many years, unionists have opted to be on the back

seat when it comes to the country's politics, but now we want to be hands on and ensure that we realise the nation's goal of being among the well developed countries by 2022," he said.

Time

The youthful unionist said it was time that young people stood up and looked for what they could do for the country, instead of waiting for the country to do something for them.

He pointed out that in the past, young people blamed government for failing to initiate and facilitate programmes which would benefit the youth.

The unionist said such instances would be a thing of the past if the youth would flock to the polling stations and elect people who will represent their interests.

PRINCE TSEKWANE'S WIDOW REFUSES TO BE SUMMONED BY AUTHORITIES

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

INKHOSIKATI LaNcube, who is widow to the late Prince Tsekwane of Lavumisa, has explained how shocked she was to be summoned at the main royal kraal, Qomintaba.

Prince Tsekwane was the leader of Lavumisa and he passed away in the year 2000. He was succeeded by Chief Gasa WaNgwane who only took over 10 years after his father's death. Prince Tsekwane had nine wives and one of them is Inkhosikati LaNcube.

Inkhosikati LaNcube resides at Kwaluseni, one of the mini chiefdoms in Lavumisa. She was expected to report at the main royal kraal recently but opted to ignore the summons as she believed that no one had authority to summon her.

Interviewed, she claimed that she was summoned by Senior Indvuna Elias Fanalakhe Ndzinisa. She said she was still confused as to who exactly authorised Ndzinisa to summon her in the first place and stated that even

“This just shows how we are treated by the authorities of this area. They don't respect us and treat us like outcasts. It's not just me alone but even the widows of the late Prince Tsekwane are subjected to this torture since the death of our husband way back in 2000,”

if it was the ruling household that needed her at the main royal residence procedure was supposed to be followed to invite her and not to be summoned.

Developments

She said she decided to disregard the summons after having also consulted other close relatives all who were amazed by the developments.

“This just shows how we are treated by the authorities of this area. They don't respect us and treat us like outcasts. It's not just me alone but even the pther widows of the late Prince Tsekwane who are subjected to this torture since the death of our husband way back in 2000,” said Inkhosikati LaNcube.

Inkhosikati LaNcube said she was being frustrated by the leadership of Gasa WaNgwane and being summoned was another way of making her uneasy. She said even when the chief's council (*libandla*) visits royal residence,

Kwaluseni they make sure they leave her miserable.

Exist

“There are activities that normally take place here but they don't consider me as they do as they please. They pretend as if I don't exist,” she said.

Inkhosikati LaNcube wondered why she was being summoned to Qomintaba, saying what complicated matters was that this was communicated by Indvuna Ndzinisa.

“I wonder why he summoned me. If the plan is to take over from the Prince (Tsekwane) who was my husband, which is a custom known as *'kungeni'* he should say so in the open. He can't just summon me as if I am his toy-girl,” she said.

Widow

When called, Indvuna Ndzinisa confirmed that the widow was invited to Qomintaba but said she was not disrespected or being charged for any-

thing. He however referred the newspaper to his assistant Indvuna Mshiyeni Simelane for further comments on the issue.

Simelane who served under Tsekwane said it was procedure that when there are issues touching on anyone, that person gets invited to present their side.

This is done no matter what that particular persons status is.

“She was summoned and she was expected to heed the summons. We wonder as to who decided to mislead her not to come.

It should be known that when you are summoned by Indvuna you are being summoned by the chief himself. Indvuna is the mouth, eyes and ears of the chief.”

It's of no use to complain in the media that Inkhosikati was summoned but she should have come to the royal residence where it was to be explained to her why she was being called. “Those



IN SHOCK: Inkhosikati LaNcube.

people she consulted with and advised her to ignore the summons misled her. They should have known how serious this matter is.

They are the troublemakers and need to be dealt with.

I don't believe they are the princesses or princesses of Lavumisa. It could be these bogus *'Bantfwabenhosi'* of Lavumisa. There is only one leader here and it is the Prince (Gasa WaNgwane) who we all should accord respect,” said Simelane.

We advised Inkhosikati to ignore summons - Princes

ONE of the senior princes of Lavumisa has explained why Inkhosikati LaNcube, who is the widow of Prince Tsekwane, was advised not to bother going to Qomintaba where she was summoned by the elders.

Inkhosikati LaNcube, who resides at Kwaluseni Royal Kraal, had been summoned by Senior Indvuna Elias Fanalakhe Ndzinisa to appear

before authorities at Qomintaba.

It is said after the widow learned that she was summoned to Qomintaba she then sought advice from some of the princes and princesses of Lavumisa who were equally shocked that a person of her status could be summoned anyhow and by anyone.

“We advised her not to go there as even the person who was sum-

moning her had no authority to do that. She is not just an ordinary person to be summoned anyhow. In actual fact, no one has authority to summon her,” said one of the princes of Lavumisa.

Allowed

He said he was angry after he learned that a widow of the late Prince Tsekwane had been summoned to Qomintaba. The prince

said it was not allowed to summon someone of Inkhosikati's status and even the chief (Gasa WaNgwane) could not summon her.

“We don't want to believe as Royal household of Lavumisa that she was summoned.

Anyone who did that should know that it's a blunder. There is no way she can be summoned by

anyone. In anything, that person should go and meet the Inkhosikati at her royal residence, Kwaluseni.

Residence

It's an official royal residence, where she was placed by Prince Tsekwane,” said the prince, who asked that his identity be protected given the sensitivity of the issue.

Since Gasa WaNgwane took over there has been a serious rift within the ruling family with some having decided to distance themselves on anything to do with the chief.

By Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlangano

THERE is division within the leadership of Mathendele Township.

The township is considered a mini chiefdom of Mbangweni under Shiselweni II *Inkhundla*.

Residents say the authority which consists of elders known as *'libandla'* which is similar to an inner council at community level has cracks in the way it operates.

This transpired on Sunday when the residents had been invited for a meeting to discuss several issues but it ended up being a non-starter after the residents were advised that the venue, being the community hall, was used for the registration process.

This happened when a handful of residents had already assembled outside the hall. Interestingly, among those who were assisting in the registration process included one of those believed to be also serving in the leadership structure of the township. Pat Gamedze was among the four people who were assisting in the registration process as one of the long time residents known as *'imisumpe'*. It's believed that Gamedze did not want the meeting to take place inside the hall and the excuse he gave was that the hall was being used for an important national task.

What irked the residents was when Gamedze refused for chairs to be taken out of the building as the residents had resolved to hold the meeting outside, after being informed that they could not use the hall due to the ongoing registration process.

It was then that they realised those in authority of the township did not see eye to eye.

One of those in the leadership Anthony Maseko said he was equally confused like anyone else by the developments. As someone who organised the meeting he had hard time trying to explain what was happening and asked the residents to cool down. He successfully managed to cool the tempers of the residents as some were seemingly prepared to forcefully get inside the hall. It was then that others wanted to know if the leadership was still working as a unit or they were



AGGRIEVED: Fortune 'Jojojo' Sibanyoni, who spoke on behalf of the community members.

a divided team.

“By the look of things you seem to be having differences. You no longer look united and this has been proven by what has taken place here

today. We have been blocked from getting inside the hall and we have also been refused to use the chairs.

What makes us even more worried is that Gamedze who is part of

“Some of us should be in church but here we are wasting time. We should not be taken for granted and next time, please make sure you invite us for a meeting after sorting your differences,”

the authority in the township was the one who issued the order. This means you never communicated anything about the meeting,” said Fortune Sibanyoni, who directed the comments to Maseko.

The residents said they had sacrificed their time to attend the meeting only to find that the same people who were to address them were not united. “Some of us should be in church but here we are wasting time. We should not be taken for granted and next time, please make sure you invite us for a meeting after sorting your differences,” said one of the residents.

Division at Mathendele leadership

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SUCCESS STORY: Through funding from Volunteer Services Overseas, the ex-offenders have been able to set up a poultry business, among other projects, to sustain themselves. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)



ANOTHER CHANCE: One of the beneficiaries inspecting the chickens.

SUCCESS STORY AS EX-PRISONERS VENTURE INTO POULTRY BUSINESS

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

CONVICTS who have just been released from jail are known to often end up going back there if they have not totally cleaned up their act.

However, for some ex-convicts living at KaKhoza, that is not the case as they have decided to team up and lead fruitful lives while they are outside.

Ex-convicts who are under the Swaziland National Federation of Ex-Prisoners have proven that not all hope is lost after one is incarcerated as they can get out to be good citizens, leading a clean life.

A group of 10 former prisoners went on a workshop to equip themselves with skills on how to earn a living after serving their sentences. According to Goodman Simelane, a social worker for Swaziland Association for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (SACRO), the workshop was aimed at capacitating ex-prisoners on entrepreneurship skills.

He the former inmates were now entrepreneurs as they had already set



RISING ABOVE OBSTACLES: An ex-offender at the poultry project at KaKhoza.

up their poultry business, which is up and running at KaKhoza.

Simelane said the workshop took place from November 1 to 3 last year. He said it was fully funded by their partner, Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO).

Response

He highlighted that judging by the response the training yielded fruitful results in terms of significant progress in the rehabilitation and reintegration of ex-prisoners to the society.

"Again, our esteemed partner VSO, has offered SACRO a seed funding where the Swaziland National

Federation of Ex-Prisoners (SWANFE) was approached to choose a project of their own, hence the poultry project that is currently running," said Simelane.

Dignity

He added that it was indeed SACRO's mandate to rehabilitate and integrate ex-prisoners into the society by reforming their dignity through various life skills projects.

Simelane said the ex-offenders were a group of about 10 and they were also running a sewing project for female ex-offenders for gender balance, which remains a priority not only for SACRO but the entire king-

dom. He said they were also involved in projects such as upholstery, carpentry and fence making.

Explaining about the Volunteer Service Overseas (VSO), Simelane said it is an independent international development organisation that works through volunteers to fight poverty in developing countries.

Approach

He added that the VSO approach involves bringing people together to share skills, build capabilities, promote international understanding and action, and change lives to make the world a better place for all.

Worth noting is that VSO has secured

livelihoods programmes in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean and the organisation's main objective is to strengthen the ability of disadvantaged people to make a living.

According to information sourced from VSO website volunteers, they work in the area of secure livelihoods from a wide range of technical and professional backgrounds and can offer support in a number of areas.

This includes enterprise and small business development, marketing, advocacy and lobbying, financial planning, and in technical skills such as coastal resource management, horticulture and agriculture.

KOMBI DRIVER KNOCKS DOWN GOGO (79)

By Mncedisi Dlamini
Mbabane

THANDOKUHLE Dvuba, a kombi driver who allegedly knocked dead a 79-year-old female pedestrian, was remanded out of custody pending more findings in the case.

Dvuba of Mantabeni was remanded by Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court. The accused person is facing two charges.

He is charged with culpable homicide after he knocked down a pedestrian Juliet Zikalala along MR19 public road while on the second count, the accused is charged with negligently driving an unroadworthy motor vehicle. He pleaded guilty to both.

The crown paraded a witness, Constable Andile Nxumalo, who is the investigating officer in the matter.

Nxumalo stated before court that on



the said day, he received a call informing him about an accident that had taken place along MR19 public road.

Wrecked

He said as he drove to the scene, he observed a Toyota Quantum with a wrecked bumper and a human body lying helplessly underneath. The body was retrieved from underneath and placed into a 977 emergency motor vehicle.

He said he observed that the late

Juliet's body was not moving and it was whisked to the Mbabane Government hospital, where she was certified dead. The kombi driver was then taken to the police station to inspect whether the vehicle involved in the accident was roadworthy or not.

He said discovered that its brakes were not functioning properly, tyres were in bad state and that its hand break was not functioning at all, so he came to the conclusion that the accused was the main cause of the accident.

Furthermore, Constable Nxumalo informed the court that the Quantum had been travelling at a high speed as it was badly damaged, which is evident in his findings. The crown submitted a doctor's report after a post-mortem was conducted on the deceased and it was discovered that her skull had been badly damaged. The case was postponed to July 10, pending a car panel beater's findings.

WARRANT OF ARREST FOR HOUSE BREAKING SUSPECT

By Mncedisi Dlamini
Mbabane

A house breaking and theft suspect will learn the hard way not to test the court's patience after a warrant of arrest was issued against him for evading trial after he had been released on bail.

Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati issued out a warrant of arrest as per the crown's request at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court against 27-year-old Likhwa Jele from Corporation. This was after Jele decided to abscond trial due to reasons known to him.

Jele is currently out on bail. He was arrested and charged by the police for three different offences,

including house breaking.

His first count is that of unlawfully breaking and entering the home of Vumile Shabangu with the intent to commit a crime unknown to the prosecutor.

Damage

The accused is also charged with malicious damage to property in that he allegedly damaged a gate net by tearing it, causing damage valued at E400, the property of Sebenele Ndlangamandla.

The third charge faced by Jele is that of malicious damage to property, whereby a windscreen of an Astra motor vehicle was smashed by throwing stones, causing damage valued at E900.

All three incidents occurred at Corporation.



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BECOMING A MOTIVATIONAL LEADER

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Guest Writer



A leader should not only guide others to ensure great professional success, but also to inspire, influence, and most importantly, motivate employees.

Tracy shared some insight on becoming a motivational leader.

The leader is a role model

It has been said, "Leadership is not what you do, but who you are." This, however, is only partially true. Leadership is very much who you are, but it cannot be divorced from what you do. Who you are represents the inner person, and what you do represents the outer person. Each is dependent on the other for maximum effectiveness.

The starting point of motivational leadership is to begin seeing yourself as a role model, as an example to others. One key characteristic of leaders is that they set high standards of accountability for themselves and for their behaviours. They assume that others are watching them and setting their own standards according to what they see.

Leadership Power

In business, there are several kinds of power. Two of these are position power and ascribed power:

- **Position power** is the power that comes with a job title or position in any organisation. If you become a manager in a company, you automatically have certain powers and privileges that go along with your rank. You can order people about and

*knows the way,
goes the way
and
shows the way.*



make certain decisions.

- **Ascribed power** is the power you gain because of the kind of person you are. In every organisation, there are people who are inordinately influential and looked up to by others, even though their positions may not be high up on the organisational chart. These are the men and women who are genuine leaders because of the quality of the people they have become, because of their characters and their personalities.

Motivational Leading

There are qualities needed to be a motivational leader. These are qualities that you already have to a certain degree but you can develop further to stand out from the people around.

● Vision

This is the one single quality that, more than anything, separates lead-

ers from followers. Leaders have vision. Followers do not. Leaders have the ability to stand back and see the big picture. Followers are caught up in day-to-day activities. Leaders have developed the ability to fix their eyes on the horizon and see greater possibilities.

The most motivational vision you can have for yourself and others is to "Be the best!" Many people do not yet realise that excellent performance in serving other people is an absolute, basic essential for survival in the economy of the future. Many individuals and companies still adhere to the idea that as long as they are no worse than anyone else, they can remain in business. That is prehistoric thinking. We are now in the age of excellence. Customers assume that they will get excellent quality, and if they don't, they will go to your competitors so fast, people's heads will spin.

● Integrity

This is perhaps the single most

respected quality of leaders. Integrity is complete, unflinching honesty with regard to everything that you say and do. Integrity underlies all the other qualities. Your measure of integrity is determined by how honest you are in the critical areas of your life.

Integrity means this: When someone asks you at the end of the day, "Did you do your very best?" you can look him in the eye and say, "Yes!" Integrity means this: When someone asks you if you could have done it better, you can honestly say, "No, I did everything I possibly could."

Integrity means that you, as a leader, admit your shortcomings. It means that you work to develop your strengths and compensate for your weaknesses. Integrity means that you tell the truth and you live the truth in everything you do and in all your relationships. Integrity means that you deal straightforwardly with people and situations and that you do not compromise what you believe to be true.

● Courage

This is the chief distinguishing characteristic of the true leader. It is almost always visible in the leader's words and actions. It is absolutely indispensable to success, happiness and the ability to motivate other people to be the best they can be.

In a way, it is easy to develop a big vision for yourself and for the person you want to be. It is easy to commit yourself to living with complete integrity. But it requires incredible courage to follow through on your vision and on your commitments. You see, as soon as you set a high goal or standard for yourself, you will run into all kinds of difficulties and setbacks. You will be surrounded by temptations to compromise your values and your vision. You will feel an almost irresistible urge to "get along by going along." Your desire to earn the respect and cooperation of others can easily lead to the abandonment of your principles, and here is where courage comes in.

● Level-headedness

Level-headedness is a form of intellectual honesty. The realist insists upon seeing the world as it really is, not as he wishes it were. This objectivity, this refusal to engage in self-delusion, is a mark of the true leader.

Those who exhibit the quality of realism do not trust luck, hope for miracles, pray for exceptions to basic business principles, expect rewards without working or hope that problems will go away by themselves. These all are examples of self-delusion, of living in a fantasyland.

The motivational leader insists on seeing things exactly as they are and encourages others to look at life the same way. As a motivational leader, you get the facts, whatever they are. You deal with people honestly and tell them exactly what you perceive to be the truth. This doesn't mean that you will always be right, but you will always be expressing the truth in the best way you know how.

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ON THIS DAY

...JUNE 26

1976 - In Toronto, Canada, the CN Tower opened to the public. The official opening date is listed as October 1, 1976. It was the world's tallest free-standing structure and the world's tallest tower until 2010.

1979 - Muhammad Ali, at 37 years old, announced that he was retiring as world heavyweight boxing champion.

1985 - Wilbur Snapp was ejected after playing "Three Blind Mice" during a baseball game. The incident followed a call made by umpire Keith O'Connor.

1987 - The movie "Daguer" opened in the US.

1996 - The U.S. Supreme Court ordered the Virginia Military Institute to admit women or forgo state support.

1997 - The US Supreme Court struck down the Communications Decency Act of 1996 that made it illegal to distribute indecent material on the Internet.

1997 - JK Rowling's book "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" was published in the UK. The book was later released in the US under the name "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." This was the first book in the Harry Potter series.

1997 - The US Supreme Court upheld state laws that allow for a ban on doctor-assisted suicides.

1998 - The US and Peru open school to train commandos to patrol Peru's rivers for drug traffickers.

1998 - The US Supreme Court ruled that employers are always potentially liable for supervisor's sexual misconduct toward an employee.

2000 - The Human Genome Project and Celera Genomics Corp. jointly announced that they had created a working draft of the human genome.

2000 - Indonesia's President Abdurrahman Wahid declared a state of emergency in the Moluccas due to the escalation of fighting between Christians and Muslims.

2001 - Ray Bourque (Colorado Avalanche) announced his retirement just 17 days after winning his first Stanley Cup. Bourque retired after 22 years and held the NHL record for highest-scoring defenseman and playing in 19 consecutive All-Star games.

2002 - David Hasselhoff checked into The Betty Ford Center for treatment of alcoholism.

2002 - WorldCom Inc. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ariana Grande
(pop singer) -
June 26, 1993
(25 years old)



King Bach -
(movie actor) -
June 26, 1988 (30
years old)



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PROVERBS 18:21 - "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

Today we will be exploring the power that is resident in the word that we speak and pray. Friends, words carry power. Words have the forces of life and death in them.

Words are identified in Greek as either Logos or Rhema. Logos is defined as saying, speech and account. Its root meaning has to do with a concept and an idea. Rhema has to do with the expression of an idea or concept in correct, intelligent and grammatical form of words and sentences.

Contrary to what some people believe, the primary purpose of the mouth is not for food but for creation through spoken word and prayer. The word is the divine tool by which we create like God; the mouth is the tool with which we present it accordingly. Simply said, we create with our mouth through the use of words that we speak, be it negative or positive.

A good example of the power in the word is when you speak about food, you will observe that you create an appetite for food and your palate and taste buds begin immediately working.

Your mouth is the key to your success or failure. You choose the quality of your life by the words you speak with your mouth. The Bible says that everything was created by the word, therefore, everything can be destroyed by the word. Spoken word is the raw material of creation. There is nothing that exists that was not first spoken.

The record of creation in **Genesis 1** is evidence. God spoke creation into being. He created us in His image and after His likeness. Therefore, we are to create like Him by speaking the right words.

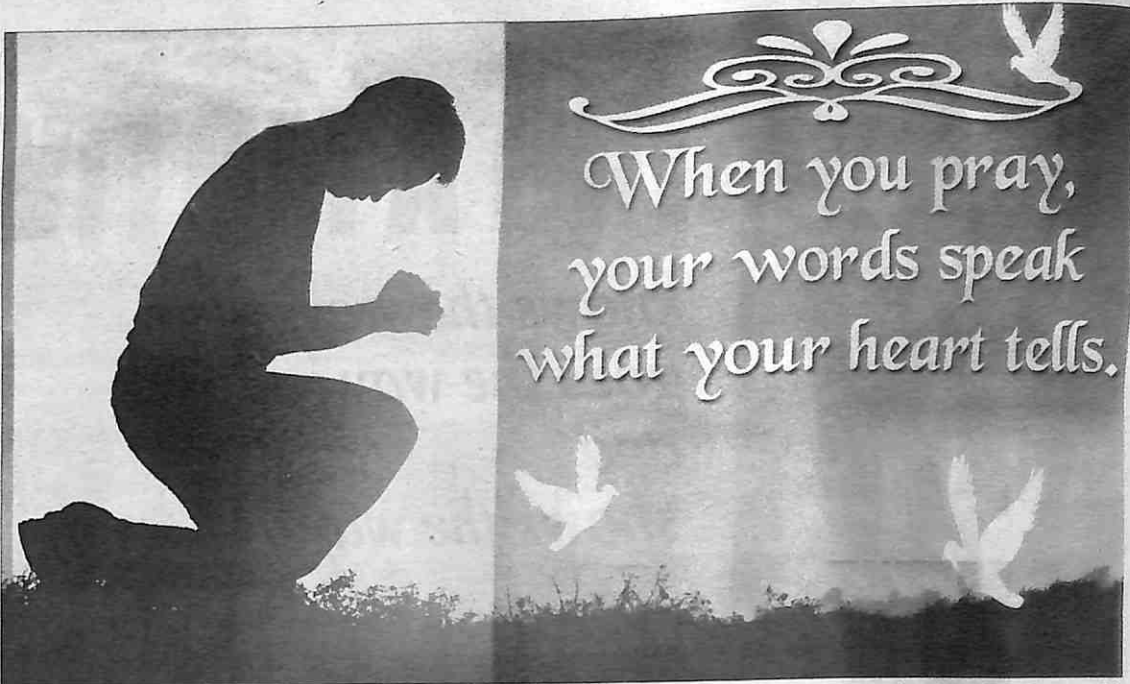
Psalms 107:20 - He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

God created all things through His word. He first spoke them and then they came into existence and became His creations.

We are created in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, we are to create like God through our words. We have to first put God's Word in our heart in abundance and then in our mouth to create. This is how the Word of God works. Firstly, in the heart in abundance and believe it, then in the mouth with intentionality and boldness.

For example, if you need change in a particular area of your life, you start by finding out in scriptures how God has dealt with the issue in question; find scriptures that are

THE IMPORTANCE OF SPEAKING AND PRAYING THE WORD



available on the issue. Firstly, meditate on them until they become your conviction and richly dwell in your consciousness.

The Word of God has to come alive within you for it to carry sufficient power when you speak it. There is no use learning and memorising scriptures if you are not going to capitalise and believe them. This is not a Bible quoting exercise.

The scriptures have to translate from a good idea to a God idea in you before it can translate to creations in the physical. That process occurs through meditation. When the Word becomes real to you, begin to speak it consistently until you see what you are creating comes to pass. This is how the law of confession works.

In this context, a law is a principle that has predictable consequence every time based on an action or actions. Confession, in Greek, is *homologia* - meaning saying the same thing. By saying what God says with the same intensity and faith, you create like Him every single time.

Friends, we are co-creators with God. God has finished His part of creation and has left the rest to us to finish up.

You will observe that creators like employers, inventors, writers, etc are more valued in any economy and country than consumers. Yes, they say most nations are democ-

ratic but the decisions are driven by creators of wealth and not consumers of wealth.

Through the spoken word, we create and move into driving positions in our communities and become history makers and world shakers. I welcome you to the world of creators.

"Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him" - (**Mathew 7:9-11**)

Looking at the concept of prayer; there are many people today who are wondering whether God is indeed interested in answering their prayer. Come to think of this, how many people in this world are motivated to pray? God is a prayer answering God. If He has recommended us to pray, then He is ever ready to answer our prayer. The reason He is motivating us to pray is the same reason He will answer our prayer.

If there is a call to prayer; then we have to do everything possible to get ourselves involved - this is what is going to bring change in our lives.

In **Mathew 7:7** the Lord told us to ask and we would receive and we should seek and we would find. That means, receiving sometimes is not possible until one asks.

The question here is; why would God ask us to ask when He knows we have need of them? God wants us to totally rely on Him for all things. In asking, we will humble ourselves before Him and place demands. It is in the placing of demands that God hears us.

If we fail to place the demands, then He is not going to hear us. Seeking talks to us of making an intent research on something until it is found. If we are needing something from God; we have to ask and then seek it until we see it made manifest in our lives.

Jesus in His message in our introductory scripture uses the crowd which were listening to Him to make this profound insight. He asked the crowd which of them when the child ask for bread will he give him a stone.

Or when the child asks for fish and he will give him a serpent. He went on to say that; "if you people who are evil and are men know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more God who is in heaven?"

That is wonderful! God who is in heaven is ever willing to answer your prayer. It is His delight to grant your request - including the Kingdom. When you appear before the Lord; place the demands - He is ever ready to meet them.

Look at how man's heart is wicked. You just know it that; the heart of a man is desperately wicked. Notwithstanding, man is able to give good gifts to people.

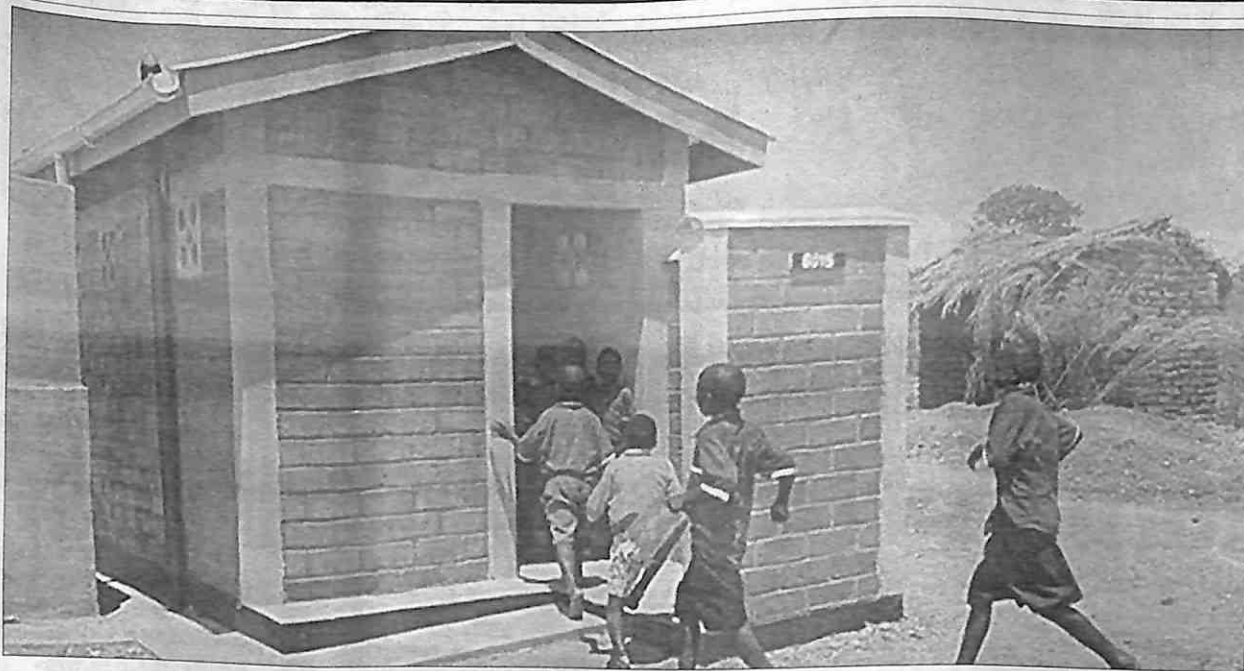
How much more God? This should let you understand that God is interested in meeting your demands.

When you place them, He wants to answer them.

Do not allow the fear of being accepted by the Lord take you away from placing demands before the Lord. The Lord accepts you no matter your state of life. You have to always try as much as possible to be in His presence. He is going to meet your needs.

Till next week.





STRUGGLING: The image of a primary school child leaving their wheelchair outside a pit latrine and crawling across an unclean floor to perform basic bodily functions is stark.

MALAWIAN SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY STRUGGLE

MALAWI - These and similar stories emerged from a study we conducted in a Malawian town.

And they suggest that while the southern African nation is being hailed for its efforts to get more children in the classroom, more work is needed to ensure their experiences on school grounds – and especially in bathroom facilities – are positive and safe.

In developing countries fewer than five per cent of children that have disabilities attend school. In Malawi, UNICEF estimates that 2.4 per cent of the young people have a disability.

In our study, we assessed the water and sanitation facilities at primary schools in a rural town in Malawi to see how disability friendly they were. We were keen to understand how well schools had translated Malawi's policies on access to water, sanitation and hygiene into practice.

Our data showed that no school had facilities that fully met the needs of students with disabilities – not even private schools which are often thought to provide better services.

Instead we found that children with disabilities had several challenges. Some had no access to facilities while others had to walk long distances to access them. Others struggled to walk on the uneven walkways; and others struggled to operate the hand pumps to access water.

Our study highlights some cost-effective measures that schools can invest in to make these facilities more disability friendly. But it also underscores the need for increased government support, budgeting and enforcement to ensure national policies are met. But our findings are also important to show education policymakers that the existing policies are not effective in rural areas. It's a scenario that is likely to play out in many of the low-resource districts in Malawi and in other low and middle-income countries.

BARRIERS OF ACCESS

We conducted our study in Rumphu – a small but growing agricultural trading town known to grow tobacco as a cash crop. People get water from municipal water taps or hand pumps and most households have an unimproved traditional pit latrine, consisting of a basic pit covered by an earthen floor and either brick or grass walls.

...to access drinking water and toilets

Malawi has several policies that ensure that people with disabilities have access to water and sanitation. The national sanitation policy, introduced in 2008, stipulates that public places must have facilities which cater for people with special needs. Schools, according to the policy, must have at least one latrine or toilet for boys and girls that cater for pupils with disabilities.

But in practice, this is not the case. In our study, we evaluated the infrastructure at 10 schools in the Rumphu: seven public and three private schools.

During interviews with pupils who had disabilities and teachers, we were given first-hand accounts of the difficulties the pupils encountered.

There were two sets of problems. The first related to the children's inability to access and operate drinking water facilities; the second related to cleanliness and privacy of the pit latrines.

Most pupils asked friends rather than teachers to help them. Others just tolerated the situation.

DRINKING WATER FACILITIES

Most children were put in harm's way when they tried to access facilities with drinking water. Children who were, for example visually impaired, struggled to see the path to the pump if there was too much sunlight or cloud cover, placing them in danger of falling. Others who had physical disabilities struggled to operate the hand pump handle. They risked the danger of hurting themselves.

Some of the water sources were as far as 350 metres away from the classrooms. None of the schools had access ramps to the pumps or supporting rails leading to the source. Some had steps leading to the water source which would be difficult for a child with physical impairments to access. At most of the schools, the paths to the hand pump were uneven and at all the facilities there was no shade to help children with albinism.

UNCLEAN PIT LATRINES

The children also struggled to use sanitation facilities because they were unclean and sometimes the floor was covered in urine and faeces. Wet and dirty floors were the most common challenge. This was particularly problematic for children who had physical impairments and needed to place their hands on the ground in order to access the pit latrine.

In addition, we found that some of the pit latrines were up to 114 metres away from the classrooms. The World Health Organisation has recommended that facilities shouldn't be further than 30 metres from classrooms.

Only one school had a toilet with a door and a raised seat but none of the schools had drop-hole covers or supporting rails leading to the pit latrines.

The latrine doors were less than one metre wide so wheelchairs could not access them. This means that children in wheelchairs had to leave them outside and crawl into the facility to use it.

NATIONAL GUIDELINES

In our interviews with the pupils, they raised cost effective solutions that could make the existing school infrastructure friendlier. This included keeping facilities clean, adding doors for privacy, reducing the height of steps or replacing them with a ramp. These could cost as little as 54 000 Malawian kwacha (USD\$78) per school.

This shows that authorities should include the input of pupils with disabilities whose voices are often overlooked when solutions are considered. It also shows that special education teachers need to be trained on ways to make infrastructure at schools more disability friendly.

Malawi could look to countries like South Africa where a national guideline was developed in 2008 to allow people with disabilities to access toilets easier. These guidelines could be practically adapted for schools in Malawi.

When the school bell rings to end the day in Malawi, both government and community-based action are needed to step up to help children with disabilities at school in smaller towns. The situation in Malawi is likely to be consistent across other neighbouring countries.

The Conversation

Wit and Wisdom

● "What I'm not sure about, is if our lives have been so different from the lives of the people we save. We all complete. Maybe none of us really understand what we've lived through, or feel we've had enough time."

— *Kazuo Ishiguro, Never Let Me Go*

● "The cost of oblivious daydreaming was always this moment of return, the realignment with what had been before and now seemed a little worse."

— *Ian McEwan, Atonement*

● "If the path before you is clear, you're probably on someone else's."

— *Joseph Campbell*

● "Imagine life is a game in which you are juggling five balls. The balls are called work, family, health, friends, and integrity. And you're keeping all of them in the air. But one day you finally come to understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. The other four balls...are made of glass. If you drop one of these, it will be irrevocably scuffed, nicked, perhaps even shattered."

— *James Patterson, Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas*

● "I think that you've got to make something that pleases you and hope that other people feel the same way."

— *Thomas Keller*

● "If I were to wish for anything, I should not wish for wealth and power, but for the passionate sense of the potential, for the eye which, ever young and ardent, sees the possible. Pleasure disappoints, possibility never. And what wine is so sparkling, what so fragrant, what so intoxicating, as possibility!"

— *Søren Kierkegaard, Either/Or: A Fragment of Life*

● "If you don't live a life in service of a greater good, you've gotta at least die a death in service of a greater good, you know? And I fear that I won't get either a life or a death that means anything."

— *John Green, The Fault in Our Stars*

● "Do you believe a man can truly love a woman and constantly betray her? Never mind physically but betray her in his mind, in the very 'poetry of his soul'. Well, it's not easy but men do it all the time."

— *Mario Puzo, Fools Die*

● "How quick come the reasons for approving what we like."

— *Jane Austen, Persuasion*

● "If others tell us something we make assumptions, and if they don't tell us something we make assumptions to fulfil our need to know and to replace the need to communicate. Even if we hear something and we don't understand we make assumptions about what it means and then believe the assumptions. We make all sorts of assumptions because we don't have the courage to ask questions."

— *Miguel Ruiz, The Four Agreements*

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.50%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	4.8%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E12.80 per litre
Replacement	E12.85 per litre
Diesel	E12.80 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 22 JUNE 2018

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	13.5060	13.5560
British Pound/SZL	17.9393	17.0057
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.1130	8.1394
Swiss France/SZL	13.6451	13.6943
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3033	1.3190
Australian Dollar/SZL	9.9971	10.0368
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.1648	10.1993
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	15.7209	15.7791
Gold	1,270.0699	
Oil	72.61	

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SCC signs MoU with South African counterparts to combat cartels

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

CONSTRUCTION, bakeries, airlines and the telecommunications industries have grown an infamous reputation of operating cartels.

However, cartel behaviour could soon be a thing of the past as the Swaziland Competition Commission (SCC) and Competition Commission of South Africa (CCSA) have joined hands through the signing of a memorandum of understanding.

The event was held at Royal Villas yesterday where SCC Chief Executive Officer Thabisile Langa and CCSA Commissioner Theminkosi Bonakele appended their signatures to the formal agreements between the two entities.

CCSA Commissioner Bonakele said industries across the region operate the same way hence the need for find strategic moves to combat such empires. The CCSA Commissioner defined a cartel as an association of manufacturers or suppliers with the purpose of maintaining prices at a high level and restricting competition.

He fingered industries like construction, bakery, airlines and telecommunications as infamous for operating cartels.

These industries, according to Bonakele, tend to benchmark with their international counterparts and use the same strategy across.

He said both the SCC and his commission were prepared to work around the clock in bringing fair competition in the market.

Bonakele also said the African continent in particular has a lot to deal with when it comes to



DONE DEAL: Swaziland Competition Commission CEO Thabisile Langa captured with Competition Commission South Africa Commissioner Theminkosi Bonakele during the signing of an MoU at Royal Villas.

combating such alliances. The aviation industry in particular was noted to be abusing the market, as they create longer routes that are not connecting African countries.

On another note, roaming charges in Africa, according to Bonakele, are very pricey and they need to be regulated. Europe, on the other hand, has reduced roaming costs to zero and Africa needs to follow the same route.

Furthermore, the signing of the MoU is meant to open up markets which will create entrepreneur space to make economies fair and exclusive. It is also meant to create ease on cross border trading.

Bonakele also said the presence of competitive law in the country makes things very effective and it will help them work much easily. They two bodies will be working on capacity building, joint training, investigations, research and understanding how industries work.

Moreover, the two entities will be working on curbing dominance in certain markets while educating the public on the behaviour of markets. Bonakele said the MoU was an open ended one which could be terminated anytime on agreement, however, they wish to work with the country for a long time while improving their agreement continually.



FOCUSED: A section of the audience listening to one of the speakers during the MoU signing.

'MOU TO FOSTER GROWTH OF ECONOMIES'

THE Minister of Commerce Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza, who was represented by acting Under Secretary Singizile Dlamini, hailed the Swaziland Competition Commission (SCC) for maintaining a healthy relationship with Competition Commission of South Africa (CCSA).

The minister envisaged that the signing of the memorandum of understanding would greatly help in fostering an effective development of both economies.

SCC was hailed for dedicating itself to supporting government's in strengthening relationships with the country's partners in a way that will ensure good service delivery.

Mabuza also applauded both competition authorities for recognising the need to jointly create favourable conditions for the development of bilateral relations on competition law and policy matters.

On another note, the MoU will also contribute towards improving the effectiveness of competition law enforcement within both jurisdictions. The minister urged the two bodies to effectively cooperate to ensure sound and effective enforcement of competition law and policy matters.

On the other hand SCC CEO Thabisile Langa said it was imperative that businesses recognise that competition policy was like any other government policy.

"Competition policy is intended to spur the economy and reduce poverty," she said.

Langa expressed SCC's willingness to learn as much as possible from their South African counterparts.

The cooperation, according to Langa, would include mutual assistance where possible, amongst other things, such as staff exchanges and training programmes.



CEO: SCC Chief Executive Officer Thabisile Langa addressing the gathering.

Biosafety Amendment Bill lifts burden off GM seed suppliers

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

THE proposed strict liability clause amendment to a fault based one in the country's Biosafety legislation comes with mixed effects for local farmers, especially those in the cotton industry and suppliers of genetically modified seeds.

The liability clause amendment is proposed in the Biosafety Amendment Bill of 2017 whose report was submitted in Parliament by Chairperson of the ministry of tourism and environmental affairs portfolio committee Veli Shongwe.

The amendment comes with mixed consequences as it makes it easier for foreign based GM companies to conduct business in the country, yet it ironically strips local farmers of protection from damage and loss as a result of imported GM seeds.

The amendment Bill has not yet passed into an Act.

Explaining circumstances which led to the amendment, Shongwe said in a report that the Biosafety Act amendment was occasioned by an outcry from farmers who were not able to access GM seeds in the market.

"From the consultations, it was gathered that developers of the genetically modified seeds were not keen to do business in the Kingdom of Eswatini because of the strict liability clause which obtains in Section 32 of the Biosafety



OBSERVED:
Minister of
Tourism and
Environmental
Affairs
Christopher
Gamedze.

Act. The honourable House then passed a motion in 2016 instructing the minister to table in the House amendments of this section," he explained.

A consultative process then ensued with all key role players across the country on the proposed amendment.

Tabled

This led to the draft Amendment Bill being tabled in Parliament in 2017, of which a first and second reading were done in May this year.

The Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Christopher Gamedze also observed that biotechnology owners were also uneasy on trading with the Kingdom of Eswatini, largely to

the joint and several liability clauses.

The minister observed that this promoted the smuggling of GM seed technology into Eswatini, thus promoting posing a risk to human health and the environment as this was done without proper risk assessment.

"Farmers who wish to legitimately deal with GMO seeds are hindered by the existence of the strict liability clause in the Act. The aim of the amendment is, therefore, to introduce a fault based liability in the BioSafety Act, which will enable and give comfort to the owners of the genetically modified seeds to do business with local seed companies and farmers," he explained.

Ezulwini water project to create 150 temporary jobs

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

ABOUT 150 temporary jobs will be created when the Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC) commissions the Ezulwini Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Project (ESWSS), an environmental evaluation report and mitigation plan for the proposed venture conducted by Econetworks consultancy shows.

These jobs are set to boost people living along the Mbabane/Ezulwini corridor.

However, residents from these areas will not necessarily form part of the group of top experts and engineers as most project managers will come from SWSC, the report states. Like with other projects, employment or creation of job opportunities stands out as the lone positive impact which can be derived from the construction phase of the project.

ESWSS is expected to complement the strained water supply system in the country's fastest growing tourist town. This project will be funded by the African Development Bank (ADB). It comes after government received a loan from the African Development Fund (ADF).

The need for an alternative source of water supply comes with the pressure of Ezulwini being one of the country's fastest growing towns.

Recent infrastructural developments which recently exerted immense pressure for water and sanitation facilities in the valley include the under construction of a five-star hotel and international convention centre, Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA) headquarters, and other expansions occurring to already existing infrastructure.

Other notable attractions at Ezulwini include the Sibane Hotel, Happy Valley Hotel, Royal Swazi and Lugogo Sun Hotels, MTN headquarters, the Royal Villas Hotel, The Gables, Corner Plaza Malls and many other sites.

Refused

The report outlines how Ezulwini residents flatly refused to have a water treatment plant installed next to Mantenga when this idea was pitched to them.

This left SWSC with no other option but to bring water from Mbabane to augment the valley's strained water supply. At present, Ezulwini's water supply is described as being insufficient to provide for 24-hour pressurised supply as much of what is distributed is consumed before it reaches consumers, especially during rush hours.

The current water pipeline from Mbabane River to Ezulwini is also not sufficient to save the situation as it is described as being of lower quality and cannot withstand the pressure from Mbabane.

The ESWSS project area is proposed to extend from the Mbabane bridge which is adjacent to the Taiwan embassy and Mbabane Motors. The proposed pipeline, according to the environmental assessment report, will connect to an existing 450 mm ductile iron pipeline suspended on the bridge. Work will be divided into two stages which may also be tendered and awarded separately or together.

In the meantime, vegetation along the project routes mainly comprises moist tall grassveld in an open savanna while flora is dominated by invasive and exotic species such as eucalyptus, the highly invasive chromolaena odorata, solanum mauritianum, lantana camara, rubus cuneifolius (wild berries) and caesalpinia decapetala.

OLD MUTUAL FINALLY LISTS ON JSE

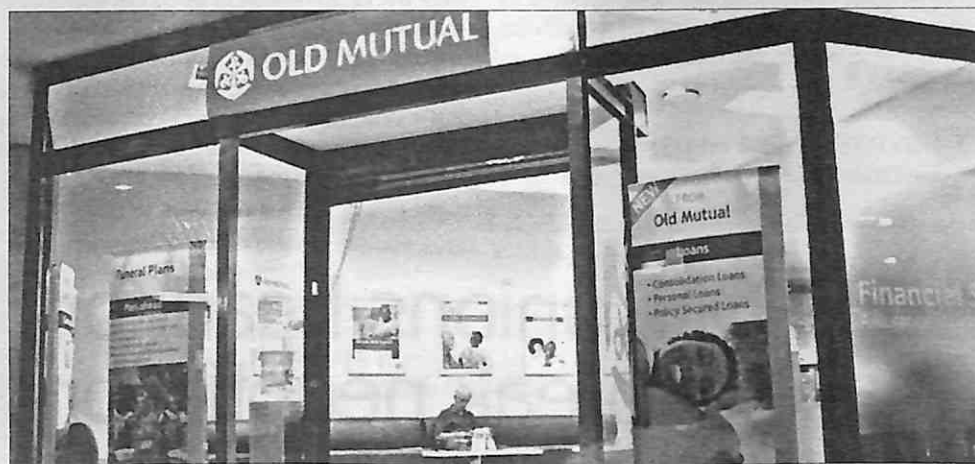
By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

OLD Mutual is listing on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange today, a milestone development which has provoked a celebratory mood for local staff.

Today's listing on the Johannesburg bourse was preceded by a series of staff Old Mutual engagements across the 13 African countries in which the company operates, including Eswatini. One of the symbolic events to have taken place in the country before the official listing was an 'anchoring in Africa' roadshow held at the Happy Valley Hotel.

Old Mutual Eswatini also received a carved wood statue which depicts the three anchors connected to the African continent.

This statue is symbolic of the shifting of the



company's headquarters from London to Johannesburg.

Old Mutual staff will today engage in a series of activities to celebrate the JSE listing.

SPTC LAUNCHES 'THUMA M'NA' WI-FI PRODUCT

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) has introduced their latest Wi-Fi offering in the market called 'Thuma M'na'.

The newly launched product is set to bring more entertainment in the comfort of customers' homes.

'Thuma M'na' was introduced in the market on Saturday during a road show held at OK Foods in Mbabane. SPTC Corporate Communications Manager Nqobile Magagula said the 'Thuma M'na' full entertainment package is available at E310.08 while WayaWaya packages are only available to new customers. The WayaWaya package is another internet package that the company has on offer for their customers.

The Wi-Fi package avails all social media platforms for free with 10 gigabytes (GB) of data for YouTube on the weekend. From the

product, customers will enjoy free 20 GB anytime data, free handset, free Wi-Fi enabled modem, free Wi-Fi roaming hotspot on every SPTC hotspot and a free email account.

This is a completely new experience for SPTC customers. The new product also comes with a free installation in 48 hours and SPTC working on shortening their delivery time, Magagula said.

Magagula also acknowledged that their customers have been complaining about their delivery time, thus they have prioritised on it. On another note, the package has been made available for residential customers.

The product, according to Magagula, is meant to cut on data costs as data brought can be used for other important internet searches as the usual social media platforms that take up a lot of data have been made available for free.

In addition, Magagula said they have also improved their internet speed and there will be no issues of buffering on platforms like YouTube as it might have been the case previously.



THUMA M'NA: SPTC Corporate Communications Manager Nqobile Magagula.



A unit trust pools money from many investors, which is then invested in a variety of assets in order to meet specified investment objectives.

HOW TO INVEST IN UNIT TRUSTS

You invest in a unit trust by buying units in the trust or fund. The price of each unit is determined in relation to the trust's net asset value (NAV). This is the market value of the trust's net assets (investments, cash and other assets minus expenses, payables and other liabilities), divided by the number of units outstanding. The NAV is usually computed daily to reflect changes in the prices of the investments held by the fund.

TYPES OF UNIT TRUSTS

Unit trusts can be divided into several categories depending on their investment objectives and focus. In general, they are divided into three main categories: shares, bonds, and balanced funds that combine shares and bonds. Some funds are invested in a single country, some in specific regions and some, globally. There are funds that focus on specific sectors or industries. Given the variety of choices, it is important that you select unit trusts that meet your investment objectives and risk tolerance.

EVALUATING UNIT TRUSTS PERFORMANCE

There are three main ways of evaluating the performance of your unit trust.

1. Look at the absolute returns, taking into account both the income received and price change. Normally, these returns are annualised so that you can examine performance over a number of years and also to enable you to compare performance of one fund relative to another. However, absolute return is not a sufficient measure of a fund's performance.

WHAT ARE UNIT TRUSTS?

Unit Trusts

A portfolio that invest into all investment instruments

Stocks

Bonds

Money Markets

REITs

❖ Well Diversified locally and globally

❖ Managed by Professionals

2. Judge a unit trust's relative performance by comparing it against its benchmark index. The difference, called excess return, is calculated by subtracting the benchmark return from the unit trust return. Most unit trusts have a stated benchmark against which its performance is measured. If the excess return is positive, the unit trust is said to have outperformed its benchmark. If it is negative, the unit trust has underperformed.

3. Measure the performance of the unit trust relative to the risk taken. One widely used statistic is the information ratio which measures the excess return per unit of risk taken, with the latter measured by the volatility of the excess returns.

WHY INVEST IN UNIT TRUSTS?

Unit trusts offer several advantages;

1. You can select a fund or a combination of funds to cater to your specific investment goals and tolerance for risk. If, for example, you are nearing retirement and have low tolerance for risk, you can invest in unit trusts like bond funds or balanced funds. On the other hand, there are unit trusts that are suitable for investors looking for higher potential return and are willing to accept higher risks.

2. Unit trusts may allow you to invest in a diversified portfolio with a minimum investment of as little as E 500. For example, a unit trust with E50 million in assets can hold a large number of different shares.

3. Through unit trusts, you can invest in securities that you may be unable to access as an individual investor. These securities include bonds that usually require a minimum investment of E10 000.

4. Funds invested in unit trusts are managed by professional fund managers and analysts. You can, therefore, benefit from their expertise and full time attention to investing the funds.

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN INVESTING IN UNIT TRUSTS

Unit trusts offer significant benefits, but you should also be aware that:

1. The variety of unit trusts available can be overwhelming. If you invest indiscriminately, you could end up with an assortment of unit trusts that do not match your needs.

2. You must be clear about your investment objectives and then decide on the suitable unit trusts.

3. The fees you pay for investing in unit trusts can eat significantly into your returns. These fees may also include high transactions costs so you should avoid trading frequently.

4. You should enquire about the type and amount of fees applicable to a particular unit trust.

There are strong reasons why you should consider investing in unit trusts. Unit trusts provide diversification, enlarge your investment opportunities and allow you to tap the skills of professional fund managers. But, as with all investments, you should also make sure you are comfortable with all aspects of the product. The selection of the manager is another important consideration. You need to assess whether the fund manager has the resources, experience and skills to do a good job of managing the fund. Once the investment is made, you still need to monitor the performance to see if it is meeting your expectations.

For more information and comments, please contact the FSRA at stakeholder@fsra.co.sz or call 2406 8000.

All stolen PRASA money must be paid back - DA

CAPE TOWN - The DA will ask Transport Minister Blade Nzimande to ensure that former acting Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA) Chief Executive Collins Letsoalo pays back every cent with interest for his massive 350 per cent salary hike, it said on Sunday.

Auditor-General Kimi Makwetu found that Letsoalo was undeserving of the extremely high raise he gave himself, DA spokesperson Manny de Freitas said.

"The DA finds it ludicrous that such a large (amount) was apportioned to one individual, when it could be channelled towards fixing the rudderless state of the beleaguered entity.

"It is a well-known scandal that PRASA is struggling under the weight of debt," he said.

This was precisely why Nzimande should ensure that Letsoalo, who was still a member of the PRASA board, repays all the money he unduly awarded himself with added interest.

This proved the DA's position that the breakdown in the rail system in South Africa was no accident. It was directly due to the rampant corruption and mismanagement by successive ministers and PRASA, De Freitas said.

The DA had always maintained that PRASA was crippled because the ANC had used it as a "piggy bank, like all other state-owned entities".

It was all in Nzimande's hands now to ensure a disciplinary investigation was instituted against Letsoalo to find answers as to how this happened.

African News Agency

ESKOM, unions head for make or break negotiations

JOHANNESBURG - Eskom and three unions will this week enter into do or die wage negotiations that would give an indication of the country's energy security which has threatened to inflict further damage to the country's hobbling economy.

The strike has seen massive coal shortages as protesting workers blocked deliveries at some of Eskom's power stations. Eskom spokesperson Khulu Phasiwe said the board had convened a special meeting today to discuss trade unions' new demands tabled by the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (NUMSA) and Solidarity last week. Phasiwe said the board's stance on the matter would inform Eskom's response to the demands.



"The board will not only consider the wage demand, it will also deliberate on the suggestions made by the unions," Phasiwe said. "We appreciate that the parties to these negotiations are committed to engage. The more we engage, the closer we get to a solution." Eskom has been on a roller coaster ride which has seen it implementing power cuts in the past two weeks as unions upped the ante on the utility's stance of a zero per cent wage increase. Phasiwe said Eskom was increasing electricity capacity

by returning to service generating units at its power stations.

Investec economist Annabel Bishop said the continuing Eskom protests could rattle investor sentiment towards South Africa.

"Added to this is that SA is already disappointing investors with heavily indebted Eskom's threatened load shedding and wage demands, while SA remains the entities' guarantor, the Q1:18 contraction in GDP and SA's twin deficits, where little work has been done so far to meaningfully reduce government debt and expenditure to date, or to fully eradicate state capture, as the individuals perceived to have driven it remain unprosecuted and the money has not been repaid." *Business Report*

SABC names new executives in shake-up

JOHANNESBURG - Former Road Accident Fund (RAF) chief financial officer Yolande van Biljon yesterday began the unenviable task of sorting out the cash flow problems at the embattled South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC).

The public broadcaster said Van Biljon's appointment was effective from yesterday and she would next week be joined by new Chief Executive Madoda Mxakwe. The Chairperson of the board, Bongumusa Makhathini, said the two appointments would

strengthen the organisation's position as a credible and reliable public service content provider.

"As part of the continuous efforts to bring stability, the SABC is in the process of finalising other group executives appointments in order to achieve

'SAP knew risk when it paid Guptas R100 million'

CAPE TOWN - According to newly-leaked documents, software company SAP allegedly knew that it was conducting business with the Guptas, a year before the #GuptaLeaks allegations came to light.

In July last year, SAP denied the accusations in the #GuptaLeaks that it had paid R100 million in commission to a Gupta-linked company, in order to secure contracts from Eskom and Transnet, reports Fin24.

However, according to recent documents that were leaked to the SABC and amaBhungane, SAP reportedly knew that it was conducting business with the Guptas, a year before the #GuptaLeaks allegations surfaced.

In addition, nearly R73 million was paid in after SAP was warned that the Guptas were involved in April 2016. SAP then reportedly proceeded with a R495 million deal with Eskom.

SAP was aware of all the risks of the contracts. *Business Report Online*

sound governance in all the SABC's business units," Makhathini said. Mxakwe, who has recently served as Nestle's country head responsible for Mozambique, Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland and Lesotho, previously served as a spokesperson for the Department of Public Service and Administration. *Business Report* under former minister Ger



DONALD TRUMP CALLS FOR DEPORTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump said on Sunday that people who enter the United States illegally should be sent back to where they came from immediately without any judicial process.

Facing a public outcry and pressure even from within his Republican Party, Trump last week reversed his policy of separating migrant children from their parents at the border so the adults could be detained and prosecuted, a process that typically takes months.

Since buckling on the issue on Wednesday, Trump has redoubled his criticism of US immigration laws on Twitter and in speeches where he likened illegal immigrants to invaders trying to "break into" the country.

"We cannot allow all of these people to invade our country. When somebody comes in, we must

...with 'no judges or court cases'

immediately, with no judges or court cases, bring them back from where they came. Our system is a mockery to good immigration policy and law and order. Most children come without parents," Trump said Sunday on Twitter.

"Cannot accept all of the people trying to break into our country. strong borders, no crime!"

Trump did not differentiate between people who entered the United States to seek asylum and illegal immigrants.

The US immigration law provides certain rights for undocumented immigrants arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. In most cases, they are allowed a full hearing before an immigration judge before being deported.

Reuters



DEPORT THEM: US President Donald Trump.

In Texas border towns, illegal immigration is big business

EL PASO - For volunteer activists working with immigrants, those who profit from the migrants' plight are "sick."

But illegal migration is big business in the border state of Texas, generating jobs for private prison operators, money lenders and storefront lawyers.

Texas is at the centre of the immigration crisis produced by President Donald Trump's "zero tolerance" practice, which has led to the separation of more than 2 000 children from their families who attempted to enter the country illegally or while seeking asylum.

Although Trump Wednesday ordered an end to the separations, deep confusion lingers over what this will mean on the ground. But in the meantime, the money keeps rolling in for those who benefit from the migrant influx.

More than two-thirds of the nearly 304 000 who entered from Mexico and were detained by border patrol agents in the fiscal year 2017 were in



PROTEST: People protest in front of a bus carrying migrants near McAllen Detention Facility, McAllen, Texas.

Texas, according to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Not surprisingly, then, Texas has the largest number of detention centres for immigrants. *AFP*

Zimbabwe blast 'terrorism,' vice president says

HARARE - One of Zimbabwe's vice presidents is calling Saturday's explosion at a presidential campaign rally "terrorism" and says any candidate who feels "afraid and scared" will receive security.

Vice President Constantino Chiwenga is telling a rally outside the capital that the blast that went off in a VIP tent seconds after President Emmerson Mnangagwa stepped into it will not stop the historic July 30 election. The president was unscathed. Chiwenga was lightly bruised in the blast. Police say an investigation continues. Zimbabwe's presidential candidates are not normally provided with security by the government. The protection at Chiwenga's rally appears no heavier than normal, with no security checks for those attending. *AP*

...Zim police offer reward for information leading to arrest of culprits behind blast

HARARE - Zimbabwean police are offering a "substantial" reward for any information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the explosion at a Zanu-PF election rally in Bulawayo on Saturday, the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) reported.

The blast occurred at the White City Stadium in Bulawayo just minutes after President Emmerson Mnangagwa had ended his speech.

Mnangagwa was not injured in the explosion. Forty-nine people were injured but there were no fatalities.

ZBC quoted the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) saying at a media conference on Sunday afternoon that expert teams were firmly on the ground investigating the explosion and that a "substantial" reward was being offered to anyone with information leading to the arrest of the culprits. *Sowetanlive*

KHARTOUM - South Sudanese President Salva Kiir and arch-foe Riek Machar were set to hold a new round of peace talks on Monday after a first meeting last week faltered.

Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir is hosting in Khartoum the second round of talks between the two bitter rivals, aimed at ending South Sudan's four-and-a-half year brutal civil war.

A first-round brokered by Ethiopian premier Abiy Ahmed in Addis Ababa last Thursday failed to achieve any breakthrough.

Regional East African leaders have launched new efforts to secure peace in South Sudan where warring factions face a looming deadline to avert UN sanctions.

The war has killed tens of thousands of people and driven about four million others from their homes. It erupted after Kiir fell out with his then deputy Machar in December 2013, dashing the optimism that accompanied inde-

South Sudan foes in new peace talks to end deadly war



TALKS: First Vice President of South Sudan and former rebel leader, Riek Machar, and President Salva Kiir.

pendence of South Sudan just two years earlier from Sudan.

"In this round of talks we are looking for a breakthrough to this thorny issue," Sudanese Foreign Minister Al-Dierdiry Ahmed told reporters on Sunday.

Kiir and Machar's meeting in Addis Ababa was their first face-

to-face encounter in nearly two years. Their meeting in Khartoum will be the first since fighting erupted in South Sudan.

It comes after South Sudan's government declared that it "had enough" of Machar, dashing hopes of any breakthrough at the Addis Ababa talks. *AFP*

BRIEFS

Floods, landslides kill 7, leave 12 missing

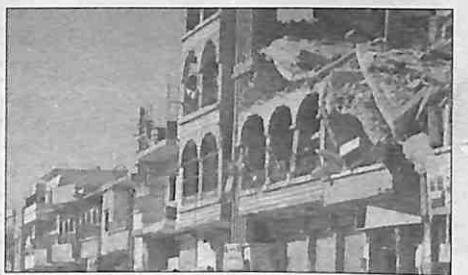
VIETNAM - Flash floods and landslides triggered by heavy rains have killed at least seven people and left 12 others missing in northern Vietnam. In the worst hit province of Lai Chau, five people were killed and authorities have been mobilising forces to search for the 12 missing, the provincial government said in a statement on Monday. The Vietnam Disaster Management Authority said in a statement that two people were killed in neighbouring Ha Giang province when their house collapsed. Landslides have interrupted traffic in some areas, it added. Heavy rains are forecast to continue in the region for the next two days. *AP*

70 die in escalating communal clashes

BAUCHI - Nigeria imposed a dusk to dawn curfew on Sunday in central Plateau state after at least 70 people died in communal clashes between farmers and semi-nomadic herders over the weekend. Strife in the decades-old conflict has escalated sharply this year, particularly in the ethnically and religiously diverse hinterland states known as the Middle Belt, causing more deaths than the Boko Haram insurgency in Nigeria's northeast. The government has enforced a curfew from 6pm to 6am in order to bring normalcy, (and) police and other security operatives have been put on alert at the moment, Plateau State's Commissioner of Information Yakubu Dati told Reuters. *Reuters*

We won't be silent - Iraqi militias say

ERBIL - Iraq's Popular Mobilisation Forces, an umbrella grouping of mostly Iran-backed Shi'ite militias, said on Sunday it would not remain silent over an alleged US air strike it said killed 22 of its members across the border in Syria last week. "To the Americans we say ... we will not be quiet about this attack," senior PMF Commander Jamal Jaafar Ibrahim, known by his nom de guerre Abu Mahdi al-Mohandes, said in a video message. In a news conference, Mohandes said the PMF had collected fragments of the missiles used in the strike, which he said proved it was a US attack. *Reuters*



EU deploys first vote monitors

HARARE - The European Union on Saturday began deploying election observers in Zimbabwe for the first time in 16 years, ahead of next month's vote. The July 30 election will be the first in the country since veteran leader Robert Mugabe was ousted following a brief military takeover in November last year, after 37 years in power. It will be a key test for incumbent Emmerson Mnangagwa, who succeeded the long-serving autocrat Mugabe seven months ago, and remains untested at the ballot box. *AFP*

Egypt extends its state of emergency

CAIRO - Egypt has extended its state of emergency for another three months. President Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi's decision was published in the official gazette on Sunday. It should be approved by Parliament within seven days and go into effect on July 14. Egypt has been under a state of emergency, after an Islamic State affiliate bombed two Coptic churches in April last year killing at least 44 people. Egypt has been battling Islamic militants for years, but the insurgency gained strength after the 2013 overthrow of an elected but divisive Islamist president. *AP*



FOCUS ON SA SCENE

RAMAPHOSA PROMISES ANC TO OFFER BEST POLICIES

JOHANNESBURG - President Cyril Ramaphosa has promised to start his first term of administration after next year's general elections with the best policies.

Ramaphosa told delegates at the ANC Limpopo provincial elective conference on Sunday that he was gearing towards a workshop to formulate an election manifesto to propose such policies.

"We want to approach the next administration armed with policies that no other organisation can match. This is in addition to the best policies that we had formulated," he told the over 1 500 delegates that had gathered at The Ranch Hotel outside Polokwane.

Ramaphosa, who ascended to the Union Buildings after former president Jacob Zuma was forced to resign, will only start his first term after the 2019 general elections. That is, if the ANC continues to garner majority support in the elections and it seems Ramaphosa is aware of the hard work that lies ahead.

He implored delegates to get down to winning the trust of the masses as the party has suffered deficits in the past years.

"The election process has earnestly



PROMISES: SA President Cyril Ramaphosa.

started and the last (election) was not the best for us here in Limpopo. All of us have a responsibility to make sure that the ANC wins decisively on the next coming elections. "This conference is the vehicle for the 2019 elections and this leadership becomes its engine."

Ramaphosa would on Monday be delivering the opening address at a workshop for the drafting of the manifesto, to be

headed by ANC Secretary General Ace Magashule.

He did not reveal who else will be taking part in the drafting of the manifesto or what would constitute the best policies. However, he pointed out government will be implementing the National Health insurance whether people liked it or not. He also touched on issues of free quality education in the higher learning sector and expropriation of land without compensation.

Ramaphosa said a recurring complaint had been the lack of implementation of party policies in government.

He promised that his administration would implement the policies and resolutions of the party.

Ramaphosa emphasised the need for unity ahead of elections.

"The renewal and unity mandate should also be about how we go about uniting our alliance. We have a mandate to strengthen and unite the alliance so that it becomes a living organism in this country."

"We have been going the provincial elective conferences which led to their collapse."

The Sun

Ramaphosa's power grip suffers another blow

JOHANNESBURG - Recent events in the Free State, North West, KZN and the Eastern Cape suggest the president is not nearly in full control.

Cyril Ramaphosa has suffered a significant political setback after the ANC's National Executive Committee (NEC) has allowed an illegally and unconstitutionally elected Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) in the Free State to continue.

The Free State is not the only province where Ramaphosa's grip on power seems weak - he was forced to go for a compromise candidate, Job Mokgoro, to replace Supra Mahumapelo as premier in North West.

And in KwaZulu-Natal, members openly and vocally support former

president Jacob Zuma, even in Ramaphosa's presence.

Meanwhile, in the Eastern Cape, Zuma supporters are continuing to challenge the legitimacy of the Ramaphosa-supporting PEC.

The decision to continue with a Free State PEC that is loyal to ANC Secretary-general Ace Magashule - and supported him when he was Free State premier - was made despite the vociferous protests of disgruntled ANC members in the province.

The Free State decision could severely erode Ramaphosa's power as an ANC leader. The decision also shows the power of Magashule and others within the faction who remain loyal to Zuma, and shows that this faction believes it can cling on to power or

even oust Ramaphosa later.

Currently, Ramaphosa is hampered in implementing his personal vision for unity and anticorruption because he has to rely on consensus being reached with his former opponents in the NEC.

While knowing that the recently elected PEC in the Free State is dominated by Zuma supporters and lackeys of Magashule, Ramaphosa has still been forced to accept the divided NEC's decision that the PEC must stay. While the dissenting members have left a space open for dialogue to find a political solution to the impasse, they have also vowed to use various means to fight against what they claim is an unlawful PEC.

Citizen

South African Jews fight back against 'attacks'

DURBAN - The South Africa Jewish community is experiencing a "flurry of viciously anti-Semitic and threatening attacks", and have vowed to fight back.

"We will not be intimidated by these attacks and we call on every single South African who is opposed to any form of racism and who values democracy and freedom of expression to say 'enough is enough'," said an outraged Shaun Zagnoev, Chairperson of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies (SAJBD).

"We are going to pursue every avenue,

including laying criminal and civil charges and we are also going to the South African Human Right Commission (SAHRC) and Equality Court."

Two people - blogger Matome Letsoalo and another man, Tameez Seedat - who wrote anti-Semitic posts and who can both be traced will be hearing from the SAJBD lawyers first. The attacks against the Jewish community, which Zagnoev said yesterday were made over the past 24 hours, were made on social media and in face-to-face encounters and had generated "great anxiety and anger in the Jewish

community", he said.

While it was common to see anti-Semitic content online, it was rare for the attacks to take "so virulent and inflammatory a form".

The spate of anti-Israel sentiment comes in the wake of the furore over comments that model and TV personality Shashi Naidoo made when she expressed her support for Israel and referring to Gaza as a "\$*%&hole". Her comments, which she said had been seen in another post, claimed that Palestinians taught their children to hate Jewish people. *Daily News*



NOT YOURS: Queen Elizabeth II.

Give back land, Basotho ask Queen Elizabeth

MASERU - A group from Lesotho has sent a petition to Queen Elizabeth II to facilitate the return of land that was taken from them in 1854.

A group from Lesotho calling itself the 'Basotho Petitioners' has petitioned the Queen Elizabeth II to facilitate their return to land in South Africa, which they say is "rightfully" theirs, *News24* has reported.

Mpho Serobanyane, the coordinator of the group, said the petition was handed over to the British Embassy in Pretoria last Tuesday.

"The petition is all about the readjustment request for Lesotho boundaries. That is all we are requesting for her majesty Queen Elizabeth to do for the Basotho," said Serobanyane.

According to the group, the British monarchy authorised the land distribution in 1854 during the Orange River convention, which is also known as the Bloemfontein convention.

The convention was one where the

British formally recognised the independence of 'the Boers' in the area between the Orange and Vaal rivers, leading to the formation of the Boer Republic of the Orange Free State, which was independent at the time.

"What we know is that the petition will be handed over to their high commissioner, who will take it to Queen Elizabeth," Serobanyane said.

He added if they did not receive any response, they would engage with British Foreign Minister Boris Johnson.

The group has also requested to personally present the petition to the queen, to explain their documentation to her.

"If [she] finds that our petition is not applicable, we therefore have everything documented that will guide and give light as to what our intentions are, and how we are going to deal with the readjustments of the boundaries," he added. *News24*

'Malema's remarks sow panic among Indians'

DURBAN - EFF leader Julius Malema's comments that Indians hated Africans have caused panic in some Indian communities.

A community leader in Chatsworth on Sunday slammed Malema, saying his statement was reckless.

"Julius Malema's reckless statements are creating panic. The questions to be asked is: is South Africa heading towards another Uganda situation where Indians were kicked out by the government," said Zain Suliman.

Chatsworth residents were attending a meeting addressed by Cope leader Mosiuoa Lekota.

Suliman said Malema's call for expropriation of land without compensation and his claim that Indians hated Africans were cause for concern among members of the Indian community.

"These statements are dividing our



REMARKS: EFF leader Julius Malema.

communities and are stirring racial tension. The leadership of both communities have worked tirelessly recently to achieve social cohesion," he said. Suliman called on the government to take action against Malema for "contributing to the uncertainty in our country". *Political Bureau*

'ALL STOLEN PASSPORTS ARE USUALLY SOLD'

Daily Mail investigation reveals how gangs are selling UK passports for £2 500 - allowing criminals and terrorists to sneak in.

LONDON - A disturbing trade in stolen British passports was exposed yesterday by the Daily Mail.

Swiped by criminal gangs in Western Europe, they are flown to Istanbul or Athens for sale by people smugglers.

Security experts said owning a genuine British passport was like 'winning the lottery' for jihadis and criminals - allowing them to slip across borders undetected.

In response to the Mail's findings, MPs called for action to address Britain's "shocking vulnerability" to potentially dangerous illegals.

Our investigation reveals that British citizens are selling their passports to be bought by migrants of similar appearance.

And fake EU identity cards that can be used to enter the UK are also being made to order within three days in the Balkans.

The Mail bought a UK passport for £2 500 from Abu Ahmad, a people-smuggling kingpin in Turkey. It had been stolen from a Milton Keynes man working in Brussels.

It was one of five passports that Ahmad, who is known as 'The Doctor,' offered to the Mail.

The others included one stolen from an Oxford graduate visiting Paris and another taken from a 28-year-old Manchester woman who was on holiday in Spain.

Ahmad boasted that seven in 10 of his clients succeed in duping immigration staff and making it to the UK.

He is on bail while he appeals against an eight-year sentence for spiriting thousands of migrants into Europe, including suspected jihadis. At its peak, his 'business' was bringing in £110 000 a month.

Europol, an EU police agency, warned on Sunday that people smugglers operating in Turkey and Greece were 'frequent' offenders in the trade in black market documents, which is an 'important enabler' of organised crime.

Ahmad said all the passports he sold were genuine - otherwise they would be no use at border control. They are either stolen or sold by their owners, who agree not to report them as missing for a few months, by which time they have been used by Ahmad's customers.

He said: "Most British passports are stolen. Except if the passport was in the name of someone Arabic or Pakistani or something, that could have been sold."

Ahmad said he had no qualms about profiting from stolen passports and, despite boasting he has



(Above) FALSE DOCUMENTS: Dozens of false documents seized by an organised crime unit in Greece, including hundreds of ID cards and scores of passports.



(L) SUSPECT: Abu Ahmad, who is known as 'The Doctor', helps smuggle people across the world by selling them stolen passports.

A terrorist or a criminal could have assumed my identity - victim

LONDON - The owner of a British passport bought by the Mail on Sunday told of his shock at it being touted by a people smuggler.

Brijen Hathi, a consultant from Milton Keynes, said it was stolen at a Eurostar station during a business trip in March.

It was spirited to Istanbul and put on sale for £2 500.

"It's frightening to think it got all the way from Brussels to Turkey," said the 46-year-old.

"It's very worrying to know that someone else might have got their hands on it and tried to use it.

"Who knows what kind of person might have been claiming to be me? It could have been anyone, even a terrorist or criminal."

Hathi said he was having chips at Brussels Midi station with colleagues when he looked down and saw his bag was gone.

"It was a nightmare. I had everything in there - my phone, my car keys, even my loose change," he said. "But my passport was obviously the most important thing. I was stranded in Brussels until I could arrange a replacement." Hathi spent that evening at a police station reporting the theft. The following day he went to the British embassy in the Belgian capital where he was given an emergency travel document, could return to his wife and family. *Daily Mail*



Stolen papers helping illegals into the EU

LONDON - More than 200 000 illegal EU border crossings were made last year, according to the European police agency.

The movements were driven by a 'large, lucrative and sophisticated criminal market' in black market travel documents. Europol warned that ruthless and violent gangs selling fraudulent passports and ID cards posed a major security threat. A third of cases investigated last year by the European Migrant Smuggling Centre, which was set up by the law enforcement agency to tackle people smuggling, had a 'strong document fraud' element. Gangs in Turkey and Greece are said to be frequent offenders, even 'renting' travel documents to migrants for later re-use.

Others are sold online on 'dark net' marketplaces and on social media.

Robert Crepinko, the head of the European Migrant Smuggling Centre, said: "Ruthless and violent criminals are increasingly providing smuggling services to irregular migrants to evade border controls, migration regulations and visa requirements. 'Most irregular migrants resort to the assistance of profit-seeking smugglers."

"Migrant smugglers are becoming more and more organised, establishing sophisticated professional networks, operating transnationally from source towards destination countries."

Daily Mail

LONDON - Just 72 hours after putting out a request for a British passport we secured a meeting with a people smuggler who offered us five.

Abu Ahmad, who is known as 'The Doctor', used to operate openly among fellow Syrian migrants hoping to reach to Western Europe.

However, since being put on the Interpol wanted list, the former heart surgeon has gone to ground and regularly changes his phone and home to evade the attention of the authorities.

After negotiating with an intermediary, he agreed to meet us at our room at the Istanbul Grand Hyatt and tell his story. He insisted his face should be disguised, and made it very clear our contact would suffer if the deal was broken.

The stocky 40-year-old bristled when asked if he was worried that jihadis might be among the thousands of people he had helped smuggle into Europe. And he pointedly asked the intermedi-

Brazen sales patter of 'The Doctor' who sold a UK passport



STOLEN: One of the stolen passports used to help get people through passport control and across borders.

ary: "Are the people from your side solid or not?"

Relaxing a little, he showed us the passport he was selling and explained: "I got hold of this

through people who bring us European passports - legitimate ones that haven't been toyed with. Most of them come from Greece."

He said he normally chooses around 15 from a range of 100 passports, selecting those that most look like his clients. "I have other contacts who supply passports and all are European," he said. "Some are Danish, some are from Sweden."

He says gangs operate around Europe, possibly including the UK, stealing passports and couriers them back to people smugglers.

Ahmad said: "All passports that get stolen, get sold. The passport trade in Europe is spreading."

"A passport is expensive, its price is high. Most of the passports we get are German, French and British." Ahmad sells 15 to 20 passports a month about five of which are British. "It's a strong passport, the British one," he said. *Daily Mail*



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FORMER BEAUTY PRINCESS SCOOPS SA LEGAL WISE DEAL

By Ayanda Dlamini

FORMER Miss Eswatini First Princess Nomonde Fihla-Ngema is making waves on the big and small screens.

The former beauty ambassador has been featured on South African legal protection insurance company Legal Wise TV commercial.

Ngema is seen on the commercial looking gorgeous in her formal wear walking past a boardroom with her lawyer seeking for justice and legal assistance.

Worth noting is that the deal marks the sixth South African TV commercial advertorial the former Miss Eswatini first princess has been featured on.

She has been featured on commer-



BIG SCREEN: Former Eswatini First Princess Nomonde Fihla – Ngema with an attorney on the South African legal protection insurance company Legal Wise TV advertorial she is featured on.

cials for companies such as SABS, Suzuki, Spar, Fattis and Monis, Brother

For life and Legal Wise, which is currently on screens as we speak.



FACE BEAT: Ngema doing final touch-ups for Khanyi Mbau before shooting.

Ngema is not only a model but also a make-up artist for some of the TV personalities in South Africa.

Her social media pages are flooded with her work; pictures of her doing face beat to SA celebrities such Khanyi Mbau, Kelly Khumalo, Busiswa, Pabi Moloi, Baby Cele and Pallance Dladla, to name a few.

Ngema has made her name in the TV industry through her make-up skills.

Ngema, popularly known as Nomonde Fihla, is former Miss Eswatini First Princess. She was crowned as a first princess in 2003 with Londiwe Simelane who was the second princess during Thembelihle Zwane's reign.

Umgcwembe Braai bringing back old school house

By Andile Dlamini

WHEN was the last time you listened to a deejay playing from a vinyl record?

On Saturday, house music fans will be given the rare treat at Umgcwembe Braai in Fairview, Manzini.

The show dubbed 'The Vinyl Xperience' is courtesy of Streetjoy Promotions.

The event will be strictly for spinners who play from vinyl records. Its aim is to bring back the culture of vinyl deejaying in the country and help preserve these records. The show will feature legendary local spinners such as DJ Xtra Luv, NkamV, 711, Bisto and 2.O.

Event

The upcoming event is not just once off but will continue to other places and the facilitators hope to rope in more deejays that are interested in the initiative as well as restaurant and chill spots.

"We have so much exclusive mixes that the new generation needs to listen to, I mean deep house, soulful house, you name it," said DJ Xtra Luv. He added that the show will cater to all house fans, despite what kind of house they like and will also include mb and kwatio music.

The show will have no cover charge and will start at noon on Saturday.

No more Zanzibar trip for Mr Eswatini

By Ayanda Dlamini

THE newly-crowned Mr Eswatini Rodney Landsberg will no longer witness the beauty of Tanzanian Island, Zanzibar.

One of the major prizes for Mr Eswatini winner was a fully paid trip to Zanzibar as the Director Linda Chester had previously revealed. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, the country's ambassador will not have the holiday trip to the land famous for white sand, amongst others.

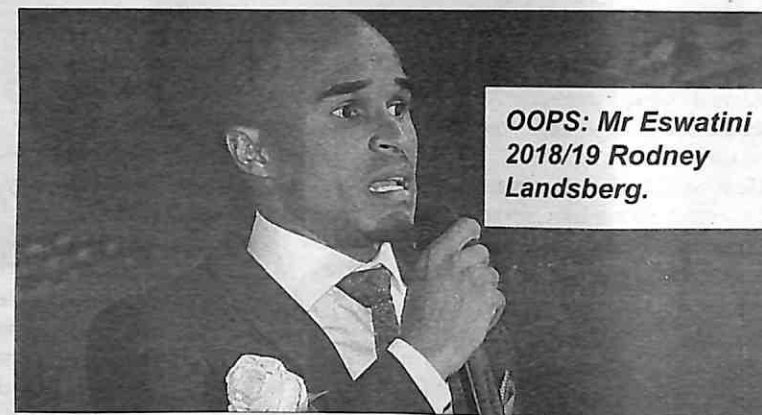
According to Chester, the trip sponsorship entity could not disclose what

was holding the confirmation of the trip but later cancelled everything.

"We had to cancel the trip for Mr Eswatini winner as our sponsors could not meet us halfway and share the difficulties they were facing in funding the trip," said the beauty pageant director.

However, Chester could not reveal the sponsorship entity or individual of the fully paid trip for the newly crowned king Rodney Landsberg.

Last Friday, Mr Eswatini smiled all the way home as he received his prizes which included E5 000 cash during the prize presentation which was held at Eswatini National Council of Arts



OOPS: Mr Eswatini 2018/19 Rodney Landsberg.

and Culture (ENCAC) offices in Manzini.

Prizes presented to the newly-crowned king were a Samsung smart phone, Tablet, E5 000 cash, six months gym contract and scholarship worth

E70 000 for all three country's ambassadors.

Landsberg also received gift hampers from different clothing brands such as TGMR and CAVA, to name a few.

SJAVA CONFIRMS LEGENDS GIG

By Nomfundo Sifundza

AFTER scooping the BET award in Los Angeles, California, on Sunday, South African born Sjava has confirmed the August 4 gig.

The star, who scooped the Viewers' Choice Best International Act category gong at the biggest international stage, will be performing at the Summer Place Parking Bay in Manzini next to Mario's Pub n Grill.

Confirming the Eswatini gig, Sjava said; "this show will be for the legends and, therefore, will be a celebration of the award I just won. Fans should come prepared for a leg-



endary performance inspired by the international recognition I just received."

The versatile musician will be performing at the beneficiary show for local legends.

The show is said to be a form of fundraising event for a 'legends beneficiary fund' to be hosted after negotiations are finalised with an insurance company. Sjava has a large following in the country and in his home country.

This is not the first 'Viewers Choice award' he has bagged as even last year he won the same gong at the inaugural Mzansi Magic Viewers Choice Awards.

Master P, Olwee, King Terry for LGBTI march

By Ayanda Dlamini

WITH only four days to go for the inaugural Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) community Pride March, the line-up for the day has been revealed.

The country's entertainment heavyweights such as Master P, King Terry, DJ Speech Umlangeni, Mozaik The Producer and Home Boyz will be serenading the LGBTI community with good music as they will be performing at the pride event after the march in the afternoon which will be held at Prince of Wales in Mbabane on Saturday.

Revealing this was Rock of Hope Communications Officer Melusi

Simelane yesterday. Simelane also revealed that this inaugural pride march would also be supported by international entertainers such as DJ Olwee, who is the Director of 'Living The Dream with Somizi' which plays on Mzansi Magic and Mozambique's Cherry Sasha.

March

Simelane also mentioned that the pride march will be an event not to be missed as they have three programme directors of the day and these include Leendor M, Dr Shakes and Frankie.

DJ Master P confirmed that he would be on the turn-tables at the celebration and promised to deliver the best set for attendees. There will be no charge fee for attendees at the pride celebration.



IN THE AIR: Love was in the air as Amanda Mo and Denzel collaborated during Denzel's soul searing set.



DOPEST: Vocalist Denzel and KrTC performing.



BACK: T55 Top five finalist rapper C2K made a triumphant return to the stage during the show.



STAR: Gcobani Masuku singing Dolobheni featuring KrTC.

GCOBANI STEALS SHINE AT 'HIP HOP N SOUL' SESSION

By Nomfundo Sifundza

FORMER T55 Talent Search contestant Gcobani Masuku stole the show at the Hip Hop n Soul Session' on Sunday.

The 'Hip Hop n Soul Session' was held at the Cuba Nora Restaurant situated at the Corporate Place Food Court. The youngster performed the very

DOLOBHENI: Young Gcobani Masuku from Hlatsi stole the show at the Hip Hop n Soul Session held at Cuba Nora on Sunday. (Pics: Nomfundo Sifundza)

song he collaborated on with rapper KrTC. Titled 'Dolobheni' the

songs' first bars are enough to tickle bone and marrow and Gcobani's sense of humour adds that which has not yet been found in the industry.

Praising the youngsters' tal-



BASS: Sihle Bass Prince Thwala playing his bass guitar.

ent KrTC said he was humbled when Gcobani approached him to seek for assistance as he pursues his career in music.

Headliners of the session were comedian Mdura, KrTC and vocalist Denzel.

Denzel serenaded the attendants with his soft tunes and his collaboration with Amanda Mo, whilst comedian Mdura was his usual hilarious self.

The 'Hip hop n Soul Session' was deemed as the perfect way to end the weekend and kick off the coming week.



CREATIVE CORNER: Poets, rappers and vocalists converged at Cuba Nora for the Hip Hop n Soul Session.



MAGIC: Judah Silitshena and KrTC during their collaboration.

DEEP: Amanda Mo captured in a deep place inside herself when Denzel serenaded her.

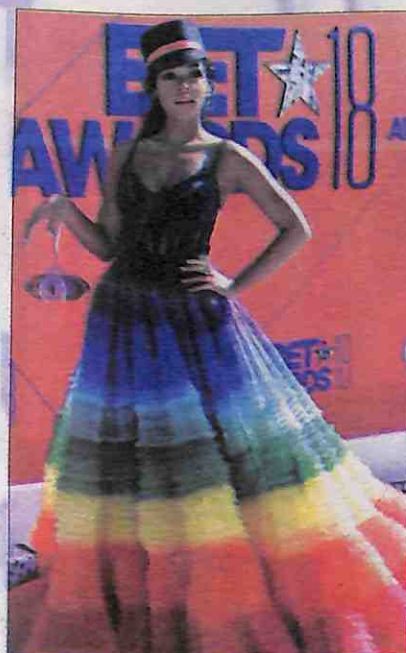


BET AWARDS 2018 RED CARPET FASHION

WINNERS: THE COMPLETE LIST

Best Actress Award
-Tiffany Haddish
Best Actor Award
-Chadwick Boseman
Best Movie Award
-Black Panther
Young Stars Award
-Yara Shahidi
Album of the Year Award
-DAMN., Kendrick Lamar
Best Female R&B/Pop Artist Award
-Beyoncé
Best Male R&B/Pop Artist Award
-Bruno Mars
Best Female Hip Hop Artist Award
-Cardi B
Best Male Hip Hop Artist Award
-Kendrick Lamar
Best Group Award
-Migos

Rae Sremmurd
Best Collaboration Award
-DJ Khaled feat. Rihanna and Bryson Tiller, "Wild Thoughts"
Video of the Year Award
-Drake, "God's Plan"
Video Director of the Year Award
-Ava Duvernay
Best New Artist Award
-SZA
Best International Act Award
-Davido (Nigeria)
Sportswoman of the Year Award
-Serena Williams
Sportsman of the Year Award
-Lebron James
BET Her Award
-Mary J. Blige, "Strength of a Woman"
Coca-Cola Viewers' Choice Award
-Cardi B, "Bodak Yellow"



RAINBOW: Janelle Monáe opted for gay pride colours.



HANDSOME: Actor Trevor Jackson poses upon arrival.



PINT: Actress Logan Browning.



TITO MBOWENI: Cassper Nyovest looked handsome.



COMBO: Halle Bailey (R) wearing Natasha Zinko and Chloe Bailey (L) wearing Linder.

SHORTY: Singer Ashanti rocked a mini coatdress.



FRIENDS LIKE THESE: Meek Mill and YG paired up on the red carpet at the 2018 BET Awards.



FAMILY: Dj Khaled, Nicole Tuck and Asahd Tuck had some fun on the red carpet.



PAIR: Terry Crews and Lakeith Stanfield having a jol on arrival.

YOU SEE: Rocking some old Hollywood curls, Amber went for a skintight green dress for her red carpet.

BET AWARDS 2018 RED CARPET FASHION



CREAM: Rapper Tyga looks like tough stuff on the 2018 BET red carpet in Los Angeles.



ABSOLUTE PERFECTION: Nicki's thigh-grazing dress had a high-neck with a large cut-out from her neck to her upper midriff.



PINKY: Remy Ma wearing Karen Sabag.



COOL: Rick Ross looked pretty cool in his colourful ensemble.



SILVER: Blac Chyna wearing a chainmail two-piece set with metallic finger waves.



ORNATE: Miss Tyra Banks poses her heart out in an ornate jumpsuit.



JUDGE: Neyo, The World of Dance judge's yellow suit is bold and brilliant on the carpet.



YELLOW: The Girls Trip actress Reggina Hall stuns in a tiered, canary yellow gown at the ceremony.



COLOURFUL: Big Freedia spotted a colourful look.

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Celebrity News

Adele to release fourth album

LOS ANGELES - She released her last chart-topping album, 25, in 2015. And after three years out of the recording studio, insiders report Adele is prepping for a new record. Sources have told The Sun that the Hello singer has been meeting with her record label in preparation to record her fourth album with a Christmas 2019 release date. According to The Sun, Adele, 30, had a meeting about the project earlier this month at Sony's offices in London and will spend the summer writing for the record. A music insider said: 'She's back in the UK and intends to write here. A number of studio musicians have been approached to work with her and she's already penned some of the songs.' *MailOnline*



PREPPING: Adele.

Game of Thrones' Kit Harington, Rose Leslie are married

HOLLYWOOD - Kit Harington and Rose Leslie's wedding isn't coming—it's officially here! The Game of Thrones actor, who plays Jon Snow, and his former co-star, who played his Wildling lover Ygritte, tied the knot on Saturday in a church service near the Wardhill Castle in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, according to reports. Leslie, who has been with Harington for four years, is a descendant of King Charles II and the 12th-century castle, which is now a popular wedding venue and private hotel, has been owned by her family for the past 900 years. *Eonline*



TIE THE KNOT: Kit Harington and Rose Leslie.

Gwyneth Paltrow still hot at 45

Italy Gwyneth Paltrow proved on Sunday that her intense workouts with personal trainer Tracy Anderson continue to pay off as she looked incredible in a small black bikini. The G.O.O.P. founder was toned to perfection as she took a swim and then relaxed on a luxurious yacht owned by Italian fashion designer Valentino off the coast of Capri, Italy. The Oscar-winning actress, 45, has been on a dream vacation with her TV producer fiance Brad Falchuk, 47, of Glee and Pose fame. *DailyMail*



HOT: Gwyneth Paltrow.

Rapper Jadakiss is now dating Faith Evans

LOS ANGELES - MTO News learned that rapper Jadakiss is believed to be dating Faith Evans - according to two people who attended the Luke Cage premiere this week. The couple even took pictures together on the red carpet. One entertainment insider told MTO News, "Faith and Jada were definitely together. They sat together, hung out together, and left together. They were so cute." Another entertainment insider, who is an actor on the show Luke Cage, told MTO News, "I heard they were together, but I thought they were trying to keep it low key." *TMZ*



DATING: Faith and Kadak.

SA Celebrity News

Ed Sheeran heading to South Africa

JOHANNESBURG - Calling all Ed Sheeran fans. The crooner has confirmed that he will take part in his first ever tour in SA in March 2019. His third studio album has sold over 15-million copies across the globe and some of his big hits include Shape of You, Galway and Perfect. And come 2019, you get to have a taste of Ed when he performs at FNB Stadium on March 23 and Cape Town Stadium on March 27. That's a lot of time to save coins, fam. Also he's bound to safari. Which means stalking for us. *TimesLive*



COMING: Ed Sheeran.

NPA to decide on Bassie, Romeo defamation

JOHANNESBURG - The National Prosecution Authority (NPA) South Gauteng will decide on the fate of author and social media big cheese Jackie Phamotse in due course. This was confirmed by NPA South Gauteng Spokeswoman Phindi Mjonondwane. "I can confirm that the police have referred the matter to us for a decision whether to prosecute. However, the prosecutor who is handling the case referred the matter back to the police for further investigation," he said. Phamotse found her self on the wrong side of the law after businesswoman Basetsana Kumalo opened cases of defamation and crimine injuria against her at the Midrand Police Station last week. This after a Twitter storm that was ignited by Phamotse's controversial tweet on June 5 about a TV mogul and her hubby. *Sowetan*



CONTROVERSIAL: Bassie and Romeo.

Chomee ready to fight for her money

JOHANNESBURG - Musician Chomee has turned to lawyers to help her get money for gigs she said she hasn't been paid for, some which date back to 2010. In an interview with Drum magazine, Chomee said that a legal team had offered to help with her case, but because she has no money to pay them, she has negotiated that she pay after the case is settled. Chomee recently spoke about the hardships of being an entertainer, but the post has since been deleted. She told Drum she is owed around R500k and is battling as a result. Chomee is not the first celebrity to speak out about not getting paid for gigs, with many people insisting they get prior to the event. *TimesLive*



READY TO FIGHT: Chomee

Sjava wins BET Award

NEW YORK - Musician Sjava walked away victorious at the prestigious BET Awards on Sunday night where he got the nod for the Viewers' Choice Best International Act category. He was nominated alongside Nigeria's Niniola and Kwesi Arthur of Ghana. As Mzansi applauds Sjava, who had earlier said during a red carpet interview that he would only lose to Davido, it was his acceptance speech that has gone viral. Dressed in his trademark traditional wear, Sjava did the most with his moment. *TshisaLive*



WINS: Sjava.

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY



CLEAR THE AIR: Judahs.

Judas and Beauty finally find a way to clear the air between them.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



DESIRE: Lincoln.

When Lincoln expresses his desire to catch up on time lost, he is met with a frosty response from Ntando. Gatanga is disappointed to find Thabang's new place in a mess and lectures him about responsibility.

Muvhango

TODAY

Hangwani attacks Teboho for poisoning Rendani. James and Imani discover the truth behind Meme's disappearance. Gugu's good intentions have the opposite effect on Brother Max.



ATTACKED: Teboho.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



SHOCK: Mapula.

Mapula reels after the shock of the Matric dance. David catches Mzi red-handed. Sindiswa tells Mapula to press charges.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Restaurants be like: "Bean ala Toast" served with sauté sauce - R500

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Aries March 21 - April 19

During the last few months, Aries, it could be that you've met some strange people who have greatly influenced your attitude about marriage or partnership. They've been pushing you to get more freedom into your life. If this is indeed the case, you can feel quite sure that they've come under a cosmic influence. That's no reason for you to agree. Freedom or lack of freedom is completely subjective.



It's an excellent forecast for you, Libra! Although no specific events will occur, there is the huge promise of freedom over the next seven months. A fundamental shift is about to occur in your occupation and love life, as the months unfold, you can expect to be more visionary, more creative, and perhaps more rebellious. This time, you'll be much more effective than in the past two or three years.



Taurus April 20 - May 20

Take care of the people around you, Taurus. Service to others is an important part of the day, as compassion and caring are at the forefront of your mind. Take this opportunity to become a reassuring caregiver for someone close who needs a nurturing shoulder. You'll win a great number of loyal friends to your side as you share your passionate nature with others.



Scorpio October 24 - November 21

To understand the major shift that's taking place, Scorpio, you must look at events from a lofty perspective. A slow-acting liberation is gathering momentum. In the next seven months, you'll be unable to resist the opportunity to rid yourself of some oppressive part of your past. You'll shed your old complexes and emerge renewed. Don't be alarmed if some family relations suffer as a result. The distress is only temporary.



Gemini May 21 - June 21

You may feel as if you're sinking into an emotional vortex, Gemini. Be careful about assuming that things are yours when they aren't really. It's important that you not accuse someone of being a thief when you have no facts to back up this claim. Keeping things in balance may be difficult with the great amount of emotional sensitivity in the air at this time.



The gentle winds of change are blowing through your life at the moment, Sagittarius. You have a feeling of newness and an open attitude toward the world. Some outside events will be coming up in your life that give you the impression you're advancing in a concrete manner toward a new life. You can expect to have some pleasant surprises.



Cancer June 22 - July 22

You mustn't expect any enormous changes today, Cancer. However, the process you began three or four years ago will accelerate slightly. You're changing the moorings of your identity, the ideas that make you sure of who you are. Your family, background, and education no longer count as much as your spiritual foundations. Don't be afraid of this shift. Go with it.



Capricorn December 22 - January 19

The idea of a turning point in one's destiny often brings a smile to the faces of cynical people, but in your case, Capricorn, it definitely has some meaning. This turning point can take the form of a new person in your life or a key event that changes things forever. Sometimes things that we only hear about actually happen. Something like this may happen to you in the coming months.



Leo July 23 - August 22

The day should be fairly positive, Leo, and you'll begin to feel the faintest hints of a major change beginning. This new phase will last seven months. As it progresses, you'll find greater freedom of expression. You can expect to shift into high gear in subjects you used to avoid. Some friction with siblings is likely to arise in the next few months.



Aquarius January 20 - February 18

It may be that you've returned deeply changed from a long voyage, Aquarius. Of course, we're all changed to some extent by travel, but in your case, the change is truly profound. You're going to have some problems getting back into the life you had before you left. Your old life is likely to feel too limiting to you. So what are you waiting for? Change it!



Virgo August 23 - September 22

The solar system is shifting gears today, Virgo, and it's liable to trigger a great transformation that will last seven months. The change will center on the means you use to fulfill yourself in terms of both your career and love life. If you feel somewhat hemmed in by your training or upbringing, you can expect to seek liberation from these inhibitions in the months to come.



Pisces February 19 - March 20

If you feel suffocated by your romantic relationships, if you feel they lack some spice or are too traditional, then why not liberate yourself? There is a feeling in the air that life is turning in a positive direction. This will help you set things up to turn even your craziest ideas into reality. Starting today, Pisces, you're going to be asked to be more concrete.



Libra September 23 - October 23

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PUZZLE CHOICE

Can you find the hidden words? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

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SLEEP, SLUMBER,
SNOOZE, STARGAZE,
TIRED, VISION, WEARY.

YOUR HANDS MUST BE FULL

An Italian grandmother is giving directions to her grown grandson who is coming to visit with his wife. "You comma to da front door of the apartment. I am inna apartmenta 301. There issa bigga panel atta the front door. Witha you elbow, you pusha da numba



301. I will buzza you in. Comma inside, the elevator is onna the right. Get inna and witta you elbow, you pusha numba 3. When you getta out, Imma onna the left. Witha you elbow, ringa my doorbell." Grandma, that sounds easy, but, why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow? "What!!!"

USELESS FACTS

1. Weatherman Willard Scott was the first original Ronald McDonald. [link]
2. Virginia Woolf wrote all her books standing.
3. Einstein couldn't speak fluently until after his ninth birthday.
4. In most advertisements, including newspapers, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
5. On the ground, a group of geese is a gaggle, in the sky it is a skein.

BRAINTEASERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

YESTERDAY'S BRAINTEASERS

1. Which bow can't be tied?

Answer: Rainbow.

2. What type of dress can never be worn?

Answer: Address.

TODAY'S BRAINTEASERS

1. The white lady who sheds tears all the time.

2. What is black when its clean and white when its dirty?



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NEWS



JAMIE FOXX'S WILDEST HOSTING MOMENTS FROM THE 2018 BET AWARDS



HE's the host with the most!

Jamie Foxx was quite the showman, hosting the 2018 BET Awards.

The show was action packed and the versatile star kept viewers (and audience members!) on their toes with his off-script antics.

From talking about the success of Black Panther in his opening for a full five minutes to bringing up Donald Glover on the stage, the former In Living Color comedian was certainly a wild man with his off-the-cuff stage antics and his wild sketches during the show that featured performances from 2 Chainz, Big Sean, Miguel, Meek Mill and Nicki Minaj.

1. Blackanda Forever: At the end of his opening monologue, the Black Panther superfan brought Michael B. Jordan on stage to recite the powerful last line from the blockbuster movie.

The actor said, "Bury me in the ocean with my ancestors who jumped from the ships, because they knew death was better than bondage." And then the crowd went wild.

2. Foxy Glove Moment: Jamie brought Donald up to the stage in an impromptu move and got the entire audience to sing "This Is America" and got Childish Gambino to croon a bit a Capella. Everyone was surprised—especially Donald!

3. Disco Fever: Jamie was all about the costume changes, including rocking a disco-fabulous ensemble.



Cartoon network is looking for new animation talent in Africa

THE leader in children's animation in South Africa, Cartoon Network, invites African creators to submit their short-form comedy project in the first ever Cartoon Network creative venture run in Africa.

If there's one thing Africans do really well, it is the ability to laugh at themselves! Taking advantage of Africans' humorous streak, and incredible storytelling abilities, Cartoon Network Africa is proud to announce the launch of their brand new initiative, Cartoon Network Africa Creative Lab, an African venture designed to bring innovative, local short form content to the channel, and its digital platforms, while reinforcing the local relevance of the brand.

In this ground-breaking move, the leading network in the kids' entertainment industry, Cartoon Network is taking another bold step in addressing the gap in locally relevant content which offers a viewing experience that resonates with its African audience.

The initiative will encourage African talents: creators, writers, graphic artists, animation students... in fact anyone who loves kids' content, to explore their creative, animation and production talents and have the chance to produce a short-form animated comedy to make Cartoon Network viewers across Africa laugh out loud!

"As sponsors of the Discop 2016 Animation Pitching Programme, we were exposed to some really inspiring local animation projects," says Ariane Suveg, Head of programming and acquisition Turner kids Africa.

"We were so impressed by Cape Town-based Punch Monkey Studio's amazing creative energy in the winning entry, Cloud Life, that the project has been traveling through the Turner group and is now in a development process with the Turner Asia Pacific production team!

This just reinforces our need to invest in local content and our commitment to further mentoring talent in the African animation industry."

#DMF confirms to Twitter that 'Money is love' is a Xhosa proverb

YOU know when you are at home watching your people on TV and hoping they don't embarrass you? Well, that didn't work out for most Xhosa people on Sunday night who watched Date My Family.

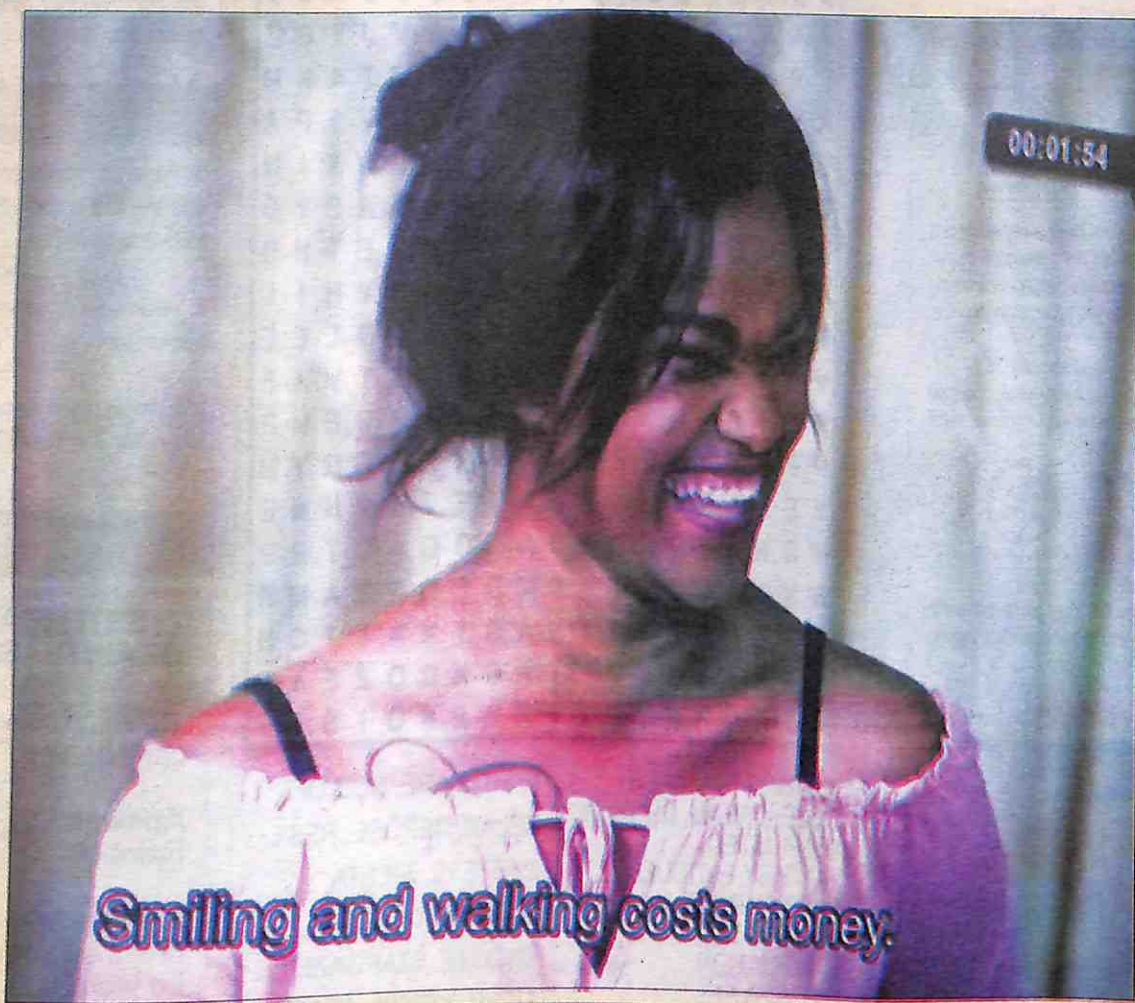
We've all heard the stereotype that Xhosa women love their guap. And even though just that - a generalisation - Siki's family on DMF enforced the stereotype.

The Eastern Cape episode featured a Xhosa bachelor name Sinethemba, who is a very accomplished guy, but lacks some "home training". There were so many things that viewers found offish about him, like how he was just so comfortable at the potential dates' homes or how he didn't dress up for the occasion. Plus he had inconsistent stories about his ex girlfriend that didn't help his case.

However, it was the second family that stole the spotlight after the potential date, Siki, helped Twitter "confirm" that you can't separate Xhosa girls from money.

Twitter didn't even need money to dish the right memes fam...

As soon as she said money, it was over.



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THE BEST: Standing next to a giant gorilla on the podium, Hamilton salutes the crowd following his first ever victory in France.

HAMILTON SURPASSES SCHUMACHER IN FRANCE

PARIS—Formula One world champion Lewis Hamilton steered clear of chaos on the opening lap to win the first French Grand Prix in a decade yesterday and retake the overall lead from Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel.

Vettel finished only fifth after colliding with Hamilton's Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas at the start.

The victory was the 65th of Hamilton's F1 career but the Briton's first in France, which last hosted a race in 2008, and continued a joyous day for English sports fans after the nation-

al side's 6-1 rout of Panama at the World Cup in Russia.

"Great work guys! I'm so happy for England as well," he said over the team radio. "It's a beautiful Sunday, everyone."

Pole

Hamilton, who had started on pole position, now leads Vettel by 14 points after eight of 21 races. The Briton has 145 and the German 131.

Red Bull's Dutch 20-year-old Max Verstappen took the chequered flag in second place with Kimi Raikkonen passing Vettel and completing the

podium for Ferrari.

Australian Daniel Ricciardo was fourth for Red Bull.

Hamilton had never before won in France and his victory at Le Castellet, a southern circuit that last hosted Formula One in 1990, set a record for the most wins at different grands prix.

He had shared the record of 22 with retired seven-time world champion Michael Schumacher. He also extended his record of wins at different circuits to 26.

Daily Mail

Nadal ousts Federer to regain top spot

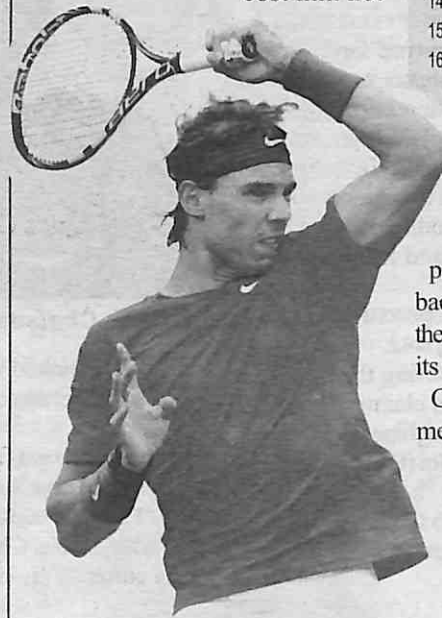
PARIS—Spain's Rafael Nadal regained the top spot in the men's ATP rankings from old rival Roger Federer yesterday after the latter's surprise final loss on the grass in Halle.

Nadal had slipped down to number two despite his 11th French Open success after Federer, 36, took the Stuttgart Cup to bag the number one ranking for the sixth time in his career and bask in a record 310th week at the summit.

But his Halle loss to Borna Coric cost him not

The ATP rankings as of June 25

1. Rafael Nadal (ESP) 8770 pts (+1)
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only a 99th career title but his pole position as Nadal moved back above him by 50 points as the countdown to Wimbledon nears its end.

Coric's win lifted him 13 places meanwhile to a career-high 21st.

Queen's Club champion Marin Cilic moved up a spot to fifth after his win over Novak Djokovic, who moves back into the top 20.

NUMBER ONE:
Spain's Rafael Nadal

Investigation into letter from aggrieved SuperSport presenters nears end

Cape Town - SuperSport is reportedly close to finalising its investigation into a letter received from four disgruntled employees towards the end of last month.

According to the Sunday Times, presenters Xola Ntshinga, Geobani Bobo, Owen Nkumane and Kaunda Ntunja sent a letter via their attorneys to SuperSport in which they expressed concerns over their working environment.

Issues of pay, alleged victimisation and intimidation, and the fact that certain analyst roles were 'reserved for non-white pundits' were all raised in the letter.

Sport24 attempted yesterday to contact all four of the presenters, but they either could not be reached for comment or were not pre-

pared to comment.

However, it did become clear that the feeling was that media reports had blown the letter out of proportion and that a labour issue had been turned into a race issue.

Network24, meanwhile, reported that SuperSport is nearing the end of its investigation and a statement is expected soon.

The Afrikaans website also revealed that the letter in question was sent to SuperSport towards the end of May, meaning it came mere days after the highly-publicised Ashwin Willemse studio walkout on May 19.

Willemse created a storm when he accused fellow SuperSport analysts Nick Mallett and Naas Botha of patronising and undermining him before walking off a live broadcast.

Willemse maintains that the entire incident was fuelled by racism and according to his legal team, will be taking SuperSport to the Equality Court.

Sport24

LeBron 'calling star players to play with' to build new super team

LOS ANGELES - LeBron James has started making calls to potential team-mates as he looks to build a roster capable of challenging the Golden State Warriors, according to reports.

James will become an unrestricted free agent on Sunday when he opts out of his Cleveland Cavaliers deal, meaning he is able to sign with any team he chooses.

And the four-time Most Valuable Player has reportedly contacted a number of star players across the league as he plans to construct a new super team.

According to the Southern California News Group, James is in talks with prospective team-mates as he considers his options ahead of the start of free agency.

One Eastern Conference team's general manager was reported as saying: "LeBron is doing what he does - calling players on other teams that he wants to play with."

James previously recruited Chris Bosh before joining the Miami Heat in 2010 and sought reassurances that Cleveland would trade for Kevin Love before rejoining his hometown team in 2014.

Reports indicate James is planning to do something similar in this free agency, with Los Angeles Lakers the bookies' favourite destination for a new super team.

Three players James is interested in teaming up with are San Antonio Spurs' Kawhi Leonard, Houston Rockets' Chris Paul and Oklahoma City Thunder's Paul George. *AFP*

Diego Costa in beast mode

MADRID - The forward has improved his game for Spain, scoring three goals in their first two matches and can carry that form into the new season with Atletico.

The 2019 Champions League final will be played at the Wanda Metropolitano, ensuring club football's biggest

spectacle will be Madrid-centric once more.

After Real Madrid's three years of European dominance, the competition's final comes to the city, but will take place at the new home of local rivals Atletico Madrid. There is only one thing Atleti fans would love more than seeing Real's run ended and that is victory for their own club on their home turf.

Having lifted the 2017-18 Europa League and reached the final of the Champions League twice in the last five seasons, Atletico are perfectly poised to make a run all the way to the winner-takes-all game on June 1, 2019. Following their 3-0 demolition of Marseille in the Europa League final, Diego Simeone's side were expected to lose star player Antoine Griezmann to Barcelona,

with a long transfer saga eventually ending with an anti-climatic video about the France forward's decision to stay with Los Colchoneros.

Atleti have already been busy preparing for next season, tying down Griezmann and defender Lucas Hernandez, as well as agreeing a deal to sign winger Thomas Lemar from Monaco for a reported €60 million (£52.9m/\$70.5m).

On top of that, Diego Costa is in the form of his life, scoring three times in his first two games with Spain at the World Cup. *Goal*





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CHELSEA STAR N'GOLO KANTE 'GIVES GO-AHEAD' TO MOVE

LONDON - Chelsea midfielder N'Golo Kante wants to join Real Madrid, it has been claimed.

Reports in Spain suggest the France international has emerged as a target for the Champions League winners and Barcelona.

Diario Gol, who are renowned for their outlandish transfer rumours, say Real Madrid President Florentino Perez fancies Kante as a replacement for fringe man Mateo Kovacic.

The Chelsea star would also ease the burden first-choice midfielders Casemiro, Toni Kroos and Luka Modric.

The move, however, reportedly depends on Kovacic being sold.

Despite the issue of shifting the Croatia international, it is claimed Real Madrid are already weighing up an offer worth around £70.4m (£80m) for Kante.

And, according to Diario Gol, the Spanish giants have the green light from Kante to swoop.



ON THE MOVE: Chelsea star N'Golo Kante.

The 27-year-old was linked with a move to Paris-Saint Germain earlier this month.

When asked whether he was aware of the interest from the Ligue 1 champions, he said: "I am not concerned with all that. Today, I am at Chelsea, and today I am currently living and

playing in the World Cup, that is what comes first. "I am not paying attention to what is being said on the club side of things at the moment."

Kante - currently on World Cup duty with France - is under contract at Stamford Bridge until 2021.

Daily Mail

I HAD MINOR ISSUES WITH MOURINHO - POGBA

CAPE TOWN - Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba admits he had a few minor problems with Manager Jose Mourinho last season but believes he has grown stronger as a result.

The France international, currently on international duty at the World Cup in Russia, came under scrutiny for his perceived underachievement at Old Trafford in 2017/18.

Pogba and Mourinho didn't always see eye-to-eye and the Portuguese tactician opted to bench the 25-year-old towards the end of the season. However, Pogba believes the experience helped him become a better player.

"This year was a better season than last year as I was more decisive," he told a press conference at the World Cup.

"It's also true that I had a big injury. It's experience. There were little issues with Mourinho,



ADMITS: Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba.

but they were nothing.

"These are things that make you grow. I never had a season where I was pushed aside, or they put me on the bench.

"It is also the choice of the coach, it's his job, I must accept, as I always said, the only answer is on the pitch." Sport24

Arsenal to sign £16m defender after Dortmund land replacement

LONDON - Arsenal are reportedly clear to complete a deal for a Borussia Dortmund defender after the German giants agreed to sign his replacement.

Dortmund's Director of football, Michael Zorc, has confirmed that the club will sign Abdou Diallo for €25million to replace Sokratis Papastathopoulos, who is bound for The Emirates.

The report suggests that the Greek star's switch to the Gunners is virtually done and that Arsenal have agreed an €18.2m (£16m) deal for Papastathopoulos.

Diallo, ironically, had also been a target for Arsenal and was talked about as a potential January arrival, after

being recommended to Arsene Wenger by chief scout Sven Mislintat.

Get French Football News commented at the time that Diallo's club, Mainz, had told the north London giants that the defender would cost around £26m and that Arsenal baulked at the price.

Diallo is now set to pen a five-year deal at Dortmund, while Unai Emery will boost his central defensive options with the signing of Papastathopoulos. Arsenal and Liverpool, meanwhile, could both be set

to miss out on the signing of a Sporting Lisbon winger, according to reports yesterday.

Team Talk



Liverpool send message of support to stricken Enrique

LIVERPOOL - Liverpool have sent a message of support to former player Jose Enrique who recently underwent brain surgery to remove a tumour but is now in recovery.

The 32-year-old made 99 appearances for the Reds over five seasons before leaving to join Real Zaragoza in 2016/17. He subsequently retired and became a football agent until he was diagnosed with a 'rare brain' tumour called a chordoma.

The player revealed on Saturday that he underwent successful surgery to remove the tumour but still had a lengthy process of radiotherapy treatment to undergo before he can make a full recovery.

Taking to his official Instagram account, he said: "Sorry I haven't been around much, it has been the toughest few weeks of my life.



GET BETTER: Liverpool legend Jose Enrique.

"Within the space of one month I have found out the news that I have a rare brain tumour and had surgery to have it removed, I am now in recovery and so thankful. Life is too precious."

As such, Liverpool have issued a

statement giving their full backing to the Valencia-born ex-left back, saying: "The thoughts of everyone at Liverpool Football Club are with Jose Enrique after the player revealed he has undergone surgery on a brain tumour. AFP

Sarri to sleep at Chelsea training ground when he takes over

LONDON - Sarri will replace Conte despite his countryman winning the FA Cup with the Blues last season.

Maurizio Sarri plans to live at Chelsea's training ground when he joins the club this week.

The former Napoli coach is expected in London in the next 24 hours to sign a two-year deal with the option for a third.

And the workaholic Italian will base himself at Cobham as he begins the task of remoulding the squad before the first-team players return on July 9 and he plays his first match in Australia on July 23. The Stamford Bridge club want to start doing business in the transfer window as they have yet to buy or



DETERMINED: Maurizio Sarri

sell a player yet. Juventus defender Daniele Rugani, who worked with Sarri for two seasons at Empoli, could be the first player to join in a £25m deal.

Inter Milan have told Chelsea they want Davide Zappacosta as part of any deal to sign Uruguay midfielder Matias Vecino. *Mirrors*

Man U confident over signing Willian

MANCHESTER - Manchester United are growing in confidence they can sign Willian from Chelsea.

The Blues winger is open to a reunion with former Manager Jose Mourinho.

And talks have already taken place with the player's representatives over a move to Old Trafford.

Willian fell out with Antonio Conte last season, but even a change in the dugout may not keep him at Stamford Bridge.

Maurizio Sarri is poised to replace his compatriot and the Chelsea boss will look to bring in new sign-

ings. To fund their transfer activity, though, the club could be forced to sell this summer.

And according to the Manchester Evening News, United are encouraged that will see them land Willian.

Frontline

Mourinho wants the attacker, who would slot in on the right of his frontline. The Red Devils are expected to set up with a 4-3-3 formation next season after the arrival of Fred. And his Brazil team-mate Willian may well join him in Manchester after the World Cup.

Daily Star

ALLI TRAINS AS SOUTHGATE PLANS FOR BELGIUM WORLD CUP MATCH

SAINT PETERSBURG - Dele Alli was back training yesterday, sprinting and kicking balls, as Gareth Southgate planned ahead for England's final World Cup group game against Belgium.

Alli's availability would be a boost and his participation at England's base in Repino suggests the midfielder is close to recovering from a thigh strain he picked up in the side's opening win against Tunisia.

But with qualification already secured and a strong argument emerging for finishing second rather than first in Group G, Southgate must decide whether key players, including Alli, are in need of a rest or if he sticks to a winning formula.

While the eleven that started Sunday's match against Panama were spared training after their crushing 6-1 win, England's substitutes were put through a running session and did some ball work.

Ruben Loftus-Cheek, Alli's replacement against Panama, was bright and composed in Nizhny Novgorod,



TRAINING: Dele Alli was back training yesterday, as Gareth Southgate planned ahead for England's final World Cup group game against Belgium.

his shot cannoning off Harry Kane and into the net for England's sixth.

But Alli possesses a goal threat that Loftus-Cheek lacks and, crucially, England need if they are to take the burden away from their

free-scoring captain.

"It's about the balance of goalscorers in the team," Southgate's assistant Steve Holland said last week.

"Someone told me a long time ago that to have a successful team

you need three-and-a-half goalscorers. We've tried to address that."

Daily Mail

He's a big stage player - Peterside Idah lauds Musa's heroics

MOSCOW - The Leicester City loanee set the stage alight at the World Cup with his brace helping Nigeria silenced the Icelanders in Volgograd last Friday.

Nigeria forward Ahmed Musa has been described as a big stage player by former international Peterside Idah.

The Leicester City man, who recently completed a brief loan spell to CSKA Moscow, inspired Nigeria's first World Cup 2018 win in Russia.

Prior to the match, Gernot Rohr's men had crumbled to a 2-0 win against leaders Croatia and needed a vital win over the Vikings to gain a possible lifeline in reaching the knockout

phase.

After a drab goalless first half, Musa replicated his heroic against Argentina at the Brazil 2014 World Cup, grabbing a second-half brace for the Super Eagles to silence Iceland 2-0 at the Volgograd Arena.

The former Kano Pillars man failed to get playing time with the Foxes in 2017/18 season, making only four appearances before he was sent back to his former Russian side where he rediscovered his scoring form.

And the former Super Eagles goalkeeper believes Musa stand a bright chance of attracting big offers following his individual brilliance at the World Cup.

"Somehow, he [Ahmed Musa]

gets it right during the World Cup," Idah told Goal.

"We've all complained about him. Sometimes, his performance is not the best but when he comes to the World Cup, he delivers. He has proved he is a big stage player and could make a difference for his team.

"I am happy for him as an individual and for the team too. He is still young by my reckoning and again, scoring at the World Cup opens many doors for you."

Musa will hope to continue his awe-inspiring form when Nigeria face Argentina in Group D decider in Saint Petersburg today.

Goal

Colombia dedicate Poland win to Sanchez after defender received death threats

MOSCOW - Sanchez was targeted by his own supporters after being sent-off in the opening World Cup game.

Colombia coach Jose Pekerman dedicated the win against Poland to Carlos Sanchez.

The defender received death threats following his red card in the defeat by Japan in their opening World Cup fixture.

Sanchez missed the following game through suspension as Colombia bounced back to put Poland to the sword to kick-start their campaign in Russia.

Pekerman said: "This victory is dedicated to Carlos Sanchez because he has had a tough time these last few days.

"We want to share this night



RED CARD: Carlos Sanchez was sent off after denying a clear goalscoring opportunity against Japan. (Daily Star)

with him. It is something that all the squad feels. "We were playing with the pressure of having to win. There was no room for any mistakes but we shouldered that responsibility

by playing beautiful football. "The team played as a unit and our football emerged from this unity. Now we have a good position in this World Cup."

Daily Star



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Hummels fit to face South Korea in decider

VATUTINKI - Mats Hummels is fit to return for Germany in tomorrow's make-or-break Soccer World Cup clash against South Korea while midfielder Sebastian Rudy is set to miss out with a broken nose.

Rudy had a minor operation on Sunday after the defensive midfielder broke his nose in Saturday's last-gasp 2-1 group stage win over Sweden, which gave Germany renewed hope of progress.

Centre-back Hummels is back in training after a neck injury kept him out of the win against Sweden and is expected to face the South Koreans in Kazan.

"Sebastian has had an operation and we are considering whether he will wear a mask, but we are assuming he won't play," said Germany assistant coach Marcus Sorg yesterday.

"Mats is fully fit again and will be available tomorrow."

Germany, who lost their opener in Russia to Mexico, need to beat South Korea by a two-goal margin to be sure of reaching the last 16. Both Germany and Sweden have three points in Group F, while Mexico have six. South Korea are winless after defeats in their opening two games.

Joachim Loew's team are fighting to avoid becoming the first German side to exit a World Cup at the first-round stage since 1938.

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Deals done so far during the PSL transfer window

JOHANNESBURG - The Premier Soccer League transfer window is not even officially opened yet, but we already have a century of confirmed deals.

Last year, the window ran from July 1 to August 31, which is usually what happens every year.

Sowetan Live provides a club-by-club update on the deals that have been done so far. [Players' last clubs they played for in brackets]

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MARITZBURG UNITED

Danwin Farmer [SuperSport]

ORLANDO PIRATES

Meshack Maphangule [Leopards], Kudakwashe Mahachi [Arrows], Brilliant Khuzwayo [Chiefs], Vincent Pule, Ben Motshwari [both Wits], Asavela Mbekile [Sundowns], Linda Mntambo, Abel Mabaso, Paseka Mako [all Chippa]

SUPERSPORT UNITED

Luke Fleurs [Ubuntu].

Citizen

KAIZER CHIEFS UNVEIL KHUZWAYO'S REPLACEMENT

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs have signed Namibian goalkeeper Virgil Vries.

Vries joins Chiefs to fill the spot left by Brilliant Khuzwayo, who joined Orlando Pirates after his contract with Amakhosi expired.

The Namibian shot stopper was released by Baroka FC after they signed Zimbabwean goalkeeper

Elvis Chipezeze. The experienced goalkeeper signed a three-year deal with the Soweto giants, who will be the club's second choice keeper behind Itumeleng Khune.

"After Brilliant Khuzwayo left, we wanted to get a seasoned goalkeeper to assist Itumeleng Khune," Bobby Motaung told the club's website.

"We have a few talented youngsters like Bruce Bvuma and Brylon Petersen who need to work with experienced keepers.

We welcome Virgil."

Soccer Laduma

SIGNED: Namibian goalkeeper Virgil Vries.



Chiefs still in search of new coach

JOHANNESBURG - The process of Kaizer Chiefs announcing a new coach is getting complicated.

Since the resignation of former coach Steve Komphela two months ago, it seems the club is still far from getting their new man.

eNCA spoke to Amakhosi Manager Bobby Motaung at the launch of pre-season friendly, the Shell Helix Ultra Cup at FNB Stadium yesterday.

According to Kaizer Chiefs Football Manager Bobby Motaung, the club will announce their new coach soon, but the delay is due to their main candidates being snapped up elsewhere.

French coach Patrice Carteron was reportedly the main target, but he has recently joined Egyptian giants Al Ahly.

Former Chelsea and Ghana mentor Avram Grant was also on Amakhosi's shopping list but he is considering joining a Greek club instead.

Motaung said top level coaches are not easy to grab.

"We actually brought in some



SEARCHING: Kaizer Chiefs Football Manager Bobby Motaung.

quality coaches, unfortunately, the competition is stiff. Three of the coaches we have interviewed have been snatched we have got one or two more coaches we are finalising with, hopefully soon once the pre-season starts we want to have our coach."

Motaung has refuted the previous links to Free State Stars coach Luc Eymael and Bafana Bafana coach Stuart Baxter.

Despite Baxter's previous success with Amakhosi, he is off limits due to his contract with

the national team until 2022.

"Luc Eymael, we have never spoken to him I must be clear, Stuart has been linked with us he's a high-quality coach high-level coach.

If he's available, I would love to have him definitely back with the team as people know that he is a high-level coach and he understands the squad and he will be hitting the ground running if it happens but unfortunately he is with SAFA now," Motaung added. *eNCA*

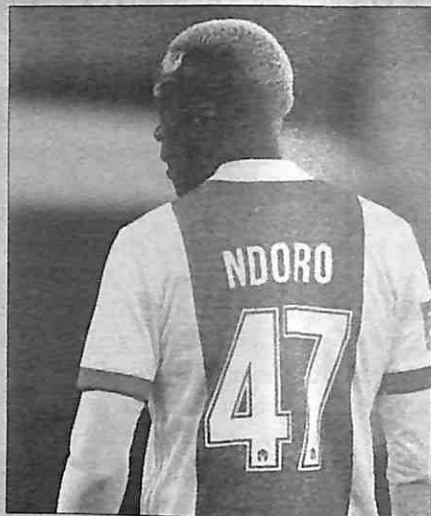
Ajax CT and Tendai Ndoro part ways

CAPE TOWN - Ajax Cape Town confirmed that the club parted ways with Zimbabwean forward Tendai Ndoro yesterday.

Ndoro's contract was up for renewal at the end of June, but the club chose not to extend his stay.

"The club would like to wish Tendai all the best in his future endeavours and thank him for his services over the past six months," said Ajax Cape Town in a statement.

eNCA



Mother accuses former goalkeeper of 'stealing' her daughter

JOHANNESBURG - A mother has accused former Moroka Swallows and Nigeria goalkeeper Idah Peterside of keeping her daughter in his house against her will.

Suzan Mabelane, the mother of a 21-year-old woman, claims goalkeeper-turned-Pastor Peterside kept her daughter in his Kempton Park home for five months.

Mabelane said her daughter joined Peterside's Christ Ambassador Church last December, where she met the

keeper. The mother said he later appointed himself the young woman's legal guardian, allegedly without her mother's consent.

"Imagine not knowing or seeing your daughter for five months, and when you find out where she is, a pastor tells you that she is no longer your child," Mabelane was quoted by The Sunday World. "The worst thing was when he called me a witch because I was asking him to give me my child back." Peterside responded to the

claims: "I don't have to answer to you my friend. [I am] a journalist. All I ask is, do your job as a pro, and do an investigation and make sure you come up with the truth because you will meet me in court if you publish what is not the truth, and I will keep our conversation as evidence if you are wise like I believe you are."

"Call the police officer that came to my house and ask them what truth they found out. It will help you, my friend." *Citizen*



MAN OF STEAL: Idah Peterside in action for Tembisa Classic.

SUNDOWNS REMAIN COMMITTED TO TAU'S MOVE TO EUROPE

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns say they are still committed to helping star striker Percy Tau secure a move to Europe.

Tau is linked with a move away from Sundowns after helping the club claim their eighth ABSA

Premiership League title.

The ABSA Premiership champions have released a statement committing to help Tau move overseas.

English Premier League side Brighton reportedly made an offer for £2.5 million (R44 million) to sign Tau. Mamelodi Sundowns

have stated on numerous occasions over the past 18 months that they were committed to ensuring Percy Tau played and pursued his career in Europe. "We have been saddened by misrepresentations and false statements in the media concerning discussions for Percy Tau to

play in Europe," Sundowns said.

"Mamelodi Sundowns will not engage and discuss in public and with the media. Confidential negotiations are currently underway with several interested European clubs for Percy Tau to play in Europe." *Citizen*



● West Ham are only willing to offer English midfielder Jack Wilshere a one-year contract because they have reservations over the fitness of the 26-year-old whose Arsenal contract expires this summer, putting a move in doubt. *(Sun)*

● Chelsea and Belgium midfielder Eden Hazard, 27, was offered to Real Madrid before the Champions League final in May. *(Marca)*



● New Everton boss Marco Silva could get rid of four Everton players - France midfielder Morgan Schneiderlin, 28, Congo winger Yannick Bolasie, 29, Wales defender Ashley Williams, 33, and former England striker Wayne Rooney, 32. *(Star)*

● Riyad Mahrez's proposed move from Leicester to Manchester City is being held up because the Algeria midfielder, 27, wants a pay-off from the Foxes before leaving. *(Sun)*

● Belgium's Marouane Fellaini, 30, has revealed that his contract situation will be resolved shortly, with the Manchester United midfielder soon to be a free agent and considering a number of offers. *(Independent)*



● France midfielder Paul Pogba, 25, has admitted he had 'small issues' with Manchester United Manager Jose Mourinho last season. *(ESPN)*

● Guinea midfielder Naby Keita, 23, is set to inherit the number eight shirt worn by Steven Gerrard at Liverpool. *(Liverpool Echo)*

● New Derby County boss Frank Lampard wants to sign Hibernian's £3m-rated Scottish midfielder John McGinn, 23. *(Mail)*

● Arsenal boss Unai Emery has made a personal call to Sevilla's Argentine midfielder Ever Banega in an attempt to convince the 29-year-old to join the club. *(Estadio Deportivo, via Mirror)*

● Croatia midfielder Mateo Kovacic is looking to leave Real Madrid to get more regular football, with the 24-year-old a target for Manchester City. *(Marca, via Manchester Evening News)*



Sergio Aguero faces axe against Nigeria

MOSCOW - Sergio Aguero faces the axe against Nigeria today as Argentina bid to salvage their World Cup campaign.

The Manchester City striker is likely to pay the price for his country's 3-0 defeat against Croatia, as they desperately seek to avoid a humiliating group-stage exit for the first time since 2002.

While Aguero is set to be dropped, it appears that only 12 days into this World Cup, the name of the first high-profile managerial casualty is already known.



TO BE AXED: Argentina striker Sergio Aguero (r).

Argentina may not be out of this tournament yet but it seems that Jorge Sampaoli will be relieved of his duties once their part in the

World Cup is over.

Argentina held a press conference without their beleaguered manager on Sunday in the wake of reports that senior players such as Lionel Messi and Javier Mascherano have lost faith in him.

Argentina FA Chief Executive Claudio Tapia denied suggestions that Sampaoli was to be sacked immediately, while Mascherano admitted that senior players had gone to FA officials on Friday night to discuss issues about tactics.

Daily Mail

EGYPT LEAVE WORLD CUP WINLESS AFTER LATE DEFEAT

MOSCOW - Mohamed Salah was on target once again but was unable to help Egypt avoid three losses from three Group A games following the 2-1 defeat to Saudi Arabia yesterday.

Both sides came into the clash with nothing but pride to play for as Russia and Uruguay had already qualified from the group for the knockout stage.

There was a lively start to the encounter, with both nations signalling their intent to attack and get an early goal.

It was Egypt who broke the deadlock on 21 minutes as Salah latched onto a long ball before lobbing the on-rush-



HISTORIC: Egypt goalkeeper Essam El Hadary became the oldest World Cup player ever, and he saved a first half penalty.

ing Yasser Al Mosaiem to nestle the ball in the back of the net.

The Pharaohs carved out another opening as Salah turned provider to pick out Trezeguet, who sent a curl-

ing effort wide of the upright from close range.

Five minutes before the break, Saudi Arabia were awarded a penalty for a handball in the box.

Daily Mail

No mercy for Messi, promise Nigeria ahead of showdown

MOSCOW - Nigeria will take delight in ending potentially Lionel Messi's last World Cup for Argentina despite their love and admiration for the five-time world player of the year, promised Super Eagles coach Gernot Rohr.

Victory for the Africans in Saint Petersburg today will send Argentina home in disgrace after failing to win a game in Russia and send Nigeria into the last 16.

"We love this great player, Messi, everybody loves him," said Rohr yesterday. "The question is not if it is the last World Cup for him or not, the question is for us to be qualified."

"We are not here to watch him playing. We are here to make a result, we are professionals."

"We are here to defend the colours of Nigeria and we know in football there is no mercy, no pity, everybody wants to win and we cannot make any gifts even if we like very much this player."

Daily Mail

Zlatan on the mind for wistful World Cup Swedes

MOSCOW - Zlatan Ibrahimovic retired from international football two years ago but Sweden's former talisman looms over their World Cup campaign like only he can.

It is only too tempting for Sweden fans to wonder what might have been had the former Paris Saint-Germain player been in the side for Saturday's match against Germany, which ended in a painful last-gasp defeat.

Or allow themselves to imagine what impact Ibrahimovic could have had tomorrow, when Sweden face Mexico in a make-or-break final group game in Yekaterinburg.

Now 36 and in the twilight of his career at LA Galaxy, the giant forward hit 62 goals in 116 games for Sweden before quitting the international scene in 2016.

There was speculation in the build-up to the World Cup that he might make a dramatic return and the much-travelled Ibrahimovic, who also played for Manchester United and Barcelona, mischievously dropped numerous hints.

But Sweden coach Janne Andersson did not court him - "Zlatan is very welcome to call me" - and Ibrahimovic ended up being in Russia only for commercial reasons. *AFP*



NET: Luis Suarez scored a free-kick as Uruguay beat Russia to top group A.

Suarez, Cavani secures top spot in Group A for Uruguay

MOSCOW - Uruguay secured top spot in Group A at the 2018 World Cup as Luis Suarez and Edinson Cavani were on target to lead them to a 3-0 win over Russia.

The Uruguayans looked lively in the early stages of the encounter, as Matias Vecino went close to scoring with a strike from distance.

Uruguay were rewarded for their early dominance when Luis Suarez bagged his second goal of the tournament with a fine free-kick on 10 minutes to make it 1-0.

It was 2-0 to the South

Americans after 23 minutes as Diego Laxalt's shot from distance took a deflection off Denis Cherysev and sailed into the back of the net.

Hosts

Things went from bad to worse for the tournament hosts when they were reduced to 10 men when Igor Smolnikov picked up his second yellow card after 36 minutes.

Russia could not recover from the red card incident and struggled to carve out a chance in the remaining stages of the second half.

The Uruguayans picked up

from where they left off in the first half as they went in search of more goals against a 10-man Russian outfit that looked depleted.

Edinson Cavani, who has had a quiet tournament, nearly bagged his first goal with a strike from distance that sailed just wide of Roman Akinfeev's goal in the 69th minute.

Despite being a man down, Russia should have reduced the deficit in the 76th minute but Artur Dzuyba could not slot home after an error from Muslera in the box.

Daily Mail

E15 000 DAYS AND DOORS MALKERNS KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT



CHAMPS: Minister Moses Vilakati posing with Makhungutja players after they were crowned champions of the E15 000 Days and Doors Malkerns knockout tournament on Saturday.



WELL DONE: Makhungutja players receiving their medals from the minister and guests.

MAKHUNGUTJA CROWNED KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONS

- Stefanutti Stocks E40 000 sponsorship for Malkerns League
- Current Toasters FC promoted to Super league

Stories by Sports Reporter

Makhungutja..... (0)0
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(Makhungutja won 5-4 after penalties)

SOCCER – MAKHUNGUTJA are now E4 300 richer after being crowned champions of the Days and Doors Malkerns knockout league on Saturday.

Over 500 soccer fans crammed the Mahlanya Sports Ground to witness the final that pitted Makhungutja and Swazi Can, Pirates.

Skill and class was the order of the day as both teams displayed talent before Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati and high ranking officers from Stefanutti Stocks Construction, who are the sponsors.



PASS: A Swazi Can player passing the ball during their game against Makhungutja FC.

Stefanutti had sponsored the league to the tune of E40 000 – breaking it to E25 000 for the league while the E15 000 was reserved for the knockout tournament.

On Saturday, Makhungutja FC played against Swazi Can to mark the conclusion of the league and the tournament. The day was also reserved for presentation of the winning teams.



IT'S A GOAL: The Swazi Can goalkeeper sent the wrong direction during a penalty shootout.

The champions took home E4 300 while Swazi Can received E2 600.

Ntandozi Member of Parliament Moses Vilakati, who is also Minister of Agriculture, said the league had managed to uproot talent that would, in future, benefit the country's football fraternity.

Aim

Speaking during the prize presentation, the MP said when they started the league, their aim was to help the youth discover their talent.

"We are very grateful to Stefanutti – the sponsor, for the effort and contribution towards the success of the sport and we hope the company will

continue sponsoring the league in future. We are also grateful that there were no disturbing incidents and that the league and the tournament went smoothly," he said.

Meanwhile, Stefanutti Stocks Construction's Financial Accountant Welile Vilakati said they were pleased to see players showing love for the sport. "As a company, we are pleased that the league and the tournament went smoothly. We have not heard or witnessed any problems, hence we will continue sponsoring the league as a way of showing commitment to social responsibility to the society," he said.



MEDALS: Njabulo Mabuza preparing medals before the presentation ceremony.



MY BALL: Players fighting for the ball.



PROMOTED: Current Toasters FC players displaying their trophy after being crowned champions of the Malkerns league.

Current Toasters promoted to Super League

SOCCER – CURRENT Toasters have since been promoted to the Super League after winning the Days and Doors Malkerns League.

The league is sponsored by Stefanutti Stocks Construction to the tune of E25 000.

In total, the company has spent E40 000 towards sponsorship in the area.

Pioneers of the sponsorship,

Members of Parliament Moses Vilakati and Marwick Khumalo, said Stefanutti had played a major role in improving sports in the country. MP Vilakati said they had observed major improvement during the league and the other tournaments the company was sponsoring.

"We believe Sihlangu will benefit if the talent is nurtured by the

participating teams," the MP said. Meanwhile, Current Toasters FC Manager Thulani Ndzimandze said commitment and dedication by the players resulted to the team being promoted to the Super League. "It is the greatest achievement and we are grateful to the sponsors for the support. Our players are motivated hence we believe we will compete," he said.

MORE FROM KWAMAGOGO 10KM RACE AT TRELAWNEY PARK



HAPPY PEOPLE: Nedbank athletics team after participating in the KwaMagogo 10km race held at Trelawney Park in Manzini on Saturday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



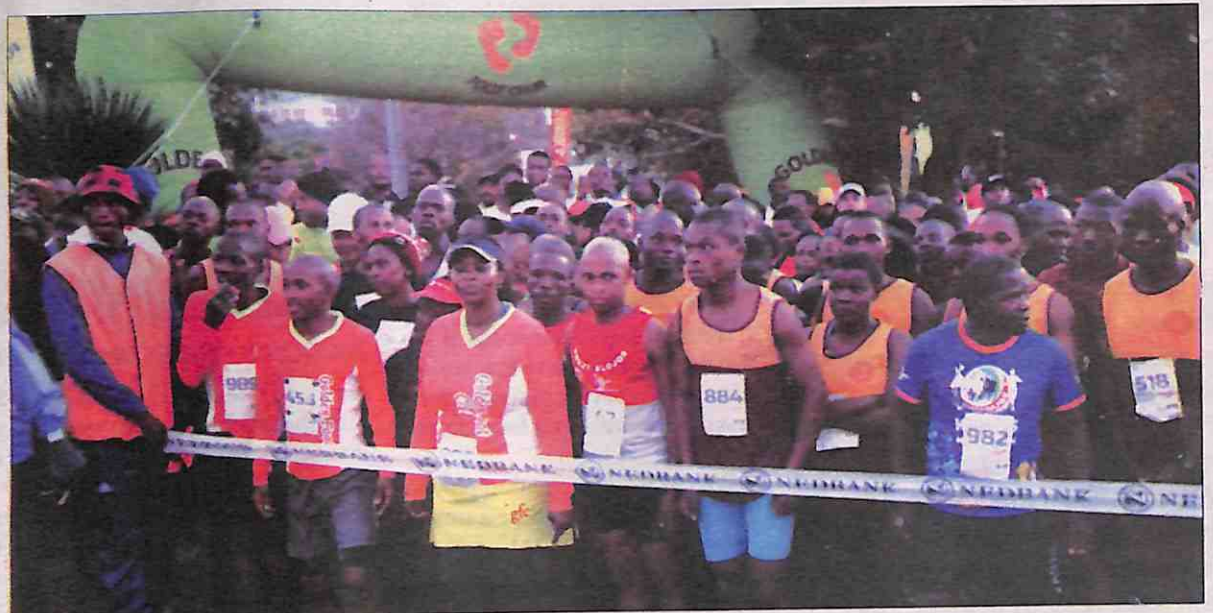
SMILE: Winner in masters category Busi Sithole with Lucky Masilela after accepting her prize.



FIT AND STRONG: Swazi Mobile's Fisiwe Vilane doing her best.



FINAL: USDF Athletics Club secretary Zweli Ngwenya celebrates after crossing the finishing line.



READY: Some of the runners who took part during the KwaMagogo 10km race.



WATCHING: Manzini Mayor Mxolisi Dlamini with Elias Masilela following the proceedings.



CATCH ME IF YOU CAN: Women competing in the 10km race.



IN DISCUSSIONS: Elias, Lucky Masilela with KwaMagogo Patron Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini and Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Ngcamphalala.

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WILL LULU

I had the funniest conversation with a good friend of mine yesterday.

I called her to enquire about something; we hadn't spoken since the beginning of the World Cup so when she answers her phone she said "you are back from Russia?"

I tell her I have never been to Russia, she says she has been reading this column and she was under the impression I was in Russia.

I told her that just like everybody else, I follow the games on TV.

I do, however, wish I was in Russia and I hope my employer will consider sending me to Qatar in 2022.

I hate these stages of the WC when you watch one game while the other one is still playing, it makes me uneasy and I can imagine how this must be for all other people who have made bets and those that are hardcore fans unlike me, I can switch on and off (my feelings) whenever I feel like because at the end of the day, I am watching for many more reasons than the football itself.

Sadly, this page went to print just before the 8pm games ended so I can't write about them. It would have been nice to write about them.

So we will talk about how two African countries crashed out of the competition.

It's crazy how Egypt had so much potential going into this competition but they crashed out so quickly with no win at all.

I want to go on and lament but I won't since I have already done enough of that, I also remembered that they will soon be playing our beloved Sihlangu in a few months and will make a mockery of it so I refuse to feel any pain or whatsoever where Egypt is concerned.

It was quite interesting to see just how Russia fares when facing teams with quality players.

Uruguay exposed Russia and if this is how they will be playing moving forward, then their days in this competition are numbered. Russia's performance reminded me of what a colleague of mine said when the games started; do not make conclusions based on the first match.

It's true now, we are seeing teams for what they really are.



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MAMMOTH TASK FOR SIHLANGU IN QUALIFIERS

It looks like national team Sihlangu have a mammoth task or rather a huge test in their hands in the 2019 AFCON Qualifiers set to resume in September.

The nation's pride will take on two 2018 FIFA World Cup participants in Egypt, Tunisia and minnows Niger in their quest to qualify for the finals of the continent's showcase to be held next year in Cameroon.

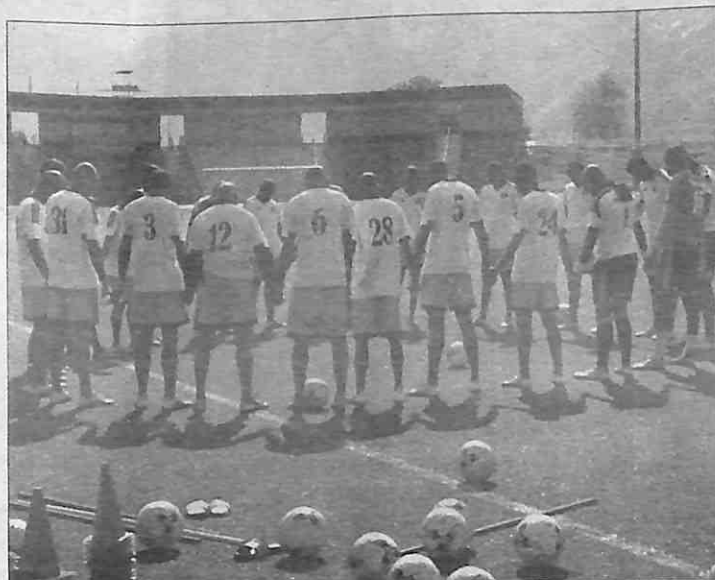
Judging from the performances of Egypt and Tunisia in the ongoing World Cup in Russia, it is clear that the national team will need a complete overhaul if we are to massage our chances of making it to the AFCON finals.

We need to pull our socks if we seriously want to go to Cameroon after already having played a goalless draw against Niger four months ago.

Watching our opposition play in the World Cup should be a timely reminder to be alert of what we should expect from these teams.

Honestly, at the rate things are happening with our national team, we will definitely need a 'miracle' to overcome the North Africans and further beat Niger at home. The technical bench needs to come up with a proper strategy and make sure we salvage something during the away matches to be played at the hostile North Africans stadiums.

Sihlangu needs to win all their home games and further fight for



NATION'S PRIDE: National team Sihlangu.

draws on foreign soil in order to make history for the country in the international scenes.

We are from a poor showing in the recently ended COSAFA Cup held in South Africa and one can only hope we learnt something from that tournament where we even failed to score a single goal.

We did not combine well and click in the final third in the COSAFA Cup and that is also another aspect we should improve on.

The COSAFA team was not aggressive enough. We should always try to play to our strength by trying to combine, and sometimes we do a bit too much in terms of doing what we are not used to and the opposition ends up winning back the ball.

I don't know, maybe we need an aggressive approach in our training and to shoot more often.

All in all, I think we have learnt a lot from what happened during the COSAFA Cup and the team will improve. I will not attempt to say who should or should not be in the national team but obviously, we all know our players and what needs to be done to salvage some pride in the qualifiers.

After the COSAFA Cup, many (including myself) have ridiculed the team as no-hopers and I think they are justified to think that way. The team's performance was just 'hopeless' and one wonders what will happen when we play against the giants of the continent. Winning

breeds confidence in players and for Sihlangu, we needed to do well in the COSAFA Cup.

Yet when you consider the kind of opposition Sihlangu will be facing in the AFCON Qualifiers, you are tempted to conclude that we have no chance.

Tunisia and Egypt are way above Sihlangu in class, experience and pedigree. They will provide much stronger opposition than the teams we also failed to beat in the COSAFA Cup and the sooner Anthony Mdluli makes his boys understand this fact, the better.

I am of the view that we should play tough opposition much earlier so that we build the players' confidence way before the AFCON games. For instance, we beat Malawi 1-0 in a friendly match and our coach and the players instead of making them confident, the win inflated their self-confidence with Mdluli saying the team will surprise many. Indeed we were surprised in the COSAFA Cup where we performed dismally.

There can be no denying that we've gone about preparing for serious games in a very poor way – playing numerous friendlies against lowly international opposition. And with the kind of opposition standing in our way to the finals of the AFCON, things aren't looking good.

But again with fervent home support, and lots of prayer from the country's citizens, there is hope still for Sihlangu.

Birds stars, officials should have attended Pupu's farewell

MBABANE Swallows officials and players simply had to attend Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze's farewell function on Saturday night.

It is true that the party was not organised by the club but having given the player a blessing to host it; perhaps Swallows officials should have attended.

Solidarity, support, all those words should have inspired them to attend. They were certainly expected there, with the top tables being reserved for them.

But no Swallows player or official was there and it wasn't exactly a lovely sight.

The 'Birds' GM Sandile Zwane, explaining their absence, said they had given 'Pupu' the go-ahead to

host the party but further explained that it wasn't the club's function.

Well put, but still, Swallows should have been represented there. Not by former MC members but by the current officials and players.

'Pupu' has served the club well, helping them to numerous triumphs. He has been part of the club's rise from relative unknowns to a respected side on the African continent.

True

It is true Swallows cannot feasibly host parties for every departing player but this one was organised by the player himself.

All Swallows officials and players had to do was to attend. They only had to attend in order to support a friend and loyal servant of

their club. They should do better next time. On a parting note, I want to make it clear that I am closely following what is happening at Manzini Wanderers. To me it looks like it's a case of the 'tail wagging the dog'. I think their supporters have too much power.

Fine, they do make a lot of sense in some of the issues but I feel there is a proper way of doing things. Honestly, they are the ones calling the shots when in fact it should be the other way round.

True they say Wanderers is a people's team but this is not the way to go.

It's now clear they are running the team yet they then blame the management when something goes



STAR: Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze.

wrong. I also hear that something is brewing at Mbabane Highlanders but again that is an issue for another day. I have noted that the teams run by fans make headlines for the wrong reasons, more especially during this time of the season.

'PAPI' SET FOR BIRDS SWITCH

...midfielder begins training with Swallows

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - TRUE to his brother's word, midfielder Xolani 'Pupu' Sikhondze is edging ever closer to joining Mbabane Swallows.

On Saturday night during his farewell party at the Portuguese club in Mbabane, departing Birds star Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze announced that his brother would replace him at the club and take over his number 11 jersey. In keeping up with his brother's announcement, 'Papi' began training with Swallows yesterday morning at Prince of Wales.

Interviewed after the morning training session, 'Papi' said negotiations with Swallows were going well.

"We are still discussing but everything is going well. The hope is that everything will be finalised by the end of the week. I want to get back on the pitch and play in a competitive environment," the soft spoken 'Papi' said.

Also reached for comment, Swallows General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2



TO BE A BIRD: Midfielder Xolani 'Papi' Sikhondze sweating it out at Mbabane Swallows training yesterday morning at Prince of Wales Ground. (Pic: Sibongiseni Zondi)

000' Zwane said Sikhondze was one of the players they had earmarked for next season.

"Like I have said before, we are recruiting players. We will definitely sign players and once we have finalised every deal, we will then announce all the details. 'Papi' is one of those players we have earmarked for next season and we are negotiating with him. Once everything is finalised we will formally

announce," Zwane said.

'Papi,' who is older than 'Pupu,' last played for Matsapha United but left towards the end of last season after disagreements with the club. He was cleared by the Players' Status Committee to join a new club of his choice making him a free agent.

The gifted holding midfielder has also played for Manzini Wanderers and Mbabane Highlanders.

'Birds' senior players begin training

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows senior players joined the rest of their teammates at training yesterday morning at the Prince of Wales Ground.

Swallows resumed training last week Monday but most of the side's senior players were given extra time off with seven of them having taken part in the COSAFA Cup hosted in South Africa at the end of last month. Yesterday morning, the rested players returned to training, among them the defensive trio of Mandla Palma, Sanele Mkheweli and Sifiso Mabila.

Striker Sandile Hlatjwako also returned with veteran wingers Tony Tsabedze, the captain, and Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko expected to join in the afternoon. Swallows will host Tunisian giants Etoile Du Sahel in their third CAF Champions League group stage match on July 17.

Interviewed after the morning session, Palma said it was about time they got back to work.

"It was good to get a break for two weeks. We rested but we are back at work now. The first session was a little bit demanding as expected but we will get back up to speed soon. We know we have a game on the 17th and we believe that if we prepare well we will do well," Palma said.

His words were echoed by goalkeeper

Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza, who said that their focus was on the clash against Sahel. "We are back as everyone knows that we are playing Sahel on July 17. So now we have to get back up to speed so that by the time that day arrives we are ready. Our wish is to win against Sahel so that we can take top spot in the group because we are tied on points with them currently. Our following game will also be against them so it is important that we get three points at home," Ginindza said.

Striker Hlatjwako said the time for resting was over. "The time for resting is over. Now we have to work and continue where we left off last season. We are preparing for Sahel and we are positive that we will win," Hlatjwako said.

They went on to play against South African side Soweto Panthers who gave them a tough time, but then they fought hard and won 57-41.

Unfortunately, the side then lost against Brave Hearts to mark the end of the road for them in the tournament.

On the other hand, defending champions of the Basketball League, Mbabane Jazz started off their campaign on a high, winning 47-45 in a closely contested encounter against Mohotas.

The Sifiso Sibandze-led charges then crashed in their second match where they lost 37-61 against an impressive Brave Hearts, leaving the UNISWA Sports Emporium in silence. Eswatini ladies got a thorough trashing, losing 82-19 against Botswana Police. The massacre against Eswatini ladies continued on the second day as Eswatini Ladies were crushed 8-60 by Zimbabwean side VUT to crash out of the tournament.

THE RESULTS:

Men					
Superstars	65	Caminos Ferro	43	Phoenix	93
Bokamoso	52	Craques Da Boca	65	Craques Da Boca	90
Foxes	67	Unitive University	75	Botswana Defence 0	
Superstars	57	Soweto Panthers	41	Greenstars	44
Imbumba	47	Bokamoso	53	Eswatini Ladies	19
Brave Hearts	47	Kita	38	Vaal University	42
Fadm	29	Phoenix Inter	48	Bokamoso	20
Mbabane Jazz	47	Mahotas	45	Phoenix Flames	26
Mbabane Jazz	37	Brave Hearts	61	Vixens	31
Final				Final	
				Green Stars	83
				Brave Heart's	77

Zungu on Stellenbosch FC radar

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MATSAPHA United captain Vusumuzi Zungu is set to attend a one-week assessment with South African First Division side Stellenbosch FC.

The former Jomo Cosmos FC and Mbabane Highlanders player is expected to begin his assessment with the cape side next week Monday.

A source close to the matter revealed that the player had also attracted interest from two local clubs in Manzini Wanderers and Mbabane Highlanders.

"The player will be going to Cape town for an assessment with Stellenbosch FC. We will be monitoring the situation there since he also is wanted by local clubs. He will on only consider local offers after the Stellenbosch assessment.

"Wanderers and Highlanders have shown interest on the player and they are both yet to table offers to Matsapha United," the source said.

Matsapha United Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini said he was yet to get a for-

mal update about the player.

"I haven't heard anything about the player and I can only be in a better position to comment once I get a formal update," he said.

Dlamini recently told this publication that they would be facilitating international moves for their

foreign contingent comprising of Zungu, Siphamandla Dhlamini and Mthobisi Mngomezulu.

Highlanders Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini said he was not aware of the team's interest on the player when contacted yesterday.

Zungu once played for Highlanders in the 2015/16 season during the era of Malawian coach Meck Mwase.



ON THE MOVE: Matsapha United captain Vusumuzi Zungu.



IN JESUS NAME: Mbabane Highlanders players praying after their training session yesterday. (Pic: Sibusiso Masilela)

Phoenix crowned EIIBT champs

By Sibusiso Dlamini

BASKETBALL - SOUTH AFRICAN side Phoenix are this year's Eswatini International Invitational Tournament (EIIBT) champions.

Following the last minute withdrawal of back-to-back defending champions Jozi Nuggets, Phoenix proved South Africa's dominance in the region as they claimed this win after beating Mozambican side Craques Da Boca 93-90 in a thrilling final played at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) Kwaluseni Campus Sports Emporium.

The match started off on a high note with Phoenix claiming the lead early.

They won the first quarter 16-6. Da Boca, one of the most experienced sides in the tournament, boasting of international stars also proved their experience as they came hard at opposition in the second and third quarter and the match.

The match was eventually decided in the last quarter of the game, with a wonderful three-pointer from Phoenix's point guard to win the fifth edition of the tournament.

In the ladies section, Zimbabwean side Green Stars, who are a high school team were victorious as they claimed the title

with a 83-77 win against Zambians Brave Hearts. The team whose oldest player is 18 years old, showed great character and why they are considered the best ladies team in Zimbabwe.

Meanwhile, local teams once again failed to make their mark in the tournament as the host nation with the best finishers Superstars only make it to the quarter-finals stages.

The 2016 MTN Swaziland National Basketball League champions were off to a great start in the tournament on the first day as they won both their games played at the Mavuso Sports Centre and the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) Sports Emporium, respectively.

The hub side was the first Eswatini team to step on the court as they played against Mozambican side Caminos Ferro where they won 65-43.

Sihlangu trainer Shona rejoins Bull

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - SIHLANGU trainer Sithembiso Shona has rejoined capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders as a physical trainer.

The South African-born trainer assumed his duties yesterday afternoon at the Casino Sports Ground together with head coach Mlungisi 'Professor' Ngubane and assistant coach Bongani Mhlongo.

A source close to the club said Shona had already agreed to a one-year renewable contract with Highlanders.

"Shona was recommended by the technical bench to come and help the team with physical fitness following the departure of Mphikeleli Dlamini, who returned to Royal Leopard. His experience will have a good impact on

the team in the new season," the source said.

Highlanders Chief Executive Officer Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini said he was yet to be briefed about the matter when contacted yesterday.

"I haven't heard anything regarding the matter you are talking about and we will be having a meeting tonight (yesterday) where we will be getting updates," he said.

This is Shona's second stint with Highlanders after that of 2016/17 season where worked together with co-coaches in Rodney Charles and Ernest Mavuso.

Shona spent the previous season at Manzini Sundowns where he was part of the technical bench which was headed by veteran mentor Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini.

The Swazi Observer Sports desk visited the team's training session yesterday where we found Shona drilling the team.



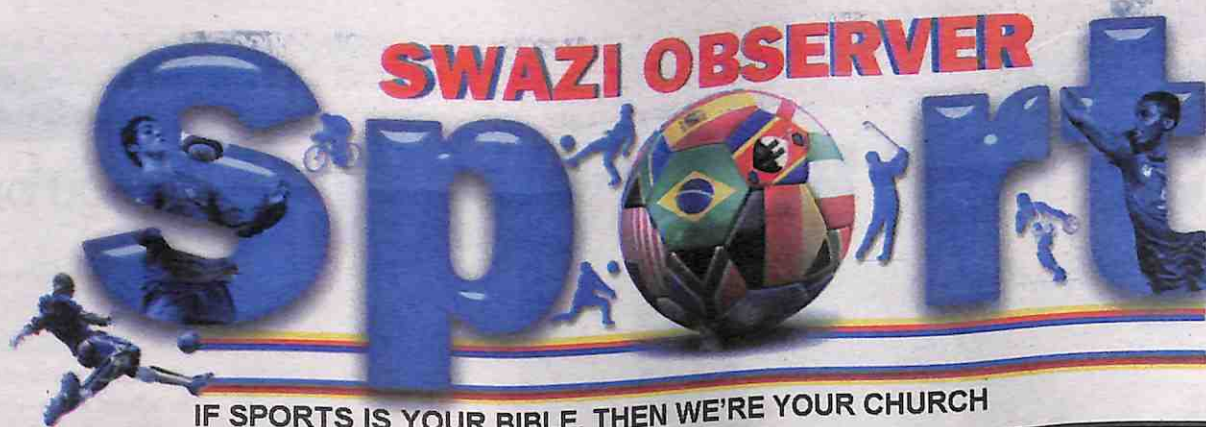
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RESULTS

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Uruguay	3-0	Russia
Iran	1-1	Portugal
Spain	2-2	Morocco

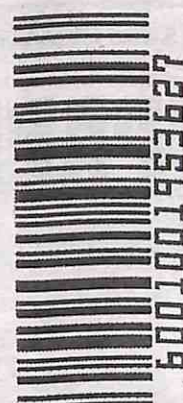
FIXTURES

16:00	Australia	vs	Peru
16:00	Denmark	vs	France
20:00	Iceland	vs	Croatia
20:00	Nigeria	vs	Argentina



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Ronaldo misses penalty as Portugal scrape through to Last 16

MOSCOW - Cristiano Ronaldo missed a second-half penalty as Portugal drew 1-1 with Iran to advance to the round of 16 at the 2018 World Cup.

Selecao enjoyed a good start to the clash as the likes of Ronaldo and João Mario had efforts at goal in the opening 15 minutes.

Despite Portugal's dominance, they struggled to carve out clear cut chances as they were restricted to long range efforts.

Iran carved out the game's first chance after 33 minutes as Saeid Ezatollahi got on the end of the free-kick before steering his header straight at Rui Patricio.

Dominance

Portugal were eventually rewarded for the dominance three minutes before the break as Ricardo Quaresma cut inside and sent a fine curling strike into the top corner with the outside of his boot.

Five minutes into the second half, Portugal were awarded a penalty following review from the Video Assistant Referee (VAR). Ronaldo took responsibility but saw his spot-kick saved by Munir.

Portugal coach Fernando Santos opted for fresher legs and withdrew Quaresma for Manchester City's Bernardo Silva on 70 minutes. The European champions were camped in the Iran half for most of the second half as they pushed for a second goal.

There was some more drama in the closing stages as Iran were awarded a penalty via the VAR.

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QUALIFIED TEAMS (LAST 16)

- Spain
- Portugal
- Russia
- Uruguay

MKHWELI, SANDILE JOIN SA SIDE TS SPORTING

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL First Division side TS Sporting have announced the signing of Mbabane Swallows duo Sanele Mkhweli and striker Sandile Hlatjwako.

The two Swallows players have consistently been linked with moves away from the club to South African sides ever since the end of the 2017/18 season. However, yesterday morning a picture featuring the two players wearing Sporting's jersey alongside fellow new signings started circulating on social media.

Reached for comment yesterday afternoon, Sporting's owner Slungu Thobela confirmed the capture of the two players but added that they would only join his side after the completion of Swallows' 2018 CAF Champions League campaign.

"Yes, it's true we have signed the two players. We are happy with all our signings because we wanted people who will help the team and those two players are exactly that. But we have given them permission to finish what they have started with Swallows



GREENER PASTURES: Swallows players Sanele Mkhweli and striker Sandile Hlatjwako (circled) amongst the rest of the players during the unveiling of the new signees.

(Champions League) so they will probably join us in August. But they are our players, we have signed them," Thobela said.

Famous

Mkhweli and Hlatjwako will join up with former Baroka goalkeeper Oscarine Masuluke at Sporting. Masuluke became world famous for his goal against Orlando Pirates last year which was shortlisted for the FIFA Puskas Award.

Also reached for comment, Swallows

General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane insisted that no Swallows player, with the exception of Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze, would depart before they completed their Champions League campaign.

Policy

"We have a clear policy at Swallows whereby we don't stand in our players' ways. We always allow them to leave and we won't stop anyone from leaving. But now we want to make it clear that no player will leave the

● **Sporting confirm that both players will be available for Champs League**

● **Birds say no player leaving before end of Champions League**

club until we finish in the Champions League campaign, with the exception of 'Pupu.' So our supporters and all stakeholders shouldn't panic. They shouldn't worry about what they see on social media," the Swallows GM said.

"We are competing in the continent's biggest club competition now. It is no longer about Swallows but about the country so we have to respect the people of this country. We have to respect the authorities of the country. We can't do as we please now, this is for all Emaswati. So we have to do our best in the Champions League and that means reaching the final. To do that, we have to keep our best players. Once we are done in the Champions League, then they can leave," Zwane added. It is worth noting that the two players were at Swallows' morning training session at Prince of Wales yesterday.

Meanwhile, more Swallows players continue to attract interest of South African clubs with Felix Badenhorst, Sandile 'Nkomishi' Ginindza and Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu among the other players linked with moves to the neighbouring country.

'SAWA', MOSES AT BULL TRAINING

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MATSAPHA United pair of Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze and Jimmoh Moses are set to make an emotional return to Mbabane Highlanders.

The two players were spotted training with the capital city giants yesterday afternoon at the Casino Sports Ground during the Sports Desk's visit to the 'Black Bull' training base.

The duo is likely to make a return to 'Black Bull' following the previous stint with the team in the 2015/16 season during the era of Managing Director Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane before making a switch to Matsapha United a season later.

The pair was taken through their paces by South African head coach Mlungisi 'Professor' Ngubane together with the current Highlanders players in the likes of Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze, Thabiso Mokenkoane, Mlamuli 'Mlaba' Nkambule, Menzi Sithole, Michael Musonda, Mncedisi Dlamini and Sidumo Vilakati, among others.

When quizzed about the matter, Highlanders Board Chairman Zweli Jele said they were still negotiating with Matsapha United for the services of the players. "We will make an official announcement once we have concluded everything, hopefully, before the end of the week," he said.

Sources close to Highlanders have also suggested that the team was also negotiating for the services of three



TARGETS: Matsapha United defender Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze chatting with Mbabane Highlanders captain Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze during a training session held yesterday at Casino Sports Ground. (R) Jimmoh Moses was spotted chatting with Thabiso Mokenkoane. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)

other Matsapha United players in Vusumuzi Zungu, Siphamandla Dhlamini and goalkeeper Khanyakezwe Shabalala.

Matsapha United CEO Victor 'Mavikana' Dlamini said he was yet to get a briefing on the matter. "Nothing has reached

my office regarding the two players and I can only comment after our meeting sometime this week."