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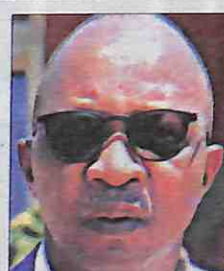
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D-DAY:

KING TO ANNOUNCE NEW PM TODAY

COVER STORY

By Bodwa Mbingo

Today is the day when His Majesty King Mswati III is expected to give his nation a new Prime Minister as he promised when he opened Sibaya on Wednesday afternoon.

The People's Parliament as per the King's directive comes to an end today. The nation is, therefore, expected to cascade to the Ludzidzini Royal Byre in its numbers to listen to what the King will say in giving the country a renewed direction apart from appointing the new PM.

This comes after the King directed the nation to assist him come up with a rightful Prime Minister to steer the country towards a first world status by 2022 as per the national vision.

He noted on the day that the country is faced with tough economic times and that there is need for the nation to change its way of doing things.

He expressed hope that the people



APPRECIATION: Emaswati clapping hands in appreciation of Senator Princess Sikhanyiso's submissions.

who were elected and appointed into different political positions had the capacity to turn the country's economy around.

He said the country needs men and women who are ready to die for the country as they work towards turning the economy around.

He said more jobs were needed in the country.

Having given the nation at least two

days to deliberate on issues, they duly obliged with a number of speakers taking to the podium to lay their cards bare on how the country's socio-political economy could be revived.

Soon after the King delivered his speech excitement was written all over people's faces with some declaring that there was nothing more important than helping the economy get back to its feet.

They felt that the man to be entrusted with the responsibility of being the prime minister should be a decent man who will have the interest of the people at heart and who will consider all people, from the young to the elderly and handicapped.

Worth noting was that a majority of the people mentioned former Prime Minister Dr Absalom Thembisa Dlamini when asked about their preferred candidate for the next PM.

Other names that were thrown around were Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini and Ndzingeni MP Lutfo Dlamini.

Appealing

Meanwhile, amongst the speakers that stole the hearts of those at Sibaya include Senator Princess Sikhanyiso who spoke on embezzlement of public funds, the legalisation of dagga and employing technology in agriculture.

Also appealing to the attendants was Ndzingeni Legislator Lutfo Dlamini who called for the management and issuance of government tractors to farmers around the country to be decen-

tralised.

He also apologised to the King for all his past sins.

Supreme Court Judge Phesheya Senzangakhona Dlamini who suggested that rapists and fathers who do not contribute to their children's maintenance should face harsh laws also had Sibaya eating from the palm of his hand. He also said people who rape babies and kill their lovers should face harsh laws.

Former PM Dr Absalom Thembisa Dlamini, who is currently Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director, noted that the problems faced by the country's economy stem from failure by government to pay contractors and suppliers on time.

Former Speaker Themba Msibi, on the other hand, said MPs should not be allowed to elect the 10 Senators as provided for by the Constitution whilst calling for the amendment that gives them such powers.

Others that had their say during the People's Parliament include MTN CEO Ambrose Dlamini, Eswatini Sugar Association (ESA) CEO Philemon Mnisi, Ntandozi MP Moses Vilakati, Senator Thulisile Dladla, Senator Neal Rijkenberg, Manzini South MP Thandi Nxumalo, Senator Cleopas Dlamini and MP Pholile Shakantu.

The rest are Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini, former AG Majahe-nkhamba Dlamini, former Senator Themba Dlamini and Bheki Dlamini.

Sibaya business continues this morning, starting at 10am as Indvuna Sifiso Mashampu Khumalo declared that more speakers will be expected to make their submissions before the King eventually speaks to the nation.

Failure to pay contractors and suppliers killed economy – Dr AT

By Thembeke Dlamini

The problems faced by the country's economy stem from failure to pay contractors and suppliers on time.

This was submitted by former Prime Minister Dr Absalom Thembisa Dlamini, who is currently Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director.

Dr. Dlamini was amongst the country's political and business heavy weights who made their presentations yesterday at Sibaya.

Amongst them were former Deputy Prime Ministers Paul Dlamini and Themba Masuku, former Senator and MTN Board Chairman David Duma Dlamini, former Senator and businessman Walter Bennett, Senator Princess Sikhanyiso, Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini and businessman Sthofeni Ginindza.

Others were former King's Office Chief Officer Bheki Dlamini, Judge of the Supreme Court Majahenkhaba Dlamini and MTN CEO Ambrose Dlamini.

Dr. Dlamini said the failure to pay on time by government had a domino effect on tax collections by the Swaziland Revenue Authority which ultimately experienced declines.

"Small business owners had to stop operating because they do not have

FARMERS SHOULD BE ACCORDED SUPPORT

The farming sector is the backbone of the country and farmers need support from government in order to produce adequately.

Former Prime Minister Dr Absalom Thembisa Dlamini, who is currently Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director said there should be increased extension officers who will advise farmers on what and how to farm.

He said the youth should be encouraged to get into farming so that they can be gainfully employed after being taught on how to exploit the land which will give them commercial produce.

He further implored that there should be decentralised markets where Namboard will buy from

Tinkhundla centres to reduce transportation costs.

CAMERAS NEEDED IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES – NONHLANHLA FAKUDZE

The submission by Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini that there was need to effect the no-work-no pay rule on loitering civil servants gave birth to a request by a member of the public for surveillance cameras within government offices.

Nonhlanhla Fakudze from Enkhanini directed the suggestion after Dr AT Dlamini's delivery of his manifesto.

She alleged that there were civil servants who were on a perpetual go-slow in doing their duties which affects the nation and the installa-

tion of cameras was a solution. She further called for a giant slaying PM who will be able to bring down all the issues that hinder economic growth.

TALK IS CHEAP WITHOUT IMPLEMENTATION

Former Prime Minister Dr Absalom Thembisa Dlamini has called for the implementation of all good suggestions made at Sibaya.

He noted that His Majesty King Mswati III has over the years called for strategies to improve the economy and hardly anything substantial was done.

"These deliberations should not be lost due to failure to implement as it was time that a difference was made."

money. Their money is with government," to which those in attendance applauded heartily.

The issue of contractors and suppliers not being paid has been a thorny issue over the last two years and has affected not only the construction industry, but all suppliers who work with government.

He stated that failure to pay made the country poorer as more companies ceased operating.

He identified another big problem

faced by the country as the decline of the economy as well as its reserves.

"There is need for expert strategies which will mobilise for the improved financial stability of the country," Dr Dlamini noted.

He said in the list of urgent moves that must be adopted, there was need to improve the financial position through diversification of sources of finance and income.

"We have to seriously look at the budget and how it should be pro-devel-

opment and pro-poor by focusing on the lowest income earners we have."

While doing this, he called the nation to note that there was need to align the budgeted expenditure with the income which is there.

"In the current situation it seems as though we don't have money where-as it is there, it is just that our expenditure budget is much higher than the revenue we receive."

He said there were a lot of strategies that could be embraced to improve the

economy.

"Let us make it easier for entrepreneurs to engage in business which will see the tax base increased."

Adhering to His Majesty King Mswati III's call for the incubation of start-ups which will result in indigenous billionaires he said this would ease the burden on the government to create jobs by acting as a social safety net for those who cannot be absorbed by the formal economy.

Concerning the political landscape of the country, he said Tinkhundla was the backbone of the country with Chiefs as leadership figureheads. In this regard, he said it was improbable that people would crop out of nowhere and claim to be from certain areas as they all have an origin.

"Your Majesties, our system of governance is tightly intertwined with the culture and historical way of life of this country."

He said the peace that prevails within the country should be attributable to mornachial democracy.

"Due to the peace we enjoy as a country, we export democracy. The gist of our monarchical democracy is respect, peace and humbleness as a nation. He called for all to embrace the brand of humbleness which is synonymous with Emaswati which in turn attracts investment."

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Parliament might need dissolution – Majahenkhaba

If Emaswati were to seriously fight corruption, the current Parliament might need to be dissolved.

This was said by Supreme Court Judge Majahenkhaba Dlamini when making submissions during the People's Parliament (Sibaya) at Ludzidzini Royal Residence. Dlamini lamented the rate in which corruption was prevalent in this country, saying its fight might cause the dissolution of Parliament, which could be expensive because it could need a fresh election to be held.

The judge was of the view that most people used money to buy votes during elections because they did not know what they were supposed to do.

Ensure He said there was a need for Emaswati to be educated on what was expected from someone who was a politician. That would ensure that the use of money was minimised because people would know that there was no necessity for such.

Most politicians these days are being reported for allegedly using lots of money to gain political positions from voters. Such an activity is considered as corruption and should not be encouraged. The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), which is an organisation that was mentioned many times during Sibaya, said it followed the corruption allegations with interest.



A BIG NEED: Supreme Court Judge Majahenkhaba Dlamini speaks.

MTN CEO PROPOSES NEW THINKING

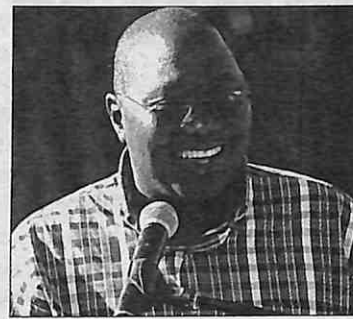
Stories by Mbono Mdluli

MTN CEO Ambrose Dlamini said just like an eagle at 40 years, which goes through a process of renewal, Eswatini has reached that level and would need to recover from this slump to prosper for the foreseeable future.

This he said yesterday when making submissions during the People's Parliament (Sibaya) at Ludzidzini Royal Residence.

The CEO is of the view that the country had to entirely undergo through a process of renewal if it wanted to achieve the first world status. He made an example of an eagle, which he described as an animal whose lifespan was up to 70 years. He said when an eagle reaches 40 years, it goes through a painful process of renewal, where it moves away from other eagles to a secluded place.

During the process of renewal, the eagle would remove old feathers



NEW THINKING: Eswatini MTN CEO Ambrose Dlamini making his submissions.

and old claw nails from itself. This was done to enable new feathers and claw nails to grow. That process, according to Dlamini, was very painful, but it helped in ensuring the bird reached the age of 70 years.

Dlamini said the country was in that same process and it had to painfully remove its old habits of doing things from itself.

This was to enable new habits to be ingrained in each and every Liswati

so that the vision of the King could be attained. Developed countries, according to Dlamini, had advanced education systems that responded to the needs of the people in those countries.

Developed countries also had good health systems, sustained social security programmes, improved technology, food security, improved economy and political stability.

He said private sector principles should be applied even within the public sector. Each ministry should set its own targets and after a year, they should sit down and look at whether they were able deliver or not. Dlamini made an example of countries like Taiwan and Singapore, saying those countries were now developed.

He said there was also a need for the country to encourage its people to buy something that is made in this country, and stop having to rely on foreign countries for products that could be made in this country.

There was also a need to increase parks similar to the Royal Science and Technology Park (RSTP).

The corporate guru further stated that there was a need for the country to defend the constitution at all times, if it wanted to develop.

The clauses within the constitution needed to be followed to the letter. It is important for the government to respect the traditional institutions (and vice versa), if the country wants to be one of the first world countries by 2022.

He said this was necessary for the Monarchical Democracy to be strengthened. Dlamini mentioned that the political system of the country needed no change, but needed to be strengthened.

Some of the ways of strengthening the political system was to ensure that the three arms of government worked cooperatively, with the traditional structures working closely with the whole government machinery.

Corruption also rife in rural areas – Majahenkhaba

Corruption should also be addressed in rural areas because it is also very rife there.

Supreme Court Judge Majahenkhaba Dlamini said corruption was also prevalent in rural areas. There was need to address problems that were very prevalent in rural areas. Dlamini wondered how farming was going to be improved when the resettlement (*luhleliso*) was completely disregarded.

In most chiefdoms in rural areas, the land was divided into areas, according to activities that took place in chiefdoms. Areas for homesteads

were separately allocated from areas of businesses. Pieces of land were also allocated for gravesites, farming and pastures to feed livestock. This whole process would be referred to as resettlement (*luhleliso*).

Dlamini said this arrangement was necessary if the country was to develop, especially on the farming sector. Dlamini also complained of the fact that there was a lot of selling of land in rural areas. Many of those who sold land did so because of poverty and after selling the land, they would find themselves displaced because they would have no land to live on.

Another problem was that many people in rural areas were very poor. They have vast pieces of land, but they could not work on the land to produce enough food for themselves and their families.

This proved to be a problem as corruption became prevalent in such situation. As a solution to this problem, Dlamini suggested that the poor people should approach the well-off people who would be able to use the land. They should approach their *umphakatsi* with an intention of leasing the land so that some production could be done on the land. The purpose of approaching *umpha-*

katsi should be for the reason of having a witness in such arrangements. This would help both parties as all of them would benefit from such arrangements.

Dlamini was also of the view that small sugar mills should be built in places like Malkerns, to complement the bigger sugar mills in places like Mhlume and Big Bend. He further stated that sugar cane farmers sometimes find it difficult to transport their sugar cane to far-away places like Mhlume.

He said countries like Mauritius were able to do that and their economies were able to prosper.

Asekhanywe sonkhe for embezzling public funds – Princess Sikhanyiso

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

An eloquent Senator Princess Sikhanyiso wants a renewed Eswatini where the law will know neither Jew nor Gentile when it comes to clamping down on people that have embezzled public funds, landing the country in the fiscal quagmire it has found itself in.

She wants government to leave no stone unturned where it concerns embezzlement of public funds.

The youngest senator wants government to thoroughly investigate the negative elements around the looting of public funds and bring those implicated in the stealing of the money that belongs to the taxpayer to book.

Sadness

Speaking when addressing Sibaya yesterday, the princess said even if it called for her as a princess to be investigated and consequently brought to book, then so be it.

She expressed sadness at the fact that the country is currently broke, stating that the current situation is not by its own making, but by individuals who

...SAYS YES TO LEGALISING DAGGA

Eswatini is sitting on a E140 billion honeypot by not legalising dagga.

This is an observation made by the impressively eloquent Senator Princess Sikhanyiso when making her submissions during Sibaya yesterday.

The princess said since the country trades with superpowers such as South Africa, the United States (US) and the European Union (EU), a great deal of good could be done by exploring these markets, especially that of the US in selling them marijuana for medicinal purposes.

She argued that Eswatini dagga is not just A-Grade, but A+ when graded. She said the country could employ applied immunology where herbs such as moringa and marijuana could

make the country a lot of money.

"At least US\$100 billion is spent by the US in buying herbs to produce drugs. If the country could just ask for 10 per cent of that by providing that country with the best grade of marijuana to produce drugs, then Eswatini would make a lot of money. I am not saying that the marijuana would be used for purposes that are against the Christian life of doing things, but even then they can be used for those purposes so that we speed up the revival of our economy," she said, much to applause from the attendants.

She also impressed the attendants with her strategies on how the country's agricultural sector could be improved by employing modern

farming technology. She also called for partnerships with renowned global universities such as Massachusetts and Limkokwing to allow the country to create new jobs.

The princess spoke at length about her understanding of the ICT sector and how it can be used to turn around the country's fortunes. Her deep appreciation left those at Sibaya with no questions directed on her presentations as she made things very easy for their understanding and how the Royal Science and Technology Park can be used as a platform for economic advancement.

She proposed that a delegation be sent to scout for investors on areas of ICT where they can be canvassed to take advantage of the Free Economic Zones, quoting Apple and Facebook as an example.

much to great applause from the Sibaya attendants.

The princess further used a name that has commonly been used in the country's political landscape before while also jokingly associating with an influ-



LEGALISE IT: Senator Princess Sikhanyiso also had an opportunity to make her submissions.

ential figure she did not name.

"Asekhanywe uma kubita," she stated while stressing that the implicated people should be strangled until the truth is squeezed out of their breath where it concerns the embezzlement of funds.

She said it should not be a normal occurrence in a country that taxpayers' money just disappears without any investigation. She said the country should not just be allowed to spend recklessly and allow prices of goods and services to be inflated for selfish gains.

BENNETT CALLS FOR CLEAN PARLIAMENT

By Zwelethu Dlamini

Mbabane based businessman and former senator Walter Bennett says the law should take its course on corrupt politicians.

The businessman kept the Sibaya in stitches as he negotiated for the extension of the time from Indvuna Sifiso Mashampu Khumalo who was the programme director.

Each speaker was allocated 10 minutes, but Bennett had surpassed his time as he had spoken for 19 minutes when he was asked to take questions from the floor.

The businessman said it would be disturbing for the country to be run by legislators who are perceived as corrupt.

"Police should be proactive and investigate the matter as we have heard allegations that some won Senate seats through bribery yet no one

has come forward to report a case. Those found guilty should be dealt with; how will the poor get to Parliament if those seats are now for sale? Those with dirty hands should not be part of the House," he said.

His submission was shared by several other speakers who preceded him as some even called

for a commission of inquiry into the matter, recommending that those found guilty should be arrested and by-elections held to fill their vacancies.

On another note, Bennett said the judicial officers should not be left out in the review of salaries as he suggested that the royal commission should not only review the benefits of the politicians but for both civil servants and judicial officers.

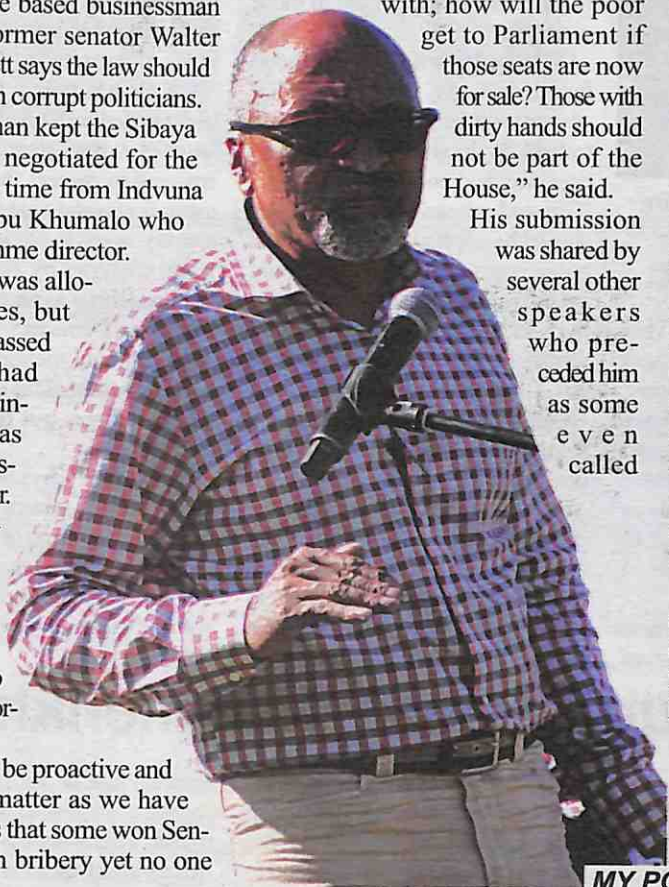
Reckless spending was also another issue that Bennett touched on, saying it was a cause for concern, noting that Cabinet ministers had dried up the coffers with their exit packages and benefits while the country was left in a serious fiscal situation.

"They have taken bags and packages as they thought they had an automatic right to the state resources.

I propose that no fund should operate without clear rules and regulations on its use, especially control measures. I mean all the funds, including those linked to the royalty.

For instance, Phalala Fund, E44 million Fund, Rural Development Fund, Public Service Pensions Fund as well as Philani Maswati Charity Organisation.

MY POINT: Walter Bennett.



Quotable quotes from Sibaya

Asekhanywe uma kubita - Princess Sikhanyiso when talking about embezzlement of public funds.

Ngiyesaba kubuta Inkhosatana - Njabulo Mbingo before he posed questions to Senator Princess Sikhanyiso.

Baphi bomake nebakitsi - Chief Mashampu calling on women to raise their hands to pose questions.

Ngingu Joy Dumsile Ndwandwe 'Phunyuka bemphethe' - as she introduced herself.

Seyivakele make yatebetebe Chief Mashampu as she cut one of the speakers short.

Ndvunankhulu - Themba Msibi refers to Mbuso Dlamini as PM and is quickly corrected.

One side you believe you have a Rolls Royce whereas others believe you have a Honda Fit - S'thofeni Ginindza.

Please leave me alone and let me speak my mind - Thabsile Mavimbela from Vikizijula.

Mahlalela said I am not suited for the position because of my surname - S'thofeni

Ginindza.

Angati kona kutsi ngikhulume ngesingisi nobe nge-Siswati kodvwa ngatsi ngitawubeka ngemlomo - Walter Bennett.

Awu! Mngani, ngoba uphetse umtsetfo kufanele ngikuhloniphe ngoba utangibopha.

Kona ngiyati kutsi angisiyo inyandza yetinkhuni kodvwa angihlale phansi ngoba utangibopha - Walter Bennett in response to Indvuna Mashampu Khumalo when Khumalo reminded Bennett that his (Bennett) time was up and he needed to sit down.

Hawu mngamu, kodvwa lamaphepha ami sengitawabanjelwa ngubani? - Bennett asking a person who was preparing a microphone for him to speak.

Ngwenyama, maye siyetama kukulalela nawutsi asikhetse bomake ngoba siyakutsandza. Siyabakhetsa bona mane basala endleleni. - Gogo LaMatsebula from Sigangeni.

Asibuye Sibaya!!! - Indvuna Mashampu Khumalo when calling members of the public to go back to Sibaya after lunch.

DECENTRALISE POWER TO THE CHIEFS - FORMER DPM

By Zwelethu Dlamini

Former Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Paul Dlamini says the country can be able to revive the economy if power would be decentralised to the chiefs.

Dlamini said people on the ground did not need the central government to make the budget on their behalf rather they must be empowered to come up with a suitable budget of their own to develop themselves and their communities. He said the chiefs have long established development communities which are clear on what they need to do to stimulate economic activity.

Dlamini said the chiefs had through resettlements assigned land for industrialisation and businesses; all they needed was funding or an opportunity to present their budgets.

"Give chiefs the authority to allocate and monitor land, give them the tractors and allow them approve development projects.

They will allocate land for agricultural projects and find markets for their produce and government should also buy from the local farmers as opposed to importing," he said.

To sustain agriculture, Dlamini said water harvesting and seed



DECENTRALISE: Former Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini.

capital for small scale farmers was paramount.

Dlamini also suggested that instead of working from 8am to 5pm, Swazis should work 24 hours with day and night shifts to increase productivity and employment.

He further urged government to open at least two border posts for 24 hours to facilitate trade.

"We need to strengthen international relations with other countries so that we can have access to their markets and have a sea port. Social grants should be increased to meet at least the basic needs of the elderly and people with disabilities," he added.

Responding to questions posed by former Nkhosha Member of Parliament Menzi Dlamini,

the former DPM said there was a need for the strengthening of vocational and life skills in schools to deal with unemployment among school leavers and graduates. He also said if power would be decentralised and industrialisation promoted in the rural areas, then the country would be able to create jobs.

He added that there was need to revisit the investor roadmap to attract direct foreign investment. "In response to your question of the lack of a shared vision and harmony between the Cabinet and Parliament, I would say it is important that members of the House put their ego aside and put the interest of the vulnerable and poor person on the ground," he said.



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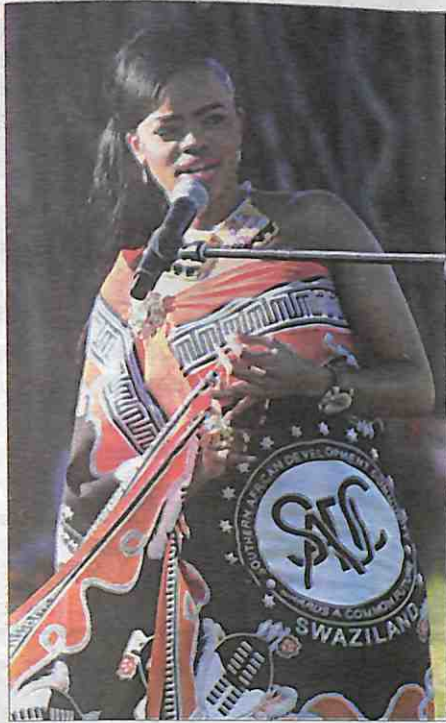


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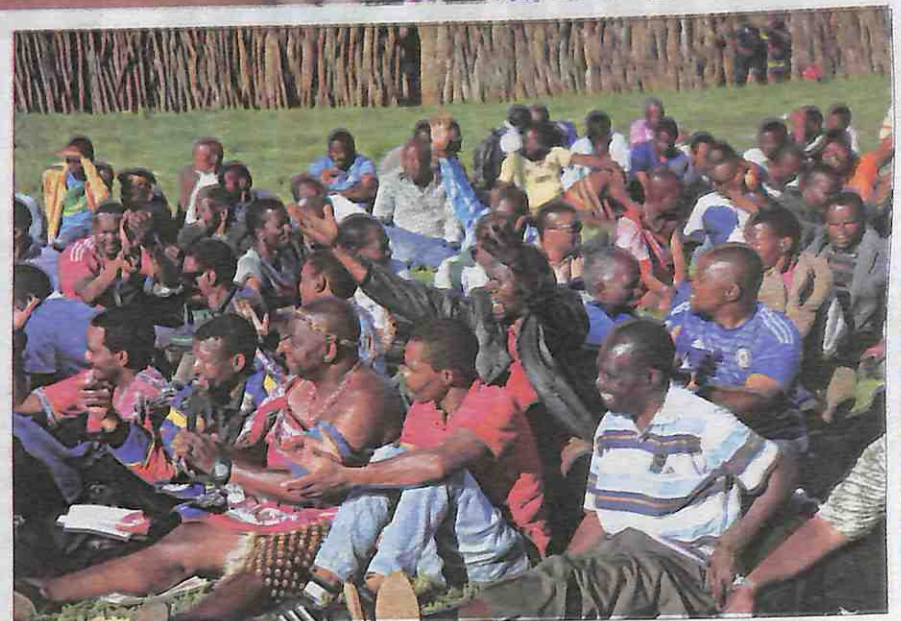
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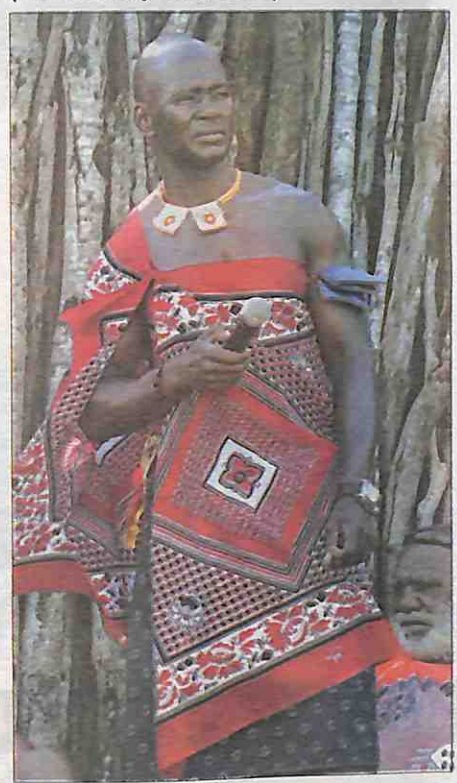
MY TURN: Senator Princess Sikhanyiso sharing her views.
(Pics: Lucky Simelane)




UTSI UMBHALO: Well kown prophet Henry Ndwandwe (r) of Mbabane in full concentration.




APPRECIATION: Emaswati clapping hands in appreciating Senator Princess Sikhanyiso's submissions.



ORDER: Ezulwini Governor and Attorney General Sifiso Mashampu Khumalo directing the proceedings.



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STATE CAPTURE EXISTS IN ESWATINI - S'THOFENI

By Sabelo Majola

State capture is not just South Africa's problem, according to Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) and Swazi Observer Board Chairman, S'thofeni Ginindza.

Ginindza was the fifth speaker during day three of the People's Parliament yesterday and he said that state capture does exist in the country.

State capture is a type of systematic political corruption in which private interests significantly influence a state's decision-making processes to their own advantage. The political virus has been a thorn in the flesh of SA politics especially during the era of former president Jacob Zuma and

● He was emphasising on the point that has been discussed at length, that of corruption, which has greatly contributed to the crumbling economy of the country

it has never made headlines in the country.

However, Ginindza said that state capture does exist in the country and Emaswati should be wary of this political disease.

He was emphasising on the point that has been discussed at length, that of corruption, which has greatly contributed to the crumbling economy of the country.

"Corruption in the country is very high and it is a cause for concern and state capture is not far from us, but it

does exist inside the country," he said.

Ginindza also spoke about our Tinkhundla political system which he said are second to none but is not well marketed in foreign countries.

He made an example that he once attended a meeting in Brussels as part of the country's delegation and officials were talking to him about Eswatini's jails being cramped by political prisoners and it was shocking to him because that is actually not the case.

"We need a Public Relations Officer for the country who will stand up to

our defense whenever such talks emerge because our system of governance is the best but people talk ill of it in other countries. What good does it do us if we boast the best political system but foreign people don't know anything about it? Let us market our Tinkhundla system," he said. Ginindza also spoke about money laundering being one of the things that are not given proper attention yet is toxic.

He spoke of people who come into the country and promise to make big investments with money that they don't



NOT FAR FROM US: Eswatini Electricity Company and Swazi Observer Board Chairman, S'thofeni Ginindza.

have and he called for proper screening of such individuals before they get away with their shady dealings.

Ailing economy needs 2010 strategy - Themba Masuku

Stories by Sabelo Majola

Senator Themba Masuku has challenged the next Prime Minister to revisit the 2010 economy recovery strategy to help the current financial situation faced by the country.

The former Shiselweni regional administrator and ninth parliament deputy prime minister said this is not the first time the country is in a similar economic situation as it

happened in 2010 and said the same strategy employed eight years back could be just what is needed to help the current economic situation.

"The economy took a slump back in 2010 and strategies were put into place to help the situation and it normalised.

The next prime minister should go to archives to look into those strategies and see if it can be of help in the current situation.

We should also look into things

like investor road map as we craft strategies to revive the economy and we should also make amendments to the Elections act to talk to the use of money during the national exercise so that we don't spend unnecessarily," he said.

Integrity

Masuku said the next PM should be like the biblical prophet Nehemiah characterised by honesty and integrity so that the King's and the nation's prayers on the right candidate for

the head of government be of worth.

Masuku also touched on the Procurement Act, which establishes the principles, terms and procedure for the award of public procurements for the purpose of ensuring efficiency in the spending of on-budget and off-budget resources as well as of the resources associated with the carrying out of relevant public activities specified in the Act.

Masuku said that indeed there was need for sign language and he made it his personal task to make sure that the request becomes a reality. Mlotjwa then criticised those people who speak ill of the country's system of governance in foreign medium's of communications and he said that the Tinkhundla system of governance is the best in the continent.



VISIT ARCHIVES: Senator Themba Masuku.

People call for sign language at Sibaya

People with hearing impairment should not be left out and there is need for a sign language interpreter to be present at the people's parliament.

This was a suggestion forwarded by Sidney Mlotjwa from Ntfofeni after Senator Themba Masuku made

his submissions. Mlotjwa made reference to handicapped Menzi Dlamini from Ezulwini who left many with sad emotions on Thursday after revealing that he had to fork out E200 taxi fare because handicapped people's transportation was not properly organised. "After

Dlamini's address yesterday (Thursday), I think we should look at accommodating all handicapped people and that entails having a sign language interpreter at Sibaya for the benefit of those who have hearing impairment," he said.

Responding to the suggestion,



TOOK PART: A section of the people who wanted to make their submissions.

Woman booed for toll gates proposal

As if Emaswati are not taxed enough, a female participant at the people's parliament was booed for suggesting that toll gates should be introduced in the country.

Thabsile Mavimbela of Vikizijula was told to shut up and give the microphone to the next speaker by angry Sibaya attendees after her suggestion, which did not go down well with people. "Developing countries have mounted toll gates along the roads, which was one way of contributing to the economy and we need to emulate them because

we are also vying for a first world status," she said.

Before she could complete her statement, Mavimbela was competing with booing coming from the people who told her to get off the microphone if she doesn't have anything better to say because what she was suggesting was offline. Before touching on toll gates, Mavimbela said that parliamentarians should craft a way that will see an even representation of females in parliament because the 30 per cent representation has not been successful since its inception in 2005.

Mbangave Bucopho by-elections tomorrow

By Zwelethu Dlamini

The Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) has announced that the by election to fill the vacancy of deceased Mbangave Bucopho winner Maphevu Zwane will begin tomorrow at the Umphakatsi. Zwane died two weeks after win-

ning the elections and his family alleged that their son was poisoned by a fellow church member where he (Maphevu) was a pastor.

This would have been his third term as Bucopho of Mbangave and was described as the best candidate for his post.

Residents and family of the deceased

described him as a kind heartened person, who was helpful to the constituency.

Nomination

Mbangave chiefdom is under Mhlambanyatsi Inkhundla.

EBC made the announcement yesterday and urged members of the chiefdom to attend the nomination

process scheduled for tomorrow morning until 4pm.

"The Elections and Boundaries Commission kindly informs registered voters in Mbangave chiefdom under Mhlambanyatsi Constituency about the by election to fill the vacancy of Bucopho," EBC Chairman Chief Gija Dlamini announced yesterday.

Dlamini said the primary elections will be held on 3 November at Intuthuko

Primary from 7am to 5pm and the counting of votes will be done on the same day after the closing of the poll.

"The electorate is urged to actively participate in this exercise and bring along their voter registration cards. Those who have misplaced their cards are still encouraged to part take in all the stages of the by election.

Their case will be taken good care off," he added.

CORRUPTION HAS RUINED ELECTIONS, ECONOMY - DAVID

By Fortune Ndlangamandla

Former Senator David Duma Dlamini yesterday at Sibaya noted that greed for money had ruined the country's national elections process and the entire economy.

He said this was drawn from the recently concluded elections which subsequently attracted many complaints from both the members of the public as well as aspiring candidates who failed to win parliamentary seats.

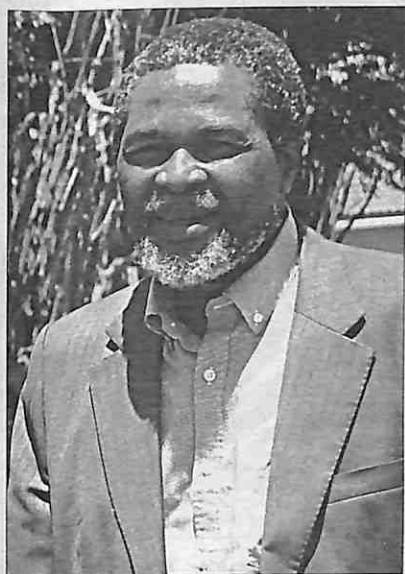
Dlamini suggested that a select committee consisting of prosecutors should be put in place to investigate the complaints. He mentioned that the complaints should not die without being explored for their veracity as they marred the election process.

He further recommended that those found guilty should be dismissed from work as failure to take culprits to task would make things worse for the next term's national elections and subsequently ruin the country's political system.

Expanding on corruption, Dlamini mentioned that it has further crippled the country's economy. He acknowledged that Southern African countries are hit by economic meltdown but emphasised that the local situation was worsened by corruption.

"Corruption is ruining the country's political system and also has impact on the current economy status," Dlamini said.

He, therefore, suggested that more focus should be made on eradicating corruption and called for autonomy of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) which would in turn translate to power to take to task corrupt individuals. Concerning the economy, Dlamini stated that it was crucial that government



MY TAKE: Former Senator David Duma Dlamini.

controlled its expenditure, and this could be implemented by looking at how it could decrease the public service.

Balance

He noted the importance of keeping the balance between public and private sectors. This, he said, was because the private sector supplies the public sector and hence it was necessary that the main focus in the next five years should be growing the private sector, so it can create employment for the youth.

He also talked about infrastructure and agricultural developments as they are also important in the country.

Meanwhile, Joy Dumisile Ndawandwe from Nkambeni asked Dlamini if he will not emulate previous leaders who only enriched themselves instead of the nation at large.

She further asked him if he would be flexible, strong and firm enough to lead the country to 2022 with its current

economic status. She said that person should be a bridge (*tebetebe*) that would recognise Chapter Nine of the Constitution that embraces traditional institutions.

In response, Dlamini said he was not aware if the current government would be flexible enough to lead the country to 2022. On the traditional institutions, Dlamini guaranteed Ndawandwe that there is no one in the country who can shake such structures.

Unionists and the Federation of Swaziland Trade Unions (FESWATU) Board of Trustees member Jabulani Nxumalo wanted to know from Dlamini if he would be able to come up with a cyber-policy.

Nxumalo said data has become a priority and needed to be secured against hackers who could grind big corporations to a halt and compromise their clients' information.

He went on to ask when Parliament would localise its national payment system.

The unionist further wanted to know from Dlamini if he could assure current investors, especially textile factory owners, that their signed leases concerning losses were recognised.

Nxumalo also suggested that some government ministries should be merged like the deputy prime minister's office and the ministry of labour and social security. He also called for the merging of Labour Advisory Board and social dialogue.

Responding on the cyber policy, Dlamini said there was a draft policy ready to be debated by Parliament. On national payment system, Dlamini stated that financial institutions were currently working on the issue. He did not respond to the other comments made by Nxumalo, noting that he was not in the previous Parliament.

'No-work no-pay should apply to sluggish workers'

By Fortune Ndlangamandla

Prime Minister position hopeful and Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini called upon the government to introduce no-work no-pay rule for loitering and sluggish civil servants.

Dlamini questioned why the no-work no-pay rule was only used on workers on strike. He said such rule should be applied on government workers who report for work but do nothing. This suggestion was applauded by those in the cattle byre.

Dlamini further punched holes on the government procurement system. He said the current manner of buying opened room for corruption as government ended up buying a E100 bag of cement at E300. For that reason, Dlamini suggested that Parliament should pass Procurement Act regulations to monitor government spending.

He proceeded to state that despite the huge national elections' participation turnout, complaints of malpractice have been raised by the public.

The secretary to Cabinet pointed out that the malpractice included people ferried from textile factories to vote in constituencies not theirs. To curb the misconduct, Dlamini suggested that the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) should come up with new methods that might see such practices stopped. He said the EBC can get voters personal information from the census department.

"The voters would be asked to provide the numbers on the census stickers on each door's homestead," he said, provoking wild cheers from the floor. He hoped such would



NO WORK NO PAY: Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini.

reduce the number of malpractices during the elections. He further said the country should close all doors that may allow corruption to exist.

Dlamini added that the parliamentarians should come up with their code of conduct as per the King's command in 2008 and 2013.

He went on to talk about power jostling that once rocked Parliament where there was huge debate over who has power between the House of Assembly speaker, Senate president and the prime minister. Dlamini said such should not happen as the Monarch is the captain of them all.

On the other hand, Sandile Makhanya, who said he was speaking on behalf of the youth, wanted to know Dlamini's plan to empower the youth. Makhanya also wanted to find out what can be done to make the agricultural sector appeal to the youth. Makhanya suggested an agricultural summit.

Responding, Dlamini said it was important to empower the youth through agriculture knowledge impartations.

Lifestyle audits should be mandatory to curb corruption – Bheki Dlamini

By Thembeke Dlamini

Curbing corruption in the country calls for lifestyle audits to be performed on those who accrue wealth questionably.

Former King's Office Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Bheki Dlamini from Nyamane in Maseyisini Inkhundla, who once served as acting prime minister, said it called for proactive investment in the fight against corruption which would ensure that finances do not get diverted arbitrarily.

"One person stated that there is need for the leaking bucket to be sealed," he said, adding how it was disappointing to note that those who enriched themselves from public coffers did not have a conscious which called for them to be cognisant that the nation was going through tough financial times.

He submitted that there should be a way of curbing corruption by investigating those who suddenly fall upon riches while working ordinary jobs without any inheritance being bequeathed to them; "You Majesty, for the next five

...Recommends assets forfeiture to finance investigation unit

years; it would serve the country well for you to commission a task force to fight against corruption."

The former acting PM said this force would investigate those who are suspected to have aberrant sources of funds and their cases would be directed to a special crop of judges who would be given five-year terms.

Once found guilty, the corrupt officer would forfeit all he has accrued, and these would be sold off to fund the unit.

He lauded the Tinkhundla system as an all-inclusive way of governance as it incorporates participation from grassroots level. He, however, stated that there were gaps which needed to be overcome such as need to use the available resources.

"The first port of call would be to use the tindvuna tetinkhundla who should act as preachers and go around communities teaching about the system so that all can appreciate its workings.

He added how the elderly were able

to embrace the system better because they watched its inception and accepted it over the alternative of the time.

Dlamini called for the incoming PM to make attractive the profile of the system and have a ready response through action for those who ask how they are supposed to be assisted while situated far away from central government.

He further encouraged that there should be active involvement from people in the rural areas during the drafting of key strategic plans, both long term and short. He too reiterated that even though the election system was one which he could be proud of, a lot has gone wrong in recent times as per the outcry from all quarters. "When registering for elections, it should be mandatory that people should register at their own homes and not wherever they choose," he said, adding that this then causes confusion as people who have absolutely no interest in an area vote for a person they do not know.



PROPOSES THE MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT, LOBAMBA LOMDZALA

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

SCOPING MEETING

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In keeping with the Swaziland Environmental Audit, Assessment and Review Regulations (EAARRs), members of the public; interested and affected parties are invited to a Scoping Meeting where their views and concerns about the project may be aired. This will help ensure that these concerns are included and addressed in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

The meeting will be held on 07th November 2018 at the Gogo Centre, at 10am.

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NGINEMUBUTO: Jabulani Nxumalo posing his questions to one of the speakers at the Sibaya which was on day three. His Majesty King Mswati III is expected to address the Sibaya and further appoint the Prime Minister today. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



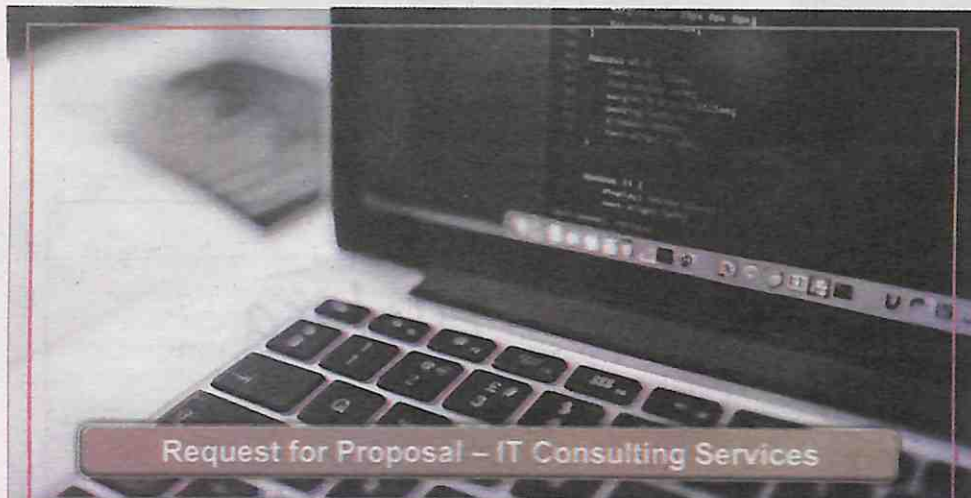
FIRST POINT: Former Speaker Themba Msibi making his submissions.



FOLLOWING: Former Ministers Sbongile Simelane and Hlobisile Ndlovu were also among the people present at the Sibaya.



MY TURN: Former DPM Themba Masuku proceeding to take the stand to make his submission.



The Swaziland Building Society are in the process of deploying a new financial services software suite and improving business processes. One of the focus areas is the improvement of IT skills and governance in the information technology team.

Organisations are invited to respond to this request to provide consulting services to the Society.

IT Skills Plan

- Prepare and agree a set of desired IT skills and competencies
- Conduct an IT Skills Survey
- Develop an IT Skills Report
- Develop an IT Capability and Competency Plan

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- Review or develop prioritised IT governance processes and procedures
- Implement IT governance policies and procedures

The required IT governance policies, processes and procedures are in the following areas. This is not an exhaustive list:

- IT service management
- IT services continuity planning
- IT security
- Application management

All work is to be aligned to established IT industry frameworks and practices. Organisations that are interested in responding to the RFP are invited to send an email, with an attached company profile, expressing interest to proposals@sbs.co.sz and the specification for the requirement will be forwarded.

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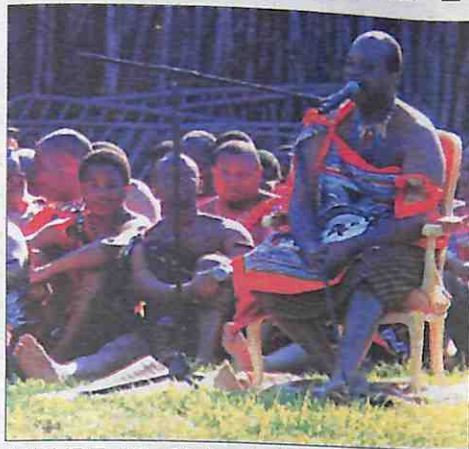


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MORE FROM SIBAYA DAY 1



MBUBE: His Majesty King Mswati III addressing the nation at Sibaya, Ludzidzini Royal Residence during the first day of Sibaya. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



PRESENT: Captains of Industry also joined the multitudes at the Sibaya.



POSE: Leonard Dlamini, Pholile Maziya and Khisimusi Maziya share a happy moment after the Sibaya.



GOOD MOOD: SPPRA CEO Madoda Mngomezulu and Tibiyo Taka Ngwane Manager in the MD's office John Mngometulu on arrival for the Sibaya.



HANDSHAKE: Prince Mandla sharing a light moment with Mfanyana after Sibaya.



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DAY:	DATE:	MAINTAINANCE BY (DEPOT)	AFFECTED AREAS:	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	PERIOD:
Saturday	27 Oct	Sithobela	Mphaphati, Mandlovu, Madvuma, and Sidlangatsini	Routine Maintenance	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	28 Oct	Sithobela	Sihlangwini, Malayinini, and Gucuka	Routine Maintenance	8:30a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
		BigBend	Logoba, Lomdashi, Sibetsaphi, Phumulamcashi, Masokeni, KuMnisi, Masokeni and Ngcwaleni	Routine Maintenance	8:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday	29 Oct	Siteki	Sikhuphe, Maphopheni, Ntandweni, Siweni, Mbadlane	Closing Span	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Stonehenge	Mangwaneni	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Stonehenge	Ntambande, Mpolonjeni	Line Upgrading	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Sithobela	VukaSagula, Mantini and Jija	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	30 Oct	Mhlume	Lomahasha, Mbasheni, Makhonjwa, Msengeni, Sihosheni and Buloyi	Transformer uprate	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Matsapha	Nhlambeni High School, Ekwezeni and surrounding areas	Routine Maintenance	10:00a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
		Matsapha	Logoba, Savemore, Logoba MTN Ariel, Logoba Ndzevane area and surrounding areas	Line Relocation	10:00a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
		Matsapha	Luke Commission Pump House	Line Relocation	10:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Sithobela	Esinkhweni and Kambhoke	Closing Span	9:00a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
		Stonehenge	Bahai, Emafini, Potter's Wheel	Project Construction	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Stonehenge	Nkoyoyo, BK Guest House House, Ka Bennet and surrounding areas	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Stonehenge	Dobson Street, Ncoboza Street, Eveni, SCOT staff houses and surrounding areas	Project Construction	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Pigg's Peak	Magadzeni, KaNcesi, Gangakhulu, Machegwini Primary School, Malolotja Game Reserve, Mhlwayiba	Routine Maintenance	10:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Malkerns	Macondza, Luyengo, Luyengo SPTC and surrounding areas	Project Construction	9:00a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
		Malkerns	Lushikishini, Nokthula Primary and High School	Routine Maintenance	9:30a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Manzini	Mbekelweni, Mphembekati, Mkhulamini, Sigombeni and surrounding areas	Routine Maintenance	9:30a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Hluthi	Part of Moihoe	Project Construction	9:00a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
		Nhlangano	Nsongweni, Sphumelele	Transformer Upgrading	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Siteki	Matsetsa, Mangoleni	Project Construction	10:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Siteki	Malindza, Mfelaftsi, Manyeveni, Mpaka Police Post, Mpaka Malahlani	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	31 Oct	Mhlume	Sihhoye, Mavula High School, SWADE Farmers, Mbangazwe MTN, Mbangazwe community, Mkhweni H/M, Nkonyeni Primary School, Nkonyeni community, Sand River Dam and Thunzini	Closing Span	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Mhlume	Sihhoye, KaMgombane, The Generals, Sand River Dam House, RSSC Thunzini Estate	Routine Maintenance	9:30a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
		Manzini	Mahlabane, St Joseph Mpandze	Line Relocation	9:30a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
		Sithobela	Partly Mphaphati, Mphaphati MTN, and Mandlovu	Transformer Installation	9:30a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
		Nhlangano	Maseyisini, Holneck, Jourbert, KaDlovunga	Transformer upgrading	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Siteki	Matsetsa Ngcamini, Mvutjini, KaLanga RDA, Nyambo Primary School	Line Relocation	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Stonehenge	Qobonga, Sidwashini Correctional, Sidwashini	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Stonehenge	Ntambande, Mpolonjeni, Anglican and surrounding areas	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	1 Nov	Matsapha	Kwaluseni area, UNESWA Kwaluseni, Kwaluseni, Kwaluseni MTN	Line Relocation	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Pigg's Peak	Mgobodzi, Mshingishingini Primary School, Msumbe, Tingadzeni	Routine Maintenance	10:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Pigg's Peak	Ntfontjeni, Mvembili, Zibonele	Routine Maintenance	10:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Hluthi	Ntjanini, Mhawu, Lusitini and surrounding areas	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Malkerns	Ngwenyameni, Ngwenyameni MTN, Manyeveni and surrounding areas	Project Construction	9:00a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
		Malkerns	Ngonini, OSSU, Ngonini Hammer Mill	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Manzini	Mbebeleni	Routine Maintenance	10:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Nhlangano	Mbotjeni, Salem Ekwendzeni MTN	Transformer Uprate	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Siteki	Hlane Royal Residence, Takhamuti Farmers, Hlane MTN, Hlane, Siphambanweni	Project Construction	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
		Stonehenge	Nkoyoyo, BK Guest House, KaBennet and surrounding areas	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday	2 Nov	Stonehenge	Mvutshini, ka Ground and surrounding areas, KaKing and surrounding areas	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday	3 Nov	Nhlangano	Macalpine, Sivivaneni, Ngwane, Ekuphumuleni, Mangwaneni, Police staff houses	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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DISABLED PLEADS FOR REPRESENTATION OF MARGINALISED GROUPS

Stories by Zwelethu Dlamini

Despite a constitutional clause calling for the appointment of representatives from marginalised groups in Parliament, there is none from the elected and appointed crop.

This was noted and highlighted during a heartfelt plea by Menzi Dlamini from Ezulwini who said people with disabilities had no representative in both chambers of Parliament and pleaded with His Majesty King Mswati III to appoint someone to represent them.

Of note, despite that there was no appointed MP from marginalised people, able-bodied MPs failed to appoint a candidate in FODSWA President Siphosile Dlamini into Senate. FODSWA is Federation of the Disabled of Swaziland.

Seated in his wheelchair, and with a voice bold with a slight quiver, Dlamini said people with disabilities understood and had insight on the challenges and issues affecting their community more than those without, hence his plea.

Dlamini said there were a lot of challenges faced by people with disabilities in the country to the extent that tears filled their eyes when they thought about them.

'The people you want to appoint are hungry'

On another note, Dlamini then sent condolences to the King for the loss of the ex-prime minister whom he sang praises to, saying he was a good leader. He wondered who the King was going to appoint as the next prime minister.

He made an example of the fact that he had to pay E200 taxi fare from his place to the Sibaya as no transport was provided to ferry people with disabilities, pointing out that the transport that was provided by home affairs ministry personnel would not carry his wheelchair.

Subjected

"If it was not for the saying that a man doesn't cry I would be crying out loud because of what we go through and the abuse we are subjected to on a daily basis. People without disabilities make laws that are in favour of them and neglect us.

We have no representative in Parliament. I do not know whether this is a result of us being unable to stage a protest. For instance, our grants are lower than those of the elderly people," he lamented, adding how they have families to

"All those that you are seeking to appoint are hungry. He was not popular because he did not eat and did not feed. Remember he introduced no work no pay, and you wonder how can there be work and pay and no work but pay simultaneously," he added.

take care of.

He said Members of Parliament only cared about them on the day of election because they needed their votes and thereafter, discard them.

Dlamini stated that due to the meagre grants that they get, they were unable to sustain their families and this resulted in family members and the people taking care of them abandoning them to fend on their own.

"Elections and Boundaries Commission is also corrupt, there were no vehicles to transport people with disabilities during the elections as the wheelchairs were not accommodated in the buses they provided.

Have mercy Your Majesty. Who will speak on our behalf? These people only fetch us to vote for them and that's all; please appoint someone with a disability to represent us," he pleaded.

People should vote for senators, not MPs - Themba Msibi

By Thembeke Dlamini

Fresh from losing in his attempts to return to parliament as Speaker through nomination by Members of Parliament, Themba Msibi believes the people he banked his hopes on are not fit to elect senators.

Making his submission just before noon, Msibi talked about issues closest to his heart as he seemed to refer to those which affected him in recent times.

Msibi was a member of the public who was given a chance to question panellists who aspire to be appointed in mainly the prime minister positions as well as ministerial posts.

The former speaker implored PM hopeful Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Clement Dlamini to look into this issue of MPs and did not elaborate much on this.

The recent UNISA Bachelor of International Relations graduate further asked for Dlamini's outlook on relations the country has with neighbouring countries.

He asked how Dlamini intended to improve the economy without looking at relations Eswatini has with neighbouring countries who are also trade partners.

As though reminiscing on his long-drawn tiff with former prime minister Sibusiso Dlamini which the firebrand premier also had with his counterpart, former Senate



NOTED: Former Speaker of the House of Assembly Themba Msibi.

President Gelane Zwane; Msibi asked the Mbuso to state whether he was willing to work with maturity while embracing that the King was leader of the country instead of engaging in squabbles.

He also challenged that the PM who would be announced today would have to exhibit his knowledge and adherence to the Tinkhundla system of government.

Further, he highlighted the importance of the border adjustment exercise as the country's future economic development was pegged on the mineral rich land which remained within the borders of South Africa.

'Consider a female PM'

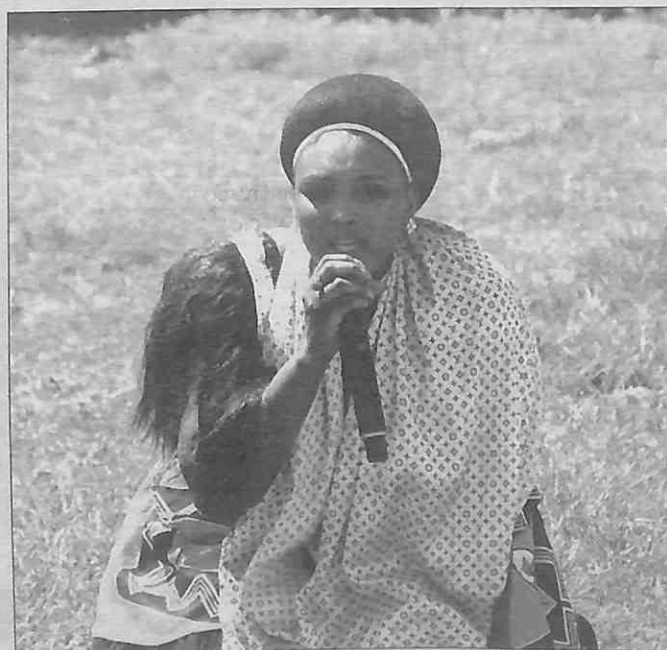
A certain member of the general public is of the view that a female should be considered for the position of PM.

This was said by Sinotsile Shabangu (nee Vilane) from Ngculwini in the Manzini region. She was of the view that a female prime minister could also take the country forward because a

female was also capable of changing the country's economic situation.

Compelled

She also suggested that the election of women should be rotational among the Tinkhundla. Some Tinkhundla should be compelled to elect women in a certain term, while others be compelled the following term.



GENDER SENSITIVE: Sinotsile Shabangu (nee Vilane).

Building earth dams should be our priority - MP Neal

Stories by Mbono Mdluli

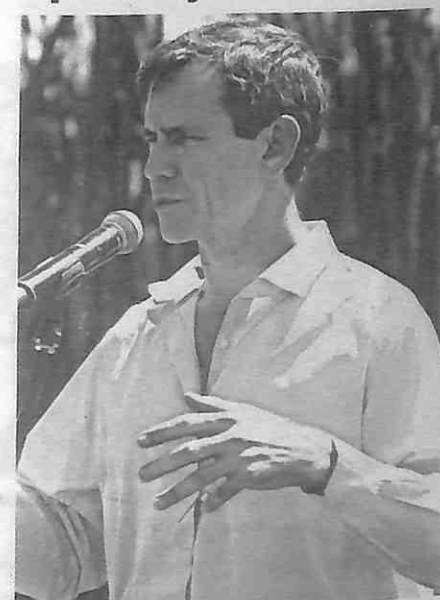
The country should focus on building earth dams across the country to enhance farming activities so that economic growth can be stimulated.

This was said by MP Neal Rijkenberg on Thursday when he was given an opportunity to submit during Sibaya at Ludzidzini. Rijkenberg appreciated the fact that there were some other projects that needed to be finished, like the International Convention Centre and Five Star Hotel (ICC-FISH) in Ezulwini. However, the earth dams should take priority.

The MP said the building of dams would help Emaswati store more water and aid irrigation of crops. This would improve agriculture and eco-

nomic growth would be stimulated. He appreciated that some people were of the view that boreholes should be drilled to source water, however, the boreholes were also not reliable, especially in winter. Below are other points that were raised by MP Rijkenberg:

- Other sources of energy should be used, like solar and thermal power.
- Reduce corporate tax to 10 per cent, so that the country could improve ease of doing business.
- Number of civil servants should be decreased, but that could be done gradually, not instantly. This should be done carefully because if not handled properly, it could cause political instability.
- At least 12 border gates should operate for 24 hours.



CONSERVE WATER: MP Neal Rijkenberg.

Legislations should be done at Tinkhundla level - MP Thandi

MPs should be accountable to the public and ensure that they discuss laws at their Tinkhundla centres.

This was said by Manzini South MP Thandi Nxumalo when she was given an opportunity to submit during Sibaya at Ludzidzini. Nxumalo said the people were not given an opportunity to make an input on laws that would affect their lives.

Nxumalo said most of the legislations

were advertised in the newspapers and the general public that had no access to newspapers did not see the legislations. This made them to be in a situation where they would have no privilege to make a contribution towards the enactment of legislations. Below are some of the points made by MP Thandi Nxumalo:

- Thanked the King for encouraging women to go for elections. However, women were not successful in the elec-

tions. Means should be made to help them make a contribution to the development of the country.

- The education system should be reviewed and vocational education encouraged.
- There are many opportunities within the COMESA countries in terms of business. Emaswati should start their businesses and sell within the COMESA countries because markets are available.

'Jail Liquor Licencing Board, chairman for contempt'

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

Human rights lawyer Thulani Rudolf Maseko, who successfully challenged the Liquor Licencing Board (LLB) on being granted a permit to operate a liquor store on Eswatini Nation Land, wants the chairman and his board sent to jail for contempt.

This, after the chairman and his board refused to grant him a permit to operate a Wine and Malt business at Bhunya despite a High Court order which ruled in his favour in a court battle which he won in 2017.

The human rights lawyer yesterday filed an urgent application at the High Court where he is seeking an order, amongst others, directing the chairman and his board to issue him a trading licence in accordance with an order of Justice Titus Mlangeni and committing the chairman and his board to prison for contempt of the judgment of Justice Mlangeni delivered on October 6, 2017 where the judge ordered that the board grants Maseko a permit to operate the liquor store.

Also in his application filed before Justice Nkululeko Hlophe yesterday, the applicant (Maseko) seeks an order directing the Sheriff of the High Court to apprehend the respondents (chairman and his board) on sight and keep them in custody at His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) facility at Sidvashini forthwith.

Maseko further seeks an order of court directing the gaoler at HMCS

to accept into his custody the respondents and keep them there at for a period of 30 days until further orders by the court.

Represented

Represented by Mbabane based lawyer Sifiso Magnificent Nhlabatsi of TR Maseko Attorneys, Maseko in his affidavit submitted that the court as per Justice Mlangeni delivered a judgment in the matter where he had complained of being unlawfully and wrongfully denied a liquor trading licence by the respondents.

He submitted that the court in the initial matter heard that he had complied with all the provisions of the Liquor Licencing Act, hence the respondents should have issued the permit in his favour forthwith.

However, Maseko submitted that following the judgment by Justice Mlangeni, the respondents noted an appeal at the Supreme Court and he had to wait for the appeal to proceed and that he moved an application to execute the court order pending the appeal, but the High Court dismissed it.

Reinstated

"The matter was called before the Supreme Court on Wednesday October 10, 2018 wherein the court struck the matter off the roll and ordered that it cannot be reinstated without leave of court as the respondents did not file their papers in time," Maseko submitted.

He stated in his affidavit that despite the fact that the appeal has been struck

off the Supreme Court's roll, the respondents have wilfully, deliberately and intentionally refused to abide by the order of court issued by Justice Mlangeni in spite of letters written by his attorneys to them to that effect.

He submitted that he is advised and verily believes that in order to succeed in an application to have the respondents committed to prison for contempt, he only has to show three elements which are in their order; that the order was issued, that the respondents were either served with the order or were informed of the grant of the order against them and that they have no reasonable grounds to disbelief the information and lastly, that the respondents have either disobeyed the order or have neglected to comply with it.

"As alluded to the above, all three elements have been established in this matter and at all material times thereto, both in relation to the court order of Justice Mlangeni as well as the order of the Supreme Court, the respondents are fully aware and were represented. They are fully aware of the orders but they deliberately and with malice neglected to obey same, hence the honourable court should grant the prayer sought to have then sent to gaol for contempt," Maseko submitted.

He stated that the matter is urgent on account of the fact that the respondents' conduct is deliberate and is calculated at defying the courts of Eswatini, adding that respecting and obeying an order of court is by its very nature an urgent matter.

Board, chairman don't want to go to jail

Represented by the attorney general's office, the chairman and his board yesterday indicated that they are vigorously opposing the application filed by Maseko to have them sent to jail.

Lawyer Busisiwe Tshabalala from the attorney general's chambers filed a notice of an intention to oppose the application from the bar before Justice Nkululeko Hlophe.

Judge Hlophe then ordered that the respondents should file their opposing papers with the applicant Maseko also filing his replying papers before the matter could be fully argued.

The respondents have been continuously denying Maseko a permit on the grounds that the business premises

are situated on Eswatini Nation Land (ENL) and as such, the business cannot be operated there.

Maseko had successfully challenged the decision by the chairman of the board as he even filed an urgent application at the High Court early this year where he was seeking an order calling upon the chairman to show cause why his decision should not be reviewed and set aside or be corrected.

Business

Maseko submitted that he is desirous to operate the wine and malt business at Dambathi area in Bhunya as he approached the previous operator in order to establish the business.

However, he was advised that the business had been shut down as it was

on ENL as advised by the LLB.

The previous operator advised that as the licence was supposed to be renewed, the chairman refused to renew it on those grounds in 2012 for the following year 2013.

He submitted that as a resident of KaLuhleko and having been raised there, he recalls that Liyabuya Bar has always been operational on ENL for 40 years until it was unlawfully shut down by the chairman of the board in 2012.

He argues that the conduct of the chairman amounts to a denial of the right to a livelihood to him and similarly placed persons in Eswatini, inherent in Section 15 of the Constitution of the kingdom.

Sipho Shongwe wants his defence team to interview six crown witness

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

Incarcerated businessman Sipho Shongwe, who stands accused of the murder of football administrator and businessman Victor Gamedze, has filed yet another urgent application at the High Court where he is seeking an order directing the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to allow his legal team to interview six crown witnesses in his murder case.

Shongwe, in his founding affidavit, submitted that he needs his legal team to interview six senior police detectives who are part of the task team that was formed by the national commissioner to investigate Gamedze's murder.

He informed the court that he also wants his legal team to access a police docket, in particular diaries and investigative notes of the top police officers investigating the matter and has also requested interviews with the police top brass who were present during a meeting between himself, the deceased and the police top brass.

"This request has been necessitated by the fact that the minutes of the meeting could not be found according to one of the sergeants who was present during the meeting. The second reason I need access to the police docket is that all the witnesses supplied so far by the crown do not in any way link me with to the alleged crime so, I need to ascertain from the docket why I have to face a murder trial without any evidence linking me to the charge," Shongwe submitted.

Through one of his lawyers Sipho Mnisi, Shongwe yesterday filed the application with a certificate of urgency before Justice Nkululeko Hlophe where he is also seeking, amongst other orders, that the DPP's office furnish his legal team with names and addresses of the witnesses who have only been alphabetically marked A, B, C, and D in the indictment.

According to Shongwe in his founding affidavit, on September 2, 2018 the first respondent (DPP) furnished to his lawyers a list of 26 witnesses



Incarcerated businessman Sipho Shongwe.

and statements then a month later on October 2, 2018 the DPP delivered a set of 12 statements and a post-mortem examination report.

He submitted that he has avoided to attach the names of the statements to ensure that the names of the witnesses are not made public in compliance with an order issued by the High Court as per Principal Judge Qinisile Mabuza's order on September 2, 2018.

He submitted that the second set of statements is divided into two parts being witnesses number one to eight and numbers nine to thirteen and the second part of the statements bears no names or addresses of their makers but simply marked 'A' 'B' 'C' 'D' and 'E'.

"The names and addresses of these witnesses were deliberately removed from the statements by the first respondent (DPP) and the removal of the names and addresses is not in terms of the court order issued on September 2, 2018. The conduct of the respondent is contemptuous," Shongwe submitted.

He stated that he has noted that all the statements supplied by the crown so far have been in the first respondent's (DPP) possession long before September 2 and sees no reason why the DPP did not furnish him all the statements on September 2, alleging that it is obvious that the DPP is not acting bona fide.

He informed the court in his papers that this brings to doubt whether the first respondent is still acting within its constitutional mandate or not.

SHONGWE WANTS PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE FROZEN

Amongst the orders sought by Shongwe in his application before Justice Nkululeko Hlophe yesterday, Shongwe wants his pre-trial conference frozen, pending finalisation of the present application before court.

He submitted that he was invited to a pre-trial conference on September 12 by the second respondent (registrar of the High Court) and attended the process and indicated that he needs the entire statements in the DPP's possession in order to instruct his defence team and senior counsel for purposes of trial.

He submitted that his legal team has been retained for purposes of all bail and associated applications and not for trial, adding that he needs all the statements in order to be in a meaningful participation in the pre-trial conference.

"Despite being aware of my position, the second respondent has convened and proceeded on a pre-trial

conference in my absence in my absence on October 10 2018. The first respondent participated in the conference fully aware that I was before the Manzini Magistrate's Court for bail application in the extradition matter, collusion between the first and second respondents is so overt that it is now clear that I would not have a fair trial," Shongwe submitted.

He further submitted that on October 19, the second respondent changed her mind and caused issuance of a notice of the pre-trial conference for October 26 and that he was advised why the second respondent has decided to set aside, hence he now seeks to interdict the pre-trial scheduled for the October 26 for the reasons set out above.

The matter has been postponed to Tuesday for arguments as both counsel Macebo Nxumalo for the Crown and Sipho Mnisi for Shongwe are yet to file papers as the crown is opposing the application filed by Shongwe.



ONE MAN DOWN: Police officers and paramedics carry a man out of the Sibaya after he fell ill on Wednesday. He was later transported to the government hospital for further treatment. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



VACANCY

Job Title : Climate Finance Project Coordinator
Institution : Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs
Application Deadline : 2 November 2018
Type of Contract : Individual fixed contract
Duration of Contract : 18 Months
Expected Starting Date : January 2019

BACKGROUND

The Kingdom of Eswatini is committed to transforming into a developed country by 2022. The country's vision as set out in the National Development Strategy (NDS) promotes sustainable development and inclusive prosperity in the medium to long term. The nucleus of the vision is ensuring quality of life in the country whose critical dimensions are poverty eradication, employment creation, gender equity, social integration and environmental protection. The attainment of this vision hinges on four thematic pillars namely; a) good governance, b) a vibrant and diverse climate resilient economy, c) environmental sustainability and d) highest human capital and social development.

However, the country's economic growth is vulnerable to the impacts of both current and future climatic variables. Therefore there is a need to ensure that Eswatini's economic growth is 'climate resilient' and low-carbon, based on clean technologies rather than the traditional high-carbon development path based on the consumption of fossil fuels. This will foster a green climate resilient economy. Recognizing the challenge to build a developed country, which is both resilient to the impacts of climate change and low-carbon, the Government of Eswatini developed a national climate change policy and the national climate change strategy and action plan (NCCSAP) in 2016. The NCCSAP identified the Green Climate Fund (GCF) as an international climate change funding mechanism that can advance the policy vision of low-carbon emissions and climate resilient development.

Eswatini Designated the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs (MTEA) as its National Designated Authority (NDA) for engagement with the Fund and has received funding support from the GCF to strengthen its capacity as the NDA and facilitate the development of a strategic framework for engagement with the Fund. The GCF readiness support project aims to develop the capacity of the MTEA to engage with public sector, private sector, civil society stakeholders with regard to the priorities of the Fund. Furthermore it aims to develop a strategic framework for national engagement with the Fund, as well as development of country programme, building on existing strategies and plans. The implementation of the GCF readiness support project is projected to generate national interest in the GCF opportunities and to strengthen Swaziland's access to climate finance.

THE OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of the contract are to;
 Support the MTEA for a period of 18 months to effectively fulfil its roles and responsibilities as a national designated authority to the Green Climate Fund.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

Scope of Work

The project coordinator will work with the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs, and will be reporting to the climate change programme coordinator based in the Department of Meteorology, who will manage the project on behalf of the Ministry. The specific tasks will include;

- Facilitate the day-to-day coordination of the project; responsible for the timely delivery of all project outputs;
- Work closely with international consultants and provide technical support where necessary and ensure that project outputs are aligned with national priorities and strategies.
- Support the international consultant in the identification of the country's mitigation and adaptation needs and priorities in accordance with national strategic policy documents, sectoral programmes
- Contribute to the identification of programmes and projects that advance national priorities, and support the formulation of project idea briefs in the context of the country programme
- Engage with the private sector, civil Society and all stakeholders to ensure they understand GCF and fully participate in the development of the country programme.
- Facilitate the building of capacity and awareness of key stakeholders regarding climate finance readiness, including among the private sector and civil society;
- Build partnership with relevant stakeholder from public and private institutions to fulfil the objectives of programme.
- Ensure linkages of the project with other climate change projects currently being implemented in the country
- Coordinate and monitor the Project Implementation activities;
- Ensure timely preparation and submission of required reports, including bi-annual progress and expenditure reports, per the requirements and standard set by UN Environment;
- Perform any other duties as assigned

COMPETENCIES

- Demonstrated excellence in clear, concise and convincing writing and communication skills
- Highly organized with strong analytical and research skills
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a collaborative team and process
- Skills in facilitating meetings effectively and efficiently and to reach consensus among stakeholders from various sectors using participatory processes.
- Ability to communicate effectively to communicate complex, technical information to technical and general audiences.

QUALIFICATION

Education

- Bachelor degree or post graduate diploma in Development Economics, environment, climate change, and development finance studies or related discipline.

Work Experience

- At least five (5) years of demonstrated experience working with national stakeholders undertaking a coordination and facilitation role;
- Fully conversant with the log-frame approach to the project development;
- Knowledge of national policy frameworks and national development priorities
- Knowledge and experience in international/ national climate change policy will be an advantage
- Knowledge and experience with climate finance
- Ability to work under pressure and time constraints

Language Requirements

- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Fluency in English

DEADLINE: 2nd November 2018

Please submit all your completed application: Motivation letter and resume to the Climate Change Programme Coordinator, at climatechange@swazimem.gov.sz or hand deliver you application package to the Department of Meteorology.

RALEIGH FITKIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MEMORANDUM

FROM: NURSE'S UNIT COMMITTEE
TO: SISTERS' STATION
CC: MATRON 1 AND NURSING SUPERVISORS
DATE: 25 OCTOBER 2018

SUBJECT: WARNING AGAINST VICTIMISATION OF NURSES

This memo serves to advise you stop any action that maybe classified as victimisation against any nurse who engages in the current movement. It has been brought to our attention that calls have been made to departments and individuals, questioning them about these actions, therefore as a committee we advise to refrain from such. This action will be documented as victimisation and intimidation towards nurses. This action was decided on collectively by the nurses body in a general meeting and is currently being dealt with the hospital management.

Thank you for your usual cooperation

Don't dare harass our nurses - RFM bosses warned

By Ackel Zwane

The nurses unit committee at Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital has issued a stern warning to the sisters' station warning them against victimisation of nurses.

This is contained in a communiqué also copied to the Matron 1 and Nursing Supervisors stating; "this memo serves to advise you to stop any action that may be classified as victimisation against any nurse who engages in the current movement.

It has been brought to our attention that calls have been made to departments and individuals, questioning them about these actions, therefore as a committee we advise you to refrain from such.

This action will be documented as victimization and intimidation towards nurses."

Also in the Wednesday memo the nurses say the action by the nurses (that of not wearing uniform) was decided on collectively by the nurses' body in a general meeting and is currently being dealt with the hospital management.

In an October memorandum the nurses' unit committee also wrote to the principal human resource manager about resolutions on grievances responses from management whereby in the issue of uniform they stated that as per response from management that nurses' uniform is not budgeted for this year and that there was no policy guiding the provision of uniforms, nurses resolved

that they would only wear their distinguishing devices as per the regulations of the Nursing regulating body in Eswatini (Swaziland Nursing Council).

"We are of the belief that since there is no policy guiding the provision of uniform there should also be no policy forcing a nurse to wear a certain type of uniform except their distinguishing devices."

On staff shortages the resolution taken is that nurses would only attend patient as per the approved nurse patient ratio 1:3 for inpatients, 1:10 in ambulatory department with the emergency department only attending to emergency cases only.

Overstretching to fill in for the vacant posts has compromised the equality of the nursing care which they vowed to be ever improving.

On filling of time sheets the resolution taken was that if the Human Resource office continued to withhold its services because a nurse had not filled his or her time sheet, action would be taken against the office with relevant authorities who have advised the nurses that the action was illegal since staff had not been exposed to any policy around this.

On unsafe working environment nurses said independent environment assessors had been consulted to come and assess if the working environment was conducive for habitation and health care delivery.

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Congratulations to a Leader Par Excellence



All categories of the Royal Eswatini Police Service, extend hearty congratulations to Mr Isaac Mmemo Magugala on his appointment by His Majesty King Mswati III as a Senator in the 11th Parliament of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

As would be common knowledge, Magagula was until his appointment as Senator, the National Commissioner of Police who served the organization with great distinction for many years, succeeding in transforming the Service to the modern, professional entity it is today at par with Police organizations in SADC and beyond.

Whilst wishing him well as he embarks on the next chapter of his outstanding service to the country, we will surely miss his visionary leadership that has been so paramount in championing the growth and development of our organization.

Bayethe Wena Waphakathi!!

FARMERS LASH OUT AT AGRICS MINISTRY

By Ackel Zwane

As the rollout of farm inputs to subsidise farmers remain uncertain, farmers have lashed out at Ministry of Agriculture Principal Secretary Bongani Masuku for dumping the Swaziland National Agricultural Union (SNAU) in favour of the National Maize Corporation by giving the parastatal the tender to distribute subsidised farming inputs.

Uriah Mabuza, who is the Chairman of the Lamgabhi branch of the union, says this is not the first time the ministry of agriculture has partnered with the parastatal to frustrate interests of farmers in that after harvest in the last season, farmers were promised E400 per tonne then a month later, the price dropped to E200 per tonne.

He adds that a parastatal is generally not competitive in all matters of business and therefore cannot be expected to be efficient, hence the SNAU was better placed to distribute the farming inputs because it represents and knows the interests of the farmers as opposed to the ministry. Farmers were to be able to stabilise prices to the advantage of the farmer as opposed to dropping them to an all time low.

"We are now bringing farmers under the Sivivane Cooperative Union in order to assist them obtain and afford seeds because by the time the government rollout reaches all farmers, the planting season will be long over."



Mabuza says on Monday he was at Dudusini to give some of the farmers a goods shed to use in order to obtain inputs because they could not wait while NMC was starting with those who missed out in the last planting season last year.

Responsibility

He adds that if government bothers to know what is best for the farmers, it would have listened to them and gave the seed and input distribution responsibility to them because they are not stationed in one place or selected places but are spread throughout the country and under chiefdoms where even the smallest food producer can obtain seeds and fertilisers without having to spend money hiring transport. Furthermore, he says the union has clinched a deal with a farming inputs supplier to cut prices by 20 per

cent in order for the farmers to afford to purchase inputs instead of waiting for the government option via NMC. Mabuza says their request to government to provide collateral for farmers to be able to afford inputs fell on deaf ears and so is the deal with the Exim Bank of India, which seems not to put the farmer at the nucleus for the food security programme.

He cites the inconvenience previously of having to travel long distances to Rural Development Areas depots for the inputs, only to find they were either inadequate or unavailable at all. If they found seed, there was no fertiliser and tractors were unavailable at the right time to all farmers to plough in time.

The recent disaster is that only registered farmers who were able to do so within the stipulated period would

benefit yet the India deal was for all farmers involved in food security.

This was because the ministry had said it would register farmers and issue smart cards but that failed and the period to pay in order to get the inputs was cut short with farmers hoping to raise money by selling their produce in order to be able to pay and then benefit from the programme. The ministry announced that those who had not registered would not be given assistance.

On national radio, Masuku told farmers that they were being economic with truth because he was always in consultation with them throughout and the union was better placed to advise its members properly.

This was after Boy Mlota from the union criticised the tractor services programme as a sham in that most tractors had broken down, a fact acknowledged by the very Masuku on national radio, only by saying it was not at a large scale because most tractors were available and in good condition save for a few.

Fact

With the delay in making farming inputs available, even irrigation services cannot be rolled out to all the farmers in the kingdom. This is further exacerbated by the fact that farmers are made to stick to time bound hybrid seed. The only lucky farmers are those in the Lubombo region who recently secured funding for irrigation from the European Union.

Last July at a public ceremony in Mbabane, a EUR 36.4 loan agreement was signed between the European Investment Bank and the ministry of finance of Eswatini, in support of phase two of the Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP II) being developed by the Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (SWADE). Following on the LUSIP

I project, which had the objective of storing water to enable year-round agricultural production, LUSIP II will enlarge the available irrigated farmland for local smallholders. The design of the bulk storage facility (Lubovane Dam), constructed under LUSIP I, envisaged a command area of 11 500ha, this includes LUSIP II.

LUSIP is a climate adaptation initiative to alleviate poverty and improve food security through sustainable agriculture in the Lowveld, one of the driest and poorest areas of land-locked Eswatini, where over 70 per cent of the population relies on subsistence farming and one in three people are undernourished. The project is based on an integrated bottom-up approach of social and economic empowerment throughout project identification, preparation and implementation, supporting the introduction of commercial farming in the area.

The final beneficiaries are predominantly smallholder homesteads that will be grouped into Farmer Companies (FCs) to operate the irrigation systems and adopt modern farming technologies, with efficient use of water and energy resources. LUSIP II will directly benefit about 2 300 smallholder households and 10 000 people, with a further 10 000 indirectly benefiting through connected activities.

Through the provision of irrigation services, LUSIP II will provide a strong boost to the agricultural economy and is expected to have considerable spillovers on job creation, private sector development, health conditions, as well as on environmental protection through decreased land degradation. Sugarcane cultivation will cover a maximum of 70 per cent of the irrigated area, while at least 30 per cent of the irrigated area shall be allocated to other food and cash crops.



Jobs galore at Royal Swazi Airways

By Ackel Zwane

Royal Swazi National Airways Corporation announces key management positions, signalling the revival of the defunct national airliner.

The development follows last March's government subvention of E358.4 million to the Royal Swazi Airline, which has been given a full mandate to revive a national airline.

The subvention to the same parastatal has remained the same for the past two years at E16.4 million. Then Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini

told Parliament that air transport provided alternative mode of transportation for Eswatini and that the sector could also complement tourism by bringing visitors to the country.

He said the state-of-the-art airport King Mswati III International Airport presented an opportunity for growth, both in aviation and tourism.

In that it had the capacity to handle sizable volumes of passengers, as well as cargo, hence the country had the obligation of utilising it to its full capacity.

"In that regard, government is working on strategies to revive the Royal

Swaziland National Airways Corporation (RSNAC), and it will be tasked with the mandate of providing air transportation services of the highest quality and efficiency, that will suit both local and international travellers.

Expect

"We are aware of the costs associated with this endeavour, but we expect the benefits in return to be worth the investment," he said.

RSNAC is looking for a company secretary-cum legal advisor who will provide guidance to the board and management, ensuring that all legal matters are handled in the best inter-

est of the company.

Frontline consultant or receptionist will ensure that the front office runs smoothly and efficiently and to serve as host to clients and guests when they are in the RSNAC. The marketing manager's main purpose is to manage effectively the activities of the marketing team to meet customer acquisition and revenue growth targets; and the personal assis-

tant (two positions) will carry out secretarial and administrative duties for the CEO and top management.

In March 1978, the government announced that it was setting up a national airline to be known as Royal Swazi National Airways Corporation, and informed privately owned airline Swazi Air that it would be required to close down operations by 1 August 1978. In mid-1978, it was announced that Royal Swazi had purchased a 63-seat Fokker F.28 Mk.3000 from Fokker with which it would begin its services.

Services

The airline also acquired a low-cycle Vickers Viscount 839 which had previously been operated by the Iranian Government and the Sultan of Oman's Air Force. On August 1, 1978, the airline inaugurated its services with the F28 on a flight from

Manzini to Johannesburg via Durban, whilst the airlines' Viscount was on standby at Matsapha Airport. Services to Lusaka, Mauritius and Blantyre were expected to be added to the fledgling airline's route network.

ANNOUNCED:
Former Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini.





MEYHAM: When Kukhanyeni High School pupils went on a riot last week Friday they left the school in this condition with furniture destroyed (top) and shards of windows all around the school including that of the principal which has since been replaced (bottom).



BURNT SCHOOL PUPILS DARE PRINCIPAL TO RETURN

Stories by Ackel Zwane

Learners at Kukhanyeni High School who went on a rampage last week wreaking havoc at the school in protest to unanswered spate of suicides have vowed to do it all over again if their principal, Lucky Matsenjwa would be allowed to return. As a result lessons remain suspended pending a meeting of parents that had been slated for Wednesday or Thursday but had to be shifted as a result of the ongoing People's Parliament, Sibaya.

Only pupils in Forms three and five sitting for the external examination come to school while the rest await the parents' meeting. A number of the pupils interviewed at the school premises on Thursday vowed that they would resume attack on the principal if he were to show face because they suspect his inaction in the number of deaths at the school is to blame. They demand that the Manzini regional education officer also addresses them, where they will open up on the gist of the main

grievance regarding the principal. They mince no words that since he belongs to a somewhat cultist church grouping he was insensitive to their fears that more of their colleagues would continue to die unless some form of intervention, which they did not specify, was made.

Calm

Deputy Principal Bongwe Zuke said calm had returned to the school which erupted into a riot last week Friday with pupils running amok and burning a classroom while destroying virtually every window in every schools building.

The first window to be shattered was the principal's. "But we were extremely shocked, we never expected this from our children. It was the first, and hopefully the last, of its kind." The pupils on the other hand said they only remained calm for the duration of the examination and that they would not like to put their colleagues sitting for the examination in a detrimental position but things must move fast and the REO must come to address them to find out from them what was the cause of

the riot.

Zuke on the other hand said the arrangement for the meeting of both the school and parents was better handled by the authorities at the REO office in Manzini and that all that the school authorities did was to take instruction.

The riot started shortly after morning assembly when the school was preparing for a memorial service for the burial of one their own the same weekend.

It was sparked by the citing of the principal near the main gate to the entrance of the school when pupils ran amok and threw pieces of school furniture at buildings while a mob ran towards the gate but somewhat late because the principal managed to escape and the situation was normalised with the speedy response from police. Even on the day of the riot the examinations were not disrupted, according to Zuke.

Immediately after the riot some of the broken windows were repaired by school management in order for the examination to proceed undisturbed.

'If another of us dies now it would be total fireworks'

The pupils further disclosed that what happened last week Friday would be a walk in the park if any one of them would die under similarly unclear circumstances as in the last spate of suicides. "Nakungafa munye wetfu nyalo kungajabha tisa." They further claim that their colleagues who were involved in the burning of a muti man's consultation room, *indumba*, are all alive but one and thus dismissing reprisals from the muti man who might have embarked on a revenge attack using his magic portion. Some learners who are members of

a soccer team in the neighbourhood decided to burn down the muti man's hut for refusing to give them a refund after he had promised them a win in a soccer game which they lost.

Deceased

The list of the deceased pupils include Mthunzi Dlamini, Ndimiso Shongwe, Sibusiso Simelane,

Nokwethu Masilela; one Jabulile Thwala survived after treatment in hospital together with other two who were also treated and discharged in separate incidents. After recalling the names of colleagues some of the

pupils even changed their mind about the REO coming to the school saying rather they be given the killer so that they can deal with him/her by themselves before any parental guidance from the REO.

"If anyone we suspect to be associated with the death of colleague were to show up he/she would have already signed a death warrant." They said they respected the presence of police at the school and in general but not that they were afraid of them because police were in fact outside of what was happening to them at the school.



By Bodwa Mbingo

UK raises E123m to save 178 000 children, women in Eswatini, Lesotho

True to that country's promise, the United Kingdom (UK) has raised a record breaking £6.7million (about E123 000 000) through this year's Soccer Aid 2018 Tournament in aid of UNICEF work in Eswatini and Lesotho.

According to the Socceraid website, 100 per cent of the money raised will go towards helping more children grow up healthy, happy and safe. In June this year, British Prime Minister Theresa May unveiled a E63 million sponsorship towards this year's charity football event whose proceeds, she said, would support as many as 178 000 women and children under five, who are at risk of death in Eswatini and Lesotho. This yearly event is a charity football event run by UNICEF UK. The football match brings together teams of former professional players and celebrities – including Usain Bolt, Robbie Williams and Mark Wright – to help raise funds for children in danger across the world. UNICEF UK is a charity, entirely funded by its supporters and receives no money from the UN budget.

"It's time to start getting excited for an even bigger and better Soccer Aid in June 2019. Next year, for the first time ever, the match will be taking place at Stamford Bridge, home of Chelsea F.C.," reads a message posted on the Socceraid website this week. Meanwhile, May speaking at the Soccer Aid reception at Downing Street in June revealed that Soccer Aid combines the excellent work of UNICEF with the generosity of the British people matched by the British government.

Opportunities

"And together we save lives and create new opportunities for thousands of children across some of the poorest parts of the world. And if you want to know what that can really mean – just ask young UNICEF reporter Kendra Diston who is here with us today.

"She flew out to Lesotho and met Alice and Lindi – two girls like her, who are full of thanks because of the work of UNICEF and UK Aid, the two no longer have to walk for an hour to get water;

and now have toilets in their local school," she stated.

The Prime Minister further revealed that over the last 12 years, UNICEF's Soccer Aid has raised £24 million (about E408 million) to support vulnerable children around the world.

"So I am delighted that Soccer Aid is back this year – and I want to start by saying a huge thank you to everyone who is responsible for making that possible. Thank you to the UNICEF team, the volunteers, advocates and ambassadors – including all of you here today – who have made this brilliant idea of a football match to improve children's lives, this is one of the most iconic sports fundraising events in the world today.

She highlighted that as the UK government, she believes that when it comes to their aid budget – their job is clear and it is to honour the promises that they have made to the poorest in the world and to ensure that every penny they spend is spent well – and in ways that support the wishes of

the British people.

She said that is why the UK Aid match scheme is such an important component of their aid budget, because the British people choose where they want to spend their money – and they then double every pound that they donate up to a given limit. She disclosed that in the last year alone they have doubled the impact of 25 different charitable appeals, raising a total of more than £66 million (about E1.1 billion) for life-changing projects in 20 different countries around the world.

Projects

"And I'm delighted that we have representatives from a number of those projects here with us this evening. Initiatives such as Farm Africa, which is supporting thousands of young people in rural areas of Kenya to develop invaluable skills in farming, to World Child Cancer UK – which is transforming the support for children with cancer in Ghana. From projects led by Water Aid, which are improving access to water, sanitation and

hygiene in Mozambique and Sierra Leon, to the completion of the Sight Savers' campaign to provide a million cataract operations in Africa and Asia. All of these projects and more are quite literally changing lives," she added.

Speaking on women and children she said despite the progress made on maternal health and child mortality, just today alone 830 mothers will have died somewhere across the world.

She said 7 000 babies will have been stillborn, 7 000 will die in the first month of life, and another 7 000 will die before they are five.

She noted that in the vast majority of cases these deaths every day are preventable and so by supporting Soccer Aid this year, they can together work to save lives.

"Together we can work to give pregnant women and new-born children access to quality, integrated maternal and neonatal care, HIV services and improved nutrition. And together we can ensure that UK aid remains a badge of hope for millions across the world."

By Ackel Zwane

Eswatini has announced the processing of the country's first industry processed dry gin, the Imbali signature gin. This is a product strictly coming from the local grass-roots without being imposed as those produced by multinational corporation brands.

The Swazi Craft Festival coming up on the 3rd November at Mandela's in Malkerns will be the perfect opportunity for you to sample Eswatini's newest innovation with a genuine gin experience of cocktails, music, street food, craft beers and many exciting G&Ts!

Eswatini's first and only Craft Gin, is now available exclusively (for now) at the Umoya shop in Ngwenya Glass for E400 a bottle. The unofficial 'Swazi Craft Gin Festival' will have artisanal cocktails that will help one find the perfect partner for one's new favourite gin, Imbali!

The Umoya Craft Spirit has also just opened at the Ngwenya Glass complex, where the gin will be available for E400 per bottle. The Imbali Swazi craft gin towers among the world's giants such as the world's eight best-selling international gin brands, Gordon's, Bombay Sapphire, Tanqueray, Beefeater, Seagram's, Larios, Hendrick's and Gin Mare the Spanish gin brand. Gin Mare launched in 2010 with the aim of producing a gin that would reflect the brand's Mediterranean heritage.

Promoters at Ngwenya say these gins come from all over the world and now the kingdom of Eswatini has a gin all of its own. "Made right here in Eswatini IMBALI signature gin is showing the world that the Kingdom of Eswatini is creating products to be proud of. Using traditional and indigenous Swazi ingredients, it has a strong classic juniper taste combined with light spice, a herbal body and fragrant citrus notes that make IMBALI gin a true classic dry gin that is also uniquely Swazi. Gin is changing the way we enjoy our drinks. The craft gin explosion is happening all over the world and we have seen a recent influx of exciting gins have hit our shelves here in Eswatini. With excit-

IMBALI IS ESWATINI'S FIRST LOCALLY PRODUCED DRY GIN



ing new gins and inventive drinks and cocktails bringing gin into a new position in our minds."

Craft gins are made in small batches to ensure that they are of exceptionally high quality and the flavour is as individual and exciting as possible. They use the finest ingredients available to create light, complex, invigorating flavours that excite and impress.

"During the recent Luju Food and Lifestyle

Festival, where Imbali was being showcased alongside imported and mass produced brands, the popular headline musicians MI CASA requested to purchase a bottle of Eswatini's new gin. The reviews from the band were overwhelmingly positive, with J'Something claiming it was the best gin he's had, which was high praise indeed from such a renowned food enthusiast," say promoters.

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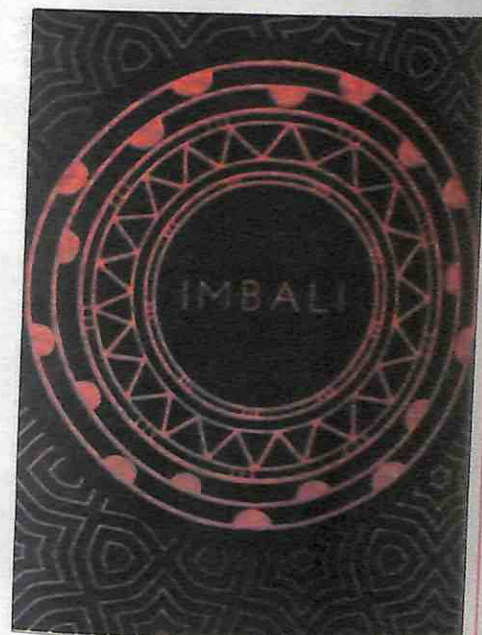
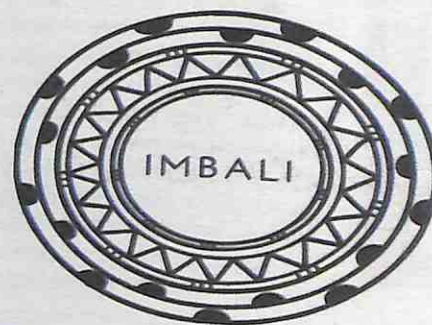
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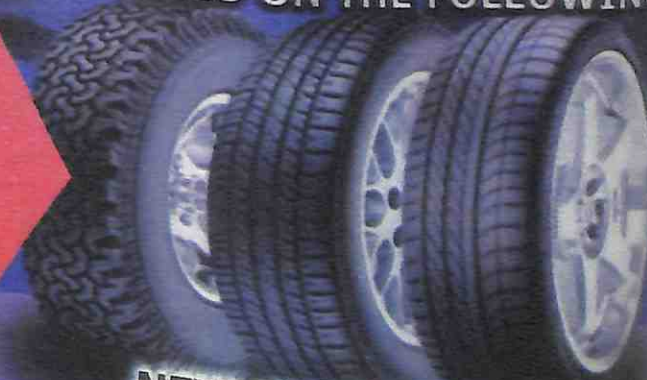
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BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III posing after officially opening the Elwatini Computer Laboratory in 2015.



DONE DEAL: The Royal Eswatini Police Service and South African Police Service signing an MoU in 2017.

APPRECIATION TO OUTGOING POLICE CHIEF

As the career of the outgoing National Commissioner of Police - Isaac Mmemo Magagula comes to a close in the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS), the organisation pays homage to the achievements he has attained while at the helm.

This follows his appointment into the House of Senate by His Majesty King Mswati III marking an end to decades of service years in the police service.

Magagula joined the police service in 1972, which translates to 46 years of loyal and distinguished service in the organisation.

After serving the organisation for 36 years, in 2008 he was appointed acting commissioner of police.

In October 2009 he was confirmed commissioner of police on permanent basis. During the 2013 Police Day Celebrations, it pleased His Majesty King Mswati III to elevate Magagula to the rank of national commissioner of police.

The outgoing national commissioner had a vision to transform the REPS into a robust, dynamic and professional organisation that deals decisively with crime, whilst staying true and cemented on the core values that support the service such as honesty, courtesy, civility and empathy amongst others.

He implemented several strategies aimed at propelling the organisation to greater heights including the 'Lunyazi' method of operations which entailed

speed and urgency in crime response mechanisms while embodying the qualities of professionalism, empathy and civility.

In 2014, *Lunyazi* was complemented by 'Siyavutsa bhe' an operational philosophy which was launched and was aimed at sensitizing the public about zero tolerance to crime and wayward behaviour on roads.

During his tenure as Police Chief, Magagula forged relations with neighbouring law enforcement agencies to strengthen the country's frontiers against crime and several Memoranda of Understanding were signed. These include a MoU with the Mozambican Police to tackle the problem of Stock Theft as well as one with South African Police Service facilitating joint operations in dealing with motor vehicle theft, drug cultivation and trafficking among other phenomena.

The outgoing national police commissioner has been in the forefront of bringing to life many achievements of the organisation over the past years.

Development

These include infrastructural development, personnel, policing equipment and the establishment of specialised units to facilitate professionalism in the police service. Infrastructural development has been characterised by the construction of modern police struc-

tures and satellite posts to bring police services closer to communities in line with government policies on delivery of social services.

Cognisant of the importance of health and wellness to the overall productivity and effectiveness of human resource capital, under Magagula's leadership the police service introduced health facilities (clinics) which are operated by fully qualified health practitioners.

These have been decentralised to all regions so they could be easily accessible to police officers and members of the public.

Achived

Another milestone for the REPS which was achieved under the guidance and leadership of Magagula was the upgrading of the then Police College into a Police Academy which now offers a diploma in police science programme in conjunction with the University of Eswatini (UNESWA).

This followed the establishment of the computer laboratory which was aimed at ensuring that police keep track with advancements in technology. Furthermore on the area of technological advancement, the Police emergency Response System 999 was also upgraded from analogue to digital mode of communication and also decentralised to regional level to eliminate the problem of line clogging.

With the support of His Majesty King Mswati III, the outgoing National Commissioner implemented the restructuring and reorganisation exercise where new ranks were introduced for the police service to be at par with other police organisations in the SADC region.

To ensure that legislative frameworks governing the police service were obtaining with the current times, Magagula facilitated the enactment of the Police Service Act 22/2018 to enhance the level of discipline and guide police officers as they go about their

daily duties.

The Royal Eswatini Police Service congratulates Mr. Isaac Mmemo Magagula following His appointment by His Majesty King Mswati III as a senator in the 11th Parliament of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Bayethe Wena Waphakathi!!!
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GONE: Former National Commissioner of Police - Isaac Mmemo Magagula.



PRESENT: The upgraded and decentralised Police Emergency Response System 999 at Lubombo Regional Headquarters. 2. Modern residential flats. 3. The Police Academy.

By Bodwa Mbingo

ESWATINI 18TH MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRY IN AFRICA - REPORT

...Human Development Index places country 144th in the world

CAPITA: US\$10 437

Positioned the second most developed country in Africa and at position 65 in the world, Mauritius is also a major tourist destination in Africa. The country grew from an agriculture-based economic set up in the 1960s into a middle-income diversified economic set up with expansion witnessed in industries such as textile, sugar, financial services, and tourism. Mauritius is currently focusing on important sectors such as health-care, property development, seafood, communication, and renewable energy to boost its economic income.

3. ALGERIA - HDI: 0.754, GDP PER CAPITA: US\$4 669

Algeria is one of the largest countries in Africa that is situated north of the Sahara and borders Tunisia. It's the third most developed country in Africa and at position 85 in the world. Algeria gets most of its income from the booming oil industry where it is one of the largest producers in Africa. Its dominance in the oil industry has created lots of job opportunities for the Algerian youth. Aside from hydrocarbons, Algeria has struggled to find alternative sources of income. At present, there are developments in the tourism, fuel research, and communications industries, but they are still insignificant compared to the revenue generated by hydrocarbons.

4. TUNISIA - HDI: 0.735, GDP PER CAPITA: US\$3 531

Situated in North Africa, Tunisia is positioned as the fourth most developed African country according to HDI, and the 95th most developed country in the world. The significant expansion of the country's economic muscle is a result of manufacturing, tourism, services and mining. In fact, the services sector has contributed highly to the expansion and economic development of the country. The country is also home to many foreign investors who have set up camp there due to its lucrative business environment.

5. BOTSWANA - HDI: 0.717, GDP PER CAPITA: US\$8 443

Botswana is a landlocked country situated in Southern Africa. It is one of the sparsely populated countries in Africa with a populace of only two million individuals. It is positioned as the fifth best country in Africa and position 101 in the world in terms of human development. The major pillars supporting the expansion of Botswana are mining, tourism and cattle rearing. It is positioned as having one of the fastest growths per capita in the world. Due to the many investments taking place in the country, economists have predicted more expansion in the future.

6. LIBYA - HDI: 0.706, GDP PER CAPITA: US\$7 998

Libya is positioned as the sixth most developed country in Africa and position 108 in the world, thanks to an eco-

nomie set up that is predominantly dependent on oil. The country holds the largest oil reserves in Africa, however, its poor climate limits other sectors such as the agricultural industry. The country has also undergone instability periods in recent years due to war, which led to a significant increase in unemployment. Libya is registered by the World Bank as one of the eight developed African countries with the upper-middle-income economic set up.

7. GABON - HDI: 0.702, GDP PER CAPITA: US\$7 741

Gabon is positioned as the seventh most developed country in Africa and 110th in the world. Gabon has a population of two million and its economic expansion is dependent on oil. While mining is the major income generator, Gabon is also investing in other sectors to supplement its development.

8. SOUTH AFRICA - HDI: 0.699, GDP PER CAPITA: US\$6 541

South Africa is positioned as the eighth most developed country in Africa. It is positioned at position 113 in the world and has a population of 57 725 600. The economic development of South Africa has been supported by a number of activities which include: agriculture, mining, industrial growth and tertiary services. While mining has been a huge industry in South Africa, tertiary services are emerging as the highest income earners.

9. EGYPT - HDI: 0.696, GDP PER CAPITA: US\$2 501

Egypt is one of the unique countries in that part of it is in Africa while some parts are in the Middle East. Globally, Egypt is positioned as the 118th most developed country while in Africa it ranks at position nine. Egypt has a population of 94 798 827 and it relies on mining, telecommunication and agriculture. Presently a middle-income country, economists predict that Egypt has a potential for more expansion opportunities in the future.

10. MOROCCO - HDI: 0.667 GDP PER CAPITA US\$3 435

Morocco sits in the 10th position as one of the most developed countries in Africa and at position 123rd in the world. The country has an approximate population of 35 740 000 and its terrain is majorly characterised by the large deserts, mountains and abroad coastline. Morocco's resources come from the services sector, mining, construction, manufacturing, textile, telecoms, information technology, and tourism, among others.

11. CAPE VERDE - HDI: 0.654, GDP PER CAPITA US\$3 287

It is positioned as the 11th most developed country in Africa with a population of 539 560. Cape Verde is a combination of islands, which are located 570 km off the coast of West Africa. The country's array of mountains, the

seaside villages, the relentless beauty of landscapes and appealing beaches have been of beneficial interest to tourist and foreign investors in the country. It relies on tourism for the most part.

12. NAMIBIA - HDI: 0.647, GDP PER CAPITA US\$5 073

Situated in the southern part of Africa, Namibia is positioned as the 12th most developed country in Africa and 129th position worldwide. The country has a population of 2 606 971. The economic expansion of Namibia is closely related to that of South Africa due to the fact that they share a common history. Mining, agriculture, and tourism are the major economic activities in the country. In terms of technology, they have a highly effective online banking system which operates as a great medium of online transactions.

13. CONGO - HDI: 0.606, GDP PER CAPITA US\$446

It is positioned as the 13th most developed country in Africa with a population of five million. According to the HDI, the country sits at position 129 in the world. Congo's development is characterised by a combination of handicrafts, agriculture and an industrial sector, which is predominantly dependent on petroleum production. Mining is also a major activity in the country but a large vast remain untapped.

14. GHANA - HDI: 0.592, GDP PER CAPITA: US\$1 697

Ghana is positioned as the 14th on the list of the most developed African countries by HDI and 140 worldwide. It has a population of approximately 28 million individuals and it largely relies on the exportation of industrial minerals, agricultural products, petroleum and natural gas.

15. EQUATORIAL GUINEA - HDI: 0.591, GDP PER CAPITA: US\$11 457

Located on the Atlantic coast of Central Africa, Equatorial Guinea is the 15th most developed country in Africa and 141st in the world with a population of two million individuals. The country is situated in a favourable position geographically which provides it with a great platform for exporting goods to the Americas and Europe. Its major export is oil. The exports of the country have played a key role in creating employment opportunities for the youth of the country.

16. KENYA - HDI: 0.590, GDP PER CAPITA: US\$1 790

Kenya is the 16th most developed country in Africa and 142nd worldwide with a population of about 43 125 325. The economic development of Kenya primarily depends on tourism, agriculture and industrial activities. The recent infrastructural developments in the country have led to projections that the country's economic muscle is bound to grow.

17. SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE - HDI: 0.589, GDP PER CAPITA US\$1 668

This is the 17th most developed country in Africa and 143rd most developed in the world according to the HDI. The economic development of Sao Tome is dominated by agriculture, which is one of the major economic activities in the country. The main export in Sao Tome is cocoa which represents about 90 per cent of the exports. Apart from cocoa, other export crops include: palm kernels, coffee and copra. On the contrary, the country's domestic food production does not meet the local consumption, hence most of their food is imported. Efforts are being made by the government to expand food production in the country.

18. ESWATINI - HDI: 0.588, GDP PER CAPITA US\$3 934 (ABOUT E55 862.8)

It is positioned 18th most developed country in Africa with a populace of 1 343 098, but falls at position 144 in the world. The economic growth of Eswatini is highly dependent on agriculture, forestry, and mining. As a landlocked country, the country does most of its business with South Africa.

19. ZAMBIA - HDI: 0.588, GDP PER CAPITA US\$1 342

This 19th most developed country in Africa sits at joint position of 144 in the world. It has a population of 16 591 330 million individuals and its economic expansion relies on various activities like mining and farming. Its economic activities serve as the backbone of the growth of the country and they fuel the attraction of investors from other parts of the country. The recent increase in employment opportunities is mainly due to the economic activities that have played an important role in the country's growth and development.

20. ANGOLA - HDI: 0.581, GDP PER CAPITA US\$4 101

It is graded as the 20th most developed country in Africa. The economic development of Angola has been highly influenced by activities such as agriculture, mining and industrial activities. On the world stage, Angola is positioned number 147. Its population stands at 25 789 204 at present, with a per capita GDP of US\$4 101.

The 20 African countries mentioned above are on the forefront when it comes to paving the way for a better future in the continent. If you were wondering which is the most developed country in Africa in terms of living standards, then this list should answer your question.

While most of these countries are not in a better position to compete with their European counterparts, there is still a chance with more Africans pioneering developments in technology, farming, services, and industries.

The Human Development Index may not be entirely accurate, but it helps to show a picture of the overall ease of living of a particular country's citizens. The above list of the most developed countries in Africa showcase that there is still much to be done in the continent when it comes to ensuring a long and healthy life. It also outlines the need for countries in Africa to bolster trade and improve service delivery in the continent.

With the country's goal being to be fully developed by the year 2022, the Human Development Index (HDI) has placed Eswatini as the 18th most developed country on the continent.

The HDI, a metric used to measure key dimensions that make up quality human life, has further placed the country 144th in the world. With a GDP per capita of US\$3 934 (about E55 862.8), Eswatini is followed by Zambia and Angola as the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region's two countries that complete the list of 20 most developed countries in Africa. Other countries in the region; Seychelles, Mauritius, Botswana, South Africa and Namibia are ranked first, second, fifth, eighth and 12th, respectively.

His Majesty King Mswati III when opening Sibaya this week, expressed hope that all the elected Members of Parliament (MP)s are people that will transform the country to a first world country by 2022, hence the need to change how things are done in order for the country to be fully developed.

Kenya News' Tuko, on the other hand, reports that while Africa is endowed with plenty of natural resources and a cultural and ecological diversity, the majority of the continent still remains underdeveloped. In fact, no other continent features in the list of the least developed nations more than Africa. Despite the volatile economic situations brought about by civil unrest, corruption, tribal wars, and deep poverty, a number of African countries are defying the odds to post significant economic improvements. Check out this list of the 20 most developed countries in Africa by the Human Development Index. The Human Development Index is a metric that is used to measure key dimensions that make up quality human life. These are the level of knowledge, a long and healthy lifestyle, and a decent living standard. When these factors are combined, they give a rough idea of the impact of economies of the quality of life. While it is widely said that Africa is developing, it is important to stress that there is no African country with very high human development, according to the HDI report that was released in 2018.

Below is a ranking of the 20 most developed countries in Africa:

1. SEYCHELLES - HDI: 0.797, GDP PER CAPITA: US\$16 332

According to the HDI, Seychelles is the most developed African country. However, it sits at position 62 on the world stage. The country consists of 115 islands that are situated about 1 500 km to the East of the East African coastline. As an economy that once relied on plantation farming, Seychelles has positioned itself as a leading tourist destination in Africa. This country with the highest HDI in Africa also depends on other major sources of income that include fishing, boat building, printing, and processing of agricultural products such as vanilla, coconuts, sweet potatoes, poultry, and beverages, among others.

2. MAURITIUS - HDI: 0.790, GDP PER

By Bodwa Mbingo

TAIWAN URGES ESWATINI, OTHERS TO SUPPORT ITS BID TO REJOIN INTERPOL



SUPPORT: Taiwan Commissioner Criminal Investigation Bureau Tsai Tsan-Po.

Eswatini has never hidden its contentment in continuing to stick with Taiwan and as that country pleads for support from other countries to support its bid to rejoin the INTERPOL, Eswatini is expected to support their bid.

Due to political factors, Taiwan has been excluded from INTERPOL for 34 years. It lacks timely access to key intelligence shared via the I-24/7 global police communications system and the affiliated database concerning stolen and lost travel documents (SLTD). According to Tsai Tsan-Po, Republic of China on Taiwan Commissioner Criminal Investigation Bureau, this has seriously hampered Taiwan's ability to implement security checks at its borders and fight against terrorism, human trafficking, and other transnational crimes.

Delays

Its long-term exclusion from INTERPOL has led to delays and disparity in the exchange of critical information, and prevented it from participating in related meetings, activities and training courses, creating a major gap in the global security and counterterrorism network.

With transnational crime on the rise, it is imperative that law enforcement agencies worldwide establish mutual links and efficient cooperation.

"To achieve INTERPOL's key aims, such as ensuring and promoting the widest possible mutual assistance between all criminal police authorities, Taiwan must be included. Indeed, Taiwan seeks to work with law enforcement agencies around the world to jointly combat crime, fill gaps in the global security network, and create a safer world through joint cooperation," he states.

Tsai adds that Taiwan has earned widespread acclaim for its public security and feels the international community should not exclude Taiwan in the fight against transnational crime.

Taiwan is the world's 22nd-largest economy and 17th-largest exporter, occupying a strategic location connecting Northeast and Southeast Asia. It was named the best place in the world for expats to live in a 2016

online report by Forbes, and was ranked 34th among 163 countries surveyed for the 2018 Global Peace Index by the Australia-based Institute for Economics and Peace.

"Taiwan's exclusion from INTERPOL creates a gap in intelligence sharing and a loophole for criminal activity. Taiwan applied to attend the 85th INTERPOL General Assembly as an Observer in 2016 and to host an

INTERPOL major event support team (IMEST) in 2017 for security at the Summer Universiade in Taipei. INTERPOL rejected both applications, citing the 1984 resolution it adopted when China attained membership and suggesting that Taiwan contact the National Central Bureau in China. No resolutions or arrangements by INTERPOL should override the aim of strengthening police cooperation and the prohibition of political interference so clearly expressed in its Constitution," adds Tsai.

He states that through participation in INTERPOL, Taiwan seeks to share experiences in fighting transnational crime. He says Taiwan has spared no effort to combat cross-border crime over the years and has solved many criminal cases in collaboration with law enforcement agencies of other countries.

Conducted

He says earlier this year, Taiwanese and Thai police conducted a widespread crackdown on economic crime, recovering 120 million baht (US\$3.69 million) in illicit funds.

"Also this year, Taiwanese and Philippine police worked together to capture a Philippine city councillor wanted for drug trafficking who had fled to Taiwan. And following a cyber attack on a local bank in October 2017, Taiwan relied on intelligence provided by the National Central Bureaus of Interpol member states to intercept stolen funds worth over US\$60 million. These achievements have received

international acclamation and recognition. In line with common values and ideals, Taiwan wishes to further contribute to global initiatives that help create a safer world. Indeed, a seamless global security network can be ensured only if Taiwan participates in INTERPOL," states Tsai.

He says Taiwan is a good neighbour and will help make the world safer. Tsai feels fighting crime is the common mission and responsibility of police forces worldwide and that nations cannot singlehandedly address the three priorities under the INTERPOL Strategic Framework 2017-2020, namely counterterrorism, cybercrime, as well as organised and emerging crime. He says as a member of the international police community, Taiwan's police force should not be left on the sidelines. He says it has the obligation, responsibility, willingness and ability to stand on the frontlines with its worldwide counterparts in the fight against cross-border crime.

"Global security and social justice should transcend regional, ethnic and political differences. We urge you to support Taiwan's participation in the INTERPOL General Assembly this year as an Observer, as well as in INTERPOL meetings, mechanisms and training activities. By speaking up for Taiwan at international events, you can make a real contribution to promoting Taiwan's pragmatic and meaningful participation in INTERPOL," he implores.

By Sicelo Maziya

YOUTH COOPS TO SHAPE THEIR FUTURE NEXT WEEK

Various youth cooperatives and partners will on Tuesday meet at The George Hotel to map the way forward where it concerns the movement in the country.

Eswatini National Youth Cooperative Alliance (ESNYCA), in collaboration with the International Cooperative Alliance-Africa, European Union (EU), Junior Achievement Eswatini, Eswatini National Youth Council, Aflatoun International, ministry of commerce, industry and trade, Cooperative Department and other partners are meeting to design the future in a forum under the theme: 'Moving from Ideas to Youth Empowerment: Fostering Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy Education Through School Cooperatives in Africa'.

This forum will provide an open space for eminent representatives of the private sector, governments, youth, Junior Achievement, Centre for Financial Inclusion, Aflatoun International and ICA-Africa partners to discuss and — build on their respective experiences — jointly identify a set of recommendations for fostering and scaling up the cooperative enterprise model through the existing entrepreneurship and financial literacy programmes, including in-school and out-of-school youth in cooperatives and structured internship programmes in cooperatives for the youth. In addition, recommendations for advocating for favourable social, economic and legal environment for the inclusion of youth in cooperatives will be provided.

The main objective of the forum is to discuss and recommend specific policy interventions that would foster the cooperative enterprise model through existing entrepreneurship and financial literacy education programmes as an important driver of inclusive growth through creation and expansion of decent job opportunities for in-school and out-



of-school youth in Africa.

Below are the specific objectives of the forum:

A. To assess the effectiveness of education policies in:

- promoting financial literacy and entrepreneurship education among young people
- enhancing employability skills and gender inclusion.

B. To share experiences and stories to illustrate success and challenges in:

- mainstreaming gender in cooperatives.
- integrating cooperative education into formal education systems.

C. To explore potential partnership opportunities to align all actors in fostering the cooperative enterprise model to scale up youth engagement.

D. To discuss role of government agencies and key stakeholders in enhancing the regulatory and policy environment to promote participation of

young people.

E. To identify regulatory hurdles for cooperative business start-up and recommend cooperative policy changes for youth inclusion.

The youth are expecting good results in:

A. Effectiveness of education policies in: promoting financial literacy and entrepreneurship education; enhancing employability skills and gender inclusion among young people assessed.

B. Experiences and stories illustrating success and challenges in mainstreaming gender in cooperatives as well as integrating cooperative education into formal education systems shared.

C. Potential partnership opportunities to align all actors in fostering the cooperative enterprise model to scale up youth engagement explored.

D. The role of government agencies and key stakeholders in enhancing the regulatory and policy environment to promote the participation of young people discussed.

E. Regulatory hurdles for cooperative business start-up identified and policy changes for youth inclusion recommended.

PARTICIPANTS

The participants shall be drawn from the Alliance Youth Network, youth led/ owned cooperatives, policy makers, financial institutions, government agencies, NGOs and education institutions. Experts from within and outside Africa will be invited to participate at the conference to share their experiences in entrepreneurship, financial literacy and youth cooperative enterprise models.

Broadcaster tells management he might be next PM

By Ackel Zwane

A broadcaster in the electronic media stunned a management meeting last week when he announced that he might not be returning to the station after today because it was possible His Majesty King Mswati III was eyeing him for the position of prime minister.

This pronouncement is said to have attracted suppressed laughter among managers but the colleague was adamant that in the event he was not returning, they should not be surprised. However, he was not among those given the opportunity to market themselves in line with the King's request for the nation to assist him pick a person who would fit a profile acceptable both to the nation and to him.

There was also no indication that the broadcast man would make it among those who stood up as possible Cabinet material. Insiders said first they thought the man was merely being playful but on further pushing to the meeting the extent of his influence and experience, they realised that he meant what he was talking about.

In the meantime, Sibaya, the people's Parliament, opened on Wednesday and closes today with the King announcing the country's next prime minister who takes over from the late Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini who passed on last month.

HIS MAJESTY'S
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CORRECTIONAL WHEEL



IN SMILES: ComGen Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase with other Commissioner Generals and attendees during the ICPA conference at Montreal Canada.



GENERALS: Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase, Namibia Commissioner General Raphael Hamunyela and Commissioner General of Botswana Prisons Col. Silas Motlalekgosi following the proceedings.

COMGEN ATTENDS ICPA CONFERENCE IN CANADA

Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase is currently away in Canada to attend the annual conference for members of the International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA).

The ICPA annual conference which is one of the largest gatherings in the prisons and corrections' field is held in the city of Montreal and is hosted by the Correctional Service of Canada.

The Commissioner General accompanied by Senior Assistant Commissioner Kenneth Nhlengethwa and Assistant Commissioner Mamoshoeshe Ntsane says the conference which started from 21-26 October was addressed by over 150 speakers. It provided a rich and diverse programme covering a wide variety of topics addressing challenges and highlighting best practices. This year, ICPA celebrated its 20th Anniversary, a milestone which formed part of the programme during the conference attended by over 500 participants from across the globe. This august gathering provided a platform for the sharing of new experiences, innovations, new approaches, latest technologies and best practices in corrections. Participants will also take home new perspectives, ideas and a wealth of global insights in the field of correctional service. The commissioner said participants comprised heads of correctional services, CEOs, senior management, correctional practitioners, industry leaders and many experts from the corrections community.

THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS BEYOND PRISONS, THE WAY FORWARD

On the last day of the conference delegates had the opportunity to visit a variety of facilities in Montréal to gain



LISTENING: The ComGen, Commissioner General of Botswana Prisons Col. Silas Motlalekgosi and Assistant Commissioner Mamoshoeshe Ntsane.

a greater understanding into the delivery of correctional services and conditional release services. This exposure included visits to prisons and premises, which provide residential housing to offenders in the community.

CONFERENCE AIMS

The event was designed to challenge partaker's thinking about the underpinning philosophies, strategic direction, policies and practices in their own jurisdictions and globally. It was an exciting conference that invigorated participants from all corners of the world with presentations which addressed:

- Policies, programmes and practices emphasising how going forward this

can make imprisonment and community supervision both more humane and effective;

- Research Practice - lessons learned in implementing evidence-informed practice and examples of successful, integrated and sustainable strategies;

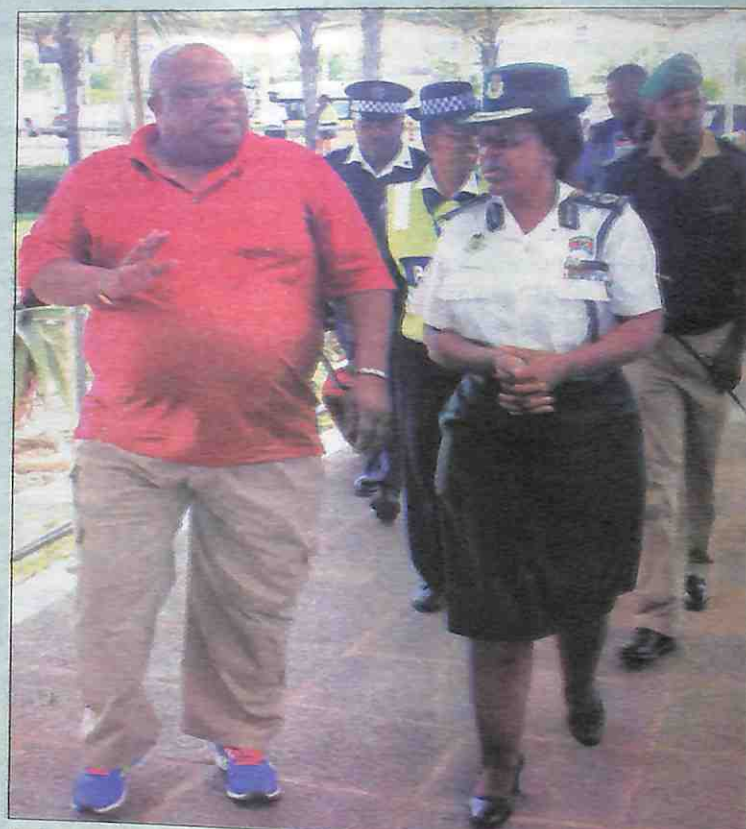
- Community Engagement - examples of doing it well;

- Staff Commitment - how this can be sustained;

- Technology - how this can be humanised with correctional efforts;

- Resource Challenges - how to better manage them;

- Emerging Challenges - how can organisations meet them.



LEAVING: Ntshangase bids farewell to Commissioner Phindile Dlamini and other senior officers.



ALSO THERE: Senior Assistant Commissioner Kenneth Nhlengethwa and Assistant Commissioner Mamoshoeshe Ntsane.



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'MOVING FROM RHETORIC TO ACTION'

When His Majesty the King and Ingwenyama summoned the nation on Wednesday, we expected to leave Ludzidzini Royal Residence with the name of the new prime minister.

Instead, Ingwenyama threw in an unexpected twist and wanted the nation at its highest decision making body, Sibaya, to make contributions on the calibre of a prime minister we now need.

Some decided to view this move as a last minute effort to buy time for himself to get the ideal candidate.

Whether this was a move to buy time or not, let me praise the King for involving the nation in an exercise we have accepted for years that it squarely rests on his shoulders.

Those who have always been critics of the Tinkhundla system will not have a good thing to say about any move the King makes to involve the nation.

For some years, there has been a feeling and a silent call to broaden the selection criteria. Others went to the extent of suggesting that names of potential candidates be circulated and allowed to campaign on how they will go about managing the public office.

For sometime this has remained a silent proposal. Others on the pro-multiparty groups have even gone to the extent of suggesting that the party that wins elections should present its leader as prime minister to the King as it happens in other countries.

The King's move on Wednesday to extend Sibaya to today and to specifically invite the nation to give him ideas and further encouraged those who have been lobbying for certain individuals to be appointed to put forward their case on how they plan to take the country to 2022.

The fact that the King could pose and ask the nation to make a contribution to his decision is a huge development which is historic and deserves to be applauded.

It does not matter how much time he gave the nation to make a contribution, the decision alone is huge.

It is huge in the sense that it demonstrated his willingness to listen to the people and

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PM RACE STILL ON



Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini, Judge Prince Senzangakhona, MP Lutfo Dlamini, Senator Cleopas Dlamini, Mbuso Dlamini, Ambrose Dalmini, David Dlamini and Paul Dlamini.



Emaswati heeded His Majesty's King Mswati III's call for Sibaya. His Majesty has asked for the public to help him in appointing the next prime minister.

allowed himself to be influenced by the nation. This is a huge decision that enhances and strengthens Tinkhundla system as responsive to people's wishes.

The King is clear on the direction the country needs to take. All he wants is for the nation to help him appoint a person who buys into his philosophy and that of the country.

Manage

In an effort to manage the process and ensure that it delivers the right candidate, the King's council of advisors made of governors and aids needed to come up with a system that would allow potential candidates to have a chance to present their vision.

Without revealing names of the potential candidates, a panel of experts from the floor was invited to tease the issues which are problematic to the country.

The speakers as instructed by the Governor of Ezulwini Sifiso Mashampu Khumalo teased economic, political, social and international relations issues.

Each speaker was given about 10 minutes and further questioned by the nation at the end

of each presentation.

This approach focused the debate to the core issues that His Majesty the King addressed on Wednesday at Sibaya.

His Majesty the King said in determining the next PM whilst following the Sibaya proceedings, he will be attentive to the level of eloquence and analysing of issues.

Ideologies

He further mentioned that this person should be ready to try new systems or ideologies (someone who thinks outside the box) in trying to take the country forward.

Vision 2022 still stands and he needs people in government who will not only interpret the vision but ensure that we increase our pace of attaining our goal, irrespective of the economic challenges we seem to be facing.

He said we need to aggressively move towards commercial agriculture, improved information communication technologies, improved tourism and big industries.

He further stated that we need to improve our immigration laws.

The nation at Sibaya concurs with the King's vision but remain concerned that corruption remains our biggest threat going forward.

This is one of the issues the new PM will need

to address aggressively as many of the speakers were questioned on Thursday and yesterday.

The reason we praise the King's decision is because even without publicly declaring the candidates, we will now have the benefit of having heard the ideas the candidate has for the country.

We will at the end of the day point at the character and quality of the man the King would have appointed.

In the past, only a few people would know what may have influenced the King's decision to make the appointment, but from today, we will reflect on the events of the past two days and agree why he made this appointment.

One of the biggest achievements of the new PM would be getting his team of Cabinet ministers working together without being seen to be competing against each other.

He would achieve more by allowing the ministers to creatively and innovatively contribute ideas on how to take the country and their ministries forward.

The ideas shared at Sibaya give the new PM a nice headache on what needs to be done to get the country out of the economic quagmire.

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Dealing with Diabetes

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IS DIABETES A COMPLICATION OF HIV INFECTION?

Type II diabetes could be a complication of untreated HIV infection, according to a case report published in the online version of Clinical Infectious Diseases on 12th April 2012.

The report describes an African man with advanced HIV infection and diabetes, which resolved after viral replication was suppressed with antiretroviral therapy.

Resistance to the hormone insulin is responsible for type II diabetes, a dangerous condition when the body cannot control sugar levels in the blood.

While diabetes is a known side-effect of anti-retroviral therapy, particularly with protease inhibitors, some studies have claimed a link between the onset of diabetes and HIV infection itself.

What is diabetes?

Diabetes is a medical condition associated with high levels of sugar in the blood. The word diabetes literally means "sweet urine" because sugar (glucose) that cannot enter the body's cells is then excreted in the urine.

There are two forms of the disease, Type 1 and Type 2.

People with **Type 1 diabetes** have a problem metabolising sugar. This occurs when the pancreas is no longer able to produce the hormone insulin that controls the levels of glucose in the blood, leading to abnormally high levels of blood glucose.

People with a family history of Type 1 diabetes are at greater risk of developing the disease, which most commonly begins at around age 14, although onset can occur up to age 40. Symptoms include excessive thirst, weight loss, excessive urination and tiredness. Treatment involves insulin injections.

Type 2 diabetes is the more common form, and usually occurs in people over 40. The affected person develops a resistance to insulin, resulting in high blood glucose levels. The high glucose levels contribute to kidney failure, eye problems and coronary artery disease (atherosclerosis). Atherosclerosis leads to strokes and heart disease.

Risk factors for Type 2 diabetes include obesity, especially where the belly or waistline is overly enlarged compared to the limbs, and lack of exercise. Treatment includes lifestyle changes such as weight loss and exercise, oral medications and sometimes insulin injections to lower blood glucose.

Diabetics are at risk of other medical problems and conditions, including hypertension and lipid abnormalities that can be treated with medication. Long-term complications can be avoided if blood glucose, blood pressure and lipid levels are controlled.

What is the relationship between HIV and diabetes?

Studies suggest that anti-retroviral therapy (ART) may cause diabetes in some HIV positive people.

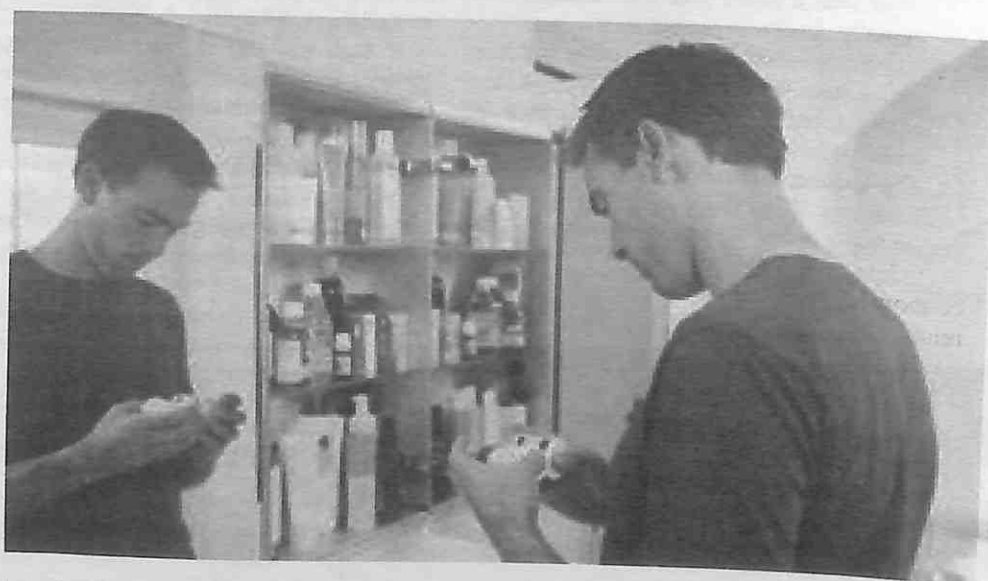
The three drugs in the anti-retroviral drug "cocktail" are a protease inhibitor (PI) and two nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (RTIs). These drugs help stop the virus from replicating and spreading throughout the body.

A study of HIV-positive patients suggests that the interaction of the three drugs in the cocktail causes fat to collect in the patient's abdominal area, and is also responsible for weight loss in the arms, legs and face.

In addition, the drugs may interfere with cer-

tain proteins that are involved in controlling the body's absorption of blood sugar and this could lead to the development of diabetes. ART is associated with insulin resistance, which is commonly the cause of Type 2 diabetes.

● It is likely that people who already have diabetes and then go on ART may have greater difficulties in controlling their diabetes. This could lead to an increase in the risk of heart disease and other diabetes-related complications.



Studies show that five to twenty per cent of patients on PI-based ART will develop insulin resistance and about one to five percent actually has diabetes.

How does HIV affect people who already have diabetes?

It is likely that people who already have diabetes and then go on ART may have greater difficulties in controlling their diabetes. This could lead to an increase in the risk of heart disease and other diabetes-related complications.

It is thought that patients who have both HIV and diabetes can continue to do well for many years, as long as they have access to good care and keep the diabetes under control by following a healthy diet and exercising regularly.

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WRITER'S NOTE

WITH AYANDA DLAMINI

It's breast cancer month, teaching people about the disease is very important. Not only do people need to know about the disease, but they also need to be told about the complications around cancer.

Cancer, also called malignancy, is an abnormal growth of cells. There are more than 100 types of cancer, including breast cancer, skin cancer, lung cancer, colon cancer, prostate cancer, and lymphoma. Symptoms vary depending on the type. Cancer treatment may include chemotherapy, radiation, and/or surgery.

As a cancerous tumour grows, the bloodstream or lymphatic system may carry cancer cells to other parts of the body. During this process, known as metastasis, the cancer cells grow and may develop into new tumours.

One of the first places a cancer often spreads is to the lymph nodes. Lymph nodes are tiny, bean-shaped organs that help fight infection. They are located in clusters in different parts of the body, such as the neck, groin area, and under the arms.

Cancer may also spread through the bloodstream to distant parts of the body. These parts may include the bones, liver, lungs, or brain. Even if the cancer spreads, it is still named for the area where it began. For example, if breast cancer spreads to the lungs, it is called metastatic breast cancer, not lung cancer.

On a lighter note on pages 4-5, we talk to Zweli Dlamini, owner and founder of Spenete clothing label. He explained how he started the line and what inspired him to start the label.

Read and enjoy,
Till next week.
Enjoy!



SECOND INSTALMENT HERE...

LONHLANHLA SIFUNDZA, MAFUCULA'S REVIVAL



Seemingly intent in proving a point to the once doubting Thomases who christened it an area of deprived and neglected lot, the Lubombo region is one to watch these days.

Their mission is clear; to dispel and dismiss the notion that they are a lot that should be pitied by the citizens from elsewhere of the country.

In recent years one has witnessed with much admiration and acknowledgement the rise of talented characters from this region who are not only making a name for themselves locally but beyond the country's borders as well.

Enter Lonhlanhla Sifundza and Mafucula Gospel Group with their second offering titled **Uyasikhatsalela**. If this is not an indication of a talented lot, then nothing is because the group just unleashed their debut last year and



now they demonstrated a return to the fold to do what they enjoy the most – dishing out soothing tunes to the masses.

The 10 track offering is set to be out soon with the demo already enjoying massive airplay on the national radio station (Eswatini Broadcasting and Information Services).

According to the founder of Mafucula, the album is hot and the good news is that they did not travel the length and breadth of the world as everything was done locally.

It seems the number 10 does magic unto their veins and arteries as even the debut offering *Kucala kwekahlakanipha* had 10 tracks. Lonhlanhla and her Mafucula group enjoy their craft and would next week (November 2 to be precise) be giving Pigg's peak folks a peak into the latest offering at Bread of Life International Ministries under Prophet Nkosingiphile Dlamini.

The group would be serenading brethren with the likes of Loveness Mavimbela, Nhlanhla Magagula, Mduduzi Magagula, Make Macuhwe and Prophet Nkosingiphile with



TWASA GROOVY TWASA BRINGING 'HOLY' TURN UP FOR YOUTH

...during the Young Life Carnival to feature Skeel, Switch and other exciting artists



TWASA LAUNCH: ENYC CEO Makhosami Dlamini, Young Life Director Sthembile Nsibande, Young Life's Zoe Nonde, ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini and transport partner representative Andile Hlophe at the launch.

What a way for young people to end 2018 than with the upcoming concert by Young Life Eswatini dubbed Young Life Carnival!

The event, billed for Mavuso Trade Centre on November 10, is targeted mainly at teenagers. It is being hosted by this Christian organisation

founded in Eswatini in 2011 and 1941 internationally, in a bid to let youth and parents know that things can get 'lit' without any alcohol. The headline act for the event is former 'Jam Alley' livewire Twasa. If you have once seen her on stage, you will know that indeed this is going to be a proper turn-up as she has unbelievable energy. The event was launched on Monday and is supported by the

Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture and Eswatini National Youth Council. Also jumping on board to support are Carson Group, Barcode Creative, PEO Investments and MTN Pulse. Twasa is excited about her performance in Eswatini as evident in a clip she is circulating. "Kusazobabizy Eswatini, Twasa is coming. Do not miss it I'm looking forward to jamming with you in God's name," she says. Born Seipati Seoke in the former homeland Qwaqwa, she completed her primary and secondary education in Phuthaditjhaba, now part of the Free State Province. It was at the age of 14 that her faith in Christ Jesus became central to her way of life. In the year 2000, Seipati was introduced to the world of broadcast, and got her first big break when she joined Lesedi FM as a radio presenter. Two years later, her platforms increased when television was added. She joined the youth music mix show 'Jam Alley'. This is where the nickname Twasa gained popularity throughout the SADC region. The Sesotho word means the beginning of new things and she seeks to be a pioneer and a force in whatever she puts her mind to. She has just recently released

a dance album titled 'Kairos-The Turn Up'. Twasa continues to co-present the most influential Afternoon Drive show on Lesedi FM where she has been for over 10 years.

Having completed a Marketing Management Diploma offered by IMM Graduate School of Marketing, Twasa is now the alumni ambassador for the school even as she has her eyes set on pursuing post-graduate studies. A patron of the Twasa Foundation, a registered NGO that works with young people in Mpumalanga and Gauteng, Twasa has partnered with the Stellar School of Integrity to mentor young people (16-26yrs) and assist them with life-skills that they may actualise themselves. A radio & TV personality, mentorship school teacher, student, motivational speaker, dancer, musician, programme director and business woman, Twasa simply seeks to serve her life purpose by advancing the development of our society with her talents and abilities. Tickets to the show are retailing at E50 for general and E100 for VIP and are available at Spur around the country from Monday. Also performing on the day are Switch and Skeel as well as a fashion show by ENCAC Fashion designers, among many other acts.

(By Ayanda Dlamini)

the Abundance of Praise as they entertain Christians during this all night prayer service.

Back to Lonhlanhla and her latest offering, it has these tracks in their order of significance; *Uyasikatsalela*, 'It's the power', *Bayekele bakudele*, *Ufanelweyindumiso*, *Kuthula*, *Laphengi engiholela kona*, 'Thank you Jesus', *Ngiyamthanda*, *Uyangihola* and *Baba ngiyabonga*.

Lonhlanhla and Mafucula International Gospel Group is made up of Sifundza as its founder and front person, three males and two females.

Growing up, the 28-year-old artist listened to Ncandweni Christ Ambassadors, thus instantly fell in love with the group which was founded by the Myeni siblings in Timothy, Thabile and Mzwakhe together with their cousin Khayaletu Masuku and the late Sicelo Simelane, also a close relative of theirs.

"Amongst the trio of Myeni siblings, I enjoy listening to Thabile doing her thing. Her music just melts my heart with joy and I so much wish to one day share the stage with her at some point of my career," she says.

Sifundza started her singing career at a very tender age (10 years old) whilst a member of her then church - the

● **"My new CD has a message of repentance and leaning on God as the author and finisher of our faith. Without Him, nothing is ever possible. He has opened doors for us and can do it again; what could stop the Supreme Being of all?"**

Filipi Church in Zion where she sharpened her axis and proved her mettle whilst leading some songs there.

After being married to a Maseko family, she switched camps to the Church of God of Prophecy Church where she took her skills to another level once again. Speaking to her, the passion in her voice is easily noticeable.

"Music is my life and I want to achieve big

things just like my role model in Ncandweni, especially Thabile and Timothy who sing with so much anointing in their voices. It is evident that they don't fake singing, music is ingrained in them," she states.

She is looking forward to performing in the big cities of Mbabane and Manzini so that a bigger audience get to appreciate the talent from the Lubombo region as well.

"People must know that hailing from the Lowveld is no inhibition to achieving big things in this life," she says. She acknowledges that the road has not been all rosy as there were several pitfalls and hurdles to be overcome on her journey to stardom.

"Some members have left due to work commitments but the dream lives on to minister in song."

Lonhlanhla is a commercial farmer who grows crops on a large scale and is successful at that.

The mother of five, three boys and two girls, grows maize, sweat potatoes, vegetables and a variety of other crops.

Her career was ignited, so she says, after meeting Dumisani Mantimakhulu her cousin who for several years was a member of the Shongwe and Khuphuka Saved Group.

"Having been in the industry for some time, Mantimakhulu knew which doors had to be unlocked or us to knock at for our dream of recording to be realised. I must say he was the wind beneath my wings as here we are recording our second album," she says, with contentment.

Fortunately for Lonhlanhla, it has been easy to settle in her music career as she is supported by a homeboy - her husband who is 100 per cent behind her. They both hail from the same community of Mafucula under Lomahasha Inkhundla.

Her wish is for the nation to embrace her as another addition into the gospel music fold through supporting her by buying the upcoming CD to be unleashed unto the industry in a few weeks' time.

She vows to continue praising the Lord in song for His goodness and share the story of someone from a rural background turning things around. The upcoming gospel music artist is also a décor and catering expert having trained extensively on this area. She wishes one day to do collaboration with Thabile Myeni (her idol).

That is why she is intent in entering for the Gospel Music Awards later in her career, though she admits that there are many talented gospel artists out there, hence the competition would be tough for her.

"My new CD has a message of repentance and leaning on God as the author and finisher of our faith. Without Him, nothing is ever possible. He has opened doors for us and can do it again; what could stop the Supreme Being of all?" So stay ready, it's coming your way - the new offering from Lonhlanhla and Mafucula.

(By Njabulo Dlamini)

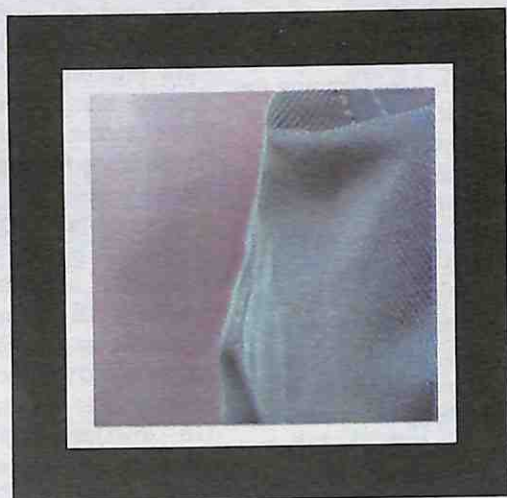
Inspirational Corner

Building

When building your legacy foundations proceed proceedings, you can do nothing but start digging when getting things done proceeds your feelings, all the digging will be profitable like a person at an auction who profits from bidding, lay your foundation, don't shy away from working overtime, put mind over matter because ideas you produce in your mind are what matters over time, it is easier to make the choice to dig deeper if you call a spade a spade, honesty will help you distinguish between black and white within the shades of grey, don't pay attention to nay sayers and what they say, the road to success is already mapped out, so weigh up your options and simply find your way, focus intensely like an eagle going after birds of prey, building takes time so don't be dismayed by the fact that what you build rises one brick at a time, when you feel yourself slowing down switch gears like you driving stick on the ground, take breaks when you begin to get sick of the grind, from the countless methods of relaxation pick and unwind, when the break is over get back to digging like a pick in a mine when you get exhausted keep this in your mind, everything will be fine like a fee to judge, that will be refreshing like you're been freed from a grudge.

By Mlindeni Gumedede

October 27, 2018



SPENETE



Cover story

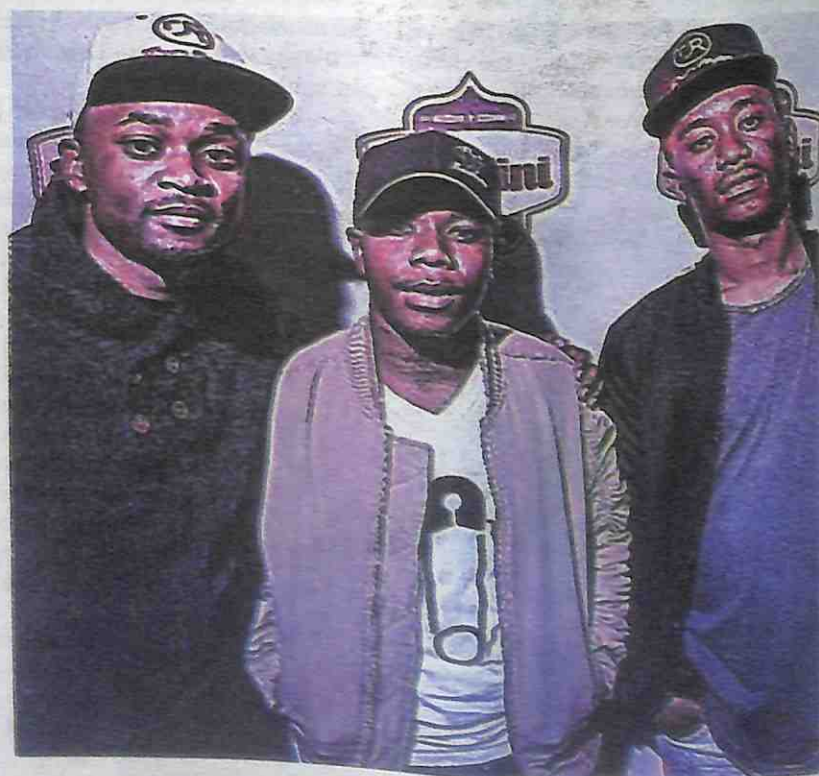
Zweli 'Spenete' Dlamini born and raised in Msunduzi, Mbabane; has the next best clothing merchandise. He says as a brand they try keep their merchandise as simple as they can be but with high quality.

He also says their clothing is of high quality because of their tailor Baman Tfwala. Dlamini says fancy is good but they believe their style is simply classic. "Not only do we design our own clothes but we also try to customise merchandise according to that order or what our client wants. If a client wants a cap to be personalised we do that and we do that for most of the clothes we produce," he said.

He said this is because they want their customers to have an input in whatever they wear and noted that this helps them get closer to their clients and by that, they get to understand what their clients want.

Spenete says he is currently working with a team of

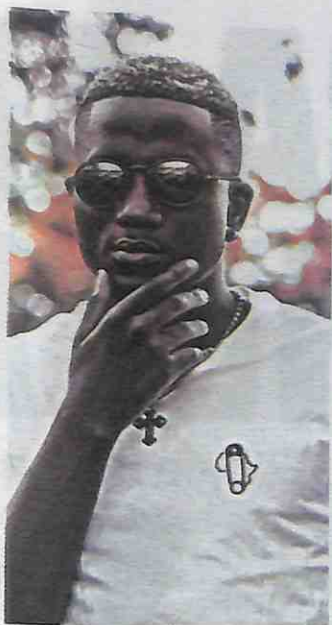
"We strive to keep our culture of creating the simple, beautiful and classic merchandise with the logo embracing African People and the most underrated fashion tool, we also intend to stay focused, copy less and learn a lot from our brother competitors as we are very young in the industry"



fashion lovers. "I work with Bandiswa Makhanya, Howard Vilakati and

Imaginarylens photographer; this team does their best to research on social

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media on fashion trends and commercials and then we sit down and decide what's good for our brand culture."

He said he discovered that people do not like it when their piece of cloth is all over the town, so it is important to make every piece a limited edition. "I also understand that fashion evolution is going backwards, old fashion trends are coming back, so we try mix it up, make sure that the new meets the old so we are always on top of our game".

He said they always try to stand firm in whatever they do and they try to do what they are good at, "We strive to keep our culture of creating the simple, beautiful and classic merchandise with the logo embrace

ing African people and the most underrated fashion tool. We also intend to stay focused, copy less and learn a lot from our brother competitors as we are very young in the industry."

As a brand, the team always has to have a future goal and according to Spenete, in five years' time they see themselves owning at least two 'Spenete' shops in the country. "We also intend on creating employment, having hired more than 40 Swazis around that time."

Spenete also explained his love for fashion and clothes in general. "My love for clothes started when I was working at Edgars

Active, I was the main shop assistant in the men's section and I was forced to know every style. Sometimes I would have to help customers pick their clothes, so I thought why not start my own clothing label."

Not only did his love for clothes push him to start his own clothing line, but the arrival of his daughter who he r to as 'little princess Lilie' pushed him to execute the idea.

The Mbabane Central former pupil said he completed his matric in Barberton and worked at Edgars Active for years. "Right now I am only left with a month at

Limkokwing where I am pursuing my Associate Degree in International Tourism. I also play soccer during my spare time though I used to play professional."

Spenete said since they are new kids on the block, they are still doing personal deliveries. "To get whatever they want people can get call or WhatsApp us on 7654 3580/7954 3580 Zweli or 7807 0244 Bandiswa. We are also on social media, people can contact us and follow us on our social media pages 'Spenete' on Facebook and @spenete.clothing on Instagram"

By Nokwanda Sibandze

Song of the Week



Mariah Carey - With You

[Intro]

Uh-huh
Yeah, yeah, yeah, ooh
With you
With you, you, you
With you, you, you
With you, you, you
Mustard on that beat, ho

[Verse 1]

It was all so overwhelming
She was like, "I don't know, don't tell me"
He had eyes that said, "Girl, I'll save you"
She had doubts, like they might not make it
So they both held tight to face it
There were vows, she was bound to take 'em
She was full of such trepidation
There in front of the whole damn nation

[Pre-Chorus]

It was war, can't predict the comin' storm
Promise that you'll keep me warm
I don't wanna play this wrong
He said, "Yo, I've been lovin' you so long
Ever since that Bone Thugs song
You ain't gotta break down, you're too strong"

[Chorus]

Ooh, shots of Remy
Playing Confessions, and our bodies blandin'
Ooh, I'm in love, it's true
Yeah, damn I f___ with you
And we all make mistakes sometimes
But we muddle through
I don't know what I'm supposed to do (Boy)
Oh baby, I'm in love, it's true
With you, you, you
With you, you, you
With you, you, you
Baby, I'm in love, it's true

[Verse 2]

Waves were breakin' on that shore
As we were sneakin' through that door
Had to leave by half past four
Still I yearned to touch you more and more

[Pre-Chorus]

It was war, can't predict the comin' storm
Promise that you'll keep me warm
I don't wanna play this wrong
He said, "Yo, I've been lovin' you so long
Ever since that Bone Thugs song
You ain't gotta break down, you're too strong"

[Chorus]

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Ooh, I'm in love, it's true
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And we all make mistakes sometimes
But we muddle through
I don't know what I'm s'posed to do (Boy)
Oh baby, I'm in love, it's true

Ooh, I'm in love, it's true
Yeah, damn I f___ with you (Aye)
And we all make mistakes sometimes
But we muddle through
I don't know what I'm s'posed to do (boy)
Oh baby, I'm in love, it's true
With you, you, you
(With you, with you, with you, with you)
With you, you, you (Oh yeah)
With you, you, you (Oh yeah, yeah)
Oh baby, baby, I'm in love, it's true





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SCIATICA AND PHYSIOTHERAPY:

Five things you need to know that Google may not tell you

As a physiotherapist, it is a common occurrence for someone to walk into my office claiming they have sciatica.

Somehow 'sciatica', the medical term for leg pain generated by the sciatic nerve, has become the umbrella term for all pain that is generated in the back or the hips and travels down the leg.

However, this is not always the case. Various body structures or tissues can cause pain to refer down the leg, and they all require different treatment. That's why it is critical to identify the appropriate term for your leg pain before assuming it is sciatica.

For example, if you are experiencing leg pain and turn to Google for sciatica exercises, you may end up with movements for the wrong diagnosis, which could worsen the problem. This blog post will discuss five things you need to know regarding sciatica physiotherapy, including the distinctly different causes of sciatica-like pain patterns, and how the exercises differ with each one.



1. Sciatic nerve

Sciatica is the medical term for pain travelling down the line of the sciatic nerve that originates in your buttocks and runs down the back of the leg.

With real sciatica, pain is very intense, and can include: numbness, tingling, pins and needles, weakness, loss of sensation, or any combination of these symptoms.

Treatment for sciatica depends on what is causing the nerve irritation. Typically, nerves get compressed and irritated secondary to such conditions as: joint injury or degeneration, inflammation, muscle tension, or disc herniations.

Treatment for these pathologies differ, and will be further altered with associated nerve irritation. If you have nerve irritation of any kind, it is best to consult a knowledgeable physiotherapist to get the best combination of manual therapy and exercise to resolve the issue.



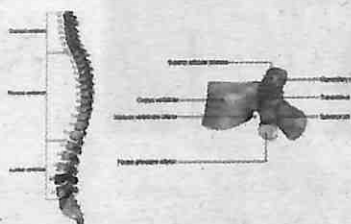
● Here is one common exercise for nerve irritation called nerve flossing:

● Lie on your back and bring the knee of your affected side to 90 degrees.

● Hold your foot flexed while you bend and straighten your knee as much as possible without causing pain or other symptoms.

● Do 15 reps slowly and smoothly with no holds. Repeat two to five times per day.

Note: This exercise is meant to be done pain free. If it causes the pain or numbness in your leg to be or exaggerated, stop the exercise and discuss it with your physiotherapist.



2. Facet joints

Facet joints are small joints where two vertebrae meet. In your lower back, these are called lumbar facet joints. These joints can become injured in a number of ways, often from forced compression or too much load, which jams the joint surfaces together. When lumbar facet joints get irritated they can refer pain into the buttocks, hips, and occasionally down the legs.

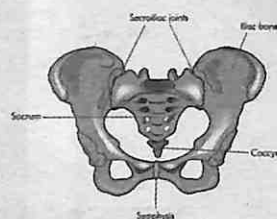
These injuries usually have a directional preference for exercises and relieving positions. In this case, it is flexion-based or "joint-opening" exercises. You can find relief by using flexion-based positions or movements to take the pressure off the irritated joint surfaces.

Here is one example of a gentle flexion based exercise:

● Lie on your back and bring both knees to your chest.

● Hold 30 to 60 seconds. Repeat two to five times per day.

Note: This exercise should always relieve symptoms, never exacerbate them. If you find this exercise is making your pain or symptoms worse you may have a wrong or incomplete diagnosis. Stop the exercise and consult your physiotherapist.



3. Sacroiliac Joints (SIJ)

The SIJ are a pair of joints that are part of your pelvic ring. The pain patterns associated with this joint are most commonly the low back and pelvis, but can refer all the way down your leg and into your foot.

Treatment for this joint commonly involves mobilising the joint to get it moving, and core exercises to stabilise it.

One exercise to mobilise the SIJ goes like this:

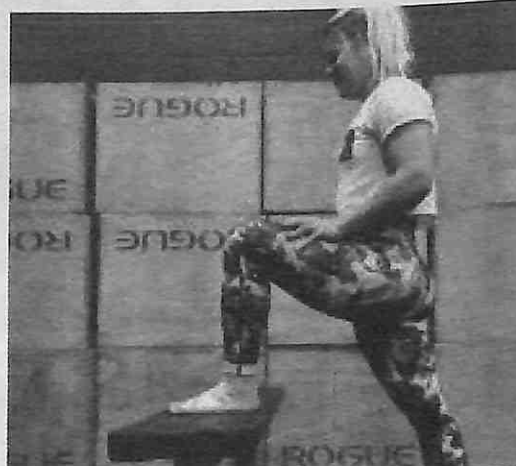
● Place the foot of your affected side on a chair.

● Rock your hips forward and back into a lunge while keeping your body upright.

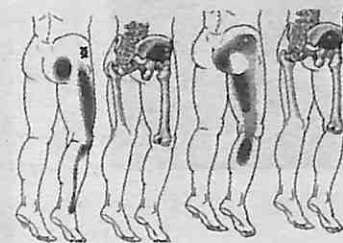
● Repeat this 15-20 times as a slow, rhythmical movement.

Note: This exercise should be done every hour or two to keep the joint moving. Do not perform this exercise through pain. It should be relieving or neutral, but not irritate your symptoms.

If the SIJ is inflamed it can be very tricky to find the right combination of treatments to settle it down. Once



again it is best to consult a physiotherapist.



4. Muscles

All skeletal muscles in the body can experience pain caused by trigger points. Trigger points are hyper-irritable muscle fibres that have a problem with their neuromuscular system (the neuromuscular system is basically the connections between your brain, nerves, and muscles to create movement).

Trigger points commonly have referral patterns associated with them. As you might have already guessed, the muscles of the low back and hips commonly refer pain into your bum, down the back or side of your leg, and potentially all the way to the foot.

It often surprises people to learn that their leg pain is caused by muscle irritation because they don't realise a muscle injury can be so debilitating. If you have muscle trigger point pain, you will benefit from rolling, Myofascial release and/or trigger point therapy.

Here is how to roll your glute muscles:

● Sit on the floor with your knees bent and your affected side on a small sports ball (tennis ball or lacrosse ball will do).

● Find a sore spot and stay stationary on it for 15-20 seconds. Move only slightly and repeat.

● Do this for one to five minutes every day or every second day.

Note: Make sure not to over-roll a

trigger point. There is a difference between rolling a trigger point and rolling an inflamed muscle. The former feels more like an intense "good" pain that provides relief when finished. The latter feels more like you are pressing on a bruise, which can cause further irritation. If you feel you have over-rolled a muscle, take a few days off rolling and consult your physiotherapist to review rolling technique and revisit your diagnosis.



5. Discs

Intervertebral discs are the donut looking structures that are squished between vertebrae to make up your spinal column. Injuries to these structures involve tearing, bulging or ruptures to the outer fibres of the disc. These injuries can result in pain down one or both legs. Disc injuries also tend to have a directional preference, but in this case the direction is extension.

● You can use this preference to treat the disc and alleviate symptoms.

● Lie on your stomach, keeping your back relaxed and do a mini push-up with just your arms.

● Hold for one to two seconds, and repeat 10 times every few hours.

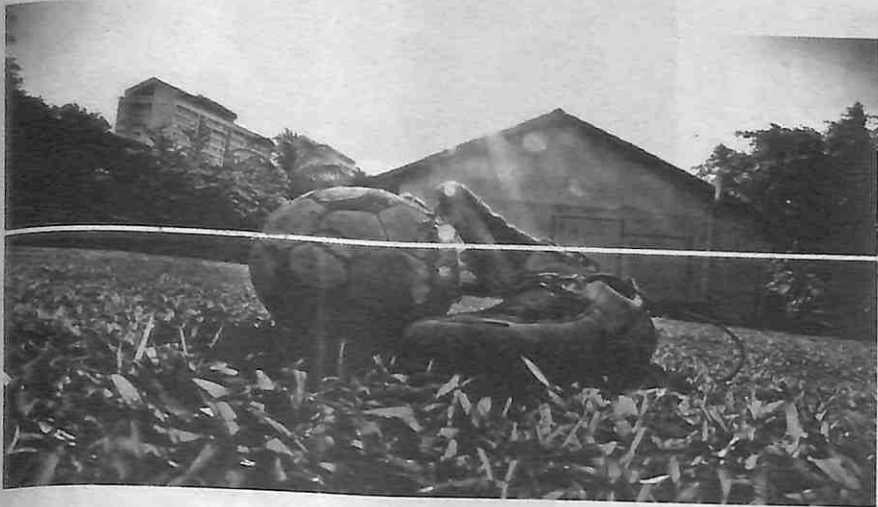
Note: Do not push through pain. This exercise should always be relieving. If you are experiencing pain while doing this exercise, stop and consult your physiotherapist before continuing.

You can't rely on Google for fixing Sciatica pain

It takes quite a bit of knowledge and clinical experience to differentiate between causes of leg pain, and prescribe the correct treatment. The exercises given for one person with leg pain referral might be the exact opposite for another, despite there being a similar pain pattern. Choosing the wrong treatment for leg pain can not only worsen your pain, but prolong the agony. So don't rely on Google to tell you how to resolve your sciatica pain. Consult your local physiotherapist to help you decide which course of treatment is right for you.

NB: Article adapted from Amy Fahlan for Canadian Academy of Manipulative Physiotherapy, 2018.

POETRY CORNER



FOOTBALL DREAMS

No one was faster
than my father on the football
field.
No one could keep him
from crossing the line. Then
touching down again.
Coaches were watching the way he
moved,
his easy stride, his long arms
reaching
up, snatching the ball from its soft
pockets
of air.

My father dreamed football
dreams,
and woke up to a scholarship
at Ohio State University.

Grown now
living the big-city life
in Columbus
just sixty miles
from Nelsonville
and from there
Interstate 70 could get you
on your way west to Chicago
Interstate 77 could take you south
but my father said
no colored Buckeye in his right
mind
would ever want to go there.

From Columbus, my father said,
you could go just about
anywhere
BY JACQUELINE WOODSON

Cartoon Corner

Baby Blues



Blondie



Hagar the Horrible



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Wednesday 31 October

Not available

Monday 29 October

Tensions soar between Dabula and the Elders but he makes his wishes clear. Duma's attempts to mediate a difficult situation do not go as planned. Khanyi gets support for her council appointment from an unlikely source.

Tuesday 30 October

Not available

Thursday 1 November

Dabula seeks the assassin. Saddam is concerned about the secret they are keeping from the family. Meanwhile, Zombo is making moves on Mabuyi.

Friday 2 November

Beauty is stressed after catching Lillian in an emotional moment. Mpiyakhe gets some disturbing news. Mabuyi, S'bu and Thandeka catch a break while trying to prove Duma's innocence.

ISIDINGO

Monday 29 October

When Lincoln fails to heed her pleas, Nina strikes first. Hendrik receives good news while Zandre further isolates himself. Lungi makes it clear to all concerned that she's a consummate professional.

Tuesday 30 October

Nina's on a mission to destroy Lincoln. Hendrik takes Mpumi's advice and takes the bull by the horns. Morongwa upsets Lungi.

Wednesday 31 October

Lincoln takes a hit thanks to the supernatural powers Nina employed to stop him in his tracks. Lalage is sent to Durban for business and decides to take someone with her. Morongwa lets rip about the dismissive way she was treated.

Thursday 1 November

Nina gets a parcel in the mail about Obakeng that sends chills down her spine. Lalage and Wendy square up for a head on collision. Someone has his eyes on Lungi.

Friday 2 November

Gatanga tries to help Lincoln, but the tables turn on him in the most unexpected way. Hendrik and Wendy bond over something unexpected and Gabriel has his sights set on Lungi.



Monday 29 October

Livhuwani refuses to do the DNA test. Moliehi's attempt to get rid of Imani backfires. Vho-Mukondeleli makes a plan to mend Vhangani's broken heart.

Tuesday 30 October

Tenda turns on the charm. Skhumbuzo has unpleasant news for Moliehi. Gizara locks Rendani inside the house.

Wednesday 31 October

Azwidini wants to marry Livhuwani. Rendani defies Mulalo's orders. Vho-Mukondeleli plays Vhangani's cupid.

Thursday 1 November

A big fight ensues between the Vendashians. Mulalo takes a strong stand against Rendani. Vhangani confronts Vho-Mukondeleli.

Friday 2 November

Livhuwani must make a very difficult choice. Susan is about to embark on a new adventure. Mulalo and Rendani face off.



Monday 29 October

Kop wonders what's wrong with Blossom. Lungile is on the verge of a breakdown. Mapula faces her headmistress.

Tuesday 30 October

The cops close in on Lungile and Bongi tries to keep them at bay. Mapula broadens her headmistress's horizons. Cuba consults with a sangoma to change her luck.

Wednesday 31 October

Not available

Thursday 1 November

Lungile is let off the hook but his suspicions are up. Blossom continues to act strangely. Mapula has a final encounter with Mr Murray.

Friday 2 November

Lungile prepares to renew his vows while David and Gail close in on his secret. Sabelo is struggling to look after the kids and Blossom's depression is getting worse.

SCANDAL!

Monday 29 October

Mthunzi moves swiftly on as he chooses a new woman as his target. Dintle reveals her hand but will her boyfriend see it for what it is? Caiphus ramps up the wooing of the woman he has fallen for.

Tuesday 30 October

A young man takes advantage of an older vulnerable woman with a kiss of deception. An act of jealousy pushes Wesley to unprincipled behavior. Caiphus opens his heart to the apple of his eye and is shocked by the response.

Wednesday 31 October

After his failed attempt of duplicity, Mthunzi opens another door of pleasurable opportunities. Ingrid is hopeful that her father is going to dump a gold digger or will he? Caiphus's dreams are crushed and he makes a painful promise.

Thursday 1 November

Two secret allies become secret lovers. Dintle gets confirmation that her dream is about to come true. Gloria realises that playing hard to get can backfire.

Friday 2 November

An ex-flame retreats when he finds Yvonne busy and she lives in the moment. Layla tells Ingrid about permanent plans and Ingrid begs her for help. Gloria puts her ducks in a row to make an interested party jealous.



LOCAL CHOIRS LIGHTEN UP KZN NCF CHAMPIONSHIPS



Old Mutual Swaziland Senior Manager Alec Mzileni, Mike Hadzebe, Nelly Hadzebe and Busi Mzileni also made the trip to the Durban competition. This was during the Old Mutual National Choir Festival KZN Championships in Durban where six local choirs competed last Sunday. Two choirs will be competing in Gauteng this weekend. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



Senior officers from REPS Vusi Gama, and Vusi Masuku joined by conductor Mzambiya and choir Chairman Samketi Dlamini as they celebrate their conductor's victory.



Gabazi Nxumalo leading Pure Voices in the rendition of one of the songs at the competition.



Dignities following proceedings of the day.



Joyful Sounds captured during the rendition of the African piece.



Pure Voices choristers battling it out on the big stage.



Senior officers from HMCS Gugulethu Dlamini, Norma Sibandze and Nomkhosi Maseko also came through to support their choir.



Bandile Maphalala aka Mzambiya leading REPS Choir in the rendition of the African piece.

Conductors Bandile Maphalala, Melisizwe Zwane and Mlungisi Dlamini leading their choirs in the competition.



Local conductor Phindile Shongwe and Chairman of the adjudicators Thami Zungu adding up the scores.



With: Sihle Nkosi

The dawn of Free Primary Education in Swaziland was a result of strategic litigation. In today's article we look at a study conducted by one of our partners, the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) on the impact of strategic litigation for education.

From this article, we will realise that achieving free quality inclusive education for all has been a struggle for many African Countries.

It has been partially won because we now all agree that education is a fundamental human right and that all citizens have a right to access to education. Strategic litigation has made sure that we don't only open the doors to learning but also learning equipment are made available in the classroom. Below is a brief summary of the study.

It is axiomatic that children who cannot access at least basic education do not reach their full potential. Access to quality education shapes both an individual's life-long opportunities and her society's achievements. But despite the attending legal obligations and self-evident benefits for states to fulfil their positive obligation to progressively realise this right, many countries are failing to do so, and the international community failed to meet the UN Millennium Development Goal of achieving universal primary education by 2015.

Basic literacy—a fundamental indicator of equal access to quality education—has risen only incrementally in the last 15 years globally, from 87 per cent to 91 per cent; in Africa it rose from 70 per cent to 74 per cent.

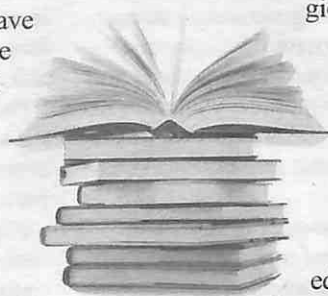
Currently, 758 million people age 15 years and older "still cannot read or write a simple sentence. Roughly two-thirds of them are female." That so many adults cannot read and write means millions of children around the world have not enjoyed the right of access to quality education.

In some instances, neglect or prejudice exclude certain children from educational opportunities. In other cases, while there may in fact be adequate and equal access to education—in terms of the number of children who enrol in schools—the quality of the education that is offered may be so poor that it fails to result in the required capabilities.

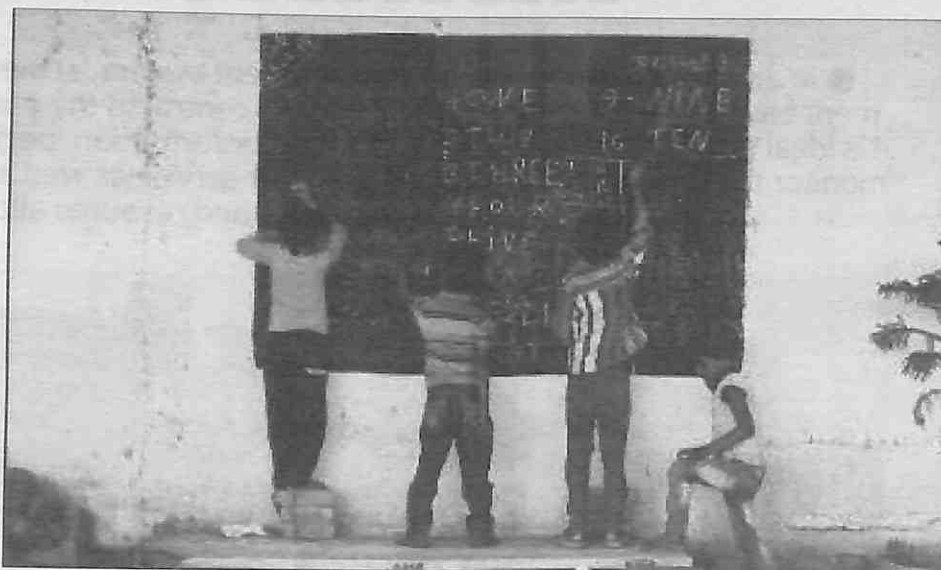
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Strategic litigation

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STRATEGIC LITIGATION FOR EDUCATION



tors and other civil society actors have increasingly turned to the courts for solutions. This study examines their efforts, and in so doing reveals a willingness among litigators and allies to consider the effects of litigation, as well as an enthusiasm to learn from experience—both their own and that of others. It is hoped this report will provide them a further opportunity to do so.

Clearly, the context in which strategic litigation takes place matters, and this study includes an overview of the litigation context in each of the countries under review, including constitutional and legal frameworks and processes, as well as the socio-political context relating to education.

A brief history of the struggle for education in each country is followed by a description of the legal environment in which the strategic litigation plays out, and an outline of the education cases that have been brought.

The bulk of the study examines three types of perceived impacts of the strategic litigation: material outcomes, changes in policy and law, and non-material or attitudinal change (referred to as 'agenda change').

There are specific challenges associated with winning access to quality education; this report looks at how—and how successfully—strategic litigation has tackled them.

These challenges include the availability of education, such as a lack of spaces in schools, or low levels of student enrollment. There are also problems with access to education, such as children who have been excluded due to discrimination or have dropped out of school. Exclusion might also occur as a result of adaptability problems, such as children being excluded due to disability. Finally, there is a challenge beyond availability and access: the challenge of access to quality education. Gaining access to a seat in the classroom matters little if the seat is broken or the classroom lacks a competent teacher.

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Principal findings

1. Strategic litigation has been an effective tool for achieving equal access to quality education in Brazil, India, and South Africa.

The 'equal access' component can be seen in the many cases examined here that promote inclusion and access to education, particularly for the poorest and most marginalised children. However, many of those interviewed for the study feel that even where litigation addresses access, it is failing to address 'quality' adequately. There is no clear correlation between the litigation and literacy rates, for example, or the litigation and the number of children attending school.

Although this may be due to an overly narrow approach to defining quality, it is valid for strategic litigators and the social actors with whom they collaborate to consider whether students who have gained access to education are receiving a quality education. If students are not gaining in knowledge, skills, and competencies, further litigation may be needed to address the quality of the education on offer.

2. Broadly speaking, in Brazil, India, and South Africa the greatest litigation successes have been in material improvements, such as to school infrastructure: fixing dilapidated buildings and providing basic sanitation, teaching materials, desks, chairs, and textbooks. More qualitative components—such as adequately trained teachers and norms that value the dignity of all students—have been litigated to varying degrees of success. For example, litigation has been critical in creating thousands of places in childcare institutions and pre-schools in Brazil; reducing the number of out-of-school children in India from 170 000 to 15 000 in less than two years; and building 138 new schools and securing the appointment of 145 new permanent teachers in South Africa. Increased budgetary allocations towards improvements in the education system arising from litigation have been similarly impressive. However, focus on material outcomes can skew resource allocation and draw attention away from other important aspects of equal access to quality education. This research suggests that litigators and their part-

ners are well advised to understand the service delivery system as a whole and ensure that litigation does not distort it by emphasizing access at the expense of quality.

3. Strategic litigation has had a positive impact on education policy and jurisprudence in all three focus countries. These changes include the recognition of early childhood education as an immediately realisable right in Brazil, the shift in definition of a child having 'dropped out' of school from 60 consecutive days out of school to only seven days in the state of Karnataka, India, and the publication of norms and standards for school infrastructure in South Africa. The litigation has also produced important jurisprudential shifts, such as clarifying the immediate realisation of the right to education. In South Africa, the courts have begun to spell out the core content of this right, in contrast to their approach in other socio-economic rights cases.

4. Social movements and strategic litigation interact in mutually-reinforcing ways.

The study finds a complex synergy between social movements and litigators in which social movements can give rise to litigation, and, under certain circumstances, litigation can catalyse movements for change. After Brazil's Movimento Creche para Todos (Childcare for All Movement) tried local, non-litigation initiatives without great success, it found that a bolder strategy emphasising litigation would better address the deficit in access to early childhood education. On the other hand, in South Africa, the need for robust execution of existing court judgments led to a movement of learners who advocated for the implementation of previously-litigated cases. In this regard, India is an outlier in the present study, having seen fewer examples of movements leading to cases or cases giving rise to social movements and, arguably, little sustainable improvement in the fulfilment of the right.

5. The synergies between social movements and litigators have led to innovative litigation tactics and novel remedies.

The study reveals a sophisticated understanding of litigation strategy among litigators and movement leaders, as well as a willingness to try new approaches. Shifts from individual cases to collective cases in Brazil and the use of new strategies such as the 'opt-in class action' in South Africa demonstrate a pioneering approach among strategic litigators in those countries, which is less evident in India.

6. Strategic litigators in the three countries have largely taken an incremental approach to litigating for equal access to quality education.

Of course, local context is especially significant in determining a litigator's approach, and taking incremental steps may be most appealing to an individual litigator and her client. Yet it is surprising that despite having one of the largest school-age populations in the world, India has experienced few public-interest litigation cases (commonly known as PILs in India) of any kind, and fewer still related to access to quality education.

7. Data-gathering is itself a valuable result of strategic litigation. Sometimes increased access to and use of data is a conscious aim of litigation, while sometimes it is a by-product. Either way, information about education outcomes and financing of education, for example, is useful for both social mobilization and follow-on litigation. According to the field research, strategic litigators and social movement partners are using it effectively.

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ECONOMICS TODAY

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THE RELEVANCE OF PERFORMANCE-BASED MANAGEMENT

Issues of performance has been one of the debatable concepts in organisational management and development.

The Performance-Based Management Special Interest Group (PBM SIG), United States of America (1993) declare that all high-performance organisations, whether public or private, are, and must be, interested in developing and deploying effective performance measurement and performance management systems, since it is only through such systems that they can remain high-performance organisations.

Defining performance-based management

However, several definitions have been established on what performance meant and why it was relevant to any organisation. Annette Binnendijk (2001) defines performance as a broad management strategy aimed at achieving important changes with improving performance (achieving better results) as the central orientation.

Dr. Andrew Sulle (2014) argues that performance management is a process that takes into consideration the organisational flow of activities from the inputs to the output. Rhys Andrews (2014) contends that performance management can be described as the policies, strategies and techniques intended to direct managers' and employees' attention towards the improvement of an organisation's performance.

Never the less, in much simpler terms, Andrews (2014) points out that in simple terms, performance-based management is about managing for results.

The given notions about performance management bring the picture of establishing and integrated organisational framework towards the achievement of common organisational goals both in the long and short term.

The concept that lies under the relevance of performance based management approaches in organisations points to the fact that each and every element in an organisation worked towards the establishment of value and efficiency of the entire organisation.

This then brings in the issue of establishing and integrated organisational working culture that gave recognised and gave each member as a vital and functional element for a holistic development of the entire organisation.

As a means of supply and production

Annette Binnendijk (2001) also argues that performance measurement is concerned more narrowly with the production or supply of performance information, and is focused on technical aspects of clarifying objectives, developing indicators, collecting and analysing data on results. Performance management encompasses performance measurement, but is broader of which both management and staff were to be informed with regards in achieving the goals and objectives of a given organisation.

Accomplishment of goals

Zunnoorain Khan, Nasir Karim and Sharif Ullah Jan (2014) states that every organisation has some goals and objectives and they arrange, perform their activities in such a way, so that

● In an effective performance management system, achieving results and continuous improvement based on performance information is central to the management process. Most importantly, it is ideal to state that through performance information, performance management can be used to monitor the progress of a program, policy or service as well as to make decisions about their strategic objectives and resource allocations.



these goals can be accomplished. Management in particular has the responsibility to help organisations in achieving its set targets and vision. Productivity is that which people can produce with the least effort (Rolloos, 1997).

The influence of management practice in establishing an effective organisation culture that worked for the benefit of achieving the entire organisational goal and vision becomes the relevant point of consideration. In this regards, organisational management system becomes vital.

Rhys Andrews (2014) contends performance management may also be an important tool useful to managers in meeting the demands of an organisation in various areas such as managing inputs (budgets and staff) and managing processes (rules and structures). The idea behind performance-based management is that it becomes a manager's tool for effective monitoring and decision making process.

Managers as custodians of the organisational goals and values become informed about which root to charter if they were to be vigilant stewards of the organisation.

However, one qualifying notion of perceiving performance management as a tool for effective managerial practice is that it creates a big picture for effective organisational per-

formance. Annette Binnendijk (2001) It is equally concerned with generating management demand for performance information — that is, with its uses in program, policy, and budget decision-making processes and with establishing organisational procedures, mechanisms and incentives that actively encourage its use.

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A tool for employee motivation

Another important issue about having a productive organisation structure is the nature of employee motivation. Azman Ismail, Mohd Ridwan Abd Razak (2016) contend that performance based reward administration is a crucial aspect of the organisational reward system. Recent studies reveal that the ability of administrators to appropriately implement commu-

nication, participation and performance appraisal in planning and implementing performance-based reward system may have a significant impact on job satisfaction.

The understanding with regards to establishing a meaningful system that recognised that human resource is vital for effective results becomes an important aspect for consideration.

The ideal is that management in an organisation must work towards the achievement of improving the levels of employee motivation and productivity if the issue of rewards were considered important.

Azman Ismail, et al. (2016) points out that with regards to performance-based management in organisation, productivity in recent times is defined as an indicator of how well goals or performance, objectives or mission have been achieved.

Improved productivity thus means better performance in terms of task completion, less absenteeism and job satisfaction.

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Untipping The Societal Scales

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As a basic skill, all women ought to know how to cook owing to the manner and habit they are groomed from a tender age.

The imbalance however lies in the fact that even though it may not have been statistically proven, the best chefs in the world are men. That is not the point for this literature anyway.

You see, Scales is cognisant that food is and always has a medicinal significance to a man such that the providence and lack of same has certain bearings in his life and performance in many key areas.

It is (un)fortunate that a woman, his wife often times than not is in charge of what is cooked for the man and what he ultimately eats. A man would have prayed to God and his prayers well answered when he finds himself a good wife who would look after his welfare and most of all be the "doctor" who will prescribe the best dosage in terms of food for the intake of her husband.

Those in the know of familial matters from the days of old would always advise that *indvodza ayidvutjwa esiswini nangentasi kwaso sisu* no matter how bad your differences may be. Those were women who were schooled, skilled and advertently advised to ensure that *indvodza yakhe idlile, kahle futsi esiswini* and below the very stomach.

Above anything else she could be of service to him, food and sex are a priority. The burning question doing rounds today is there still women out there who cook passionately and serve their husbands good food and doing so with love?

Truth be told, there is still a kitchen in every house or homesteads that serves as a cooking space. The marked difference however, is how often the woman called your wife sees of that place.

Today's married women do not like the kitchen and can only go there when they cannot avoid it. This being their attitude towards the kitchen and cooking itself, men today are suffering and almost malnourished because their wives are not eager to cook and serve them meals. This is evident from the very start of the day in the restaurants and eateries that are flooded by married men *atotsenga incwancwa, lena leba nesishumpha sashukela ngetulu*. The same guy will be in the same shop or another to buy what is ought to be lunch. *Bafuce tisu emapamuta nje abakakhuluphali* but malnourished from bad eating habits because their wives never cook them anything.

Modern wives leave the husband as early as four in the morning for jogging or the gym, *uyogeza agcoke khona le* and go to work leaving her husband unattended.

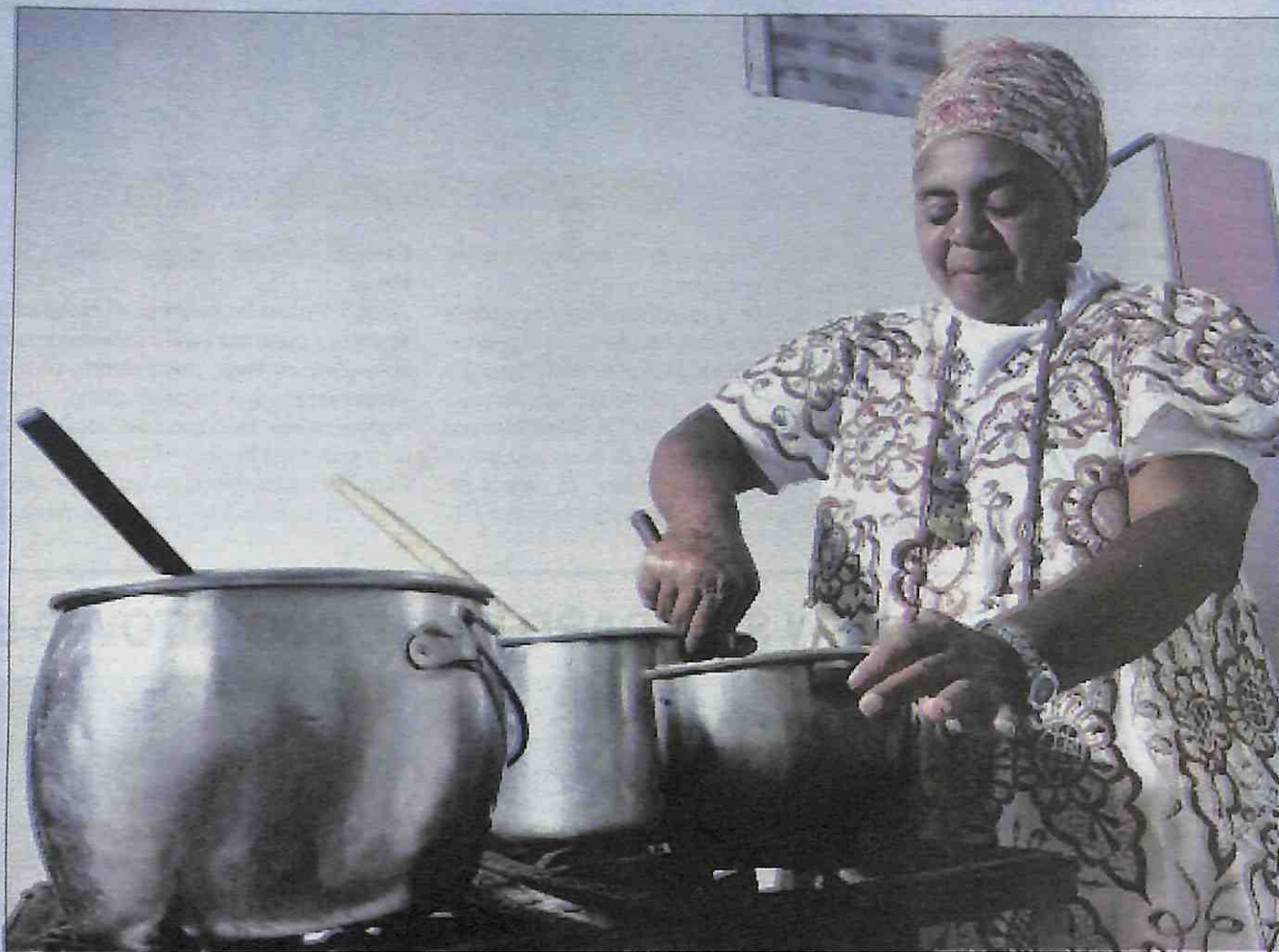
Or she is a good sleeper who wakes up just in time to get herself ready for work. If she is on diet, the type of women who drinks warm or hot water first thing in the morning, forgets she has a husband who needs breakfast.

A huge percentage of married men go to work without having taken breakfast in the house because their wives are not in the habit of preparing and serving them same.

Whilst all women are expected to know how to cook as said earlier, not all of them are eager to do so. Not all of them can cook well. The latter is societally acceptable.

IS THERE STILL A WOMAN WHO PASSIONATELY COOKS FOR HER HUSBAND?

● You would laugh your lungs out *nawungabona tikhafutini talamanye emadvodza* in the morning; two big slices of brown bread *nato ungatsi betisikwa ngacelemba*. She may have prepared herself the best tin box ever. Oh by the way, remember that women buy the best of everything in the house for an impressive lunchbox for their children *hhayi indvodza yakhe*.



The point here is that women do not want to cook at all. She has delegated all the cooking in the house to the maid, *naye lopheka ngendlela yakhe* which will not, often times than not come to the standard fit for a man who is a husband to female wife LaMatsebula.

If the maid is busy with getting the children ready for school in the morning, your wife is busy *naye uyaphafa, uyaruja, uyavanisha yonkhe lentfo*. Quite certainly the maid will not prepare you the much needed breakfast.

Lunchbox

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It's very criminal in your house to be found by your wife breaking an egg or enjoying a piece of bacon or cheese. *Wetfwala tandla enhloko* and shout at the top of her voice that you don't even bother yourself about what the children carry to school and here you are now *umosha sikafutini*.

That is an indication that she does not care

what and when you eat. Some women are not even there to receive and thank you for what you may have bought on your way back from work for her kitchen.

Imbalance

You may have this chunk of meat in the refrigerator for month until it changes colours to grey. Nobody is going to cook it. But here is an imbalance- the women in the one-roomed flats notwithstanding their limitations in space and resources will put together a decent, delicious and heartily meal for a man who is passing by to check on her.

Her kitchen may not even be benefitting much from his pocket. *Lamanye emadvodza vele asadla lemijondolo* and would even take his friends there in the event he wants to enjoy a good meal with them. She is serving him the same way he desires his actual wife did but she doesn't.

Women will google and research anything under the sun but very few are desirous to find out what kind of food makes their husband tick, vigilant, energetic and powerful. They will instead discover food that is going to make them lighter in skin, slimmer around the waistline and softer in touch.

Nothing is ever thought of to help the man. Instead most if not all women complain that

their husbands are not good at all in bed, *nabadlani*? How can you rear a lion, feed it with cabbages and expect it to roar?

Your woman would rather feed her children with extremely rich food instead of the husband *ungati kutsi yini umsebenti webantfwana ntsambama*. As a result of women's laziness to cook the Anaconda loses its venom and the very power to erect itself and stand up to the task on the delicacy mound due to lack of proper feeding of the very stem where it grows and resides.

You are never usually part of your wife's good diet. This guy Manyeva Mavimbela had resigned himself to eat from a restaurant on his way home and paid for his meals in advance. His wife LaMaseko had no time for anything in the house other than her studies, career, the gym and her good looks.

Often times the man would come home before she did and by the time he woke up *akasekho make*. She will be hitting the road exercising *indvodza ingakadli, ingadli ngoba inemfati lobusy hhayi loyiphekelako*.

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DOG AND CAT BLOOD DONORS

Not only humans are blood donors. An increasing number of dogs and cats are serving as blood donors to keep up with advances in veterinary medicine.

Thousands of pets require blood transfusions every year as the result of injury, trauma, toxin ingestion, surgery or disease.

Blood is the fluid that flows through the body's veins and arteries. It consists of blood cells suspended in a fluid called plasma. Blood transports oxygen, fluids, minerals and hormones to the body tissues. It also transports cells that fight toxins and infections to tissues that are under threat.

A local donor may be sourced to donate in your veterinarian's clinic or blood can be bought from an animal blood bank. Worldwide there are now hundreds of animal blood banks that draw and store blood, making it available to veterinarians. Blood banks have registered donors who donate blood on a regular basis.

The blood is drawn into bags and separated into concentrated red blood cells and plasma. These components are used to treat different medical problems. Because the product expires, donors are rotated on a schedule that allows a fresh supply to be available. A unit of concentrated dog red blood cells is viable

for 30 days. Plasma is frozen and remains viable up to one year.

No sedatives or anesthesia are required for donor dogs but donor cats do have to be sedated. A unit of blood is drawn from the dog's neck while he is lying down and comfortable. Donations generally take 15-30 minutes and the donor is rewarded with treats and lots of love when the procedure is complete. Depending on size, dogs donate between 250-

500 milliliters and cats approximately 50 milliliters.

Donors must be healthy, of medium age, between a minimum and a maximum weight, up-to-date on their vaccinations, of a calm temperament, not on medication, no major medical issues. They cannot be in heat or pregnant and must be free of blood-borne parasites. The canine blood system is complex and over 13 canine blood groups have been

described of which eight major blood groups are recognised as international standards. Types are classified according to the presence or absence of different proteins on the surface of the blood cells called Dog Erythrocyte Antigens (DEAs). Erythrocyte means red blood cells and antigens are substances that produce an immune response in the body.

These proteins are numbered DEA 1.1, DEA 1.2, DEA 3, DEA 4, DEA 5, DEA 6, DEA 7 and DEA 8. Dogs may have only one of the blood types or they may have a combination of types. The DEA 1 system is highly antigenic. Dogs who are negative for DEA 1.1 should receive only 1.1 negative blood. Blood from DEA 1.1 positive dogs should never be transfused into DEA 1.1 negative dogs.

Dogs that are DEA 1.1 positive (most dogs) can be considered to be universal recipients (they can receive either 1.1 negative or 1.1 positive blood).

DEA 1.1 negative dogs are considered universal donors. The preferred universal canine blood donor is DEA 1.1 negative, DEA 4 positive. DEA 4 is the most common canine blood type (DEA 3 is the rarest).

Dogs, unlike people and cats, do not possess preexisting antibodies against foreign DEAs. This allows dogs to safely receive blood from a donor with a different blood type once only. But for future blood donations a cross-match is required.

Feline blood types are divided into three groups: A, B and AB. AB, a rare combination, can receive both A and B blood. No one type is a universal donor.

**Eswatini Standards Authority**

Polluting stoves and open fires kill millions every year. A new standard dedicated to clean and safe cookstoves has just been published, providing a valuable platform for the industry to grow.

Some four million people die prematurely each year thanks to polluting stoves using kerosene or solid fuels such as coal.

Respiratory diseases, heart disease and stroke are just some of the killers that result, not to mention the danger to women and children in less secure environments while gathering fuel.

To try and combat this, the United Nations Foundation launched the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, with whom ISO has been collaborating to develop standards that will help drive the market for safe and efficient cooking solutions.

The result, so far, is three documents dedicated to testing protocols and laboratory measurement procedures to assess the performance of cookstoves under controlled laboratory conditions, with others in development.

Technical report ISO/TR 19867-3, *Clean cookstoves and clean cooking solutions - Harmonized laboratory test protocols - Part 3: Voluntary performance targets for cookstoves based on laboratory testing*, provides voluntary performance targets for cookstoves used for small-scale household applications. It supplements ISO 19867-1, *Clean cookstoves and clean cooking solutions - Harmonised laboratory test*

NEW STANDARD IN THE COOKSTOVES SERIES JUST PUBLISHED

protocols - Part 1: Standard test sequence for emissions and performance, safety and durability.

The two documents join ISO/TR 21276, *Clean cook stoves and clean cooking solutions - Vocabulary*, a technical report on terminology which was published earlier this year.

Ranyee Chiang, Chair of the ISO committee that developed the standards and former Director of Standards, Technology and Fuels at the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, said this latest addition, ISO 19867-3, will provide a common way of measuring the potential performance of cookstoves and how laboratory test results can be interpreted.

"These voluntary performance targets for cookstoves will thus facilitate international trade in household energy technologies and fuels, as well as driving improvements in technology quality and performance," she said.

"In this way, they support the development of the industry for cookstoves, fuels, and other clean cooking solutions, so we can make progress on this important issue that impacts millions of people and the environment."

ISO 19867-1, ISO/TR 19867-3 and ISO/TR 21276 were developed by ISO technical committee ISO/TC 285, *Clean cookstoves and clean cooking solutions*, comprised of some of the world's leading specialists from the clean

cookstoves and fuels sector, with special expertise on testing, design, business and policy.

The committee is jointly led by ANSI, ISO's member for the US, and KEBS, ISO's member for Kenya, with a strong involvement from other developing countries for whom clean cookstoves are most relevant.

The documents are available from SWASA, your national ISO member.

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LIVE SMART, BE ACTIVE, EAT WISELY

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Peanuts are energy dense foods rich in bioactive macronutrients, micronutrients and phytochemicals.

The unique composition of nuts is critical for health. They are a popular and important source of unsaturated fat and high-quality vegetable protein. By virtue of their unique composition, peanuts are likely to beneficially impact health outcomes such as a reduced incidence of coronary heart disease and gallstones in both genders and diabetes in women. They also have beneficial effects on hypertension, cancer and inflammation. Peanut intake has a cholesterol-lowering effect and there is emerging evidence of beneficial effects on oxidative stress, inflammation and vascular reactivity. Blood pressure, visceral adiposity and the metabolic syndrome also appear to be positively influenced by peanut consumption. Thus it is clear that peanuts have a beneficial impact on many cardiovascular risk factors. Contrary to expectations, their consumption is unlikely to contribute to obesity and may even help in weight loss.

Peanuts contain sizeable amounts of folate, a B-vitamin necessary for normal cellular function that plays an important role in detoxifying homocysteine, a sulfur-containing amino acid with atherothrombotic properties that accumulates in plasma when folate status is sub-normal. They are rich sources of antioxidant vitamins e.g. tocopherols and phenolic compounds, necessary to protect the germ from oxidative stress and preserve the reproductive potential of the seed, but also be available after consumption and capable of providing a significant antioxidant load. In all nuts most of the antioxidants are located in the pellicle or outer soft shell, and 50 per cent or more is lost when the skin is removed.

Peanuts are cholesterol-free but their fatty fraction contains sizeable amounts of chemically related non-cholesterol sterols belonging to a heterogeneous group of compounds known as plant sterols or phytosterols. They are non-nutritive components of all plants that play an important structural role in membranes, where they serve to stabilise phospholipid bilayers just as cholesterol does in animal cell membranes. Phytosterols interfere with cholesterol absorption and thus help lower blood cholesterol when present in sufficient amounts in the intestinal lumen.

Compared to other common foods, peanuts have an optimal nutritional density with respect to healthy minerals such as calcium, magnesium and potassium. Like that of most vegetables, the sodium content of raw or roasted unprocessed nuts is very low. A high intake of calcium, magnesium and potassium, together with a low sodium intake, is associated with protection against bone demineralisation, arterial hypertension, insulin resistance, and overall cardiovascular risk. Obviously, the advantage of the low sodium content of nuts is lost if they are consumed as a salted product.

High in food value

Peanuts are well worth a place in everyday menus because of their high food value. The idea of using them often in family meals is nutritionally sound:

- Peanuts are a good source of food energy.
- Peanuts are exceptionally high in niacin, are

PEANUTS FOR YOUR HEALTH



important also for other B vitamins.

Among the vegetable foods, peanuts rate high in quantity of protein.

For most efficient use of peanut protein, some animal protein food such as meat, milk, or eggs should be eaten at the same meal.

Safety of nut consumption

There are two main concerns regarding the safety of increasing nut consumption: possible weight gain and worsening metabolic complications of increased adiposity, such as the metabolic syndrome and diabetes and allergic reactions. While the first can reasonably be dispelled, the second merits attention in particular situations. An additional concern is potential toxicity through contamination of nuts with mycotoxins, particularly aflatoxins, which is a problem that affects agricultural economies.

Body weight

The common perception that fatty foods provide excess energy and thus promote obesity has had a negative effect on the image of peanuts. The question of whether increasing the intake of nuts and therefore calories could lead to unwanted weight gain and related health problems is a critical one. There is considerable scientific evidence indicating that there are no adverse effects of frequent nut consumption on energy balance or body weight. Some studies suggest that nut consumption might even help lose weight.

Allergic reactions

Peanuts are a well known cause of food allergy. Allergic reactions to nuts are due to allergenic seed storage proteins that elicit specific antibodies. They affect principally young children and may be particularly severe, even life-threatening. Severity of coexisting atopic dis-

eases [asthma, rhinitis, and eczema] predicts which patients are most likely to develop life-threatening allergic reactions to peanuts.

Storage

Keep peanuts in tightly closed containers in the refrigerator so they'll stay crisp and retain their flavor. Peanuts in the shell keep better than shelled peanuts; unsalted peanuts keep better than salted peanuts. Peanut butter, too, keeps best in the refrigerator. Because peanut butter stiffens in a cold place, remove it from the refrigerator a short time before using to allow it to soften.

Cooking peanuts

Peanuts are always popular in salads and sandwiches, cookies and desserts, as well as just plain salted. And like peas and beans, peanuts are good in main dishes, in soups and in combination with other vegetables.

In many salads and desserts peanuts may be used whole or in halves. For most other dishes you'll need to chop the peanuts. Peanuts take up moisture readily. When you want all of their crispness, as in salads and sauces, don't mix the peanuts with the other ingredients until just before serving.

Recipes

Peanut potato cakes

Ingredients

- 1 ¼ cups chopped salted peanuts
- 2 ½ cups seasoned mashed potatoes (white or sweet)
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 1 egg, beaten
- Pepper or 2 or 3 drops tabasco sauce, if desired
- Flour or fine dry bread crumbs
- Cooking oil for frying

Method

- Combine peanuts, potatoes, and parsley and stir in half of the egg and the seasoning.
- Shape into flat cakes.
- cakes in rest of egg, then in flour or crumbs.
- Fry until brown in hot fat.
- For variety, use finely chopped green pepper, celery, or onion in place of parsley

Peanut meat loaf

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups ground beef
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- ½ teaspoon powdered dry mustard
- ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, if desired
- 1 cup finely chopped salted peanuts
- ½ cup fine dry bread crumbs

Method

- 1 egg
- ¾ cup milk
- 1 tablespoon tomato catchup
- Mix ingredients lightly.
- Bake in a greased loaf pan at 350° F. (moderate oven) about 1 hour. Serve with tomato sauce.

Peanut carrot orange salad

Ingredients

- 1 ¼ cups coarsely grated carrots
- ½ cup coarsely chopped salted peanuts
- ½ cup raisins
- Mayonnaise, or any peanut butter salad dressing, as needed

- Lemon juice, if desired
- 2 oranges, cut in sections

Method

- Combine carrots, peanuts, and raisins with mayonnaise or peanut butter salad dressing to moisten.
- Add lemon juice to taste, if desired.
- Arrange on lettuce with orange sections around edge.



I TESTED HIV POSITIVE, HOW CAN I AVOID SPREADING HIV?



It is great that you tested and know your status. You are also taking a conscious effort not to infect anyone else. If you just tested positive for HIV, you probably have many questions and concerns. It is important to remember that HIV is a manageable disease that can be treated with HIV medications. These medications do not cure HIV, but can help you live longer and healthier, and reduce the risk of HIV transmission.

Here are 4 ways to avoid spreading HIV...

1. Antiretroviral therapy (ART)

Antiretroviral therapy is medication that treats HIV. Enrolling in ART is the most important step of HIV treatment. Everyone testing positive in eSwatini can now start ART, regardless of CD4 count. You do not have to wait until you are sick to begin treatment. Taking ART as prescribed can make the amount of HIV in your blood (the viral load) very low, which makes you live longer and healthier. Reducing your viral load also makes it more difficult to transmit the infection to someone else.



2. Correct and consistent condom use

Finally, correct and consistent condom use is important for anyone who is positive and engaging in sexual activity. Using condoms consistently and correctly will help further protect you and your partner from the risks of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and unplanned pregnancy.



3. Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)

PrEP is a daily medication for people who do not have HIV but who are at substantial risk of getting it. When you have a partner who is HIV negative and you are positive, you need to consider discussing PrEP with your partner as it can keep the virus from establishing a permanent infection. When taken consistently, PrEP has been shown to reduce the risk of HIV infection in people who are at high risk by up to 92 percent. PrEP is much less effective if it is not taken consistently.



4. Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)

Post-exposure prophylaxis is a medication taken after one high-risk event to prevent HIV infection. PEP should be used only in emergency situations and must be started within 72 hours after a recent possible exposure to HIV. If you think you have recently exposed someone to HIV, instruct that person to talk to his or her health care provider about PEP right away.



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THE CUSTOMER CENTRIC ORGANISATION

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Company policies are generally set in place as guiding principles in decision making and are often implemented as a procedure.

It is important for organisations to have clear policies and procedures, however, some policies which are not well thought out may eventually result in chasing customers away.

In a book chapter entitled "Kiss restrictive policies good bye" the author John, who has been preaching the importance of customer service for over 30 years narrates on how some restrictive policies tend to be one of the major causes of customer dissatisfaction and this is what he had to say:

"Many top executives prefer strict policies because they don't trust their customers or their employees. Without strict policies, they believe customers will take advantage of the company by intimidating employees who then will give away the store just to get an angry customer out of their face."

When a customer approaches an employee and asks for help with a problem, most often the employee's response is; "we have a policy." Rather than helping the customer, those words are like pouring gasoline on a fire. They make the situation more explosive and increase the chances of losing that customer."

According to the author and service strategist, too many executives think that customer service means doing whatever is necessary to satisfy the customer as long as the actions taken fall in line with corporate policies and proce-

dures. While that might work for the company, at least in the short run, it does not work for the customer who will quickly defect and head to the competition.

Commerce Bank in Philadelphia, New York and New Jersey has been said to be the most customer driven bank in the world and a great role model for organisations. One of the reasons that contributes to its success as a service leader is that it pays \$50 to any employee who identifies a frivolous policy or rule that should be eliminated or revised. In addition, most banks never open before their scheduled "banking hours" Commerce Bank, however, opens 10 minutes before its scheduled to do so, which avoids long lines for customers and it also stays

open 10 minutes later than its scheduled closing time.

With more than 11000 employees, its important for Commerce to have each of them looking for ways for the organisation to become more customer-driven."

John suggests that if an organisation wants to be a service leader and retain its customers they should incorporate these 2 steps:

Eliminate unnecessary / frivolous policies, rules and procedures - You can have the most customer- focused employees in the world, but if you have policies in place that prevent them from effectively serving the customer, you will destroy the customer relationship.

Create specific procedures around service

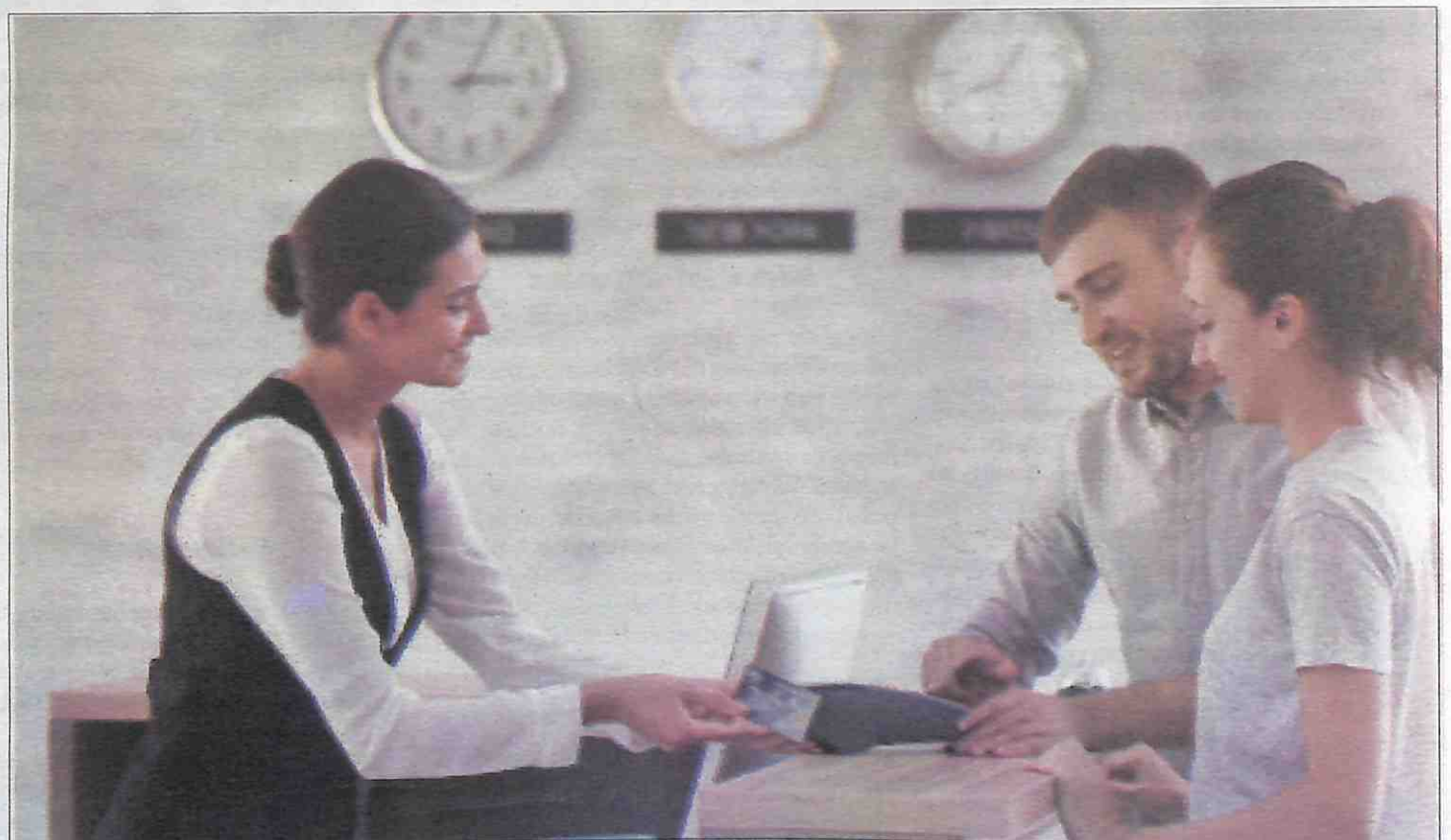
recovery that force employees to spend your money to keep customers by effectively handling their complaints and creating a loyal customer base.

Quote:

"Organizations that structure their processes and operations around the needs of the customer realize that customer satisfaction is an inherent attribute of quality and customer retention." - Clyde Bank Business

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Focus on SA Scene

DA'S NATASHA MAZZONE SLAMS COUNCILLORS WHO RESIGNED

CAPE TOWN - The DA says five Cape Town councillors who resigned citing racism, left the party because of a damning independent report into the possible criminal conduct of mayor Patricia De Lille and mayoral committee member for transport Brett Herron.

On Thursday, in a dramatic turn five DA councillors resigned citing rife racism within the party, and victimisation of those presumed to be De Lille's supporters.

First to resign was Chief Whip Shaun August then area-based Mayco Member Siya Mamkeli, area-based Mayco member Suzette Little, Atlantis councillor Greg Bernado and Mfuleni councillor Thulani Stemela.

However, DA's Natasha Mazzone has labelled the move by the five councillors as "resignation of five councillors who were fierce defenders of Ms De Lille at all costs".

She said the party was not shocked by the resignation, and it will not be deterred from holding those who are found wanting accountable.

"It is no coincidence, as the timing of their resignation was a clear attempt to distract from the damning independent report into the possible criminal conduct of Patricia De Lille and Brett Herron," said Mazzone.

The City Council has adopted a foren-



SLAMS: DA's Natasha Mazzone.

sic report into corruption and maladministration by Bowman Gilfillian, which recommended that De Lille, Herron, former municipal manager Achmat Ebrahim and former executive director Melissa Whitehead be criminally be charged.

Mazzone said the report found that: "her (De Lille) failure to bring the matter to the attention of Council was a failure of her duties in respect of the Municipal Systems Disciplinary Regulations 5 (1) and (2), as well as Regulation 3(2) of the Financial Misconduct Regulations."

She said De Lille will be charged according to under s119 of the Municipal Systems Act.

She said the governance breakdown in

the City of Cape Town under De Lille has exposed the party to unnecessary legal and financial risks, amounting to billions.

De Lille has profusely denied allegations against her, as smear campaigns to tarnish her name. She is expected to vacate her office October 31st.

Following court battles and failed motions of no confidence against her, De Lille reached an agreement with DA leader Mmusi Maimane in August that she would resign as mayor if the party dropped its disciplinary proceedings against her. It is uncertain as to whether she will resign with a new cloud hanging over her head. *Political Bureau*

... DA members cited racism, victimisation as reasons for resigning

CAPE TOWN - Chase the DA away. When they knock at your door to campaign for next year's elections, chase the DA away because they are racist, focused only on advancing white people.

So said Atlantis councillor Greg Bernado who, along with chief whip Shaun August and mayco members Siyabulela Mamkeli, Suzette Little and Thulani van der Stemela, resigned from the DA on Thursday.

The five party members resigned shortly after executive mayor Patricia de Lille had addressed a full council sitting at the Civic Centre.

They cited racism and victimisation by the party's higher echelon as one of the main reasons for their departure. "I

would like to tell communities: they (DA) are busy with their campaigns. When they come to your door, chase them away. They are a bunch of liars, they are a bunch of deceivers," Bernado said. De Lille said she had suffered vicious attacks for over a year in a council that was hell-bent on smearing her name. Two Bowman's reports probing De Lille had contradictory findings, she said, in that in one report into corruption and maladministration in the City of Cape Town, she is reportedly found to be complicit in irregularities. The second report, however, absolved her, De Lille said.

De Lille also gave those who accused her of using City money to renovate her home a chance to publicly apolo-

gise. Failing that, she would take legal action against them, De Lille said. August took to social media shortly after his resignation to explain his reasons. "I can no longer support a racist regime who continue to undermine my fight for non-racism and equality. I can no longer serve a party that claims a particular set of values but acts contrary to those values."

I can no longer serve a party that is inconsistent with the application of rules, where some are above them. I will continue to serve the people of South Africa in any capacity and will endeavour to do so with integrity and the principles that will put our citizens before us as politicians," August said.

News24

Malema's cousin received almost R6m in VBS scandal

JOHANNESBURG - EFF leader Julius Malema's cousin has been implicated in irregular payments of almost R6m believed to emanate from the plundering of VBS Mutual Bank, the Mail & Guardian (M&G) reported yesterday.

The payments were reportedly made from Sgameka Projects - a company owned by Brian Shivambu, the brother of EFF deputy leader Floyd Shivambu -

to Mahuna Investments, which is owned by Malema's cousin, Matsobane Phaleng. M&G reports that the payments range from R1m in June last year to R500 000 in February this year.

Earlier this month, News24 reported that Brian Shivambu received R16m from the now collapsed VBS Mutual Bank.

This was revealed in a bombshell investigation report compiled by advocate Terry Motau and released by the SA Reserve

Bank, which references Brian Shivambu in a list of 27 individuals and companies who received the largest amounts of money from the bank in a "looting scheme" totalling R1.8 billion.

It was later reported that Floyd Shivambu had himself received R10m linked to VBS.

He denied this, saying: "For the record, I have never received R10m from VBS or anyone in my personal account."

News24

#DuduzaneZuma culpable homicide case postponed to January

JOHANNESBURG - Duduzane Zuma's culpable homicide case has been postponed to January 24 for a pre-trial hearing.

He made a short appearance, accompanied by his father former president Jacob Zuma, at the Randburg Magistrate's Court yesterday morning and he has been released on a warning.

The homicide trial is likely to begin between March 22 and 28 2019, the court heard. Zuma was summoned to appear in court in July to face two charges of culpable homicide related to a 2014 accident that resulted in the death of Phumzile Dube.

Dube died instantly after Zuma's Porsche crashed into a minibus taxi on M1 in Johannesburg.

Another woman, who was also in the taxi at the time, died weeks later in hospital, even though her death was later ruled as the result of natural causes. In his defence, Zuma has previously maintained that he was not negligent as his car had lost control as it had driven into a puddle that resulted in it swerving and hitting the taxi.

An inquest ruled on by Magistrate



CASE POSTPONED: Duduzane Zuma.

Lalitha Chetty found that Zuma was negligent and that his actions led to the death of Dube.

However, the NPA had declined to prosecute Zuma in 2015, claiming the low chances of the case succeeding in court. Earlier this year the case remerged after former NPA prosecutor Gerrie Nel and Afriforum threatened to privately prosecute Zuma. The group said Dube's family never received justice. The family was present at the media briefing held by Afriforum which announced the intention to privately prosecute Zuma. *IOI*

Pravin Gordhan accuses Herman Mashaba of 'petty political point scoring'

JOHANNESBURG - Public Enterprises minister Pravin Gordhan has accused Johannesburg mayor Herman Mashaba of reducing the 'professional and sound relationship' between the city and state-owned arms manufacturer Denel to 'petty political point scoring'.

Gordhan's accusation comes after Mashaba said earlier this week that Gordhan was 'economical with the truth', after the minister said in a written parliamentary reply that a R290-million loan granted by the city to Denel was lawful.

Mashaba said on Tuesday it remained to be seen if the loan, which was granted to Denel in 2012 by the city from the city's sinking fund, which was being managed by Gupta-linked Regiments Capital, was legal, but that "minister Gordhan's willingness to pronounce on a very limited assessment of the legality of this loan misses the most fundamental point

for someone charged with overseeing the prudent use of public money".

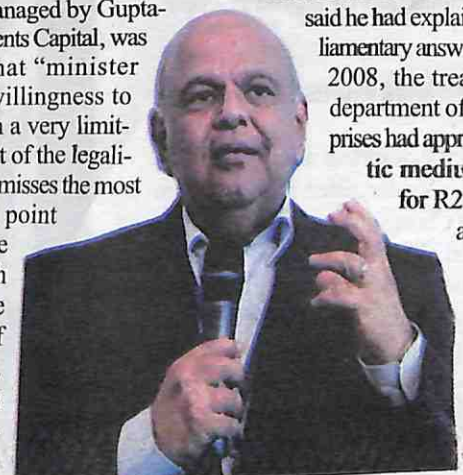
The loan was part of the unsecured compo-

nent of the domestic medium-term note programme, Gordhan had said in his parliamentary reply. The loan had to be paid back in June, but an extension was granted to December after Gordhan asked for Mashaba's 'indulgence' in rolling over the maturity of the note, given Denel's serious liquidity challenges. On Wednesday evening, however, Gordhan hit back in a statement in which he told Mashaba that the loan was concluded by a previous administration in Johannesburg, as well as a former Denel board, that Regiments Capital was appointed by the city and that the city should therefore investigate whether the contractual relationship between the metro and Regiments was properly entered into. In terms of the loan, Gordhan

said he had explained in his parliamentary answer that in 2007-2008, the treasury and the department of public enterprises had approved a domestic medium-term note

for R2.2-billion that allowed for both secured and unsecured loans, which was registered with the JSE.

News24



ACCUSES: Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan.

BRIEFS

'Bring women into peacemaking'

UNITED NATION - Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is decriing the failure to bring women into peacemaking, pointing to grim statistics that between 1990 and 2017, women constituted only eight per cent of negotiators and five per cent of witnesses and signatories to major peace processes. He told the UN Security Council on Thursday that at the heart of these statistics is the continuing inequality between men and women. *AP*

18 killed by floods near Dead Sea

DEAAD SEA - Flash floods unleashed by heavy rains swept away middle school students and teachers visiting hot springs near the Dead Sea on Thursday, killing 18 and injuring 35 as the torrent carried some for several kilometres, a civil defence official said. Thirteen people escaped without injuries, said Brig. Gen. Farid al-Sharaa, speaking after nightfall as large spotlights illuminated the flooded area. Some survived by clinging to rocks, he said. A dramatic rescue operation involving helicopters and divers continued into the night. *AP*

White man kills 2 black customers

LOUISVILLE - A white man with a history of violence fatally shot two African-American customers at a Kroger grocery store and was swiftly arrested as he tried to flee, authorities said on Thursday. The Courier Journal of Louisville reported that the suspect made a racial comment to a man he encountered on his way out. The FBI announced that it "is evaluating the evidence to determine if there were any violations of federal law". *AP*

Shooting

Separatists to face trial in Spain

MADRID - Oriol Junqueras, the former vice president of Spain's region of Catalonia, and 17 other separatist politicians and activists are due to go on trial. After nearly one year of investigations, the Spanish Supreme Court opened criminal proceedings against the accused on charges of rebellion, disobedience and misappropriation of public funds, the court said Thursday. No date was given for the start of the proceedings. The defendants are not likely to face a court before early 2019, according to newspaper El Pais. Spain placed Catalonia under forced administration after the region held an independence referendum on October 1 last year and subsequently moved to secede. *DPA*

Woman with knife injures 14 children

CHINA - A knife-wielding assailant injured 14 children at a kindergarten in the western Chinese city of Chongqing on Friday morning, police reported. The attacker, a 39-year-old woman, was taken in custody and no motive for the assault was immediately publicised. The report posted on the police force's microblog said the attack at the Xinshiji Kindergarten in the city's outskirts took place at 09:30 as the children were returning to classes.

World News

BRITISH TYCOON PHILIP GREEN NAMED IN #METOO SCANDAL



GRANTED INJUNCTION: British tycoon Philip Green.

LONDON - Retail billionaire Philip Green, one of Britain's most prominent businessmen, was named in parliament on Thursday as having taken legal action to try to prevent publication of allegations of sexual harassment against him.

The Telegraph newspaper said on Wednesday that a leading businessman had been granted an injunction by a British judge preventing it from identifying him and publishing details of alleged sexual harassment and racial abuse of staff.

In a statement, Green denied having broken the law and said his businesses fully investigated employee grievances. "To the extent that it is suggested that I have been guilty of unlawful sexual or racist behav-

iour, I categorically and wholly deny these allegations," he said in a statement issued by a media representative. The case has been cast in the

British media as an example of powerful men using money and lawyers to cover up allegations of sexual harassment. Labour politician Peter

Hain used a speech in the upper house of the British parliament, the House of Lords, to name Green. Under Britain's system of parliamentary privilege, members can speak freely and their comments can be reported by the media.

"I feel it's my duty under parliamentary privilege to name Philip Green as the individual in question," Hain said. "The media have been subject to an injunction preventing publication of full details of a story which is clearly in the public interest." In his statement, Green said his Arcadia group, which owns TopShop, sometimes reached confidential legal settlements in response to employees' formal complaints, in common with other large businesses. *Reuters*

Saudi King 'will have Crown Prince replaced to restore the credibility of the monarchy'

SAUDI ARABIA - Saudi Arabia's King could have his Crown Prince son replaced to restore the credibility of the monarchy amid turmoil over the Jamal Khashoggi murder, Britain's former defence attaché to the kingdom has claimed.

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has faced claims he may have been behind the death of the journalist who went missing after entering the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. Saudi Arabia first denied any role in Khashoggi's disappearance before blaming his October 2 death on a botched attempt to return him to the kingdom.

On Thursday, Jamal Khashoggi's eldest son left Saudi Arabia for Washington DC with his fami-

ly after a travel ban intended to lure the journalist home was lifted. It came as Saudi prosecutors said the murder was planned and suspects were being interrogated. According to Colonel Brian Lees, once the UK's defence attaché to Saudi Arabia and Yemen, the Crown Prince's days as de facto ruler are numbered and his father, King Salman, may now look to replace him following his disastrous handling of the case.

Colonel Lees, author of A Handbook of the Al Sa'ud Ruling Family of Saudi Arabia, told Rudaw: "The Saudis will never admit that MbS (Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman) was culpable but this does not mean that he is in the clear. I believe that the king - assuming he is in

one of his 'clear' periods - will get rid of MbS by replacing him.

"He cannot do so immediately, or even in the next few months, because that would look like bowing to foreign pressure. He may use the already established device of using the special advisory council within the family to appoint a successor. This would certainly restore the credibility of the monarchy," Thursday US President Donald Trump, in his toughest comments on the case yet, said the Crown Prince bore ultimate responsibility for the operation that led to the journalist's killing, piling pressure on his ally.

Critics suspect the royal ordered the high-profile operation or at least knew about it.

Daily Mail

China produced two new billionaires a week last year

ZURICH - China produced two new billionaires a week last year as the fortunes of the world's ultra-rich soared by a record amount, Swiss banking giant UBS and auditors PwC said Friday.

Billionaires' wealth enjoyed its greatest-ever increase in 2017, rising 19 per cent to \$8.9 trillion (\$7.8 billion euros) shared among 2 158 individuals, said the report. But Chinese billionaires expanded their wealth at nearly double that pace, growing by 39 per cent to \$1.12 trillion.

"Over the last decade, Chinese billionaires have created some of the world's largest and most successful companies, raised living standards," said Josef Stadler, head of Ultra High Net Worth at UBS Global Wealth Management.

"But this is just the beginning. China's vast population, technology innovation and productivity growth combined with government support, are providing unprecedented opportunities for individuals not only to build businesses but also to change people's lives for the better."

The report said China minted two new billionaires a week in 2017, while Asia as whole produced more than three billionaires a week. In the Americas region, the wealth of billionaires increased at a slower rate of 12 per cent, to \$3.6 trillion, with the United States creating 53 new billionaires in 2017 compared to 87 five years ago.

Currency appreciation saw European billionaires' wealth grow by 19 per cent although the number of billionaires rose by just 4.0 percent to 414. The study also warned of lower economic growth in the United States and China if the trade war between the two countries escalates.

AFP

ROYAL TOUR



ROYALTY: The royal couple met with Tonga's prime minister (left) on the latest stage of their marathon 16-day royal tour. Later, Meghan and Harry had necklaces made from Fa and Puatonga flowers tied around their necks and slipped into traditional Ta-ovala skirts for a visit to a traditional handicrafts exhibition (right).



Africa News

124 SCHOOL TEACHERS DISMISSED OVER 'SEXUAL HARASSMENT' IN MOZA

MAPUTO - The Mozambican government has reportedly sacked at least 164 school teachers over the last 12 months for various reasons, the main one being suspected sexual harassment.

According to Club of Mozambique, of the total number dismissed, 124 were removed on sexual harassment grounds.

Minister of Education and Human Development Conceita Sortane was quoted as saying that her ministry remained "vigilant in identifying professionals who behave in a dubious manner".

Pambazuka News reported in 2010 that teenage girls in Mozambique often fell pregnant before reaching 16, the legal age of marriage. This usually put an end to their education.

Quoting a 2008 report compiled by the Mozambique ministry of education and culture, Pambazuka News said that many of these pregnancies were not consensual and girls were impregnated by teachers who asked for sexual favours in exchange for passing grades.



The report, entitled 'Mechanism to stop and report cases of sexual abuse of girls,' found that 70 per cent of female pupils said a teacher had asked them for sexual favours in order to pass.

Not only were female pupils falling pregnant, but they were also becoming exposed to sexually transmitted infections through their teachers, the report said. *News24*

Liberia announces free tuition for undergraduates

MONROVIA - Liberian President George Weah, who overcame childhood poverty to become one of the world's top footballers, has abolished tuition fees for undergraduate students in the poor West African country's state universities.

Speaking on Wednesday on the campus of the University of Liberia in the name of "the Liberian people and my government," Weah declared "free tuition for all undergraduate students" at all the public universities.

Weah said his decision arose after a meeting he had with the university administration.

"The students came in front of my office to complain that the administrators have increased the tuition in the school. I was not happy about that," said Weah, who took office in January.

An administrator informed him that the actual fee had not changed, but the fall of the Liberian dollar against the US one had led to a rise in the amount due in the local currency. Both currencies are legal tender in Liberia, which was founded by freed former American slaves.

"I was shocked when I was told that every semester about 20 000 (would-be students) go through the registration process, (but) only 12 000 attend."

"Furthermore, about 5 000 of the 12 000 who are in attendance are depending on some form of



FREE TUITION: Liberian President George Weah.

financial aids or scholarship. The rest of the students do not attend due to the lack of financial aid," Weah added.

Weah was elected late last year on a platform of fighting poverty and kick-starting an economy still affected by two civil wars between 1989 and 2003, as well as providing stability and growth.

"The inability of our young people to continue their education is very troubling," he said on campus. Liberia has four state universities: the main University of Liberia, the Booker Washington Institute, Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law and the William Tubman University. *AFP*

ZANU-PF tells Chamisa; Stop dreaming call for transitional govt not feasible

HARARE - Zimbabwe's ruling ZANU-PF party has reportedly dismissed opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) Alliance leader Nelson Chamisa's call for a transitional government, saying it was unconstitutional.

According to the state-owned Chronicle newspaper, ZANU-PF Secretary for Legal Affairs Munyaradzi Paul Mangwana said Chamisa's proposal was "not feasible as it is unconstitutional". Chamisa on Tuesday called for the creation of a "national transitional authority" to deal

with a worsening economic crisis, amid shortages of basic commodities such as drugs and fuel. Chamisa, who narrowly lost July's election, accused President Emmerson Mnangagwa's government of excessive borrowing and lacking ideas to solve Zimbabwe's biggest crisis in a decade, Associated Press reported. When asked what a "national transitional authority" would entail, Chamisa said it should be a "bottom-up" approach to involve citizens, churches and other stakeholders and that discussions would determine the nature of the government. *News24*

BRIEFS

Ebola outbreak cost R771bn - study

GENEVA - An Ebola outbreak that ravaged Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia in 2014 cost economies an estimated \$53 billion (R771 billion), according to a study in this month's *Journal of Infectious Diseases*. The study aimed to combine the direct economic burden and the indirect social impact to generate a comprehensive cost of the outbreak, which was the worst in the world. The outbreak ran from 2013 to 2016 and killed at least 11 300 people, more than all other known Ebola outbreaks combined. The vast majority of cases were in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. *Reuters*

Boat capsizes kills 13 in Nigeria

NIGERIA - At least 13 people drowned when an overcrowded boat carrying passengers heading for a funeral capsized in central Nigeria, police and locals said. The accident happened around 20:30 on Wednesday on the Katsina Ala River in the Buruku area of Benue state. State police spokesperson Moses Yamu told reporters: "We have confirmed 13 deaths in the mishap while the rescue is still ongoing." Boat capsizes are common in Nigeria due to overcrowding and the lack of maintenance for vessels, particularly during the annual rainy season. *AFP*

Ex-Maendeleo Ya Wanawake leader dies

KENYA - Jane Kiano, a former chairperson of Maendeleo ya Wanawake Organisation (MYWO), has died aged

74 at the Nairobi Hospital after a long battle with cancer, her family says. "She battled bravely against lung cancer and we are very

proud of her...May her legacy continue to inspire young women and girls from all corners of this country. We are sure that she now walks with the angels," said a statement released by the family. The family representative, Irungu Houghton, said she died at 10:25pm. Kiano was the widow of Dr Julius Gikonyo Kiano, a former Cabinet minister, nationalist and Kenya's first PhD holder. *All Africa*



EU urges president-elect to unite country

CAMEROON - The European Union on Thursday urged Cameroon's president-elect, veteran strongman Paul Biya, to unite his country and overcome its troubles following elections. The Constitutional Council, dominated by Biya loyalists, said on Monday the 85-year-old leader had won 71.3 per cent of votes in the October 7 poll marred by allegations of widespread fraud, low voter turnout, and violence. Reacting to the council's announcement four days later, the EU's diplomatic arm, the external action service, issued a mild statement that did not mention the fraud allegations. *AFP*

Minimum Wage - something has to give

ABUJA - We are back to where we started from on this new minimum wage brouhaha. The government is insisting they cannot pay above N20 000 and organised labour is also insisting on N30 000 or they will down tools come November 6. The governors, on their own part, are saying they are not against the upward review of the minimum wage but the quandary is the capacity to pay. Some states are still struggling to pay the N18 thousand. For a government whose cardinal principle is fighting corruption, one of the ways of tackling corruption is by increasing the salary of its workers. We know some people's greed are on steroids and no matter what you pay them they will still dip their hands in the cookie jar but those are in the minority. *All Africa*

'Mugabe was misled over \$100m Chinese facility'

HARRAE - Zimbabwean mines officials have reportedly revealed that they misled former president Robert Mugabe in 2016 about "the Chinese setting up a \$100 million facility to support small-scale miners".

According to the privately-owned NewsDay, this was disclosed after a Movement for Democratic Change lawmaker, Prosper Mutseyami demanded answers in Parliament about the \$100 million facility support to the small scale miners.

The opposition lawmaker, asked whether the \$100 million equipment facility announced by Mugabe in the State of the National Address that year was released and to who, the report said. But, mines ministry Director of Finance, Morgan Makina, said the Chinese facility never materialised. "Yes, the \$100 million facility never materialised because after it was agreed with the Chinese, they then demanded that government pays for insurance and freight of the equipment and that is where it ended," Makina was quoted as saying. This was not the first time that Mugabe was misled by government officials. In 2013, Mugabe was made to present a \$10 million dummy cheque to the Chiadzwa Community Share Ownership Trust, which also never materialised. *News24*



MISLED: Former Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe.

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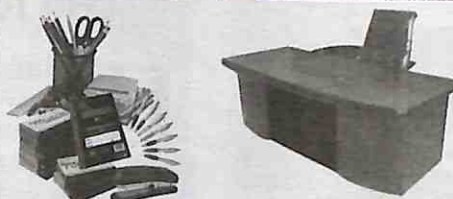
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15. DEATHS

Make Magdalene Dlamini
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Funeral: 27/10/2018
Vigil: 26/10/2018
Place: kaZombodze

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Bethusile Claudia Rhodesia
ula Dlamini



Funeral: 28/10/2018
Vigil: kute
Place: Kwaluseni

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Dlamini Khosi Patience



Funeral: 27/10/2018
Vigil: 26/10/2018
Place: Maliyaduma

Relatives and friends of Dlamini Khosi Patience are notified of her sudden death. Memorial service will be on 26-10-2018 at Sharpe Memorial Church and she will be laid to rest on 27-10-2018 at Maliyaduma Salukazi after a night vigil. Announcement by her family.

Elizabeth Hlalaphi Dlamini
laNdelela



Funeral: 27/10/2018
Place: Dvokolwako

Relatives and friends of Elizabeth Hlalaphi Dlamini laNdelela are notified of her sudden death. She will be laid to rest on Saturday 27 October 2018 at Dvokolwako, Mbuluzi. Announcement by her family.

Nomsa Gabsile Maseko
(nee Dlamini)



Funeral: 27/10/2018
Vigil: 26/10/2018
Place: Dwalile

Family, friends and relatives of Nomsa Gabsile Maseko (nee Dlamini) are notified of her sudden death. She will be laid to rest at Dwalile on Saturday 27-10-2018 after a night vigil. Announcement by her family.

Grace Mini Maziya
(Gogo Nhleko)



Funeral: 26/10/2018
Vigil: 27/10/2018
Place: Nkamanzi

Relatives and friends of Grace Mini Maziya (Gogo Nhleko) of Nkamanzi (Manzini) are notified of her sudden death. Night vigil on Friday 26-10-2018 and she will be laid to rest on 27-10-2018 at her home Nkamanzi (Manzini). Announcement by family.

Lindiwe Penelope Dlamini
nee Gama



Funeral: 28/10/2018
Vigil: 27/10/2018
Place: Motshane

Relatives and friends of Lindiwe Penelope Dlamini nee Gama are notified of her death after a short illness. She will be laid to rest at her marital home on Sunday 28-10-2018 after a night vigil at Motshane eNduma. Announcement by her husband Mthokozisi S. Dlamini on behalf of the family.

Futhi Ntombane Dlamini



Funeral: 28/10/2018
Vigil: 27/10/2018
Place: kuMalindza

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Futhi Ntombane Dlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni, kwatiswa bakubo eMdzimba, bekhabinina eNsingweni, nebekhakhakhe eKutimleni, ePhophonyane, Macetjeni. Utawubekwa kuMalindza kakhe eSiweni umlindzelo ngeMgcibelo, bese ufihlwa ngelisonfo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Mgcibelo Dlamini egameni leMalangeni, lala ngekuthula Mabhengu.

Lucia Ntombiyekhaya
Ngwenya (nee Qwabe)



Funeral: 28/10/2018
Vigil: 27/10/2018
Place: Siyendle

Friends and relatives of Lucia Ntombiyekhaya Ngwenya (nee Qwabe) are notified of her death. We would like to inform the Qwabe family at Vuvulane, Malindza, Mhlosheni, the Zwane and Hlphle family at Mbizi that she will be laid to rest on the 28 October on Sunday at Siyendle after a night vigil. May her soul rest in peace. Announcement by the family.

Zakhele Nhlanhla Nsumalo



Funeral: 28/10/2018
Place: eNdocheni

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Tobhi Vester Mkhathswa



Funeral: 27/10/2018
Vigil: 26/10/2018
Place: Mafutseni

Friends and relatives of Tobhi Vester Mkhathswa are notified of her passing on. She will be laid to rest on Saturday 27 October 2018 at her marital home Mafutseni, after a night vigil. Announcement by her husband Nhlanhla Simon Mkhathswa.

Jerome Khumalo



Funeral: 28/10/2018
Vigil: kute
Place: Mhlabyaduma

Friends and relatives of Jerome Khumalo are notified of his demise. Memorial on Friday 26-10-2018 at 1PM at Sweedish Free Church Manzini. Funeral on Sunday at Mhlabyaduma (Hlatsikhulu) 28-10-2018, 5AM. No night vigil. Announcement by Siphon Khumalo on behalf of the family.

Death Notice



MS BORGNY VIBLEMO

Preachers and Christians from the Free Evangelical Christian Fellowship Church, the community of Ekuthuleni area (Mthombe) in Nhlango, family members and all those who knew Norwegian missionary, Borgny Viblemo (popularly known as Make Nkosazana) who lived with his adopted family at Ekuthuleni area in Nhlango, Shiselweni region, are notified that she has gone to be with the Lord.

A memorial service will be held on **Saturday 27th October 2018** at Ekuthuleni Free Evangelical Christian Fellowship Church, starting at **10am**. In the event you need further information, please dial 7611 4191.

Announcement by family

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Death Notice



GOGO GETRUDE ZANYANA ZWANE

Relatives, friends, church and family of Gogo Getrude Zanyana Zwane (nee Myeni) of Mampondweni area in Nhlango are notified that she has gone to be with the Lord.

She will be laid to rest on Sunday morning, **28th October 2018**, at her home in Mampondweni area, Nhlango, Shiselweni region, after a night vigil. In the event you need further information, please dial 7617 9380.

Announcement by family

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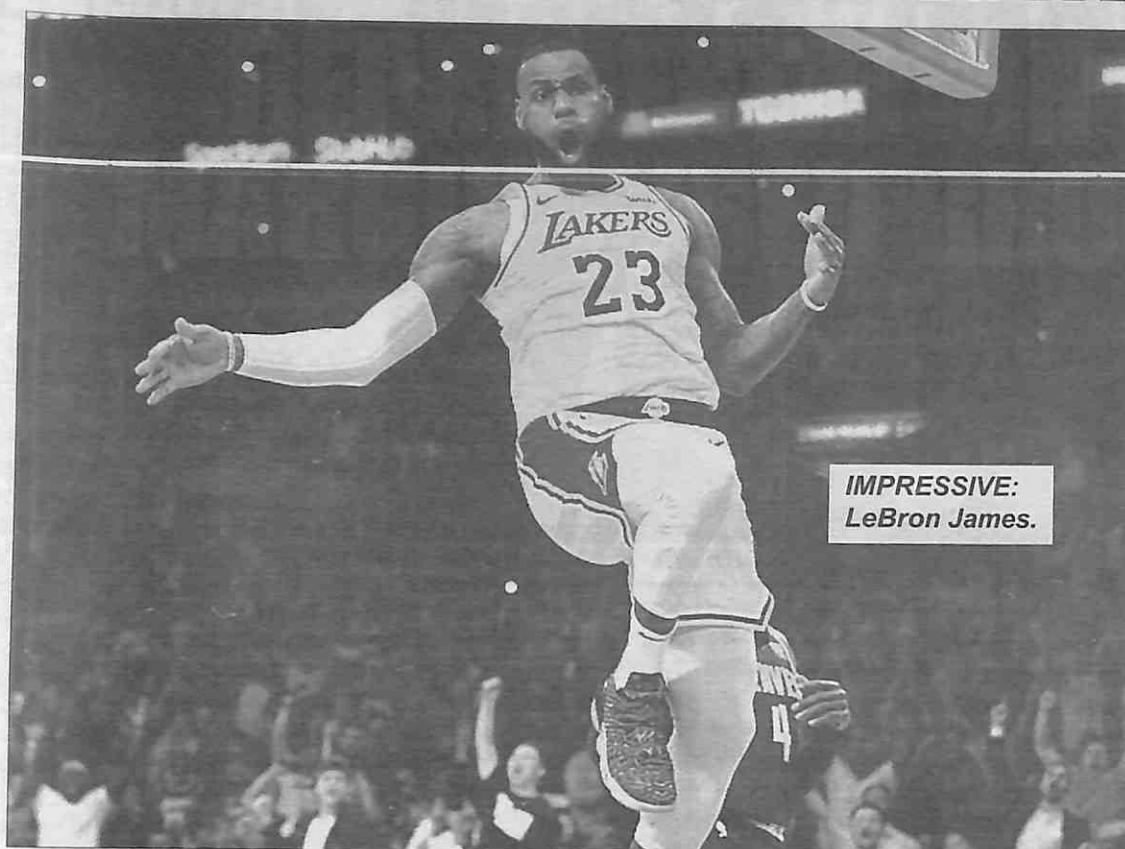
LOS ANGELES - LeBron James had 28 points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds while leading the Los Angeles Lakers' late rally for his first home victory at Staples Centre, 128-111 over the previously unbeaten Denver Nuggets on Thursday night.

Kyle Kuzma scored 22 points and JaVale McGee added 21 to complement James' 74th career triple-double, his first with his new team.

With Kobe Bryant watching from a courtside seat for the first time since LeBron's arrival in LA, the Lakers trailed by eight points with six minutes left in the fourth quarter before Lance Stephenson started a 15-2 rally with back-to-back three-pointers. Stephenson finished with 12 points. James got Staples Centre rocking on a go-ahead dunk with 3:31 to play before Lonzo Ball made an artful step-back three-pointer. Kuzma added two huge dunks down the stretch of Los Angeles' second win in two days after an 0-3 start.

Nikola Jokic scored 24 points for the Nuggets, who were off to their best start since the 2009-10 season.

Jamal Murray scored 22 points and Monte Morris had 20, but Denver couldn't answer the Lakers' rally led by James, who posted his third career triple-double in Staples Centre for



IMPRESSIVE:
LeBron James.

his third different team. One night after earning their first win of the LeBron era in Phoenix, the Lakers beat the Nuggets at Staples for the fourth straight time.

The Lakers also survived despite their third straight game without suspended starters Brandon Ingram

and Rajon Rondo. Ingram will miss one more game for his role in the Lakers' brawl with the Houston Rockets last weekend, while Rondo can return today in San Antonio.

Neither team led by more than six points in the first three quarters of a typically up-tempo game between

two of the NBA's fastest offences.

While the Lakers lead the league in pace of play, the Nuggets' improvements on defence this season drove their unbeaten start, according to coach Michael Malone.

Daily Mail

'He's got a touch like a trampoline'

SYDNEY - Perth Glory attacker Andy Keogh has blasted Usain Bolt's footballing ability, stating that the eight-time Olympic champion has a first touch 'like a trampoline'.

Bolt has been on trial with Australian club Central Coast Mariners since August.

However, former Republic of Ireland international Keogh believes that Bolt has no chance of becoming a professional footballer.

As reported by *Off The Ball*, Keogh said: "It's nice to have the attention on the A League but him playing in the A League, that's not for me. He's 31. For me, he's not going to be able to make it [as a footballer]."

"He's shown a bit [of potential] but it's a little bit of a kick in the teeth to the professionals that are in the league." Keogh, who previously played for Wolves, feels that, while Bolt's involvement with Central Coast Mariners has provided Australian football with greater publicity, the overall situation is "farfical".

Keogh said: "It's fine from a marketing point of view but from a football perspective, it's a little bit farfical."

"If there's someone who genuinely thinks he'd be a good football addition, I don't think they should be in a position to make those calls."

Bolt has been excluded from training with Central Coast Mariners after his management rejected a contract offer. Despite scoring twice in a trial game, Bolt wasn't named in the squad last weekend as Central Coast Mariners commenced their campaign with a 1-1 draw against Brisbane Roar. Although the Mariners remain in talks with Bolt's agent Ricky Simms, it seems unlikely that a deal will be arranged without the involvement of a third party. Since retiring from athletics in 2017, Bolt has made no secret of his desire to become a footballer, and has trained with Borussia Dortmund, Mamelodi Sundowns and Stromsgodset. *Daily Mail*

'I don't want special treatment'

WASHINGTON - Wayne Rooney's arrival in Washington DC has undeniably turned DC United's season around.

In 19 games, he's netted 12 goals and got nine assists, while only picking up one yellow card. After an awful start to the season, Rooney helped them secure a play-off spot.

Despite having such a huge impact, DC United's marquee signing doesn't want any special treatment.

In an attempt to integrate better with the squad and feel part of the team, Wayne Rooney says he turned down the likes of first class flights and private hotel rooms upon moving to the club.

Speaking with *Men in Blazers* (via Business Insider), Rooney said "if you are going to be part of the team, you have to be part of the team. All in and do the same things. I don't want special treatment - I wanted to be treated the same as the players. I'm part of this team."

Despite being one of the most famous players in the

MLS, Rooney is only the ninth highest earner in the league. He does have the fourth top-selling shirt though.

When he compares himself to some of the other big international signings in the MLS, Rooney thinks he's done a better job of integrating himself into his new team.

"It's not rocket science - if you can go and form relationships with the players and speak to them.

"I know a lot of players who come here, big players in other countries, they haven't attempted to form those relationships or to buy into what the team are doing. I think it is important. "You do that, and you can have a big impact on the team." D.C United will come up against the Chicago Fire tomorrow, where they will attempt to secure a home play-off game.

Daily Mail

It's better than staying at home - Vinicius Junior

MADRID - Brazilian wonderkid Vinicius Junior finally made his move to Real Madrid in the summer, but has since only played 12 minutes of football for the first team.

He's spent most of the weeks playing for Castilla, Real Madrid's B-team, although he has revealed that it was partly his decision. The 18-year-old says he would rather be playing there than playing no football at all.

"I did pre-season with the first team aware that I could end up playing with the B-team," he said, according to *Marca*. "I asked to play there if I wasn't going to be considered because it's better than staying at home. This was to allow myself to adapt to the style of play and to adapt to the setting, getting used to everything that a player needs." So far this season, Vinicius Junior has been a substitute in two games for the first team.



He played 10 minutes in Real Madrid's 1-0 defeat to Deportivo Alaves, and just two minutes in their 0-0 draw with Atletico in the Madrid derby. He also sat on the bench for the 2-0 win over Getafe and the 3-0 defeat to Sevilla. He has played five times for the second team though, which competes in the Segunda Division B. He's scored four times and also provided one assist, and, given his performances, could be eyeing a step up to the first team. He scored a superbly struck free kick during the game and created several opportunities for his team-mates. There was a worry that Vinicius Junior would not be available for El Clasico this weekend, thanks to a suspension following a red card against Celta Vigo.

B. AFP

Perez 'wanted to sack Lopetegui during Viktoria Plzen victory'

MADRID - Real Madrid President Florentino Perez wanted to sack Julen Lopetegui during the Champions League clash against Viktoria Plzen and had to be convinced otherwise by club officials after storming away from his balcony.

Perez was furious after watching his side hang on to a 2-1 win over the Czech minnows this week, a result which followed a calamitous run over five games without a victory.

It was certainly another sub-par performance from the Champions League holders and, according to Spanish outlet *Sport*, Perez was hellbent on sacking Lopetegui immediately after the match.

Perez left his executive box and made a beeline for the manager but El Confidencial report that General Real Director Jose Angel Sanchez and other executives were forced to intervene.

They convinced the club president the timing was not right just days before Los Blancos face-off against Barcelona in El Clasico tomorrow.

It is understood that Perez holds Sanchez in high esteem and the intervention is the reason Lopetegui is still in the job. After Perez was calmed down, Real thought it best to allow club Director Emilio Butragueno to handle the media duties. Asked directly: "Will Lopetegui be sat on the bench at the Camp Nou?" Butragueno answered: "Yes, yes, everything is totally normal. We have to stay calm and united." Real face fierce rivals Barcelona at the Nou Camp tomorrow. *Daily Mail*



NOT SPECIAL: Wayne Rooney.



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ARSENAL LEFT ME GUESSING OVER NEW DEAL - RAMSEY

LONDON - Aaron Ramsey has revealed Arsenal have left him totally in the dark over why they decided to retract their contract offer.

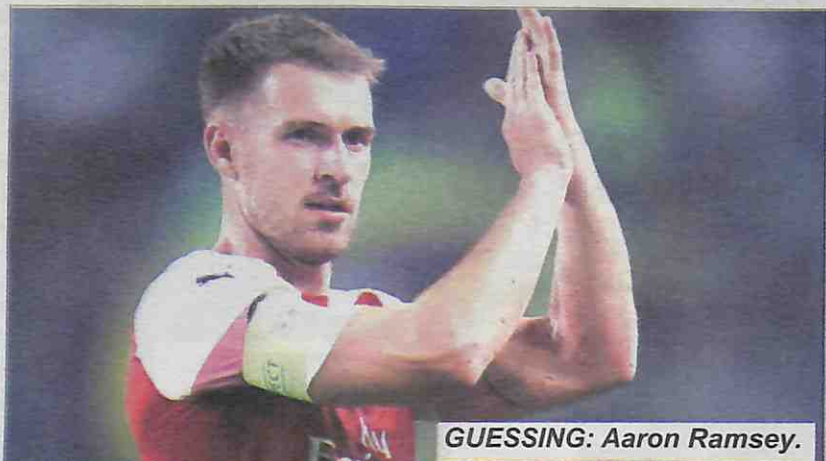
Sportsmail were first to reveal that Ramsey was expected to leave the club at the end of the season due to the impasse over a new deal on September 26.

Ramsey had been on the verge of penning a new deal at the Emirates, only for the offer to be retracted earlier this season.

And the Wales international claims he's had no answers as to why the club withdrew the deal.

"Well, there is no contract on the table at the moment so there is nothing for me to consider or whatever," said Ramsey.

"We all know that the contract was taken away off the table. I'm not sure exactly why because a few weeks before we sort of agreed and I was ready to sign. "Something happened, I am not sure exactly what, but that contract is no longer there, or nothing's on the table.



GUESSING: Aaron Ramsey.

"Hopefully somebody will come up and tell me why. I'll accept that if there's a reason. But at the moment, no, I haven't (had an answer).

"Yes I'd like some clarity, but I'm just concentrating on playing my football. When the time is right, I probably will find out but that hasn't happened yet."

As a result, Ramsey's future is now

hugely uncertain. Manchester United, Chelsea and Juventus have all been credited with an interest in the midfielder.

But no matter what the future holds, there's one club Ramsey says he'd never sign for. "No, I'd never join Tottenham," said Ramsey, after he captained the Gunners in Thursday's 1-0 win over Sporting Lisbon. *Daily Mail*

'I won't manage another English club'

MANCHESTER - Manchester City Manager Pep Guardiola says it is unlikely that he would ever manage a different English team as he will always be a City fan.

The Spanish tactician has been at the Citizens since July 2016 and clinched his first pieces of silverware last season, when City won the Premier League in record-breaking fashion while also claiming the League Cup.

Aside from his success on the pitch, Guardiola has emphasised the importance of having passion for the club you are managing and building a relationship with the fans.

"Statistics and numbers are nice, but numbers are not a passion," he told BBC Radio 5 Live.

"It does not give you something. It is better to say after 10 years I remember this final and how well we played, to remember the way we have done it.

"Titles are important, of course,



NEVER: Pep Guardiola.

and they have helped me have jobs and to keep working on my passion. "But I think all the managers, we are happy with our old players when we can laugh and hug and have a good relation. Everyone loves to be loved, it is the secret of our lives. "I will be Mancunian for the rest of my life. I will be a Manchester City fan and it will be impossible to train another team like Manchester City in England, because I feel love from the people here." *Sport24*

Fabinho form creates Cardiff dilemma for Klopp

ON FORM: Fabinho.



HOPING: Alexis Sanchez.

LIVERPOOL - Fabinho's impressive display in Liverpool's midweek Champions League success has left his Manager Jurgen Klopp with a difficult decision to make, ahead of the team's return to domestic action at home to Cardiff today.

But, more importantly for Liverpool fans hoping to see an end to their club's 29-year wait to be crowned champions of England again, the Brazilian's emergence offers yet more hope that Klopp is assembling a squad capable of challenging for the Premier League trophy, with the Reds currently level on points with leaders Manchester City.

The 25-year-old, signed

from Monaco for 39.9 million (\$51.4 million, 45 million euros) in pre-season, has made a slow and stuttering start to his life in English football.

His 21-minute substitute appearance in last weekend's victory at Huddersfield is still the only league football he has to his name this season, with Klopp appearing to have done a masterful job of integrating him carefully into his line-up.

But Fabinho's 90-minute performance in the 4-0 victory over Red Star Belgrade on Wednesday suggested he is capable of playing a significant role in a versatile midfield corps that compares favourably with any in England's top flight.

"He was very good, very good," said Klopp of Fabinho who celebrated his 25th birthday on Tuesday.

"The present for his birthday was not that he was in the line-up, it was that we played his favourite system with a double-six! He played really well and it was good to see. "He was very aggressive and everything was there. For his first game for a while, his second start from the beginning, it was good, really good.

"It is quite impressive what people saw. It always helps a player if you play a good game - it helped us and helped him. That

was the start, so let's carry on," the German boss added.

Xherdan Shaqiri also played in Klopp's three-man midfield against Belgrade, along with Dutch international Georginio Wijnaldum who has become an integral part of Liverpool's scheme, having appeared in every league and Champions League game this season.

Former Stoke winger Shaqiri was hugely influential, using his passing abilities to pick holes in the Red Star defence from a slightly deeper position than usual.

The midfield three currently being turned out on a regular basis by defending champions Manchester City - with Fernandinho in the defensive role and playmakers David and Bernardo Silva alongside him - is considered by many to be the most impressive midfield combination in the league, but Liverpool's depth and variety can certainly offer a challenge to Pep Guardiola's side. Jordan Henderson's days as an automatic starting choice in Liverpool's midfield look over although the England international offers brilliant options and cover while James Milner, at 32 and with 500 league appearances to his name, may be slightly relieved if he is no longer required to see quite so much action. *AFP*

Sanchez hoping PSG offer him way out of Manchester United

MANCHESTER - Alexis Sanchez is hoping Paris Saint-Germain offer him a January escape route out of Manchester United.

The 29-year-old Chilean striker is growing disillusioned at Old Trafford after losing his place and Manager Jose Mourinho publicly criticising him.

His representatives have been discreetly sounding out potential suitors, ahead of the next transfer window.

But, inevitably, his £500 000-per-week

wages are proving prohibitive, while United would also demand a significant transfer fee for a player they signed from Arsenal for nothing last January as part of a swap deal with Henrikh Mkhitaryan.

However, there is hope within the Sanchez camp that PSG could revive their interest, even though they have a wealth of attacking talent already at their disposal.

The French champions are one of only a small number of clubs who could afford Sanchez, but whether they are willing to renew their interest after he chose Old Trafford over

Paris when he left Arsenal earlier this year is open to question.

Sanchez, who has scored just three Premier League goals since joining United, is upset with what he views as unfair treatment from Mourinho.

He has only started four league games this season and one in the Champions League - the goalless draw at home to Valencia.

The South American has confided to those in his inner circle of his desire to leave United as quickly as possible.

Daily Mail

Everton latest threat to United, City eye another Wembley win

LONDON - Another meek performance in losing for the fifth time this season in midweek to Juventus has put Jose Mourinho's position as Manchester United manager back in peril, ahead of in-form Everton's visit to Old Trafford tomorrow.

On a run of just one win in seven games in all competitions, United already look out of the title race, nine points adrift of Manchester City and Liverpool, but are also in danger of missing out on the top four with Chelsea, Arsenal and Tottenham also just two points off the top.

There is the chance for United to make up some ground as Tottenham host City on Monday, but Liverpool, Chelsea and Arsenal will be confident of maintaining their strong starts to the season against struggling Cardiff, Burnley and Crystal Palace, respectively.

In Mourinho's prime, he once went 151 games across four different clubs without losing a home league match between 2002 and 2011.

That seems a long time ago now with the Portuguese coach running out of excuses for failing to turn around United's faltering fortunes.

After being outclassed by the Italian champions, Mourinho's men have now won just two of their seven games at Old Trafford and only edged past Leicester and Newcastle by the odd goal in their two victories. Everton have moved above United in the table with three straight wins after a slow start in adapting to life under Marco Silva.

Silva changed the game with his three substitutes Ademola Lookman, Dominic Calvert-Lewin and Cenk Tosun combining for the two late goals to beat Crystal Palace last weekend.

Mourinho, by contrast, didn't make a single change to try and disrupt Juventus' flow in midweek. Right now it is Everton's Portuguese coach that looks the more special. City boss Pep Guardiola revealed his love of music in a wide-ranging interview with the BBC on Thursday and will be hoping his side hit the right notes again at Wembley on Monday. *AFP*

South African SOCCER

Hofmeyr put R100 on Pirates to beat Chiefs

JOHANNESBURG - Controversial South African musician Steve Hofmeyr says he has put R100 down for Orlando Pirates to win the Soweto derby against Kaizer Chiefs at FNB Stadium today.

One might not have suspected that Hofmeyr, known for his controversial views on the land issue, race, farm murders and apartheid, took any interest in South African football at all.

However, contacted for his opinion on today's sold-out Absa Premiership derby, Hofmeyr revealed he not just follows football, he supports a team.

Not surprisingly from the well-known Blue Bulls rugby fan, his football club is Pretoria-based Mamelodi Sundowns.

In questions on the derby via a Whatsapp message sent through his personal assistant, Hofmeyr was asked if he supports one of Chiefs and Pirates.

"Nope, I'm a Sundowns boytjie," Hofmeyr replied.

Who does Hofmeyr think will win on Saturday (today)?

"I think Pirates," he replied. "I put R100 on them."

LAST TEN OFFICIAL SOWETO DERBIES, TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

JOHANNESBURG - The last 10 official Soweto derbies have produced varying performances, with some played at a high-tempo and filled with drama while others producing nothing short of a snore fest.

7 March 2015, Soccer City Kaizer Chiefs 0 Orlando Pirates 0 Chiefs started the game 10 points clear of their nearest challengers in the title race as they headed to second title in three seasons under coach Stuart Baxter who brought Itumeleng Khune back from injury for this game.

This was a decent game despite the lack of goals with Sifiso Myeni of Pirates named man-of-the-match.

31 October 2015, Soccer City Kaizer Chiefs (1) 1 (Mulomwandau Mathoho) Orlando Pirates (1) 3 (Issa Sarr, Ayanda Gcaba, Thamsanqa Gabuza) This was rude derby introduction for new Chiefs coach Steve Komphela, whose side went behind after 26 minutes when Siyabonga Sangweni's header set up Senegalese import Sarr. Eric Mathoho equalised from a free kick with a header at the back post just a minute before half-time. But, Pirates were back in front 10 minutes into the second half as Gcaba scored from a Kermit



TWO ON ONE: Bernard Parker, Tsepo Masilela and Mpho Makola during the Carling Black Label Champion Cup match between Orlando Pirates and Kaizer Chiefs at FNB Stadium.

Erasmus corner. Seven minutes from time, Gabuza finished it off to give Eric Tinkler a first derby win and some relief after a poor start to the league season.

7 November 2015, Soccer City (Telkom Knockout semifinal Kaizer Chiefs 0 Orlando Pirates 0 (Chiefs won 6-5 on penalties) Chiefs booked their place in the cup final but needed penalties to do so, the fourth time the two clubs had been involved in a post-match shootout with Amakhosi

keeping up a 100 percent record. Ugandan import Ivan Bukenya missed an early chance for Chiefs from a corner and so did Lebesa as Tshabalala again provided a goal scoring opportunity. For Pirates, Ntsikelelo Nyauza had his header saved by Nhlanhla Khuzwayo and Erasmus hit a powerful shot straight at the Chiefs goalkeeper.

30 January 2016, Soccer City Orlando Pirates (0) 1 (Thamsanqa Gabuza) Kaizer Chiefs (1) 1 (Willard

Katsande) This draw proved a lot more than other past stalemates with both clubs having a claim to success. Katsande, hardly ever on the score sheet, claimed a second derby goal to put Chiefs ahead after 28 minutes with Gabuza's equaliser coming just before the final 20 minutes. Going into the game, both sides had been off form with their respective coaches under pressure, but Komphela and Tinkler welcomed the point. *Times Live*

Five reasons why Pirates will beat Chiefs

JOHANNESBURG - The Soweto Derby between Orlando Pirates and Kaizer Chiefs arrives at a sold-out FNB Stadium today with both teams showing good signs of form in the Absa Premiership as they are positioned on the top three on the table.

SowetanLIVE examines five reasons why Orlando Pirates will prevail over the sworn enemy.

1. Going top of the log

If current pacesetters Bidvest Wits drop points against Highlands Park on Friday (yesterday), then Orlando Pirates will take on bitter rivals Kaizer Chiefs with full knowledge that three points will elevate them to the summit of the PSL standings.

2. The Rulani Mokwena Factor

Pirates' assistant-coach has dominated the headlines this week because

of his comments where he said the Chiefs technical team was weaker without Steve Komphela, and since the appointment of Giovanni Solinas.

As expected, his controversial comments have divided football followers in the country with some agreeing and other slamming Mokwena as arrogant.

3. The influence of Xola Mlambo

Sometimes brilliant, Mlambo has often disappointed this season, much to the frustration of the Pirates fans.

4. Micho's experience

Coach Milutin 'Micho' Sredojevic has earned a reputation for being

a shrewd operator when it comes to taking pressure off the players and how he to set up his teams in high-stakes games like the Soweto Derby.

Having coached in five different derbies on the continent, Sredojevic knows better than anyone that only victory will be appreciated by the Buccaneers, but he is a man who will be able to withstand the unbearable pressure.

5. Pirates' continued dominance over Kaizer Chiefs in the league

Victory for Orlando Pirates will see them stretch their unbeaten run over Amakhosi in the league even further in a period that stretches back to 2014. For any Pirates player, there is no bigger motivation than knowing that victory will pile more woe on the old enemy and their team and supporters continue to own the bragging rights. *Sowetan Live*

Solinas doesn't owe me an explanation - Khune

JOHANNESBURG - Watching a Kaizer Chiefs game from the bench was 'unfamiliar' territory for Amakhosi skipper and goalkeeper Itumeleng Khune, and he says he may very well have to get used to more of those moments this season.

It's unlikely, however, that coach Giovanni Solinas will risk playing the Soweto Derby against Orlando Pirates on Saturday afternoon without Khune between the sticks given

his experience and personality. But rotation is now a normality for the country's first-choice.

"He really doesn't owe me an explanation when he leaves me out," Khune said this week when asked about Solinas' whimsical team selection. The No. 1 goalie watched his deputy Virgil Vries picked ahead of him when Chiefs beat Black Leopards, coincidentally on penalties, with Vries being the hero in the opening round of the Telkom Knockout last weekend.

The Star



NOT HAPPY: Itumeleng Khune.

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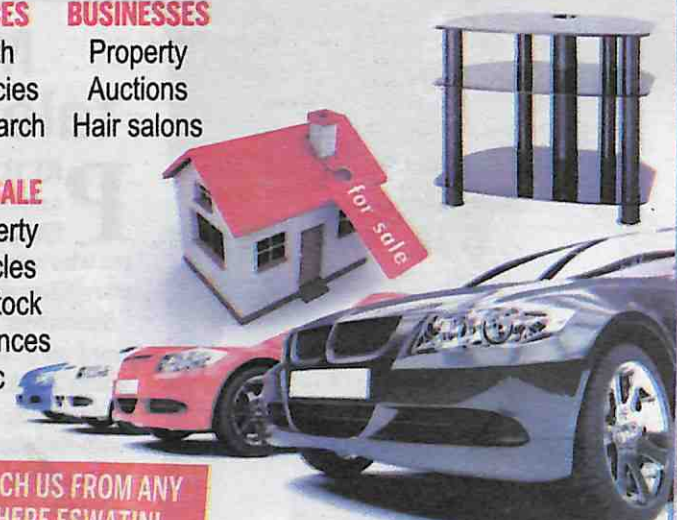
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BRIEFS

Memela ruled out of Soweto derby

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates have confirmed that Luvuyo Memela has been ruled out for three weeks and will miss this weekend's Soweto derby against Kaizer Chiefs. The 31-year-old winger was the hero in the last clash between the Soweto giants and scored a brace as the Buccaneers clinched a 3-1 victory. Pirates also announced that veteran midfielder Musa Nyatama is struggling with a knock and will undergo a late fitness test, ahead of today's meeting at FNB Stadium.

Sport24

Segolela joins Polokwane City Rovers

JOHANNESBURG - Former Orlando Pirates winger Tlou Segolela is looking to revive his career with Polokwane City Rovers in the ABC Motsepe League. The 30-year-old was previously on the books of Polokwane City, who released him at the end of the 2016/17 season. The ex-Platinum Stars man's last PSL outing came in a goalless draw with Mamelodi Sundowns as an 82nd minute replacement for Vusumuzi Mngomezulu at Loftus Versveld in March 2017. "He just came now to assist us because the aim is to promote this team at the end of this season to the National First Division," Polokwane City Rovers Chairman Tyzer Tlou Temo tells KickOff.com.

Billiat feels privileged ahead of Soweto derby

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs star Khama Billiat expects an electric atmosphere at sold out FNB Stadium when he makes his Soweto derby debut against Orlando Pirates. The Zimbabwean joined the Naturena outfit during the off-season from Mamelodi Sundowns and is expected to start for the Glamour Boys today. "The Soweto Derby is like no other local derby or game in the country," he said as quoted by the club's official website. "The whole country virtually comes to a complete halt when the two Soweto giants meet, and we know that it is an important occasion for the fans. 'I've been in South Africa for several years and watched the Soweto Derby on television but have never attended the game. It's a huge privilege to be a part of this spectacle for the first time and I am looking forward to the experience as a player - especially in Kaizer Chiefs colours.'" Sport24

ONYANGO AIMS FOR TOP SPOT BY DECEMBER

JOHANNESBURG - Mamelodi Sundowns goalkeeper Denis Onyango has challenged the Brazilians to make finishing the year on top of the ABSA Premiership their number one priority.

Pitso Mosimane's side have had a slow start to the 2018/19 season and have registered just two victories from seven matches in the league.

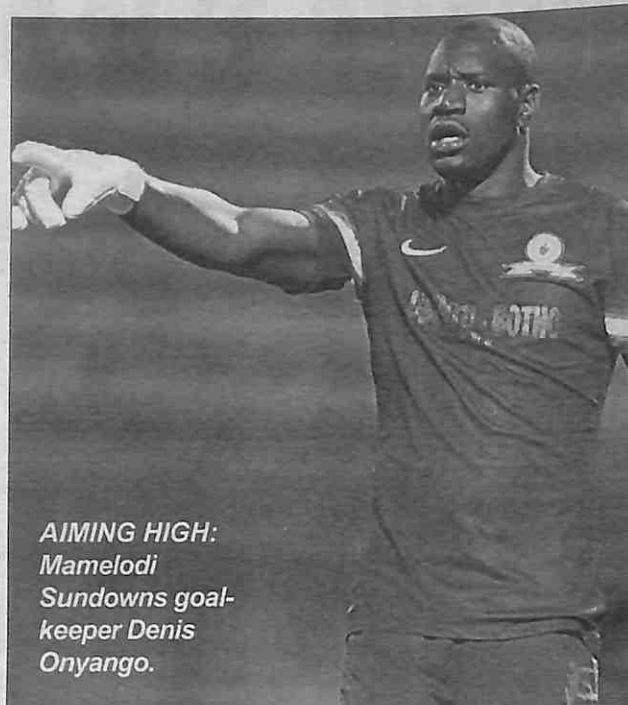
The lanky goal-minder wants his team to be ruthless starting with their today's clash with Chippa United.

Quoted

"We need to move up the log. We need to make sure that we win our games in hand and for us to move up, we need to win these games in hand," Onyango said, as quoted by Kick-Off website.

"We need to finish off the year either on top of the log or number two.

So, we need to work harder, because the Champions League is going to start next month,



AIMING HIGH: Mamelodi Sundowns goal-keeper Denis Onyango.

and we have the Telkom Knockout, so we need to collect as many points in the league as possible.

"I'd love to see us scoring more goals, but as I say things are

harder for us because everyone wants to do well against the defending champions."

Sundowns are currently eighth on the Premiership standings with 11 points from seven games.

Dauids cools Middendorp Maritzburg United reunion talk

JOHANNESBURG - Maritzburg United coach Fadlu Dauids has downplayed the possibility of Ernst Middendorp returning to the club anytime soon.

Middendorp, who had three spells in charge of Maritzburg, was spotted in the stands during the team's 2-1 win over Highlands Park in the Telkom Knockout last-16 at Harry Gwala Stadium on Saturday night.

The German is the Technical Director at Bangkok City FC in Thailand, but is currently in South Africa on holiday.

"I'd love to work with him again, but it's highly unlikely in that regard," said Dauids,

who previously served as Middendorp's assistant.

"We discussed the beginning parts of last season, but not really anything happening as a technical director sorting out the youth of the club.

"That was discussed by the chairman [Farook Kadodia] and myself to bring him on board but he's the technical director at

Bangkok City. He still has a year left on his contract.

"It is the off-season now for him and of

course we'll spend some time together now that he's here over this period, but nothing more than that."

Middendorp endeared himself to United by helping the club narrowly survive relegation on the last day of the 2015/16 season.

He is also credited for bringing Lebohang Maboe, who recently joined Mamelodi Sundowns, to Maritzburg from Mbombela United, and promoting the likes of Siphelele Ndlovu and Bandile Shandu to the first team.

Middendorp left Maritzburg in November 2016 after clashing with PSL officials such as acting CEO Mato Madlala and becoming disillusioned with the standard of refereeing.

He served one instalment of a three-game ban handed to him by the PSL before resigning from the Team of Choice.

Mosimane makes raw talent Mahlambi his project

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane says Phakamani Mahlambi is a raw talent who reminds him of former Brazilians stars Khama Billiat and Percy Tau.

Sundowns signed the 21-year-old forward on a five-year deal from Egyptian giants Al-Ahly in August.

Mahlambi, who burst onto the PSL scene with Bidvest Wits in 2015, struggled for game-time in the year he spent abroad.

He has since scored once in five appearances for the ABSA Premiership champions this season.

"Phaka is 21 years old," Mosimane said.

"He is full of speed and full of energy. He reminds me of when I got Percy and

Khama, I still had to work on them.

"I told him Keagan [Dolly] left at 23 years old, Percy left at 23 [Ed: 24] years and I still have two years to fix a lot of mistakes.

"He is a raw talent, he missed a lot of steps. He has talent and potential but is still a little bit erratic. He could be better.

"He has speed, that's what we need at Bafana Bafana. He is a good prospect. We have a good team in Bafana with the young ones."

Sundowns, in eighth spot on the table with 11 points from seven games, next visit Chippa United at Sisa Dukashe Stadium in East London today.

FIXTURES

Today

ABSA PREMIERSHIP

15:30	Pirates	vs	Kaizer Chiefs
15:30	Polokwane	vs	Maritzburg United
20:15	Cape Town City	vs	AmaZulu
20:15	Chippa United	vs	Mamelodi Sundowns

PREMIER LEAGUE

15:00	Brighton & Hove	vs	Wolverhampton Wanderers
15:00	Fulham	vs	Bournemouth
15:00	Liverpool	vs	Cardiff City
15:00	Southampton	vs	Newcastle United
15:00	Watford	vs	Huddersfield Town
17:30	Leicester City	vs	West Ham United

LA LIGA

12:00	Girona	vs	Rayo Vallecano
15:15	Athletic Club	vs	Valencia CF
17:30	Celta de Vigo	vs	Eibar
17:30	Levante	vs	Leganés
19:45	Atlético de Madrid	vs	Real Sociedad

SERIE A

14:00	Atalanta	vs	Parma
17:00	Empoli	vs	Juventus
19:30	Torino	vs	Fiorentina

BUNDESLIGA

14:30	1. FSV Mainz 05	vs	FC Bayern München
14:30	Borussia Dortmund	vs	Hertha BSC
14:30	Fortuna Düsseldorf	vs	VfL Wolfsburg
14:30	Hannover 96	vs	FC Augsburg
17:30	TSG Hoffenheim	vs	VfB Stuttgart

LIGUE 1

16:00	Angers	vs	Lyon
19:00	Amiens	vs	Nantes
19:00	Guingamp	vs	Strasbourg
19:00	Lille	vs	Caen
19:00	Monaco	vs	Dijon
19:00	Toulouse	vs	Montpellier

Tomorrow

ABSA PREMIERSHIP

15:30	Bloemfontein Celtic	vs	Baroka FC
15:30	SuperSport United	vs	Golden Arrows
15:30	Black Leopards	vs	Free State Stars

PREMIER LEAGUE

13:30	Burnley	vs	Chelsea
13:30	Crystal Palace	vs	Arsenal
16:00	Manchester United	vs	Everton

LA LIGA

11:00	Getafe	vs	Real Betis
15:15	Barcelona	vs	Real Madrid
17:30	Alavés	vs	Villarreal
19:45	Sevilla	vs	Huesca

11:30 Sassuolo SERIE Aologna

14:00	Cagliari	vs	Chievo
14:00	Genoa	vs	Udinese
14:00	SPAL	vs	Frosinone
17:00	Milan	vs	Sampdoria
19:30	Napoli	vs	Roma

BUNDESLIGA

12:30	1. FC Nürnberg	vs	Eintracht Frankfurt
14:30	RB Leipzig	vs	FC Schalke 04
17:00	SV Werder Bremen	vs	Bayer 04 Leverkusen

LIGUE 1

14:00	Rennes	vs	Reims
16:00	Bordeaux	vs	Nice
20:00	Marseille	vs	Paris Saint-Germain



REVEALED: Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane.

R. MADRID EARN OVER €88M FOR WINNING CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

PARIS – Real Madrid earned a payout of just over €88.6 million from UEFA following the Spanish giants' record 13th European Cup title last season.

UEFA distributed a total of €1.412 billion to all the clubs that participated in the 2017/18 Champions League group stage, as well as the 10 teams eliminated in the playoff round.

The money was allocated based on performance and 'market pool' payments, which were determined by the value of the TV market in each country. Runners-up Liverpool collected €81.3m, slightly less than the €83.8m paid to semi-finalists Roma, while Italian giants Juventus received €80.1m.

Bayern Munich, who lost to Real in the last four, placed fifth on the list with €70.5m.

Clubs knocked out in the group stage received between €17.4 and €46.5 based on their results, with each participant guaranteed a minimum of €12.7m.

Clubs that lost in the playoffs pocket-



MONEY MAKERS: Real Madrid celebrating their victory in the European Cup last season.

ed a minimum of €3m.

"Under the distribution system for the 2015-18 commercial cycle, all net revenue from the club competitions – including the sale of tickets and hospitality packages for the UEFA Champions

League and UEFA Europa League finals and the Super Cup – was centralised and reallocated to the Champions League and Europa League clubs," UEFA said in a statement.

AFP

Beating Liverpool 'virtually impossible' - Warnock

LONDON – Cardiff City Manager Neil Warnock said it would be "virtually impossible" for his team to beat Liverpool in the Premier League today.

Promoted Cardiff, who are 17th in the league table with one win from nine games, travel to Anfield to take on unbeaten Liverpool who are second on goal difference behind Manchester City.

Cardiff beat Fulham 4-2 last weekend to register their first win of the campaign but facing Liverpool at home is a far more daunting prospect because the Merseysiders have not lost a home league match since April 2017.

"It is virtually impossible for any team in the current game (to win at Anfield)," Warnock told a news-

conference yesterday.

"Their front three is

probably the best front three in the world. But we're playing quite well -- I think we can cause

them problems. You have to go there and believe you can."

In an ominous sign for Cardiff, Liverpool's forward line of Sadio Mane, Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino were all on target in their 4-0 Champions League victory over Red Star Belgrade on Wednesday. "We all have to play to the top of our potential to give them a good game and hope they're having a bit of an off day," Warnock added. Liverpool's biggest improvement has been at the other end of the pitch, however, where centre back Virgil van Dijk and Brazil international goalkeeper Alisson have marshalled a defence that has kept seven clean sheets in 13 matches in all competitions.

Warnock revealed he had passed up on the chance to sign Van

Dijk years before Liverpool made the Dutchman

the most expensive

defender in the

world when they

signed him from Southampton

in January.

Reuters



IS IT CLEAR?: Cardiff City Manager Neil Warnock.

It feels really good - Loftus-Cheek

LONDON-PARIS – Ruben Loftus-Cheek capitalised on a rare start for Chelsea by scoring a hat trick in Thursday's 3-1 Europa League victory over BATE of Belarus, while Arsenal extended their winning run to 11 games away to Sporting Lisbon.

Loftus-Cheek, part of England's World Cup squad in Russia, started for just the second time this season under Maurizio Sarri, and struck twice inside the opening eight minutes as Chelsea dominated at Stamford Bridge.

The 22-year-old midfielder drilled in a low Davide Zappacosta cross as the Blues led after two minutes, and Loftus-Cheek doubled his tally when he hooked in from a corner.

He completed his hat trick with a side-footed effort from the edge of the area on 54 minutes, although BATE left with a consolation goal after an unmarked Aleksei Rios turned in from a late free kick.

"It feels really good," Loftus-Cheek told BT Sport after he became the first Chelsea player to score a hat trick in Europe since Didier

Drogba 12 years ago.

"It's up there, it's my first hat trick in a while, even since playing for the youth team. It feels nice.

"Any player will tell you it's nice to score a hat trick and it feels good, I'll get the ball signed and put in a glass box. Hopefully there are many more to come."

Three wins from three in Group L have Chelsea poised to reach the last 32 of the competition, with Unai Emery's Arsenal set to join them following a 1-0 victory in Portugal.

Danny Welbeck pounced on a defensive lapse by former Liverpool defender Sebastian Coates on 78 minutes to keep Arsenal on maximum points in Group E and prolong the club's best run since 2007.

Seven-time European champions AC Milan crashed to a 2-1 home defeat by Real Betis as Gennaro Gattuso's team dropped their first points in Group F.

Goals from Antonio Sanabria and Giovanni Lo Celso, on loan from Paris Saint-Germain, earned group leaders Betis a memorable win at the San Siro. AFP



CELEBRATION: Ruben Loftus-Cheek celebrates after scoring the second of his three goals for Chelsea against BATE at Stamford Bridge on Thursday.

SuperSport defend perfect home record

PRETORIA – SuperSport United will put their perfect record as hosts in the ABSA Premiership this season on the line when they welcome Golden Arrows to Mbombela Stadium tomorrow.

SuperSport played to a second successive draw when they were held 0-0 at Baroka FC on October 7. The Tshwane side has put together a three-game unbeaten run in the league.

Matsatsantsa boast a 100 per cent home record so far this season, defeating AmaZulu, Chippa United and Black Leopards in their three games as hosts.

Arrows were in action in midweek, playing to a 1-1 draw away to Free State Stars on Wednesday. The Durban side almost claimed an unlikely win, but conceded a late goal to share the points.

Abafana Bes'thende have picked up six points from their five away matches this season. Their last two games on the road have ended in draws.

In head-to-head stats, SuperSport and Arrows have met in 34 league matches since 2000/01. Matsatsantsa have claimed 18 wins compared to 10 for Abafana Bes'thende, while six games have been drawn. The Tshwane side has recorded 10 wins and suffered four defeats from 17 home matches in the rivalry.

Last season, SuperSport won their home game 3-0 in the first half of the campaign, while the return game in Durban

saw Arrows claim a 1-0 triumph. The teams' last three league meetings have produced 11 goals.

What the teams are saying
SuperSport United coach Kaitano Tembo

"If you look at our squad we are a little bit thin at the moment, especially upfront with Fagrie Lakay, Bradley Grobler, Thabo Mnyamane and Evans Rusike all injured," explained Tembo after their Telkom Knockout victory last weekend. On the performance of Man of the Match Teboho Mokoena, Tembo added: "He is young, but he is an international player and he works very hard. He never really had a rest [after the international break] but he came back and played well in midfield. He is a very important player for us and we are happy that he is progressing. He is getting to another level."

Golden Arrows coach Clinton Larsen

"I thought that we were good for an hour, got the goal that we wanted, and I think at some point they had to show a little more bit more intent, which they did in the last 20-30 minutes," said Larsen after the 1-1 midweek draw at Free State Stars. He added, "We struggled a bit, we held on in the end, but I thought for an hour we played exactly the way we wanted to."

We got the goal and we defended well. We are disappointed with the way we

dropped the two points, but I suppose coming here, on a field where [Stars] have been very strong this season, getting a point is not the worst thing."

SuperSport United key players

Ghampani Lungu – The young forward has impressed so far this season, using his pace, skill and attacking instincts to good effect. The more playing time he puts under his belt, the more his end-product in the final third (be it shooting, passing or crossing) will improve.

Phumlani Ntshangase – The loss of midfielder Dean Furman to injury for several weeks is a big blow to SuperSport United, but the form of on-loan anchor man Phumlani Ntshangase has already gone some way toward alleviating it.

Golden Arrows key players

Nkanyiso Cele – The midfielder capped a fine performance against Free State Stars with a somewhat fortunate goal direct from a free kick. His ability to direct traffic through the middle of the park will be key to Arrows' hopes of beating SuperSport this weekend.

Romario Dlamini – Veteran defender Siyanda Zwane suffered an injury against Stars in midweek and could well be missing for this match against United, giving youngster Romario Dlamini – who came off the bench in Bethlehem – the chance for a starting berth in Arrows' back four.

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Zhang, 26, appointed Inter Milan president

MILAN – Inter Milan have appointed 26-year-old Steven Zhang as their new President, the Serie A club said yesterday.

Zhang, who becomes the 21st president in the club's history, is the son of Zhang Jindong, Chairman of China's electronics retailer Suning Holdings Group which bought a majority stake in the club in 2016.

He has been on the board of directors

for the last two years and has effectively been responsible for the day-to-day running of the club.

Inter announced the appointment by posting a video on social media.

"The club, its people and the city have been waiting for you," it said. "Welcome, President Zhang."

"When I close my eyes, I see a city with so much history and more to be written," said Zhang in the video.

"People with ideas, with the will to improve what's around them and themselves."

"A club that plays beyond the field to win the hearts of everyone. But then I open my eyes and see that all this is already here. I'm ready, are you?" Zhang will replace Indonesian Erick Thohir who has been president for the last five years.

Reuters

CHELSEA 3:1 BATE BORISOV:



HAT-TRICK: (LEFT) Loftus-Cheek fired emphatically into the BATE Borisov goal to give Chelsea an early lead. He got the final touch on the ball to double Chelsea's advantage. He curls in his third goal of the evening to complete his hat-trick. (Daily Mail)

LOFTUS-CHEEK HITS HAT-TRICK TO SEND MESSAGE TO SARRI



LONDON - This, surely, can not go on. As Ruben Loftus-Cheek offered a timely reminder of his potential, one glaring statistic stood out. This talented young footballer has still played more minutes for England this season than he has for Chelsea in the Premier League.

His lot for England is not so much shout about this season, either. Just the 61 minutes, in the least important game of the campaign, the friendly win over Switzerland. In the Premier League, it is almost half that amount, with a combined 33 minutes against modest opponents in Bournemouth and Huddersfield. Most remarkably, 922 days and two managers have now passed since Loftus-Cheek last started a Premier League match for Chelsea.

As meek as BATE Borisov may be, a starting place

therefore represented dizzy heights for Loftus-Cheek in a Chelsea shirt.

As auditions go, it was blistering. By scoring a hat-trick, he joined club legends Didier Drogba, Gianluca Vialli, Tommy Baldwin, Peter Osgood and Terry Venables as only the sixth player to score a hat-trick in European competition for Chelsea.

Yet afterwards, Sarri admitted Loftus-Cheek retains an uphill battle for a place and demanded improvement.

"In the offensive phase - wonderful," Sarri said, "But he needs to improve defensive phase. I can only play only 11 players. Maybe I can ask to play 16. I know the fans love him and he was in the academy. But my problem remains the same. I have four midfielders for two positions."

Loftus-Cheek's first contribution was most memorable for passing a ball

out of play and Sarri shaking his head.

Thankfully matters improved and by the hour mark, Chelsea supporters were singing "Loftus-Cheek, he's one of our own" and the support were further encouraged when Callum Hudson-Odoi, an U-17 England World Cup winner, arrived for the final half-hour.

With minutes at a premium, Loftus-Cheek was not messing about. His first came inside 103 seconds as he timed a run to meet Davide Zappacosta's low cross and fire Chelsea in front. If his first showcased his technical poise, the second, on eight minutes, underlined his strength as he held off his marker and hooked Willian's corner into the goal.

Loftus-Cheek, who may have earned a penalty when pushed to the ground by Stanislav Dragun in the second-half, sealed his hat-trick when a curling right-footed strike from distance passed through the grasp of goalkeeper.

His was a rampant, dominant performance and he may have had a fourth when he galloped onwards beyond the Bate defence and forced a fine stop from the goalkeeper.

"My first hat-trick since youth teams," Loftus-Cheek grinned. "I'll get this ball signed and put it in a glass box. I keep sharp for the times when I do come on or get an opportunity."

If not food for thought, it may at least leave manager Maurizio Sarri with more cigarette butts

to chew as he plots the future. But Loftus-Cheek, now 22, is surely reaching a critical point where he must be handed a run or look elsewhere for his football. The positives were spread throughout a Chelsea side that featured eight changes from the draw against Manchester United. There was a clue, too, for tomorrow's trip to Burnley, as Ross Barkley, who scored against United, was rested and Mateo Kovacic started.

On a night of almost embarrassing ease, Chelsea had over 20 shots on goal and the visitors' late consolation only came when Chelsea switched off at a set-play and Aleksey Rios stabbed in at the far post.

Nevertheless, Group L of the Europa League has been all but wrapped up before the clocks go back. Chelsea are a Champions League team operating in the Europa League and Cesc Fabregas, operating as a quarter-back, had the freedom of the Bridge to dictate play, almost releasing Willian with a piercing 60 yard ball over the top. On a night Stamford Bridge was spared the latest episode of Alvaro Morata's personal trauma, Olivier Giroud sought to end his own run of 636 minutes without a goal in a Chelsea shirt.

Yet the Frenchman was slow to react when fed by Willian. He then spun Yohor Filipenko and struck powerfully, only to be denied by a fine save. His wait goes on and for one night only, Chelsea revolved only around Loftus-Cheek. *Daily Mail*

BLUES' EURO HAT-TRICK HEROES

TERRY VENABLES
PETER OSGOOD

v ROMA, FAIRS CUP
v JENUESSE HAUTCHARAGE
CUP WINNERS' CUP

SEP 22, 1965
SEP 15, 1971

PETER OSGOOD (5 GOALS)
TOMMY BALDWIN
GIANLUCA VIALLI
DIDIER DROGBA
RUBEN LOFTUS-CHEEK

v JENUESSE HAUTCHARAGE, CWC
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v TROMSO, CWC
v LEVSKI SOFIA, CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
v BATE BORISOV, EUROPA LEAGUE

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AS THE COUNTRY'S TOP RIDERS BATTLE FOR A SPACE IN THE ALGERIA BOUND NATIONAL TEAM:

WHO WILL MAKE THE CUT?

By Sibusiso Masilela

CYCLING – As the country prepares to select the final five men to represent the country during the 2019 African road championships in Algeria in February, we take a look at the top 10 riders in the tentative squad members' performances in local and international competitions.

The Cycling Association of Swaziland (CAS) has shortlisted a total of 13 cyclists for the Continental competition.

Chances

The cyclists have been selected based on points and they still have two local competitions this year to add to their tally and increase their chances of making the team.

The cyclists are expected to be part of the inaugural Criterium race slated for Lobamba tomorrow.

In this race the cyclists are expected to round the Somhlolo National Stadium and complete 40km and 20km, respectively.

The next event will be next month's Siteki road Classic which will be the last on the CAS calendar of activities.



CYCLISTS: Gcina Banda, Mduduzi Zwane and Muzi Shabangu during the African Road Championships in Kigali, Rwanda two months ago.

CYCLING NATIONAL TEAM PROFILE

1 Muzi Shabangu (MTN Khemani): The MTN Khemani star has been enjoying a fine form in local competitions this year and has managed several podium finishes. Shabangu has this year won a gold medal, during the Kukhanya Lavumisa Classic and the Stix Mormond Mountain Bike race.

The 2018 Commonwealth Games and 2018 African Road Championships participant clinched silver medals in this year edition of the National Road championships, Nedbank Imvelo MTB and Dups Mafutseni Classic where he competed with international cyclists.

The Swazi National High School pupil was named as the best Liswati during the 2018 Ngwenya MTB where he finished fourth behind the South African riders.

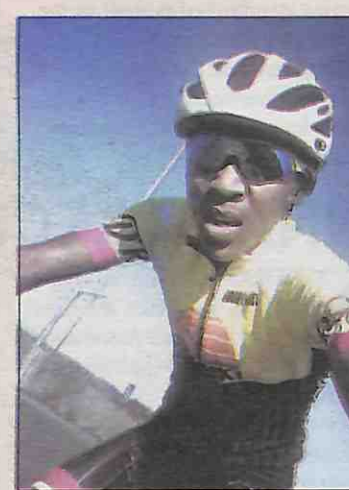
He is so far leading the pack with 750 points.



SWEATING IT: Ayanda Dlamini sweating it hard during the 60km paletton.



DIG DEEP: Sihle Dlamini sits at 210 points.



GEARED UP: Thabo Manyatsi also from Dig Deep.

2 Gcina Banda (Dig Deep): Also a part of the three men national team that competed in the Commonwealth Games and African Road champions, Banda has failed to clinch gold medals in the local road championships and has only managed silver during the Kukhanya Lavumisa Classic and bronze in the National Road Championships, respectively.

The Dig Deep Cycling club member remains one of the top local road riders through his strong acceleration skills and is expected to display a fine form during the upcoming Criterium race and the Siteki road classic.

Banda is second behind his road rival Muzi Shabangu with 540 points.



RESORTED: Mduduzi Zwane sits at 350 points.



WINNERS CIRCLE: Gcina remains one of the top cyclists.



LEADING: Muzi Shabangu enjoying a fine form.

3 Sicelo Phiri (MTN Khemani): The MTN Khemani member has made massive improvement in local competitions especially MTB's where he has overshadowed his off form teammate Mduduzi Zwane. Phiri is likely to make the cut in the final squad due to determination which has seen him get recognition in local competitions. He is currently third with 430 points.

4 Mduduzi Zwane (MTN Khemani): The member of the outgoing national team Zwane, has of late, been off form in road competitions and has failed to reach any podium finish.

He has since resorted to short distances in road competitions but he

5 Similo Nyoni (MTN Khemani): Nyoni has proved to be a force to reckon with in road races in the country.

He can however still do better under proper guidance. His improved performance in the sport has earned him 340 points on the CAS charts.

6 Lungelo Mlangeni (MTN Khemani): The 2018 Enjabu- lweni MTB champion has been enjoying a fine form. His biggest strength however is in the shorter distances.

The cyclist just needs to work on his endurance and is definitely one of the future prospects for the country. He is placed sixth on 275 points.

7 Sihle Dlamini (Dig Deep): The Dig Deep Cycling club rider, who is at 210 points, has definitely registered his name in local

competitions especially in short distances, where he managed a podium finish in the Under 23 category during the Kukhanya road classic. Just like Mlangeni, Dlamini still needs some guidance in order to cope with the taxing international competitions.

8 Sifiso Gwebu (Dig Deep): Gwebu, also a member of the Dig Deep Cycling Club has been one of the best performers in short distances. With 145 points, the cyclist still needs to work hard in order to make the grade at international level.

9 Mcebo Langa (4ever cycling club): Langa has also done well in shorter distances of local competitions and needs to enter new challenges by competing at long distances. He still needs to improve in his game in order to add to his 106 points.

Other member of tentative national team include Ncamiso Dlamini (Dig Deep), Zweli Zulu (NewComm Wheels) and Thando Manyatsi (Dig Deep Cycling club).

Ayanda Dlamini (4ever Cycling club), has won several local MTB competitions in short distances categories including the Imvelo MTB and the Stix Mormond 20km races, among others. Just like his teammate Langa, he needs to go for new challenge by competing on the longer distances in order to improve his points which are sitting at 73 points.

...At the 2018 Commonwealth Games and 2018 African Road Championships participant Muzi Shabangu clinched silver medals in this year edition of the National Road championships, Nedbank Imvelo MTB and Dups Mafutseni Classic where he competed with international cyclists



MUZI SHABANGU.

ESWATINI NETBALL TEAM RANKED AMONGST TOP 20 WORLDWIDE

Stories by Jongile Kuba

NETBALL - Eswatini senior national netball team is ranked amongst the top 20 teams in the world and seventh in Africa.

This was revealed by the National Netball Association (NNAS) Secretary Ntombikayise Masango.

She made the revelation during the launch of the Inhlonhla Netball Knockout tournament on Thursday.

"Our current senior national netball team is ranked 20th in the world and seventh in Africa. This is due to the improved standard of netball in the country," said Masango.

The secretary said the improvement would not have been possible without their league sponsor Swaziland Building Society.

The rankings can also be confirmed on the International Netball Federation (INF) website.

Eswatini is behind African powerhouses South Africa, Malawi, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Zambia but, are placed higher than Botswana and Namibia who are 22nd and 28th, respectively. Also worth noting is that the ranking was achieved with fewer games played compared to other countries.

Eswatini had only played 10 games when the rankings were compiled.

The improved ranking comes after the national team managed to move 10 places up from their previous ranking of 30th in 2017.

Rankings were first published on February 11, 2008. The latest list was updated on July 2 and includes matches up to June 30. The ranking list relates

CURRENT WORLD RANKINGS:

RANKING	TEAM	PLD	PTS
1	Australia	42	6 347
2	England	46	6 087
3	New Zealand	54	6 715
4	Jamaica	28	3 283
5	South Africa	36	3 552
6	Malawi	28	2 601
7	Uganda	26	2 067
8	N. Ireland	28	2 219
9	Scotland	27	2 326
10	Trinidad & Tobago	11	589
11	Wales	30	2 133
12	Barbados	27	1 686
13	Zimbabwe	18	1 095
14	Fiji	33	2 254
15	Samoa	20	1 129
16	Cook Islands	15	915
17	Zambia	28	1 190
18	Papua New Guinea	21	897
19	Ireland	36	1 229
20	Eswatini	10	449

to senior teams of member countries that are playing regular international test matches.

NNAS EXECUTIVE MAKING STRIDES

NETBALL - With only eight months in office the new National Netball Association of Swaziland (NNAS) executive has accomplished a lot.

This was revealed by the NNAS Secretary Ntombikayise Masango during the launch of the Inhlonhla Knockout Netball tournament.

She said the executive had covered a lot of ground with regard to development of netball.

"As we speak, there are regional administrators that have been set up and this is a huge milestone for us. The administrators make it easier for the association to coordinate and run competitions in the different regions," she said.

She also said these structures had also contributed to the improvement in the national team performance, when referring to the national team's recent improved rankings.

The secretary shed more light on the executive's recent activities, say-



REVEALED: NNAS Secretary Ntombikayise Masango.

ing that in the past few weeks they had hosted training of elite league coaches and the association has been able to start and maintain school competitions.

On another note, NNA Vice President Nkabinde Shabalala stated that the umpires course, which was to start

today, would now be held in December.

"We had to postpone the event because of Sibaya, which is an important national event. But because of our busy calendar we will now only be able to host the course in the first week of December," he said.

Moza cyclists at first ever Criterium race

By Sibusiso Masilela

CYCLING - The inaugural Criterium race set to take place tomorrow at the Somhlolo National Stadium will see locals compete with cyclists from Mozambique.

The two category race will see riders compete in the 20km and 40km around the Lobamba area before winning the available honours, courtesy of NewComm Wheels Cycling Club.

Race organiser Mbusi Motsa said the event was aimed at improving the standard of the sport in the country.

He said they were expecting cyclists from Mozambique to be part of the event. "We felt that this race is important for locals so that they can learn the Criterium category which has been a major downfall for our

cyclists during recent international competitions, where in most cases they struggle in routes with many corners.

Expected

"We are also happy with the interest shown by the cyclists as close to 50 local professional riders and others from Mozambique have registered for the event," he said.

The race is also expected to unleash a fierce battle from top cyclists such as Muzi Shabangu, Gcina Banda, Mduduzi Zwane, Lungelo Mlangeni, Ayanda Dlamini, who are all fighting for slots in the cycling national team to represent the country during the 2019 African Road Championships slated for Algeria.

The Criterium race is the second local race which is strictly opened to Emaswati after the annual national road championships and it will kick-off at 7am.

Mbabane City, Seven Dreams clash on Wednesday

By Qondile Ntwane

SOCCER - MTN National First Division side Mbabane City will face-off with new comers Seven Dreams at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Wednesday.

This is according to the amended fixture released by the Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) CEO Simanga Nhleko yesterday.

The game will kick-off at 6.30pm and will be followed by another clash pitting Manzini based side Red Lions against City Warriors at 8.30pm.

The games are part of those cancelled by the organisation to give way to Sibaya today, where the Ingwenyama King Mswati III is expected to announce the next prime minister.



Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) CEO Simanga Nhleko.

THE FIXTURE

Wednesday

Somhlolo National Stadium

Mbabane City vs Seven Dreams 6.30pm
Red Lions vs City Warriors 8.30pm

All set for today's Handball Championships

By Sibusiso Dlamini

HANDBALL - All is set for today's Handball National Championships which will be held at the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) Emporium in Kwaluseni.

This was revealed by the Eswatini National Handball Federation (ENHF) Secretary Muzi Mamba yesterday.

The tournament, which was initially set for last week, was postponed due to financial constraints and Mamba said they were ready and raring to go today.

"We still do not have a sponsor for our tournaments, which means we're self-sponsored in all of them, hence the delay last week. But, we have tried to do what we can and eight teams will participate in the competition and these include new sides Kwaluseni and IDM," he said. The tournament will also be selec-

tion for the girls Under-19 tournament who will be competing in the Zone 6 Games in Lusaka, Zambia, in January next year.

"Again, we would like to encourage teams to give youngsters an opportunity because the coaches will be selecting the Under-19 squad, and we would like to see most for them in action," he said.

The last time the locals competed in the tournament, the International Handball Federation (IHF) was impressed and promised to send the men's team to Egypt to help improve their game which they are still yet to honour. Mamba invited the nation to come and watch the games and also get to know more about the sport. "Emaswati should feel free to come and experience this new sport in the country. It keeps one active, healthy and stress-free," he concluded.



READY: Taekwondo national team posing before their departure to Botswana yesterday afternoon where they will be competing in the COSATA Games. (courtesy pic)

We are ready for COSATA Games - STA

By Sibusiso Masilela

TAEKWONDO - The Swaziland Taekwondo Association have declared readiness for the 2018 COSATA Games set to take place this afternoon in Gaborone, Botswana.

The 11-member delegation left the country by road yesterday to compete in the one day regional championships.

Head of Delegation and taekwondo President Zakhele Dlamini confirmed

that they were ready to compete in the games as they departed the country.

Geared

"We are looking forward to the games and our athletes are geared up for the championships as they have been training for over a month in preparation. Judging from our recent performance in Mozambique Open where we won two gold medals, we are confident of doing well," he said. Dlamini added that the draw would be held this morning at

10am. "The draw will take place at the venue before the start of the games and we only need the team to be psychologically ready to compete," he also said. Dlamini is also expected to take part in a regional coaching course which will be facilitated by inspector Allie Nour from Egypt tomorrow morning.

Some of the regional countries set to take part in the championships include Botswana, Lesotho, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

ONLY SUPPORTERS HAVE POWER TO SUSPEND US - NSC CHAIRMAN

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – The Mbabane Highlanders National Supporters Committee (NSC) have stated that they are not going nowhere despite their much publicised suspension by the team's Board of Directors.

The committee made it clear that it was only supporters, in consultations with the team's Patrons that can suspend or dissolve from the committee as per their constitution.

NSC Chairman Kenneth Dlamini said during an interview yesterday that they were still in office and

would await a voice from the supporters where suspension is concerned. "We have heard of this suspension but still there is nothing official as stated earlier. Besides we were elected into office by the supporters and until such time that they are displeased with our work or doing, they can suspend or release us of our duties," he said.

He said they would wait for the supporters to convene a meeting where they would officially suspend them if need be. "In the event the supporters suspend us for whatever reason, then we will vacate office," he said. The suspension,

which was already making its round in social media, provoked wrath of some supporters who questioned the decision to suspend the committee without their approval. Others however felt the directors were justified in their decision as the NSC. The supporters committee was suspended by the team's directors after their launching of an MTN Mobile Money number which was said would be used by the team's supporters for various activities.

The mobile money number was announced during a supporters meeting held at the Lobamba National High School about two weeks

ago.

The committee was informed of the decision to put them on ice during a meeting on Monday.

Efforts to get a comment from the team's Board Chairman Zweli Jele on this stance by the NSC proved futile, as there was no response to a message sent to him at the time of going to press.



PROMISING:
Mbabane Swallows
youngster Richard
McCreesh.

BIRD'S MCCREESH FOR MARITZBURG ASSESSMENT

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER – Mbabane Swallows youngster Richard McCreesh could soon join his former teammates in South Africa after being invited for trials by Maritzburg United.

The promising Swallows midfielder is expected to go for assessment at the city of Pietermaritzburg based outfit.

A source close to the matter revealed to this publication that the player impressed the Fadlu Davids led Technical Bench during Swallows' CAF Champions League exploits, where he rose above expectation to impress in the Birds midfield, a feat

that earned him a national team call-up.

The source also stated that officials from the South African team had come to watch the player during Sihlangu's AFCON qualifiers clash against Tunisia at the Mavuso Sports Centre but were unfortunate as the player did not make it to the field. "Maritzburg are really interested in giving the player a chance to prove himself hence the invitation for assessment. The assessment is likely to take about 10 days," said the source. Mbabane Swallows General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane confirmed the team's interest in the player.

He however noted that it was still

prematurely to say much on the matter as nothing has been communicated.

"It is really still early to say anything on this matter except confirming that they did declare interest. Should this materialise we will be more than happy to let go as it would be a good move for his career," he said.

Should he impress during the assessment, the midfielder would become the second local player to join the side after former Manzini Sundowns star Justice Figaredo who was signed during pre-season.

WANDERERS A DANGEROUS SIDE - KOKI

Stories by Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER – Mbabane Swallows Head Coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati says he respects hub giants Manzini Wanderers and will not underestimate them.

The red and white ensemble side mentor said this during his pre-match interview at the Sigwaca House yesterday.

"Koki" said the 'Beautiful Birds' would not make the mistake of underestimating the 'Weslians' because of history or because of their current poor run in the league.

"We will not and cannot afford to make the mistake of underestimating Manzini Wanderers because they are a very dangerous side, which plays very good football. We have to make sure that we rise up to the occasion against them," he said.

Vilakati further said he side wasn't moved by the fact that they had lost games in succession and that the team took this as a challenge to find a plan to get them back to

the top. "We

have to acknowledge the fact that we are going through a transition having lost a number of players and are still getting used to that.

We are not a bad team or me a bad coach.

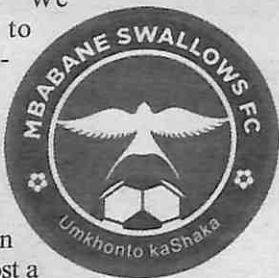
I mean I have 35 gold medals to my name so a few losses don't make me a bad coach

We just need to give credit to our opponents for studying us and finding a way to crack us," he said.

Vilakati's words were echoed by Captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze.

"Wanderers are a big team and every match against them is always tough.

The good results we have against them in the league are now history and we will come to this match looking for victory and nothing else.



Nyanga remains unfazed by pressure from supporters

Manzini Wanderers Head Coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe is unfazed by the bad string of matches or the pressure from the fans.

The coach stated during the pre-match meeting at Sigwaca House yesterday that those who resort to violence after bad results were not card-carrying Manzini Wanderers supporter but mere fans.

"Anyone who fully supports the team knows very well that violence doesn't help anyone and that we don't lose intentionally. The team's problems emanate from directorship squabbles and

these go deep. But through all these problems, we have to be strong and work for better results.

"We are playing against the Champions, so we have prepared and to compete for positive results against them," he said. Team Captain Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya said as senior players their task was motivating the youngsters to be able to withstand the current pressure. "In trying times we need to step up, be patient and work even harder. Now, as senior players, we've made sure that we come through for the youngsters," he said.

I'm happy with football we are playing - Chamunika

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER – WITH only two games in charge of 'Inkunzemnyama', newly appointed Zimbabwean born-mentor Saul Chamunika is happy with the standard of football team is playing.

The mentor said this during his pre-match interview for this weekend's clash against Vovovo held at the Sigwaca House yesterday.

Chamunika, who has picked up four points out of a possible six points, says he is happy with how his charges have reacted to his instructions and believes they can only get better moving forward. "To be honest with you, I'm very pleased with the way the boys are playing. We are retaining the ball; we are enterprising and look like a team that is

urgent when attacking. I think that shows that my players are gelling and we can only get better with each and every match," he said. Meanwhile, his Vovovo counterpart Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini said

playing Mbabane Highlanders was a motivation for his charges.

"Playing a team such as Highlanders is a big thing for the youngsters, so we have been working on preparing them psychologically more than anything. My boys are young and hungry, so we will be all out against Highlanders and we promise the fans a great match," he said.

10 000 pre-sale tickets for Y'ello Sunday

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCER – The Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) has produced 10 000 pre-sale tickets for the Y'ello Sunday.

This was announced by PLE Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Simanga Nhleko yesterday.

Nhleko firstly apologised to teams and the football fraternity as a whole over the obstacles they were facing with the pre-sale tickets.

"Let me start by apologising for the struggle since introducing the pre-sale tickets. We have met and can now boldly state that there will be specific places where fans can access all the tickets from Mbabane to Ezulwini to Manzini.

"We have 10 000 tickets for the Yello Sunday and will be monitoring the sales to try and avail more if the need arises. This a pretty new system and it is bound to have glitches here and there, but we plead with teams to work hand-in-hand with us in making sure that we make the best of it," he said.

The yellow Sunday will see Vovovo take on Mbabane Highlanders at 1.30pm while Manzini Wanderers have a date with Mbabane Swallows at 3.30pm.

Entrance fee to the games is E40 and gates open at 10:30am.

Mbabane: Engen, Ritz, Bus Rank (newspaper vendor opposite toilet)

Manzini: Bhunu Mall, Bus Rank (Police Post) Galp (Central)

Ezulwini: Galp (midway)

Matsapha: Police post, Mahhala, Correctional services

Lobamba: Police Station

Siphofaneni: Nokuphila Supermarket

Big Bend: Mayaluka Restaurant, Spar

Nhlangano: Boxer Supermarket, Sharks Cellular

Mhlume: Boxer Supermarket (Tshaneni), Nsukansukwa

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15:30	Polokwane City	vs	Maritzburg United
15:30	Orlando Pirates	vs	Kaizer Chiefs
18:00	Chippa United	vs	Mamelodi Sundowns
20:15	Cape Town City	vs	Amazulu FC

PREMIER LEAGUE

16:00	Liverpool	vs	Cardiff City
16:00	Brighton	vs	Wolverhampton
16:00	Fulham	vs	Bournemouth
16:00	Watford	vs	Huddersfield Town
16:00	Southampton	vs	Newcastle United
18:30	Leicester City	vs	West Ham United

SPANISH LA LIGA

13:00	Getafe	vs	Real Betis
17:15	Barcelona	vs	Real Madrid
19:30	Deportivo Alavés	vs	Villarreal
21:45	Sevilla	vs	Huesca

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