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MBUBE: His Majesty King Mswati III and Inkhosikati LaNkambule pose with USA President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania during a welcome reception hosted by the president on Monday evening. (Pic: Len Mohale, State photographer)



## SNAT TO DELIVER PETITION AT US EMBASSY

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## 2 NATIONAL NEWS

By Sisho Magagula  
Mbabane

**THE public is extremely thrilled by the removal of the requirement for documentation providing parental consent for a minor child to travel to the Republic of South Africa at border gates.**

Following the publication of the story by this newspaper yesterday, members of the public reacted with joy to the news.

At the Mbabane bus rank, for instance, a group of about 10 female vendors were found discussing the matter with a great deal of excitement, thanking the South African government for relaxing the rules for foreigners visiting with their minors.

## Public celebrates 'death' of affidavits at border gates

"*Lentfo lena beyiyinkinga nje* and we are very happy that the South African government saw reason and removed it. *Bekusihlukubeta lokugijimisana nabo babe bebantfwana* just for an affidavit," remarked one vendor who identified herself as Thoko Madonsela.

Most social media platforms were also abuzz with the story yesterday.

Regular Facebook user Thabile Maripe posted on the same subject and it received over 40 comments.

She wrote: "I feel women and single parents suffered the most with this arrangement *shem!* I recall witnessing a married woman travelling with her husband without the affidavit of two kids that were hers but not the hubby's."

**Insensitive**

To witness the whole scenario just made this whole thing feel very insensitive to women, especially. I get why it had to be done, and I believe child trafficking was curbed to some degree as a result. But *yati*

*kubona umfati achazela lenye indvodza behind a glass kutsi labantfwana balenye indvodza and yalile netimphepha lambikwalo husband was near tear-jerking...that time hubby ume eceleni akana Say! Never mind all of us siminyetelene silalela nangumfati being forced to hang her 'laundry' lambhikwetfu...Siyabonga Gigabytes kuhamba ubuye! I owe you a kiss for this one! NOW...mawungamane usisite nge Oshoek Border Post. Amen!"* Score of people shared her sentiments.

Another facebook user said: "That affidavit thing has affected us even on the other side of the ocean. I cannot take a Swazi or South African child home without that silly paper. And it's so expensive to get one done."

When making the announcement on Tuesday, Malusi Gigaba, the Home Affairs Minister in South Africa, said the decision had been taken in a bid to increase tourism in the neighbouring country.

## KING WANTS TO KNOW WHY AFRICAN MOSQUITOS ARE DEADLY

By King's Office Correspondent  
USA

**NEW YORK, USA**—The determination of why the African mosquito is more deadly than that of other continents could provide headway in the elimination of malaria.

This was said by the Chairperson of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA), His Majesty King Mswati III during a meeting of the Roll Back Malaria campaign held on the sidelines of the 73rd United Nations General Assembly yesterday morning.

The King called for support in scientific research, among other needs, to help reduce the deadly effect of the African mosquito having noted that other continents were faced with this deadly challenge.

He said the continent is equally concerned that the mosquitoes were developing more resistance to treatment drugs.

He told the gathering that in the last decade, the African continent has witnessed enormous gains in the fight against malaria but was concerned that these gains are fragile due to a resurgence of malaria in places that had previously reduced transmission.

"The fight against malaria is also becoming more complex due to the challenges posed by climate change and the development of drug and insecticide resistance. We remain concerned that the insecticides and the nets we are currently using are no longer as effective due to the resistance," he said. He cautioned that in the search for new strategies that include providing new types of nets and insecticides, they should ensure that these are economically affordable to all countries. The chairperson also highlighted the need for strong partnerships and resource mobilisation if the fight against malaria is to succeed. "We need to address the strengthening of regulatory systems so that registration is harmonised for

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**BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III, who is Chairperson of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA), addressing the Roll Back Malaria meeting on the sidelines of the 73rd United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday.**

rapid entry of new products into the market.

**Increase**

We need to increase domestic financing for malaria by initiating resource mobilisation activities that complement the contributions from the Global Fund and other international organisations," he said.

He cited the example of the Kingdom of Eswatini which has created a malaria fund to tap into resources from the private sector since government cannot fight the scourge alone.

He praised the renewed global emphasis to support the high burden countries but requested that this is not at the expense of the low burden coun-

tries.

"We should not be the victims of our own success. I wish to underscore that as we target elimination, we need more support from the international partners to deal with the impact that continues to be high. We also need to enhance the use of real time data to guide programming decisions and investing in health systems," he said.

The king said there was hope in the fight against malaria and used Eswatini as an example of one of the countries that has shown the potential to eliminate malaria by 2020, "but we have also experienced an increase in malaria cases recently."

"That is why we are taking measures to address this undesirable 'detour' in our quest to win the malaria war. We are strengthening our malaria interventions, including enhanced surveillance, ensuring timely vector control through indoor residual spraying, strengthening prompt diagnosis and treatment, as well as engagement of the community," he said.

He called for cross-border collaboration to synchronise interventions, especially on spraying, as this was also critical since without malaria being eliminated in all neighbouring countries, the risk of malaria re-emerging would remain. He emphasised that working together at operational levels, as well as the engagement of different types of leadership at all levels, would guarantee an end to malaria. "Speaking for and on behalf of the Kingdom of Eswatini, and as the chair of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance, we confirm that we are ready to work with you all in this fight. Let us all stand together for this cause, 'zero malaria starts with me'," he said.

## King, leaders given seven priority areas

**NEW YORK**—With the United Nations seeking to become more relevant to all member states, leaders were challenged to deliver on seven priorities their people.

President of the 73rd United Nations General Assembly Maria Garces, outlined these areas as; gender equality, migration and refugees, creation of decent work opportunities, environmental protection, commitment to persons with disabilities, reforms of the UN system and the promotion of peace.

Garces was speaking at the official opening of the General Assembly on Tuesday morning, which was attended by His Majesty the King. The theme for this year's session was; "Making the United Nations relevant to all people; Global leadership and shared responsibilities for peaceful, equitable and sustainable societies".

"I would like to inaugurate the 73rd Session of the General Assembly with an effusive call to world leaders to meet the needs of our peoples and not to lose heart in their efforts to build a more peaceful, more secure and more human world order, where everyone can find their place with dignity.

Let us, therefore, build a United Nations that is more relevant to all," she urged. Outlining the priorities, Garces said achieving women's economic and productive inclusion could increase world gross domestic product by 11 per cent by 2025.

She projected that the imple-

mentation of the new global compacts on migration and refugees would benefit around 260 million migrants and 25 million refugees who have been displaced by conflict and violence.

The creation of decent work opportunities for all, she said, was one of the most important challenges of public policy in terms of the development and sustainability of social security systems.

On environmental protection, Garces said the world did not deserve to experience tragedies such as the worst monsoon flood in recent history, which killed 400 people and displaced a million more from their homes in India or the hurricanes that killed thousands of people in 2017, making them one of the deadliest extreme climate disasters in history.

The importance of deepening the political and social commitment to persons with disabilities and the revitalisation of the United Nations were also emphasised by the president.

"The seventh priority will be peace and security and the role of young people in conflict prevention.

The Assembly should become the main peace-building organ, through a preventive approach.

Sustainable peace should be rooted in dialogue and understanding. Facilitating this dialogue will be my priority," she promised.

His Majesty was due to address the Assembly yesterday afternoon.

By Nozipho Sibiyi  
Mbabane

**FORM Five pupils in the country will from next Monday sit for their final examinations.**

The Form Five external exami-

nations will run until November 9. Examinations Council of Eswatini (ECoS) Registrar Dr Edmund Mazibuko revealed that it is all systems go for the Form Five examinations.

Pupils will be writing History

## Form V exams start Monday

paper 1 in the morning, 9 am and Physical Science paper 1 after lunch.

**Detail**

Dr Mazibuko said the Exams Council

will not reveal every detail of the external exams for now, instead they would continue updating the media with the exams dates for all the categories.

He advised pupils to come prepared for the exams.

"Pupils should study and come prepared for their exams," he said.



By Sisho Magagula  
Mbabane

## 'Banned entity behind police union rumours'

**FOLLOWING** circulating information on social media from a purported 'Eswatini Police Union', the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) has conducted investigations on the matter and unearthed the source of the information.

At the height of the strike action organised by the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) last week, information from the purported 'Eswatini Police Union' surfaced to the effect that the police had been given leeway to shoot and kill workers during the strike. There were a host of other insinuations bor-

dering on REPS and the national elections.

Police Chief Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati called a press conference at the police headquarters yesterday and revealed that they had since located the source and origin of the information.

She again labelled the information as a hoax aimed at causing panic, anxiety and confusion during the elections and the TUCOSWA strike.

"Investigations have confirmed our earlier assertion that something was fishy in the allegations contained in the social media information in question.

We have been able to trace the source and origin of the circulating information. Our investigations have unraveled that the whole story, in particular the contents therein, were fake news creatively made up as a figment of someone's fertile imagination in furtherance of ulterior polit-

ical motives, in particular as cheap propaganda strategy to promote anarchy and put a damper on the national elections.

### Information

"This damaging information has nothing to do with the non-existent or defunct 'Eswatini Police Union'. The source has been traced to a foreign based or self-exiled proscribed entity; which has been perpetually criticising the country's political system through various forums," she

said.

Vilakati, however, declined to reveal the identity of the exiled proscribed entity which she said was behind this information.

She assured the citizenry that the police service and its personnel membership remain focused and much committed and loyal to serve the country and its populace, and hence no amount of cheap propaganda would sway or derail the men and women in blue.

## ARMED COPS CALLED AS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RIOT

COVER STORY

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**HUNDREDS** of officers from the Operational Support Services Unit (OSSU) were yesterday deployed at the Southern Africa Nazarene University (SANU) after students engaged in a class boycott.

The boycott was sparked by the university's refusal to allow 84 students doing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Midwifery (BSNM) back into class.

The university refused the students entry on the grounds that it had noted an appeal against a High Court judgement that ruled in favour of the students, with the court ordering that the institution should set aside its decision to force the students to rewrite the examination paper.

The students were forced to re-write the examination after they were accused of copying because they all passed with flying colours. Yesterday, all hell broke loose when the students boycotted classes and were soon joined by their colleagues. SANU Students Representative President Zamokuhle Mamba said the university has taken this matter way too



IN SONG: SANU students singing outside the campus gate.

personal as it has made it clear that it would appeal until it sees to it that students lose. Mamba said as students, they have successfully challenged the institution against re-writing the examination paper, and the High Court made it clear that the institution did not follow the write procedure as it did not even get the students' side of the story but only assumed that they copied and then forced them to re-write the exams.

Mamba said barring students from going into class has caused other problems for students. Mamba said there is a litany of other issues affecting students as a whole. He said supplementary results were released very late, students received their allowances very late and there are still those who have not yet received their

allowances. Mamba said there are students who were promised refunds by the institution but up until today they have not received anything. Meanwhile, SANU Registrar Stanley Ngcwane, when contacted about yesterday's boycott, said as an institution they are aware of the issue raised by students, especially the court case. He said it is not that the university is taking the matter too personal, adding that SANU was only exercising its right given by the court.

He said it was unfortunate that the students are working against a fixed time period while, on the other hand, court processes take their own time.

Ngcwane said he could not dwell much on the merits of the matter as it is still in court.

## Teachers to deliver petition at American Embassy today

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**TEACHERS** have resolved to deliver a petition at the offices of the American Embassy today.

This decision was taken by teachers yesterday during an extraordinary general meeting held at SNAT Centre.

The teachers, who were left infuriated by the Industrial Court's decision to bar them from engaging in a strike action, have vowed to expose all the ills of the country to the whole world. Such include the police brutality that workers are subjected to whenever they engage in legal strikes.

During submissions at the meeting, one of the teachers suggested

that they pay a visit to the American Embassy where they will deliver a petition.

Through this, the speaker said they would be able as SNAT to get the attention of the United Nations General Assembly.

### Attending

Worth noting is that His Majesty King Mswati III is currently in New York attending the UN 73rd General Assembly Summit.

Some of the resolutions that were taken during yesterday's meeting is that there will be SNAT activities at branch and regional level starting from today and teachers are expected to attend.

These activities are expected to be held three times a week.



TODAY: Teachers have reached an agreement to deliver a petition at the USA embassy today.

## Sex predator loses appeal against 45-year jail term

By Sandile Nkambule  
Supreme Court

**THE** Supreme Court of Eswatini yesterday dismissed an appeal against a 45-year jail sentence by a man who raped three of his nieces without a condom, transmitting sexual infections to them in the process.

The appellant, whose name has been deliberately withheld to protect the three minor children, wanted his sentence to be reduced to 30 years.

Supreme Court Judge Jacobus Annandale, who was sitting with Justices Dr Odoki and Robert Cloete, in his judgment stated that the court has the duty to protect society against the scourge of sexual onslaught committed against defenceless women and children by selfish sex predators that have no regard for fundamental rights to dignity.

"This jurisdiction is fraught with rape victims as young as three years of age. If this trend continues, the fundamental rights entrenched in the Constitution would count for nothing. The continued prevalence of the crime of rape is an indictment to this

court as the highest court in the land to take a decisive action in the fight to restore dignity of women and children by imposing appropriate deterrent sentences to rape offenders," Justice Annandale said.

Justice Annandale stated that the trial court stooped into the atmosphere of the case and is best equipped to adequately assess and impose the most appropriate sentences reiterating that the main occurrence of interference in a sentence by the Supreme Court would be if the sentence is held to be shocking or startlingly disproportionate with what the appeal court itself would have imposed. The trial court, according to Judge Annandale, adequately balanced the personal circumstances of the appellant against the interests of the community and the crimes themselves and further the trial court did not strive for severity nor surrender to misplaced pity.

According to Justice Annandale, had mercy not played its adequate role, longer terms of imprisonment could have as well been imposed on the appellant.

"Notably, it was ordered that the sentences which relate to incest where the same two girls were repeatedly raped over

a period of time by their uncle, the appellant, were ordered to be served concurrently with the respective sentences of rape involving the same victims," Justice Annandale said. Although the consequences of having been raped differs from survivor to survivor, Justice Annandale stated that it leaves behind emotional scars and trauma for many years to come if not for life and far worse than the trauma that could have been imagined in respect of other forms of physical violence.

The court noted that disturbingly, the media reports now and again about the ultimate tragic aftermath of rape survivors who end up committing suicide as no amount of counselling, compassionate care or rehabilitation could ever undo the trauma of physical violation in the most derogative and humiliating manner a rapist inflicts. "Accordingly and with all the above stated considerations in mind, this court must decline to interfere with the sentences of the appellant before us, in the result I would order the appeal against sentence to be dismissed," Justice Annandale pronounced, with both Justices Dr Odoki and Cloete agreeing with him.

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## MACMILLAN LETTER WRITING COMPETITION PRIZE PRESENTATION



**CHEQUE** Patience Ndlovu receives her prize for being the best in the letter writing competition in the primary schools category. This was during the prize presentation ceremony held at the Macmillan premises in Matsapha yesterday. Looking on are Nqobile Magagula, Macmillan MD Busisiwe Simelane and Eric Dlamini from the ministry of education. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



**UPCOMING** Some of the pupils who were runners-up in the competition displaying their prizes as Macmillan MD Busisiwe Simelane looks on.



**FUTURE LEADER** Second best Gcwalisile Mavuso accepts her award.



**ENTERTAINMENT** Pupils from Vulamasango School entertain the guests with music.



**SECOND BEST** A representative from Khanyisile Primary School receives the prize for coming second in the competition.



**FOR YOU:** Swazi Post GM TakaHohho Dlamini accepting books from the Macmillan MD.



**GUESTS:** A section of the guests following the proceedings.

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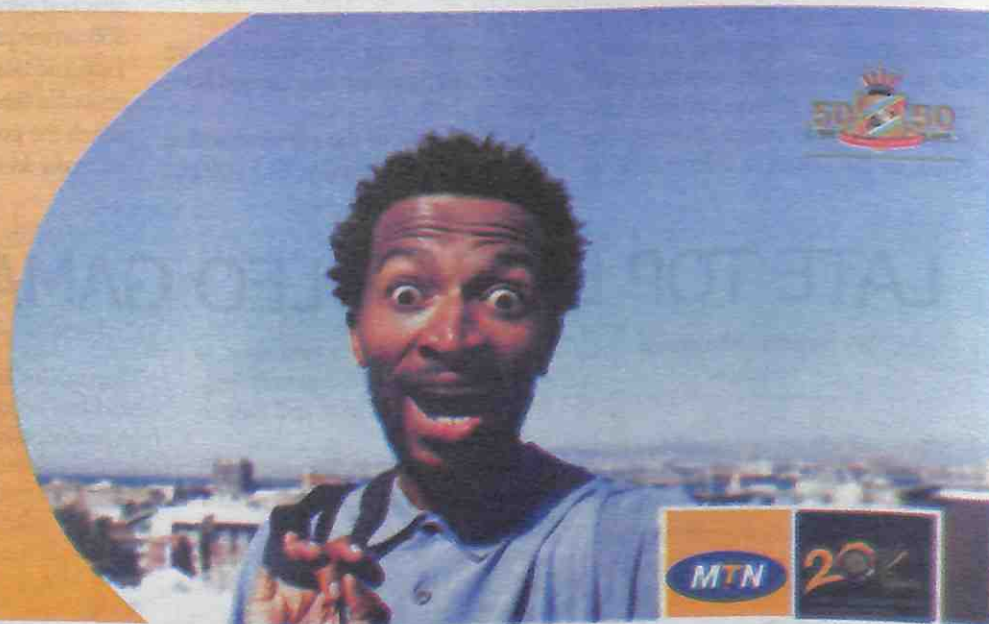
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# 14 737 PATIENTS ENROLLED FOR ART PROGRAMME AT LAMVELASE CLINIC

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

AS the country continues to fight the war against HIV and AIDS, new statistics have shown that LaMvelase

Help Centre, a clinic under Manzini municipality is currently giving out anti-retroviral therapy (ART) services to thousands of people in a single year.

This was revealed yesterday during the Manzini

Municipality's annual general meeting held at The George Hotel. According to the municipality's annual report, patients registered for the year 2017/2018 for the ART programme stand at 14 737. The report further points

out that this number is short of a total of over 3 000 clients that were transferred to other clinics especially the new AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) clinic in Matsapha for the convenience of clients based in Matsapha.

## Ntfonjeni people protest against elections

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

ABOUT 180 residents of Ntfonjeni marched to the area's constituency to protest against the recently concluded national elections.

The protesters were accusing the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) of allowing buses of voters into the Mshingishini polling station at Ekujabulweni Community Primary School to vote illegally.

These buses are said to have appeared after voting at the station which was officially closed at 1900 hours on Friday.

The protesters further alleged that the polling station's gates were open until 2300 hours, allowing the illegal voters ample time to vote.

The two-kilometre march started at the main road at Ntfonjeni to the constituency where the protesters were met by Hhohho Regional Secretary Sibusiso Dlamini.

Speaking to this publication at the march, the participating residents said they had a problem with the way EBC handled voting at Ntfonjeni.

"Our problem is that EBC failed to close the primary school polling station at 1900 hours, instead it was closed at 2300 hours after buses offloaded illegal voters. Another query we have is that Ntfonjeni had too many voters for the area, when we heard how many voters participated, we were shocked because that area does not have more than 5 000 voters. Today we are here at the Inkhundla where we will select about 20

individuals to speak on our behalf inside the constituency," the marching residents said.

The selected residents met with Hhohho Regional Secretary Sibusiso Dlamini and members of the Royal Eswatini Police (REP) Service.

In the meeting, the RS asked the protesters if they had followed the right procedures by first speaking to their chiefs to protest.

"The correct protocol states that all of you should have first asked your chiefs to come and speak on your behalf here at the inkhundla. I understand you have not followed the correct protocol in this situation. If you have a problem with the elections then you use the correct channels and go to EBC. The EBC will then follow up on your issues. Today I will not address your concerns because I do not speak for the EBC. The only way I could have helped is if you first approached your chiefs who would have then communicated your concerns to the relevant structures. I hope that I have made my point clear," he said.

After the meeting, some of the protesters said they would be going to the EBC headquarters.

Meanwhile, EBC Communications Officer Mbongiseni Bhembe said the EBC practised an open door policy and if the aggrieved individuals had concrete evidence of their allegations they are free to approach their office (EBC).

On that note, other Ntfonjeni residents, police and those that lost in the elections disputed the story that the Mshingishini polling station was closed later than 1900 hours on Friday.

## MP to slaughter cows for his constituency

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

HAVING won the elections, newly elected Shiselweni I Member of Parliament (MP) Christian Ntshangase is planning a party for his constituency.

He wants to slaughter at least five beasts for his constituency, at an event to take place at the inkhundla next month.

Ntshangase, younger brother to former Minister of Education Wilson and Correctional Services Commissioner General Mzuthini, said it was important to show appreciation to the people who showed trust and confidence in him.

He said he was planning to stage the

party dubbed 'thanksgiving' next month.

He said preparations were already progressing and was still working on a suitable date for the event.

The MP said since the constituency consists of five chiefdoms, five beasts would then be slaughtered.

"We have tentative dates so far for the thanksgiving, there is October 12 and October 19, and we will decide on which one is suitable," said Ntshangase.

Ntshangase said all members of the Inkhundla team need to be involved in the thanksgiving as it was not just him who should be in the spotlight after winning the elections.

"I want in particular the indvuna yenkhundla to be part of this big celebration as he is a stakeholder. I am still

to consult how best this event can be held but I am planning to make it memorable in the history of the constituency," said Ntshangase, a successful businessman directing Mhuma Investments.

Ntshangase said it would not only be about feasting or enjoying the meals which would be in abundance, but the event would be where they would be seeking God's guidance on how to carry out their work as inkhundla team and the constituency's servants.

Ntshangase will be the second one in the family to become a legislature as his elder brother Wilson served as MP in the 9th parliament (2008/2013) and he further landed a cabinet post as he was appointed Minister of Education.

## Tommy Kirk, Gomora case postponed

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

THE matter between businessmen Tommy Kirk and Mndeni Gomora Simelane which is pending at the High Court could not kick off yesterday.

The matter has since been postponed to a date yet to be allocated by the court possibly in the next session.

The next session of the High Court resumes in January, 2019, since this is the last session of the 2018 court calendar.

Kirk is represented by Manzini based Lawyer Macilongo Ndlovu while Simelane is represented by Lawyer Bongani Bhanyaza Mdluli.

The matter involving Kirk and Simelane revolves around Kirk's property in Matsapha where Simelane is renting a bar at Alcapone and he is owing rentals amounting to more than E60 000. Kirk, in his capacity as trustee of the Quadro Trust, in 2016 won an interim order to



attach property belonging to Simelane from the premises the trust leased to him.

It had been stated that Simelane owed rentals for four months at that time.

Kirk, in an affidavit, said the trust entered into an agreement with Simelane to lease a bar at Lot 217 in Matsapha and they agreed that he would pay E15 000 monthly as rent.

He said the agreement was entered into in October, 2015.

He claimed that he represented Quadro Trust while Simelane represented himself.

"It was terms of the agreement that rent would be charged at E15 000 per

month in advance and on the first day of each month," Kirk said.

He alleged that they agreed that an additional E15 000 would be paid along with the first rental and 14 per cent value added tax (VAT) which totalled to E34 000.

He said Simelane paid the E34 000 and was handed the premises.

Kirk claimed that Simelane took occupation of the premises and operated the business, but failed to pay rentals for November and December, 2015.

He also alleged that Simelane failed to pay rentals for January and February, 2016, hence the lease was cancelled.

He applied that the premises should be broken into and new locks be installed while the property inside remained attached pending payment of the E60 000 arrear rentals. High Court Judge Ticheme Dlamini had issued an interim order directing a deputy sheriff to attach the property inside the premises, make an inventory.



**PROTEST:** A section of the 180 residents of Ntfonjeni who marched to the Inkhundla to protest against the recently concluded 2018 national elections at Mshingishini on Wednesday. (Pic: by Sizwe Dlamini)

## LATE TOP LAWYER LEO GAMA'S CLIENTS' CASES AFFECTED

By Sandile Nkambule  
Mbabane

THE death of veteran Manzini-based Lawyer Leo Mduduzi Gama is not only a loss to his family, relatives and friends, but also his clients who he was representing in criminal matters.

This means that they now have to instruct new counsel to represent them both at the High Court and magistrate's courts.

Some of the clients who were represented by Gama have been mentioning before court that their lawyer Gama was not well and their matters had to be postponed to later dates with the hope that he would recover.

Throughout his illustrious career, Gama has been handling a host of high profile cases, including the recent mysterious case of businessman, Almor Oliveria, who is believed to have been murdered. Gama was representing one of the suspects, Dao Thanta Hue, in a pending case. He also represented police officer

Lucky 'Obama' Matsenjwa in the much publicised fingerprints case.

Gama was one of the senior attorneys in the country, having been admitted into the bar almost 20 years ago.

He ran an established law firm at the Liqhaga Building in Manzini and has been a fully-fledged member of the LLS all his working life.

Gama who was an experienced legal eagle polished by years of courtroom litigation, succumbed to death at his home in Manzini around 2130 hours surrounded by close friends and family last Monday and was laid to rest on Sunday morning at a funeral that was preceded by a Memorial service at the Manzini Catholic Cathedral Church.



# FORMER MINISTERS' EXPERIENCE ON LAST 5 YEARS

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**FORMER ministers who were at the helm of different ministries have shared their experiences in the ministries they led in the past term.**

**THE introduction of matric in the country is tantamount to new colonialism.**

Former Minister for Education and Training Dr. Phineas Magagula said this syllabus was a new form of colonialism to the Kingdom of Eswatini.

He said this syllabus was designed by people of another country (South Africa) to be taught in that country.

It was unfortunate that some Emaswati would see an opportunity of importing a syllabus from another country to Eswatini yet this country had its own education syllabus, the Eswatini General Certificate of Education (EGCSE).

"If you take a certain education system from another country and impose it on the people of your own country, you are doing a disservice to your own system. You are actually passing a vote of no confidence on your very own system, in favour of the other one. This is new colonialism and we should not allow that,"

The former ministers had different experiences as they took charge of respective ministries. Some managed to finish the whole term in the ministries they were appointed into, while others could not.

Former Ministers like Phiwayinkhosi Mabuza (Housing and Urban

Development), Moses Vilakati (Agriculture), and Dr. Phineas Magagula (Education and Training) managed to finish their tenure at the same ministries.

Former ministers like Magobetane Mamba and Gideon Dlamini did almost 'half-time'.

## Matric is the new colonialism

Magagula said.

The former minister pointed out that he was aware why Emaswati wanted to do matric.

He said it could be because they wanted to access the many universities and other tertiary institutions in that country. He was also aware that the problem could be that in this country, the tertiary institutions did not absorb all Emaswati that were eligible for tertiary education.

However, Magagula said the best way of accessing education through the matric syllabus was for Emaswati to obtain a study permit and go to South Africa to do their matric. It was not good for the system to be imported into the country.

The matric saga was one of the contentious issues in the ministry of education and training, particularly after it was announced that South Africa

wanted to scrap the syllabus in this country. It was initially stated that the syllabus would be scrapped this year, but for some reason, this could not happen and it was finally decided that it would be scrapped next year. If the syllabus is finally scrapped in the country, many children doing matric in the country would be negatively affected.

Many of these pupils liked this syllabus because it enabled them to have easy access to South African tertiary institutions.

Some parents of these children complained about the study permits, stating that it was difficult to obtain them. The best thing was to bring the syllabus to the shores of the country.

With the new Parliament coming in this year, it remains to be seen how this matter will be handled.

## 'FPE fund must increase by 4.7%'

**FORMER Minister for Education and Training Dr. Phineas Magagula is of the view that the fund allocated for free primary education (FPE) should increase by 4.7 per cent.**

Magagula was interviewed yesterday by this publication about his experience at the helm of the ministry of education and training for his five-year tenure.

The former Lomahasha MP stated that education needs to get adequate funding so that Emaswati would get quality education.

He said FPE had been in existence for almost 10 years yet funding for it was still not being increased. That, according to the minister, was not being realistic because there was inflation happening in all these years. The former minister said during his tenure as education minister, he and his team wrote three different reports detailing that there was an urgent need for the FPE funding to be increased.

He said without adequate funding, the education system would not be able to give Emaswati the quality education they need.

Magagula said he understood that the resources would never be enough but they should not be meagre as that would compromise the quality of education.

On the issue of scholarship recovery, Magagula commended the



**4.7%: Former Minister for Education and Training Dr. Phineas Magagula.**

ministry of labour and social security for having initiated such an exercise. He was of the view that the money recovered must be invested so that more could be generated out of the recovered funds. The profits would be used to cater for even more Emaswati that were eligible for tertiary education. Magagula said he worked very well with his officials in the ministry of education and training. They were very helpful to him as they assisted him in setting up targets they aimed to meet as the education ministry.

## NEWLY ELECTED MPs

### Vusi Sibusiso Swali: Ludzeludze MP

**SWALI is a civil servant employed by the ministry of works and transport under the Road Transport Department.**

In 2013, he stood for elections as an MP candidate under the Ludzeludze Inkhundla with eight chiefdoms at the time and came second. The Inkhundla has now been reduced to five chief-

doms.

Swali said the fact that he stood for elections for the second time might have worked for him during the recent elections.

He also stated that for the past 20 years, an MP in Ludzeludze did not come from Zombodze, his chiefdom.

- 1. Name:** Vusi Swali
- 2. Chiefdom and Inkhundla:** Zombodze under Ludzeludze
- 3. Age:** 45
- 4. Educational background:** O' Level at Lozitha High School  
Certificate in Sales and Marketing  
Diploma in Examination for Driving Licences  
Diploma in Examination for Vehicles
- 5. Work Experience:** I worked as a driver for the ministry of agriculture, before moving to the Central Transport Authority (CTA) to work as driving instructor. I was then promoted to the ministry of

public works and transport as examiner for driving licences.

- 6. Hobbies:** Sports and travelling
- 7. What do you promise to do for your constituency?**  
I want to work on developing skills for the people of Ludzeludze Inkhundla to curb unemployment. I also want to ensure that I continue with the roads and water projects that my predecessors have done. I will take from where they left off.  
Roads are very important because it becomes easy to do business when such infrastructures are in good standard.

### Moses Vilakati: Ntandozi MP

**VILAKATI is the former Minister for Agriculture. He was serving as an MP for Ntandozi Inkhundla from 2013 to 2018.**

In 2013, he beat former MP Peter Ngwenya to the position.

2018-2023 is his second term as an MP for his constituency.

He is thankful to the people of Ntandozi for believing in him through affording him a second chance to represent them in Parliament. Vilakati has experience in the field of agriculture, which could be the reason why he was appointed as minister for agriculture in 2013. His details are given below:

- 1. Name:** Moses Vilakati
- 2. Chiefdom and Inkhundla:** KaNdinda Chiefdom under Ntandozi Inkhundla.
- 3. Occupation:** Politician (former Ntandozi MP).
- 4. Educational Background:** Various certificates from accounting, administration, social mobilisation. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (UNESWA). Master of Science in Agriculture, specialising in International Development (USA), Master of Business Administration.
- 5. Work Experience:** Worked in the sugar industry and as a farm director and lecturer at UNESWA. Worked for Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (SWADE), worked as MP for Ntandozi Inkhundla. Worked as Minister for Agriculture (2013 to 2018).
- 6. Hobbies:** Sports and reading
- 7. What do you promise to do in Parliament?**  
I want to ensure the availability of water and improve electrification in homesteads. We need to have water in all the homesteads in this Inkhundla, especially because we want to become

a first world status by 2022.

That is the reason why we seriously need to table Bills that will ensure we achieve this. There is the Fresh Water Bill, Swazi Nation Land Commercialisation Bill, and Potable Water Bill, etc that need to be debated and become Acts of Parliament because they are very important in ensuring we achieve this. We also need to work on the road infrastructure to boost business activities in this area. The road infrastructure is the basic development initiative that will stimulate economic growth in our area.



Note to candidates: Please send your information via WhatsApp to 7617 3084 or call 79460 390 so that you can be profiled on this page. Please send it on the format written on this page.



## Businessman's plot to be auctioned

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**PROPERTY** belonging to businessman Nobanzi Dlamini will go under the hammer as it will be sold by public auction at a reserve price of E320 000.

According to a notice of sale issued by the registrar of the High Court, the sale shall take place at the High Court building on October 19 by the deputy sheriff for the Hhohho region at 1030 hours.

The property to be sold is remaining extent of portion 65 a portion of portion 38 of farmnumber 73 in the Hhohho region measuring 2560 square metres held by the defendant (Dlamini) under deed of transfer No 1040 dated December 23, 2008.

This is a vacant plot which has no developments in it and the sale shall be subject to conditions and servitudes. No bid less than E1 000

will be accepted.

Swaziland Building Society (SBS), who is the plaintiff in the matter, took Dlamini, who is the defendant, to court over unpaid monies and the society obtained a court order for a writ of executing sale.

Conditions of sale are now available for inspection at the office of the sheriff at the High Court and further particulars may be obtained

*This is a vacant plot which has no developments in it and the sale shall be subject to conditions*

from the registrar of the High Court. Also, if any dispute arises about any bid, the property may be again put to auction and if the auctioneer makes any mistake in selling, such mistake shall not be binding on any of the parties

but may be rectified.

Further, if the auctioneer suspects that a bidder is unable to pay the deposit or the balance of the purchase price, he may refuse to accept the bid of such bidder or accept it until the bidder shall have satisfied him (auctioneer) that he is in a position to pay both such amounts.

## TAIWAN PRESENTS 350 COMPUTERS TO SCHOOLS

By Simon Shabangu  
Mbabane

**THE** Embassy of the Republic of China on Taiwan has donated 350 computers to 22 schools from the rural areas around the country.

The donation was presented by Taiwan Ambassador to Eswatini Jeremy Liang to the Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Training Dr Sibongile Mtshali at the embassy yesterday. The ambassador, who has been in office for exactly a month, said the donation was part of their provision of computers for rural schools project which started back in 2012.

He said Taiwan was delighted to present financial assistance for this project to benefit and empower children from the rural areas with computer skills.

"Our donation today is for the procurement of 350 sets of desktop computers, LCD monitors, and UPS (Uninterruptible power supply) in the total amount of US\$ 400 000 (over E5.5 million).

"The project will benefit many pupils and teachers in rural areas by not only improving their access to computers and ICT knowledge, but also upgrading the teaching and learning methods," he said.

He said the end result of this donation was to bridge the gap between rural and urban communities and ensuring that pupils and people in rural areas have easy access to information technology.

He said this would also help in fulfilling His Majesty King Mswati III's vision to empower people with knowledge and help move Eswatini a step further towards the first world status.

"Being a loyal development partner of Eswatini, my country is proud to play a constructive role in contributing to this significant event and share the pride of our Eswatini brothers and sisters," he said.

The excited teachers said the donation would go a long way in helping



**THANK YOU:** Ministry of Education Principal Secretary Dr Sibongile Mtshali receiving a donation of computers from the Ambassador of the Republic of China on Taiwan Jeremy Liang at the embassy yesterday morning. The embassy donated 350 computers to rural schools around the country. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

them educate the learners and also do assignments for the Exams' Council that now need to be done digital.

Speaking on behalf of the recipients was Philile Bhembe-Mbala, who is the Principal at Sidlangatsini High School. She said schools were finding it difficult to do work without computers.

### Gift

"This wonderful gift will go a long way in aiding the country's development by empowering schools and pupils with ICT skills.

"It has come at a time where the country's educational system has gone digital. For instance, The Exams Council of Eswatini (ECOS) now requires that registration of candidates by the schools be done through the internet. Fashion and fabrics pupils, amongst others, now have to use computers when compiling their coursework documents, which are then submitted to ECOS as part of their exam requirements," she said.

She said English teachers record pupils orally on voice software, and

later cut discs using the computers. "These are later submitted to ECOS as part of their English exam. Schools are now also preparing school reports and compiling pupils' monthly grades, digitally. School master timetables are now also prepared digitally as schools have invested in software to facilitate this. These digital ventures have proved to be very efficient and time saving," she added.

She said her school was relieved by the arrival of the computers because they had only one computer for the learners and another for the administration, which made learning difficult.

"My school, amongst others, is also a proud beneficiary of such benevolence from the Republic of China on Taiwan. We would like to assure the ministry and our benefactors that we have employed security personnel to keep this precious gift safe. I would like to humbly take this opportunity to request our ministry to create posts for ICT teachers for the schools that have benefited from this great project," she added.



### CALL FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY

The Family Life Association of Eswatini (FLAS), kindly invites interested and qualified individual consultants to apply for the development of a business and marketing plan to facilitate the implementation of the Learning Centre for FLAS.

For full description of the terms of references and scope of work go to FLAS website at [www.flas.org.sz](http://www.flas.org.sz) or send an email to [info@flas.org.sz](mailto:info@flas.org.sz).

Qualified candidates are requested to submit a cover letter and the plan on how to carry out this scope of work including duration per activity, CV and one written sample of previous work related to business plan and marketing development via email to [ptsabedze@flas.org.sz](mailto:ptsabedze@flas.org.sz) and cc; [info@flas.org.sz](mailto:info@flas.org.sz).

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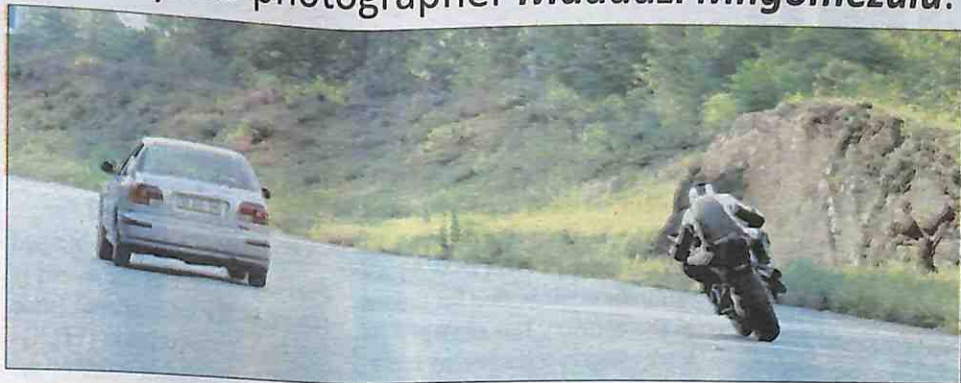
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## ROVING CAMERA

Our roving camera brings you the following pictures that have been captured throughout the week by our photographer **Mduduzi Mngomezulu**.



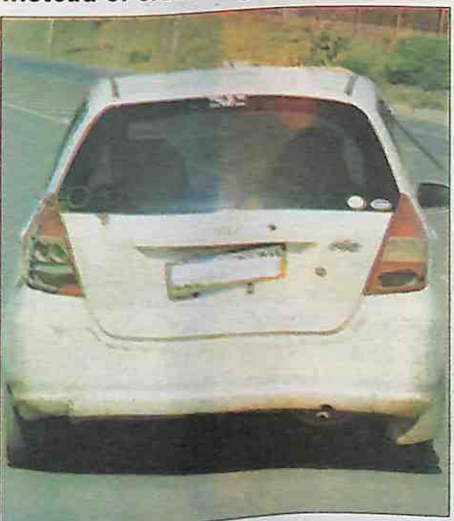
**CORNERING:** A biker enjoys his motorbike in full riding gear as he negotiates a corner up Malagwane Hill yesterday.



**NUMBER 17:** A Manzini Wanderers player Lihle Shabangu spots an unusual hair cut marked '17' which is his jersey number for the Manzini Hub giants. (R) **BUDDIES:** Colleagues from one of the furniture shops in the city walking closely side by side as they cross the Dzeliwe Street.



**COST OF LIVING:** The cost of living continues to be on the rise and consumers have opted for other means of adjustment like using paraffin instead of electricity and gas.



**WHEN ALL IS WRONG:** The owner of this Honda Fit needs to do something about the car as it has so many faults; broken tail lights, falling number plate, missing mud flap, missing left rear view mirror and a popping out bidding. (R) **SAFE:** Police officers patrolling the city's streets after the proposed teachers union was called off last week.



## E50 000 STILL UP FOR GRABS IN ESWATINI MOTOR SPORTS

By Ayanda Dlamini  
Mbabane

**ABOUT E50 000 is still up for grabs in the ongoing Eswatini Motor Sports championship.**

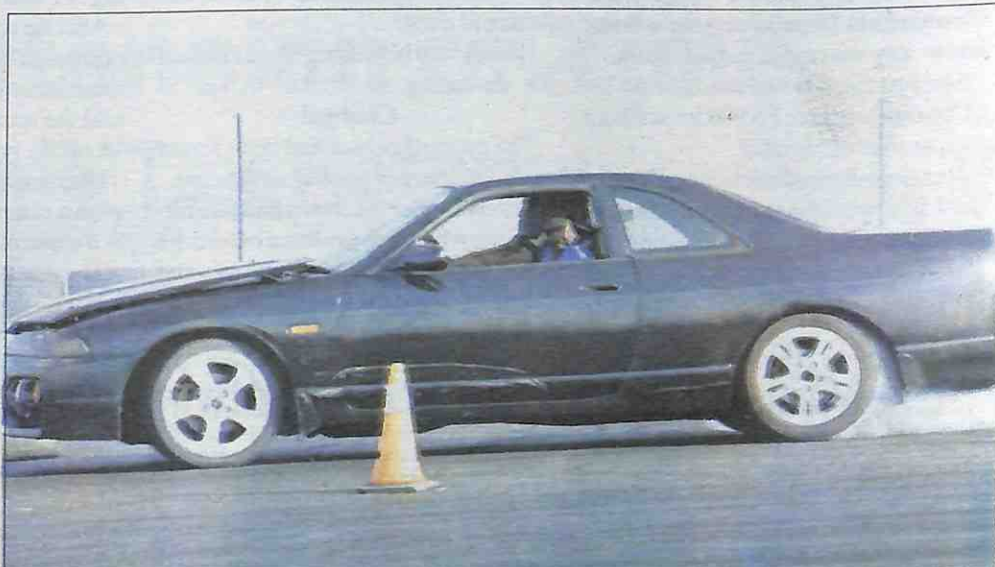
This coming Saturday at the Riders Ranch, Sidvokodvo the fourth round of the championship will take place where bikers are also invited to take part in drag racing and gymkhana.

Organisers of the motor sports are appealing to members of the public to partake in the competition as the grand finale nears.

### System

The leading car is the Subaru WRX STI, driven by Fernando Da Costa who has upgraded his car with intercooler and a Spitronix management system.

This is the last round before the finals which will be held at the end of October where the E50 000 prize will be won.



**SPINNER:** The leading car is the Subaru WRX STI, driven by Fernando Da Costa who has upgraded his car with intercooler and a Spitronix management system.

World Vision

## Vacancy

World Vision International is a Christian relief and development child focused organization, as an organization we seek to improve the quality of life of children and the communities in which they live through promotion of sustainable development projects. Our Swaziland Office has the following vacancy and applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates.

### Regional Audit Manager

Reporting to the Regional Audit Director the purpose of this position is to provide Strategic leadership to the Regional Audit Team within the portfolio of National Offices to be assigned, in the provision of independent objective assurance and consulting activity of the portfolio's operations. This advisory role includes but is not limited to providing advice on risk management, internal controls systems and their impact on the operations of the organization.

Supervise a team of Regional professional auditors and provide reasonable assurance to regional and national senior management that controls are adequate to mitigate high and medium risk to the Partnership.

Provide audit quality assurance by reviewing the audit work of the Regional audit team in his/her portfolio, including issue of audit reports to the respective National Offices portfolio Senior Leadership and to the Audit committees (as applicable).

This is a contract position, which may be extended or renewed subject to operational requirements, the availability of funds and a positive performance review.

- This position will require extensive travel to the various communities in which our projects operate in.
- Incumbent is required to have a clean background check and have signed and agreed to the terms and conditions of the child protection policy of the organisation.
- Attend and participate in daily devotional meetings and weekly chapel
- Committed and practicing Christian
- The positions require that applicants should possess valid and clean driving licenses

Applicants are advised that if they do not receive any correspondence from World Vision Swaziland by **31st October, 2018** they should consider their applications unsuccessful.

Applicants are advised to use the following site for detailed information on the advertised positions and to post their detailed Curriculum Vitae with references and certified copies of qualifications for the position not later than **10th October, 2018**.

<http://careers.wvi.org/job-opportunities-in-swaziland>



## 10 NATIONAL NEWS

# MAN FINED E5 000 FOR STABBING BABY MAMA

By Mncedisi Dlamini  
Mbabane

**AS cases of domestic violence continue to rise, Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini says she will not show any mercy on perpetrators.**

She has fined Bonginkosi Shiba (25) of Mantabeni area E5 000 for stabbing the mother of his child.

Handing down the sentence, Dlamini said she would not be lenient to any domestic violence offender.

Shiba was facing a charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (GBH).

The accused whilst at Maphalaleni area in the Hhohho region is said to have unlawfully assaulted Sibahle Nsusha, the mother of his baby with fists several times on the face. He further stabbed her with a bottle several times on the head and chest.

He appeared before magistrate Dlamini for sentencing.

## Charged

The accused person had been found guilty as charged prior to sentencing.

This was after the crown had submitted overwhelming evidence before the court to prove that indeed the accused had committed the said offence.

A doctor's report stated that the com-

plainant was badly injured during the attack by her assailant.

Nsusha had also delivered her testimony before court, relating how the accused person went about when inflicting her with unbearable pain.

After the court had considered the seriousness of the matter, and the nature of the injuries sustained, the magistrate told the accused that he would not be let off the hook.

Dlamini also noted a rapid rise in cases of this nature whilst also stating that it is a cause of concern.

The accused person was then sentenced to three years imprisonment with an alternative to pay a fine of E5 000.

## Ex-Minister Shongwe's corruption case postponed

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**FORMER Justice and Constitutional Affairs Minister Sibusiso Shongwe's corruption trial could not kick off on Tuesday morning as it had been set for September 25 before Judge Mbutfo mamba.**

The matter was postponed to next Wednesday where the crown is expected to read the charges to the former minister before parading witnesses.

On Tuesday, South African Advocate Gareth Lapan who is instructed by crown counsel Thabo Dlamini, was present in court and Shongwe's lawyer Lucky Howe of Howe, Masuku, Nsibande law firm briefly appeared in court before the matter was postponed to next Wednesday.

The last time the matter was before Judge Mamba, it was set for trial this past Tuesday.

Initially, the trial had been set for March 5 and was allocated 10 days.

Shongwe's case is amongst those that are expected to be finalised before the close of the last session of the High Court.

The former minister was in 2014 arrested in connection to E2 million that was found in his law firm's trust account, which he allegedly failed to disclose its source when requested to do so by ACC Investigators.

His law firm practices under the style Sibusiso B Shongwe and Associates and is based in Mbabane.

Already there has been a pre-trial conference for the legislator and the crown is now expected to parade its witnesses.

## LIST OF SHONGWE'S CHARGES

Shongwe is facing a total of 10 charges and amongst these is defeating the ends of justice, according to the indictment filed at the High Court.

He is facing seven charges of contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006, one charge of defeating the ends of Justice, another for theft and the other for fraud.

● Count One the former minister is



charged with contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006 in that on December 17, 2014 while at Mbabane, being a politician, he allegedly unlawfully accept or agreed to accept an advantage from another person who has links with Impunzi Wholesalers to the form of money amounting to E2million for his benefit and that of Impunzi in abuse of his position as a politician to an unauthorised inducement to bribe judicial officers.

Alternatively he is charged for abusing his position and authority and violating legal duties to bribe and influence.

● Count two Shongwe and his law firm Sibusiso Shongwe and Associates are charged under the same Act in that they jointly acted in furtherance of a common purpose by controlling funds amounting to E2million and upon being requested to give information on same failed to do so as requested by the ACC Commissioner.

● Count three while being a public officer he allegedly did control, pecuniary resources amounting to E2 million which was disproportionate to his present and past emoluments and failed to give explanation to ACC Commissioner.

● Count four Shongwe and his law firm are charged under the same Act in that they allegedly failed to disclose information in writing to Commissioner on E2million that was in law firm's Trust Account.

● Count five Shongwe alone on April 17, 2015 at Mbabane unlawfully accepted or agreed to accept from Michael Ramodibedi for his benefit through illegal, dishonest and biased manner or misuse of information required course

or exercise or carrying out performance of judicial functions by Ramodibedi in a manner that amounted abuse of judicial position and violation of legal duties in unauthorised act of handling a warrant of arrest proceedings in High Court case 173/15

● Count six he is charged with defeating the ends of justice in that while he was a suspect in an investigation of criminal case 4/15 and case 173/15 Ramodibedi had presided over that matter and Fikile Nhlabatsi had provided administrative support in those proceedings, accused acting jointly with perpetrators stole a warrant of arrest application under case 173/15.

● Count seven he is charged with theft in that on April 17, 2015 at Mbabane, the accused person acting jointly with Ramodibedi and Nhlabatsi stole a warrant of arrest where the accused person was a suspect thus depriving the High Court and government of ownership of same.

● Count eight Shongwe is alleged to have while holding the position of minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs knew or ought to have known that Ramodibedi had committed an offence under Part III of the Prevention of Corruption Act Section 33(1) (b) and failed to report that knowledge to nay police officer.

● Count nine Shongwe in alleged to have on March 12, 2014 directly or indirectly demanded from another person one Tsekane Shilubane immovable property Lot No 1532 situate at Mbabane Thembelinhle Township to benefit either one or more of them through illegal, dishonest or biased manner and illegally transferred property to his name.

● On the last count he is charged with fraud in that he allegedly falsely and with intent to defraud, gave out and pretended to the Master of the High Court, Magistrate Court Judicial Officers, High Court and Supreme Court together with Christian Amoako Consultants and Thabiso Tsabedze that there was special power of attorney Paul Shilubane empowering Tsakane to dispose certain immovable property and that the accused was the owner of the property.

## Olof Palme International trains TUCOSWA, ITUC

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**AMIDST the volatile situation between government and unions in the country which is often accompanied by eruption of violent strikes, leaders of the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) an umbrella organisation for unions in the country has engaged its leadership in a three-day training hosted by Olof Palme International Centre.**

Olof Palme International Centre is a Swedish labour movement cooperative body for international issues.

The overall aim of the Palme Centre is a world with peaceful societies founded on the ideals of democracy and the equal value of all human beings.

Speaking during the gathering at The George Hotel where the event was held TUCOSWA Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga, said the meeting was meant to equip unionists with leadership skills.

He said through the three-day training, TUCOSWA leadership and its leaders from affiliating unions such as SNAT and NAP-SAWU will get to learn about the functions of the International

Labour Organisation (ILO) supervisory committee.

Mhlanga said what they are also expecting to be addressed during the training are issues pertaining on how to report matters to ILO. He said it must be noted that it is not only bad things that are reported to ILO, but also good things.

Mhlanga said they are blessed as TUCOSWA as the event is graced by the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) which is the global voice of the world's working people.

The ITUC's primary mission is the promotion and defence of workers' rights and interests, through international cooperation between trade unions, global campaigning and advocacy within the major global institutions. Its main areas of activity include trade union and human rights, economy, society and the workplace, equality, non-discrimination and international solidarity.

The visit by ITUC to attend the conference comes at a time when the confederation is fresh from blasting government forces which is the Royal Eswatini Police for attacking workers during a peaceful demonstration calling for pay rises over the past week.

## Quantum driver loads 28 passengers along deadly road

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**A public transport driver is said to have dived with the lives of school children as he loaded 28 of them in a motor vehicle which has a carrying capacity of only 14 passengers.**

As that was not enough, the driver further drove the overloaded public vehicle through the pothole riddled Lukhula-Big Bend road which has literally become a death trap to its users.

This transpired when the driver, Wandile Masuku (33) appeared before Magistrate Dumisa Mazibuko at the Big Bend Circuit Court.

The accused was charged with contravening section 27 of the Road Traffic Act 5 of 2007.

According to the charge sheet, the accused wrongfully and unlawfully overloaded the vehicle by carrying 28 passengers, instead of 14 passengers as per the certificate of fitness of the vehicle.

This practically means the driver was carrying passengers who could be carried by two vehicles of the same class or size.

When the charge was read to

him, the accused person pleaded guilty to the charge while conducting his own defence.

He also told the court that he was actually transporting pupils to school in Big Bend.

The accused further asked the court to be lenient when passing sentence, claiming to be a first time offender.

He was accordingly found guilty by the court and was sentenced to six months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E2 000 as fine. Meanwhile in the same court, Kwanele Gina also faced a similar charge. He was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully driven a public transport vehicle which was overloaded with seven passengers. The vehicle, a quantum, was said to have been carrying 22 passengers instead of 14 passengers as per its fitness certificate.

He was nabbed along Lavumisa-Big Bend road. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge. His plea was also accepted by the Crown without leading evidence to prove commission of the offence.

He was also found guilty by the court and was sentenced to six months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E2 000 fine.





# Application for Extension of Time Filing of Income Tax Returns

In terms of Section 33(1) of the Income Tax Order of 1975, as Amended, the Commissioner General of the Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA), hereby advises all taxpayers who intend to apply for extension of time for the submission of returns as follows;

- i. Applications for extension of time are now open for consideration by the SRA.
- ii. In taking into account that the submission dates have been staggered, only compelling cases will be considered.

## Application Process

Applicants are expected to do the following:

- i. Complete the extension of time form in full; this is obtainable from SRA Website under forms.
- ii. Attach the necessary supporting documents as stated in the application form and
- iii. submit such forms to the SRA on time.

## N.B

- Taxpayers are hereby informed that the extension of time shall not exceed sixty (60) days. For taxpayers whose financial year-end is June 30, the extended period shall not exceed 31 December 2018.
- Taxpayers who have been authorised by the Commissioner General to use a different financial year end may receive an extension for a period of up to sixty (60) days after their deadline for submission of their Income Tax Returns.

## The following requirements must be fulfilled by the taxpayer when applying for extension of time

- i. Application must be made and signed by the taxpayer's public officer and not by accountants or auditors of the taxpayer.
- ii. All applications must be submitted 30 days before the end of each filing period as notified by the Commissioner General as follows;
  - those with 31 October deadline; application should be submitted on or before 1 October 2018
  - those with 30 November deadline; application should be submitted on or before 1 November 2018
  - those with 31 December deadline; application should be submitted on or before 1 December 2018.
- iii. Convincing reasons causing the delay in submitting the actual tax return are evidently advanced to the Commissioner General.
- iv. The taxpayer must be compliant in all tax types for a period of 3 years successively.
- v. Interim financial statements must be attached.
- vi. The taxable income declared in the interim financials should have been increased by at least 10% from preceding year's taxable income.
- vii. In the case of a loss, the taxable income declared in the interim financials should at least be 5% of the previous year's turnover.

## Revision of Estimated Assessments to the Actual Return Assessment

Taxpayers are hereby reminded that the interim returns and financials are not final but are in anticipation of actual filing on or before the expiration of the granted extension of time period.

For the final actual return to be considered for revision, the following conditions should be met:

- i. Income so declared in the Interim Return of Income should not have been less than 90% of the actual taxable income submitted in the final

return. However, where the estimated income is less than 90% sufficient reasons must be given for such shortfall.

- ii. Tax due resulting from the assessment of the interim tax returns should be paid in full notwithstanding the fact that the actual tax due is less than the estimate.

Further Note the following:

- No applications will be processed after this deadline has elapsed.
- Failure to adhere to the above guidelines shall result in penalties being imposed in accordance with section 40 of the order.
- The timeous submission of an application for extension of time should not be construed to suggest extension has been granted. Written response granting/declining extension will be issued by the SRA to applicants.

## Where to get Application forms for extension of time

The extension of time application forms may be downloaded from the SRA website [www.sra.org.sz](http://www.sra.org.sz) or alternatively collected from the SRA Head Quarters, Sibekelo Building or in any of the following SRA Service Centres;

- Manzini Service Centre, Estel House, Manzini.
- Matsapha Service Centre, Mahhala Shopping Complex, Matsapha.
- Nhlanguano Service Centre Old Skonkwane Complex, Nhlanguano.
- Mbabane Service Centre, Corporate Place, Swazi Plaza, Mbabane.
- Pigg's Peak Service Centre, 1st floor Supreme Building, Pigg's Peak
- Siteki Service Centre, Mafumbe Building Jacaranda Street, Siteki

## Forwarding of Forms for extension of time

Completed forms for extension of time MUST be forwarded for the attention of the Commissioner General either by posting them to:

**The Commissioner General**  
**Swaziland Revenue Authority**  
P.O. Box 5628,  
MBABANE

or by hand delivering them to the offices mentioned above.  
or they can be sent by email to [info@sra.org.sz](mailto:info@sra.org.sz)

## Further Information

Taxpayers may get further information or assistance by contacting the SRA at: Tel: +268 2406 4000; Fax: +268 2406 4001

Email address: [info@sra.org.sz](mailto:info@sra.org.sz)

Postal Address: The Commissioner General,  
Swaziland Revenue Authority,  
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Commissioner General



## 12 NATIONAL NEWS

## TSC BOSS HAILS SOMNJALOSE HIGH

Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Ezulwini

**CHAIRMAN** of the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) Simanga Mamba has applauded Somnjalose High School on their improved academic performance.

"I used to come across pupils strolling at Ezulwini at around 11 am when they were supposed to be in the middle of lessons," Mamba remarked.

He was speaking during the school's speech and prize giving day on Monday. He said on various instances, he came across pupils fully clad in school uniform wondering around the area.

He said those are signs of a school with no direction and bound to fall. Mamba highlighted that the TSC struggled when a new head teacher was needed for the school because of its known bad performance.



**TSC Chairperson Simanga Mamba at Somnjalose. (R) Somnjalose Principal Macandza Mamba during the school's speech and prize giving day.**

"For the past three years, the improvement is noticeable and much appreciated," he said.

He praised parents for working hand-in-hand with the newly appointed head teacher in improving the school. Mamba highlighted that education is the key to success and Eswatini shows that by providing all educational materials required



by the pupils.

He mentioned that the government did the unthinkable and provided free education at primary level aimed at reducing illiteracy in the country. He said parents have a huge role to play in pupils' lives in order for them to be educated individuals.

"Parents must not abandon the responsibility of empowering and guiding pupils to the teachers but should always keep tabs of their children's lives," Mamba urged.

He said when pupils are guided by wise and strong principles; they tend to focus on the important things in life.

Mamba said it should be every parent's responsibility to keep tabs on his or her child. He said parents are the perpetrators of the bad performance of children.

"Parents' ignorance can destroy a child's future. If your child comes home as late as 7pm whereas school knocks off at 4 pm, let that worry you as a parent. Do not just ignore it," he said.

He said if parents support the school in nurturing pupils, that school is bound to succeed. He said school dropouts and teenage pregnancies would be limited because parents would have the same mind-set as a teacher that is eager to see pupils succeed.

"Plant the seed of the importance of education to your pupils and have a stronger belief in the essence of education," he said.

Furthermore, Mamba encouraged teachers to attend classes without fail and prepare for lessons in time. He said it should be every teacher's determination to never let any child fail because of their laziness.

"Let there be no child that has his or her future destroyed because of the lack of performance and laziness. A teacher's role in life is to change lives and a teacher's failure is evident in young people that are in prisons," he said.

## New phone for dedicated teacher

**ON the other hand, Chairman of the TSC, Simanga Mamba took a dedicated teacher of Somnjalose High School by surprise.**

He gave the teacher a brand new cellphone.

Mamba said he ordered the phone from China and the teacher would have it within a two-week period. The chairman, however, opted against revealing the brand of the phone. He said the phone would help her access the internet easily and research on important subjects.

The dedicated teacher Delisile Mhlanga was rather surprised by the recognition, saying she thought she was just doing her job.

She said even though teaching is not a highly paying job, she is passionate about it.

"It is about the love and passion I have for teaching. Working extra hours and holidays is not something I consider as hard work," she said.

## Somnjalose to be amongst top 50

**SOMNJALOSE High Head teacher Macandza Mamba has vowed to take the school to the top 50 in two years.**

He said with the dedication and passion shown by the teachers, the school would be amongst the top schools in a two-year period. He praised parents for their support in improving the pupils' education.

The principal shared that the school obtained four Merits last year in the junior secondary examination. Meanwhile, Ezulwini Town Board Chairperson Bongile Mbingo pledged 20 bags of cement to the school.

Mbingo made the pledge during the school's speech and prize giving day. She said the bags would help in the construction of the school hall. According to the school's head teacher, construction of the hall would commence as early as next month.



## CALL FOR ENTRIES AWARDS 2018

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade is proud to announce the opening of entries to the much awaited Eswatini Annual Quality Awards for 2018. This is the second year of implementation of these awards. Entries are open on **1<sup>st</sup> September 2018** and will close on **30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**, at 12 noon.

The aim of the National Annual Quality Awards (NAQA) is to foster business excellence through the sustained application of productivity and quality principles in large, small and medium scale organizations in Eswatini. Furthermore, the competition can be used as a tool to provide structured and robust criteria upon which organizations carefully assess their quality achievements and successes as well as identify areas that need improvement. Last year the awards were handed over to deserving recipients.

Please take note entries to all categories of the Eswatini Quality Awards competition will close on **30 September 2018**. Participation is free.

The winners of the Eswatini Quality Awards will qualify to submit entries into the SADC Annual Quality Awards for 2018. We look forward to your participation in the 2018 Quality Awards.

Please contact the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade - Regulatory and Quality Infrastructure Development (RQID) Department, Tel: **2404 7509/10**

Entry Forms may be obtained from the:

RQID Offices in the DPMs office Complex  
Sozisa Street  
Mbabane

Or

Eswatini Standards Authority (SWASA) Offices  
Plot 247 Marble Construction Premises  
King Mswati III Avenue, 11th Street  
Matsapha Industrial Site

Or downloadable on:

Website: <http://www.gov.sz>  
<http://www.swasa.co.sz>  
<http://itdswaziland.org>



# Eswatini Quality Awards





# JA Eswatini

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## JA PULL OUT

### JA Eswatini National Expo: An Exciting display of creativity and innovation among in school youth

The 2018 JA program was successfully implemented in 40 schools this financial year managing to impact the lives of about 4000 learners. About 63% of the schools that implemented in the program are based in the rural areas. This meant that the most vulnerable population OF Eswatini to issues such as poverty, were able to be capacitated with the necessary skills to attain their economic growth.

The program successfully reached the preliminary judging stage of the competition where an independent panel of adjudicators reviewed a total of 37 business plans and end of year reports that were submitted by the schools. 3 schools had automatically withdrawn from the competition due to failure of submission of reports

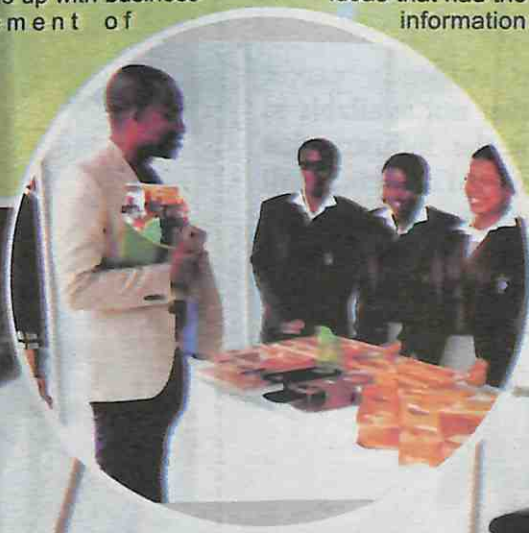
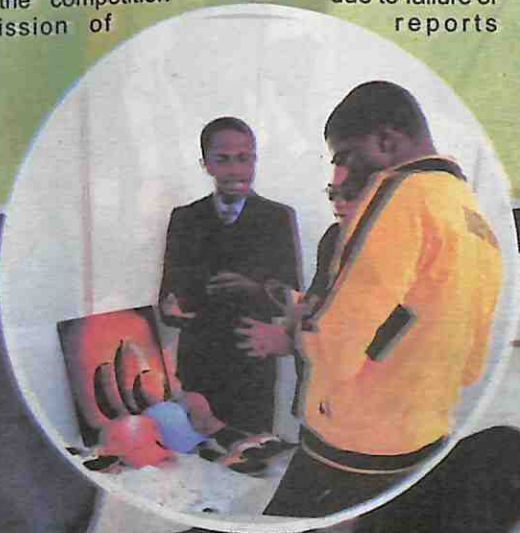
on time. The preliminary judges had a duty to identify the best top ten business ideas that were innovative enough to have sustainability in the market. These schools are to compete in the national expo competition.

The schools submitted their business plans as well as their end of year reports which were then judged by a panel of judges identified in the business community who were then able to produce the 10 best performing schools. The theme that the students were working towards this year was dubbed "Integrating Information Technology into Entrepreneurship".

This theme encouraged young people to innovatively come up with business ideas that had the element of information

technology (IT) and use IT for the marketing of the identified products.

This year, the young people displayed a high level of understanding of the theme that they were working with. The businesses that made it to the top 10 are viable business that can be sustained as the organization continues to work collaboratively with the young people. The winner at the National Expo competition will represent Eswatini at the Africa Company of the year competition scheduled for the 5th of December 2018 in Ghana, Accra. Eswatini has successfully claimed the Africa Company of the Year Competition for 4 years in the 7 years in which the competition has existed.

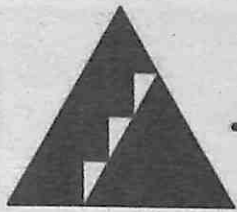


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# JOB SHADOW 2018 Successfully hosted with 69 Companies

**J**unior Achievement Eswatini to pursue. 354 learners were successfully hosted the 2018 Job Shadow program in partnership with 69 companies. This program was targeting form 4 learners, where young people are attached in a working environment for a period of 5 working days.

The initiative aims to expose learners to the filled of work, where they get to explore different career options that in the note so distant future, they can have an opportunity

to pursue. 354 learners were successfully attached during the first and second term holidays. These are young people who are from 40 different schools of which about 64% of these school are from rural areas. This program therefore provides an opportunity to these young people who are most indeed of such opportunities to explore the world of work as they make a choice that will las them their last time.



## REVIEW OF THE PROGRAM FROM PERSPECTIVE OF THE LEARNERS

JA Eswatini consistently drives to attach learners according to the relevancy of their intended career path. While this may prove to be a challenge as through the influence from television, learner tend to envision careers that are not even available in the Kingdom.

This however does not deter the organisation from affording young people an opportunity to explore the world of work. An analysis was conducted to ascertain if students were attached according to their career options and the graph below discusses the data as communicated by the students.

202 students which accounts for 57% of the learners attached indicated that they were successfully attached according ton their career interests. 32 students which is 9% of the learners attached indicated that they were not attached according to their career interest.

120 (33%) students however, explained that some departments that they visited were relevant to their career interest which is where they most enjoyed themselves.

57% of the students were attached in companies with relevant departments that match their career choices and got to work in those departments that match their career choices.

However, not all of the students were attached in companies with departments that match their career aspirations. 9% of the students found themselves in that situation. This situation was mainly with the students whose career aspirations are in the health sector and those attached in institutions of higher learning.

Some of the student's career choices are either not available in the country or the industry that offers those kinds of careers is still at a low rate/growing. These include careers in Cardiology, neurosurgeon, aerospace, automotive styling, oncologist and others.

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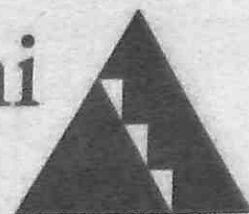
## General overview of the program

98% of the students who participated in the program this year indicated that they enjoyed themselves in the different companies, with 88% of the students indicating that they greatly enjoyed themselves in the different companies.

This is evident by the different feedback forms that were analysed which indicated that indeed learners appreciated the opportunity to explore the world of work and learn about their different intended career options.







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## MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO MAHLALELA

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LAST week I received an invitation from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to a 3 day-workshop that is part of finalising the development of National Guidelines for the Multisector Response to Gender Based Violence – that is on-going as you read.

The guidelines aim to strengthen the capacity of professionals from key essential service sectors (health, police, justice, and social sector) for an enhanced effective multisectoral response to violence against women and girls (VAWG). Ordinarily, I was excited at the opportunity to learn and obtain writing material for the readers of this column.

It goes therefore, that today you would have been reading about violence against women and girls and its effect on HIV prevention efforts. But lo and behold, as we went through the first day activities and the participants were discussing service providers attitudes towards survivors of gender-based violence, the subject of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTIs) popped up. The ensuing deliberations changed my piece for this week – I was flabbergasted by much of the challenges facing this community of people and the potential negative impact that not addressing their issues has on the last mile to ending AIDS in the country.

### Situation of LGBTIs in Eswatini

Consensual same sex among male adults (sodomy) is prohibited as a common law offence, punishable by a minimum of two years imprisonment or a minimum fine of five thousand Emalangeni (E5 000). So far, there has been no deliberate effort to decriminalise same sex relations in Eswatini and no one has ever been prosecuted for sexual orientation offences to date. However, LGBTI community members face regular discrimination based on sexual orientation, which often results in obstacles in accessing public services, including but not limited to health services.

Melusi Simelane, the Communications Manager for The Rock of Hope, the

# COUNTRY'S HIV PREVENTION EFFORTS CHALLENGED

country's most prominent LGBTI rights advocates, in the run up to the Pride March held in Mbabane on the 30th June this year, said "We have the daily persecution in terms of verbal attacks and even systematic exclusions from basic human rights. Hospitals continue to discriminate based on sexual orientation. People are fired from their jobs based on sexual orientation and gender identity. All these can easily go unpunished because the government insists that we do not exist"

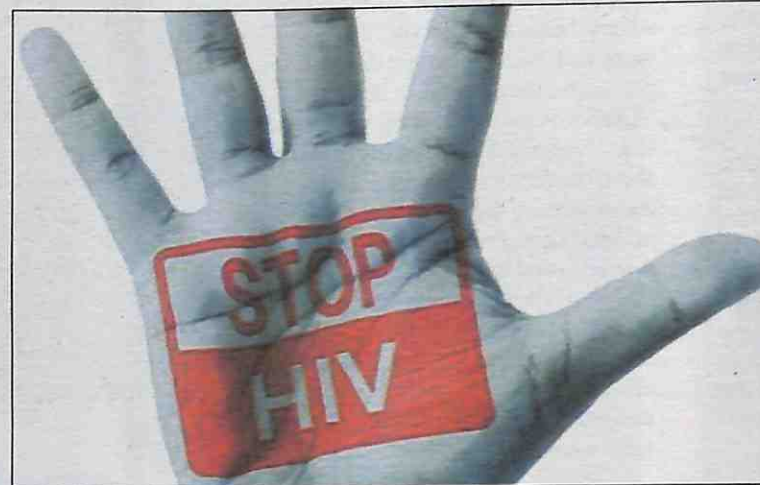
Describing how LGBTIs are treated by the rest of society, he said it was a very trying environment that is easier for the brave. He questioned however, the need to be brave to fit in any society, saying that societies should be welcoming of all persons.

Speaking at the Pride March that many had said would not see the light of day, US Ambassador Lisa Peterson noted that allowing the parade was a sign that justice was served in Eswatini. She said if people in communities live with the notion of being shunned by their families, church or being belittled at school, lose their jobs or being ridiculed in clinics, there is injustice and people need to make sure that justice is served.

The march itself, was aimed at offering LGBTI people an opportunity to display pride in who they are, to break free from persecution and harassment. This emanates from that many members of the LGBTI community are affected by mental health issues because they lack psychosocial support and basic love and compassion from their family and friends.

### The LGBTI community and HIV vulnerabilities

Given the criminalisation of same-sex acts, there is limited data on the experiences of the members of the LGBTI community's engagement with HIV prevention and treatment services, making it difficult to accurately gauge the role of these populations in larger HIV transmission dynamics, as well as biological, behavioural and structural risk factors that contribute to their heightened vulnerabilities. The Swaziland Behavioural Surveillance Survey: HIV among High Risk Groups (2013) had a total 324 men who were successfully recruited and consented to participate in the study – a majority (64 per cent) of which were 21 years of age or older;



with approximately one-third (39.9 per cent) reporting their sexual orientation as bisexual and 57.0 per cent reporting it as gay or homosexual. The SBSS provides the following key information:

- HIV prevalence among man who have sex with men (MSM) was 12.6 per cent;
- Only 33.3 per cent of the MSM living with HIV reported receiving treatment
- 25.5 per cent of MSM reported having both male and female partners in the past year of the survey;
- 18.3 per cent of MSM knew of the heightened risk of contracting HIV from receptive anal sex;
- 57.8 per cent of MSM reported it was somewhat or very difficult to insist on condom use for male sexual partners who provide regular economic support;
- 26.8 per cent of MSM reported using condom-compatible lubricants;
- MSM reported strained interactions with law enforcement, including being refused police protection, with 36.2 per cent reporting having been tortured due to their sexual orientation;
- Almost two-thirds (61.8 per cent) of MSM felt afraid to seek healthcare due to their sexual orientation or practices

The inference that can be drawn from the available information is that there is heightened risk ascribed to MSM that may have a direct link to the general population.

The greatest danger is that posed by those men that swing back and forth (revolving-door behaviour) that are trying hard to conform to societal demands and pressures by day – and unleash their true selves behind closed doors. Living a double life has

definite implications on their health and those of their partners.

For many that access social support networks, these are often centred at bars and night clubs yet substance use is linked with elevated sexual risk practices and violence – as alcohol use may lead to loss of inhibition.

### HIV Risk reduction strategies for LGBTI sexual health

LGBTI people have a role to play in ending AIDS. The first step is to TALK to a healthcare worker.

● **Talking** – Talk to a healthcare worker freely about what you want from life, love, a sexual partner. Consider talking to partner(s) about their sexual history, about what they want and like during sex, and how to make it safer. There are benefits of good communication which often lead to better sex. When necessary, open talk between a health healthcare worker and a client is always a good thing – if each person feels safe and comfortable, an honest conversation leads to more focused information.

● **Testing** – Getting tested – for HIV, for STIs (and for cancers like prostate and cervical cancer) – will help you plan their sexual and reproductive health and get the support needed. It can be scary to test but knowing is often better than not knowing. If you test with your regular partner, if you have one, they can be included in the discussions with healthcare providers about the way forward

● **Technique** – Learn about good sex and sex that is safe, using condoms or femidoms for penetration and the right amount of water-based lubricants is excellent. Use condoms for sex toys too or clean them carefully before sharing. In oral sex,

avoid getting sexual fluids in their mouth. Using a barrier like a condom or dental dams offers the most protection.

● **Treatment** – Being on ART, adhering well and having a viral load that is undetectable, makes sexual activity much safer. If one partner is HIV negative there is the daily oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) as well as the common post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) taken within 72 hours after an unprotected sexual encounter to greatly reduce the chances of HIV infection.

● **Type of relationship** – If you are in a closed relationship (just you and partner) with a high level of trust, then you can negotiate and agree on sex without a condom when both partners are negative. Remember to still test regularly. For sero-discordant couples, it is important to talk to a healthcare worker about safe sex. The need to adhere to ART medication not only to live healthier lives but also to protect persons you are sharing your life with, cannot be over-emphasised.

● **Tools** – These are things used in sex to make it more interesting and/or safer. Condoms, femidoms, water-based lubricants, dental dams, finger cots, dildos, vibrators, all help balance pleasure and risk management.

● **Theory** – Know your facts about HIV and STI transmission; Facts about sexual health, sexual pleasure and how one's body works; Facts about alcohol and drugs – when one is drunk or high, safe sex decisions can be affected; Facts about medicines and ART; Facts about mental health – if you are depressed or have lost self-worth, you may be less inclined to protect yourself and be safe.

HIV and AIDS have previously challenged us to re-visit certain stereotypes that contributed to an increased HIV positive population. In the face of this ticking time bomb, perhaps it is time we look at how stigma and discrimination on sexual orientation will effectively impact the future of Eswatini.

The 'revolving door' behaviour of many men in particular, remains a great challenge but in the meantime, we can all play our part in easing the stigma by judging ever so little and creating the enabling environment we desire to get us to End AIDS by 2022.



## ON THIS DAY

...September 27

**1982** - Italian and French soldiers entered the Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps in Beirut. The move was made by the members of a multinational force due to hundreds of Palestinians being massacred by Christian militiamen.

**1983** - Larry Bird signed a seven-year contract with the Boston Celtics worth \$15 million. The contract made him the highest paid Celtic in history.

**1986** - The US Senate approved federal tax code changes that were the most sweeping since World War II.

**1989** - Columbia Pictures Entertainment agreed to buyout Sony Corporation for \$3.4 billion.

**1989** - Two men went over the 176-foot-high Niagara Falls in a barrel. Jeffrey Petkovich and Peter Debernardi were the first to ever survive the Horseshoe Falls.

**1990** - The deposed emir of Kuwait addressed the UN General Assembly and denounced the "rape, destruction and terror" that Iraq had inflicted upon his country.

**1991** - US President George HW Bush eliminated all land-based tactical nuclear arms and removed all short-range nuclear arms from ships and submarines around the world. Bush then called on the Soviet Union to do the same.

**1994** - More than 350 Republican congressional candidates signed the Contract with America. It was a 10-point platform they pledged to enact if voters sent a GOP majority to the House.

**1995** - The US government unveiled the redesigned \$100 bill. The bill featured a larger, off-center portrait of Benjamin Franklin.

**1998** - In Germany, Social Democrat Gerhard Schroeder was elected chancellor. The election ended 16 years of conservative rule.

**1998** - Mark McGwire (St. Louis Cardinals) set a major league baseball record when he hit his 70th home run of the season.

**2004** - North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Choe Su Hon announced that North Korea had turned plutonium from 8 000 spent nuclear fuel rods into nuclear weapons. He also said that the weapons were to serve as a deterrent against increasing US nuclear threats and to prevent nuclear war in northeast Asia. The US State Department noted that the US has repeatedly said that the US has no plans to attack North Korea.

**2015** - The space probe Dawn was launched by NASA. Dawn entered orbit around protoplanet Vesta on July 16, 2011 and entered orbit around Ceres on March 6, 2015.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Lil Wayne (Rapper)** - September 27, 1982, (36 years).



**Tamara Taylor (Movie actress)** - September 27, 1970 (48 years old).

## THE NATIONS PRAY

A NATIONAL CALL TO PRAY



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## GREATNESS OF BURDEN

**THIRDLY, in this kind of praying, there must be a focus on the greatness of burden.**

Notice again what happened to Nehemiah after he learned about the broken walls and the burned-up gates and the affliction of the people.

We read in verse four: "And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven..."

I believe God was sharing with Nehemiah His tears. Nehemiah wept as his brothers told him about the deplorable condition of this great city that was once the jewel of the world, the most powerful government in the world and the most powerful and wealthy kingdom in the world.

Now it was in shambles, and the people who had once been perhaps the most honoured and feared in the earth because of their military and economic power, now were in disgrace. People laughed at them and mocked them, and they were weak.

## Tragedy

The tragedy of that broke Nehemiah and he began to cry. It didn't last just a little bit. It was for days and weeks. In fact, if I understand it, it went on for about four months.

Much of the time he was fasting and groaning, because God was groaning over the broken walls and the wounded, hurting people, and nobody seemed to care, until God touched a man, Nehemiah, and he was where he ought to be, and he started to cry.

He was broken. I am thrilled to hear some of you are praying with me since you've been reading these articles, that God will give you tears, and that He will make us hunger for God more than we hunger for food, and even sleep.

You'll notice in verse six it went on "day and night".

This was not Nehemiah's burden; it was God's burden. If we ever get in touch with God in what's happening in our culture, in our churches in our days, we're going to cry. We're going to groan. We're going to want Him more than we want food.

Nehemiah's praying also focused in great repentance.

Look at verse six: "let Thine ear now be attentive, and Thine eyes open, that Thou mayest hear the prayer of Thy servant, which I pray before Thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel Thy servants, which we have sinned against Thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. We have dealt very corruptly against Thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgements, which Thou commandest Thy servant Moses".

Who is going to repent? it's the repenter who have to begin it.

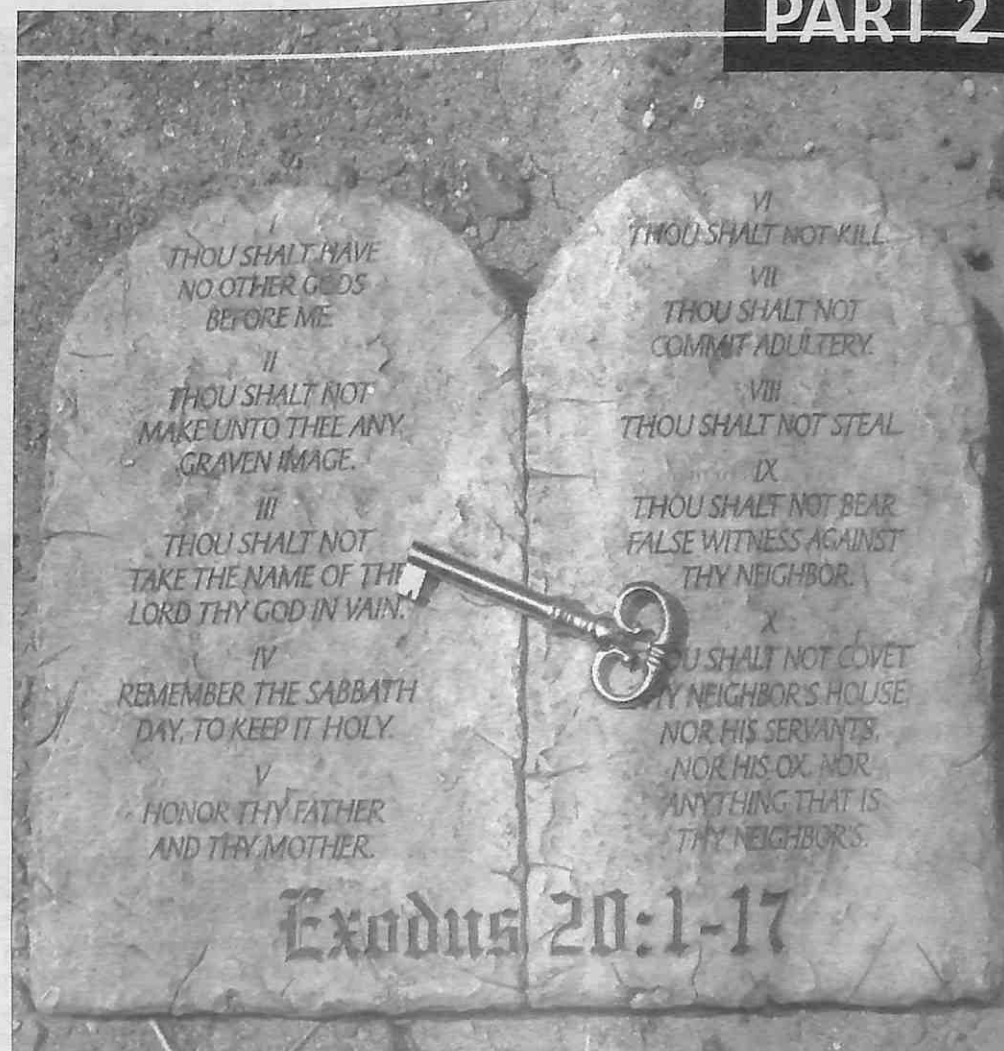
Oh, my dear friends, here in Eswatini kingdom and around the world, we have blood in our hands. We have people under the curse of shedding the blood of little innocent, unborn children by the millions!

Who's going to repent over that if we don't, and over the violence; the drug addiction, the apathy, the indifference, the business as usual in our churches, seeking other answers rather than seeking God?

In repentance, we must cry out to God for Him

## PRAYER THAT BEGINS REVIVAL

## PART 2



to change us. You'll notice Nehemiah didn't confess only his sins. That was tremendously important, but he confessed the sins of his nation. And he didn't include only what was going on at that time.

I think he started way back at the time of the Babylonian captivity, and he began to repent for the terrible wickedness of their worship of Baal and their sacrifice of their children to the idols. There was grief in the repentance.

## FOCUS ON GOD'S PROMISE

The fifth thing is this prayer was focused on God's promises. I love this. Friends, you'll never be the same once you begin to pray promises of God back to Him. We really don't have anything else to pray.

It's what has said that matters. You'll notice that's how Nehemiah prayed.

In verse eight we read: "Remember, I beseech Thee, the word that Thou commandest Thy servant Moses saying, if ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations: but if ye turn unto Me, and keep My commandments and do them (obedience); though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set My name there."

Now, there Thy servants and Thy people whom Thou has redeemed by thy great power"...

Oh, dear friend, when God hears you begin to pray that great truth about the people He bought with the blood of His son, and you begin to talk to God about what the Word says He wants those people to be, Heaven is shaken.

God is interested. God will move. But it's His word, not your emotions. It's His burden and it's His promises. The final thing is, this prayer was focused on great expectancy. The final verse

of chapter one says a little about that.

It says: "O Lord, I beseech you, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant... (by this time more people had joined him) who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king cupbearer".

If we didn't read in God's Word, we would almost think it was made up what this man who was a cupbearer to the king had the audacity to expect God to do.

He expected that God would so touch the heart of a heathen king that he would put Nehemiah in charge of a great company of people who would go back to Jerusalem, and God would give him the strength to inspire the people and challenge the people and lead them to rebuild all walls, to rehang those gates and to re-establish a viable, God-honouring government among His people.

The beautiful thing is, God did it.

The burden was from God; the promises were of God; and the yielded servant of God was available. When you have that, revival is coming! God is going to do it, not because of our worthiness but His. I believe when it comes, it's going to be the greatest movement of God the world has ever known. I believe that God is going to give us what He's put in our heart to believe Him for and to pray for....

Join us for 'The Nations Pray' monthly Revival prayer this month we will be with Zoe Christian Family Centre in Matsapha this Saturday past the Eteteni Engen starting from 2:15pm to 3:30pm.

Please also visit our Facebook page The Pentecost Ministries International Trust and your feedback is also welcome to the revolutionarymandate@gmail.com.





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## TWO AGAINST MEN

IT may not seem like much, but congratulations are in order for the two women (Lady Howard-Mabuza and Thandi Nxumalo) who were elected as Members of Parliament this past weekend.

They have the difficult task of navigating their ideas and leadership skills in a world full of men. We sure hope that as the newest Members of Parliament, they will push for legislation that is equally friendly to all members of society.

Another warm congratulations to all the women who ran but could not make it, their efforts and hard work have not gone unnoticed, as humans we always win some, and lose some.

Even though they did not make it, they have taught us the qualities of good leaders.

It's impossible to respect, value and admire great leadership if you can't identify what makes a leader great.

Because of this, as a society we have failed to recognise the greatness in these women who were running for Senate, not just this year, it is something that aspiring women leaders in particular have been facing for much too long.

While the tide is changing and more women are being elevated into leadership roles in the workplace, there is still much work to do in legislation.

These women have taught us that a woman's instincts and emotional intelligence can be off the chart. They seamlessly manage crisis and change and are turnaround experts – sensing and neutralising any signs of danger well before it invades our path.

We are all familiar with this kind of leadership because most households in Eswatini are headed by women, that is where the leadership skills begin. It is because of the women in our family that we



**CONGRATULATIONS:** The only two female elected MPs in the 11th Parliament Lady Howard-Mabuza and Thandi Nxumalo.

are well-organised, full of love, spiritually aligned and well-balanced.

Nobody can claim a perfect family, but possibly a family that embraces traditions even as we adapt to changing times.

The barrier to voting for women into leadership can be summed up to one true one – society's mentality towards women leaders, the lack of exposure to their leadership skills and the triple burden that women face in society of being a mother, wife and child of the community. It can be difficult for a man to understand how women think, act and innovate unless he has been closely influenced by the women in his life.

The moment one realises and accepts the fact that women process things differently and in their own terms, it's the moment one knows that voting for a woman is voting for change, both in the way things are normally done, and also in the type of leadership which ultimately leads to better outcomes. Fortunately

for many of us, we have been influenced by great women who made us appreciate their approach towards leadership.

We have grown to understand their decision-making processes, the dynamics and subtleties of their personality and style, and other special character qualities that women possess.

### Truth

The truth of the matter is, women are master multitaskers and highly collaborative (though not afraid to get territorial to protect their domain).

They enjoy their own space to test themselves and find their own rhythm. Women leaders are like scientists: many of them want to make new discoveries or solve problems where others have failed. The women leaders don't stop pursuing until the job gets done. This is what makes them good collaborative leaders – not afraid of trial and error as long as they continue to build the resource infrastructure around them that gets them closer

er towards accomplishing their goals.

One other reason why women do not get elected is that they do not have enough resources to fund their campaigns. But the truth is, successful women leaders don't rely on favours; they earn respect and truly believe they can influence their own advancement by serving others.

They also seek to prove their value and self-worth by exceeding performance expectations. Looking for respect more than recognition, the most successful women leaders don't seek to become the star of the show – but they enable others to create a great show.

In other words, being in the spotlight is not what drives them – but rather it's the ability to influence positive outcomes with maximum impact.

All hope is not lost as we believe the two women representing their constituencies will display these leadership qualities without fail. Again, a big congratulations to them!



● "If you don't give up on something you truly believe in, you will find a way."  
– Roy T. Bennett

● "Count your blessings, not your problems. Count your own blessings, not someone else's. Remember that jealousy is when you count someone else's blessings instead of your own."  
– Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

● "Be the positive impact on the lives of others."  
– Roy T. Bennett

● "Turn your obstacles into opportunities and your problems into possibilities."  
– Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

● "I've had a lot of worries in my life, most of which never happened."  
– Mark Twain

● "Learning to distance yourself from all the negativity is one of the greatest lessons to achieve inner peace."  
– Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

● "Most of us must learn to love people and use things rather than loving things and using people."  
– Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

● "Never let hard lessons harden your heart; the hard lessons of life are meant to make you better, not bitter."  
– Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

● "It takes sunshine and rain to make a rainbow. There would be no rainbows without sunshine and rain."  
– Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

● "Some things cannot be taught; they must be experienced. You never learn the most valuable lessons in life until you go through your own journey."  
– Roy T. Bennett

● "Integrity is doing the right thing when nobody's watching, and doing as you say you would do."  
"Discipline Your Mind to Think Positively: Discipline your mind to see the good in every situation and look on the best side of every event."  
– Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

● "It doesn't matter how many times you get knocked down. All that matters is you get up one more time than you were knocked down."  
– Roy T. Bennett

● "Focus on your goals, not your fear. Focus like a laser beam on your goals."  
– Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

● "Failure is a bend in the road, not the end of the road. Learn from failure and keep moving forward."  
– Roy T. Bennett

● "When one has a grateful heart, life is so beautiful."  
– Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

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

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 26 SEP 2018

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.3377	14.3877
British Pound/SZL	18.8842	18.9500
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.8498	7.8743
Swiss France/SZL	14.8685	14.9049
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3434	1.3510
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.4106	10.4541
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.0656	11.1033
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## ESWATINI IN PRECAURIOUS SITUATION AS...

# COUNTRY'S RESERVES TOO LOW

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

AS at September 14, the country's reserves had dangerously declined to E6 billion, way below the internationally recommended three months import cover for goods and services.

The Central Bank of Eswatini has attributed the decline in reserves to government spending coupled with the outflow of funds to neighbouring South Africa. The local currency is currently pegged to the rand on a one-on-one basis. Valued in special drawing rights (SDRs), the

This is how the country's gross official reserves fared this year

- In March they declined by 6.5 per cent to reach E6.6 billion, sufficient to cover 3.3 months of imports. Year-on-year, reserves fell by 9.9 per cent at the end of March.
- Gross official reserves contracted by 2.8 per cent to E6.7 billion at the end of May 2018, enough to cover 3.2 months of imports. Annually, the reserves declined by 9.1 per cent.
- They stood at E6.7 billion at the end of May reflecting a contraction of 2.8 per cent from April. The import cover fell from 3.3 months to 3.2 months.
- In June contracted by 7.8 per cent to reach E6.1 billion at the end of this month. At this level, the reserves represented an import cover of 2.9 months. Annually, the reserves receded by 11.5 per cent.
- Gross official reserves accelerated by 18.7 per cent from the preceding month to reach E7.2 billion at the end of July.
- They stood at E6.5 billion at the end of August, 10.5 per cent lower than the preceding month. The reserves were sufficient to cover 3.0 months of imports of goods and services. Year-on-year, the reserves depicted a contraction of 11.8 per cent.

country's reserves have been on a downward spiral since the begin-

ning of the year. In August, they were at E6.5 billion and at this stage, they had declined by 10.5 per cent from the E7.2 billion observed in July. In another matter, the Central Bank reported in its monetary policy statement that the country's deteriorating economic environment had resulted in a decline in credit offered to the private sector, hence its current slow growth.

Also highlighted in this statement is the looming increase in inflation, predicted to peak to 5.6 per cent before the end of the year. The current headline inflation rate is 4.9 per cent.

## RSSC pays E80 million tax

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

THERE is no doubt about the Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC) being one of the major contributors to the country's public purse with the company's recent E80 million tax pay-out to government.

The same company spent E27.3 million on staff development while E670.1 million was used to pay staff salaries and wages.

These figures are contained in the recently released integrated annual report. Despite RSSC playing a critical role in boosting government's ailing fiscus in terms of tax revenue, Managing Director Nick Jackson expresses discontent with

the static makeup of the country's sugar industry, 50 years after independence.

"We need new agreements and structure to take us forward for the next period. In our view, the current structure, along with the agreements, are no longer sustainable and this requires ongoing scrutiny and negotiation," he states in the report.

RSSC also spent handsomely on healthcare services for staff and people from surrounding communities with an estimated E27.1 million resources having been channelled towards people's wellbeing in the past year.

The company's housing plan is currently unmatched in the kingdom with 22 000 people



being catered for.

Apart from growing sugarcane, RSSC is also responsible for its harvesting, processing and refining before the final product, sugar, is distributed to the market. RSSC also does ethanol distilling, distribution, beef production, power generation as well as hospitality.

## Australian travel writer in the country

By Majaha Nkonyane

AUSTRALIAN travel writer and award-winning environmentalist Huw Kingston is in the country on an adventure cycling mission, as part of the Sundowner Tour, which is organised by Escape Cycle Tours and facilitated by Gary Hayter, General Manager at Ngwenya Glass.

"Eswatini is a relatively not known destination in Australia, as compared to South Africa, hence the generated interest since enthusiastic global travellers prefer discovering new destinations. I've been blown away by the landscape and amazing cycling trails in this country," he said. As a travel writer, Kingston said he specialised in adventure topics - trek, bike, ski, and kayak - but also covered family travel and profiles, among others.

"I've been contributing to various publications for 25 years or so and these include Outdoor Australia, Escape, Action Asia, Jetstar, Adventure.com, Out There, Mountain



WELCOME: STA's Melusi Dlamini, Escape Cycle Tours' Chris Murray, visiting Australian travel writer Huw Kingston, and Ngwenya Glass' Gary Hayter pose at Nkonyeni Golf Estate on Tuesday. (Pic: Majaha Nkonyane)

Biking Australia, Great Walks, Australian Geographic, Wild, Bound Round/Family Travel/My Discoveries and others," he said.

Kingston is a member of the Australian Society of Travel Writers and the Outdoor Writers & Photographers Guild in UK.

"I have a number of commissions

already for this visit to Eswatini. This includes a major 'Destination' feature on Eswatini in Wild magazine, Australia's leading outdoor travel and adventure publication and a piece for the travel section in the senior, a large circulation newspaper for over 55's. I have also pitched the story idea to Escape,

the weekend travel section for a number of Australia's main Sunday papers and to Adventure.com, a very large international travel/destination website that I write for," he said. Kingston also said he had good interactions with few locals, and described Emaswati as genuinely friendly.



# STRAY CATTLE DESTROYING MONTIGNY PLANTATIONS

By Majaha Nkonyane

**MONTIGNY Investments is still facing a challenge with stray cattle destroying young planted trees.**

Speaking at the Montigny Investments chiefs meeting, the company's Managing Director Neal Rijkenberg said unattended cattle continued to be a problem for the company as they eat and damage young trees in the plantations.

"While we have tried several strategies to combat this challenge, stray cattle remains one of our biggest problems," he says.

Montigny Investments is seeking ways of successfully confronting the challenge of stray cattle. Such strategies will not only improve the kingdom's biggest forest plantation company's turnover; the nation as a whole stands to benefit but employment opportunities will further be guaranteed. Currently, Montigny provides employment to at least 10 000 people nationally who are tending to the company's 55 000 hectares of man-made forests.

Some of the strategies that Montigny has employed include the deployment of forest rangers, foresters and cattle monitors at their plantations and communities surrounding them. These strategies have benefited some other entities such as game reserves.

"We have also considered fencing the bor-



ders of the forest. This, without doubt, would be quite expensive, but could benefit us in the long run," Rijkenberg says.

According to Rijkenberg, Montigny has future plans of gradually fencing the plantation perimeter until the whole forest is completely fenced. The plan, he said, was to start off by fencing feeding roads with the entrance points to the forest installed with cattle grids. He also proposed the construction of pound camps at the royal kraals in the different communities. It is worth noting that cattle pound camps are one

of the strategies employed by the central government in keeping stray cattle off the roads; thus Montigny Investments' move to also employ this strategy.

This, he said, would see law enforcement being effected by the chiefs upon their subjects. The company is aware of unacceptable behaviour from the community; thus he pleaded with the chiefs to urge the community members in their jurisdiction to desist from such, which may include stealing the fence bordering these plantations.

## SMIT Crouse appointed Letshego Group MD

By Majaha Nkonyane

**SMIT Crouse has been appointed as Letshego's new Group Managing Director.**

He will be based at Letshego's Group Headquarters in Gaborone after assuming duties on Monday.

Reacting to the appointment, Letshego Eswatini CEO Mongi Dlamini congratulated the new group MD on his appointment and expressed confidence that he would take the company to greater heights.

"Letshego remains committed to increasing financial inclusion on a sustainable basis, ultimately generating a positive social impact in communities, both in the country and across Letshego's 11-country footprint in Africa. We would like to congratulate the new group managing director who will help us make strong progress to being Africa's leading inclusive finance provider," Dlamini said yesterday.

Commenting on the appointment, Enos Banda, Letshego's Group Chairman, was quoted in Letshego's website stating: "The board is confident that Smit's extensive experience, and more specifically, his unique strategic approach, thought leadership and drive for operational excellence, will enable the Group to be well positioned in realising its full potential."

Smit has over 20 years of experience in the multinational, private and multilateral sectors of finance, commerce and law.

More recently, Smit has been a senior executive and special adviser to the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the World Bank's Financial Institutions Group based in Washington DC.

Commenting on the announcement, Smit said: "I know Africa as a continent of diversity and contrast, which dynamics provide for an environment full of unique opportunities to those who respect and appreciate local knowledge."

I look forward to engaging all stakeholders of the business across our footprint, including customers, on the positioning of Letshego for the future."

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## KPMG nets NDMA performance management system tender

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

**KPMG South Africa is troubled across many fronts, with the firm's publicised fall-out with the Gupta family severely hampering operations.**

In the local front, it is business as usual for KPMG as the company has managed to receive a number of tenders, the most recent of which entails conducting a performance management system for the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA).

Five other companies had shown an interest in this tender, but their bids were outshined by KPMG with

a total evaluation score of 88.2 per cent. The other firms which applied for this tender were AM Recruitment, JBH Management Consultancy, Kavana Consulting, Corporater and Kisa and Associates.

Information published in the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA) website shows that KPMG's intention to award contract for this tender is worth E161 000.

With 70 per cent, AM Recruitment received the second best evaluation score and this company's bid price as read out was E153 000. All four other companies were not evaluated in this tender, and NDMA

DETAILS OF ALL EVALUATED TENDERERS			
NAME	NATIONALITY	BID PRICE	SCORE
AM Recruitment	Swati	E153 000	70
JBH Management Consultancy	Swati	Not evaluated	69
Kavana Consulting	Non-Swati	Not evaluated	Not responsive
Corporater	Non-Swati	Not evaluated	Not responsive
Kisa and Associates	Non-Swati	Not evaluated	68

Chief Executive Officer Russell Dlamini did not advance the Agency's reasons for this.

Three of these companies; Kavana Consulting, Corporater and Kisa and Associates are not of local origin.

## Small construction companies submit unconvincing proposals

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

**NINE companies had rolled up their sleeves with hopes of being chosen to construct the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) warehouse in Matsapha.**

The tender was eventually granted to Fab Investments with an intention to award contract price of E357 011.18.

Six companies did not make it to the evaluation stage, for reasons not readily divulged by NDMA Chief Executive Officer Russell Dlamini in documents published in the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA) website.

Three companies; M&Q Services, IMED (Pty) Ltd and Touch Hygiene Investment received total evaluation scores

**...In a tender issued by NDMA for the refurbishment of its Matsapha Warehouse**

way below 50 per cent. Despite failing to eventually get this tender, two companies, namely Okumhlophe Investments and Builders at Work, attained total evaluation scores of 76.24 and 82.4 per cent, respectively.



The companies which submitted proposals for this tender are Okumhlophe Investments, Builders at Work, M&Q Services, Rock Solid Construction, IMED (Pty) Ltd, Diamond Contractors, Sathini Investments and Touch Hygiene Investment.

DETAILS OF RECEIVED PROPOSALS			
NAME	NATIONALITY	BID PRICE AS READ OUT	SCORE
Okumhlophe Investments	Swati	E466 374.18	76.24 per cent
Builders at Work	Swati	E330 692. 86	82.4 per cent
M&Q Services	Swati	Not evaluated	39 per cent
Rock Solid Construction	Swati	Not evaluated	Not responsive
IMED (Pty) Ltd	Swati	Not evaluated	46 per cent
Diamond Contractors	Swati	Not evaluated	Not responsive
Sathini Investments	Swati	Not evaluated	Not responsive
Touch Hygiene Investments	Swati	Not evaluated	38 per cent



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# ENACTUS SANU HEADING TO THE US FOR ENACTUS WORLD CUP 2018

WITH the ENACTUS World Cup 2018 now right around the corner, the ENACTUS Eswatini Southern African Nazarene University (SANU) Faculty of Education team is working around the clock to finalise preparations to take on their counterparts from 36 countries around the world, at the ENACTUS World Cup 2018.

The highly anticipated ENACTUS World Cup 2018 will take place from October 9-11 at the San Jose McEnergy Convention Centre, California which is in the heart of Silicon Valley, a home to giant hi-tech corporations like Apple, Google, and Facebook.

Every year, a selected group of about 3 500 students, business and academic leaders from around the globe meet at ENACTUS World Cup to collectively celebrate the lives being changed around the world.

The final competitions are qualified from over 72 000 university students down to the National Champion teams from 36 countries. ENACTUS SANU Faculty of Education claimed the Eswatini National Championship title in July this year.

Their innovative Super Nova reflector belt won them the title against six teams which took part in the nationals. Through the project, the team has managed to reduce traffic accidents caused by stray cattle, and has generated income for women from Ngculwini.

At the ENACTUS World Cup, each team has 17 minutes to showcase



**YOU KNOW WHAT MA SAYIN?: ENACTUS Eswatini Southern African Nazarene University (SANU) Faculty of Education team.**

their entrepreneurial action projects. These projects are not only making a difference in the world, but they also have the momentum to create new careers, spark business innovation, and deliver fresh energy for social impact.

The ENACTUS World Cup also shares real progress in key areas which align with the framework of the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The ENACTUS Eswatini SANU Education team remains upbeat that they will impress the World Cup judges and make the Kingdom of Eswatini proud.

In order to prepare the team for the

daunting task that lies ahead of them, several companies have been honing the team to compete effectively. These include but not limited to; Coca-Cola, MTN Eswatini, and Eswatini National Youth Council (ENYC).

Participating countries in this year's ENACTUS World Cup include; Austria, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Eswatini, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United

States, and Zimbabwe.

Enactus is an international organisation dedicated to inspiring students to improve the world through entrepreneurial action.

The ENACTUS experience transforms both the lives of the people the projects serve, and in turn, the lives of ENACTUS students as they develop into more effective, values-driven leaders. This year, ENACTUS Eswatini project teams increased from six to 12 teams. A total of about 500 students worked in various communities throughout the country, especially in the drought-stricken communities. As a result, over 1 000 people directly benefited from the stu-

dents' projects, and they have created over 300 jobs in different communities. ENACTUS Eswatini is proudly sponsored by the Government of Eswatini, Coca Cola Eswati, Harmony Gold Mining Company, Nedbank Swaziland, MTN Eswatini, Swaziland Water Services Corporation (SWSC), Eswatini Bank, Swazi Observer, Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC), DD Williamson, Standard Bank, Central Bank of Eswatini, Strengths Inc, NAMBoard, Old Mutual, Sudla Engineering, SEDCO, Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority, Kushamiri, KPMG, TransMagnific, Eswatini Tourism Authority, Dups Group, and Ecosol.



**SUNDOWNERS: Visiting cyclists who are part of the Sundowner Tour pose with Escape Cycle Tours' Director Chris Murray (far right) and Ngwenya Glass' General Manager Gary Hayter. (Pic: Majaha Nkonyane).**

## STA lauds biking tour organisers

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE Eswatini Tourism Authority (STA) believes the introduction of the Sundowner Tour, an adventure cycling expedition that goes through Eswatini, is a positive development in the growth of adventure tourism in the country.

In an interview, STA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini lauded South African Tour Company Escape Cycle Tours, and Eswatini's own Gary Hayter (General Manager at Ngwenya Glass) for what he described as 'sterling working in putting together the

tour'. "We can only but hope that our visitors would get to appreciate our culture, landscape, and wildlife as they cycle through the country. We commend the organisers for this initiative, as we are certain that it will promote Eswatini as a destination of choice for adventure tourism," said Dlamini.

Escape Cycle Tours' Chris Murray revealed that he would be bringing groups to Eswatini every month, with 14 groups already confirmed for 2019. He said each group would consist of about 16 people. The tour, according to Murray, starts in Johannesburg, goes through Eswatini, and ends in Mpumalanga Province. Within the

country it will go through Hawane Resort, Foresters Arms Hotel, Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, Nkonyeni Golf Estate, and Mkhaya Game Reserve.

Hayter, on the other hand, said mountain biking was a growing sport in the country as it creates employment and generates income for the country. Hayter said the fact that there were already two bike shops in the country was symbolic of the said growth. He said it was important that various cycling events team up in their marketing efforts, mentioning among others Ingwenya Mountain Challenge, Nedbank Imvelo MTB Classic, and the Logico MTB Cycle Festival.

## Capitec profits rise 20% despite 'double whammy' economic woes for clients

**JOHANNESBURG** Capitec Bank [JSE:CPI] reported a 20 per cent rise in half-year profit on Tuesday, with the lender's client base rising to 10.5 million people, representing 109 000 new customers every month over the period.

The bank released its unaudited financial results for the six months ended August 2018 yesterday.

Capitec CEO Gerrie Fourie said the company was pleased with client growth to August, with a significant number of new high income customers joining the low cost, no-frills bank in the tough economic climate.

In an interview with Fin24 on Tuesday, Fourie said the rising cost of living, combined with bonuses and overtime payments decreasing, created a "double whammy" for clients, forcing them to take on credit. According to Fourie, the bank had to take a conservative approach to debt in the current economic environment, with the value of loan sales growing by four per cent in the six months to August 2018, while the net loan book was up by three per cent.

Capitec was launched in 2001 as a micro-lending business, and has moved to operate as a fully-fledged

bank with savings, insurance and credit options. Fourie said it was a "journey" to cut the costs of unsecured credit.

The lowest interest rate given by Capitec on loans not linked to assets is 12.9 per cent, which Fourie compares positively to the prime lending rate of 10 per cent granted by banks to customers with strong credit records for home loans and other forms of secured credit.

Capitec represents just five per cent of total credit in South African financial institutions, and Capitec is hoping to increase its share of this.

Contrasted with other banks such as FNB or newcomers Bank Zero and Thyme Digital, Fourie still sees a strong role for "brick-and-mortar" bank branches. He says they signed up all 654 000 new clients over the last six months. The process takes 10 minutes in real time and includes taking a clients' biometric details and verifying them, according to the Financial Intelligence Centre Act (FICA). Nonetheless, Capitec, which mostly caters to the lower income segment, has 1.8 million people using its digital application, a 62 per cent increase in the six months to August. *Fin24*



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## The Impact of Technology on Tourism

In social terms, digitalisation is expected to continue propelling the travel experience on its trajectory towards becoming more seamless, frictionless, and high quality.

The use of technologies including the 'Internet of Things', location-based services, artificial intelligence, augmented and virtual reality, and block-chain technology (see definitions below) has resulted in a tourism offer that is more attractive, efficient, inclusive, and economically, socially and environmentally sustainable than its predecessor. It has also facilitated innovation and rethinking of processes, with a view to tackling challenges such as seasonality and overcrowding and developing smarter destinations.

Digitalization has a positive environmental impact and can yet have a greater one, with innovations in manufacturing, smart assets and efficient use of resources contributing to a more sustainable industry footprint. Some major impacts on the sector as a whole are the development of smart travel facilitation, smart destinations, and a new wave of job profiles

### Smart travel facilitation

In the same way the smartphone has transformed telecommunications and media, a comprehensive smart travel model - one that includes smart visas, borders, security processes and infrastructure - will revolutionise tourism. With consolidation of these tools, passengers can book their flights and check in online, have their boarding passes on their smartphones, go through automated clearance gates and even validate their boarding passes electronically to board planes. These measures improve both travel facilitation and security.

### Smart destinations

A smart destination is one with a strategy for technology, innovation, sustainability, accessibility and inclusivity along the entire tourism cycle: before, during and after the trip. A smart destination is also one with residents as well as tourists in mind, factoring multilingualism, cultural idiosyncrasies and seasonality into tourism planning.

This is why smart destinations are key to the transformation of the tourism sector. By continuously and accurately measuring, integrating and analysing data for efficient decision-making, prioritization and anticipation of challenges, they create a seamless and exciting experience for tourists while managing local resources efficiently.

Smart destinations can make tourism governance more inclusive through inclusive entities, such as boards, trusts or foundations, which represent all public/private stakeholders in the destination. They can help ensure maximum

accessibility in sites, products and services, eliminating barriers to mobility. And they allow us to analyse sustainable tourism management through different lenses.

Consider, for example, the challenge of seasonality, where population change from variation in tourist flows makes tourism's impact difficult to measure. Technology-based data tools, such as remote sensors and big data management systems, can help destination managers capture and process large volumes of data for a greater understanding of the impact of seasonality on tourism and on sustainability. It can therefore help them to predict and manage tourist flows in order to more efficiently and effectively manage destinations.

### Job creation

The future of travel is technology-based, so tourism jobs will require both technical and advanced soft skills used to effectively implement and manage smart initiatives. The greatest societal impact of digital transformation in tourism may be the effect on the sector's workforce, which directly and indirectly represents 1 in every 10 jobs worldwide. Like in other economic sectors, intelligent automation will change the nature of some travel jobs and eradicate others altogether. However, digitally-enabled growth will also generate new employment opportunities that could outpace the automation of existing roles, especially as strong growth is forecast for the sector. Startups and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) - drivers of technology-based innovation and entrepreneurship in tourism - will take on an increasingly important role in developing the skills needed for the jobs of the future. The sector should therefore prioritize strengthening startups and MSMEs so they can become integral parts of the tourism value chain, and boosting technology- and skills-based education, training and policies that stimulate innovation and decent employment.



## Technology in the hospitality Industry – Exploring the very latest trends

Technology is advancing at a faster pace than ever before, and this is changing both the expectations of patrons as well as the way in which the hospitality industry conducts its business.

Some of the trends in industry are leading to great improvements and savings for hospitality industry companies; while some are changing how hotel developers plan their buildings, infrastructure, management structure and staffing requirements. These are some of the latest trends in industry:

### Wi-Fi infrastructure overhauls

Nowadays, hotel guests who travel with devices such as phones, tablets and computers no longer see Wi-Fi as a perk, but as a must-have when they check in at a hotel.

Hotel guests expect to be able to connect to the internet seamlessly and without too many interruptions, leading hotels to invest in better, faster Wi-Fi infrastructure so that people can do business and use their technology devices with ease when they book their stay.

Hotels are also starting to move away from user pay models. In the past, hotels could charge exorbitant rates and guests knew they would have to pay if they wanted to go online. Installing and maintaining a hotel-wide wireless network may be coupled with costs, but many leading hotel groups have started to install high density Wi-Fi and started to offer in-building mobile phone coverage as guests have come to expect these services during their stay (not only for themselves, but also for their guests if they are hosting a conference or function at the hotel). It might not yet be financially feasible for hotels to completely abandon the user pay model, but many of them are re-thinking their current infrastructure and pricing models.

### Digital conference facilities

Besides being able to offer high density Wi-Fi for conferences and meetings, hotels also need to be able to offer access to audio-visual (AV) and digital facilities for conferences. While the amount of AV and digital equipment that goes into a typical conference room is fairly minimal, staging companies are often hired for various projects in order to equip the facility as required.

A key component in designing effective conference facilities that can accommodate this type of technology is creating easily accessible, concealed pathways in ceilings and flooring where adequate power and data connectivity can be facilitated. If a hotel has extensive conference facilities, network design becomes critical to ensure indoor mobile phone coverage, Wi-Fi connectivity, VoIP, real time location services (RTLS) and internet protocol television (IPTV) as well as all the accompanying AV and digital equipment.

### Feedback on social media

Technology has infiltrated almost every aspect of

our lives and hotel developers need to realise that almost any person checking in at a hotel, resort, spa or lodge, will have a smartphone in their pockets. Many companies in the hospitality industry are already using social media to their advantage as guests check-in on location-based social media apps, tweet about their experience on Twitter and share their holiday photos with friends and followers on Instagram and Facebook.

This trend will continue and hotels can expect to see even more social media engagement from guests who use these platforms to give feedback about their experience, complain and give compliments about their stay. Hotel staff are also expected to provide feedback and address and complaints or queries from guests in real-time.

From an online reputation management perspective, this is a trend that marketers and hotel management need to manage proactively. Consumers don't make decisions about where they're going to travel to or book a stay in a vacuum - they turn to community-developed content and rating systems such as Trip Advisor and social media to make decisions about holiday destinations, hotels and leisure.

This shift has led to many hotel and leisure groups developing active social media monitoring and communication strategies in order to stay on top of what's being said about them online and making sure that both marketing and operational staff address feedback that has been given online. An additional way in which operator can take full advantage of technology in this space is using it to communicate how well they are doing (in real time) with respect to their various environmental initiatives (such as real time electricity/water usage reporting, etc.)

### Integrated, seamless experiences

Technology doesn't mean that customer experience can only happen online and through devices, check-ins and online comments. All of these experiences need to be part of an integrated, dynamic system so that the guests' experiences are at the forefront of the marketing and operational team's mind. If a guest leaves a comment about their stay when they check-out of the hotel, for example, the right people need to reply and acknowledge this type of communication.

If a guest leaves a complaint about not being able to stream mobile content during their stay, then processes should be put in place to ensure the right person follows up by communicating with the guest and solving the problem at the hotel.

Marketing, management and hotel developers can no longer work in silos and these technology trends are giving them the opportunities, tools and solutions they need to create memorable experiences that can lead to positive change and growth in the industry.



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## MESSAGE ON WORLD TOURISM DAY FROM UNWTO



UNWTO Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili

**T**his year, World Tourism Day highlights the need for investment in disruptive digital technologies that can help foster an environment for innovation and entrepreneurship in tourism.

We live in an increasingly connected and interdependent world with digital advances transforming how we inform ourselves, transforming our behavior,

and encouraging innovation. We need not only new tools but also new capacities and ways of thinking. So, across the United Nations family we are designing innovative projects, initiatives and partnerships.

The sheer size of global tourism and its impact on many other sectors, and all of the Sustainable Development Goals, puts it at the forefront of social responsibility, which today goes hand-in-hand with innovation on all levels.

Harnessing innovation and digital advances provides tourism with opportunities to improve inclusiveness, local community empowerment and efficient resource management, amongst other objectives within the wider sustainable development agenda. The digital transformation is about providing benefits to all, and we are making sure that tourism contributes to this global commitment.

## MESSAGE ON WORLD TOURISM DAY FROM UN



UN Secretary-General António Guterres

**T**he wide reach of tourism into many sectors, from infrastructure and energy to transport and sanitation, and its huge impact on job creation, make it a vital contributor to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

At the same time, tourism plays a pivotal role in advancing cultural understanding and bringing people together.

Yet tourism needs innovation in technology to realize its potential contributions. Its benefits need to flow to host communities. Governments can help to connect startups with investors to facilitate innovation, entrepreneurship, employment and a truly inclusive tourism sector.

Digital technologies have brought positive momentum to societies and economies around the world. They have connected us on a global level, helped to empower the most vulnerable and become our crucial allies for sustainable development. Our challenge is to continue harnessing this power for good while safeguarding against the risks.

On World Tourism Day, I call on governments to support digital technologies that can transform the way we travel, reduce the ecological burden of tourism and bring the benefits of tourism to all.

## Tourism and Technology:

**T**he Royal Science and Technology Park is pleased to partner with the Eswatini Tourism Authority in commemorating the World Tourism Day which is themed; Tourism and Digital Transformation. World Tourism Day is celebrated world-over on the 27th September every year and we are pleased that this year the theme of such an important day speaks to our sector.

The Royal Science and Technology Park believes that one cannot separate tourism from technology as these two very important sectors depend on each other. Technology needs users who include people in the tourism sector and the tourism sector is growing rapidly because of the digital transformation which is connecting the world. With recent developments in both the technology and tourism sectors, it is now easier for tourists and all stakeholders in the tourism sector to

work together in making their lives easier.

At the click of a button, tourists can now get every piece of information that can assist them decide on their next holiday destination. With the use of apps, service providers in the tourism sector can now properly market their service provision. Through the use of technology, service providers in the tourism sector are no longer just those in the hotel industry and tour-guides, but many innovations have now made even the "average man on the street" to be a service provider.

As an institution, we are not only happy that we are one of the major players in the ICT space, but we are also playing a role in supporting start-ups that are in this space through the Business Incubation unit.

We believe that the start-ups that we incubate will play a huge role in ensuring that technology works well in the development of the tourism sector not only in the Kingdom of Eswatini but throughout the world. All our business

units are ready to ensure that tourism is not left behind in the digital transformation, we are just spreading the wings and allowing the sector to take the initiative as our tagline is "we spread the wings, you take the initiative."

As the world commemorates this important day, we are happy to be joining hands in finding ways through which the Kingdom of Eswatini can bring the two sectors that are contributing a lot to the economic development of the world. Tourism and technology are the 'new oil and natural gas' as these two sectors have seen the development of some of the most developed countries in the world.

Let us therefore work towards ensuring that the kingdom leverages on the two sectors as we work towards attaining His Majesty's Vision 2022 which is the country's development vision.

These two sectors will play a huge role in ensuring that the country is able to



RSTP CEO VUMILE DLAMINI

achieve the AU's Development Agenda 2063 and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. For the attainment of all these development goals, tourism and technology should be among the vehicles used by the country and the world.





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## Digital Transformation Trends in Hospitality and Tourism

**I**n the past few months, we've been looking at digital transformation trends in different industries like healthcare, retail, finance, and media and entertainment.

Today, we look at an industry that's been completely turned on its head in recent years, due to extreme digital transformation: tourism and hospitality.

It used to be that we'd visit a brick-and-mortar travel agent every time we needed to plan a family vacation or work trip. (Granted, some of you may not remember that.)

But today, thanks to mobility, travelers are playing a much larger role in the experience. They want to find a hotel that matches their style—on their terms—the very moment they need it.

And thanks to players like Airbnb, which set the stage for a completely new era of travel, they can. Indeed, when it comes to the hospitality business, digital transformation is a mix of greater customer demands—and the technology that can help meet them. Let's take a look at the top trends impacting the hospitality and tourism industry.

### Mobile Integration

The digital transformation is a dream come true for introverts who like to travel. With mobile-first and mobile-only brands continuing to grow, customers can do practically anything on their phone, from checking in—to ordering room service—to unlocking the room door itself. In fact, one can plan an entire trip—from booking to bedtime and home again—without ever talking to a live human.

### AI and Chatbots

Remember when all hotels used to have clunky welcome binders on the desks, outlining where to eat, what to see, and what to do in the area—everything you needed to know? Today, hotels can provide all that information—and more—via AI-powered apps and technology. Guests can access the information at any time they need, right from their phones in the form of an e-concierge.

They can even access voice-activated chat bots to open the curtains, set the alarm, or order breakfast, without ever talking to a human being. At the Cosmopolitan in Las Vegas, you can even text a robot named Rose at any time, 24/7, and she'll find a way to fill your request, fast. Meanwhile, Marriott has been using AI-powered chat bots at nearly 5,000 hotels to do

things like make reservation changes, and check on account balances or redemption vouchers.

### Integration of the IoT

As more and more devices get connected to the Internet of Things (IoT), it makes sense that the tourism and hospitality industry would begin to harness that data to improve the customer experience.

After all, the more they know about their guests, the better they can please them. If the IoT data tells them the customer has visited their resort every year for the last three years, it can automatically send a message proactively asking the guest if they'd like to make another booking this year. You just saved your customer a step—and guaranteed a booked room—without ever lifting a finger.

The same could be said by harnessing information about food selection, excursions, and in-room amenities. The opportunities for up-sells and better CX are endless.

As noted above, data is going to play a huge part in the new era of hospitality and tourism.

In the case of Airbnb, they were able to use customer data to determine that

guests who chose not to book were doing so because they were discouraged by hosts who failed to respond to their inquiries. (I've been there—it's annoying.)

By offering instant booking feature to guarantee their reservation, they helped alleviate many of the customers' concerns and helped automate what had previously been an incredibly arduous part of their business model. Data didn't just improve CX. It improves the bottom line, as well.

### Reputation

The fact that guests can book instantly also means they can share their opinions instantly via Facebook, Yelp, Trip Advisor and other travel review websites. That's why technology has pushed hotels and restaurants to focus even more on providing quality customer service. Yes, there are outliers. I've experienced them myself. But there is no doubt the trend is toward better service for guests—not just a better return for operators.

### Virtual Reality

Whether it's a hotel property, museum, or a tourist destination, guests can take a look without even leaving their living room via virtual reality. The goal is either to offer a preview of what

guests will experience—or offer the next-best-thing to visiting at all.

(For instance, would you rather pay \$4,000 to visit Paris in real life, or \$200 to take the same trip in a virtual world?) This isn't being done on a widespread scale yet, but some major operators are offering guests the chance to experience at least a snippet of their travel experience—offering greater piece of mind especially to those planning a visit to a faraway destination.

Others destinations, like the Museum of Modern Art in New York (MOMA) are already offering VR installations as part of their exhibits.

The travel and tourism business is a \$1.2 trillion industry. Clearly, there is incentive to invest to grow it even more. Whether the IoT is improving the accuracy of flight schedules, or the lure of VR is convincing someone to take their first overseas trip, there is truly no end to the value tech can add to travel.

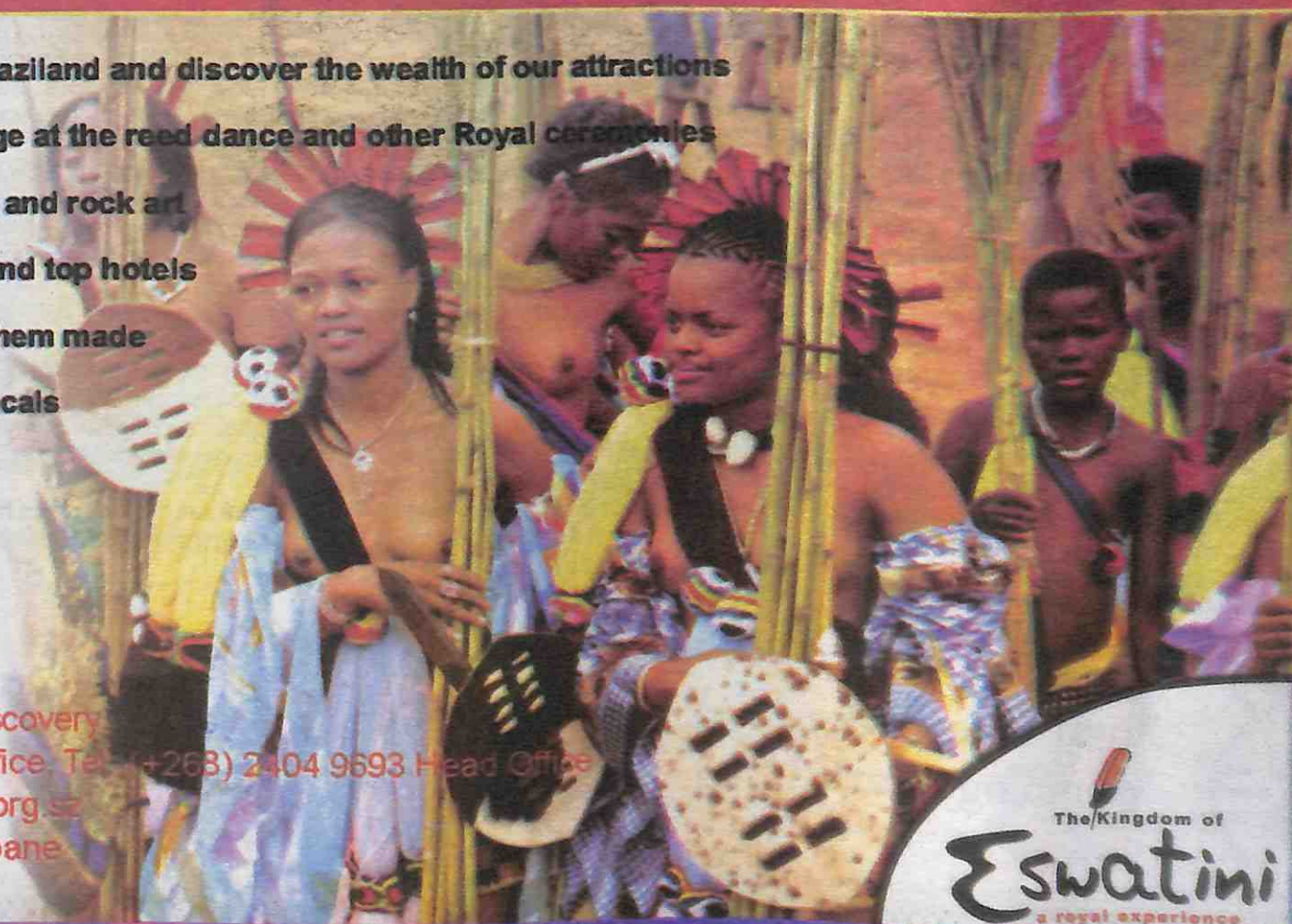
They just need to be careful it doesn't become so good that guests prefer the tech over the real thing.

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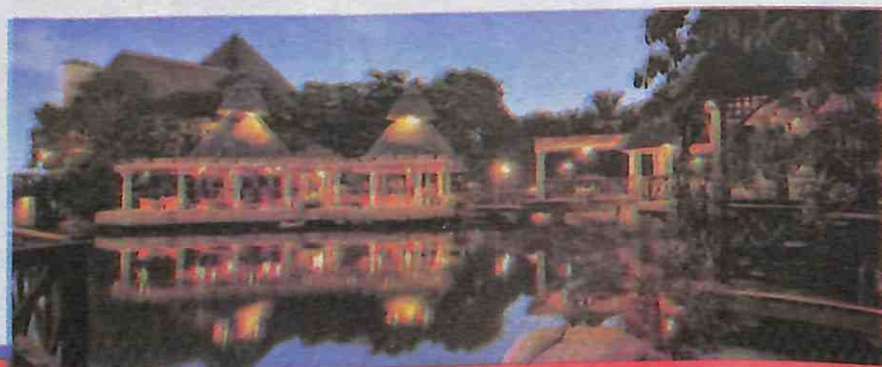
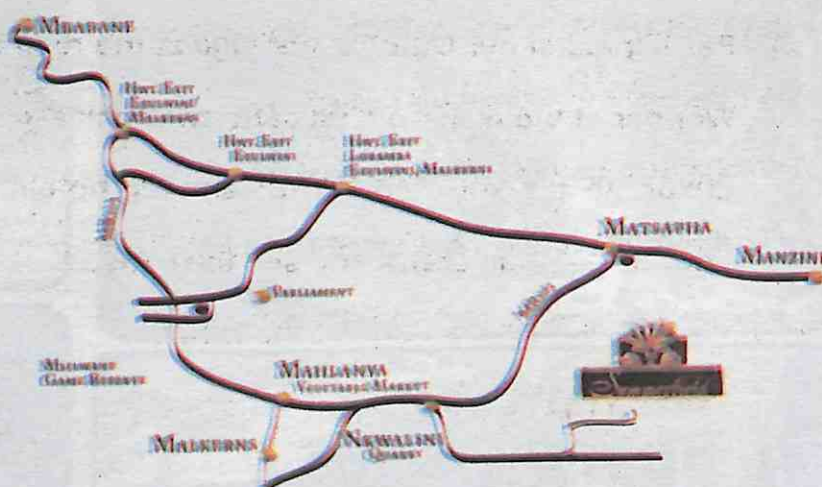
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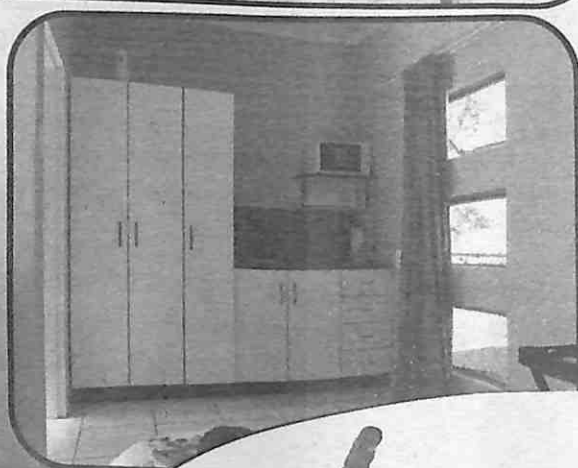
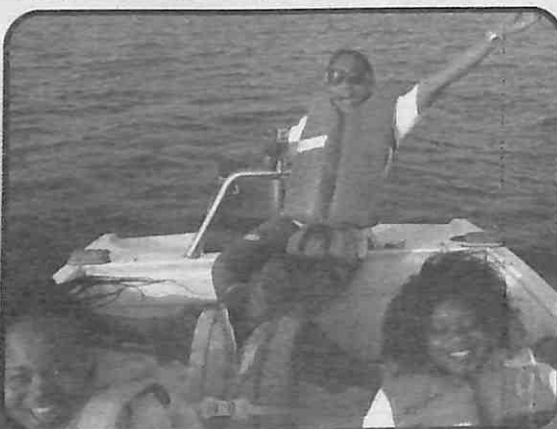
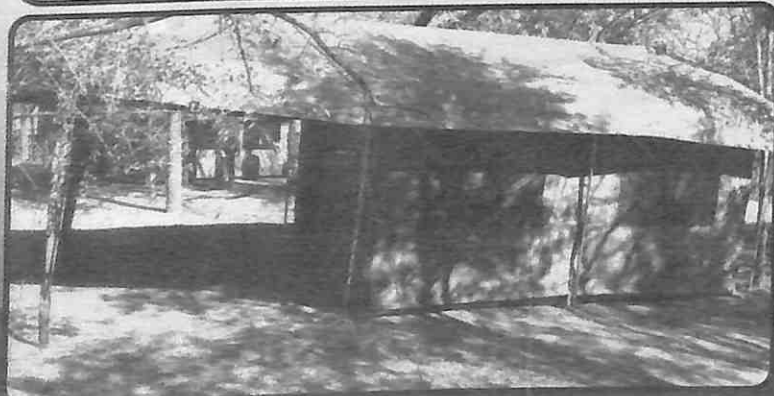
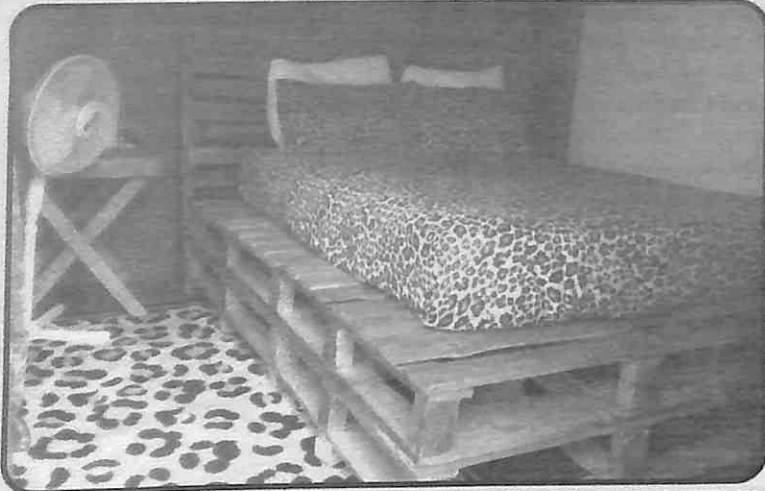
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## Standard Bank Luju Food and Lifestyle Festival 2018 a hit!

**S**tandard Bank Luju Food & Lifestyle festival, an event best described as a one-day lavish feast of music, vintage fashion, entertainment, culinary exploits, connoisseur-led premium wine and whiskey showcases.

A first of its kind in Eswatini's calendar of events that managed to attract an attendance of over four thousand festival attendants from the Kingdom of Eswatini and neighbouring countries.

### Event Setup

Set on the lavish lawns of the House on Fire Sculpture Garden against a breathtaking backdrop of endless cane fields and rolling hills. Luju is the event for food enthusiasts, culture buffs and travellers looking for a unique and sophisticated African-vintage styled event celebrating the local, the wholesome, the creative, and the delicious.

### Performances

Across the festival lawns close to four thousand guests leisurely strolled through various festival delights with

food, arts, as they enjoyed the music programme which was made up of sophisticated African sounds – from the soulful hits of Mi Casa and the Afrocentric power of Thandiswa Red Mazwai, to the jazzy collaborative Rebirth of Cool, the earthy Blues of Albert Frost, and Eswatini's own Judah Silitshena. Khole Tshabalala & Miss Floewe who collaborated on a never-seen-before set; the Luju Main Stage was a feast on its own!

The event not only showcased culinary skills and music talent from local and international renowned chefs and musicians as some performances included acts by Eswatini's Pelepele Cultural Group who are gifted with multi-colored, powerful cultural dances, intrepid voice and a talent for writing songs, as well as creating dances that reflect on the daily life and unique culture of the people of our homeland, Eswatini.

### A Family Oriented Festival

Standard Bank Luju Festival was a catch for both the young and the old as not only were adults delighted by Luju's programme but kids of all ages who were

ecstatic to have been treated to a mix of exciting activities in the Fun and Games area. From the vintage archery and shooting range and old school races to the more modern quad-biking and mountain-biking. There was something for everyone!

### Standard Bank offers banking facilities during the event

In line with bringing the brand closer to the people of Eswatini, Standard Bank embarked on a consumer awareness drive aligned to the Luju Food and Lifestyle Festival. Customers were availed an opportunity to learn more about the Bank's Digital and Conventional Banking product service offering, across local Standard Bank Branches prior to the main event and a number of lucky winners were afforded free access to the festival.

Festival attendants were afforded an opportunity to interact with the Banks product service offering across the various food, arts and craft activations present on the day. The Standard Bank Digital Activation Hub was positioned near the premium lounge to give



attendants an opportunity to interact with consultants and learn more about financial solutions offered by the bank.

The Service offering varied from digital channels activation and usage to financial wellness, focusing on the saving and investment portfolio. Standard Bank's 0% deposit offering for

vehicle asset finance was a catch as festival attendants were excited about the new offering which you can take advantage of to purchase the car of your dreams.

Here is an event not to be missed. We look forward to Eat Sway Love with you again in 2019.

## Maguga Lodge

**M**aguga Lodge is located within some of the oldest mountains in the world on the edge of the spectacular Maguga Dam.

The mountains in view boast a long and prestigious existence towering over our small Kingdom for over the last 3500 million years and leaving behind evidence of some of the oldest and best-preserved sequence of volcanic and sedimentary rocks on earth. Rock art can be found hidden in a rock face only 600m from the lodge.

**HIKING** a trail continues from the rock art with beautiful views of the dam. To experience more of the area there are community-guided trails to The Gap, which is where the whole Komati River disappears down a gap in the rocks. Or join shorter trails to a nearby waterfall.

### BOAT CRUISE

You can either enjoy a relaxing cruise gliding along the water in our Pontoon boat, or a thrilling high speed trip around the dam in our speed boat.

### FISHING

You can fish from the waters edge or hire a boat complete with skipper and gillie. You do need your own fishing equipment.

### BEAUTY THERAPY

Book an appointment to have a back, neck or shoulder massage, aromatherapy massage, Swedish

massage, manicure or pedicure with our visiting beauty therapist, and enjoy treatment in the privacy of your own room.

### CYCLING

There are a few bikes for hire that you can use to explore the lodge and test your cycling skills on the trail.

### OFFROAD

For the adrenaline junkie exploring by 4x4 is also an option. The mountains surrounding Maguga are filled with off-road excursions.

### ACCOMMODATION at Maguga Lodge

#### RONDAVELS

Dotting the hills of Maguga is a touch of Africa in the form of thatch-roofed Rondavels. Each Rondavel offers two private ensuite rooms with contemporary African décor and a patio to enjoy the views from your front door.

#### FISHERMANS COTTAGES.

Take the dirt road along the dam's edge to a hidden bay where you will find the 2 cottages, each complete with a full kitchen, air-conditioning and DSTV.

#### CAMPING SITES

Choose which view you want to see as you unzip your tent in the morning; inland or dam's edge. Both sites are secure, quiet and full of the natural splendor that make up the Maguga Lodge

experience. Modern elements, such as electrical plug points, lighting, ablution facilities and braai areas have also been included in the campsites to make your experience as convenient as possible.

### FACILITIES at Maguga Lodge

#### RESTAURANT

Our restaurant offers full breakfast, lunch and dinner menu which can be enjoyed on our open-air deck while taking in spectacular views of the dam and surrounding mountains,

or inside below the shelter of a massive thatch-roof in our large dining area.

#### BAR

Just around the corner of the restaurant deck is the bar, complete with all the local brews, and a few specialty cocktails making it the perfect spot for sundowners, or to watch international sporting events on DSTV.

#### SWIMMING POOL/LAPA

If you wish for a dip our pool offers a wealth of scenery, with unspoiled views. The patio is a great place to

enjoy a private function.

### CONFERENCING at Maguga Lodge

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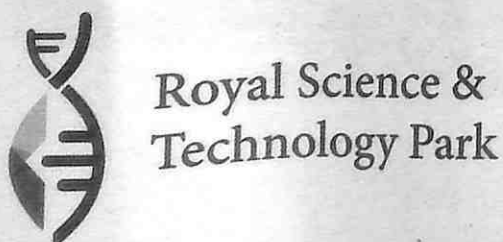
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## BRIEFS

## ZANU PF politicians facing hard times

**HARARE** - From once controlling state resources, enjoying unlimited allowances, flying first class and receiving constant kickbacks to suddenly now finding themselves wearing prison garb, dodging court summons and facing civil litigation. That's what has become of many former Zimbabwean cabinet ministers and powerful politicians dropped by President Emmerson Mnangagwa. But it does not start with Mnangagwa's administration. *Times Live*

## 12 die in Mali attack near Nigeria

**MALI** - At least 12 Touareg civilians died on Tuesday in an attack by gunmen in eastern Mali, a region hit by chronic unrest between local tribes and jihadist militants, sources said. About 200 people, many of them civilians from the Fulani and Tuareg tribes have been killed in the area this year as militants claiming allegiance to the Islamic State (IS) clash with local groups backing a French security force and the Malian army. *Reuters*

## Malaria, malnutrition kill 10 children daily

**NIGER** - Medical charity Doctors Without Borders warned on Tuesday over unprecedented levels of child mortality in southern Niger during the past months, with 10 children dying per day. Most deaths are linked to surging cases of malaria or malnutrition that have forced the intensive paediatric care unit in the city of Magaria to fill up, said the charity which is known by its French acronym MSF. *AFP*



## Prince William visits Africa

**NAMIBIA** - Britain's Prince William is in Africa this week to discuss threats to conservation, ahead of a London conference on the illegal wildlife trade. The Duke of Cambridge was in Namibia on Tuesday and will visit Tanzania and Kenya. On Monday, he met Namibian Vice-President Nangolo Mbumba. The prince's weeklong trip ends on Sunday. Kensington Palace says Prince William is making the "private working trip" as President of the United for Wildlife group and patron of Tusk, another conservation organisation. *AP*

## Elephant poaching crisis under scrutiny

**GABORONE** - Reports of elephant poaching in Botswana are under the spotlight with various claims in national and international media that the current adverse situation is driven by anti-poaching budget cuts, disarming of anti-poaching units, poachers being spoilt for choice with wildlife finding a safe haven in the country, and even the trophy hunting ban.

There is no doubt that these factors play some part in the rising elephant poaching incidents in Botswana. However, wildlife poaching, and in particular the poaching of elephants, is not unique to Botswana and has significantly reduced elephant populations across the African continent. In 2014, conservationists raised concerns that the poaching syndicates decimating the East and Central African elephant populations, would move further south, making southern Africa their next target. *IOI*



## EX-ZIM MINISTER ARRESTED FOR ABUSE OF OFFICE

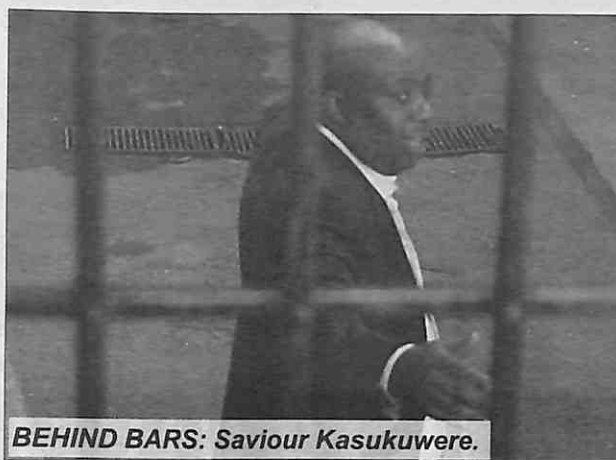
**HARARE** - Zimbabwean former first lady Grace Mugabe's ally has reportedly been arrested on charges of criminal abuse of office during his two tenures as a minister under former president Robert Mugabe's era.

According to the state-owned Chronicle newspaper, Saviour Kasukuwere spent a night in prison on Monday on four counts of criminal abuse of office.

He was, however, freed on \$3 000 bail, coupled with some strict bail conditions on Tuesday, New Zimbabwe reported.

Harare Magistrate Hosiah Mujaya ordered him to surrender his passport and title deeds to his house in Nyanga, report to police once a week and not to interfere with state witnesses, the report said.

Kasukuwere was facing three counts of criminal abuse of office during his tenure as local government minister and another count as indigenisation minister. According to NewsDay, Kasukuwere was linked to various fraudulent land deals, among them dishing out vast tracts of



BEHIND BARS: Saviour Kasukuwere.

land worth over \$2m to Grace Mugabe's sister, Shuvai Gumbochuma, without following due process. Gumbochuma was arrested on the same issue last week and was released on a \$500 bail, which was coupled with tough bail conditions. It was alleged that in 2014, Gumbochuma successfully applied for state land worth more than \$400 000 to develop into stands for low-cost housing in Harare. She "fraudulently" acquired the land in March 2015 from the local government ministry after

submitting false documents which claimed she had the capacity to develop the lands. But instead of developing the land, she allegedly sold it to another land developer for more than \$2 million, a Herald report said.

"Gumbochuma profited from state land thereby distorting the market value of the land from a mere \$424 426 to an inflated value of \$2 060 000 without making any developments," the Herald said, citing state papers.

*News24*

## Zimb boys' school teacher discloses that he is gay

**Harare** - A Zimbabwean high school teacher has triggered a furore after coming out to pupils and parents as gay to pre-empt a newspaper story that would have outed him.

Neal Hovelmeier, a teacher at the private St John's College in Harare, and Headmaster Cavaliere Corrado Trinci wrote a letter revealing his homosexuality to parents after announc-

ing it during assembly at the boys only school.

Homosexuality is illegal in Zimbabwe. St John's College made the disclosure after the independent Daily News sent in media questions about the teacher. Hovelmeier said he made the decision in the hope it would curb homophobic behaviour after some former pupils who had gained confi-

dence after school to pursue their sexual orientation told him how they had "intolerance, intimidation and homophobia" while at St John's. The sixth form teacher's admission sparked heated debate countrywide and on social media, with some critics saying the school should not have assembled pupils to make the disclosure.

*ANA*

## WHO suspends Ebola work in Congo, amid militant attacks

**GENEVA** - The World Health Organisation (WHO) is suspending parts of its effort to fight Ebola in the Congo after a string of attacks by militants, the UN agency said on Tuesday.

Ebola has claimed 100 lives since the deadly virus outbreak started nearly two months ago in North Kivu, a north-eastern border region where more than 100 armed groups operate.

After 21 people died in an attack by the Allied Democratic Forces rebels in the city of Beni on Saturday, community groups called for days of mourning and protests that are expected to last at least until tomorrow.

WHO staff are confined to hotels and their operating centre in Beni for security reasons so their ability

to track potential new infections has fallen sharply, WHO's emergency response chief Peter Salama told a press conference in Geneva.

"We are now extremely concerned that several factors may be coming together in the next weeks or months to create a potentially perfect storm," the Australian epidemiologist added.

In addition to the security risk, a minority of the local population is deeply mistrustful of government and UN health workers. Some potentially infected people have fled treatment.

Politicians in the region are also stoking the mistrust ahead of upcoming elections in December, Salama said on Tuesday.

As a result, the outbreak has spread over a wider region, including an area bordering Uganda.



The possibility of a cross-border spread of Ebola has increased and

Uganda "is facing an imminent threat," Salama added. *DPA*

## Mnangagwa 'offers Trump land to build state-of-the-art golf course'

**WASHINGTON** - Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa has reportedly disclosed that he offered President Donald Trump a piece of land in Victoria Falls to build a state-of-the-art golf course.

According to NewsDay, Mnangagwa revealed his offer to Trump at the Zimbabwe's Investors Forum in New York.

"When I was in Davos, I met staffers from the Trump administration. I had hoped to meet President Trump but I had to leave before he arrived. But I told his people that if President Trump wishes, I will offer him ground in Victoria Falls in the national park.

"We have wildlife national park in Victoria Falls, but I had offered President Trump ground to build a state-of-the-art golf course so that as he plays, he can be able to see the big five," Mnangagwa was quoted as saying. It appeared the land offer to Trump was part of Mnangagwa's administration at normalising relations between the two countries, the report said.

The two countries have had a huge fallout after the European Union and the United States imposed sanctions against Zimbabwe in 2000, as they accused ex-president Robert Mugabe of trampling on human rights, rigging elections and repression of press freedom - accusations that the nonagenarian denied.

The sanctions led to devastating economic challenges, with the country reportedly now sitting with about 85 per cent unemployed.

According to Daily News, Trump - billionaire president - owned at least 19 pristine and private golf courses around the world.

Trump's business empire was influential across the world, said the report.

Mnangagwa was expected to give his first speech at the United Nations General Assembly this week. He has also met with Zimbabweans in the diaspora and has given interviews to international media outlets that included CNN.

*AFP*





# FOCUS ON SA SCENE

## IFP on Ziba Jiyane: No one joins the party on Facebook

**JOHANNESBURG** - Serial political party hopper Ziba Jiyane has shifted allegiance again.

Now he has gone back to the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) — the party he left after a public feud with its leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi over its direction in 2005.

Jiyane confirmed on his Facebook status on Sunday that he had rejoined the IFP.

Responding to a question from Sifiso Shabalala on whether it was true that he had returned to the IFP, Jiyane said: "It's true Mshengu, as uMntwana [Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi] said

the ANC has many homes, one of them was built by him, but he was building his father Luthuli's home."

Jiyane was referring to the late former ANC president Chief Albert Luthuli who enjoyed a good relationship with Buthelezi.

He didn't respond to queries from Times Live about which branch he had joined and when, and what role he intended to serve in the party.

IFP MP and national spokesman Mkhuleko Hlengwa said the party had heard that Jiyane had claimed he had rejoined the IFP. "When we secure the monthly reports from branches

and when his name is there, it will be duly noted. Nobody joins the party on Facebook. If it's true, Dr Jiyane will associate himself with the nearest branch as the party constitution requires."

However, Hlengwa said before rejoining the IFP, Jiyane would have to explain the circumstances under which he had left the party.

### Courtesy

"Circumstances under which he left are still unclear. So as a political courtesy, he owes the party, himself and South Africa an explanation. And it would do himself a favour to do

so." Hlengwa also made it clear that Jiyane would not be given any special treatment but would have to follow party procedures like any other person who wanted to join the IFP.

In January this year the embattled NFP, led by its ailing founder Zanele KaMagwaza-Msibi, issued a statement, saying Jiyane would be unveiled as a new member which would have become the former IFP national chairman's seventh political home in as many years after the failure of his National Democratic Convention (NADECO). But this was quickly dismissed by those close to Jiyane

as untrue and the supposed move did not materialise. Jiyane formed NADECO, which was mainly made up of IFP dissidents, after a public spat with Buthelezi over the direction of the party. Before joining the IFP, he was a member of the Pan Africanist Congress.

The IFP's splinter party exploded onto the national political scene in 2005 after it scooped eight parliamentary seats, five in the National Assembly and four in the KZN provincial Legislature, without a single vote being cast — thanks to Jiyane's skillful use of the floor-crossing window period.

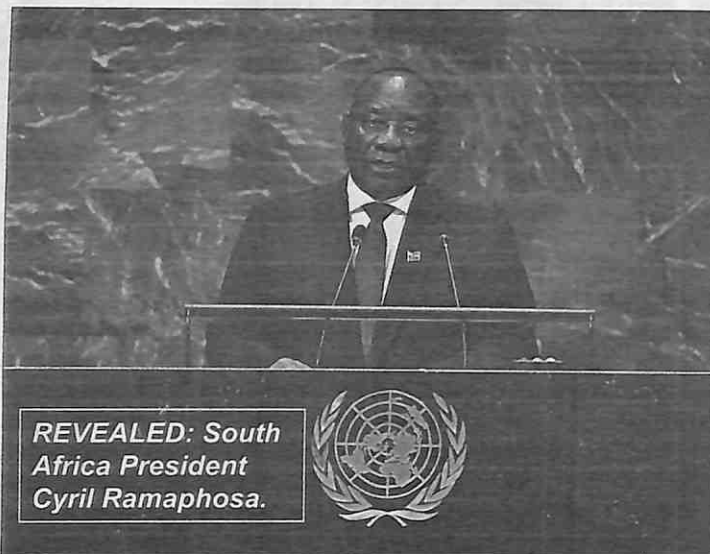
*Times Live*

## 'UN IS THE MOST POWERFUL INSTRUMENT WE POSSESS'

**NEW YORK** - The reform of the United Nations, and particularly its Security Council, is a priority if we are to give full effect to the values and principles enshrined in the UN Charter, President Cyril Ramaphosa said in his debut address to the General Assembly of the body in New York on Tuesday.

South Africa would like to see the Security Council increased to 15 members and for Africa to have two permanent members on the council since most conflicts happen on the African continent.

"Institutions like the United Nations, World Bank, IMF (International Monetary Fund) and the WTO (World Trade Organisation) need to be reshaped and enhanced so that they may more effectively meet the challenges of the contemporary world and better serve the interests of the poor and marginalised," Ramaphosa added.



**REVEALED: South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa.**

"The call to leave no one behind requires that we strengthen the institutions of global governance and make them more responsive to the needs of young people, particularly in the developing world."

"It is within our hands, as the leaders assembled here today, to

forge a more representative, equal and fair United Nations that is empowered and equipped to lead the struggle to end poverty, unemployment and inequality in the world."

He said to the poor, vulnerable and marginalised that the UN was

a beacon of promise in a landscape of doubt.

"To billions across the world, the UN is the most powerful instrument we possess to achieve a more equal, more humane and more inclusive world."

In his speech, Ramaphosa often referred to former president Nelson Mandela.

"We are a young world, where more than half the global population is under the age of 30 years. This is even more pronounced on our continent, Africa, where two-thirds of its people were not yet born when Nelson Mandela was released from prison," he said. "We are living in the Age of Youth. This places a responsibility on us, as leaders, not only to put the interests of young people at the centre of our efforts, but to empower women and young people to be more prominent in directing the course of global affairs."

*News24*

## Mantashe to unpack finalised Mining Charter today

**PRETORIA** - Minister of Mineral Resources Gwede Mantashe will today morning brief members of the media on the finalised version of the Mining Charter.

The long-awaited release of a renewed charter comes a week after Minister of Communications Nomvula Mokonyane confirmed that it had been approved by Cabinet.

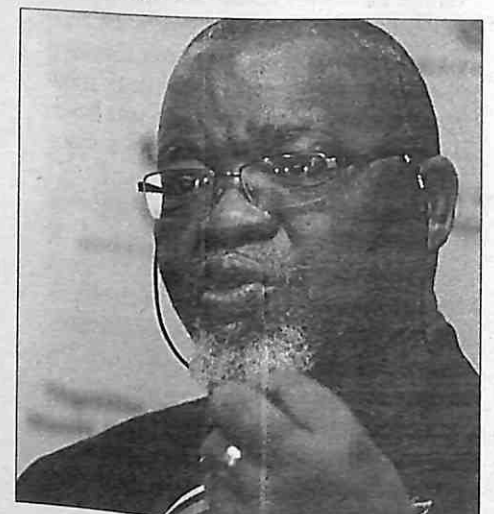
The charter caused bad blood between industry employers organisation the Chamber of Mines and former mining minister Mosebenzi Zwane, with the chamber - now the Minerals Council South Africa - threatening court action to stop it being instituted.

It took the intervention of President Cyril Ramaphosa in February to bring both parties back to the negotiating table. Ramaphosa named Gwede Mantashe as new Minister of Mineral Resources in late February.

In June, Mantashe committed to developing a charter which would ensure mine workers and mining communities reaped the benefits of mining companies' operations, while shielding companies from unnecessary volatility. In July, the department held a summit to discuss latest version of the Charter with the industry and social partners. A draft version of the charter for public comment was published shortly thereafter.

Union Solidarity told Fin24 that it was confident that the latest version of the charter would have as few points of contention as possible for the mining sector and labour.

The briefing is set to take place at 10:00 in Pretoria. *News24*



**UNPACK IT: Minister of Mineral Resources Gwede Mantashe.**

## Cape driver who helped girl at 'death's door' slapped with R6k fine

**CAPE TOWN** - A Mitchells Plain taxi driver says he has been fined R6 000 for trying to save the life of a child who had 10 epileptic fits.

Jack Arthur Williams, 40, says the girl was at "death's door" as he was rushing her and her mother to Red Cross Children's Hospital.

But before they could get there, traffic police pulled him over, gave him a fat fine and confiscated his professional driving permit.

"I told him [the officer] this is an emergency. I said if he doesn't want me to drive, then he can take the child, but he said he isn't an ambulance," says the upset driver.

Jack, who is the son of the head

of the Mitchells Plain Taxi Association and himself a dad of six, says he had been travelling along Eisleben Road in Lentegeur last Thursday just after 7am when he was flagged down by a frantic 37-year-old woman, who had her 13-year-old daughter with her.

He says the desperate mother asked him to rush to Red Cross because her child had suffered several epileptic seizures and they could not wait for an ambulance.

He says the girl's tongue had started turning blue and her eyes were rolled back in her head.

"When I saw what condition the child was in, I didn't hesitate, I asked the passengers if I can take her to

hospital. The 12 passengers said 'driver, drive!'"

Jack says he knew he would probably encounter traffic officials at that time of the morning and put on his hazards as he drove on the shoulder of the road.

He was stopped by the police along Thornton Road.

Jack says a "heartless" traffic officer ordered him to hand over his licence and permit and to remove the child from the vehicle, despite him explaining that it was a medical emergency.

He says he then jumped out of the taxi, grabbed the child and he, the child and her mother, caught another taxi to the hospital.

"I left the taxi there because I am a father and this is a life," he explains.

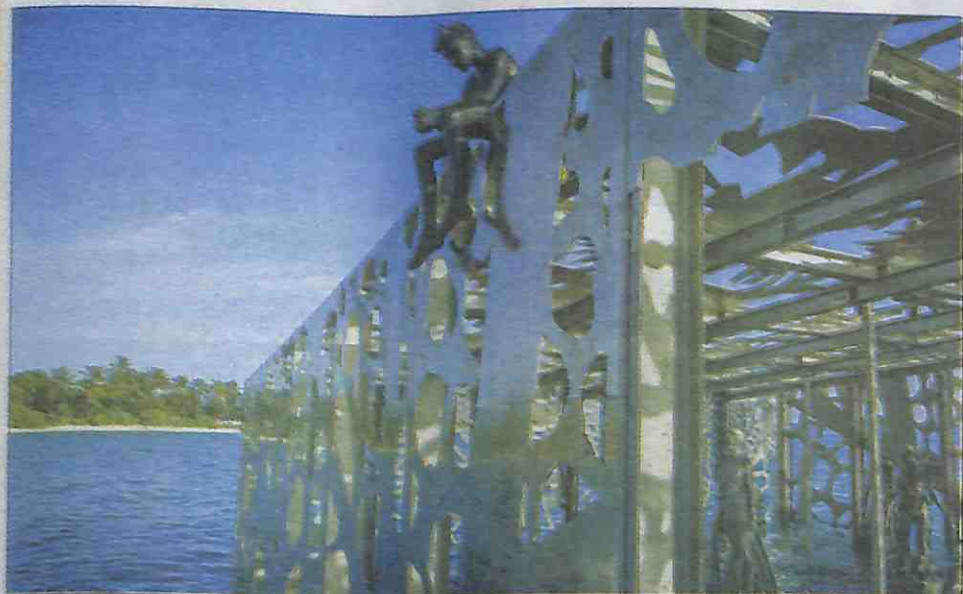
He says a sympathetic doctor gave him a letter stating he had saved the girl's life.

The letter reads: "Mr Jack Arthur Williams was escorting the patient to hospital as she was having epileptic seizures and he needed to get the patient to hospital as her airways were compromised."

Jack says when he returned to his taxi, he was fined R6 000 for inconsiderate driving and his PDP was returned.

The child's mother, who asked not to be identified, says Jack is her hero, and is asking authorities to scrap the fine. *Daily Voice*





**SUBMERGED:** The semi-submerged cube, pictured, was known as the Coralarium. It was designed by British artist Jason deCaires Taylor.



**TIDAL:** The world's first tidal gallery, which was opened in July at the Fairmont Maldives Sirru Fen Fushi resort in the Indian Ocean.

## BRITISH ARTIST'S 'TIDAL' ART GALLERY RESORT DESTROYED

**MALDIVES** - Police armed with pickaxes and power tools have destroyed the world's first tidal gallery at a holiday resort in the Maldives after it was deemed 'offensive to Islam'.

The gallery, at the Fairmont Maldives Sirru Fen Fushi, which opened in July, featured semi-submerged exhibits that disappeared and reappeared as the tide went in and out.

But Abdulla Yameen, the outgoing president of the tourist nation, home to 340 000 Sunni Muslims, ordered the sculptures to be demolished. Islam, the official religion in the Maldives, bans the depiction of idols, and the work provoked some criticism from clerics even though the statues have no religious symbols or meaning.

Yameen made the order in July, but his ruling was not acted upon until last Friday, the eve of a presidential election, which he lost to a liberal candidate.

The artwork, known as the Coralarium, was designed by British artist Jason deCaires Taylor.

Resort guests could swim from the shore to an underwater realm of human-shaped figures.

It was claimed the gallery structure would act as a sheltered space that offers a permanent sanctuary for ocean life such as fish, crustaceans, octopuses and marine invertebrates.

In the evening, an integrated light system illuminated the gallery and attracted marine life while creating an impressive sight from the island shore. The Maldives is still beautiful, with a warm and friendly population, but it was a sad day for art and sad day for the environment.

A spokesperson from the Fairmont Maldives said: "While we are very surprised by the sudden removal of eco-art pieces by the authorities we respect the people, traditions and customs of the Maldives."

"The removal process of the installed artwork was peaceful and friendly without interruption to our world famous service."

"The Coralarium gallery structure

- The gallery opened at the Fairmont Maldives Sirru Fen Fushi in July featuring semi-submerged sculptures
- They were designed by British artist Jason deCaires Taylor and the artwork was known as the 'Coralarium'
- But outgoing Maldives president Abdulla Yameen ruled that the unusual sculptures were 'offensive to Islam'



**DESTROYED:** Last Friday, police were ordered to destroy the sculpture after outgoing Maldives president Abdulla Yameen ruled it was offensive to Islam.

and the tree lined underwater coral boulevard remains intact, ensuring the coral restoration programme remains alive and well. We have initiated immediate plans for the next exhibit, creating a new attraction within the Coralarium gallery."

The import of statues is prohibited in the Maldives. Even depictions of the Buddha are banned despite a long legacy of Buddhism on the islands before Islam came to dominate the archipelago.

Despite the edict, huge cutouts of Yameen towered over the capital Male in the lead-up to Sunday's poll, which he lost after five years of strongman rule marked by a regression from democracy. Many of these cardboard posters depicting the ousted leader were torn down after he suffered a shock defeat to opposition candidate Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, an act of defiance unthinkable under his iron-fisted leader-

ship. Sunday's election was held with all key opposition leaders behind bars or in exile, leaving the little-known Ibrahim Mohamed Solih to challenge Yameen. In a major upset, Solih won with 58 per cent of the vote. Solih's victory was greeted warmly by India as Yameen had drifted closer to China, borrowing heavily from New Delhi's regional rival to invest in infrastructure.

Declaring victory, Solih demanded Yameen immediately release all political prisoners in the country. A Maldivian court freed five of them on Monday night. Many more are still in jail, including Yameen's estranged half-brother and former president Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, 80, who is expected to be released shortly. Under intense international pressure, Yameen conceded defeat and pledged to allow a peaceful transition when he formally steps down on November 17. *Daily Mail*

### SCULPTOR, ENVIRONMENTALIST: A PROFILE OF BRITISH ARTIST JASON

**BRITISH** artist Jason deCaires Taylor describes himself as a sculptor, environmentalist and professional underwater photographer.

He studied sculpture at the London Institute of Arts and has since created artwork that has been displayed all over the world.

Mr deCaires Taylor is best-known for creating semi-submerged sculptures that are revealed and hidden again depending upon the tides.

He designed the first underwater sculpture park off the coast of Grenada in the Caribbean, which has been listed among the Top 25 Wonders of the World by National Geographic.

His biggest project to date is the Cancun Underwater Museum in Mexico.

Each of the 460 statues in the underwater exhibition are made from PH-neutral marine concrete designed to encourage marine plants to grow and attract fish to the region, and the museum was set up to draw tourists away from nearby coral reefs.

His other major works include a collection of 300 submerged sculptures in Lanzarote, the first of its kind in Europe.

He also created The Rising Tide series of horse sculptures, which are semi-submerged in London's River Thames close to the MI6 secret service headquarters, and 'Ocean Atlas' the largest ever underwater sculpture off the Bahamas.

However, Yameen said in July that 'significant public sentiment' against the artwork known as 'Coralarium' had guided his decision to destroy it.

It is unclear why the sculptures were not raised from the waters until Friday, just two days before Yameen was turfed out of office.

Police were photographed chipping away at the works with pickaxes and using power tools to remove them from the large and ornate cage housing them.

A video posted by state media showed several men tearing a statue off a plinth. Artist Mr deCaires Taylor told AFP in a statement: 'I was extremely shocked and heartbroken to learn that my sculptures have been destroyed by the Maldivian authorities at the Coralarium, despite continued consultations and dialogue.'

"The Coralarium was conceived to connect humans to the environment and a nurturing space for marine life to thrive. Nothing else!"



**CREATIVE:** British artist Jason deCaires Taylor.





# World News

## WORLD LEADERS LAUGH AS TRUMP BOASTS OF HIS ACHIEVEMENTS

**UNITED NATIONS - US President Donald Trump got some laughter when he addressed world leaders on Tuesday.**

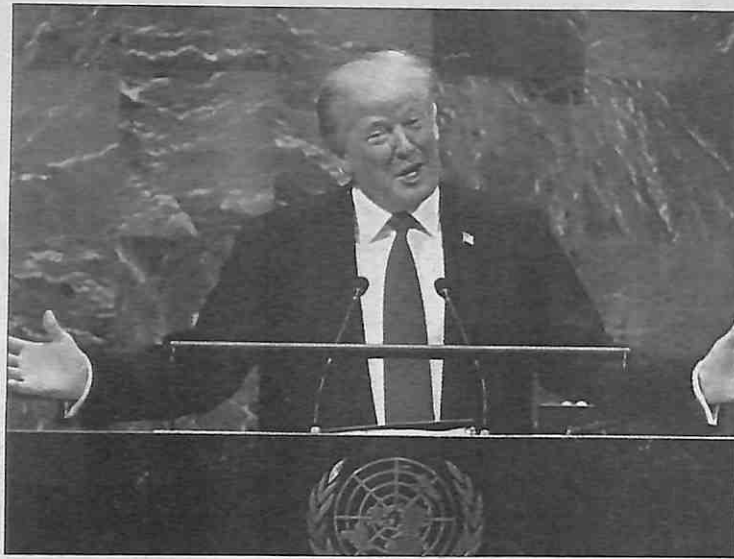
It wasn't intentional.

The president was highlighting US gains under his watch as he opened his address to the UN General Assembly.

He said the American economy was "booming like never before" and that his administration has accomplished more in less than two years than almost any other administration.

His boast elicited laughter from the scores of heads of state and delegates in the audience for the speech.

Trump, who has long claimed that his predecessors' weak leadership prompted other nations "to laugh" at the US appeared flustered and responded: "I didn't expect that reaction, but that's okay."



**LAUGHING MATTER: US President Donald Trump.**

Later, as he was leaving the UN, he told reporters that he had meant to be funny.

"Oh it was great, well, that was meant to get some laughter, so it

was great," he said.

In his speech, Trump said the US is a "stronger, safer and richer country" than when he took office in January 2017.

He said: "We are standing up for America and for the American people, and we are also standing up for the world."

A little further into his speech, German diplomats appeared bemused by Trump's latest swipe at their country as he reiterated his criticism of Germany's planned under-sea gas pipeline from Russia.

After the president's warning that "Germany will become totally dependent on Russian energy if it does not immediately change course", cameras showed German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas gently shaking his head, while senior diplomats smiled.

Some in the audience also grumbled during Trump's remarks when he said "we reject the ideology" of globalism. When Trump criticised socialism, a member of the Swedish delegation frowned with disapproval. **AFP**

### BRIEFS

#### Murdered millionaire accused of hiring hitmen

**THAILAND** - A British millionaire and his wife were on Tuesday found buried in their garden in Thailand, as police revealed three hitmen had confessed to murdering them for just £400 (R7 500) each. Alan Hogg, 64, was blasted with a shotgun near his swimming pool while his Thai wife Nott, 61, was bludgeoned to death with a hammer in the garage - allegedly on her brother's orders. Their bodies were discovered five days after they were reported missing, buried six feet deep next to a duck pond at their dream retirement mansion in Phrae, northern Thailand. **AFP**

#### Men wanted for killing kangaroos

**SYDNEY** - The hunt for the three men comes on the heels of an arrest made after sickening footage of a driver running over emus. Three men accused of torturing and killing kangaroos are being hunted by police in Australia, just days after a man was arrested for intentionally mowing down emus in another high-profile animal cruelty case. Police in Western Australia yesterday released images of the men wanted for questioning over separate incidents in June and May during which "two kangaroos were tortured and killed". **AFP**

#### Trump accused of trying to 'topple' Iran leader

**UNITED NATIONS** - US President Donald Trump called for Iran's international isolation in a combative and



unashamedly boastful speech at the United Nations, prompting accusations from his Iranian counterpart that he was trying to topple his government. In his second appearance before the General Assembly, Trump also lashed out at other adversaries such as Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro and took aim at international institutions such as the UN-backed world court. **AFP**

#### Jaylon faces jail time for spitting on pizza

**DETROIT** - Jaylon Kerley has been charged after he was caught on camera spitting on pizza dough he was preparing at a concession stand in Comerica Park in Detroit in the US. WXYZ reports Kerley has been charged with one count of Food Law Violations, a 4-year felony, and a lesser charge which could lead to three months in jail. During a court appearance on Tuesday, he was given a \$100 000/10 per cent bond. FOX2 reports the judge ruled Kerley must also get medically tested, including a hepatitis panel, which is an array of tests used to detect hepatitis infections. **Reuter**

#### Cop pinned by cow uses stun gun to free himself

**ARIZONA** - Authorities in northeastern Arizona say a sheriff's deputy used a stun gun to drive off a large cow that was stepping on him in a field after he rescued another person pinned to the ground by the cow. The Navajo County Sheriff's Office said on Tuesday that a female telephoned for help while pinned last Friday as the cow was "continually pressing her" if she moved or tried to get away. A statement said the deputy used his stun gun to get the cow to release the woman but that it then charged him, striking his chest and forcing him to the ground before he was able to again use his stun gun to drive away the cow. **AFP**

### Malaysia ex-PM's wife grilled by corruption investigators

**MALAYSIA** - The luxury-loving wife of Malaysia's former prime minister faced fresh questioning yesterday by anti-corruption investigators probing a multi-billion-dollar scandal that contributed to the old regime losing power.

Rosmah Mansor, widely reviled in Malaysia for her expensive tastes and imperious manner, arrived at the offices of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to be grilled.

Local media reported this week that anti-corruption officials were wrapping up their probe into Rosmah, and she could be charged soon.

It was the second time she has been quizzed by the graft-fighting body since her husband Najib Razak's coalition was unexpectedly booted out of office at elections in May after six decades in power.

A major factor in the loss were allegations that Najib, his family and his cronies looted billion of dollars from state fund 1MDB in an audacious fraud that stretched from Singapore to Switzerland.

Rosmah's love of costly overseas shopping trips, designer handbags and jewellery made her a lightning rod for public anger, and fuelled suspicions that she benefitted from the plundering of 1MDB.

After the election loss, a stash of cash, jewellery and hundreds of designer handbags worth as much as \$273m was seized from properties linked to Najib in raids around Kuala Lumpur.

**AFP**

### Fate of detained US pastor in court's hands

**New York** - Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said a Turkish court, not politicians, will decide the fate of an American pastor whose detention on terrorism charges has roiled relations between Ankara and Washington.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Monday he was hopeful Turkey would release evangelical pastor Andrew Brunson this month. He was moved to house arrest in July after being detained for 21 months.

In an interview on Tuesday while he was in New York for the annual United Nations General Assembly meetings, Erdogan said any decision on Brunson would be made by the court.

"This is a judiciary matter. Brunson has been detained on terrorism charges ... On October 12 there will be another hearing and we don't know what the court will decide and politicians will have no say on the verdict," Erdogan said. If found guilty, Brunson could be jailed for up

to 35 years. He denies the charges.

"As the president, I don't have the right to order his release. Our judiciary is independent. Let's wait and see what the court will decide," Erdogan said.

US President Donald Trump, infuriated over Brunson's detention, authorised a doubling of duties on aluminum and steel imported from Turkey in August. Turkey retaliated by increasing tariffs on U.S. cars, alcohol and tobacco imports.

**Reuters**

### Argentina's central bank chief resigns

**BUENOS AIRES** - The president of Argentina's central bank, Luis Caputo, abruptly resigned on Tuesday after just a few months in the position, amid a volatile economic crisis.

The resignation, which the bank said was for 'personal reasons,' came as President Mauricio Macri was trying to negotiate accelerated IMF funding from a \$50-billion (R750-billion) loan agreed three months ago to help stabilize Argentina's economy.

Macri is currently in New York, attending the United Nations General Assembly, while back home discontent is growing as a 24-hour general strike paralysed the country. The central bank said in a statement announcing Caputo's resignation that he was doing so with the conviction



**RESIGNED: Luis Caputo.**

that a "new agreement with the International Monetary Fund will restore confidence in the fiscal, financial, monetary and exchange situation." But analysts said there were already rumors he would resign due to "a disagreement with the IMF over monetary policy," according to Argentine economist Gabriel

Rubinstein. Caputo is close to the center-right Macri and was finance minister before he was appointed president of the central bank in June. Another economist, Fausto Spotorno said Caputo was never seen as a long-term fixture and that "the government's priority is an agreement with the IMF." **AFP**





WITH: Simon Shabangu

# CHURCH NEWS



## TIMES OF REFRESHING ATTRACTING SCORES OF PEOPLE IN MANZINI

THE ongoing Times of Refreshing in the presence of the Lord services hosted by the Manzini Metropolitan Evangelical Church is attracting scores of people from the city and beyond.

The service started on high a note on Sunday evening with sermons by the host Reverend Matsenjwa and Bishop Mashicila who has been delivering sermons for the past three days. Yesterday evening saw yet another powerful sermon delivered by Reverend Shabangu from Kamfishane who touched many souls through his powerful and informative sermon which was more of a teaching on the principles of worshipping God.

This evening Bishop Vincent Hlatshwako from Rest in Christ Ministries in Matsapha will take to the pulpit and share God's message to the people.

He is another giant of the Word of God who is anointed and gifted in imparting the message of the cross. Apostle Maqwaithi from Soweto is yet to come and minister during the course of the week.



**GIANTS:** The host Reverend Anthony Matsenjwa, guest Bishop Vincent Hlatshwako and Bishop Zikhali.

Another powerful and anointed minister of the Word still to come is Bishop Zikhali from Richards Bay in South Africa who commands a huge following emanating from his anointing and being a strong minister of the Word of God.

Reverend Matsenjwa said they are excited about the response they are witnessing, especially that a lot of people are giving their souls back to God which is the aim of these services.

"We are encouraged about the large

numbers coming through and we encourage more people to join us as we share the food for the soul which have been prepared for everyone. These are really refreshing time. If you feel tired and weary this is the place to be so that you finish strong this year.

We are witnessing God's visitation since we started this service and it is getting bigger by the day," he said. The revival started on Sunday and will end on Sunday evening.

## Bishop Nhlapho pays platinum table for 10 elderly people

**BISHOP ND Nhlapho of God Never Fails Ministries has bought a Platinum table for the elderly to be part of the Divine Healing Ministries Fundraising Dinner.**

The table according to Bishop Nash is worth E10 000 and takes 10 people. Bishop Nash said this was a generous sponsorship from the Bishop who will also be a special guest on the night.

He said the ten elderly people will be part of the dinner and will be very important guests of the Bishop who bought them the table to enjoy with the activities on the night.

I am excited for the elderly people who are also close to my heart and on this day we will make them feel special courtesy of the kind gesture from Bishop Nhlapho.

Tables are still available and I urge the business community and the general public to purchase the tickets to the event. We also have Gold tables which go for E5 000 and E200 tickets for individuals," he added.

He said tickets are available in all Divine Healing Ministries branches around the country. The dinner will be held at the church in Manzini on November 02.

## Rest in Christ hosts Worship Night

**REST in Christ Ministries located Mbikwakhe at Matsapha will host an all night prayer service themed worship night.**

The service is one where people will get to experience the power of praise and worship. The church's founder Bishop Vincent Hlatshwako

he, together with the lady of the house Pastor Busi will be sharing the Word of God on the night. Local artists are also set to perform for the congregation. Promise Mlangeni of Mpumalanga Praise and Joyous Celebrations member Nomthi Sibisi will also be worshipping in song. The church's praise team will also share worship music with the congregation. Entry fee is E150 for the VIP, E100 general and E50 for the little ones. The event starts at 6pm tomorrow until six the following morning.

**MBABANE ALLIANCE CHURCH**

**Church services**

**Mondays**  
Prayer 6:00pm-7:30pm

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

**Fridays**  
Youth 6:00pm-7:30pm

**Saturday**  
Women 2:00pm-3:30pm

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

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

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

Single Parents-Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 2:00pm-3:30pm

Contacts 2404 0979

**JOIN US ON OUR THURSDAY SERVICES**

**17:30 HRS - 19:30 HRS**

**CONTACT:**  
7659 1921 / 7625 8913

CHUMAMA BUILDING UPSTAIRS  
(NEXT TO FAMILY CARE CLINIC - MBABANE)

**DIVINE**  
Healing Ministries International

**Manzini Branch:**  
Wednesdays- Prayer 6:00-7:30pm

**Thursdays- Mid-week Service** 6:30-8:00pm

**Sundays- Teachings** 9:30-10:30am

**Main Service** 10:30am - 1pm

**Mbabane Branch:**  
Tuesdays - Prayer 6:00pm - 8:00pm

**Sundays- Service** 10am - 1pm

**DIVINE**  
Healing Ministries

**EVANGELICAL Church - Nhlanguano**  
"Distinctively Christian"

**Every Sunday**  
English Service at 0830hrs - 0955hrs

**Bible Study** - 1000hrs - 1055hrs  
**Siswati Service** - 1100hrs - 1300hrs

**Every Monday**  
Prayer: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

**Last Tuesdays of the Month**  
Family Fellowship: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

**Every Friday**  
Youth Services: 1800hrs - 2000hrs

**Venue:**  
Evangelical Church Nhlanguano Church Hall, Opposite Nhlanguano Central Primary School

**Contacts**  
22075 020/7603 6628

**FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**

**God Can Still Do It Again with Apostle Jeremiah**  
Venue: Ngwane Park Manzini, Faith Premises

**Sundays 11:30am.**  
In spite of your past, you shall smile again.

**CONTACTS**  
7671 0029/7631 4007.  
Come one come all

**MBABANE FREE EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES**

**Rev. Dr. A. M. B & Pastor T. Matsebula**

**Sunday English service** 9:00am - 10:30am

**Main Service** 10:45am - 1:00pm

**Wednesdays Prayer** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

**Mondays Couples** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

**Mbabane FEA**  
below Mbabane clinic, Contacts  
24045807/76413201  
Email: mbabanefea@swazi.net

## Prophet Evidence Chari coming to Siphofaneni

**PEOPLE from Siphofaneni and surrounding areas will be glad to know that well known Prophet Chari will be in their neighbourhood at Siphofaneni Sword and Spirit.**

Pastor Sifiso Gamedze also known

as Prophet Agape Eternity the local minister will host renowned Prophet Chari during a two day revival titled 'Behold the New'. Pastor Sifiso Dlamini said the service starts this evening and tomorrow they will have an all night service. Saturday according to Pastor Dlamini will be a special service for the Siphofaneni congregants where the Prophet will have a special service with the members. He said people are invited to join them during the service especially on the Friday which will be an all night service where the prophet will have enough time for prayer and deliverance sessions with the congregation.

The guest speaker is a Zimbabwean born minister of the Word who resides in Witbank South Africa. He is the spiritual son of Prophet Makandiwa of United Family International Ministries.

**GOD IS ABLE**

**CHURCH SERVICE Times**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
MBABANE THEATRE CLUB 10:00AM-1:00PM

**MANZINI SATELITE** 2:30PM-5:00PM

**CONTACT 7605 3160**

**CALL: 76774590 / 7605 3160**

**GOD'S GLORY ABLAZE CHURCH (NHLANGANO MATHEDELE)**

**Services**

**Mondays**  
6pm-7pm Home calls

**Wednesdays** 6pm-7:30pm

**Fridays** 6pm-7:30pm

**Sundays**  
Morning prayer 5:45am-6:30am  
Main service 10:00am-1:00pm

**Contact**  
76638622/76471717  
Host: Pastor N.T Dlamini

**GROWING FAITH Ministries International**

**Mondays:**  
Prayer & Transformation 6-8pm

**Tuesdays:**  
Transformation Class at Syney Williams in Manzini 6:30-8pm

**Fridays:**  
Breakthrough Service 6-8pm

**Sundays:**  
Prayer 9am

**Main Service** 10am - 1pm

**( Lobamba, Esitjeni on you way to Miliwane )**

**HOPE RESTORATION CHURCH**

**Worship with us Every Sunday**  
Ezulwini Main Branch-Woodlands 10:30am-2:00pm

**MANZINI BRANCH**  
Join us Fridays 6:30pm - 9:00pm  
Deliverance Service  
JOIN US SUNDAYS 10:30am - 1:00pm  
Deliverance & Prophetic Service 3:00pm - 5:00pm  
Manzini kaHelemist next to Toyota Letles Motors Warehouse No.1

**NHLANGANO BRANCH**  
SUNDAYS: 10:00am-1:00pm at Mathendele Community Hall next to Nhlanguano Central High School  
Call: 76174499/76082318

**JUBILEE WORSHIP HOUSE INTERNATIONAL**

**THEME:**  
A Place Where We Celebrate God's Intervention

**Church services:**

**Fridays**  
Youth summit 6pm - 8pm

**Saturdays**  
Prayer 6pm - 8pm

**Sundays**  
Main Service 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
KaShaliethendeni next to Mtn tower (Enkhiweni)

**God is changing changers to change the world**  
Contact: 76158475

**Yonder Worship Centre**

**with**  
Apostle Bakhe and Mrs. Nokwanda Dlamini

**Sundays:** 10am-12pm

**Venue:**  
Woodlands, Ezulwini

**ZAKHELE FREE EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES**

**SUNDAY English service @9:00am - 10:45am**

**Siswati Service @11:00am - 1:00pm**

**Venue:**  
Zakhele, Nkambule street, Manzini

**BY: Rev Msibi**  
Contacts: 2505 6419 / 7650 3140





By Nokwanda Sibandze

TWO weeks after the country's queen and her princesses were crowned, they finally received their prizes.

Pageants Eswatini and the Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture together with other sponsoring companies and individuals gathered on Tuesday afternoon to present the country's beauties with their prizes at the National Arts and Culture offices in Manzini.

Miss Eswatini 2018/2019 Nosipho Dlamini and her princesses Nondumiso Dlamini and Phiwayinhlhla Mbhamali were presented with their prizes that included cell phones, beauty hampers, scholarships to study their Diplomas and other gifts from the different companies that sponsored the pageant.

Edgars Eswatini was one of the sponsors and they sponsored the queen with a hamper worth E5 000, first princess Nondumiso Dlamini also got a hamper from Edgars which was worth E2 800 while the second

princess Phiwayinhlhla Mbamali took home a hamper worth E2 500.

Speaking at the prize presentation ceremony was Pageants Eswatini President Catherine Potgieter, who said they were very happy about the reigning queen and her princesses and they believe that they are the perfect people to carry out the job that is ahead of them.

"It has been a long journey and we are happy about how the event turned out and most importantly we would like to thank all our sponsors for helping with the pageant it was not easy but they all came through for us, we would also like to thank the Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture for everything that they have done to see this pageant through," said Potgieter.

Repeating her words was Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture Stanley Dlamini who did not only say that they are proud of being part of the project but also said they are proud of the reigning queen and her princesses.

Dlamini also advised the beauties to take care of the titles that they now held and also made it clear to them that they now represent the entire country wherever they go.

"We want you

## MISS ESWATINI BEAUTIES RECEIVE THEIR DUES

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**LADIES:** Miss Eswatini Nosipho Dlamini and her first princess Nondumiso Dlamini posing with Pageants Eswatini's Raksha Aiyaturai, Waheeda Mansoor, Catrien Potgieter and Miphie from Bushfire Travel Tours.



**ATTENTIVE:** The audience following the proceedings during the presentation.



**WELL DONE:** Miss Eswatini first princess Nondumiso Dlamini receiving her hamper from Edgars Manzini store Manager Makhosi Dube.



**ALL MINE:** Miss Eswatini first princess Nondumiso Dlamini standing next to her prizes.



**THANK YOU:** Eswatini National Council Arts and Culture President Stanley Dlamini making his remarks.

guys to understand that this is a very important task and having it as your priority is important, we want you guys to be proud of it as we are going to be proud of you throughout this journey, make us proud as you go around the world," said

Dlamini.

Miss Eswatini has been awarded a scholarship to Taiwan to study for her four Degree in a course of her choice, the queen said because she holds a Diploma in Purchasing and Supply Chain Management she would love to pursue a degree in the

same course. Dlamini also emphasised on the importance of education for the country's beauties as they now give out scholarships instead of a car for the queen. Although she might not be getting a car the queen walked away with a free driving course from Viwas Driving School.

**MUSIC:** Sakkie Karamitsos and Thembla Ngwenya performing at the presentation ceremony.



**REWARD:** Miss Eswatini Nosipho Dlamini standing next to all her prizes at the Miss Eswatini prize presentation event held at Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture offices in Manzini on Tuesday afternoon. (Pics: Nokwanda Sibandze)



# MRS ESWATINI APPLICATIONS CLOSING NEXT MONTH

Stories by Ayanda Dlamini

## THE deadline for Mrs Eswatini applications is next month.

Interested candidates are advised to send their application before the end of October, which is the deadline of submission.

This was announced by the newly-created pageant's coordinator Mncedisi Hussein yesterday.

Hussein mentioned that the response towards this beauty pageant is quite overwhelming as more applications are coming through.

"The last time we checked, we had about 13 applications forms, which is a big number for us as

you know that this is a first of its kind pageant in the kingdom. At first, women were shying away from this pageant but now they just want to join it," said Hussein.

Hussein further urged interested married women not to hesitate but submit their applications as they are expecting a limited number of contestants.

"Application forms are still available at our offices. Interested candidates can now visit our offices for applications forms and fork out the E100 joining fee," he added. This beauty pageant is strictly for married women aged from 26 and above with two years of marriage experience.



ANNOUNCED: Coordinator Mncedisi Hussein.

## ORGANISERS PLEADING FOR SPONSORSHIPS

FRESH from the box, organisers of this beauty pageant led by Mncedisi Hussein are currently looking for corporate and private entities who will assist them in hosting the event smoothly.

"We are currently looking for sponsorship from different entities and we urge corporate entities to come through for us as we embark on this beautiful journey," said the coordinator. According to

Hussein, Mrs Eswatini beauty pageant would bring married women together annually to select a woman who will be a beauty ambassador, empower other women and young ladies on marriage, motivate and encourage them to maintain their beauty in marriage while keeping their values as married individuals.

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We are currently looking for sponsorship from different entities

## JC'S LONDIWE TO WORK WITH COURAGERS SINGERS

By Nokwanda Sibandze

GOSPEL group Courageous Singers will work with Joyous Celebration singer Londiwe Nxumalo on their live CD/DVD recording for the former's self-titled album.

The group will be recording their album in Mozambique on October 23 at Evangelical Church in Maputo. According to the group's musical Director Thulani Ntshangase, the decision to take the recording to Mozambique is for a cultural exchange opportunity that the three countries would experience.

"The church in Mozambique has hosted us before and they are the ones that approached us to record in their church, so we took the offer as it will also allow us to exchange our cultures through the gospel," said Ntshangase.

The album has 22 tracks sung by 18 people and Londiwe Nxumalo will be leading one of the songs titled 'Njengenyoni Engenasidleke'.

On the other hand, Nxumalo said she was very excited with this collabora-



CHEERS: Courageous Singers in a group photo.

tion because it would be the first time she works with the group. "I am very excited to be working with people from my homeland. The group comprises hard workers and it is really a pleasure to work with them," said Nxumalo.

Other songs in the album include 'Wetsembekile', 'Ngicela ungiphe' and 'Busa', to mention a few. According to Ntshangase, these songs are easy to sing along with and they are proud of

them because they are in their mother language.

"We are very excited that most of the songs are in our language and that means we will be teaching other people our language," he added.

He also said that transport for fans who would like to attend the recording would be available and details would be announced later on in the week.

## Joburg invades Eswatini moved to Ron Deh Voo

By Nokwanda Sibandze

### THE Joburg invades Eswatini event will now be held at Ron Deh Voo.

As reported that the inaugural 'Deluxe Festival' will kick-off in style, presenting in the country Skeem Sam actor 'Mkay,' the first instalment was intended to take place on Saturday at Run 'N Fire Garden Court in Nkoyoyo but organisers have since announced a change of venue. The event will now be held at Ron Deh Voo in Mbabane.

The first edition is dubbed 'Joburg Invades Eswatini' and will see a number of Johannesburg based artists perform alongside some of Eswatini's best artists.

One of the organisers of the event Nkosephayo Simelane said local artists who would be performing on the day include DJ So What, Majika, DJ Khulu, DJ Temzo, DJ Bin, Mapensela, Cold Empire and Parcel, amongst many others.

Making his first appearance in the country, 'Skeem Sam's actor

'Emkay,' real name Mlungisi Mathe, would also be part of the artists at the event. He will also be rendering music as he is not only an actor but a singer who goes by the name 'Skandi Kid'.

Simelane also said they had added Ambitious Record's youngest star Neo to the line-up.

The 18-year-old, who signed for the stable last year, recently released his second single, 'No Pressure'. He has also featured on Miss Pru's song 'uGesi' featuring Saudi, Flame, Sjava and Emtee.

Rapper Kraize from Ambitious Entertainment would also be making an appearance at the show.

Ketrus, a rapper also based in Johannesburg, South Africa, would also be performing.

House DJ Saax Mbali is also going to dish out music for the crowd. Just Kay will also be on the decks.

Rhythm City's star Mbali Zakwe, who plays the role of Sindiswa, will be making an appearance as well. The show will start at 5pm till late at Ron Deh Voo in Mbabane.

## SECRET SOULS, !SOOKS FOR DEEPTOWN JOZI

By Nokwanda Sibandze

HOUSE DJ !Sooks and house group Secret Souls will perform at one of the biggest house music festivals in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Deeptown Jozi is an all house music festival where deep house DJs and artists gather each year to dish out the finest house music to

fanatics. !Sooks and Secret Souls were recently hosted by Metro FM where they played for the fans via the radio. According to Secret Souls' PR Sammy Nkambule, the event is going to be a giant leap forward for the group.

"The show is going to be big; the boys are playing at a place that every deep house DJ wants to render a set at that is a huge platform and we are hoping for the best," said

Nkambule.

DJ !Sooks said he was very excited about being featured at this event as it would be a huge stepping stone for him and the group. "We are truly excited, this is a big platform for us and since we are underground artists from a small country such as Eswatini, it really will be a great platform. We cannot wait to show them what we are made of," said the spinner. 2Lani The Warrior, who has been

a great mentor to Secret Souls, will be performing as well. The two artists, !Sooks and Secret Souls will be sharing with the crowd music from their latest joint EP 'Constellation Lupus'. The show will be held on October 13 at Rooftop BBQ/ Citilec Rooftop in Maboneng, Johannesburg, South Africa. They will be sharing the stage with Dwson from Cape Town, Lazarus Man, Bruce Loko, Mvelo, Tovi, and Lino.



TO PERFORM: DJ !Sooks.



International  
Celebrity News

## Bill's first meal in jail includes pudding dessert

**NEW YORK** - Bill Cosby will be facing his pudding-peddling past this week in the slammer, 'cause he's being served the custard dessert as part of his first meal behind bars, TMZ has learned.

Sources at Montgomery County correctional facility where Cosby is being held before he eventually gets transferred to prison, tell us inmates ate good food on Tuesday night with a nice helping of a chicken patty with gravy, mixed veggies, mashed potatoes, iced tea mix and, of course, vanilla pudding for dessert.



PUDDING: Bill Cosby.

No official word on the brand of pudding but hopefully it's Jell-O. **TMZ**

## Ariana cuddles with ex Mac Miller's dog

**LAS VEGAS** - Ariana Grande is cuddling up to someone that was super special to her late ex, Mac Miller.

The 25-year-old pop star took to Instagram on Monday, sharing several sweet videos of herself playing with a cute brown pitbull named Myron. As it turns out, Myron was Miller's dog that he adopted in January 2017 when he and Grande were still together. The two split this past May after two years of dating, and she is now engaged to Pete Davidson.

"All the kisses. Happy fall," Grande captioned a clip of her hanging with



MEMORIES: Ariana Grande and her ex, Mac Miller.

the pup.

It's unknown whether Grande has adopted Miller's pet following his death, but we do know she's a dog lover. **TMZ**

## Smith jumps off helicopter for 50th birthday

**LOS ANGELES** - Will Smith just one-upped everybody once again by doing just about the craziest thing you could do for the big 5-0 bungee jumping out of a helicopter over the Grand Canyon. Will documented his big jump on Tuesday for his 50th birthday, where he, his family, Alfonso Ribeiro and a lot of spectators gathered in Arizona to watch the Fresh Prince take a plunging dive of death. He did it as a challenge from Yes Theory and did it in blazing fashion.

He was flipped around a bit like a rag doll on the way down, and eventually snapped back up after a couple seconds of disappearing out of the camera's view.



HAZARD: Will Smith.

Once back on the ground, Will called the experience "pure bliss" and encouraged others to commit to conquering their fears. **US Mag**

## Rihanna's Hollywood Hills mansion 'swarmed' by police

**HOLLYWOOD** - Rihanna's home was reportedly swarmed by police for the second time in a month on Tuesday night after her burglar alarm went off.

According to ABC7, authorities received the burglary call about the home in Hollywood Hills at 9.30pm, although no other details were immediately released.

The site reports: "It appeared an alarm was sounding and lights were flashing as officers checked the home." It is not known if Rihanna was in the home during Tuesday night's incident. MailOnline has contacted a spokesperson for Rihanna and the LAPD for comment. **Daily**

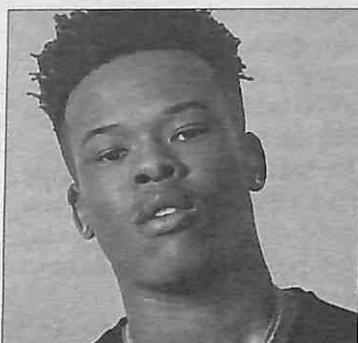


VISITED: Rihanna.

## SA Celebrity News

## Nasty C spills about A-Reece

**JOHANNESBURG** - Although Nasty C's announcement that he was adding A-Reece to his Ivyson Tour line-up came as pleasant surprise for many people, the rapper says it shouldn't have come as such a shock because there was never any beef to squash. The 21-year-old rapper and now record label boss, told Tshisa Live that A-Reece and him never actually had beef but instead inherited other people's projections of a beef because of being comparison. "I just thought it would be really dope to introduce him to my crowd in Durban and at the same time show people that we are both dope. To



CLARIFIES: Nasty C.

show people that - I wouldn't even say squashed the beef because there was never any beef - just to clarify that to people." **Times Live**

## Isibaya actress Zethu Dlomo said 'I do'

**DURBAN** - Actress Zethu Dlomo and actor Lebo Mphahlele took their vows over the weekend.

She was the picture of happiness as she said "I do" to the love of her life. The Five Fingers for Marseilles and Isibaya actress looked breathtaking as they took their romance to the next level.

According to Broadway World, Mphahlele studied both stage and screen acting but when he started working, he realised the need to be more versatile. Work wasn't coming in thick and as fast as he'd hoped it would and so he began writing and directing. Looking totally beautiful and smiling from ear,



MARRIED: Lebo Mphahlele and Zethu Dlomo.

to ear both the bride and groom found time to play around before they sealed their vows with a kiss. **Sowetan**

## Nosipho wants to follow in Cici's footsteps

**PRETORIA** - Idols SA contestant Nosipho Silinda hopes to be as successful as her sexy songstress aunt 'Cici'.

The 18-year-old from Ladysmith in KwaZulu-Natal said Cici, whose real name is Busisiwe Thwala, had been guiding her about the positives and negatives of the music industry. Cici, of the 'Runaway' fame, was spotted several times at the State Theatre in Pretoria holding up a board with support messages of love to her niece, who is fighting for a spot in the top nine. "We are trying to give her the best support we can so she makes it to the finals, but if she doesn't make it, she still needs to know



AMBITIOUS: Nosipho Silinda.

that we will continue to support her," said Cici. Cici said the record company she is signed with, Ambitious Entertainment, wanted to sign Silinda before the competition. **Sowetan**

## Simphiwe accuses Urban Brew of copyright infringement

**JOHANNESBURG** - Popular PR specialist and owner of Simphiwe Majola and Associates has accused top production house Urban Brew Studios (UBS) of copyright infringement and non-payment for his DSTV show 'Turning Point'.

As a result of the dispute, Majola and UBS are set to lock horns at the South Gauteng High Court in Joburg after Majola filed a combined summons demanding 70 per cent of the revenues and royalties generated from the business lifestyle show.

Majola claims in his court papers that despite the understanding with the production house, he was still to receive



SUES: Simphiwe Majola.

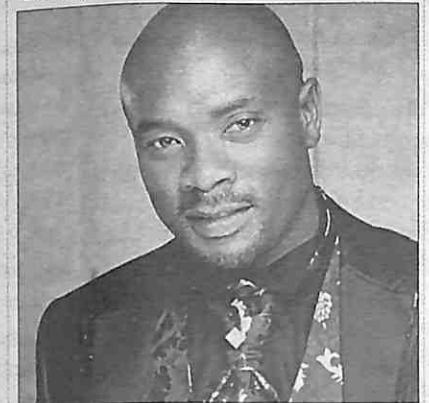
payment from Urban Brew. **Sowetan**

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Sibongile has doubts about how fast her relationship with Mpiyakhe is moving. Dabula gets his first taste of power.



IN LOVE: Mpiyakhe.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Clive tells Nina that he wants a cut from her prostitution ring. Lincoln tells Ntando that Kgothalo is a distraction he can't afford. Lincoln gives Lalage the rules of engagement regarding his memoirs.



RULE ONE: Lincoln.

Muvhango

TODAY

Thobile takes matters into her own hands. Will Teboho see her evil plan through? Imani refuses to listen to reason.



EVIL: Teboho.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Rene, with mixed motives, appeals to Mzi for help. Gail urges TK to go on the run before David attacks. TK keeps trying to mend things with Suffo.



HELP ME: Rene.



## PICTURE OF THE DAY

## MY GOAL FOR 2018

IS TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS OF 2017 WHICH I SHOULD HAVE DONE IN 2016 BECAUSE I PROMISED THEM IN 2014 AND PLANNED THEM IN 2013

## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## Capricorn December 22 - January 19

A change in career could be in the works for you, Capricorn. It might be within the scope of your current job or an entirely new one. It's definitely a change for the better.



fly between you and him or her.

## Cancer June 22 - July 22

Changes taking place at home could lead to more income, Cancer. Perhaps a new housemate moves in, reducing your housing costs. Or you might even consider moving to a new place, perhaps one that's closer to where family members live or work.



## Aquarius January 20 - February 18

An unexpected opportunity to go on a long journey, perhaps business-related, could come to you soon, Aquarius. A partner might be involved. Your enthusiasm may be almost boundless, but remember that your physical energy isn't.



## Leo July 23 - August 22

A walk through your neighbourhood, perhaps with friends, could put you in the middle of an unexpected, interesting event, Leo. It may be a public gathering, like a fair, or an impromptu get-together, like a rally.



## Pisces February 19 - March 20

Too much hard work and stress could be taking a physical toll on you today, Pisces. But it isn't likely to stop you from working intently and energetically on a project that fascinates you.



## Virgo August 23 - September 22

Some books you've been reading lately might excite your desire to study astrology, numerology, alchemy, or some other occult science, Virgo. This may not be something that you'd normally consider, but don't let that hold you back.



## Aries March 21 - April 19

If you're single, Aries, today you could fall in love at first sight. A friend could introduce you to someone new and exciting who shares your interests and with whom you'll talk for hours. This could make you feel happy.



## Libra September 23 - October 23

Boredom might stimulate your rebellious streak today, Libra. You could decide to forego your usual tasks and do something unusual or unexpected, such as skydiving or horseback riding.



## Taurus April 20 - May 20

Have you been considering working at home, Taurus? If so, today you might decide to do just that. An opportunity could pave the way for new jobs you could do at home, in your own space, among your own belongings. This could add to your sense of security.



## Scorpio October 24 - November 21

A class or lecture of some kind could bring you exciting new information today, Scorpio. This could keep your mind buzzing for hours, particularly since you may also meet some interesting people with whom you can discuss this subject for hours.



## Gemini May 21 - June 21

A visit to a sibling or neighbour could see you make a new friend today, Gemini, probably someone who works in a creative profession. If you're currently romantically involved, this person could become your best friend. If you're unattached, sparks could



## Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21

A journey may be in the works right now, Sagittarius. Many changes have been occurring in your life for a long time, and they continue today. They might involve group events or educational activities.



## BABY BLUES



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## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## PUZZLE CHOICE

Can you find the hidden numbers? They may be horizontal or vertical.

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# LOL

Laughing out Loud

## MAN U

A student went to class late, so the teacher asked him, "Why are you late?" He told her, "I was dreaming of a Manchester United football match."

But that did not make any sense for the teacher so she asked, "Still why are you late?" He answered, "Because there was extra time."

## USELESS FACTS

1. Many northern parishes (counties) of Louisiana did not agree with the confederate movement. To show their disapproval, they changed their names. That's why there is a Union Parish, Jefferson Parish, Assumption Parish, etc.  
2. At latitude 60 degrees

south you can sail all the way around the world.  
3. Montpelier, Vermont is the only US state capital without a McDonalds.  
4. There were no squirrels on Nantucket until 1889.  
5. Soweto in South Africa was derived from South West Township.

BRAINTEASERS  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Today's brainteasers**  
1. He has married many women, but has never been married. Who is he?  
**Answer:** He's a Preacher.  
2. Take off my skin - I won't cry, but you will! What am I?

**Answer:** Onion

**Today's brainteasers**  
1. Imagine you are in a dark room. How do you get out?  
2. What invention lets you look right through a wall?





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**NEWS**



**THE 2018 BET Hip Hop Awards will be honouring Lil' Wayne with the I Am Hip Hop Award at this year's ceremony.**

This year, BET (DStv channel 129), will broadcast the award ceremony on 20 October at 20:00.

The nominees have been announced, with Drake leading the pack with 11 nominations.

**Here's the full list of nominees:**

**Best Hip Hop Video**

Cardi B featuring Bad Bunny and J Balvin – I Like It  
Childish Gambino – This Is America  
Drake – God's Plan  
Kendrick Lamar featuring Rihanna – Loyalty  
Migos featuring Drake – Walk It Talk It

**Best Collabo, Duo or Group**

21 Savage featuring Offset and Metro Boomin – Ric Flair Drip  
BlocBoy JB featuring Drake – Look Alive  
Cardi B featuring Bad Bunny and J Balvin – I Like It  
Post Malone featuring 21 Savage – Rockstar  
The Carters – Ape\$hit

**Hot Ticket Performer**

Cardi B  
Childish Gambino  
Drake  
FLOW  
Kendrick Lamar  
Travis Scott

**Lyricist of the Year**

Childish Gambino

Drake  
J. Cole  
Kendrick Lamar  
Travis Scott

**Video Director of the Year**

Benny Boom  
Dave Meyers & The Little Homies  
Director X  
Eif Rivera  
Hiro Murai  
Karna Evans

**DJ of the Year**

Calvin Harris  
DJ Drama  
DJ Envy  
DJ Khaled  
DJ Mustard

**Producer of the Year**

Ben Billions  
DJ Mustard  
DJ Esco  
Metro Boomin  
Pharrell Williams

**MVP of the Year**

Cardi B  
Childish Gambino  
Drake  
Travis Scott  
J. Cole

**Single of the Year**

Ape\$hit – Produced by Pharrell Williams (The Carters)  
God's Plan. – Produced by Cardo, Young Exclusive and Boi-1da (Drake)  
I Like It – Produced by Craig Kallman, JWhiteDidIt and Tainy (Cardi B featuring Bad Bunny and J Balvin)  
Nice for What – Produced by Murda Beatz (Drake)

This Is America – Produced by Childish Gambino & Ludwig Göransson (Childish Gambino)

**Album of the Year**

Cardi B – Invasion of Privacy  
Drake – Scorpion  
J. Cole – KOD  
Migos – Culture II  
The Carters – Everything Is Love

**Best New Hip Hop Artist**

BlocBoy JB  
Juice Wrld  
Lil Baby  
Rich the Kid  
FLOW  
XXXTentacion

**Hustler of the Year**

Cardi B  
Drake  
DJ Khaled  
JAY-Z  
Kendrick Lamar  
Travis Scott

**Made-You-Look Award (Best Hip Hop Style)**

Cardi B  
Remy Ma  
Migos  
Nicki Minaj  
Travis Scott

**Best Mixtape**

BlocBoy JB – Simi  
Juicy J – Shut Da F\* Up  
Lil Wayne – Dedication 6: Reloaded  
Zoey Dollaz – Sorry Not Sorry  
Future – Beast Mode

**Sweet 16: Best Featured Verse**

21 Savage – Bartier Cardi (Cardi B featuring 21 Savage)  
Cardi B – MotorSport (Migos featuring Nicki Minaj)  
Drake – Look Alive (BlocBoy JB featuring Drake)  
Kendrick Lamar – New Freezer (Rich the Kid featuring Kendrick Lamar)  
Nicki Minaj – Big Bank (YG feat. 2 Chainz, Big Sean & Nicki Minaj)

**Impact Track**

Childish Gambino – This Is America  
DeJ Loaf & Leon Bridges – Liberated  
Lecrae featuring Tori Kelly – I'll Find You  
Meek Mill featuring Miguel – Stay Woke  
N.E.R.D featuring Future – 1000

**I Am Hip Hop Icon**

Lil Wayne.

## Our faves exit the friendzone

**AS students are trying their best to keep afloat, some of your faves have been through the most trying to balance school, drama and family matters.**

We have seen them overcome a lot, and the friendzone is another area they have conquered! We take a look at the up and coming couples who were friends that stepped out of the friendzone with a kiss.

We were quite sad about saying bye to our favourite love birds, Bhambatha and Palesa. Now, we are gladly behind the 'out with the old and in with the new' stance. When Palesa and Banzi managed to scheme some good money out of Cheez at a game of pool, Cheez was infatuated with the street smart princess and didn't waste time letting her know it! Palesa was quick

to set him straight into the friendzone until the pool tournament brought the two together once again. Cheez went in for a kill, sealing the chemistry with a passionate kiss and it seems there's no turning back for the two!

Abednego and Chunks showed us to catfish all the way out of the friendzone! They both decided to join Swipe, a popular dating App that allowed them to fabricate all kinds of lies to make them seem attractive.

When Oscar caught wind of the whole situation, he played match maker and forced the two to meet up. At first, it didn't go well at all, until Abednego kissed Chunks and stole her soul! We definitely think these two are well suited for each other.



## Mthokozisi bows out of Idols Season 14

**MZANSI made their voices heard and chose to bid farewell to the KZN singer who had serenaded them with some of SA's best Afro-Pop ballads.**

Before the announcement, the entire Top 10 got to enjoy the stage together for the last time with a fabulous rendition of Mafikizolo's 'Ndihamba Nawe'.

You could cut the tension with a knife in the backstage waiting room where the contestants were nervously awaiting their fate. This year, the format was slightly altered with the Top 9 slowly being called to the stage to perform their Throwback Sunday song. The contestant that received the least number of votes out of the over seven million votes cast wouldn't get a chance to perform, however.

First to breathe easy was Lincoln, who started off the solo performances with what Unathi called a "very sexy" rendition of Ginuwine's racy, 1996 hit, 'Pony'. Randall, however, felt he needed to be "a little

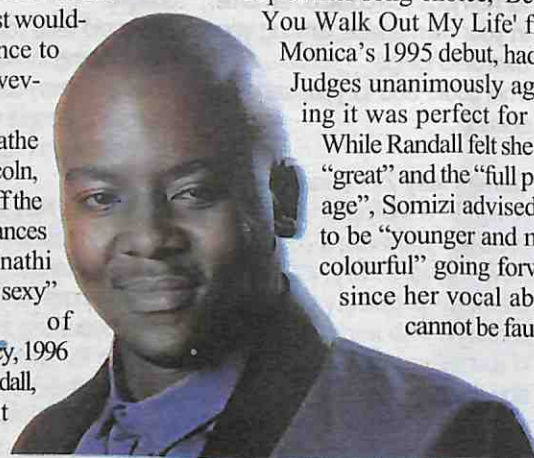
more serious and a little less cabaret".

Xae also received a solid number of votes, which saw her get another shot to perform. She gave us a slowed-down version of Janet Jackson's 'That's The Way Love Goes'. Unathi thought it was a "great" interpretation of the 1993 chart-topper. Somizi exclaimed: "You are R&B! I can't fault you!"

Next to be safe was Niyaaz, who serenaded the live audience and viewers at home with 'Forever', the 1997 smooth jam from British boy-band, Damage. Randall called it the "perfect" song for him, and Somizi concurred.

Yanga still gets to be the baby of the group, as she also made it to the Top 9. Her song choice, 'Before You Walk Out My Life' from Monica's 1995 debut, had the Judges unanimously agreeing it was perfect for her.

While Randall felt she was "great" and the "full package", Somizi advised her to be "younger and more colourful" going forward since her vocal ability cannot be faulted.



**GOODYE: Mthokozisi.**

## Queen Sugar episode draws inspiration from Maya Angelou poem

**THE title of Season 3, Episode 11 of Queen Sugar, 'Your Passages Have Been Paid' is inspired by a line from Maya Angelou's 1993 presidential inauguration poem, 'On The Pulse of The Morning'.**

This poem has taken many people to another well-known saying by the poet: "Your crown has already been paid for. You just have to put in on your head and wear it."

In the same vein, the land on which the Bordelons stand has already been paid for with the blood, sweat and tears of the enslaved.

The land is theirs, and all they need now is to do whatever it takes to ensure they keep it.

**On The Pulse of The Morning**

**A Rock, A River, A Tree**

Hosts to species long since departed,  
Marked the mastodon,  
The dinosaur, who left dry tokens  
Of their sojourn here  
On our planet floor,  
Any broad alarm of their hastening doom.  
Is lost in the gloom of dust and ages.  
But today, the Rock cries out to us,  
clearly, forcefully,

*Come, you may stand upon my  
Back and face your distant destiny,  
But seek no haven in my shadow.  
I will give you no more hiding place  
down here.*

*You, created only a little lower than  
The angels, have crouched too long in  
The bruising darkness,  
Have lain too long  
Face down in ignorance.*

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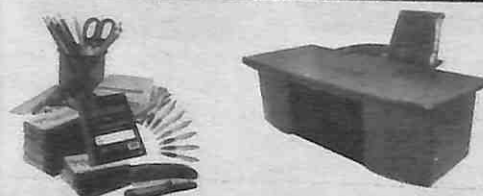
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Harriel Dlamini



Funeral: 29/09/2018  
Vigil: 28/09/2018  
Place: laMgabhi

Relatives, Dlaminis, Hlatshwayo and the Assemblies of God are notified of the Harriel Dlamini who was wife of the late Pastor Steven Dlamini. She will be laid to rest on Saturday 29 September 2018 after a night vigil which shall be held on Friday at her home laMgabhi Bhunya below Nyandza High. Announcement by family.

Thomas Mfana Shiba



Funeral: 30/09/2018  
Vigil: 29/09/2018  
Place: Ekupheleni

Relatives and friends of Thomas Mfana Shiba popular known as English man are notified that he has answered the call of the Lord after a short illness. He will be laid to rest on Sunday 30 September 2018, at Ekupheleni after a night vigil. He will be greatly missed by his family. May his soul rest in peace, Khwanati Lelihle, Nkwali yenkhosi. Announcement by Nomcebo on behalf of Shiba family.

Nomisa Maria Dlamini  
nee Mlangeni

Funeral: 29/09/2018  
Vigil: Kute  
Place: Ekudzeni

Relatives, friends, colleagues at HMCS (Mawelalela) Jehova's Witnesses Church, Mlangeni and Dlamini families and relatives across border are notified that Nomisa Maria Dlamini nee Mlangeni who was popularly known as Nabo Boy has passed after a short illness. Funeral on Saturday 29.09.2018 at her matrimonial home Ekudzeni. Funeral service starts at 6AM, no night vigil. Announcement by her husband Masitsela Patrick Dlamini on behalf of family.

Selinah Sesana Mabuza



Funeral: 30/09/2018  
Vigil: 29/09/2018  
Place: Nhlambeni

Relatives and friends of Selinah Sesana Mabuza, both locally and in South Africa are notified of her death. She will be laid to rest on Sunday 30 September 2018 at her home in Nhlambeni Manzini after a night vigil. Announcement by family 7662 8624.

Dorah Sphephile Magagula



Funeral: 29/09/2018  
Vigil: 28/09/2018  
Place: kaNjunja

Tihlobo ta Dorah Sphephile Magagula tiyatswa ngekusishiya kwakhe. Kwatswa indlu ya Mahlabela Dlamini eMkhulamini ekhabonina nendlu ya Mkhohlokhohlo Magagula eMpofu eMadelezini. Utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo 29.09.2018 ekuseni ekhaya lakhe kaNjunja eKukhanyeni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Khontile umntfwanakhe.

Dudu Margaret Gumedze



Funeral: 29/09/2018  
Vigil: 28/09/2018  
Place: kaLobamba

Relatives and friends of Dudu Margaret Gumedze are notified that she has answered to the Lord's call. She will be laid to rest on Saturday 29.09.2018 at her parental home kaLobamba Lomdzala after a night vigil on Friday. May her soul rest in eternal peace. Announcement by Mbokodvo Ngwenya, son.

REST IN PEACE

Makhosazane Debra  
Nhlengetfwa

Funeral: 29/09/2018  
Memorial: 28/09/2018  
Place: Ncabaneni

Relatives, friends, and colleagues are kindly informed of the passing away, of the above named. Memorial service to be held at Siyafundza Private School Hall on Friday 28.09.2018 at 13.00hrs then proceed to her parental homestead Ncabaneni Mahhuma Station, follow signs to KaNhlengetfwa homestead. Funeral on Saturday 29.09.2018. Announcement by her father Robert Dumisa Nhlengetfwa. Contact 7603 0548

Jabulani Sifundza



Funeral: 30/09/2018  
Vigil: 29/09/2018  
Place: Etigodzini

Relatives and friends of Jabulani Sifundza of Lomahasha are notified of his untimely death. Memorial service will be at Manzini Bosco Youth Centre on the 29.09.2018 at 9.00am. Funeral at Lomahasha Etigodzini Ka Sifundza on 30.09.2018 after a night vigil. Announcement by Sifundza family.

Abel Khemba Dlamini



Funeral: 30/09/2018  
Vigil: 29/09/2018  
Place: Velezizweni

Relatives and friends are notified of his passing of Abel Khemba Dlamini. Funeral on 30th September at Velezizweni Ensuka. Families; kaKunene, kaDludlu, kaSangweni ka Mabuza and work mates at Correctional Services.

Our  
Deepest  
Condolences

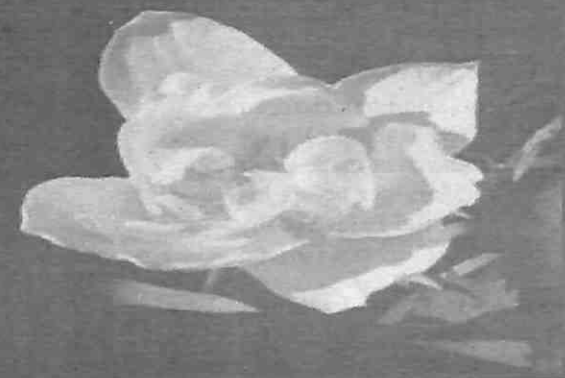
Death is only a bridge towards eternal life with God. Certainly Heaven is rejoicing for another soul has finally reached his true home.

JOB  
13:15

Though He slay me,  
yet will I hope in him;  
I will surely  
defend my ways to  
his face.

*The LORD is close to  
the broken-hearted; he  
rescues those whose  
spirits are crushed.*

it's almost unbearable  
when so much hope  
turns in deep sorrow  
wishing you much strength



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# THE DEATH STARE

## Pogba and Mourinho in frosty training ground exchange

**MANCHESTER** - Footage has emerged of a frosty training ground exchange between Paul Pogba and Manchester United Manager Jose Mourinho after their shock Carabao Cup exit to Derby.

Footage revealed by Sky Sports shows the two men exchanging less-than-friendly words with Pogba reacting to something Mourinho said as the player arrived on the Carrington training pitch. After their shock defeat to Derby, Mourinho confirmed that Pogba had

been stripped of the vice-captaincy as tensions between United's star midfielder and manager continue to rise.

Pogba deputised as skipper in the absence of club captain Antonio Valencia on three occasions this season against Leicester and Brighton in the Premier League and a Champions League trip to Young Boys. However, the French World Cup winner's latest outspoken comments criticising United's overly negative tactics after a 1-1 draw at home to newly-promoted Wolves on

Saturday have provoked a reaction from Mourinho. "The only truth is I made the decision of Paul not to be the second captain anymore," said Mourinho after Tuesday's League Cup defeat to Derby on penalties for which Pogba was rested. "I am the manager and I make these decisions, no fall out at all, no problem at all. The same person who takes the decision to make him second captain makes this decision now."

*Sport24*

## FA charges Benitez over referee comments

**UNITED KINGDOM** - The English Football Association has charged Newcastle United Manager Rafael Benitez for comments he made about referee Andre Marriner before his team played Crystal Palace in the Premier League at Selhurst Park on Saturday.

Benitez had called on the FA to look into Crystal Palace forward Wilfried Zaha's statements about not being given enough protection by referees.

The Spaniard had also described Marriner as not having the best record with Newcastle's players "in terms of red cards".

"I'm sure that Marriner will not have it in the back of his head," the Spaniard said. "He has a lot of experience, even if his record is not the best in terms of red cards, but I'm confident he is a very good referee with a lot of experience and he will deal with the situation in a normal way." The FA said in a statement on Twitter on Tuesday that Benitez had been charged for his pre-match comments about the referee and had until 6:00 p.m. BST (1700 GMT) tomorrow to respond to the charge.

Newcastle held Palace to a 0-0 draw in the match.

*AFP*

## Guardiola reveals 10-year plan for Phil Foden

**LONDON** - Pep Guardiola has backed Manchester City starlet Phil Foden to shine for the next decade after the youngster's dazzling League Cup display against Oxford.

Foden was City's man of the match and capped his influential performance with his first senior goal in their 3-0 third round win on Tuesday.

The 18-year-old midfielder also played a part in the opening two goals for Gabriel Jesus and Riyad

Mahrez. England Under-19 international Foden has been tipped for the top for some while, but he hasn't found it easy to break into the City given the quality the champions already possess.

But City Manager Guardiola, handing Foden his first start since the

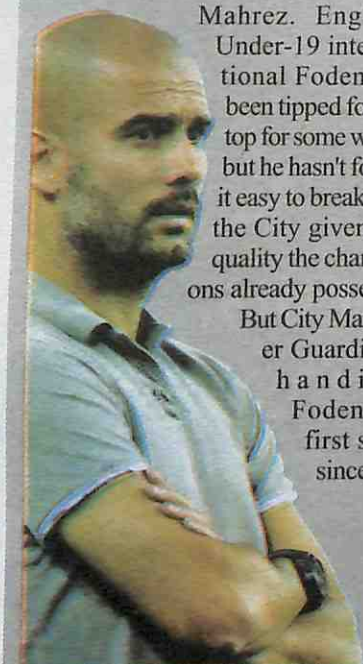
Community Shield, is certain his gifted young prodigy will be a star turn at the Etihad Stadium for years to come. "The way he celebrated his first goal was like the final of the World Cup and that is because he is a City fan," Guardiola said. "My dream is for him to stay 10 years and if Phil stays for 10 years, he can - in the next decade - play regularly and after (that) I don't know what is going to happen with him." Oxford boss Karl Robinson likened Foden to former Barcelona midfielder Andreas Iniesta, although Guardiola was keen not to make comparison with one of his previous players.

"Wow. These are big, big words. I have said many times we are delighted with Phil," Guardiola said.

"I am not going to say he is going to become Andres Iniesta because it puts pressure on him, Iniesta is by far one of the best players I ever saw in my life so we cannot put the pressure on Phil. "But he has the quality to stay here for 10 years because I think he wants to stay, I think the club wants him to. But step by step, he needs to play regularly, but I think he has all the skills to play with us."

*AFP*

**HAS A PLAN: Pep Guardiola.**



## Loew blocked from meeting Mesut Ozil at Arsenal training

**Berlin** - Germany head coach Joachim Loew was reportedly blocked from meeting Mesut Ozil at Arsenal's training ground on Monday to discuss the midfielder's fiery retirement from international duty.

Loew and Germany's team Director Oliver Bierhoff were in London at the weekend to take part in a FIFA coaching congress and then visited Arsenal's training ground in Colney, north of London, for clear-the-air talks with Ozil. According to German daily Bild, Loew and Bierhoff were turned away at the entrance to Arsenal's training ground, on the orders of Gunners' head coach Unai Emery, while the squad was put through a recovery session. The visit had been previously arranged, so Loew and Bierhoff later met the Gunners' Germany internationals Bernd Leno and Shkodran Mustafi at the club's visitors centre without speaking to Ozil.

"We would have liked to have spoken to Mesut, but we have to accept that at the moment he doesn't want to have this con-

versation with us," said Bierhoff.

Ozil's agent Erkut Sogut, who Bierhoff had reportedly contacted before the visit, declined to comment on the reason for the rejection. At the start of the month, Loew said he has often already tried to contact Ozil, but without success.

After 92 appearances, 23 goals and 40 assists for Germany, Ozil retired from international duty in July, citing 'disrespect and racism' within the German Football Association (DFB), taking direct aim at President Reinhard Grindel.

"In the eyes of Grindel and his supporters, I am German when we win, but I am an immigrant when we lose," the 2014 World Cup winner, who was born in Germany to Turkish parents, wrote in a statement.

Having been the target of xenophobic comments on social media and singled out for blame in the wake of Germany's woeful World Cup display, Ozil, 29, received little public support from Loew or Germany's stars. Loew only responded publicly to Ozil's claims at the end of August when he rejected any notion of racism within the national team.

*AFP*

**DENIED ENTRY: Joachim Loew.**



## Giroud hopes Cahill stays at Chelsea

**LONDON** - Chelsea striker Olivier Giroud says he sympathises with team-mate Gary Cahill and his lack of playing time under Manager Maurizio Sarri this season.

The 32-year-old has only played 21 minutes of competitive football so far this campaign, having come off the bench in the goalless draw with West Ham on Sunday, and Giroud admits the England international is in a difficult position, but hopes he will stay at Stamford Bridge nonetheless.

"We have a lot of good players who can play in the starting XI," Giroud told the press after the 0-0 draw with the Irons.

"The problem is we have four or five centre-backs and the coach made his choice.

"Gary is not in a good position because it is quite tough for him, he doesn't play so much. I understand that he wants to play more. At one stage I was the same and I didn't like that. As players, we are happy when we are on the pitch."

"I think his heart is still in Chelsea and hopefully we will keep him because we need him," Giroud added. "He needs to be happy, that is the main thing, but I hope he stays because he is important for us."

"He is a very good player. He's been at Chelsea for six years, he is one of the faces of Chelsea and one of our captains. We need him."

*Sport24*

**HOPEFUL: Olivier Giroud.**







## BRIEFS

## Chiefs have increased concentration level

**JOHANNESBURG** - Kaizer Chiefs captain Itumeleng Khune says that Amakhosi have been working especially hard of late to cut out defensive mistakes. After a slow start to the season, Amakhosi have taken off in the past couple of weeks with three successive league wins, to move joint second on the table. The last three games have seen Chiefs conceding just once, while scoring eight, the Glamour Boys currently the league's top scorers. It's an improved showing at the back that has made the difference, Khune believes. "I think it's concentration because at some stage, the coach played all the central defenders, there was that lack of concentration and communication," the goalkeeper was quoted saying by KickOff website.

## William Twala wants out of FSS

**JOHANNESBURG** - Free State Stars head coach Luc Eymael says winger William Twala is the one who approached the club and asked to be released from his contract and not the other way round. Twala arrived at the Nedbank Cup champions last month from Kaizer Chiefs with a lot expected from him, but has since made only one league appearance. KickOff.com understands that both parties are trying to reach an agreement settlement that will allow the player to leave Ea Lila Koto. "It seems it's like that," Eymael tells this website. "It's not very clear. Twala packed all his things and he went to see Rantsi [club boss Mokoena] and he said that he is suffering too much about a former injury (sic)." And he is suffering every day with this injury [and] that he needs to recover fully.

## Chawapihwa at odds with Nyirenda?

**JOHANNESBURG** - KickOff.com understands a rift may be developing between Baroka attacker Talent Chawapihwa and head coach Wedson Nyirenda. According to a source, Chawapihwa has taken issue with some public utterances made by Nyirenda. "The player is not injured, he was dropped," the source said, ahead of last night's clash with Free State Stars at Peter Mokaba Stadium (19h30). "They didn't explain anything to him. One weekend he played and then he was substituted. No one knows exactly what is happening, but the boy loves the club. Maybe they have got issues with him, for him to be dropped in the team without any explanation."

## 'Don't be fooled by one penalty Shootout'

**CAPE TOWN** - Benni McCarthy admits that he didn't get too excited about winning a penalty shootout, but thinks that he finally has specialists in his team. The Citizens booked their spot in the final of the 2018 MTN8 competition, after defeating Mamelodi Sundowns in a penalty shootout, with their new goalkeeper, Peter Leeuwenburgh stepping up to save the day for City. However, speaking to the media, McCarthy admitted that winning one penalty shootout is nothing to write home about, but is positive to have the type of players who can specialise on the occasion. *Soccer Laduma*

# PULE: I CAME TO PIRATES AT THE RIGHT TIME

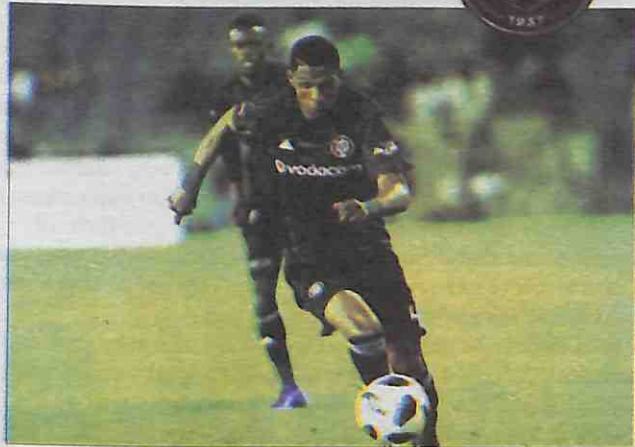
**JOHANNESBURG** - Orlando Pirates midfielder Vincent Pule believes his move to the Sea Robbers from Wits in the off season came at the right time in his career.

The 26-year-old winger has been impressive in his first few months at the Soweto giants and over the weekend netted his third goal in nine games in the 2-1 victory over Baroka.

Pule admitted that he has had to dig deep to cement his place in Milutin Sredojevic's side because talent alone is never enough playing for a big team like Pirates.

"I think I came to Pirates at the right time, I came here to improve and to play for the club with a big heart," Pule told SuperSport.

"I think Pirates is a big team and you must have a big heart to



**JUST ON TIME:** Orlando Pirates midfielder Vincent Pule.

succeed here. I told myself that with talent alone you will not go anywhere, but you have to work hard. "You have to train hard and do extra work and I think that is

what has worked for me. I also told myself to take the opportunity handed to me with both hands."

*Sport24*

## Masutha: Black Leopards will regroup

**JOHANNESBURG** - Black Leopards coach Joel Masutha believes his side can recover from a slow start to the 2018/19 season and begin to become more competitive.

Leopards have struggled in their return to South Africa's top flight as they have picked up just five points from six matches, and currently are bottom of the Premiership standings.

In addition, Lidoda Duvha were mauled 4-0 by SuperSport United last weekend at the Lucas Moripe Stadium in Pretoria.

The side from Limpopo won promotion from the National First Division in 2017/18, but appear to be struggling with the demands of

the PSL.

Nonetheless, Masutha has revealed he is not overly concerned about the situation. He told KickOff: "I am not pressing panic buttons. I have played football. We've lost games."

"Sometimes we played eight games without a win but ended up starting to win again and being in a comfortable position."

"I am not panicking. I believe in these boys. I believe we will regroup, rectify our mistakes and come back strong."

Leopards next host local rivals Baroka at Thohoyandou Stadium on October 3 in the league.

*Sport24*

## Sredojevic delighted with September returns

**JOHANNESBURG** - Orlando Pirates coach Milutin Sredojevic has stressed that players are only human beings as he welcomed his side's improvement over the month of September.

Pirates currently sit top of the ABSA Premiership standings after eight rounds of fixtures, having shown some improvement since their back-to-back defeats to Bidvest Wits and Bloemfontein Celtic that saw the club's fans up in arms last month.

Having managed two wins and a draw in their three outings this month, Sredojevic is delighted to have witnessed progress while defending their near-miss against Baroka this past weekend.

"There were so many critical things in the second-half, but please we need to understand the fact that players are human beings," said Sredojevic.

"As such, this was their third match in seven days so lapses of concentration are normal when someone is tired."

"And when we look at it, we are satisfied with the three points we got. In three matches we collected seven points - more than what we got in our first five matches in August."

"So, when you look at that, we're not perfectly satisfied but satisfied while having in mind that we have posed the question, 'Do we know how to make results?' We made the result." The Serbian further emphasised that The Buccaneers are still a work in progress but hopes to iron out their "blackouts" in the coming matches against KwaZulu-Natal sides Golden Arrows and AmaZulu. "However, there are so many critical things we shall look back on and correct them [because] we have 10 days until the next match against Golden Arrows and AmaZulu," he added. "We will correct the things that need correcting and keep up the things that need keeping up, so that we make sure we do not bring ourselves into a position like in the last two matches where, especially in the second-half, we have some blackouts."

## Ndoro back in PSL with Highlands Park

**CAPE TOWN** - He has been a controversial figure since returning to South African football, but now Tendai Ndoro is back.

The 33-year-old Zimbabwean striker has signed a one-year deal with Highlands Park.

The Lions of the North made the announcement on their Twitter account yesterday.

"PLAYER SIGNING! Highlands Park FC is excited to announce the signing of seasoned striker, Tendai Ndoro. Ndoro is joining the team on a one year deal, he's been training with the team for the past couple of weeks and has impressed the technical team led by Owen Da Gama!"

Former Orlando Pirates marksman Ndoro hit the headlines last season after being snapped up by Ajax Cape Town following a nightmare time at Al Faisaly in Saudi Arabia.

But it turned out that he had played for three clubs in one season - Pirates, Al Faisaly and Ajax - which was in breach of FIFA rules.

It led to the Urban Warriors being docked points and ultimately being relegated from the Premiership to the First Division following a long-running saga.

But now he will try to make a fresh start with Da Gama's confident Highlands Park, who lost their first league game of the season against Free State Stars last week.

They are currently in eighth position on the log with seven points after one defeat, four draws and a win from six games.





# TEKO HAS MATURED LIKE WINE - GOULD

**JOHANNESBURG** - Morgan Gould has warned his SuperSport United teammates of the threat posed from Cape Town City's many potential match-winners for Saturday night's MTN8 final at Moses Mabhida Stadium (kickoff 7pm).

Bafana Bafana centreback Gould pointed out that if SuperSport plan to subdue mercurial forward Ayanda Patosi - whose brace saw City draw 2-2 against Orlando Pirates in Johannesburg last week - the Citizens have Thabo Nodada in midfield capable of conjuring up magic.

And if Matsatsantsa make a plan to keep Patosi and Nodada quiet, veteran Teko Modise is playing some of the best football

of his career and winger Bradley Ralani is also capable of turning matches.

Asked about the threat posed especially by the unpredictable Patosi in attack, and Nodada in the engine room, Gould said: "They are very talented gentlemen. You can't take nothing from them, they give their all."

"Nodada - what a revelation man. I've got so much respect for that guy."

"He's also very underrated - no-one speaks about him a lot. He does the utmost on the field. He actually makes that team tick."

"Whereas Patosi, also a very good player. There's a bit of European experience under him."

"Bradley, also, 'Surprise' - I know him personally. You can

go through the whole team - they've got names who could play anywhere in the country."

"It's just one of those where you need to be wary of their threats, and try and work hard on our game."

"But definitely we're going to know what threats they pose, and the experience that they have in their team with the likes of 'Dona' - you know, Teko, he's class man."

"And he's - I don't like wine, so I don't know what wine tastes like - but Teko has matured like wine."

"He's very mature in his game and the way he's approached it. So they've got a lot experience and threats in different parts of their football team."

Gould cautioned SuperSport not to read too much into City having been 2-0 down against Pirates, and before that having lost 4-1 at home to Kaizer Chiefs, and Matsatsantsa having won 4-0 away against Black Leopards in their previous league fixture.

SuperSport, though, do appear to be slight favourites for the cup final.

They are the holders and beat Benni McCarthy's City on penalties in last year's final when current head coach Kaitano Tembo was assistant to Eric Tinkler.

SuperSport have had the better start to 2018-19, and are in fifth place in the Absa Premiership from four wins and two defeats out of six games.

*Times Lives*

## FIFA denies Amnesty International claims about unpaid World Cup workers

**CAPE TOWN** - Dozens of migrants working on Qatar's \$45 billion World Cup final city of Lusail have gone unpaid for months, Amnesty International said yesterday, the latest rights accusation against the 2022 tournament host.

Mercury MENA, a contractor, "failed to pay its workers thousands of dollars in wages and work benefits, leaving them stranded and penniless" in the country, according to the London-based rights group. FIFA yesterday accused Amnesty of being "misleading" and said the non-payments were not connected to the 2022 tournament.

"We have no reason to believe the reported violations of workers' rights are in fact linked to FIFA and the 2022 World Cup," a FIFA spokesman told AFP. "We regret Amnesty chose to frame its statement in such a misleading manner."

Amnesty said at least 78 employees from Nepal, India and the Philippines had not been paid since February 2016 and were owed an average of \$2 000 (1 700 euros) - for some the equivalent of several months' wages.

In some cases this had "ruined lives", said Amnesty, which urged the Doha government to pay the workers, some of whom took out huge loans to secure a job in the super-wealthy Gulf state.

One worker, Ernesto, a piping foreman from the Philippines, told Amnesty he was in greater debt after working in Qatar for two years than before he arrived in the country. Other labourers from Nepal

said they had to take their children out of school or sell land to cover debts incurred by working in Qatar.

Amnesty claimed Mercury MENA "took advantage" of Qatar's "kafala" system, which prevents workers from changing jobs or leaving the country without the permission of bosses. Unpaid workers eventually allowed to leave Qatar only did so at their own cost, said Amnesty.

As well as helping build Lusail city, which is also the venue for the 2022 football tournament's opening match, Mercury MENA helped build a showcase stadium that was an integral part of Qatar's winning presentation to FIFA in December 2010. In November, Amnesty

said the company's chief executive had acknowledged "cashflow problems". MENA Mercury has not commented on the latest report.

Qatar's labour ministry yesterday said Mercury MENA no longer operated in the country and legal action and an investigation were under way.

"The concerns highlighted by Amnesty International are not tolerated by the state of

Qatar," the ministry said in a statement. The findings come at a time when the World Cup host is under intense scrutiny over labour rights. Earlier this month, Doha said it would abolish exit permits - a cornerstone of the kafala system likened to modern-day slavery - but has not given a date for when this will come into force. *AFP*



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## Isco leaves hospital after appendicitis surgery

**MADRID** - Real Madrid playmaker Isco has left hospital after successfully undergoing an operation to treat appendicitis, the European champions said yesterday.

"Our player Isco has been discharged from hospital. He will start his recovery process now under the supervision of the Real Madrid medical services," said a statement from the club which

did not state how long Isco was expected to be out for. Reports in the Spanish media, however, said that the Spain international will be unable to play for around a month and is targeting a return in time for Real's crunch match away to arch-rivals Barcelona on October 28 in La Liga. Isco, who was taken to hospital on Tuesday after arriving at training complaining of stomach pains, will

miss a total of six games for Real, including last night's testing league trip to Sevilla and Saturday's city derby against Atletico Madrid. He will also have to sit out the UEFA Champions League games against CSKA Moscow and Viktoria Plzen, as well as Spain's friendly against Wales and their Uefa Nations League game with England.

*AFP*

## Lampard's Derby knock Man Utd out of League Cup

**LONDON** - Derby County manager Frank Lampard piled more misery on his former Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho as the Rams beat 10-man Manchester United 8-7 on penalties in the League Cup on Tuesday.

Mourinho paid the price for making nine changes in a thrilling 2-2 draw at Old Trafford before spot-kicks with Paul Pogba rested on another day dominated by the Frenchman's frosty relationship with his manager.

Phil Jones finally missed from the spot after 15 successful penalties in a high-quality shootout.

"The penalties come, somebody has to miss. I knew we were going to be in trouble with Jones," said Mourinho in a barb at one of his own players. Mourinho also confirmed Pogba has been stripped of the United vice-captaincy after criticising the Portuguese's tactics in a 1-1 draw at home to Wolves on Saturday.

"The only truth is I made the decision of Paul not to be the second captain anymore," added Mourinho.

Early on it seemed like the United boss would get a positive response from his much-changed side as one of

Lampard's former Chelsea team-mates Juan Mata slotted home the opener after just three minutes at the end of a fine team move.

However, an unchanged Derby side struck back after the break thanks to a wonderful free-kick from on-loan Liverpool striker Harry Wilson.

Moments later, United goalkeeper Sergio Romero saw red for handling another Wilson effort outside the area.

The visitors made the man advantage count when Jack Marriott headed home five minutes from time, but Marouane Fellaini looked to have saved Mourinho's blushes with a towering header deep into stoppage time. However, substitute United 'keeper Lee Grant failed to stop any of Derby's penalties and Jones finally faltered to compound a bad start to the season for Mourinho's men, who already trail Premier League leaders Liverpool by eight points.

*AFP*



## The FA 'agrees terms to sell Wembley'

**LONDON** - The Football Association has reportedly agreed terms to sell Wembley to Shahid Khan as English football's governing body prepares to vote on the future of the national stadium.

As exclusively revealed by Sportsmail in April, Khan, the billionaire owner of Fulham and the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars, tabled a formal offer for the home of English football.

He made the FA an £800million offer - more than £500m in cash, as well as allowing the FA to keep the Club Wembley debenture and hospitality business that is valued at a further £300m.

The 10-man FA board will discuss whether to approve the sale on Thursday, however the two sides have already agreed an outline deal, say the Financial Times. This does not mean the sale has been confirmed however, with FA chief executive Martin Glenn and chairman Greg Clarke seeking unanimous approval for the sale to go through.

According to reports, the FA have driven a hard bargain to ensure the future of the national stadium as a top sporting venue is ensured.

This includes an agreement that the FA have the right to buy back Wembley for just £100m if it is stripped of elite status by UEFA.

*Daily Mail*





## Lyon's Diop snubs Senegal national team in favour of Spain

**JOHANNESBURG** - Lyon midfielder Pape Cheikh Diop pledged his international allegiance to Spain and turned his back on the country of his birth, Senegal.

Diop, 21, was born in Dakar and moved to Spain at 14 and helped them to European U19 success in 2015 as well as played for the U18's and U21s.

Despite admitting the

Senegalese Football Federation (FSF) has tried to persuade him to play for the Teranga Lions - Diop made his intentions clear over his international future.

"I have been called by Senegal several times, but I remain committed to Spain," he told Marca.

"Of course, I can never forget my origin, I am Senegalese, but I also feel Spanish.

"Spain has given me everything and I want to give back in return. I am very happy with the decision I've made."

Lyon reportedly opted to sign the powerful midfielder over Bafana Bafana star Bongani Zungu, with his age being the contributing factor.

Since then, the €10m signing from Celta Vigo has impressed with the Ligue 1 giants and played a key role in their 2-1 UEFA Champions League

victory over Manchester City last week.

Despite his meteoric rise to Europe's elite club competition, Pape Cheikh has not forgotten his humble beginnings at Solar FC back in Dakar.

"Solar FC was where it all started for me and I still have interesting memories," he recalled.

"Now I try to help out with everything I can: with clothes, kits, balls and whatever I can". **AFP**

## FIFA'S 'THE BEST' AWARDS TURNED INTO 'THE WORST'!

**LONDON** - FIFA's The Best gala proved to be the strangest football award ceremony in recent memory after a series of controversial choices, leaving many scratching their heads.

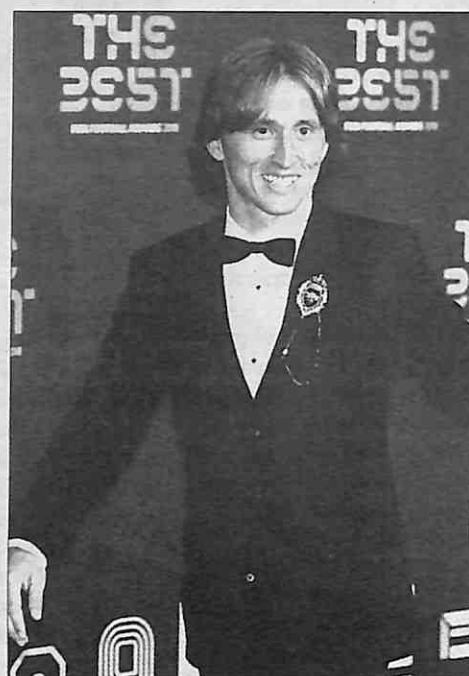
### FIFPro World XI

IFA has explained how the voting for the player and coach categories took place - national team captains, national team managers, selected journalists and, for the first time, an online poll of fans, with each accounting for 25 per cent of the total.

Despite coming in at third for The Best Men's Player award, Egypt's Mohamed Salah somehow failed to make the FIFPro World XI. The Liverpool attacker scored 32 league goals to finish behind only Lionel Messi in the European scoring charts but was overlooked in favour of Kylian Mbappe and Eden Hazard, who both finished behind him in the best men's player list.

### Puskas Award

The strangest decision of the night can only be explained by the fact that the award is voted for completely by fans.



Salah's Merseyside derby goal received a whopping 38 per cent of votes to win the Puskas Best Goal Award. The Egyptian's goal was favoured over both Cristiano Ronaldo and Gareth Bale's spectacular overhead-kick efforts in the Champions League. Salah was named as having scored the best goal in 2018 despite his goal not being named as the Premier League Goal of the Month for December 2017.

**Sport24**

**LEFT OUT:** Mo Salah was left out of the FIFPro World XI.

## Experience, stability bolster Germany's Euro 2024 bid

**BERLIN** - With a long history of hosting major sporting events, Germany makes a solid case for hosting the Euro 2024 finals, with the winning bid to be announced today.

### Big events, big stage

Germany has an impressive track record of hosting top sports events.

Usain Bolt broke both the 100m and 200m world records at Berlin's Olympic Stadium when the capital hosted the 2009 world athletics championships and Germany's hosting of the 2006 World Cup football was a triumph.

Other recent events successfully hosted include the 2011 women's World Cup, 2017 women's handball world cup and last month's European athletics championships, which Germany's bid has highlighted.

"All political and football structures are in place in Germany, with a long and stable history of successful organisation," noted UEFA's evaluation report.

### Modern stadiums, infrastructure

"We are a football nation and our fans always want to show their passion for football," boasted ex-Germany captain Philipp Lahm, who heads the Germany bid.

The 10 cities each have state-of-the-art stadiums, boasting a total capacity for the 51 matches in Germany of 2 780 000, compared with 2 290 000 for the Turkey bid.

While two of the seven stadiums in the Turkey bid need rebuilding or renovating, there are no such concerns in Germany.

### Strong attendance

With an average of more than 40 000 fans per Bundesliga match, Germany has the highest attendance figures in Europe's top leagues. Germany 2006 yielded the second highest average attendance figure in World Cup history of 52 491 - second only to USA 1994 where each game was watched by 68 991 on average.

### Euros for Euro 2024

For sponsors and UEFA, a tournament in Germany would be financially more profitable than in Turkey.

The 10 German stadiums could in principle accommodate 2.78 million spectators, 290 000 more than in Turkey, earning more from ticket sales.

"For the development of football and UEFA, it is very important to make as much money as possible with the tournament, to then distribute the money between all the European federations," said UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin. **AFP**

## 'Neymar set to develop in new positional role'

**PARIS** - Paris Saint-Germain head coach Thomas Tuchel has explained why Neymar has been deployed away from his natural left-forward role this season.

Neymar has primarily operated from the left since joining PSG from Barcelona in August 2017 in a world-record €222m transfer.

But this season, Tuchel has at times deployed him in a central playmaking role away from his favoured position.

The Brazil international started on the wing against Rennes on Sunday

but was shifted to the middle in the second half and played a key role in the Thomas Meunier and Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting's goal - with the latter assuming the left-sided role.

"Of course, he likes to be there and we like to have him in the number 10 position because he is involved in every attack, not only from the left," Tuchel told the press, as quoted by AS.

"He has the chance to be a bit more free and be in the centre of the game and we have the chance to involve him in every attack we make". **AFP**

## Firmino shows off continued effects of gruesome eye injury

**LIVERPOOL** - Roberto Firmino is still being troubled by the eye injury suffered in the win over Tottenham earlier this month.

The Brazilian forward is still suffering from the injury suffered in a clash with Jan Vertonghen at Wembley.

The Liverpool No.9 clashed with Jan Vertonghen during the 2-1 win at Wembley, and had to be substituted immediately.

He has since returned to action, scoring against Paris Saint-Germain during a 20-minute cameo in the Champions League



before playing the full 90' against Southampton at the weekend.

Worried fans at Anfield have seen Firmino wear special protective glasses in the intervening period. And now Firmino has posted a video on Instagram showing that, 10 days on, he is still having trouble with a heavily bloodshot eye.

**Mirror**





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# DISABILITY SPORT



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**SHU....Shu....Shukuma Eswatini! Greetings and welcome to another edition of your favourite column, Shukuma Eswatini.**

Summer is upon us and there is no better way to welcome this time of the season than to vigorously train our bodies.

It is a fact that a majority of people are 'allergic' to winter, meaning they do not exercise their bodies during this time of the season. Now that summer is almost here, everyone should find time and ensure that their bodies get adequate training.

By adequate, of course depending on each individual's physical state, 45 minutes of training at least four times a week should do the trick.

The past few months were somewhat hectic in the country, especially with the elections taking centre stage. As a result, we neglected to commemorate the disabled in our community.

That is why next week, the SNSRC will revisit schools such as a Ekwetsembeni and St Josephs to encourage the public not to look at one's disability but rather one's ability. Our visit will be focused on sport activities as disability sports is one of our main programmes.

This programme is a repertoire of activities designed for people living with a disability.

Worth noting is that our disability sport programme seeks to create opportunities that will increase the participation and involvement of people

living with a disability in sport and physical activity.

A brief background on disability sport.

A few years ago, the World Health Organisation (WHO) estimated that 650 million people lived with disabilities of various types.

Of course the number has been increasing since then due to the rise of chronic diseases, injuries, car crashes, falls, violence and other causes such as ageing. Of this total 80 percent live in low income countries; most are poor and have limited or no access to basic services including rehabilitation facilities.

The rising incidence of disability, particularly in developing countries has the potential to place further burdens on governments and health care systems. Sport can be a low cost and effective way to foster positive health and well being, social inclusion and community building for people with disabilities.

The three largest international competitions like Deaflympics, Paralympics and Special Olympics Games participation by developing countries has seen the greatest improvement since 1990. Anyone may experience disability at some point in his/her life-time.

Disability is a normal part of the human experience and people with disabilities are part of all sectors of the community; men, women and children; indigenous and nonindigenous; employers and employees; stu-



dents and teachers; consumers and citizens.

There are numerous definitions of disability and the debate surrounding appropriate definitions of disability have evolved over time.

The World Health Organisation states that disability (resulting from an impairment) is a restriction or lack of ability to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered normal for a human being.

The United Nations defines persons with disabilities (PWD) as persons who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments, which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and

effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.

Disability sport is a term that refers to sport designed for, or specifically practised by people with disabilities. People with disabilities are also referred to as athletes with disabilities.

The SNSRC has been running a Disability Sport Programme since 2002.

The climax of the programme should be the Annual National Sports Day for people with disabilities.

This day is meant to sensitize Eswatini about disability sport and how they can contribute in developing it.

We at the SNSRC subscribe to the 'Sports-For-All, Sports-For-Life ide-

ology, which is inclusive of the disabled community.

For a long time, the disabled community have been left out in a lot of developmental programmes.

During the National Sports Day for people with disabilities all the institutions that are involved with the disabled community work together with Council for the successful hosting of the event, which also works as a strategy to encourage membership to do the same at association level.

Lack of special equipment and specialised sports infrastructure is one obstacle that has been a challenge for Council in running this event.

**REMARKS: Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Prince Lonkhokhela making his remarks. This was during the Imbube marathon stakeholders' meeting held at the Sibane Hotel on Tuesday. (r) SNSRC CEO Darius Domo, Business and Development Manager Zama Tsabedze also present in the meeting.**

(Pic: Sibusiso Dlamini)



## Imbube marathon is upon us

**THE much acclaimed Imbube Marathon will take centre stage next weekend in what is expected to be yet another scintillating edition.**

We have been told that over 4 000 runners will battle it out in this the third edition of the annual race. Everyone is urged to support the race, a brainchild of His Majesty King Mswati III. There is no doubt that it has grown in leaps and in bounds in the last two years. This year's edition promises to be even bigger and better.

We cannot wait. And may the best man win.

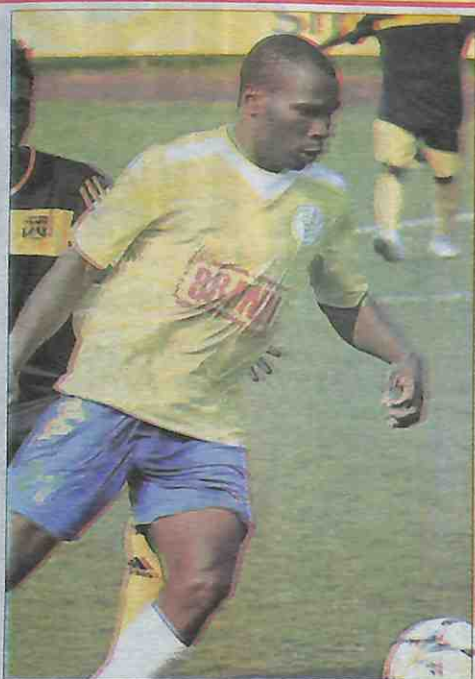


## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Only he who keeps his eye fixed on the far horizon will find his right road" - **Unknown**

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**WATCH OUT:** Mfan'fikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze (Mbombela United to Manzini Wanderers), Vusumuzi 'Spoko' Mashaba (Moneni Pirates to Manzini Sundowns), Darren 'Dazza' Christie (Free agent to Manzini Sea Birds) and Vusumuzi Zungu (Matsapha United to Mbabane Highlanders)

# 7 SIGNINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR

By Sabelo Gwebu

**SOCCER—ON Monday this week, the curtain fell to what has been a not so interesting transfer window period. In all honesty, none made for riveting reading.**

Until January, Premier League teams will be stacked with their current playing squad but a few movements were worthwhile for certain clubs and it will be interesting to see how the players adapt to their new surroundings. From former Manzini Wanderers' Aladeon Kola's permanent move to Mbabane Swallows to Royal Leopard's biggest catch in goal-getter Melusi 'Melo' Mkhwanazi from Manzini Sundowns and of course, Mbabane Highlanders' exodus of signings from Matsapha United - we take a look at seven players to watch out for in the new season.

## • MELUSI MKHWANAZI (MANZINI SUNDOWNS TO ROYAL LEOPARD)

An impressive 13 goals in all competitions for the 'Kappa Kappa' side in the last campaign, it will be safe to say Royal Leopard have finally got a replacement for ageing Barry Steenkamp. Steenkamp has carried the scorers' load at the police ensemble for a decade or so now and with the arrival of 'Melo', they finally got the kind of a box striker they so desired. Make no mistake, Barry can still run like an ox but Lungelo Tsabedze did not provide the physical presence Leopard faithful were used to during Mfanzile 'Fash' Dlamini's heydays and 'Melo' is closest to that. Lungelo is good playing off the shoulder of a big man in the box and that is where 'Melo' fits like a hand to a glove.

## • MFAN'FIKILE 'FASH' NDZIMANDZE (MBOMBELA UNITED TO MANZINI WANDERERS)

Talented striker Mfan'fikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze has recently become

one of the very few that have played for the country's big three teams. Given his Premier League debut as a young boy back in 2006 by Zenzele Dlamini at Mbabane Swallows in a match against Royal Leopard in Mhlume, 'Fash' went on to don the famed black and white of Mbabane Highlanders, played for Green Mamba and Moneni Pirates, among other teams.

He was announced as a Wanderers new signing late last week and could not debut in Sunday's away defeat to Leopard, pending his international clearance from Mbombela United but one thing is for sure, he comes with massive experience. 'Fash' has a knack of scoring goals and he has proven that in all the teams he has played for.

## • VUSUMUZI 'SPOKO' MASHABA (MONENI PIRATES TO MANZINI SUNDOWNS)

Watch out- there is a new kid on the block. Sundowns have made a big catch in the form of speedy forward Vusumuzi 'Spoko' Mashaba from rivals Moneni Pirates. The youthful striker, who initially played for relegated First Division outfit Sikhalo Se-Africa, has greatly impressed in his first three games at the 'Kappa Kappa' side, scoring two in three matches. Despite his great appetite for goals, he runs as if he eats air and will be a menace to defences all season long.

## DARREN 'DAZZA' CHRISTIE (FREE AGENT TO MANZINI SEA BIRDS)

After a frustrating 2017/18 season which he spent on the wilderness, Darren 'Dazza' Christie is back doing what he likes the most - playing football. 'Dazza' was involved in an ownership battle with parent club Mbabane Swallows but is finally free to play again after failed attempts to join Matsapha United and Mbabane Citizens in the previous campaign. He rescued a point for Sea Birds in their opening 1-all draw with Vovovo and is expected to play an

integral part for the elite league returnees.

## • ALADEON KOLA (MANZINI WANDERERS TO MBABANE SWALLOWS)

Seeking greener pastures, Nigeria-born striker has opted for Mbabane Swallows over Manzini Wanderers in what his camp presume as the perfect platform for international moves in future given the 'Birds' consistent C A F inter-club competitions' appearance.

ances. It took Kola a minute, less than the time it takes to boil an egg to open his Swallows league account in just his first game against Young Buffaloes and will definitely be key for Swallows if they are to defend the coveted MTN League crown.

## • VUSUMUZI ZUNGU (MATSAPHA UNITED TO MBABANE HIGHLANDERS)

South Africa-born walking football brainbox Vusumuzi Zungu was one of a bucketful of players who switched camp from Matsapha United to Mbabane Highlanders. We all know his quality but Highlanders need to work on his fitness levels if they are to get the best out of him. In the few opening league games, we have seen flashes of the brilliant player he is but he only looks good when he has the ball and not without it. Against a hard fighting Malanti Chiefs, Zungu scored a stunner from an awkward angle in a 2-1 win. Settling in was never going to be an issue for the midfielder as he is familiar with 'Bull' surroundings as he spent a season there before.

## • ASIVE LANGWE (FREE AGENT TO MALANTI CHIEFS)

Notably, Asive Langwe is still trying to understand how best his teammates want to use him. The former South Africa's Bidvest Wits midfielder was used as a false striker in the last match where he scored a stunning free kick to earn Malanti Chiefs their first maximum points of the season after back-to-back defeats to Royal Leopard and Mbabane Highlanders.

**NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK:** Aladeon Kola (Manzini Wanderers to Mbabane Swallows), Melusi Mkhwanazi (Manzini Sundowns to Royal Leopard) and Asive Langwe (Free agent to Malanti Chiefs).







● Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba, 25, was told he would not captain the club again after telling Manager Jose Mourinho he wants to join Barcelona. (*Daily Mail*)

● Pogba's criticism of United's tactics are a sign the Frenchman wants to move back to former club Juventus. (*Tuttosport, via Sun*)



● United will want more than £200m if they are to sell France international Pogba. (*Mirror*)

● Former Newcastle vice-president Tony Jimenez says Keegan turned down the chance to sign Liverpool striker Daniel Sturridge, 29, and Real Madrid forward Karim Benzema, 30, when he was in charge at the Tyneside club. (*Times - subscription required*)

● Ronaldo and Barcelona's Argentine forward Lionel Messi, 31, are at the centre of a row after snubbing the FIFA Best Awards. (*Marcia via Express*)

● Brentford midfielder Josh McEachran, 25, came through the ranks at Chelsea and says the Stamford Bridge outfit "is probably one of the hardest clubs, if not the hardest, in the world for a young player". (*Times - subscription required*)

● West Brom are set to sign former Crystal Palace winger Bakary Sako, 30, this week. The Mali international has been a free agent since turning down a contract offer from Palace in the summer. (*Sky Sports*)



● Arsenal are interested in Rennes' 20-year-old Senegal winger Ismaila Sarr, who has been likened to Barcelona's Ousmane Dembele. (*Mirror*)

● Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich wants at least £3bn to sell the club. (*Bloomberg*)

● Chelsea assistant Gianfranco Zola believes Belgian winger Eden Hazard, 27, has not reached his full potential and can challenge for football's top individual awards. (*Telegraph*)



● Aston Villa and Sheffield Wednesday are interested in signing Chelsea centre-back Gary Cahill but the 32-year-old wants to keep playing in the Premier League. (*Sun*)

# 'KOFI' PULLS OUT OF DARTS PRESIDENTIAL RACE

By Sabelo Gwebu

**DARTS** – ASTUTE darts administrator Phumlani 'Kofi' Ndwandwe has pulled out of the presidential race, ahead of Saturday's Eswatini National Darts Association (ENDA) elective General Assembly.

The long serving general secretary of the association will contest for his current post with Sibusiso Barjies and Bheki Nkonyane. In the big race for president, it will be the outgoing Michael 'Scara' Gama, Nkonyane and one time long serving president Hamilton 'Waga' Waga Nxumalo.

ENDA goes to the polls on Saturday at His Majesty's Correctional Services Gymnasium in Matsapha starting at noon. Updating on the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM), outgoing GS Ndwandwe confirmed he is out of the presidential race.

## DARTS ELECTIONS NOMINEES:

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#### PRESIDENT

- Hamilton 'Waga Waga' Nxumalo
- Bheki Nkonyane

#### DEPUTY PRESIDENT

- Abraham Ndzinisa
- Musa Manyatsi
- Bheki Nkonyane
- Waga Waga Nxumalo
- Jethro Ndzingane

#### SECRETARY GENERAL

- Bheki Nkonyane
- Kofi Ndwandwe
- Sibusiso Barjies

#### DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

- Bheki Nkonyane
- Bafana Nkambule

#### TREASURER

- Sibusiso Barjies
- Nomfanelo Dlamini
- Jethro Ndzingane
- Bheki Nkonyane

#### EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

- Andile Malambe
- Bafana Nkambule
- Mbongseni Mathabela
- Abraham Ndzinisa
- Eric Dladla
- Sibusiso Barjies
- Sabelo Kunene
- Anderson Wesley
- Sithembiso Tsabedze
- Welile Nkambule

## NEDBANK VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE TAKES A BREAK

Stories by Jongile Xuba

**VOLLEYBALL** – THE National Volleyball League games will take a break this weekend as the association prepares for the grand closing.

This was revealed by the Eswatini National Volleyball Association (ENVA) Vice-Secretary Eric Zwane yesterday.

He said there were two games remaining on the fixture and these would be played on the grand closing day slated for October 13.

"We will wrap up the season with two games on the cards. Zakhele will take on Correctional in the ladies division whilst second placed REP will lock horns with table-toppers Correctional in what will be a title decider for the men's division," he said.

He added that the champions of the league in both divisions would walk away with E6 000 first prize cheques, amongst other prizes.

Zwane also highlighted that there



**POSTPONED:** REP and Correctional players in action during the Nedbank Volleyball League games at OlympAfrica.

would be a tournament to be hosted by the association before the grand closing.

"The tournament will feature the B teams and will be held on October 6. There are two more tournaments we have planned after the league ends. First, is VA Cup preliminaries on October 20, followed

by the finals a week later on October 27," said Zwane.

He said overall, they were pleased with how the league proceeded and invited all spectators to be part of the grand closing ceremony. He also said venues for the upcoming fixtures would be communicated in due course.

### FINAL FIXTURES:

Ladies	
Zakhele	vs Correctional
Males	
REP	vs Correctional



## LIST OF INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

- Player of the season
- Players' player of the season
- Rookie of the season
- Most improved player of the season
- President's award (Longest serving players)
- Fair play award (most disciplined team)
- Coach of the season
- Referee of the season.

## Voting process for players player of the season

**VOLLEYBALL** – VOLLEYBALL players in the country will this year vote for the Player of the Season award winner.

This was announced by Eswatini National Volleyball Association

(ENVA) Vice-Secretary Eric Zwane in an interview yesterday.

"There will be a voting process where players and coaches from the respective teams within the league will vote for the players

'player award.

These are the only people eligible to vote for this particular award," he said.

He added that the Player of the Season would be chosen for both

the male and female categories. "Besides the players player award, we have about seven others.

These include coach of the season, player of the season and the president's award, which is given to the long serving players, just to name a few," he said.

## 13 GYMNASTICS' COACHES IN TRAINING

By Jongile Xuba

**GYMNASTICS** – COACHES from local gymnastics' clubs received training, courtesy of OlympAfrica Gymnastics Club.

This was revealed by Eswatini Gymnastics Federation (EGF) Secretary Muriel Hoffer.

The training course was held last Saturday at OlympAfrica Centre in

Lobamba. She expressed her delight at the success of the classes held.

"We hosted about 13 coaches from local clubs to teach them some introductory routines they can go implement.

"The classes were based on aerobics routines for the coaches to teach new learners," said the secretary.

Hoffer added that they had new

faces attending the classes adding, "It is also encouraging to say that we had seven new coaches joining us during the training exercise. This shows that there are more people taking an interest in the sport."

All the routines that were taught on the day are in preparation for an upcoming national tournament.

"We were only focusing on compulsory routines and music that will

be used during the nationals scheduled for November," she said.

Coaches will meet again next month for follow up classes.

"A follow up class has been scheduled for October 13. This is to get feedback from the coaches and also introduce the next phase of the aerobics discipline," said the secretary. The coaches were instructed by Hoffer, who is a level one gymnastics coach having received her qualifications from the South African Gymnastics Association.



# SWAZI BOLT GETS VISIT FROM JAPAN'S TOP ATHLETE

By Qondile Ntiwane

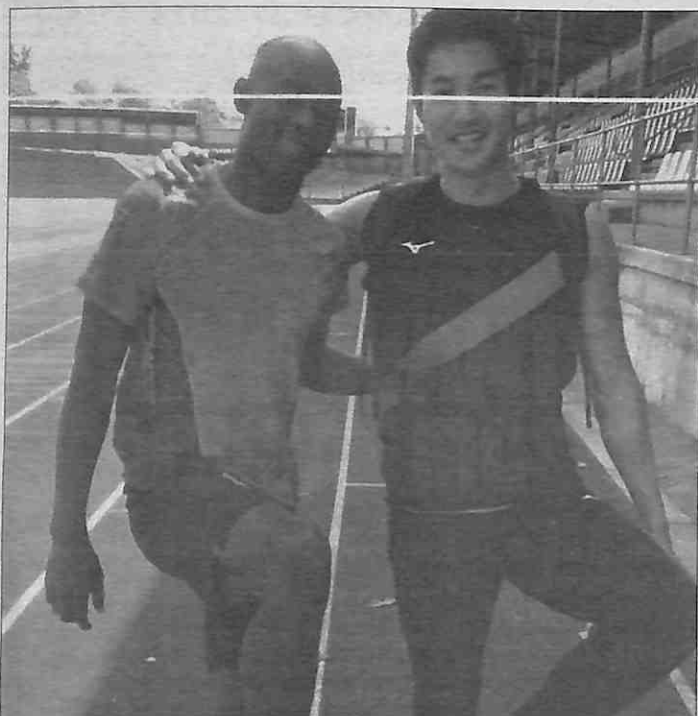
**ATHLETICS**—ONE of Japan's top sprinters Lizuka Shota is currently in the country visiting his local counterpart Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa.

The Japanese delegation comprising of the athlete and his coach Toyoda Yasuhiro arrived in the country yesterday/last Wednesday and will leave today.

The two athletes met during the London 2012 Olympic Games and have met in several international competitions after their first meeting. Interviewed yesterday, Matsenjwa said he was very happy to have the team honour his invitation to the Kingdom.

"I am very happy to have my friend come visit me here at home. I have been with him in a number of international races and have asked that he comes to get a feel of my country. They are here and I am very honoured," he said.

Matsenjwa also highlighted that they went for a training session at the Mavuso Sports Centre and also visited St Joseph's mission.



**FRIENDS LIKE THESE:** Sprinter Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa with his friend, one of Japan's top sprinters Lizuko Shota, during their training session at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. (Courtesy Pic)

"My friend got to experience the Swazi track and he was happy. It is just unfortunate that their visit was brief but I understand as he has

a race to run next week hence needs to go prepare for it.

"We also got an opportunity to visit children living with disabilities at Mzimphofu. Together with my fellow athletes Phumlile Ndzinisa and Mcebo Dlodlu and the Japanese delegation, we spent time at the school motivating the youngsters," he said.

## About Lizuka

Lizuka is a Japanese sprinter who specialises in the 200 metres.

He started track and field after winning the local competition of a 100 metres race when he was in third grade; the club coach scouted him to his track and field club.

At the 2010 World Junior Championships in Athletics, Lizuka won the 200 metres title with a time of 20.67 seconds. This earned him the gold medal, making him the first Japanese male sprinter to win a medal in the event.

At the 2016 Summer Olympics, Lizuka won a silver medal in the 4 × 100 metres relay. He has won a total of eight medals (three gold, four silver, one bronze) in international athletics competitions.

## 'Downs turn to Charles Manda

...After being turned down by 'Magiyane' who joined Vovovo yesterday, Sundowns turn focus to Malawian coach

By Sabelo Gwebu

**SOCCER**—AFTER losing out on the services of Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini, Malawian coach Charles Manda is on his way from his native to Manzini Sundowns.

Manda's first test in local football was with Malanti Chiefs in 2014 and he went on to have short-as-sneeze stints with Mbabane Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers.

Manda, who was recently head coach at Malawi TNM Super League top side Nchalo United, is expected in the country today.

Sources in Malawi confirmed Manda has already

left Malawi en-route to Eswatini to seal a deal with the Kappa Boys. He is



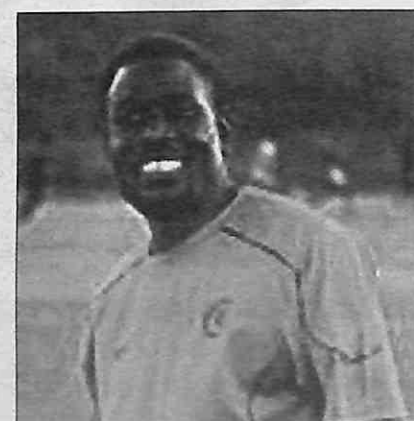
expected to arrive in the country this evening, just in time for the 'Kappa Kappa' side next MTN Premier League game against his former team Highlanders. Manda also coached Escom United and Be Forward Wanderers in Malawi and possesses the mandatory CAF License A required by the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) to coach in the premier league. Stand-in coach Mduduzi 'Nyama' Shongwe has CAF License B.

"Manda has left Malawi and confirmed with us he was joining Sundowns over there," our source in Malawi said.

With efforts to get a comment from Sundowns Chairman Mark Carmichael hitting a snag at the time of compiling this report, team Public Relations Officer (PRO) Muzi Matsenjwa could only confirm that management have casted the search net for a coach wider; locally and internationally.

"What we have for public consumption is that we failed in our bid to convince 'Magiyane' to join us as he was our primary target. The search for a new coach continues, even going beyond the borders," Matsenjwa said.

Sundowns are desperate to replace Zimbabwean Darlington Dodo who relinquished his position to attend to pressing family issues just before the MTN League got underway to align with the EFA rules on the composition of premier league teams technical staff.



**OUR HOPE:** Malawian coach Charles Manda.

## Bull confident of three points at Downs' expense

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER**—Mbabane Highlanders are confident of getting their second maximum points of the season when they meet Manzini Sundowns on Sunday.

The black and white will host the Kappa Boys at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday and kick off time for the clash is 1.30pm.

Interviewed yesterday, the team's acting PRO Mphumlelo Mnisi said the team was determined to improve from their last Sunday performance where they played to a 1-1 draw against army side Young Buffaloes.

He said the players had adjusted to the current situation in the team and were focused on their training session in preparation for the Sunday clash.

"We started our preps for the game very well and the spirits are very high. We played to a draw in our last game and surely we have to improve from that and that can only mean winning the game.

"We will be at full strength as all our players, with the exception of goalkeeper Khanyakwezwe are training in preparation for the game," he said.

Mnisi then urged the Bull faithful to come and rally behind the boys on the day.

"The support from our supporters is really encouraging to the boys and that is why we will never get tired of asking them to come in great numbers during games," he said.

## Midas U-20 finale shifted to next weekend

By Jongile Xuba

**SOCCER**—THE Midas U-20 tournament run by the Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) has been postponed to next weekend.

HRFA development Officer Sibonangaye Dlamini said yesterday that the postponement of the tournament was meant to finalise a few logistics including the sponsorship package, which is said to increase from the current one.

"The shift is to give us more time to prepare for the crowning of champions. Our sponsors decided they want to do more in terms of the sponsorship hence the postponement. They noted that they want to add more prizes on top of the ones we already had.

"Some of the additions to the sponsorship will see both finalists receiving branded soccer kits for the finale, something that had been reserved for the champions only. The current sponsorship package stands at

E10 000, but with the additional prizes will see it double to about E20 000.

Dlamini then apologised to the teams for any inconvenience caused by the new developments.

"We do understand this may be an inconvenience but we hope teams will bear with us, as this is meant to improve the tournament" he said.

The tournament is sponsored by Midas Auto Spares in Mbabane and is part of their social responsibility programme.

## CITIZEN, LEOPARD CLASH NOW ON SUNDAY

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER**—The MTN Premier League match pitting Mbabane Citizen against police outfit Royal Leopard will now be played on Sunday.

The clash was initially slat-

ed for the Prince of Wales Ground on Saturday starting at 3pm. This is according to the amended premier league fixture released by Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati yesterday. The clash will however be played

at the same venue starting at 3.30pm. They will join Mbabane Highlanders and Green Mamba who co-host Manzini Sundowns and Mbabane Swallows at the Somhlolo National Stadium while the rest of the games will be played on Saturday.

**The amended fixture**

### MTN PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURE

#### Saturday

#### Mavuso Sports Centre

Mneni Pirates vs Matsapha United 2pm

Manzini Wanderers vs Malanti Chiefs 4pm

#### Somhlolo National Stadium

Young Buffaloes vs Vovovo 2pm

Manzini Sea Birds vs Tambuti 4pm

#### Sunday

#### Somhlolo National Stadium

Mbabane Highlanders vs Manzini Sundowns 1.30pm

Green Mamba vs Mbabane Swallows 3.30pm

Prince of Wales Ground

Mbabane Citizens vs Royal Leopard 3.30pm



**AMENDED FIXTURE:** PLE Chief Operations Officer Pat Vilakati.



## RESULTS

Baroka  
0 - 0 FS Stars

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE

Matsapha United 0 - 3 Buffaloes

# 'Magiyane' is new Vovovo coach

By Sabelo Gwebu

**SOCCER – VOVOVO** have won the battle for the services of respected coach Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini.

The Motshane-based side beat Manzini Sundowns to the services of the coach as he was officially introduced to Vovovo players yesterday afternoon at training.

When reached, 'Magiyane,' who reportedly agreed terms with Vovovo about a month ago, confirmed he was now head coach of Vovovo and would be working closely with Bongumusa 'Giggs' Mdluli, who kept fires burning since the beginning of the campaign.

The latest development means Sundowns will have to look elsewhere as they work around the clock to replace Zimbabwean Darlington Dodo, who had to relinquish the post to attend to pressing family problems. 'Magiyane' has finally got the green light from Correctional Services officials, where the coach is employed to join Vovovo.

"Yes, I started out at Vovovo and for today, it was about introductions and getting used to the surroundings," Dlamini said.

Asked on what he hoped to achieve with the team, Dlamini said it was encouraging to note that the composition of the team is mostly youthful players who are eager to learn.

"I will have to assess their character and fortunately we have a big game on the weekend against Buffaloes where they will be tested and that is when I can tell on what we can achieve," he said. Sundowns boss Mark Carmichael, when speaking to this publication on Tuesday, did not hide the fact that his team was searching for a coach, even if it is on interim basis ahead of their weekend MTN League encounter against Mbabane Highlanders. Sundowns were heavily linked with Dumisani 'DU' Makhanya at the beginning of the week.



**NEW DEAL:** Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini.

By Qondile Ntiwane

**SOCCER – FORMER Matsapha United Communications and Marketing Manager Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini has been tipped to take over as Mbabane Swallows Public Relations Officer (PRO).**

Information gathered by this publication is that the football official, who has also served as National First Division PRO Tinyosi, was approached by the local giants to take over the position left vacant by the late Sibusiso Manana before he was promoted to CEO of the team.

General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane has been hold-

ing fort since then.

A source close to the matter revealed that Dlamini was the favourite candidate for the job.

"Swallows are currently negotiating with 'Mavikane' over him taking the PRO position in the team. Nothing has been finalised as yet but the deal is likely to be completed soon," he said.

Sought for comment on the matter, Zwane said they had engaged a number of officials in talks over positions that need to be filled in the team.

He, however, noted that no one has been hired yet as they were still waiting for approval from the directors. "We are talking to a number of people and 'Mavikane' is one of them. There are many vacant posts at Swallows and these positions need to be filled, hence the negotiations with officials.

However, nothing has been finalised as we still need to consult with our bosses, including Princess Lungile to give us the go ahead," he said.

FLYING DIZZY ...

# 'MAVIKANE' FOR BIRDS PRO



*...Swallows in talks with former Matsapha United PRO over hot seat and deal is likely to be completed before the end of the week.*



**UP THE BIRDS:** Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini.

## ABOUT 'MAVIKANE' DLAMINI

- He is a teacher by profession
- Is former National Netball Association PRO
- He is incumbent Eswatini Schools Sports Association (ESSA) PRO
- Was once PRO for First Division outfit Tinyosi
- His recent engagement in football was with Matsapha United as Communications and Marketing Manager
- Popularly known for his exclamations 'Sitobashiya be dizzy' when he promoted Matsapha United.

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