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KING CALLS FOR SECURITY COUNCIL SEATS AND PEACE

Stories By Kings Office
Correspondent
New York

NEW YORK – The Kingdom of Eswatini has called for the allocation of not less than two permanent seats for the Africa continent on the UN Security Council.

Speaking at the 73rd United General Assembly, His Majesty King Mswati III said these seats should come with all the prerogatives and privileges of permanent membership - including the right of veto and five non-permanent seats, in the United Nations Security Council.

The king said as negotiations of reforms of the United Nations Security Council progress, the Kingdom of Eswatini calls for favourable consideration of the common African position and also for those countries that are not members of the security council. His Majesty said it was

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unfortunate that the African continent continued to absorb more peacekeeping missions than any other United Nations regional grouping.

"This qualifies Africa proper representation in areas of peace and security, making it a key player as and when matters of peace and security are discussed in all structures of the United Nations. We therefore plead that Africa should not be left behind. Her voice must be heard and featured prominently and permanently at the United Nations," he said.

The King's speech placed great emphasis on peace, emphasising the need for UN member countries to reassess their approaches to peace building.

"It is a time to assess whether we are still living up to the ethos of our forefathers, that sought to ensure the world

never again gets to endure another world war, but rather finds peaceful solutions to resolving possible conflict.

"We are all aware of the existing pockets of tensions in different regions of the world which require that UN member states speak in one voice when providing possible peaceful solutions. A fragmented approach would render peaceful solutions elusive for the affected countries," he said.

He also highlighted that the African continent remained challenged with various diseases such as Ebola, HIV and AIDS, malaria, TB, and many others that require large sums of funding to overcome.

"Africa has taken a resolution to eliminate these diseases within a short space of time. However, without funding this will remain a challenge."

New development strategy for Eswatini

NEW YORK – In order to promote implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the kingdom will soon be launching a revised development strategy.

This was disclosed by His Majesty the King at the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday afternoon.

He said the country was confident that the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063 of the African Union would provide proper guidance in this regard.

He said this would also provide the impetus necessary to eradicate poverty and create inclusive and sustainable development for all.

Review

"We have finalised the review of the National Development Strategy (NDS) 1997-2022 and will soon be launching a revised national strategy," he said.

The king said the strategy was themed: "The Development Strategy for Eswatini – Promoting Sustainable Development and Inclusive Growth."

Middle income status a setback

NEW YORK – The classification of Eswatini as a middle income country is roving to be a setback for the development of the country.

His Majesty the King, called upon the United Nations General Assembly to ensure that no country is left behind in pursuit of UN sustainable development goals (SDGs).

He brought to the fore the unfavourable impact of being categorised as middle-income coun-

try on accessing external resources which comes at a time when more resources are needed to inject innovations into development programmes around SDGs.

"We sincerely hope that the commendable reform efforts of the secretary general will help support and reinforce our efforts in accessing external resources and securing sustainable funding mechanisms, that will assist us advance towards realisation of the SDGs by 2030," he submitted.

His Majesty meets Bill Gates

NEW YORK – Hope continues to grow in the drive to end malaria as global big guns continue to lend their support.

One of these is Bill Gates who, through the Melinda- Bill Gates Foundation, has reportedly pumped in over \$2 billion worth of grants towards efforts to combat malaria to date.

The Chairperson of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA) His Majesty King Mswati III met billionaire Bill Gates, among others, in New York on Wednesday evening to share ideas on how best to fight the malaria scourge.

This was during a dinner hosted by the Malaria Council as part of the Roll Back Malaria initiative that is also supported by the Gates foundation. Also present at the private dinner were former President of Tanzania Jakaya Kikwete and former president of Liberia Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. Kikwete was the first Chairperson of ALMA.

The king used the dinner to call for increased support towards the malaria elimination drive. He said the fight against malaria was becoming more complex and called upon everyone to join forces to ensure adequate resource mobilisation. This, he noted, would require both increased commitments from our national governments, but also from our private sector.

"Let me take this opportunity to emphasise that all forms of resource initiatives will be welcome. We need more scientists and researchers to inform our efforts in this fight, as there are new developments every other day," he told the gathering which was closed to the media. His Majesty applauded the commitment by countries towards malaria elimination saying zero malaria was possible if they all stood together to achieve it. He noted several challenges that needed to be overcome.

Climate change and insecticide resistance are among these which have compelled countries, such as the kingdom of Eswatini, to strengthen indoor resid-



MONEY MAN: His Majesty exchanges pleasantries with billionaire Bill Gates shortly before a private Malaria council dinner. (Pic: Len Mohale, State photographer)

ual spraying malaria interventions and doubling the number of spray operators.

Pioneer

"We humbly reach out to all African heads of state to pioneer domestic financing and accountability via transparent leadership platforms such as ALMA towards this initiative," he said.

The king informed the gathering of the kingdom's initiative to create a malaria fund in order to generate resources from the private sector since government could not fight malaria alone.

The king reported on the establishment of a malaria fund in the kingdom, which has been gazetted by government and provided with up to E5 million to support its start-up.

"As the chair of ALMA, I plan to document and share the experiences of the malaria fund, and encourage other ALMA members to take similar steps to mobilise resources from their own private sector partners," he said.

He further informed the gathering that across Africa, there are now 37 country owned malaria control and elimi-

nation scorecards, using real time data to track progress towards malaria elimination.

These scorecards, complimented by the regional ALMA scorecards, track progress, identify areas of underperformance, including the availability of funding, and identify actions to address these bottlenecks.

"We encourage every country to create a clear accountability and action mechanism, which is important and necessary across the region for ensuring efficient and effective malaria control," he said. He gave assurance that Alma would continue to support countries in the strengthening of this accountability approach, with a strong emphasis on the need for enhanced domestic resources to finally win the fight against malaria.

He commended international partners for their continued support.

"The war against malaria is not yet over, we need to collaborate our efforts stand together for a global approach as a unified community, country, sub-region and continent to eliminate malaria, as zero malaria starts with me."

Country's name change applauded

NEW YORK – Applause met the news of former Swaziland reverting to her original name.

This was when His Majesty informed the United Nations General Assembly that the kingdom celebrated 50 years of independence early this year.

"We were grateful that the coun-

try has been able to champion her development agenda as a free nation for 50 years.

During this celebration the nation decided to revert to our original name, which is Eswatini.

Since time immemorial the name for the kingdom has always been Eswatini," he said to an applause.

Eswatini stays with Taiwan

NEW YORK – Any doubts about the kingdom's stance towards her support for Taiwan, were cast aside on Wednesday.

With the Kingdom of Eswatini the last African country with bilateral relations with the Republic of China, Taiwan, His Majesty the King told the world why the country deserves to partake and contribute to the United Nations development system.

"Taiwan's experience in the various fields, vital to the dimensions of sustainable development, would go a long way in contributing to the work and membership of the United Nations. "It is a strong call that the people of Taiwan are not left behind in making the united nations relevant to all people to be in line with the spirit of universality," he emphasised.

THE MELINDA-BILL GATES MALARIA ELEMINATION STRATEGY

MALARIA is a top priority of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Our new multi-year Malaria strategy, Accelerate to Zero, adopted in late 2013, addresses the areas in which we believe the foundation is best positioned, among a broad spectrum of partners, to develop groundbreaking approaches to reducing the burden of malaria and accelerating progress toward eradication of the disease. Our Malaria strategy is based on a core set of foundational principles that support our evolving strategic choices.

- Malaria eradication is defined as removing the parasites that cause human malaria from the human population. Simply interrupting transmission is not sufficient to achieve eradication.
- Eradication can be accelerated by new drug regimens and strategies that lead to complete parasitologic cure of the individual. Current artemisinin-based regimens achieve only clinical cure of the individual and do not eliminate the forms of the parasites that are responsible for continued transmission.
- The majority of malaria infections occur in asymptomatic people, who are a

source of continued transmission. A successful and accelerated eradication effort will target asymptomatic infections through community-based efforts.

- Emerging resistance to current drugs and insecticides is an immediate threat to recent gains and an obstacle to future progress. Use of current tools and development of new tools should be guided by this evolutionary imperative.
- Malaria is biologically and ecologically different throughout the world. Malaria eradication will depend on strategies developed and implemented on a local or regional level.

We concentrate our resources in areas where we can identify significant leverage points, and we assume risks that are more challenging for others to take. The push is part of the Gates Foundation's global plan to eradicate malaria from the Earth "within a generation." Now the foundation is putting \$4.1 million towards a new approach: dispatching a lab-engineered force of male-only mosquitoes built to essentially murder their own offspring. **Source – Melinda - Bill Gates Foundation**

Expect a cold weekend

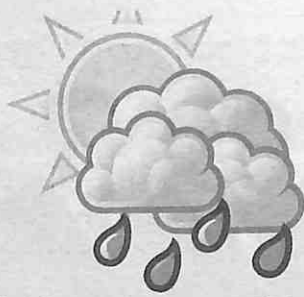
By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

FORECASTERS have predicted a cold weekend.

According to information sourced from the Swaziland Meteorology Services,

the weekend is expected to start hot but end with biting cold especially tomorrow and Sunday.

"Temperatures are expected to drop tomorrow to 17 Degrees Celsius in the Highveld, while in the Lowveld they will go down to 23 Degrees Celsius," said the forecaster.



Thunderstorms are expected at some places later today.

FORECAST

Today, it will be sunny and hot mainly in the Lowveld becoming partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms.

Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
18/32	19/33	20/35	21/34	22/37	19/38
Tomorrow, there will be drizzles and fog at places, otherwise cloudy with sunny intervals and mild but warm in the Lowveld.					
12/17	13/18	14/20	15/19	16/22	13/23
On Sunday, there will be morning fog at places, otherwise cloudy becoming partly cloudy and mild but warm in the Lowveld.					
8/18	9/19	10/21	11/20	12/23	9/24

WILL THE SECURITY FORCES INVIGILATE EXAMINATIONS?

COVER STORY

By Sabelo Majola and
Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

WILL the security forces invigilate the external examinations?

This question begs an answer after reports started circulating that government had lined up the security forces to invigilate the examinations in the event that teachers carry out the threat to snub the responsibility.

The country's security forces comprise the Royal Eswatini Police (REPS), Eswatini Umbutfo Defence Force and His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) members.

In a communiqué that is making rounds in social media circles, SNAT revealed government's contingency plan to ensure that the exams are written and the country's security forces will be roped in.

This comes after government successfully stopped a strike by the teachers' body SNAT through a court order.

SNAT members are demanding that government give in to their 6.5 per cent Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA) demand and they are threatening to snub, amongst other things, the invigilating responsibility.

The communiqué says that the Examination Council of Swaziland (ECOS) through the Registrar Dr Edmund

... Inspectors, officers from the armed personnel, final year students from colleges and universities will be invigilating. The rented cars for the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) will be used to ferry the paper per day and collection will be done after the paper has been written, there will be two armed officers per school

Mazibuko has raised security concerns for the papers and the regional education offices will house the exam papers.

"Inspectors, officers from the armed personnel, final year students from colleges and universities will be invigilating. The rented cars for the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) will be used to ferry the paper per day and collection will be done after the paper has been written, there will be two armed officers per school.

Plight

This is how our government is hell-bent in not addressing our plight and we need to put in place our plan C since our plan B is intact," reads the post.

When contacted on the allegations, His Majesty Correctional Services Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase said teaching was not their mandate.

He said correctional officers were trained to watch and guard prisoners not to carry out teachers' responsibilities.

"We all have to stick to our mandates and whatever issues we have should not affect the innocent children's future," he said. He further clarified that he was not against the teachers' strike but the court made it clear that the strike should be

deferred.

He said Eswatini citizens should not make it a norm to defy court orders.

Ntshangase said under no circumstances would correctional officers attend to classes and do responsibilities of a teacher because they were never trained for that.

Mandate

Meanwhile, Police Chief Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said their mandate is to maintain peace and order.

She added that they are not aware of the statement and that the ministry in line with education should be tackling the matter.

"Our mandate is not to teach but maintain peace and order and to protect lives and property," Vilakati said.

Members of the EUDF requested a questionnaire on the issue but openly declared that responses would only be available immediately.

When reached for comment on the matter, the Ministry of Education and Training Principal Secretary Sibongile Mtshali said she was in a meeting.

A text message was forwarded to her but there was no response at the time of compiling this report.

Striking teachers face no-work-no-pay pinch

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

TEACHERS who abscond class during working hours run the risk of having the notorious no-work-no-pay rule imposed on them.

Also, they face other disciplinary measures from their employer.

This is the view of Attorney General Sifiso Khumalo.

His comments come at the wake of a decision by the teachers to abscond classes on certain days of the week to attend to what they have aptly described as 'vusele' exercises. Just yesterday, some teachers went to deliver a petition to the Embassy of the United States of America in Ezulwini leaving pupils stranded in most schools.

The AG clearly stated that it is the employer's decision to effect a disciplinary action against employees who abscond themselves during work-

ing hours.

"In as far as I know, the teachers strike was stopped by the court, so in the event the teachers continue with the strike then it is contempt of court," he said.

The teachers strike, organised by their union, the Swaziland National Teachers Association of Teachers (SNAT) was expected to commence Monday. It was stopped by the Industrial Court on Sunday.

The strike though lawful was deferred to November 23, 2018 to give the new government a chance to deal with the demands of SNAT. It was further mentioned that should it become necessary for SNAT to commence the strike action, they shall give the new government new dates after November 23.

Teachers aim to force government to offer them a reasonable Cost of Living Adjustment as opposed to the zero per cent offer.

Principals send SOS to ministry

PRINCIPALS say they are waiting for the ministry to send a directive on what happens next following that some teachers absconded classes.

Some teachers snub classes on certain days of the week to attend to what they have aptly described as 'vusele' exercises. President of the Eswatini Principals Association (EPA) Welcome Mhlanga said they were waiting for the ministry of education and training to issue a directive on what should happen now that some teachers do not report for work.

He said pupils were present at school but teachers were absent.

"If the ministry doesn't intervene, the situation will continue like this," he said further stating that they (principals) were only administrators thus



EPA President Welcome Mhlanga.

they cannot tell teachers what to do.

He said principals cannot take care of all the classes when the teachers are absent. He therefore stated that the current situation needs the ministry's intervention. The acting Prime Minister Vincent Mhlanga said teachers are expected to report to work without fail.

ONLY EXTERNAL CLASSES HAD ACADEMIC ACTIVITY

ONLY external classes had lessons flowing without interruptions in most schools around Mbabane.

Other classes did not have much academic activity since some teachers were absent attending to what they have aptly described as 'vusele' exercises. Yesterday, teachers marched to the US embassy to deliver a petition.

When this publication visited the schools around the Mbabane city they found Grade Seven's, Form Three's and Five's in class doing their revisions for the coming examinations.

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

Pupils

Other than the external classes pupils were either found in class making noise or outside.

The schools that were visited include St Mark's Primary and High Schools, MDS Primary, St Francis Primary and Ka-Boyce High Schools.

At Ka-Boyce High School it was a different story, pupils were found in their respective classes doing their daily activities with their teachers.

SNAT members assault Observer photojournalist, grab camera

The delivery of the petition at the US Embassy was spoilt by the thoughtless behaviour of some teachers who resorted to assaulting Swazi Observer photojournalist Mduduzi Mngomezulu whose camera was also confiscated.

Mngomezulu still has no idea why the teachers lost their minds in the middle of an exercise, where they are seeking help from a foreign mission. The helpless photojournalist was manhandled and assaulted by the teachers outside of the embassy while trying to capture pictures. He was assaulted with open hands and fists and he sustained injuries on the face and body.

Members of the executive and some of the teachers came to his rescue and they escorted him outside of the enclosed area which houses the Swaziland Water and Services Corporation (SWSC) where he was able to repossess the camera that was stripped from him by one of the teachers.

Mngomezulu has already opened a case with the police. The newspaper will be taking the matter up firstly with the US Embassy where it will enquire if it encour-



LAST PICTURE: The last picture which our photographer managed to take before he was assaulted by some of the teachers (circled) during the delivering of a petition at the American Embassy yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

aged assisting hooligans as a known supporter of press freedom.

"It is difficult to believe teachers did this. SNAT has a huge task of weeding out all the ruffians from the organisation if it is to be taken serious by any international organisation like the US Embassy. Again, this incident should help flag other organisations including the US Embassy to consider extending any help to organisations that harbour criminals and gangsters. The newspaper will take the matter up with the Editors Forum, MISA and

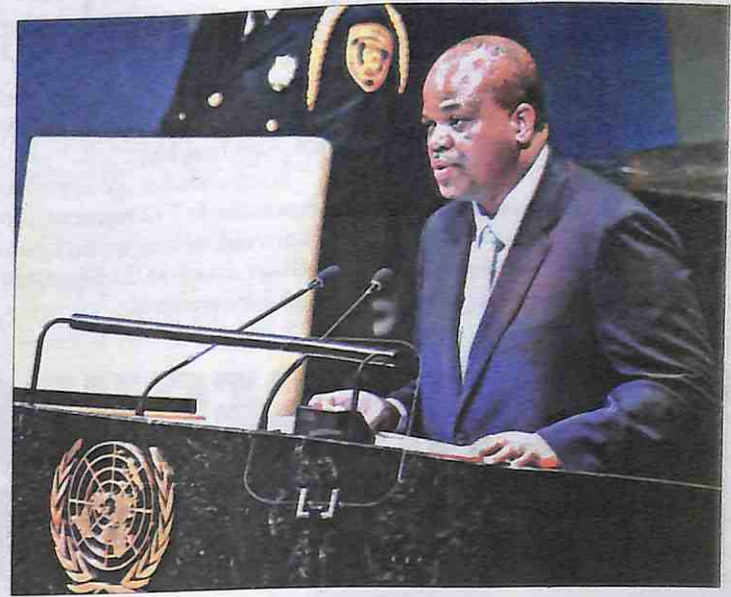
SNAT executive itself," said the editor. He lamented that SNAT allowed its members to behave in a manner that threatened any sympathy.

"We hope the US Embassy will react in a manner that is going to confirm it as advocates of press freedom. And I also hope it will review any form of assistance it was to extend to SNAT until they are convinced the matter is resolved. Parents should also be worried about their children if teachers behave like rascals," he added.

4 PICTURES



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III poses with billionaire Bill Gates and several distinguished guests at the Malaria Council private dinner. (Pics: Len Mohale, State Photographer)



UN ADDRESS: His Majesty addressing the national assembly.



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Loan book growth of
8% ▲

Revenue growth of
5% ▲

Headline earnings declined
9% ▼

Progress on the Malkerns
property development initiative

Figures in Emalangeni	Reviewed 6 months to 30 June 2018	Audited 12 months to 31 December 2017	Reviewed 6 months to 30 June 2017
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Revenue	126,880,208	243,577,361	119,938,595
Operating expenses	(56,486,819)	(116,068,213)	(55,503,273)
OPERATING PROFIT	70,393,389	127,509,148	64,435,322
Other income	24,778,556	50,588,266	17,806,216
Finance costs	(67,436,474)	(116,589,725)	(51,726,391)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	27,735,471	61,507,689	30,515,147
Taxation	(8,851,831)	(14,493,206)	(8,405,236)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	18,883,640	47,014,483	22,109,911
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	18,883,640	47,014,483	22,109,911
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO:			
Owners of the parent	18,840,516	46,647,923	21,579,211
Non-controlling interest	43,124	366,560	530,700
	18,883,640	47,014,483	21,109,911
Basic (cents)	20	48	22
Diluted basic (cents)	20	48	22

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION			
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investment property	96,812,714	68,645,099	61,280,000
Property, plant and equipment	1,836,199	824,991	1,003,363
Goodwill	209,448,253	209,448,253	209,448,253
Amounts owing by related parties	20,000,000	20,000,000	-
Deferred tax asset	11,791,035	1,832,989	9,979,983
Loans and advances	618,828,712	502,640,531	539,399,780
	958,716,913	803,391,863	821,111,379
CURRENT ASSETS			
Amounts owing by related parties	281,140,436	278,303,434	276,026,990
Current tax receivable	236,352	3,580,118	3,123
Work in progress	-	14,537,897	-
Loans and advances	243,617,492	292,432,203	214,170,500
Trade and other receivables	13,650,089	12,484,630	14,542,582
Cash and cash equivalents	69,197,231	156,592,016	138,206,775
	607,841,600	757,930,298	642,949,790
TOTAL ASSETS	1,566,558,513	1,561,322,161	1,464,061,349
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
Share capital	348,329,629	348,329,629	348,329,629
Retained earnings	75,858,337	58,181,187	60,759,425
	424,187,966	406,510,816	409,089,054
Non-controlling interest	393,336	1,656,150	4,414,262
	424,581,302	408,166,966	413,503,316
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts owing to related parties	-	-	32,634,930
Other financial liabilities	607,044,145	701,174,362	626,324,194
Deferred tax liability	12,164,784	4,476,629	11,352,000
	619,208,929	705,650,991	670,311,124
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts owing to related parties	4,708,675	40,492,709	5,668,709
Other financial liabilities	509,692,739	390,921,558	362,382,361
Current tax payable	3,097,851	1,737,202	3,461,343
Trade and other payables	5,269,017	14,352,735	8,734,496
	522,768,282	447,504,204	380,246,909
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,141,977,211	1,153,155,195	1,050,558,039
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	1,566,558,513	1,561,322,161	1,464,061,349

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY			
SHARE CAPITAL	9,649	9,649	9,649
Balance at the beginning of the period	9,649	9,649	9,649
SHARE PREMIUM	348,319,980	348,319,980	348,319,980
Balance at the beginning of the period	348,319,980	348,319,980	348,319,980
RETAINED EARNINGS	75,858,337	58,181,187	60,759,425
Balance at the beginning of the period	58,181,187	39,180,214	39,180,214
Dividends declared	18,840,516	46,647,923	21,579,211
Profit for the period	(1,163,366)	2,353,050	-
Movement on acquisition of NCI	393,336	1,656,150	4,414,262
NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST	1,656,150	3,883,562	3,883,562
Balance at the beginning of the period	(1,262,814)	(2,227,412)	530,700
Movement for the period	424,581,302	408,166,966	413,503,316

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS			
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash used in operations	(43,246,255)	(162,981,554)	(137,034,938)
Interest income	22,445,764	42,918,730	17,806,216
Finance costs	(67,436,474)	(116,589,725)	(51,726,391)
Tax paid	(6,417,307)	(15,222,134)	(5,104,650)
	(94,654,272)	(125,874,683)	(117,659,763)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,282,455)	(290,095)	(159,822)
Sale of property, plant and equipment	(13,629,718)	66,623	-
Expenditure incurred for investment property	(14,912,173)	(223,472)	(159,822)
	(29,824,346)	(246,944)	(329,644)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from other financial liabilities	46,412,229	442,372,520	339,656,524
Repayment of other financial liabilities	(21,771,265)	(140,325,613)	(140,998,981)
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	(2,469,304)	-	-
Dividends paid	-	(9,125,553)	-
	22,171,660	292,921,354	198,657,543
TOTAL CASH MOVEMENT FOR THE PERIOD	(92,305,058)	(173,902,273)	(158,826,862)
Cash at the beginning of the period	156,592,016	115,768,817	115,768,817
TOTAL CASH AT END OF THE PERIOD	64,286,958	41,866,544	56,941,955

1. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The interim financial results have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), IAS 34, in the manner required by the Companies Act of Eswatini. The accounting policies and methods of compilation applied in these financial results are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 other than in relation to the following accounting policy changes which became mandatory in the current period:

- IFRS9 Financial Instruments sets out requirements for recognising and measuring financial assets and financial liabilities. The Group has adopted IFRS9 using the cumulative effect method without restating comparatives.
- IFRS15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers establishes a comprehensive framework for determining whether, how much and when revenue is recognised. The Group has adopted IFRS15 using the cumulative effect method without restating comparatives.

The accounting policy changes did not have a significant impact on the Group Results.

The financial results have been prepared under the supervision of the Group Chief Financial Officer, Mr R Zoio.

2. HEADLINE EARNINGS

2.1 EARNINGS PER SHARE (CENTS)

Headline	20	43	22
Diluted headline	20	43	22

2.2 RECONCILIATION BETWEEN BASIC AND HEADLINE EARNINGS

Basic earnings	18,840,516	46,647,923	21,579,211
Fair value gain on investment property	-	(5,302,871)	-
Headline earnings	18,840,516	41,345,052	21,579,211

2.3. NUMBER OF ORDINARY SHARES OF E0.0001 EACH IN ISSUE

Actual	96,490,000	96,490,000	96,490,000
Weighted average	96,490,000	96,490,000	96,490,000
Diluted	96,490,000	96,490,000	96,490,000

3. LOANS AND ADVANCES

Advances	899,366,082	830,176,639	785,059,515
Impairment for credit losses of loans and advances	(36,919,878)	(35,103,905)	(31,489,235)
	862,446,204	795,072,734	753,570,280

4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Select Limited, a subsidiary of SBC Limited, provided surety for an overdraft and short term loan facility from CFC Stanbic Bank Kenya to Select Management Services Limited (Kenya) ("SMSK") of KES215.0 million (2017 - KES215.0 million) by placing E36.8 million (2017 - E35.6 million) on call with Standard Bank South Africa. With effect from 1 January 2018 Select is recovering the net carrying cost from SMSK.

A guarantee was issued by Select Africa Finance Limited, the holding company of SBC Limited, to Select Limited for R20.0 million.

5. OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

5.1 HELD AT AMORTISED COST

Medium term notes	612,077,071	585,155,460	494,638,506
Term loan	83,487,247	78,168,774	62,786,640
Promissory notes	421,172,566	428,771,686	431,281,409
	1,116,736,884	1,092,095,920	988,706,555

5.2 MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME

The Group raises funds through Promissory Notes and Medium Term Note Programmes (MTNs). The MTNs are listed on the Eswatini Stock Exchange in the name of Select Limited, a subsidiary of SBC Limited, and had an available facility of E176,420,800 as at 30 June 2018.

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with holding company and fellow subsidiaries:

Administration and advisory fees	(19,096,317)	(39,570,661)	(19,217,083)
Group life and funeral cover	(5,845,940)	(11,699,860)	(6,351,119)
IT infrastructure	(539,900)	(3,431,635)	(1,742,162)
Net interest income	16,917,426	29,597,598	11,890,630

There have been no guarantees provided or received for any related party receivables or payables. The Group has not recorded any impairment of receivables relating to amounts owed by related parties during the period.

7. CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS

Profit before tax	27,735,471	61,507,689	30,515,147
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	271,247	536,237	278,010
Bad debts written off	6,230,504	5,015,251	1,540,300
(Profit)/Loss on exchange differences - unrealised	(797,834)	(288,232)	(134,102)
Fair value gain on investment property	-	(7,365,099)	-
Interest received	(22,445,764)	(42,918,730)	(17,806,216)
Finance costs	67,436,474	116,589,725	51,726,391
Gain on disposal of assets	-	(16,205)	-
Impairment for credit losses of loans and advances	1,815,972	9,585,204	5,970,534
Changes in working capital:			
Decrease/(Increase) in trade and other receivables	(1,165,459)	(4,923,205)	(4,729,841)
(Decrease)/Increase in trade and other payables	(9,083,718)	(1,624,319)	(7,242,558)
Increase in work in progress	-	(13,127,230)	(840,649)
Increase in loans and advances	(75,419,946)	(109,894,514)	(61,302,439)
Amounts received from related parties	797,834	33,795,452	1,856,532
Amounts paid to related parties	(38,621,036)	(209,853,578)	(136,866,047)
	(43,246,255)	(162,981,554)	(137,034,938)

8. SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

Segments are derived by geographic region. This is aligned with management's approach to the business. There is no segmental reporting available on the basis of product groups. As the Group provides retail and housing micro-finance products there are no major customers or customer groups.

Segmental reporting	30 June 2018	31 Dec 2017	30 June 2017	30 June 2018	31 Dec 2017	30 June 2017	30 June 2018	31 Dec 2017	30 June 2017	30 June 2018	31 Dec 2017	30 June 2017
Operating profit	53,585,099	103,500,761	52,168,283	16,808,290	24,008,387	12,267,039	70,393,389	127,509,148	64,435,322	70,393,389	127,509,148	64,435,322
Profit before tax	17,685,216	49,610,469	24,621,586	10,050,255	11,897,220	5,893,561	27,735,471	61,507,689	30,515,147	27,735,471	61,507,689	30,515,147
Taxation consolidated	(6,339,266)	(11,518,892)	(6,931,837)	(2,512,565)	(12,974,314)	(1,473,339)	(8,851,831)	(14,493,206)	(8,405,236)	(8,851,831)	(14,493,206)	(8,405,236)
Profit for the year	11,345,950	38,091,577	17,689,749	7,537,690	8,922,906	4,420,162	18,883,640	47,014,483	22,109,911	18,883,640	47,014,483	22,109,911
Gross advances to customers	693,900,434	674,306,910	655,799,931	205,465,648	155,869,729	129,259,584	899,366,082	830,176,639	785,059,515	899,366,082	830,176,639	785,059,515
Impairment provisions	(28,391,606)	(27,883,800)	(24,000,000)	(8,528,272)	(7,220,105)	(7,489,235)	(36,919,878)	(35,103,905)	(31,489,235)	(36,919,878)	(35,103,905)	(31,489,235)
Net advances	665,508,828	646,423,110	631,799,931	196,937,376	148,649,624	121,770,349	862,446,204	795,072,734	753,570,280	862,446,204	795,072,734	753,570,280
Total segment assets	1,451,519,975	1,458,214,158	1,359,652,026	203,793,658	155,979,816	151,851,706	1,566,558,513	1,561,322,161	1,464,061,349	1,566,558,513	1,561,322,161	1,464,061,349
Borrowings	1,070,608,475	1,084,516,583	977,301,492	139,592,204	100,943,859	97,151,085	887,755,120	887,755,120	887,755,120	887,755,120	887,755,120	887,755,120
Total segment liabilities	1,086,717,576	1,102,288,405	993,887,179	144,014,755	103,738,603	104,113,237	1,141,977,211	1,153,155,195	1,050,558,039	1,141,977,211	1,153,155,195	1,050,558,039

INTRODUCTION

The SBC Limited Financial services retail group ("the Group", "SBC") continues on its path to remain relevant to its constituents and clientele through its products and financial solutions. These currently fall within the retail sector in the Kingdoms of Eswatini and Lesotho trading under the "Select"

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

LEAVE ME IN PEACE - EX-ICT MINISTER

AFTER showing less interest in contesting for the 2018 national elections, former Minister for Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Dumisani Ndlangamandla wants the media to leave him in peace.

He said he did not want to be bothered by journalists with many questions as if he is still in office.

This publication took time yesterday to call the former minister to find out what the next step is as he is no longer a minister.

He pleaded with the reporter not to be bothered. "I am now home and I politely request not to be bothered by the media. This is a kind request.

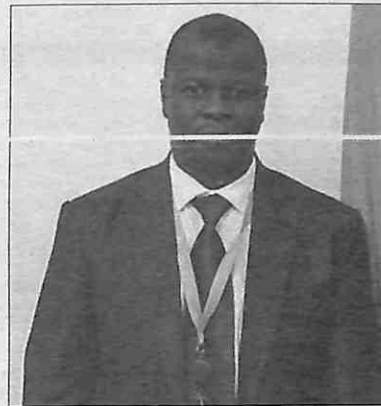
There are a lot of things that you have written about me, so I kindly request that you leave me alone," Ndlangamandla requested. Even after it was explained to him that this newspaper wanted him

to share his experience in the ministry and his opinions on what needs to be done in the ICT sector, the former minister did not oblige.

Elected

Ndlangamandla was one of the former ministers that were elected by the constituencies. He was elected in 2013 under Ngudzeni constituency. He had replaced Big Boy Mamba to the position. He was then appointed as a minister for ICT in 2013. He has been in charge of that ministry until this year.

The former minister, for some reason, decided not to stand for the 2018 elections. He did not want to forward reasons on why he decided against standing for the elections.



NGIYEKELANI: Former ITC Minister Dumisani Ndlangamandla.

Army truck rams into a house, vehicle at Khuphuka

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

MEMBERS of a homestead at Khuphuka near Hlane narrowly cheated death when a runaway army truck rams into their family house and a vehicle which was parked nearby.

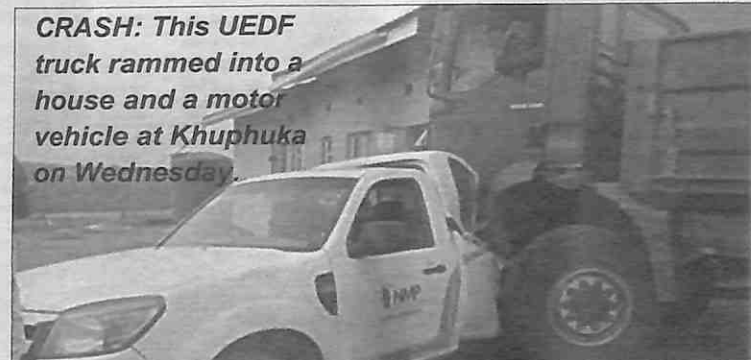
The accident which left the house which is valued at over E50 000 extensively damaged, happened on Wednesday afternoon. According to sources, the truck was being driven by a uniformed member of the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) who was also in the company of a colleague.

In the meantime, a motor vehicle which belongs to the National Malaria Programme which was parked next to the house was also not spared as it was crushed by the truck. An eyewitness who wanted to be identified only as Mgazi said the vehicle appeared to have

lost its brakes as it approached the homestead at high speed.

Upon entering the homestead premises, the driver is said to have managed to avoid crashing into the first house, but only to end up crashing into the main house. Other witnesses who spoke on condition of anonymity said the driver of the truck appeared to be intoxicated. "Apparently the driver's state of sobriety was questionable as he appeared to have difficulty in maintaining his balance. It also remains a mystery on how he lost control of the vehicle on such a clear and level ground," said a source.

Meanwhile, UEDF Public Relations Officer Lieutenant Nkosinathi Dlamini confirmed the incident. However, Dlamini said details on how the accident actually happened were still scarce at the moment. "I have just received a report with regards to the incident, and we will hopefully have full details from the police who are investigating it," he said.



CRASH: This UEDF truck rammed into a house and a motor vehicle at Khuphuka on Wednesday.

Owen fine after losing elections

FORMER Minister for Public Service Owen Nxumalo has come to terms with losing the elections.

When called yesterday to found out about his next move after losing the elections, Nxumalo was very calm and mentioned that he had accepted that he had lost.

He lost the elections to MP Thandi

Nxumalo in the Manzini South constituency. Nxumalo said he knew that in the elections, one should expect to either win or lose.

Planning

He said he was still planning on what to do next after having spent the last five years building his political career. Nxumalo was elected in 2013 to rep-

resent Manzini South in the 10th Parliament. Nxumalo replaced the same MP Thandi Nxumalo back in 2013.

He served in many committees in parliament like the ones on public service and commerce ministries. He was later appointed minister for public service in 2016, to replace former Minister Patrick Magobetane Mamba.



MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TRADE

INVITATION TO TENDER

Invitation to Tender for Rehabilitation of Mbabane Metrology and RQID Offices; Matsapha Legal Metrology Electrical Refurbishments and Rehabilitation of the SWASA Calibration Laboratory.

Tender Reference No. 110 of 2018/2019

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade now invites a sealed tender for Rehabilitation of Mbabane Metrology and RQID Offices; Matsapha Legal Metrology Electrical Refurbishments; and Rehabilitation of the SWASA Calibration Laboratory

Tender must be accompanied by a receipt for E300.00 (three hundred) which should be paid at any Swaziland Revenue Authority Office. Account No. is 291-2201-21132.

Tender must be enclosed in a sealed envelope. The outer envelope must be marked as follows:

"The Secretary to the Tender Board
Treasury Building
P.O. Box 38
MBABANE"

The Envelope must be clearly marked with the following words; "Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Tender No. 110 of 2018-2019, Rehabilitation of Mbabane Metrology and RQID Offices; Matsapha Legal Metrology Electrical Refurbishments and Rehabilitation of the SWASA Calibration Laboratory

"Do not open before 9.00 a.m. Friday 26th October, 2018.

Tender must be delivered to the offices of Tender Board, Treasury Building, P.O. Box 38, Mbabane, Swaziland, by 9.00 a.m. local time on Friday the 26th October, 2018 and deposited in the Treasury Tender Box.

Late, telegraphic, electronic and faxed tender will not be considered.

The documents specified in the Instructions to Tenderers including the ORIGINAL current Tax Clearance Certificates (for Government tender), Relevant Trading License, Current Form J, Current Form C, ORIGINAL Police Clearance Certificate for Company Directors, Current Construction Industry Council (CIC) Certificate Category B4 ONLY, Labour Compliance Certificate or equivalent document for foreign tenders, Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF) Employer's Compliance Clearance Certification or equivalent for foreign tenders and Tender Security E5000.00 and ORIGINAL General Receipt E300.00 must be enclosed in the tender envelope and be attached to the tender.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

For further information or to collect tender documents, contact: Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade, Regulatory and Quality Infrastructure Development (RQID) Department, Gwamile Street, DPM's Office Complex, Mbabane, Swaziland Telephone No: 2404 7509/10.

122 000 Emaswati need food aid

Stories by Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

ABOUT 122 000 people in the country need food aid.

This is according to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) in its September, 2018 crop prospects and food situation quarterly report.

In response to the government's call for support after the El Nino-induced drought reduced crop production by two thirds in 2017, FAO, with financial support of over E29 million (E29 619 555) from the Canadian, USA government and FAO, funds supported farmers with inputs.

In partnership with the ministry of agriculture, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), World Food Programme (WFP) and NGOs, FAO registered over 8 000 farming households for the E-Voucher system after which they received smart cards to redeem inputs at the nearest agro-dealer.

FAO also trained the farmers on climate-smart

agriculture techniques to maximise production despite erratic weather patterns.

"About 122 000 people in Eswatini, mainly located in east and south of the country, where unfavourable weather resulted in localised production shortfalls, need food aid.

Forms

Eswatini forms part of the 39 countries globally, which require food assistance. While the report cites persisting conflicts in some countries as the dominant factor driving the high level of severe food insecurity in the world, for Eswatini, climate related shocks, mainly adversely impacted food availability and access," the report reads as part.

The 122 000 people in need of food aid are based in the Lowveld where it is not conducive to grow maize because of inadequate rainfall.

The FAO is working closely with government in coming up with long-term strategies that would ensure that farmers in dry areas either convert completely to livestock farming or their access water is improved so that the country could achieve universal food security as part of Vision 2022 and Agenda 2030.

Eswatini's cereal production increased despite climate change impact

WHILE Southern Africa saw a decline in cereal outputs in 2018, Eswatini recorded an increase in production.

This is the observation of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) in its September, 2018 Crop Prospects and Food Situation quarterly report.

Experienced

According to the report, Eswatini experienced an overall five per cent increase in cereal production (largely maize) in 2018 from the previous season. As a result of the increase in production, Eswatini together with Namibia, saw a slight decline in maize prices while other countries experienced increases.

"The decrease in South Africa's maize output accounts for the bulk of the sub regional (SADC)

contraction, where the harvest is estimated at 13.8 million tonnes, 3.8 million tonnes lower than the record high of 2017," reads the report.

FAO said this year's production decline mainly reflects firstly: below-average rains and above average temperatures in January and early February, which generally correspond to the flowering and cob formation stage of maize. At these stages, maize is most sensitive to water deficits. Secondly, outbreaks of fall armyworm had localised negative impacts, however, the precise extent of the damage has not been quantified.

Although Eswatini was also affected by climate-related impacts, like other countries in the FAO sub-region, but the country was able to produce a bumper harvest from many parts of the country except the usual Lowveld.

Newly developed tourism website attracts over 20 000 visitors

Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza
Phocweni

IN just a month after having been developed, the new Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) website has attracted over 20 000 visitors.

ETA Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini said the newly invented website would create the best user experience and most effective means of providing the necessary information and resources to potential visitors to Eswatini.

He was speaking during the World Tourism Day held at the Royal Science and Technology Park (RSTP) yesterday at Phocweni.

The new site, Dlamini said has been developed after extensive consultation and detailed planning and it takes into account current technologies and current user expecta-



SPEAKERS: ETA's Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini and Director of Tourism Harmon Motsa during the World Tourism Day. (Courtesy pics)

tions. "We have exciting new features, including a high powered accommodation filter that allows users to search all of Eswatini's accommodation by criteria," Dlamini said.

He said the country was dwarfed by its giant neighbours, South Africa

and Mozambique, but Eswatini was a few hours from Maputo, Mbombela, KwaZulu Natal and Johannesburg.

Dlamini said access into Eswatini could be by road or air and often the best way to see the country is by driving.

"We have designed the user jour-

ney so that it travels directly to the industry pages on the site as smoothly as possible," he said.

He said the website was fully interactive on Google maps and was mobile friendly.

The new website is www.thekingdomofeswatini.com

TOURISM, TECHNOLOGY TO DRIVE ESWATINI TO 2022

ROYAL Science and Technology Park (RSTP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Vumile Dlamini says tourism and technology is the vehicle that will drive Eswatini to developed 2022.

The CEO was speaking through Sibusiso Gama during the World Tourism Day held at the park yes-

terday. "We cannot separate tourism from technology as these two very important sectors depend on each other," Dlamini said.

Technology, Dlamini said needs users who include people in the tourism sector, adding that the tourism sector was growing rapid-

ly because of the digital transformation which is connecting the world.

"It is now easier for tourists and all stakeholders in the tourism sector to work together in making their lives easier.

"At a click of a button, tourists can now get every piece of infor-

mation that can assist them decide on their next holiday destination," he said.

He said through the use of technology service providers in the tourism sector many innovations have now made even the average man on the street to be a service provider.

TOURISM INDUSTRY NEEDS BOOSTING - PS

MINISTRY of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Principal Secretary Emmanuel Dlamini says the country's tourism industry needs boosting.

Speaking through the Director of Tourism Harmon Motsa, the PS said Eswatini needs to have plans and implement initiatives to boost the competi-

tiveness of the tourism industry players.

Dlamini said the World Tourism Day seeks to foster awareness amongst the international community of the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic value.

He said the initiatives requires to be integrated into global digital value

chains and improve their ability and capability to create more business opportunities from digital tourism.

"We should be looking seriously at digital marketing strategies, online reputation and use of social media and mobile phones throughout customer experience," he said.

Eswatini Mobile has unlimited data & calls package

By Samkelisiwe Khoza
Mbabane

FOR Eswatini Mobile customers who are big on data, the mobile company has offered an exciting package that will blow their minds.

In its quest to keep its customers always satisfied, Eswatini Mobile is currently pushing a home fixed wireless package with unlimited data for just E595 per month.

In a country where data has been considered an expensive commodity while for some a luxury, the company has made available an opportunity which is already proving to be cost effective.

As a country, the Kingdom of Eswatini is working tirelessly to attain His Majesty King Mswati III's vision of attaining First World status by 2022 and one of the critical areas for it to be a reality is that access to data or the internet should

be availed to all.

Speaking with Eswatini Mobile's Corporate Communications Manager, Nosipho Shongwe, she explained that First World living meant having access to superfast internet connectivity both at home and by every citizen's fingertips with their smart phones.

"As a first world network that is data centric, it is important to provide customers with affordable options that will not break their bank balances," said Shongwe. She said the offer, which was initially launched during the Eswatini International Trade Fair early this month, had been ongoing with the aim of providing customers the best deals for unlimited data and on net calls.

"We ensured that our offer provided an all-inclusive package that allows our customers to enjoy the Eswatini Mobile experience in full," she emphasised.

Shongwe said they had to cater for their customers as they understood every

one of them had favourite TV shows they never wanted to miss while others had different websites they were always eager to check daily.

In its bid to be at the centre of providing super-fast internet connection the company has ensured that all its network sites are on the 4G LTE network which undoubtedly is essential for super-fast data speeds.

Shongwe further elaborated that the offer which would be expiring at the end of September also comes with a smartphone worth E1 500, which customers received at no extra cost.

For those who prefer mobility, the company also offers a special max value package that includes a smartphone with unlimited data and unlimited calls for the same E595 per month. For those who want to save money and can move quick both either package can be bought for just E495 per month before September 30.

LIQUOR NOTICE

It is hereby notified for general information that the Liquor Licensing Board will hold its sitting to hear the following applications at the Ministry of Justice Conference Room on the 25 Sept 2018 starting at 09.00 am.

Region Mbabane

1. Barry John Takis, P. O. Box 554, Mbabane **Renewal of a Restaurant** Liquor Licence situated at Portion 627 & portion 313 of farm no.2 Mbabane known as **Fat Baz's Hamburger Hut**.

Any person who wishes to lodge an objection to the above-mentioned application may do so with the Secretary of the Liquor Licensing Board in writing, sending a copy to the applicant by registered mail to reach him/her at least ten days before the sitting of the Board.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The residents, business community, rate payers, service providers and stakeholders are hereby invited to presentation of the annual performance report and audited financial statements of Hlathikhulu Town Board. The audited financial statements are now open for public inspection without payment as stipulated in section 103(3) of the Urban Government Act, 1969 during Council's business hours.

For further information feel free to call our offices at 22176135/22176591

Venue: Magistrate Court room- Hlathikhulu
Date: Saturday, 29th September 2018
Time: 2:00pm

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TOWN CLERK/CEO

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PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN INVOLVED IN NASTY KOMBI ACCIDENT

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

ABOUT eight children attending pre-school in one of the schools around town were involved in a freak accident yesterday morning when the kombi they were travelling in developed faults in its braking system and hit an electricity pole.

The Siyaya kombi was travelling towards Lichaga building in the early hours of the morning before 0800



hours loaded with the pre-school children.

According to eye witnesses, the kombi which was travelling at a high

speed failed to apply its brakes on time and ran a red traffic light before

HORRIBLE: Eight Pre-School going children survived a freak accident when this kombi lost brake control and crashed into an electricity pole yesterday morning.
(Courtesy picture)

● The kombi which was travelling at a high speed failed to apply its brakes

crashing into an electricity pole.

The children escaped with minor injuries while the driver was seriously injured and was admitted to Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital.

The kombi had its front body badly damaged during the incident which happened right in town.

A company subcontracted to the Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) was soon called to replace the pole which the kombi knocked down. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati confirmed the accident.

Vilakati said there were no fatalities reported during the accident.



Audited results of the year ended 31 March 2018

Statement of comprehensive income

	2018 E'000	2017 E'000
Revenue	46 727	66 374
Administrative expenses	(1 445)	(1 767)
Operating profit	45 282	64 607
Finance income	9 845	10 985
Profit before taxation	55 127	75 592
Taxation	(2 310)	(2 535)
Profit	52 817	73 057
Other comprehensive income	42 136	91 356
Total comprehensive income	94 953	164 413

Statement of changes in equity

Balance at beginning of year	572 044	461 836
Profit for the year	52 817	73 057
Other comprehensive income	42 136	91 356
Distribution to unit holders	(64 935)	(54 205)
Balance at end of year	602 062	572 044

Statement of financial position

Non-current assets	542 059	474 923
Investments	542 059	474 923
Current assets	60 365	98 654
Trade and other receivables	25 468	44 857
Short term investments and loans	15 865	41 787
Taxation prepaid	225	-
Cash and cash equivalents	18 807	12 010
Total assets	602 424	573 577
Equity	602 062	572 044
Ordinary shareholders funds	602 062	572 044
Current liabilities	362	1 533
Trade and other payables	362	605
Current tax liability	-	928
Total equity and liabilities	602 424	573 577

Statement of cash flows

Cash at beginning of year	12 010	37 514
Cash from operating activities	70 810	29 488
Cash from investing activities	922	(787)
Cash from financing activities	(64 935)	(54 205)
Cash at end of year	18 807	12 010

Swazi Empowerment's earnings and income ratios over the past five years are shown as follows:

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Earnings per share (cents)	285	395	346	386	220
Dividend per share (cents)	351	293	393	250	208
Share price (cents)	3255	3100	2500	2450	2300

Commentary

1. Operations

The principal activity of the Company during the year under review remained that of an investment holding company.

The Company's investments comprise:

- a 19% equity stake in Swazi MTN Limited.
- Swaziland Government Bond – SG016
- Swaziland Government Bond – SG017
- Select Promissory Note
- Swaziland Development Finance Corporation Bond

Surplus funds continue to be invested in Money Market type investments with reputable financial institutions.

2. Outlook

The performance of the Company is expected to remain relatively the same over the next reporting period.

3. Financial statements

The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 have been audited by KPMG.

4. Corporate Governance

The directors and management of Swazi Empowerment Limited confirm their commitment to the principles of openness, integrity and accountability as advocated by sound principles of Corporate Governance contained in the King Reports.

5. Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the annual general meeting of members of Swazi Empowerment Limited will be held at The Swaziland Water Services Corporation office in Ezulwini on 26 October 2018 at 10H00.

By order of the Board

M Mhlanga

Company Secretary

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PricewaterhouseCoopers
Services (Pty) Ltd
PO Box 569
Mbabane

AUDITORS

KPMG Chartered
Accountants
Umkhliwa House
195 Kal Grant Street
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Sponsoring Brokers

African Alliance
Securities Ltd
2nd Floor Nedbank Building
Swazi Plaza
Mbabane

Manzini Municipality gets thumbs up from stakeholders for unity

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

IT is not usual for stakeholders to applaud an institution for a job well done especially during Annual General Meetings (AGM).

This was the case for Manzini Municipality story yesterday as the municipality was given thumbs up for the unity and dedication it has displayed in the year 2017/18.

Vocal residents such as Inalda Antonio George commended the municipality for the spirit of unity. Stakeholders said unlike other municipalities such as Mbabane where there has been a lot of infighting Manzini has fared well.

Some of the things that the council was commended for doing by stakeholders included opening an autism centre.

Stakeholders said this was a great initiative considering that some families tend to hide some of their family members suffering from autism.

Not all was rosy for Manzini Municipality as stakeholders also pointed out that there are areas where they must put more effort. Stakeholders said the municipality must address the issue of pot holes in roads leading to Manzini bus rank and also address the issue of overgrowth in the some parts of the town. Making his remarks when presenting the 2017/2018 annual report, Manzini Mayor Mxolisi Mabuza said as council they have a new five-year vision which emphasised on two key words; innovation and creation of economic opportunities for the city.

He said as council, they were committed to seeing to it that they deliver on this new challenge in the next five years. "Our desire is that when we leave office after the five-year period, the city of Manzini is listed amongst the top smart cities in the world; and we believe this is achievable as long as we all put our effort to it," Mabuza told stakeholders. The mayor said the new council was coming into office at a time when the World Bank technical and financial support had come to an end. However, he said, this does not mean they must drop the ball with regard to service delivery and infrastructure development. Mabuza said they are going to look for innovative and efficient ways of delivering service so that the gap that has been left by the World Bank would not be felt.

He said they will need to garner the support of stakeholders to develop the city. Mabuza also congratulated the members of parliament who won the recent national election. He said as a municipality they trust that they shall give Eswatini municipalities all the support.

KISSING, FONDLING A TEENAGER LANDS MAN BEHIND BARS

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A 50-year-old man of KaLanga on Wednesday appeared at the Siteki magistrate's court after he was arrested for allegedly kissing and further touching a teenager's private parts.

*Richard (real name withheld to protect the identity of the complainant) was charged with contravening section 5(1) of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act 15 of 2018. The accused was alleged to have wrongfully and unlawfully committed a sexual violation against a teenage girl who is also related to him. He allegedly kissed the

complainant and further touched her private parts without her consent. When the accused person was informed of his rights to legal representation, he elected to conduct his own defence while appearing before Principal Magistrate Dumisani Magagula. He was however not asked to plead to the

charge. In the meantime, the accused person filed an application for bail which was subsequently granted at E1 000. Meanwhile in the same court, Jabulani Gumede of Mndobandoba faced a charge of rape. He was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully had sexual intercourse with a woman without her consent.

The charge was accompanied with aggravating factors which included that the accused inflicted a lifetime trauma to the complainant by forcing her to the act. The Crown which was represented by Prosecutor Thobile Motsa filed an application for a date of trial which was accordingly set for September 28. The accused person was remanded into custody pending commencement of the trial.

SODV Act put to the test as accused gets paltry E1 000 bail

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

COULD there be some loopholes which may have been overlooked in the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act before it was passed?

This was the question which some legal experts and law enforcers were left asking themselves after an accused person who was charged with contravening the Act was granted a paltry E1 000.

Relatives of the complainant (aged 13 years) were left in near tears as they watched the accused person walking free after paying his bail.

This was in the case of Nicholas Mtsamo Maziya (61) who was charged with contravening section 3(1)(a) as read with sub section 9(b) of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act 15 of 2018.

According to the charge sheet, the accused

is said to have wrongfully and unlawfully had sexual intercourse with the 13-year-old. The charge was accompanied with aggravating factors which include that the accused inflicted a lifetime trauma to the complainant by forcing her to the act.

He is also said to have exposed the victim to the risk of contracting sexually transmitted illnesses. The accused person's first appearance before court was last Friday where he was accordingly remanded into custody.

He was back in court yesterday after acquiring the services of an attorney.

The matter was before Principal Magistrate Dumisani Magagula. The defence Lawyer Mzobanzi Dlamini filed an application for bail on behalf of the accused person. In his arguments, Dlamini pointed out that the Act was silent on the issue of bail as it did not state whether or not the Magistrate's Court has jurisdiction to hear bail applications. Moreover, Dlamini pointed out that the Act also did not state the minimum amount of

bail. In this case, Dlamini said the Supreme Law (which is the constitution) comes into place when there are such ambiguities in an Act or its clause.

He therefore pleaded with the court to grant bail at a reasonable amount, adding that the accused person was an elderly who is also a citizen of the country. After listening to the arguments, the court granted bail at E1 000. Worth mentioning is that under the Common Law (where the accused person would be charged with rape), the magistrate's court had no jurisdiction to hear a bail application.

Following Maziya's case, some legal practitioners pointed out a number of loopholes in the SODV Act. One such loophole resulted to an accused person paying a meagre E1 000 for bail.

Furthermore, the legal practitioners noted that the penalty clause of the Act does not clearly states the minimum penalty when one is found guilty.



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 or send an email to 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 and cc; info@flas.org.sz.

Closing date for applications is 05 October 2018

By Management



PRESS STATEMENT

We would like to notify members of the public and Getmed policyholders, inclusive of active and inactive policyholders that United General Insurance Limited (UGI) (Licence no. ST/06/2016) acquired the Getmed book of customers or policyholders effective from 1 November 2016. In acquiring the book, United General Insurance Limited met the requisite legislative requirements and an offer of the purchasing of the book was duly approved by the Regulator, the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA).

Subsequent to the above mentioned, we would like to further notify/inform members of the public and United General Insurance Limited health policyholders, inclusive of active and inactive policyholders, that all health insurance policies previously underwritten by United General Insurance Limited (UGI) shall be transferred to United Health Insurance Limited (UHI) effective from 1st October 2018. United Health Insurance Limited (Licence no. ST/08/2018) is licensed by the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) as financial services provider.

We would like to assure UGI policyholders that the transfer of health insurance policies to United Health Insurance Limited, will be conducted in a seamless manner that in no way causes disruption to the operations of UGI, and policyholders will continue to be covered and, premiums will continue to be deducted and claims being honoured. It is business as usual.

Policyholders that had stopped paying for their policies are urged to contact the office to activate their policies for them to enjoy cover on the following numbers: -

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United Health Insurance Limited looks forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with all stakeholders.

Mrs. Nelisiwe De Sousa
Executive Chairman

United Health Insurance Limited

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

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PRESS STATEMENT

The 38th Graduation Ceremony of the University of Swaziland will be held on Saturday 6th October 2018 at Kwaluseni Campus.

For the first time in the history of the University, three candidates will graduate with the Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Education. In addition, 54 candidates will receive their Master's degrees. Also at this ceremony, 1076 graduands will receive bachelor's degrees and 360 will be awarded certificates and diplomas. A total of 35 outstanding graduands in the various fields of study will be presented with prizes. Of the 1493 graduates, 883 are female.

At this prestigious occasion also, three eminent people will be conferred with honorary degrees in recognition of their contribution to national development.

This is a red letter day for the graduands and their parents. As with other universities around the world, the graduands are expected to dress formally for the auspicious start to their new life as professionals.

Further, certificate, diploma and first degree graduands are kindly requested to assemble at the Multi Purpose Hall, while Senior degree graduands (Master's and PhD) will assemble at the Commerce Lecture Theatre at 7.00 a.m. for instruction and in readiness for the procession. Graduands may collect invitation cards at their respective former campuses from Monday 1st October, 2018. Invited Guests are expected to be seated by 9.00 a.m. Children will not be allowed into the graduation arena.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018!

Dr. S.S. SIMELANE
REGISTRAR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ESWATINI

CONTESTED CIVIL ROLL BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE T.M. MLANGENI
MBABANE MAGISTRATE'S COURT
28TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

CASE NO.	PARTIES	ATTORNEY/S	CASE NO.	PARTIES	ATTORNEY/S	CASE NO.	PARTIES	ATTORNEY/S
1. 786/17	Franklin Macmeza Masuku and 2 Others vs Nelsiwe Zanele De Souza and 9 Others S.V. Mdladla	2 Others Khumalo/M.E. Simelane	17. 1374/18	Sipho Matse Attorneys vs Nzama Farmers Association Ltd Nedbank Swaziland Ltd	S. Matse Henwood	1. 641/17	Melinda Alighieri (Born Almeida) vs Lorenzo Alighieri	Rodrigues
2. 308/16	Theminkosi Mntsi N.O. Another vs Palesa Courtney Ntentesa And 3 Others Magagula Hlophe	C.J. Littler	18. 1143/18	Khetsiwe Priscilla Nkambule vs Nathi Kunene Swaziland Treated Timber Ltd	S.K. Dlamini Currie-Write	2. 1111/18	Robert Thwala N.O. vs Dumsani Khnza And 7 Others	Attorney General
3. 1378/15	Swazi Delta (Pty) Ltd vs Musa Sacolo And 3 Others	M.P. Simelane Mkhwanazi	20. 1222/18	T & S Enterprises vs Amanzi Africa Ltd T/A Sekunjalo Pipes & Irrigation	Rodrigues	3. 3796/09	Swaziland Development Finance Corporation and another vs Nkoyoyo Guest House And Another Zandile Tshuma (Nee Mathe)	Robinson Bertram Howe
4. 3470/07	Thamsanqa Mhlabi Mkhombwe vs Nqaba Gwebu Swaziland Development & Savings Bank	S.C. Simelane Z. Magagula Mabila	21. 1381/18	Agrian Investments Ltd vs Foodcom Sugar (Pty) Ltd vs Time Caterers (Pty) Ltd And Another	Dunseith	4. 997/18	Lameck Tshuma vs Party Sabatha Bhiya	Mngomezulu
5. 1144/17	Mngobi Shongwe vs Reginah Dlamini N.O. And Another vs Thandile L. Dlamini N.O. And 26 Others	Robinson Bertram B.S. Dlamini Attorney General/Thwala B. Zwane	22. 1409/18	Wandile Msibi vs Oscar Mamba	Howe	5. 1298/18	Philemon Sigodvo Bhiya And 4 Others vs Fortis Enterprises Ltd T/A Langa Bricks	Rodrigues
6. 1958/17	Francois Paul Lourmes vs Afrotim Construction Ltd London Henwood	Mkhabela Z. Magagula	23. 1266/18	Remax Real Estate Specialists vs Dr. Siphile Masane Siyakhula Savings & Credit Co-Operative Society B. Zwane	Waring	6. 852/18	Master Of The High Court	
7. 56/17	Alfrotim Construction Ltd vs Sifiso Stanley Dlamini Viva Beverages Ltd	Mtm Ndlovu Waring	24. 1282/18	Nkhoma Sandile vs Libhumane (Pty) Ltd vs Ntenganyane Farmers & Logistics and another	Masina Mzizi	7. 1359/18	Swaziland Building Society vs The Trustees For The Time Being Of Bhubhuda Family Trust and 2 Others Dawinscot Clothing Swaziland Ltd	Robinson Bertram M.J. Hillary
8. 1325/18	Matata Retail Ltd vs Pyramid Engineering Ltd And 6 Others Nzima	N.E. Ginindza	25. 688/17	UNCONTESTED BAILS BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE T. DLAMINI 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2018 COURT 'D'		8. 1392/18	Tiny Mdayi Mthethwa vs Rose Winile Dlamini And 2 Others Faith Makgatu	L.M. Simelane Mngomezulu
9. 956/18	10. 924/18		26. 1264/18	UNCONTESTED BAILS BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE T. DLAMINI 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2018 COURT 'D'		9. 1168/18	Mandla Lufhondo and 2 others vs Attorney General vs Bhekisiza Zwane And Another	Attorney General
10. 924/18			27. 1312/18			10. 1432/18	Southern Trading Company Ltd vs Hancy Investments Ltd And Another	Robinson Bertram
			28. 1296/18			11. 1312/18	Precious Ncube Maziya vs The Commissioner Of Correctional Services and another Attorney General vs Ben Joel Simelane And Another	Mkhwanazi Attorney General
			29. 1328/18			12. 1296/18	Phille Dlamini vs Mcknight (Pty) Ltd	C.J. Littler
			30. 1336/18			13. 681/18	Asakhe Investments Ltd and another vs Buy Rite General Dealer Ltd and 5 Others	P.M. Dlamini
			31. 1308/18			14. 1438/18	Bonisle Duduzile Ceko (Nee Gule) vs David Ocean Ceko And 2 Others	Simelane Shongwe
			32. 293/18			15. 1187/18	Attorney General vs Musa Leon Dlamini and another Attorney General vs Sibusiso Shongwe and another Attorney General vs Muzi Percy Simelane and another Attorney General	Attorney General Attorney General Attorney General Attorney General
			33. 413/18			16. 623/18	Attorney General vs Musa Leon Dlamini and another Attorney General vs Sibusiso Shongwe and another Attorney General vs Muzi Percy Simelane and another Attorney General	Attorney General Attorney General Attorney General Attorney General
			34. 1436/18			17. 1328/18	Attorney General vs Musa Leon Dlamini and another Attorney General vs Sibusiso Shongwe and another Attorney General vs Muzi Percy Simelane and another Attorney General	Attorney General Attorney General Attorney General Attorney General
			35. 1353/18			18. 1364/18	Attorney General vs Musa Leon Dlamini and another Attorney General vs Sibusiso Shongwe and another Attorney General vs Muzi Percy Simelane and another Attorney General	Attorney General Attorney General Attorney General Attorney General
			36. 1303/18			19. 1329/18	Attorney General vs Musa Leon Dlamini and another Attorney General vs Sibusiso Shongwe and another Attorney General vs Muzi Percy Simelane and another Attorney General	Attorney General Attorney General Attorney General Attorney General
			37. 1266/15			20. 1304/18	Attorney General vs Musa Leon Dlamini and another Attorney General vs Sibusiso Shongwe and another Attorney General vs Muzi Percy Simelane and another Attorney General	Attorney General Attorney General Attorney General Attorney General
			38. 1209/18			21. 1305/18	Attorney General vs Musa Leon Dlamini and another Attorney General vs Sibusiso Shongwe and another Attorney General vs Muzi Percy Simelane and another Attorney General	Attorney General Attorney General Attorney General Attorney General
			39. 1565/15					
			40. 996/18					
			41. 1487/18					
			42. 468/18					
			43. 1403/18					
			44. 1404/18					

CONTESTED BAILS BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE MAGAGULA
28TH SEPTEMBER, 2018 COURT 'F'

CASE NO.	ACCUSED	CENTRE	ATTORNEY
1. 266/18	ABSA LOM	BIG	IN PERSON/N. MABILA
1. 275/18	JOHANE WILLIAM ZWANE	NHLANGANO	DLAMINI KUNENE/DPP
1. 323/18	GCINA MASEKO	MATSAPHA	S.B MOTSA/N. MABILA
1. 366/18	MBONGISENI MBONGWA MABUZA SIFISO TINY DLAMINI		IN PESON /S. GAMA
1. 362/18	CELMPHILO VINCENT KHUMALO	SIDWASHINI	S.M. KUBHEKA/S. GAMA
1. 361/18	MDUDUZI MBHAMALI MARIO FANA MWANDZA SIFISO MBHAMALI MANDLA BEN MHLONGO		MBHAMALI/S. GAMA
1. 317/18	MAZWI PATRICK VILAKATI	NHLANGANO	IN PESON/MXOLISI DLAMINI
1. 226/18	MUSADLAMINI	PIGG'S PEAK	IN PERSON/B. NGWENYA
1. 262/18	MDUDUZI BANDA MAMBA	BIG	NKAMBULE/N. MABILA
1. 25/18	THANDO MSHAYISA DLAMINI	NHLANGANO	IN PERSON/K. MNGOMEZULU
1. 241/18	ANELE SIZWE MATSENJWA	REMAND	IN PERSON/M. DLAMINI
1. 300/18	SIKHUMBUZO SHAKA MABUZA	REMAND	IN PERSON/M. DLAMINI
1. 353/18	PETER SAYIGUZA SIMELANE	REMAND	N.E. GININDZA/DPP
1. 147/18	SIBONGISENI KENNETH MPOFU	MATSAPHA	N.E. GININDZA/B. NDLELA

DEFAULT JUDGMENTS BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE T. DLAMINI
28th September, 2018
Court 'D'

1. 1344/18	Emildo Mpanza vs Uncle Joe's Breakdown Services And Garage Ltd and another Nedbank Swaziland Ltd	S.V. Mdladla
2. 1085/18	Nonhlanhla Bongwe vs Nedbank Swaziland Ltd	S.V. Mdladla
3. 1227/18	Sithembinkosi Dennis Mazibuko vs Nedbank Swaziland Ltd	S.V. Mdladla
4. 1342/18	Patience Thabisi Magagula vs Africa Chicks (Pty) Ltd	Simelane Mtshali
5. 1073/18	Mashesha Dlamini vs Nedbank Swaziland Ltd	Henwood
6. 1144/18	Nkanyenzi Mbuyiseni Shabangu vs Tsembeka Bobhuti Ltd	Mkhwanazi
7. 1092/18	Mohammed Nazrulislam T/A Johana Investments vs Thulani Dlamini	Mngomezulu
8. 1685/16	The Government Of Swaziland and another vs Masiko Investments Ltd	Mabila
9. 1383/18	Mpb Investments T/A Sunrise Holding vs Mazibuko Mndeni	Z. Magagula
10. 1360/18	Bit Drywall - Swaziland vs Nedbank Swaziland Ltd	Robinson Bertram
11. 330/18	Noncebo L. Dlamini T/A Lasakhu Professional Services (Pty) Ltd vs Sisekelo High School	Waring
12. 1382/	Ndzimandze Felix Celimpilo And another vs Nedbank Swaziland Ltd	Robinson Bertram
13. 1318/18	Bhekumusa Cedusizi Nhlabatsi vs Nedbank Swaziland Ltd	Robinson Bertram
14. 1038/18	Colisand Investments Ltd And 3 Others vs Hezekiel Mshiyeni Dube	M.C. Vilakati
15. 1379/18	Lusekwane Nkambule and another vs Robinson Bertram	Robinson Bertram
16. 1335/18	Gckeni Farmers (Pty) Ltd	



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 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.
- Nhlalngano Service Centre Old Skonkwane Complex, Nhlalngano.
- 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

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
Postal Address: The Commissioner General,
Swaziland Revenue Authority,
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Mbabane: The Mall Shopping Centre, Portion 638, Farm 2, Mbabane. Tel: 00268 2404 0571/2

Mashayitafula: Lot/Plot 767, Cnr Police College Road and Sigodweni Police Station. Tel: 00268 2518 4807/4817

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E8 500 PRIZES FROM MACMILLAN



Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza
Matsapha

MACMILLAN Education Swaziland awarded bursaries and books worth E8 500 to the 2018 letter writing competition winners on Wednesday.

With 958 entries, the Eswatini Post and Telecommunication (EPTC) and Macmillan letter writing competition awarded six pupils with cheques, three winners were from the primary level and the other three from high school.

Macmillan's Managing Director Busisiwe Simelane said they see them-

selves as an institution that must provide information, especially to pupils. She said even though the world is moving towards technology, the country still required textbook written information.

Simelane praised the competition format which she said pushed the pupils to read and research.

As a result, the pupils became more observant and equipped with knowledge. "Reading and writing goes together. If you want to be a brilliant writer, that will require you to read," she said.

She further urged pupils to unleash their inner potential and fight to achieve

their dreams. She warned them to never stray from the path of achieving their dreams.

The MD pleaded with schools across the country to partake in the upcoming letter writing competition which she said would open entry next year January when schools open.

She said entries will close around March and the theme is writing a two page letter to your hero.



WINNER: Patience Ndlovu receives her prize for being the best in the letter writing competition in the Primary Category. This was during the prize presentation held at the Macmillan premises in Matsapha on Wednesday. Presenting the is Nqobile Magagula, Macmillan GM Busisiwe Simelane and Erick Dlamini from the ministry of prize education. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Winners-Primary school

Name	School	Prize
1. Patience Ndlovu	Evangelical Primary	E2 000 bursary and Macmillan books
2. Sibahle Dlamini	The Light Primary	E1 000 bursary and Macmillan books
3. Lethokuhle Mokoena	Khanyisile Primary	E 500 uniform voucher and Macmillan books

Winners-High school

Name	School	Prize
1. Nosipho Mpanza	St Marks High	E3 000 bursary and Macmillan books
2. Gcwalisile Mavuso	St Francis High	E1 500 bursary and Macmillan books
3. Ntuntuko Mbamali	St Francis High	E500 uniform voucher and Macmillan books

Highest entries winners

- 139 entries- Saim High school-E1 500 grocery voucher and book hamper
- 130 entries- Ka-Boyce High school-E1 000 grocery voucher
- 221 entries- Mbabane Evangelical Primary-E1 500 grocery voucher and book hamper
- 68 entries-Khanyisile Primary-E1 000 grocery voucher

Competition to help with examinations

THE ministry of education and training English Inspector, Eric Dlamini says letter writing competitions could help pupils with the external examinations.

Dlamini said pupils would have improved and well polished vocabulary when they go through the upcoming external examination.

He said the competition will terminate illiteracy in the country.

He said there is potential in every child and that every child is capable of achieving excellent academic results.

The inspector said a pupil with practiced and well polished writing skills is most likely to score big in the examination.



Sipho Mashela lives in Swaziland with his wife and children, and was delighted when his application for a personal loan to finance his wife's business was granted by Letshego.

This seed capital was invaluable in growing the business, which focused on sewing school uniforms. With the expanded profits, Sipho and his wife invested in local plots of land, as well as a welding machine.

Sipho has since built houses on the land to generate regular rental income. Today, the entrepreneurial couple have 10 rental rooms generating approximately SZL3,000 per month, providing a stable income stream for Sipho to pay back his loan and support his family's needs.

With the welding machine, Sipho has generated yet another income stream by providing welding services for the local community.

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Sipho Mashela Simelane

'INTERROGATE VIOLENCE DURING ELECTIONS'

Stories by Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration (CHRP) is concerned with the violence witnessed during the recently-concluded national elections.

CHRP Commissioner Sabelo Masuku said the commission was concerned with sporadic violent acts which were observed in some polling stations. Some of these events were observed in Manzini North and Ndzingeni Constituencies, where there were efforts to temper with the election process.

The commission also noted that during the nomination exercise, acts of violence were also spotted in some communities, particularly those that were characterised by chieftaincy disputes. Masuku urged the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) to work on interrogating the causes of the violence and take necessary action in order to maintain peace and order during such an important national assignment.

Masuku also mentioned that the commission noted that there was a need to count votes right at the polling stations, where voting took place. This, according



VIOLENCE: CHRP
Commissioner Sabelo
Masuku.

to Masuku, would encourage transparency, credibility and the ease of acceptance of results. "The commission encourages the EBC to conduct counting within polling centres to avoid transportation of ballot boxes to counting centres. The process was marred with delays, which could have been avoided, much to the frustration of the electorate and candidates," Masuku said. The commission further urged the EBC to hasten the development of standardised guidelines for special voting. This included the incorporation of ballot papers from the special voting to the

mainstream votes.

The commission also noted that there was a need for better guidance on campaigning code of conduct. There could be a need to strengthen the education, given that the campaign messages, expectations from the electorate still depicted a lack of understanding of the roles, especially those of legislators.

The commission congratulated the EBC for ensuring adherence to the country's electoral laws during the election exercise. The commission also congratulated the people who managed to win the elections to become MPs.

The commission hoped that the newly-elected MPs would do their best in driving the country's policies and legislations to transform the lives of Eswatini for the better.

Masuku challenged the new MPs to ensure they rise to the challenge. He reminded them of the economic situation faced by the country and urged the new lawmakers to ensure they pulled their weight in driving the country in turning the economic situation around. Masuku also applauded all institutions that had been available to observe the whole election process as they were able to work together with the local human rights commission.

Commission concerned on election of women

THE Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration (CHRP) is concerned about the small number of women that were elected during the recently-concluded national elections.

Out of the 503 candidates that were elected either as iVirs, indvuna, or bucophos, only 60 of those are women. This means that the women account for only 12 per cent of the winners of the elections. CHRP Commissioner Sabelo Masuku said there was a need for the country to engage itself in a vigorous education exercise on the importance of electing women.

Leadership

The election of women into Parliament and leadership positions still remains a challenge. This, Masuku said, posed a challenge to the country's attainment of the African Union's (AU) aspirations towards Agenda 2063 and the United Nations Agenda 2030 (SDGs) on gender equality and empowerment of women. "There is a need to better understand the deep social and economic issues that have a bearing on the election of women into these positions. Unless these fundamental root causes are well understood and taken into consideration and dealt with, we will have a long way in achieving



CONGRATULATED:
MPs-elect Lady Howard
Mabuza.

the targets set out," Masuku said.

The commission further congratulated MPs-elect Lady Howard Mabuza and Thandi Nxumalo from Mafutseni and Manzini South, respectively.

The commission described the people of Mafutseni and Manzini South as those that have put the country in a good light in its endeavour to achieve gender parity in decision making, as obliged in the SADC protocols and other international instruments.

"We also commend all of the eight (eight) constituencies that have elected women as Tindvuna, Tinkhundla. This is a great step towards the right direction and we hope they will be supported in the execution of their very important functions," Masuku said.

NEWLY ELECTED MPs

Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini

Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini has been in politics for 10 years now.

He joined this field in 2008, when he won elections for the first time in Maseyini. He succeeded former Minister Magwagwa Mdluli, who had been representing that constituency.

Dlamini was appointed minister of tourism

and environmental affairs in 2011. He replaced Manzini North MP Macford Sibandze, who had been fired from that position. Dlamini was later appointed as a minister for Tinkhundla administration and development in 2013. This was after he was re-elected by the people of Maseyisini. Below are the details of the MP:



1. Name: Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini.
2. Chiefdom and Inkhundla: Vusweni under Maseyisini Inkhundla.
3. Age: 45.
4. Educational Background: I did O' Level and went to work at Builders Hardware. I also have a certificate in Business Studies.
5. Work Experience: I worked for Builders Hardware and went to work in Johannesburg, South Africa. I came back to work in Big Bend and after that, I went back to work at Builders as a manager. This is the time where we gave birth to Build It, a hardware that has improved phenomenally.
6. How do you think you won the elections? I think I worked hard in making sure that some of the requests for the people of Maseyisini were successful. The requests were meant to implement some of the projects that were meant to improve lives of the people. We worked in partnership with organisations from Germany and Taiwan, among other countries. These projects helped us in alleviating problems like food insecurity.
7. What do you want to do for your constituency once you reach Parliament? We have to try and work on achieving food security for the inkhundla. We also need to export our farm products more. Speaking of water, we have a challenge of ensuring that we make it available in homesteads. We need a lot of money to ensure that this happens. We also need to address the problems of unemployment by creating jobs, which will eradicate poverty in this area. Note to candidates: Please send your information via WhatsApp to 7617 3084 so that you can be profiled on this page. Please send it on the format written on this page.

Mabulala Maseko: Maphalaleni MP

Maseko, during an interview, said he found that only 10 per cent of homesteads in Maphalaleni Inkhundla had electricity.

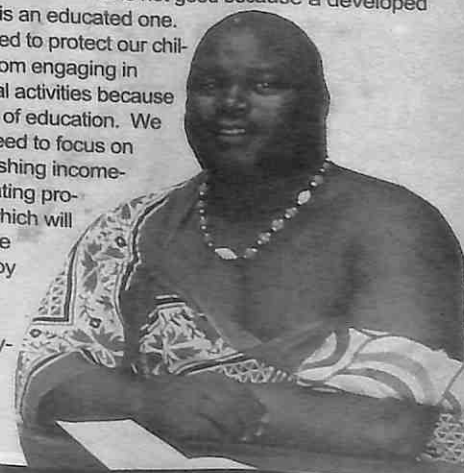
But now, according to him, the situation is different, as about 98 per cent of the homesteads are lightened with electricity. He said he, together with his inkhundla team, played a huge role in the building of four high schools. They included Kuvinjelweni, Nhlitweni, Mphumelelweni, and Dlozini. The former legislator also stated that he built

a clinic at Maphalaleni, after he found only one clinic for the entire Maphalaleni inkhundla. He also built six bridges in the inkhundla. Maseko encourages the youth to invest in their education because education is a key to success as it enables people to successfully implement their dreams and aspirations. He said that could be the reason why the residents of Maphalaleni Chiefdom wanted to vote him back to Parliament because they saw him as a role model. Below are Maseko's details.

1. Name: Mabulala Maseko
2. Chiefdom and Inkhundla: Maphalaleni chiefdom under Maphalaleni inkhundla
3. Occupation: Former MP and Former School Principal.
4. Educational Background: Did Primary and High School at Zombodze National (due to the fact that there were no schools in Maphalaleni). Also did his tertiary education at William Pitcher Teacher Training College, where he did his Diploma in Secondary Education. Did his Bachelor's degree in Education at University of Eswatini (UNESWA).
5. Work Experience: Teacher at Dwaleni High School, where he was a head of department. He was then promoted to become deputy principal. He was later to be promoted as a principal at Kuvinjelweni High School.
6. How do you think you won the elections? I think the people saw the developmental projects we engaged in when we got into office in 2013. We have a clinic of good standard and some bridges we managed to build. These projects have changed the lives of the people in this inkhundla. This is what people want to see in you, as an MP. It is true that we legislate, but we also play a role in developing the constituency and that is how we are judged here. Another thing is that people trust you when you are humble as a person. The structures of the chiefdoms should also be respected. You should respect the Inner Councils of the Imiphakatsi, so that the people can trust you. It is also important to be with the people and experience the difficulties they are going through. There is no

need for you to be classy upon becoming a legislator.

7. What do you promise to do for your constituency once you reach Parliament? The first thing I will work on is the probase project. In the 10th Parliament, Maphalaleni was one of the constituencies that were to benefit from the probase project that government wants to roll out around the country. I will have to make a follow up on that one during my time in the 11th Parliament. I also want to strengthen education in our constituency. The inkhundla has been lagging behind in terms of education. There are few high schools here and that makes our children learn up to Standard Five. This is not good because a developed nation is an educated one. We need to protect our children from engaging in criminal activities because of lack of education. We also need to focus on establishing income-generating projects which will help the youth by giving them employment.



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SAIMSA GAMES CULTURE DAY



CULTURE MIX: Manzini City Mayor Mxolisi Mabuza and the leadership of SAIMSA Games alongside mayors from local municipalities and those from the region posing for a picture. This was during the culture night held at Mavuso Centre on Wednesday night. The participants were all clad in different traditional outfits for the night. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



STOMACH POLITICS: The guests, locals and internationals were treated to scrumptious traditional dishes prepared by Eclipse Catering.



PROUD SWAZI: Chairman of the games Vusumutiwendvodza Matsebula in his Swazi regalia.



IF YOU CAN'T BEAT THEM, JOIN THEM: Most of the visitors wore the Eswatini traditional attire for the night.



UNIFORM: Lutsango appreciating the performance by their Sibhaca colleagues from HMCS.



SWAZI PRIDE: Sibhaca group from His Majesty's Correctional Services entertaining the guests.



KODAK MOMENT: Attendees capturing the moment.



AFRICAN: Most attendees were clad in traditional attires on the night.



FOCUSED: Guests enjoying traditional performances.

WELCOME: SAIMSA President Sam Rametse receiving a warm welcome from Manzini City Council Mayor Mxolisi Mabuza.



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LETTER WRITING COMPETITION 2018

THE letter writing competition was launched in 1971 by the Universal Postal Union.

Youth from all over the world have taken part in this letter writing competition as it is an excellent way of encouraging literacy in children and young people.

It develops their skills in composition and the ability to express their thoughts clearly. The competition is also another way of making young people aware of the important role postal services play in our societies.

The UPU competition gives youth worldwide an opportunity to express themselves on their hopes for the world we live in, and the possible solutions they see to the issues and challenges facing the planet.

Winners of this competition are announced the following year, just before the United Nations Summit.

Letter Writing Competition

The Kingdom of Eswatini started participating in the letter-writing competition in the early 1990s, and since then MacMillan Education has been partnering with EswatiniPost in sponsoring the competition every year.

In 2017, the UPU beseeched Postal administrators to take part in the letter writing competition with the theme "Imagine you are an advisor to the new UN Secretary-General. Which world issue would you help him tackle first and how would you advise him to solve it?" The competition attracted 958 entries from 48 schools.

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High school category

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lows:

The schools with the highest number of entries in the high school and primary school categories are:

- Saim High School and KaBoyce High School
- Mbabane Evangelical and Khanyisile Primary School

The above winners were awarded their prizes during a ceremony held at MacMillan premises on the 26th of September 2018. Present were MacMillan Director Busisiwe Simelane, Eswatini Post General Manager who was represented by Takahhohho Dlamini. The REO office was represented by Eric Dlamini.

2019 Competition Details

The theme for the 2019 letter writing competition has been announced as: "Write a letter about your hero"

This year's letter writing competition will once again be run jointly with Macmillan Eswatini.

Pupils from the age of nine to 17 years from all primary and high schools will be invited to take part in the letter writing

competition.

Schools will be requested to send in their student's letters with a E2 30 stamps attached. The best letters within the age group of nine to 17 will be sent to UPU to represent the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Benefits of Participating

- Improve relationships with schools
- Entrench the Eswatini Post brand in children at a young age
- Stimulate stamp sales

The competition will be divided into two categories:

- Primary Schools
- High Schools

Closing date for the competition is March 1, 2019

Rules

Participation

- Young people between the ages of nine to 17 years may take part in the competition.
- The UPU International Bureau (IB) cannot accept entries sent directly by schools or private individuals.

Submission of applications

All entries must be submitted



REMARKS: Eswatini General Manager representative Takahhohho Dlamini making her remarks.



MY POINT: MacMillan Director Busisiwe Simelane.

through the post office.

All entries must follow these guidelines:

- The composition should be (typed or handwritten) in Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish.
- The compositions submitted must be recent, unpublished letters.
- Compositions must be presented in the form of a letter ("Dear") include

the address of both the addressee and the sender, and end with a signature).

- Entries must strictly respect the set theme.
- Entries must strictly adhere to the number of words permitted in the original language (between 500 and 800).

Organisational principles

The best entry is chosen in accordance with the general rules of the competition.

INSPECTOR TRAINING SYSTEM (ITS) – A MUST FOR SADC MEMBER STATES



Participants and their Instructors pose for a group photo

The Authority had a combination of Aerodromes and Air Navigation Inspectors, Flight Operations Inspectors, Airworthiness Inspectors, Human Capital Training Specialist and Personnel Licensing Inspectors graduating for the Inspector Training System (ITS) course.

Recently held at the SADC Aviation Safety Organisation (SASO) offices in Mbabane, the training was also attended by other SADC Member States representatives from Botswana and South Africa.

This course was for a period of three weeks which consisted of two weeks formal classroom training to qualify as ITS

Instructors and an additional one week for data loading and practical training segment for SWACAA ITS Instructors on the use of the software and uploading of inspector training records to the system.

Tutorials were offered by the Federation Aviation Administration (FAA), an agency of the United States Department of Transportation responsible for the regulation and oversight of civil aviation within the U.S., as well as operation and development of the National Airspace System.

The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), which is a body regulating all Civil Aviation

Authorities requires that there should be an establishment of a permanent and self-sustaining inspector training system at a national Civil Aviation Authority.

Not only should the system be established, but also it is expected that Member States must formally adopt and implement ITS, to establish ITS, with specifics mention to On-the-Job Training (OJT) to be delivered in accordance with the ITS methodology, to appropriately record all training conducted or received and to ensure that donor State Instructors are qualified ITS OJT Instructors.

The course's contents entailed

on the overview of the ITS System, ICAO requirements, Civil Aviation Authorities responsibilities, ITS Program Guide, ITS Formal Course Standards, Job Task Analysis, logistics, resource allocation, budgeting, scheduling, planning, training profiles, recordkeeping and final inspector qualification guidelines.

After three weeks of learning, presentations and exercises, the participants were finally qualified as ITS OJT Instructors. This is one of the many initiatives in professional development in ensuring safer skies over the kingdom of Eswatini

ON THIS DAY ... SEPTEMBER 28

1939 - During World War II, Germany and the Soviet Union agreed upon a plan on the division of Poland.

1939 - "Fleischmann Hour" aired for the last time on radio.

1944 - "The Boys From Boise" was shown on WABD in New York as the first full-length comedy written for television.

1950 - The United Nations admitted Indonesia.

1955 - The World Series was televised in color for the first time. The game was between the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

1961 - "Dr. Kildare" premiered on NBC-TV.

1961 - "Hazel" premiered on NBC-TV.

1967 - The first mayor of Washington, DC, Walter Washington, took office.

1968 - The Atlanta Chiefs won the first North American Soccer League Championship.

1972 - Communist China and Japan agreed to re-establish diplomatic relations.

1974 - First Lady Betty Ford underwent a mastectomy to remove a lump in her breast.

1978 - Heavy fighting occurred in Lebanon between Syrian peacekeeping troops and Lebanese Christian militiamen.

1978 - Don Sherman, editor of Car & Driver, set a new Class E record in Utah. Driving the Mazda RX7 he reached a speed of 183.904 mph.

1984 - Bob Hope showed outtakes of his 34 years in television on NBC.

1990 - The Game Boy handheld video game device was released in Europe.

1991 - In response to US President Bush's reduction of US nuclear arms Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev promised to reciprocate.

1995 - Yasser Arafat of the PLO and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin signed an accord that transferred control of the West Bank.

1997 - The 103rd convention of the Audio Engineering Society (AES) was held in New York City, NY. The official debut of the DVD format was featured.

2000 - The US Federal Drug Administration approved the use of RU-486 in the United States. The pill is used to induce an abortion.

2004 - The US Federal Reserve and the U.S. Secret Service introduced the first newly redesigned \$50 bill.

2004 - Nate Olive and Sarah Jones arrived at the US-Mexico border to complete the first known continuous hike of the 1,800-mile trail down the US Pacific Coast. They started the trek on June 8.

2009 - The iTunes Music Store reached 2 billion applications downloaded.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Hilary Duff
(TV actress)
September 28, 1987-
31 years old.



Young Jeezy
(Rapper) September
28, 1977 - 41 years
old.

GERARD SEKOTO: APARTHEID ERA TASTES ARE STILL BORNE OUT AT ART AUCTIONS

WHEN two recently discovered paintings by revered South African artist Gerard Sekoto (1913-1993) – *Portrait of a Man (Lentswana)* and *Three School Girls* – went on auction at Bonhams London early in September 2018, there was some anticipation about what kind of prices they would fetch.

When the hammer fell they garnered just over £380 000 and £300 000 respectively.

In pound sterling terms it was way off the record set for Sekoto's *Yellow Doors, District Six*, which sold at the same auction house for just over £600 000 in March 2011. But in South African rand terms – and using exchange rates at the time of the purchases – the sales look rosier at R7,45-million and R6 million, compared to 2011's R6,8-million for *Yellow Doors*.

While the fluctuating and often volatile exchange rate creates a certain amount of confusion about how to read and understand Sekoto's work relative to the different markets in which it sells, his work consistently (and significantly so, given his pedigree in South African art history) under-performs in relation to the likes of compatriot Irma Stern (1894-1966).

At the same Bonham's sale in March 2011 that saw *Yellow Doors, District Six* sell for a record sterling price, so too did Stern's *Arab Priest* sell for a touch over £3-million (R34,3-million at the time). Stern holds eight of the 10 auction records for South African art.

One does not want to undermine the extent to which Stern bucks the international precedent in which auction records are dominated by male artists. But in many ways her prominence in the South African art market represents the resilience of apartheid era tastes and preferences, which at the time largely overlooked the quality of concurrent black artists. And through the public performance of the auction, this same preference is visibly borne out every time the hammer falls.

Contemporary offers

So, what is it that's keeping the likes of Sekoto's work off the boil? There are at least six factors to consider.

First is the greater (and increasing) preference for the contemporary over the historical. In 2017 the Barloworld corporation sold off most of its historical collection at auction to fund a new focus on contemporary art, particularly photography. Most of the offloaded works were by white artists. Nonetheless the auction reflects a view that the historical is compromised and too difficult to associate with. For many corporates the contemporary offers a slate that is more alive, easier to inhabit, and hipper. Sadly, in this view (dare I say prejudice), black artists like Sekoto get whitewashed and swept



BUY ME: Gerard Sekoto 'Three School Girls' painting went on auction.

out the door along with all the other historical artists.

Second is the alienating environment of the art world itself. While events such as the Joburg Art Fair has gone out of its way to present a programme that isn't as narrowly white as in the past, there are few opportunities to purchase historical artworks. And if it's not a privately brokered deal, the best opportunity to purchase a Sekoto is at auction. All the South African auction houses that attract quality works by Sekoto are white owned, run and patronised. If you're not white it's hardly a welcoming environment in which to enjoy spending millions on art.

Art

Third is how art auctions frame their sales, particularly those that take place in London. Bonhams started its South Africa sales in 2006. Country-specific auctions are not uncommon, but for a country like South Africa, whose art history is a relative mystery compared to North America and Europe, it can leave it a little isolated.

When isolated like this it's more difficult for collectors wanting to build a meaningful collection to find affinities and connections with artists from elsewhere in the world. It remains to be seen whether Sotheby's London, in choosing to start a modern and contemporary

African art sale in 2017, will find better traction for the likes of Sekoto in a wider African context.

Fourth is the lack of wider and sustained government support for artists whose works should more meaningfully constitute national heritage.

The South African Heritage Resource Agency does flex its muscles by refusing export permits for artworks that are deemed to have cultural and heritage significance. But this is a double-edged sword. While artworks remain in South Africa it also restricts buyers to a local pool.

The Department of Arts and Culture, under then minister Brigitte Mabandla, was instrumental in brokering the return of Sekoto's estate from France where he died in exile in 1993. It also managed to have the crippling French death taxes waived.

But the South African government has since reneged on most opportunities to cement Sekoto's legacy. Fifth is the lack of sustained momentum around research on Sekoto's oeuvre. First introduced to Sekoto by academic Chabani Manganyi, historian Barbara Lindop's "Gerard Sekoto" (1988) remains the definitive catalogue raisonné of the artist's work. Along with the publication of Manganyi's "A Black Man Called Sekoto" in 1996,

it seemed we were set for a bibliography of scholarly work on Sekoto. But this was not to be.

The absence on new works on Sekoto stands in stark contrast to the richness of scholarly works on Irma Stern, and importantly, by a wide range of scholars.

And finally, there's the role of families and foundations in continuing artistic legacies. The Gerard Sekoto Foundation was set up at the insistence of the French government as a precondition for them waiving the death taxes.

It is an organisation that survives largely on the passion and generosity of its founder member, Lindop.

Without any evident support from Sekoto's family, Lindop is a lone crusader against the Sekoto fakes, copies and stolen works that so often undermine an artist's prices. It's unrelenting work, and without the prospect of handing over her vast visual knowledge to a new generation of champion.

The Sekoto Foundation is currently under the umbrella of the Norval Foundation. But its own museum seems more invested in the alumnus of white art history such as Edoardo Villa and Cecil Skotnes. Whether this relationship is sustainable in the long term remains to be seen.

The conversation

your HEAL+H section

WHY DEPRESSION PILLS COULD BE FUELLING THE RISE OF SUPERBUGS

ANTIDEPRESSANTS could be contributing to the rise in superbugs. Research suggests that an ingredient in the commonly prescribed antidepressant fluoxetine — or Prozac — causes a mutation in some bacteria, making them resistant to antibiotics.

Antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest threats to our health, according to the World Health Organisation. It occurs when the genes in bacteria change in order to resist the effects of antibiotics.

If these drugs fail, common infections such as pneumonia and salmonella are difficult — in some cases impossible — to treat.

Antibiotic resistance already causes at least 50 000 deaths a year in Europe and the US, and some studies suggest this could rise more than tenfold by 2050.

Measures to combat the superbug crisis have focused on reducing over-prescription of antibiotics, because the more antibiotics are used, the greater the chance that bacteria will develop ways to survive them — and these robust bacteria go on to proliferate.

Research in the BMJ earlier this year found that a fifth of antibiotics prescribed by GPs in England are given to patients who don't need them.

However, the new study, published in the journal *Environment International*, suggests other drugs could also play a part.

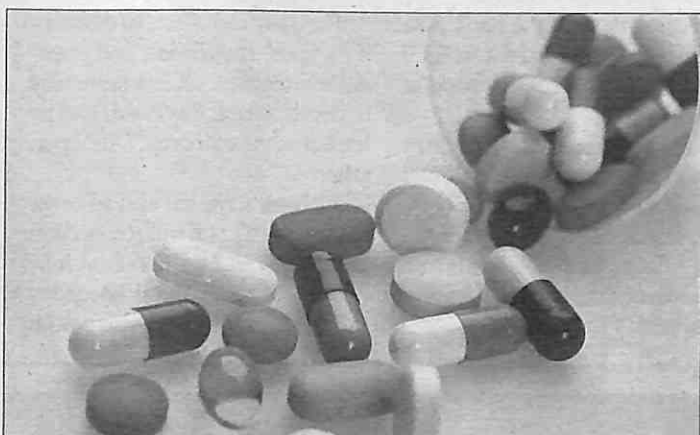
The research looked at whether the antidepressant fluoxetine had any effect on the *E. coli* bacterium, which causes food poisoning.

Fluoxetine was chosen as it passes through the body unchanged before entering the environment via urine. Up to 11 per cent of fluoxetine is thought to get into the environment — where high lev-

● An ingredient in fluoxetine could cause a mutation in some forms of bacteria

● In turn, these make the germs resistant to antibiotics — fuelling superbug crisis

● Antibiotic resistance already causes at least 50 000 deaths a year in Europe



SIDE-EFFECT: Research suggests an ingredient in antidepressant fluoxetine — or Prozac — causes a mutation in some bacteria, making them resistant to antibiotics.

els are thought to induce multi-drug resistance. In the study, *E. coli* was exposed to four concentrations of fluoxetine — 0.5, 5.0, 50 and 100mg/l — for 30 days in the laboratory.

Results showed that, when exposed to 5mg/l or more, the bacterium underwent genetic changes that made it resistant to antibiotics such as chloramphenicol, amoxicillin and tetracycline, often used to treat acne as well as respiratory and urinary tract infections.

Fluoxetine

The greater the fluoxetine dose *E. coli* was exposed to, the higher the rate of antibiotic resistance.

According to the researchers, from the University of Queensland in Australia, fluoxetine causes an overproduction of free radicals (unstable atoms that damage cells and DNA) in the *E. coli*.

This led to mutations in the bacterium's efflux pumps — these push toxins, including antibiotics, out of the cell. The altered pumps removed the antibiotics so rapidly that they had no chance to get to work.

"This is a common mechanism for antibiotic resistance which we have known about for 30 years," says Peter Hawkey, a Professor of clinical and public health bacteriology at the University of Birmingham. But scientists are unsure of the implications of this laboratory study.

One argument is that concentrations of the drug used in the study were much higher than those found in the real world: once in the body, the concentration of the typical 20mg adult daily fluoxetine dose is about 20 times lower than the smallest dose that caused antibi-

otic resistance in the study (5mg/l). So it's unclear whether this dose in humans would trigger bacterial mutation.

And although fluoxetine prescriptions have risen (by 50 per cent between 2005 and 2015, to 6.6 million a year in England) and the drug is found in the water supply, concentration levels in the environment are 'significantly lower' than those used in the study, says Professor Hawkey.

"There is a huge amount we don't know about antibiotic resistance and the idea that non-antibiotic prescription drugs may cause [it] is interesting," adds Dr Andrew Edwards, a Lecturer in molecular bacteriology at Imperial College London. "Laboratory studies like this are useful to understand how the process might work."

"However, this study used high concentrations of fluoxetine, so it is difficult to know whether this link would persist outside the laboratory. Patients should not change or stop taking their medication based on these results."

But antidepressants are not the first chemicals — other than antibiotics themselves — to be linked to superbugs. A study last year in the *Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy* found the common disinfectant triclosan may also contribute. It showed *E. coli* exposed to triclosan could become resistant to quinolones, antibiotics used to treat urinary and lower respiratory tract infections.

"To limit the number of drugs in the environment, no medication and particularly no antibiotics should be flushed down the loo," says Professor Hawkey. "Take unwanted medicines to a pharmacy for safe disposal."

Daily mail

Children pick up marijuana at younger age if their mothers use the drug

WHEN mom uses marijuana, children are more likely to try the drug at a younger age, a new study shows.

When mothers used cannabis during the first 12 years of a child's life, there was a 40 per cent higher likelihood the child would start using the drug earlier than peers whose moms weren't using, researchers reported in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.

On average, children whose mothers used marijuana tried it themselves an average of two years earlier than peers whose mothers didn't use the drug.

That puts those children at risk for a host of marijuana-linked problems, said lead study author Natasha Sokol, who was a doctoral student at the Harvard TH

DRUG ABUSE: Children whose mothers used marijuana try it themselves an average of two years earlier than peers whose mothers didn't use the drug, Harvard scientists found.



Chan School of Public Health when the research was done.

Children with mothers who used marijuana were at increased risk of starting to use the drug themselves before age 17. Their peers were more likely to start at 18.

The time between 16 and 18 "is a critical period of development," said Sokol, who is now at the Centre for Alcohol and Addiction Studies at the Brown University School of Public Health.

"Marijuana might be disrupting

certain aspects of brain development, including the development of the endocannabinoid system. It's been associated with depression and, in predisposed individuals, there seems to be an increased risk of the development of psychosis."

Marijuana use at this age can also affect a child's ability learn, Sokol said.

"Missing school or functioning at a lower level in school is a big deal," she said. "Especially if it's for an extended period of time."

Sokol and colleagues analysed data from participants in the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth and their biological children who signed on for the NLSY Child and Young Adults survey.

By Reuters

Wit and Wisdom

● "People are successful because they think and act like successful people."
— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

● "We all have negative thoughts now and then, but we can choose not to dwell there and not to let them control us."
— Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

● "Your beliefs affect your choices. Your choices shape your actions. Your actions determine your results. The future you create depends upon the choices you make and the actions you take today."
— Roy T. Bennett

● "You can't make yourself feel positive, but you can choose how to act, and if you choose right, it builds your confidence."
— Julien Smith, *The Flinch*

● "Dedicate yourself to what gives your life true meaning and purpose; make a positive difference in someone's life."
— Roy T. Bennett

● "To be truly positive in the eyes of some, you have to risk appearing negative in the eyes of others."
— Criss Jami, *Killosophy*

● "Stop comparing yourself to others. Always strive to improve yourself to become better today than you were yesterday to serve those around you and the world."
— Roy T. Bennett

● "Focus on making choices to lead your life that aligns with your core values in the most purposeful way possible."
— Roy T. Bennett

● "Doing something positive will help turn your mood around. When you smile, your body relaxes. When you experience human touch and interaction, it eases tension in your body."
— Simone Elkeles, *Return to Paradise*

● "Look," he said, "the point is there's no way to be a hundred percent sure about anyone or anything. So you're left with a choice. Either hope for the best, or just expect the worst." If you expect the worst, you're never disappointed," I pointed out. Yeah, but who lives like that?"
— Sarah Dessen

● "I admire those who do good and expect nothing in return."
— Roy T. Bennett

● "It is better to find your courage to make changes when you can choose to rather than being forced to. If you do not make change, change will make you."
— Roy T. Bennett

● "Be patient and open-minded in your interactions with others; find the positive attributes that they possess."
— Roy T. Bennett

● "It's hard not to feel happy when you make someone smile."
— Roy T. Bennett

● "The value of surrounding yourself with positive people is not what you get from them, but how good a person you have become because of them."
— Roy T. Bennett

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VITALS

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
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.8626	16.9214
Gold	1,201.8300	
Oil	82.6500	

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Standard Bank

Nedbank headline earnings increase to E52.2 million

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

NEDBANK'S headline earnings increased by three per cent to E52.2 million in the past financial year.

In 2017, the bank attained an income of E50.9 million, interim financial statements released yesterday show.

Deposits made to the bank also increased by five per cent to E3.9 billion. In 2017, deposits stood at E3.7 billion.

Nedbank attributed the growth in deposits to increases in wholesale banking. Loans and advances, however, regressed by six per cent to E3.2 billion. In 2017, loans and advances contributed E3.5 billion to the bank's revenue.

"The continued effects of the country's fiscal challenges, and external environment effects especially in South Africa, have also had an impact on the economy," the report states.

The bank's capital and reserves declined to E721.6 million as compared to E733.2 million as at June 30, providing a capital adequacy ratio of 25.4 per cent, which is far

higher than the statutory requirement of eight per cent.

While the country's economy remains subdued, the bank hopes to capitalise on wholesale banking in the timber, property, energy and construction sectors.

The bank also aims at leveraging on its new brand which places an emphasis on client experience and product offering.



MEETING: A section of the residents and guests following the presentations at Royal Villas yesterday morning. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

Ezulwini municipality records over E6 million surplus

By Majaha Nkonyane

EZULWINI Town Council's revenue rose to E6.9 million in the past year, marking a 15 per cent increase.

This was revealed by the council Chairperson Bongiwe Mbingo. Mbingo was speaking during a residents and stakeholders breakfast meeting that was held at Royal Villas yesterday.

"The surplus for the year stood at E6 971 526, this was an increase of 15 per cent from E6 045 850 when compared to the 2016/17 financial year," she said.

Mbingo said Ezulwini Town Council's financial position this year improved from E89 million to E99 million.

The town has been involved in different projects that have rehabilitated it.

According to Mbingo the municipality has invested a lot in infrastructural development.

"Property plant and equipment has increased from E60 million to

E65 million which is equivalent to eight per cent. The contributing factor was the upgrade of the Kunene and Lubane roads and the Mantenga phase two roads," she said.

The total project cost for Kunene and Lubane Roads was E3.6 million, whilst the Mantenga phase two road contract cost was E3 669 239.81.

"Non-Current liabilities decreased by 52 per cent from E8 550 094 to E4 510 161 since the loan of E8m which was acquired in March 2014 from Old Mutual will be paid up in February 2019.

The monthly instalment amount is E198 666 83. Current Liabilities increased by four per cent. From E5 555 748 to E5 781 101 when com-

pared to the 2016/17 Financial year.

Revenue for the year increased by nine per cent from E17 470 766 to E19 087 443 when compared to the 2016/17 financial year.

Major contributing factors include the rates increases," she said.



MY TURN: One of the residents Sanele Magagula making his remarks.

WE DID IT: Ezulwini Town Board Chairperson Bongiwe Mbingo presenting the financials.

OLD MUTUAL'S E50 BILLION BONANZA TO SHAREHOLDERS

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

FRESH from relocating its headquarters from London to Johannesburg and listing on one of the continent's biggest bourses, the JSE, Old Mutual has announced it will be disposing shares worth E50 billion to shareholders.

Old Mutual also simultaneously listed in the London, Malawi, Namibia and Zimbabwe stock exchanges when its headquarters moved to African soil.

The unbundling of shares, which will take place on October 15, is in line with Old Mutual's managed separa-

tion process, a strategy which came into effect when the company's board decided to separate its four businesses-Old Mutual Emerging Markets, Old Mutual Wealth, Nedbank Group and OM Asset Management.

Process

As part of the share distribution process, about 3.2 Nedbank shares will be distributed for every 100 Old Mutual shares. Shareholders will receive cash in respect of any fractional entitlements that arise as a result of this transaction. Old Mutual said the unbundling of Nedbank will allow investors to participate in the different investment merits of Old Mutual and Nedbank.

This, in turn, will provide a substantial return of capital to Old Mutual shareholders while supporting the efficient allocation of capital by Old Mutual through the retention of a minority stake in Nedbank.

The group currently holds approximately 52 per cent of the issued share capital of Nedbank in its shareholder funds.

After the Nedbank unbundling, the group will retain a minority interest of 19.9 per cent of the issued share capital of Nedbank in the shareholder funds of Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Old Mutual.

EEC constructing E20m depot at Elangeni

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) is constructing a E20 million depot at Elangeni which will be servicing the Ezulwini and Lobamba areas.

This was revealed by the company's Corporate Affairs Manager Sifiso Dhlamini in an interview yesterday. Dhlamini said in a bid to improve efficiency and their response time to customer queries, the depot will be up and running by the end of October.

According to Dhlamini, the new depot will house technicians who will be there to service the areas in a short space of time.

"Matters that took a longer time to attend to previously, will now be attended to a shorter time because of this depot. We are keen on ensuring that our service improves continually which will translate a good relationship between the company and our customers," he said.



DEPOT: EEC Corporate Affairs Manager Sifiso Dhlamini.

Dhlamini also said the new depot will further assist customers with quotations, payments and other queries which will be attended to by a service centre.

EEC recently announced it raked in E532 million profits in the recently concluded financial year.

The company's healthy financial posi-

tion was announced by Board Chairperson S'thofeni Ginindza in a press conference. In the previous financial year, EEC's revenue stood at E144 million, which means within a period of just one year, the company's profits ballooned by over E388 million to the E532 million.

FINWARE ENTERPRISE TO UPGRADE NDMA ACCOUNTING SOFTWARES

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

FINWARE Enterprise Systems has been awarded a E311 816.45 intention to award contract to upgrade the National Disaster Management Agency's (NDMA) pastel accounting software.

Finware beat four other tenderers with a total evaluated score of 88.2 per cent,

information published in the Swaziland Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (SPPRA) shows.

Companies

The other companies which showed an interest in this tender are AccTech Swaziland, whose total score was 75 per cent. AccTech submitted the highest bid price at E653 935.

Alnet Technologies also applied for this tender and received the third high-

est evaluation at 70 per cent. Alnet Technologies' bid price as read out was also the third highest at 70 per cent. Computronics systems attained a total evaluation of 37 per cent while this company's bid price as read out was not evaluated. Technosol Technology Solutions was the last company to submit a bid for this tender. With an overall score of 66 per cent, Technosol's bid price was not evaluated either.

DETAILS OF RECEIVED PROPOSALS

NAME	NATIONALITY	BID PRICE	SCORE
Acctech Swaziland	Swati	E653 935.00	75 per cent
Technosol Technology Solutions	Swati	Not evaluated	66 per cent
Alnet Technologies	Non Swati	E495 731 .00	70 per cent
Computronics Systems	Swati	Not evaluated	37 per cent



WELCOME: The new Spec Savers shop in Mbabane. (Pics: Majaha Nkonyane)

Spec Savers now in Eswatini

By Majaha Nkonyane

WELL-KNOWN optometry brand Spec Savers has opened its first shop in the country which is situated in the Mall in Mbabane.

The franchise is run by 33-year-old Mduduzi Souza who also owns MT Souza optometry shop in Manzini.

In an interview with the Business Desk, Souza revealed that this was not his first business. Souza said Spec Savers will be providing quality, accessible eye care. Souza decided to bring eye care services closer to the people as the nearest Spec Savers shop is in Witbank and locals had to travel that far to receive their services.

The optometry shop is also bringing to the Eswatini market leading technology in eye care.

"The optometry industry in the

... Children between six to 12 years to get free medical attention

country is not as big and we are happy to set up shop. We will be attending to children between the ages of six to 12 for free and we also have pension packages for the older generation," he said. Having started his first business at the age of 24, Souza said his experience helped in bringing the Spec Savers brand to the country. "The area of entrepreneurship needs a lot of support financially which is some of the reasons why young people are reluctant to venture into it.

This also needs for young people to take the required risk which is also an issue that holds back a lot of young people," he said.



VISIT US: Mduduzi Souza who is the Director of Spec Savers and the optometrist in their newly opened shop in Mbabane.



PERFECT: A client fitting new glasses at the newly opened shop.



HARD AT WORK: Optometrist Mduduzi Souza conducting a medical check up on a client in Mbabane.

EZULWINI MUNICIPALITY GROWING BIGGER

By Majaha Nkonyane

IN a bid to grow business activity in the Ezulwini Town Council, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in this town have been receiving training in order to appeal to both tourists and their daily customers.

This is according to Chief Executive Officer Vusumutiwendvoda Matsebula who was speaking during a residents and stakeholders' breakfast meeting held at the Royal Villas yesterday. "The Municipality continued to provide training and support to local vendors. A training programme to assist vendors to meet minimal health requirements was carried out in collaboration with the Municipal Council of Mbabane," he said.

Matsebula also said in reaching out more to the SME sector, the town board facilitated a meeting with the Ezulwini handicraft market committee during which a beautification project was proposed. The project, according to Matsebula, was sponsored by Swaki's anthropological wing, Yebo Art reach and Starpaint (Pty) Ltd.

In addition, Matsebula said the municipality now gets a lot of attention as



BIGGER: Ezulwini Town Board Clerk Vusumutiwendvoda Matsebula making his presentation during the meeting with residents and stakeholders at Royal Villas yesterday morning. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

many entities are now attracted to the town.

"There is now an increased interest in establishing self-contained 'urban villages' within Ezulwini. These are urban planning concepts which are aimed at creating humane, sustainable and mixed use urban living. They usually entail establishing schools, offices, retail outlets and healthcare centres within one development," he said.

Matsebula said there was also an

increase in the number of churches which want to be based at Ezulwini, hence the Municipality is developing a policy aimed at regulating and guiding the establishment of churches.

"We are working hard to ensure that the Ezulwini municipality is a good residential and business environment, we are doing all we can to reach out to the public as we are now more personal with communication through various communication platforms," he said.



LEADERS: Councillors Tony Sibandze, Dr Edmund Mazibuko, Darren Raw and the Chairperson Bongwiwe Mbingo.



MY VIEW: Sihle Mzileni from NDMA making his contribution at the meeting.



MAY I ASK: Cusilakhe Manana from EEC posing a question to the leadership of the Ezulwini Municipal Council during the meeting, while Sifiso Dhlamini looks on.



LISTENING: Residents following presentations of the day.

BUSINESS EXTRA

MTN tells Nigerian staff to stay at home due to strike

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's telecoms group MTN yesterday told its staff in Nigeria to stay at home after the country's main unions launched a nationwide strike to demand a higher minimum wage from the government.

Talks between the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) and the government to avert the strike broke down on Wednesday. Unions want the government to almost triple the monthly minimum wage to around 50 000 naira (\$164) from 18,000 naira.

President Muhammadu Buhari's government had vowed to review the minimum wage, particularly in the wake



of a fuel price hike and currency devaluation in the last two years both aimed at countering the effects of a plunge in global oil prices, Nigeria's economic mainstay.

Meanwhile, it was announced yesterday that Nigeria's Central Bank Governor Godwin Emefiele was optimistic the bank would resolve a dispute linked to allegations that South African telecom firm MTN moved funds out of the country illegally.

The bank month ordered MTN and its banks to bring \$8.134 billion back into the country that MTN allegedly had sent abroad in breach of foreign exchange regulations.

Reuters

Tawana secures funds lifeline

JOHANNESBURG - Lithium producer Tawana Resources, the Australian and JSE-listed entity which last week requested suspension of trading in its stock on the local bourse, has asked for an extension of the halt in trade.

"(The company) requests that the securities remain suspended from trading, pending the release of an announcement in relation to the finalisation of the proposed debt-funding package," Tawana said on Wednesday.

"The company is not aware of any reason why the voluntary suspension should not be granted, nor is it aware of any other information necessary to inform the market about the voluntary suspen-

sion," it said.

According to Australian media, Tawana has secured a \$A400million (R416.5m) funding lifeline to underpin its long-term future on the Australian Securities Exchange.

Tawana is expected to announce today that it has agreed to a \$A400m debt funding package with an Australian institutional investor, believed to be Tribeca Investment Partners.

The funding is expected to mean Tawana can pass a going concern test and that it can continue to trade.

Business Report



Anglo American non-executive directors step down

JOHANNESBURG – Anglo American announced yesterday a number of changes to the roles of its non-executive directors following the decisions of Sir Philip Hampton and Jack Thompson to step down from the board after nine years of service.

Hampton, one of UK's senior business figures, will step down from the board on December 31 while Thompson will step down at the company's annual general meeting on April 30.

A non-executive director is no longer considered independent after they have served for more than nine years under the UK's Corporate Governance Code.

Anglo American said Byron Grote, a non-executive director, will succeed Hampton as senior independent director on January 1 while he continues in his role on the audit committee.

Anne Stevens, a non-executive director, will succeed Hampton and chair the remuneration committee



AngloAmerican

on January 1 while non-executive director Ian Ashby will succeed Jack Thompson on the sustain-

ability committee on April 30. Chairman Stuart Chambers thanked Hampton and Thompson for their

professionalism and dedication during their nine years on the board. ANA

SA KEEPS 30% BLACK OWNERSHIP TARGET IN MINING CHARTER

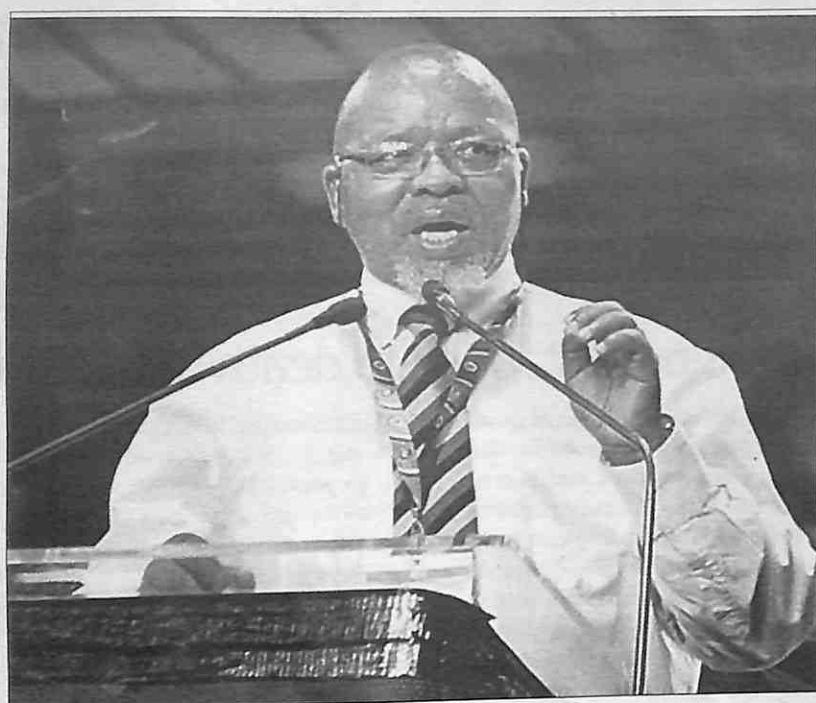
PRETORIA – SA's new mining charter will require holders of mining rights to raise the level of black ownership to at least 30 per cent from 26 per cent within five years, Resources Minister Gwede Mantashe said yesterday.

The charter is part of an affirmative action drive that aims to reverse decades of black exclusion from the mainstream economy.

Agreeing a new version of the charter is crucial to securing further investment in the mining industry in the world's top platinum producer and bolstering President Cyril Ramaphosa's pledge to revitalise the economy.

The third version of the charter, which sets out required levels on black ownership and other targets for mining companies, has been delayed for years amid wrangling with the industry in decline.

Mantashe, speaking to journalists, said at least 20 per cent of the 30 per cent stake of black ownership would be in the hands of businesspeople with the other 10 per cent being



STRESSES A POINT: Resources Minister Gwede Mantashe.

granted free to communities and qualifying employees.

The 30 per cent target was widely expected as it had been in drafts

of the third charter but investors and the industry were waiting for the final breakdown.

–Reuters

Africa-focused Grit plans to grow value of its portfolio by 19 %

PRETORIA – Grit, the listed Africa-focused income distribution group that in July listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange, plans to grow the value of its portfolio by 19 per cent in its 2019 financial year.

Post its year-end to June, the value of Grit's portfolio increased by 41.1 per cent to \$696.8 million (R10.01 billion) from \$490.4m following the successful acquisition of interests in several office assets in Accra in Ghana and the conclusion of the acquisition of Acacia Estate, a corporate accommodation asset leased to an embassy in Maputo in Mozambique.

But subject to the conclusion of anticipated pipeline transactions, Grit said yesterday that it was targeting a portfolio value of \$829.5m for its 2019 financial year.

Grit reported a dividend a share to \$0.1219 in the year to June from \$0.1207 in the previous year, which based on the last issue price represented an 8.5 per cent annualised dividend return.

Bronwyn Corbett, the chief executive and founder member of Grit, said this was Grit's ninth consecutive dividend in line with guidance.

Corbett added that the perception around property investment on the continent outside of South Africa was continuously gaining positive momentum both internationally and on the JSE.

European Public Real Estate

Association (Epra) net asset value a share, a measure of the fair value of net assets assuming a normal investment property company business model, increased by 6 per cent to \$1.457 from \$1.374.

Corbett added that Grit planned in due course to seek a conversion to a "premium listing" on the London Stock Exchange.

Grit significantly diversified its shareholder base following its listing on the London Stock Exchange in which it raised \$132.2m.

Proceeds

The proceeds of the capital raised were primarily deployed towards Grit's acquisition pipeline in Ghana and Mozambique.

Corbett said Grit's entry into Ghana further diversified the regional exposure of its portfolio and the additional economies of scale allowed it to significantly reduce operating costs. She said Grit also mitigated its euro exposure by decreasing its net euro position through refinancing the group debt facilities in euro.

Corbett said this not only provided a hedge to Grit's euro income generating assets but also lowered the average cost of debt.

"The additional transparency and benchmarking against Epra reporting guidelines as a result of the London listing has significantly raised our profile internationally, allowing us to introduce several large, long-term international shareholders to the company," she added.

Business Report

Sibanye appoints Ernst, Young as new external auditors

JOHANNESBURG – Sibanye-Stillwater on Wednesday announced that it has appointed Ernst & Young South Africa (EY) as its new external auditors, with Lance Ian Neame Tomlinson as the designated audit partner for the financial year ending December 31, 2019.

In May, Sibanye announced that it would not reappoint KPMG as the company's auditor but would select a "new independent external" auditing firm following the ongoing and more recent developments at the troubled VSB Bank which KPMG audited. ANA

Household debt level to income ratio rises

JOHANNESBURG – Data released by the South African Reserve Bank (Sarb) in its quarterly review showed that the household debt level to disposable income ratio rose slightly to 71.3 per cent in the second quarter from 70.9 per cent in the first quarter as disposable income fell faster than household consumption expenditure.

The good news from a personal finance point of view was that the money spent on financing the debt was steady at 9 per cent of disposable income, in part thanks to the 25 basis points cut in the repo rate to 6.5 per cent announced by the Sarb in March.

The bad news is that the average overdraft rate charged by commercial banks only dropped by 19 basis points between March and July,

which is the latest available data.

Since the Sarb's first cut by 25 basis points in July 2017, the average overdraft rate has only been reduced by 29 basis points, so banks have passed on only 5 per cent of the 50 basis points cut since July 2017.

Expenditure

Real final household consumption expenditure contracted by 1 per cent on a quarter-on-quarter seasonally adjusted annualised basis in the second quarter after a 0.9 per cent rise in the first quarter, while disposable income fell by 1.3 per cent in the second quarter following a 1 per cent rise in the first quarter. In 2017, consumption rose by 2.2 per cent, while income jumped by 2.8 per cent, and in 2016 spending increased by 0.7 per cent, com-

pared with a 1.9 per cent gain in disposable income. This meant that the personal saving rate became positive in 2017 for the first time since 2005 at 0.3 per cent. This thrift ethic continued into the second quarter, with the savings ratio rising to 0.4 per cent from 0.3 per cent.

The Sarb said household spending was also suppressed by diminishing wealth effects in the first eight months of 2018, as the FTSE/JSE All Share Index trended gradually lower amid heightened volatility driven by increased risk aversion towards emerging market economies, together with weak domestic economic activity and policy uncertainty, particularly regarding land expropriation without compensation.

A recovery in household spend-

ing and income is expected in the third quarter due to a round of above-inflation wage increases that became effective from July.

According to Andrew Levy Employment Publications, the average wage settlement rate in collective bargaining agreements was 7.3 per cent in the first half of 2018, compared with 7.8 per cent in the same period in 2017.

The better employment and wage prospects in the third quarter are to a certain extent already reflected in the instalment sale credit and leasing finance data.

This credit category is predominantly used to finance purchases of new and used vehicles by the household sector and this category increased by R5.3 billion in the second quarter of 2018, compared with a R4.1 billion gain in the first quarter.

Personal Finance



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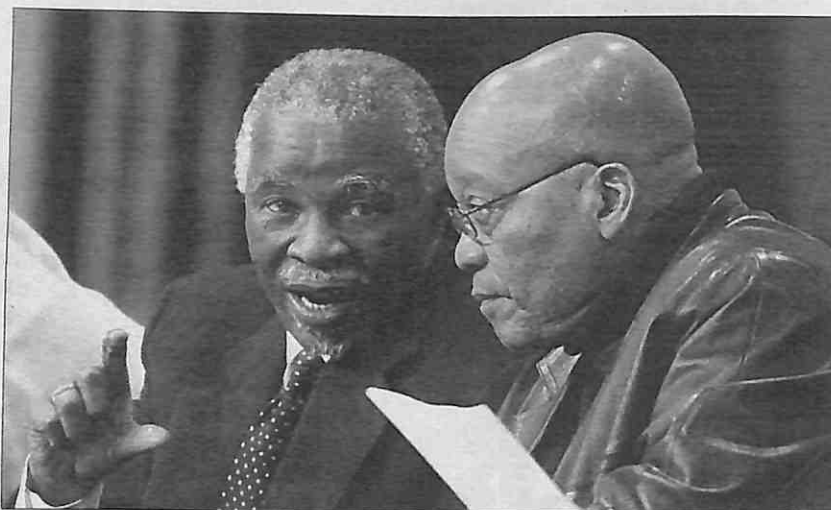
'MBEKI WENT OVERBOARD BY CRITICISING JACOB ZUMA'

JOHANNESBURG - The ANC in KwaZulu-Natal has accused former president Thabo Mbeki of going overboard by criticising his successor, Jacob Zuma, for calling "black people" to unite to obtain a two-thirds majority in Parliament to amend the Constitution to allow for land expropriation without compensation.

Briefing the media in Durban on Wednesday, ANC Provincial Secretary Mdmiseni Ntuli said after reading Mbeki's 30-page paper on the land question, he felt that "the former president of the ANC went overboard in terms of how he characterised the former president of the ANC".

"I have read the article purported to have been written by him [Thabo Mbeki], very critical about the ANC position on the land question. And to some extent as I was reading I felt that the former president of the ANC went overboard in terms of how he characterised the former president of the ANC," said Ntuli.

"Now what we are taught in the movement by engaging others is that the leadership of the ANC should avoid the temptation to cast aspersions on those who



OVERBOARD: Thabo Mbeki and Jacob Zuma.

led before you. When I read that reflection on the land question, radical economic transformation, the trajectory of our country, I felt that Thabo Mbeki was not only doing what he should have done, which is to intervene intellectually to analyse our reality and produce some suggestions.

"But he was also somehow directly questioning the understanding of the for-

mer president and his predecessor of the ANC and the trajectory the ANC has been pursuing over the past 106 years in terms of the national question."

Ntuli said he did not think that Mbeki's weighing in on the sensitive land question should have been done the way it was, let alone finding its way into the public domain.

Times Live

'I was not appointed to protect anyone'

JOHANNESBURG - Former national director of public prosecutions (NDPP) Shaun Abrahams has responded to revelations that Bosasa CEO Gavin Watson planned to lobby former president Jacob Zuma over the appointment of a National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) boss.

Abrahams denied ever discussing the Bosasa matter with Zuma and explained he put his prosecutors under intense pressure to finalise the matter.

He further denied that he was appointed to protect any NPA official.

News24 on Wednesday revealed the contents of a secret recording of a meeting between Bosasa CEO Gavin Watson, former Bosasa chief operations officer Angelo Agrizzi and former correctional services commissioner Linda Mti on May 8, 2015.

Watson is captured on the recording discussing his plans to speak with Zuma about the appointment of an NDPP and how Bosasa was a victim of an elaborate plot by the

media and anti-ANC elements to discredit them.

He refers to a planned meeting with Zuma after the former president returned from Russia. Zuma was in Russia on May 8 and 9, 2015.

Zuma appointed Abrahams as NDPP in June 2015.

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) found in 2009 that Bosasa, now named African Global Operations, allegedly paid bribes to Mti and correctional services chief financial officer Patrick Gillingham in exchange for tenders worth more than R1.5bn, from catering to fencing, at prisons around the country.

This report was handed to the NPA in 2010 and a Hawks investigation was launched around the same time. To date, no charges have been brought.

Abrahams and the NPA, in an official response to questions, have laid the blame for the nearly decade-long delay on the Hawks and their failure to ensure the finalisation of a forensic report.

News24



STRESSES A POINT: Mmusi Maimane in an interview.

'Cyril Ramaphosa must come clean at state capture inquiry'

PRESIDENT Cyril Ramaphosa should "come clean and account" by testifying at the Zondo commission of inquiry into state capture, as he was part of government dealing with state-owned enterprises.

Democratic Alliance leader Mmusi Maimane yesterday reiterated the party's call for Ramaphosa to take the stand at the commission currently sitting in Parktown, Johannesburg.

Speaking outside the venue, Maimane said: "It ought to be accountable: Magashule, Ramaphosa and the whole leadership that sat and tried to convince the banks not to shut down the accounts of the Gupta."

"When Ramaphosa was the

chair of the inter-ministerial committee on state-owned enterprises, he would have known the boards [of the companies]. He would have exercised the ANC deployment committee. Now to suddenly wash themselves clean as if this was Jacob Zuma, and the ANC has nothing to do with it, is misleading the people of South Africa. "If we want to eradicate state capture, let's deal with the ANC. Let them come here [and give evidence]. If we need to appear ourselves, I will come and give evidence."

Maimane accused the ANC of being at the heart of state capture and making the act its own policy.

Time Live

Grade 8 pupil stabbed to death outside Northern Cape school

KIMBERLEY - A Grade Eight pupil at Richmond High School in the Northern Cape has been stabbed to death, allegedly by another pupil at the school, while attending catch-up classes.

Northern Cape Department of Education spokesperson, Geoffrey van der Merwe, said on Wednesday that the department was shocked and saddened by the tragic event, which happened on Monday outside the Richmond High School premises.

He confirmed that the incident involved two Grade Eight pupils, both of whom were 15 years old.

"The one pupil stabbed his fellow classmate with a knife and the boy died on the scene."

According to Van der Merwe, the school had arranged a special class for the Grade Eight pupils to give them an opportunity to complete their technology assignments.

"They were supposed to report for the class at 11am but some of the pupils in

the grade, including these two boys, arrived about an hour late. As a result, the teachers were busy inside with the assignment and did not witness the fight that broke out. By the time they realised what was happening, it was already too late. The boy died on the scene in the arms of the teacher."

According to Van der Merwe, the other boy had been issued with a suspension letter and appeared in court on Tuesday and the case was postponed to next week. *Diamond Fields Advertiser*

Toilet topples over, trapping woman inside

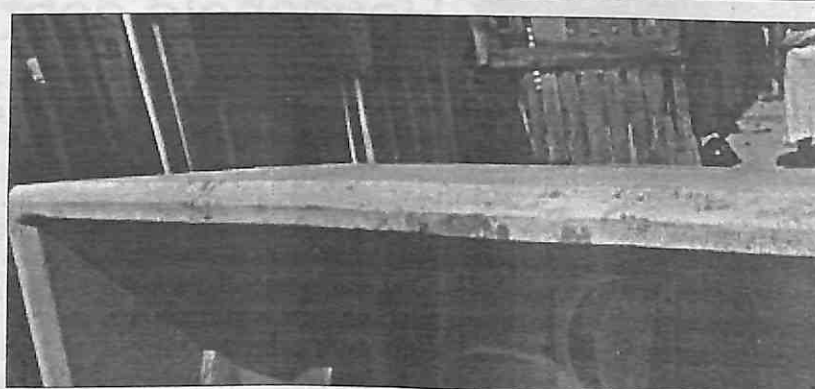
CAPE TOWN - A concrete public toilet in a Cape Town informal settlement fell over while a resident was using it.

"I screamed for dear life," said Vuyiswa Nofuma. The resident of Taiwan informal settlement was trapped in a toilet when the concrete structure toppled over on Monday morning with her inside.

"The toilet had fallen face down leaving me trapped. Luckily, there were some neighbours sitting nearby drinking. They heard me, saw the toilet, and quickly fetched spades to dig around the toilet in order to turn the toilet to its side and get me out," she said.

Nofuma says she has been using the flush toilet, which is a few metres from her home, for five years.

"When the toilet fell I landed on my left arm, hurting my shoulder, and the toilet pot broke falling on my leg. I had



seen that it was not properly attached to the ground, but I had no idea that it was completely loose. When I was done and turned around to flush, I felt it tipping over. I tried holding on, but couldn't. I crouched, covering my face and head with my arms and hands."

Community leader Thandi Jolingana said, "Most of the toilets that we use

here are unstable and are not pinned properly to the ground. We have reported this to the city of Cape Town since last year, along with toilets that leak or that are broken. But it seems that our reports go unheard because the toilets have not been fixed yet. Even cleaning them, we have to do that ourselves.

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2 DAYS TO GO!

ESWATINI

On the 1st of September 2018 the Ministry of commerce, industry and trade made a call for entries into the Eswatini quality awards programme. The call for entries has been backed up by the Ministry conducting sensitisation workshops to industry to participate. Participation is free and enterprises that are a legal entity in the kingdom of Eswatini are eligible to enter. It is open to public and private enterprises in the large and micro, small and medium enterprises as well as conformity assessment bodies (laboratories, inspection bodies and certification bodies)

QUALITY

AWARDS

2018

CATEGORIES

The awards programme has 6 categories;

Category One: Eswatini Organization of the Year

Category Two: Eswatini Product of the Year

Category Three: Eswatini Service of the Year

Category Four: Eswatini Exporter of the Year

Category Five: Eswatini Ambassador / Individual of the Year

Category Six: Eswatini Conformity Assessment Body of the Year



Countdown to Entries Submission Deadline

Deadline is on the 30th September 2018 BY 12 MIDNIGHT for electronic submission and Friday, 28th September 2018 for those submitting hard copy documents.

SUBMISSION Submission is to be made to either of the following address:

Physical Address: Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade, Regulatory and Quality Infrastructure Development (RQID) Department
DPMs Office Complex, Gwamile Street, Mbabane

CONTACTS: Postal Address: P.O. Box 451, Mbabane, Swaziland

TELEPHONE: +268 24047509/10

EMAIL: rqid@swazi.net, dlamini.phindile39@gmail.com, sybilsthembis02000@gmail.com



Eswatini Quality Awards

BRIEFS

Madagascar bans presidential vote opinion poll

MADAGASCAR - Madagascar's government faced a backlash on Wednesday after it moved to have the publication of an opinion poll ahead of presidential elections cancelled, claiming it was protecting "public order". The survey, commissioned by the German Friedrich Ebert foundation, canvassed voting intentions ahead of the first round of presidential voting on November 7 and was due to be published by current affairs magazine Politika. A run-off round of polling will be held on December 19 if there is no outright winner in the first ballot. **AFP**

Sierra Leone expels 38 Chinese

SIERRA LEONE - Sierra Leone is to deport 38 Chinese for alleged involvement in illicit gold mining and child labour, officials said. "The Chinese are accused of involvement in illicit mining causing environmental degradation and child labour," police spokesman Brima Kamara said. Men, girls and boys were subjected to inhumane working conditions, including working in tunnels, Kamara said. "The Chinese nationals will be deported next month," an official at the Sierra Leone Immigration department. **AFP**

8 Burkina Faso soldiers killed

OUAGADOUGOU

Burkina Faso's government says eight soldiers are dead after their vehicle hit an explosive device in Soum province. President Roch Marc Christian Kabore



condemned Wednesday's attack that occurred between Baraboule and Djibo in the Sahel region. This raises the death toll of security forces to 11 since Sunday.

Kabore says the attacks would not affect the country's determination to defend itself and establish peace and security.

The once-peaceful West African nation now faces deadly extremist attacks in its capital, Ouagadougou, the Sahel region and more recently its forested east. **Associated Press**

Pro-democracy activists jailed ahead of DRC vote

KINSHASA - Four pro-democracy activists in DR Congo have been sentenced to 12 months behind bars for insulting the president and another seven are being held in secret detention, their lawyers told **AFP**.

The four were arrested in late December as they were going from house to house, urging people to join a march organised by the Catholic church to demand President Joseph Kabila step down."

The Magistrates Court on Tuesday sentenced four activists from the Filimbi movement to 12 months' jail for insulting the head of state," their lawyer Jacquemain Shabani told **AFP**.

S Sudan death toll at almost 400 000

SOUTH SUDAN - The latest death toll estimates are far higher than previous versions and more than the conflict in Syria, according to a new study.

South Sudan's civil war has caused the deaths of at least 382 900 people far higher than previous estimates and more than the conflict in Syria, according to a new study. **AFP**



MELANIA TRUMP TO PROMOTE CHILD WELFARE IN GHANA, MALAWI, KENYA, EGYPT

WASHINGTON - Melania Trump plans to emphasise child welfare in Ghana, Malawi, Kenya and Egypt in October on her first extended solo international mission.

The trip will also be the first ever to the vast African continent by America's Slovenia-born first lady.

She discussed the trip on Wednesday at a reception for the spouses of foreign leaders and others participating in the annual UN General Assembly.

"October 1 will mark the first day of my solo visit to four beautiful and very different countries in Africa," Mrs Trump said during brief remarks to several dozen guests attending the event near the UN headquarters.

She said she looks forward to spreading the message of her "Be Best" child-welfare initiative. She launched the campaign in May to focus on overall child well-being, with an emphasis on opioid addiction and online behaviour. The countries on her itinerary work closely with the



COMING: Melania Trump.

US Agency for International Development, which is helping organise the trip, she said.

Bullying

"Whether it is education, drug addiction, hunger, online safety or bullying, poverty or disease, it is too often children who are hit first, and hardest, across the globe," Mrs Trump

said.

"Each of us hails from a country with its own unique challenges, but I know in my heart we are united by our commitment to raising the next generation to be happy, healthy and morally responsible adults."

She offered no details on her activities in each country during the trip,

which spans the first week of October.

The first ladies of Ghana, Malawi and Kenya attended the event and Mrs Trump recognised each one individually. The first lady of Kenya accompanied President Uhuru Kenyatta to the White House in August and she and Mrs Trump met separately from their spouses.

Mark Green, Chief of the International Development Agency, said its maternal and child health programmes have helped save the lives of 4.6 million children worldwide, most of them in sub-Saharan Africa.

The agency also works on increasing young people's access to education. He said African primary school enrollment rates increased from 61 per cent to 79 per cent between 2000 and 2014. "That excites the recovering teacher in me very, very much," quipped Green, who spoke before Mrs. Trump. Green was a volunteer teacher in Kenya before he was elected to represent Wisconsin in the House and served as US ambassador to Tanzania. **AP**

Monk's death in Egyptian desert monastery under investigation

CAIRO - Egypt's Coptic church said Wednesday that prosecutors are investigating the death of a monk who had until recently served in a monastery northwest of Cairo where the abbot was killed in July.

In a brief statement, the Coptic Orthodox Church said the cause of monk Zeinoun al-Maqari's death, at the al-Muharraq monastery in southern Egypt, remained unknown.

It said he was transferred there following the July death of Bishop Epiphanius, abbot of St. Macarius monastery.

Publicised

That suggested Zeinoun may have been involved in a now-publicised disciplinary dispute between Epiphanius and several monks at St. Macarius.

Epiphanius' killing has shaken Egypt's Coptic Orthodox Church, one of the oldest Christian communities in the world, and

opened a window onto its cloistered world. The church introduced monasticism to the faith, but its monastic desert traditions had largely vanished before being revived over the past century.

The July killing took on added significance because two monks — one of whom was defrocked — are the main suspects. Both are on trial for the killing of the abbot. **AP**

Mozambique fails to probe rights abuses - UN

MAPUTO - The United Nations criticised Mozambique in a letter seen by **AFP** on Wednesday for failing to take action following attacks on a dozen rights activists and reporters critical of the government since 2015.

The United Nations Human Rights Commission said it was "concerned at the threats and aggression" faced by "journalists and human rights defenders" opposed to the government.

The letter, dated April 24, singled out the case of media commentator Ericino de Salema, who in March was bundled by gunmen into a vehicle outside

the offices of the Mozambican Union of Journalists in Maputo.

Two hours later, he was dumped on the outskirts of the city with a broken arm, fractured legs and severe bruising.

"(The attacks) appear to be related to the expression of their political opinion and criticism of the government," added the letter signed by David Kaye, the special rapporteur on freedom of expression and Michel Forst, the special rapporteur on human rights defenders.

The United Nations, through its Human Rights Commission, had given Maputo 60 days to respond to inquiries about what

action was being taken to combat rights abuses - but officials did not respond.

"We express concern at the broader chilling effect this has on the exercise of the right to freedom of expression in Mozambique," said the letter.

The effect on the "media, civil society organisations, human rights defenders and in general those voicing dissent" was particularly serious, it added.

In addition to De Salema's case, the UN missive warned that more than 10 other prominent individuals had been harassed, attacked or killed for their work. **AFP**



DIFFERENT: Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

Mnangagwa leaves out Mugabe's venom at UN

IT was a very different Zimbabwe speech at this year's UN gathering of world leaders after the fall last year of Robert Mugabe, long the source of tirades against Western powers.

New President Emmerson Mnangagwa was a former Mugabe enforcer, but he now styles himself as a reformer and says his country looks forward to playing a role as a "responsible member of the family of nations".

Mnangagwa did briefly call on Wednesday for the immediate, unconditional removal of "continued illegal sanctions" as he badly needs foreign investment in Zimbabwe's long-collapsed economy. He himself remains a target of US sanctions for alleged rights abuses.

But while the now-ousted Mugabe could be counted on every year for an acid blast at the US and others over perceived meddling, Mnangagwa stuck to the earnest language of "peace, unity and tolerance" as he insisted Zimbabwe is "open for business". **AP**

World News

BRIEFS

Parents of missing students urge Lopez to act

MEXICO - Parents of 43 students who went missing in Mexico in 2014 urged president-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador to unravel the unsolved crime on Wednesday, the anniversary of the suspected massacre. Four years on, the disappearance of the students from the Ayotzinapa teachers' college in the southern state of Guerrero still haunts Mexico. It has become a symbol of the gruesome violence rocking the country, and of the problem many experts say is driving it: the murky links between powerful drug cartels and corrupt officials. **AFP**

Entirely possible' to be a mum and a leader

NEW ZEALAND - Jacinda Ardern knows all about juggling her role as a mother with the requirements of her job. The prime minister of New Zealand has brought her infant daughter to the United Nations' annual gathering of world leaders. Mother and daughter have been spotted together inside the assembly hall. She says she's a breastfeeding mother a ning my role as a mum and also as a leader and it is entirely possible to do both," Arden said on Wednesday. **AP**

China executes man who stabbed children

CHINA - Zhao Zewei had told police he had been 'bullied' when he attended the school as a child. A man whose brutal knife attack left nine school children dead and injured 12 others was executed in China yesterday. Zhao Zewei was sentenced to death in July for the massacre reportedly motivated by a grudge against the school in northern Shaanxi province, which he had attended as a child.



The defendant "intentionally deprived others of their lives," the court that handed down the decision said in a statement on its official social media account. **AFP**

Pope asks China for trust, courage, farsightedness

ITALY - Pope Francis on Wednesday asked the Chinese government to move ahead with "trust, courage and farsightedness" to continue a dialogue started when the Vatican and Beijing signed a landmark agreement on the appointment of bishops. In a message to Chinese Catholics, Francis also said that while they should be good citizens, they will not shrink from offering "a word of criticism" when necessary to defend human dignity. The deal, which was in the making for more than 10 years and signed last Saturday in Beijing, gives the Vatican a long-desired say in the choice of bishops in China, though critics labelled the deal a sellout to the Communist government.

Reuters

Argentina gets \$57 billion

ARGENTINA - The International Monetary Fund doubled down on Argentina, expanding a record-breaking bailout for a country that has slid into recession as it struggles to stem a currency rout. Argentina's credit line will increase to about \$57bn from the \$50bn announced in June, Economy Minister Nicolas Dujovne said at a press conference with IMF chief Christine Lagarde in New York on Wednesday. **Bloomberg**

'Heads of state were laughing with me, not at me'

NEW YORK - No one laughs at Donald Trump.

The president on Wednesday dismissed as 'fake news' reports that world leaders laughed at him in the opening moments of his speech to a session of the UN General Assembly.

"They weren't laughing at me. They were laughing with me," he declared at a news conference Wednesday, the day after counterparts from around the globe audibly laughed as he began the highly anticipated address by reciting U.S. economic gains under his watch.

"We had fun. That was not laughing at me," he said. "So the fake news said people laughed at President Trump. They didn't laugh at me. People had a good time with me. We were doing it together. We had a good time. They respect what I've done." Trump opened Tuesday's speech by describing the American economy as "booming like never before."

He also claimed his administration had accomplished more in less than two years than any predecessor had by this same point in their terms. **AP**



NO ONE LAUGHS AT ME: US President Donald Trump.

Trump laments #MeToo as very dangerous for powerful men

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump on Wednesday placed himself at the centre of the anguished national debate over sexual assault, suggesting in his defence of embattled Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh that the #MeToo movement was "very dangerous" and unfairly threatened an entire class of powerful men.

Trump's expansive argument cast doubt on the credibility not only of the three women who have accused Kavanaugh of sexual assault, but also on scores of other women who have claimed sexual abuse by prominent men, including the president himself.

In his defiant rush to rescue Kavanaugh's nomination, Trump

effectively sought to draw a line in the sand against the growing number of allegations that have felled male authority figures in politics, the media and business - including many, Trump acknowledged, who have been his friends.

Dangerous

"When you are guilty until proven innocent, it's just not supposed to be that way," Trump told reporters. "That's a very dangerous standard for the country."

During a freewheeling, 81-minute news conference Wednesday in New York, Trump was asked whether the sexual assault or harassment brought against him by more than a dozen women - claims he denies - influenced his thinking about the Kavanaugh's accusers.

"Absolutely," Trump said.

"I've had a lot of false charges made against me, really false charges," he added.

"I know friends that have had false charges.

People want fame. They want money.

They want whatever. So when I see it, I view it differently than somebody sitting home watching television, where they say, 'Oh, Judge Kavanaugh this or that.' It's happened to me many times."

Trump appointed himself the judge's principal character for the case witness and moved to personally navigate one of the most acute crises of his presidency.

The president said he stood by Kavanaugh, but also left open the

The disclosure, uncovered by investigative journalist organisation Bellingcat in conjunction with The Telegraph, exposes as lies Putin's claims that the Skripals' would-be killers were innocent 'civilians'.

Col Chepiga and a second GRU spy, who used the name Alexander Petrov, were charged over the March poisonings by the Crown Prosecution Service, but later appeared on Kremlin-funded news channel RT to reveal their bizarre cover story.

Calling themselves tourists, they said they were only wan-

dering around Salisbury after failing to get to Stonehenge because of snow, and stumbled on the Skripals' house - as shown on CCTV - because they were looking for Salisbury Cathedral, which has a 400ft spire and is 25 minutes in the other direction.

The pair also refused to say why they booked into an east London hotel 127 miles away - or why it contained traces of Novichok - and failed to explain why they appeared to have no luggage when they hastily travelled home to Russia.

Daily Mail

India's top court decriminalises adultery

NEW DELHI - India's top court yesterday ruled that adultery is no longer a crime, declaring a colonial-era law that punished the offence with jail time unconstitutional and discriminatory against women.

The more than century-old law prescribed that any man who slept with a married woman without her husband's permission had committed adultery, a crime carrying a five-year prison term.

"Thinking of adultery from a point of view of criminality is a retrograde step," unanimously declared the five-judge bench of the Supreme Court.

Liability

Women could not file a complaint under the archaic law nor be held liable for adultery themselves, making it solely the realm of men.

The court said the law deprived women of dignity and individual choice, and treated them

as the property of men.

It also said that adultery, while valid grounds for divorce, was a private matter.

The court upheld the legality of the crime in 1954, arguing that in adultery "it is commonly accepted that it is the man who is the seducer, and not the women".

A petitioner had challenged the law earlier this year, describing it as discriminatory.

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Eswatini Entertainment

STEPPING OUT

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SPRING BASH GALORE WEEKEND

TSHWANE Gospel Choir, Mgarimbe and Emtee will be making you and yours dance this weekend. On another note; it's a spring bash galore weekend. SwaziBoy will be hosting their spring bash and so will rapper Illa Pen Boy as well as the Kool Swazi Entertainment crew. Get out, have some fun as we bask in the pleasure of welcoming the spring season.



HIBIRI: Mgarimbe.

TONIGHT

PIGGS PEAK SPRING BASH WITH MGARIMBE

Where: Gobolondlo Hall

Time: 6pm

SA's Mgarimbe will be doing it again this weekend in Piggs Peak. He will be hosted by Kool Swazi Entertainment. On the decks will be DJs Supa CDQ, Njebza, Zulu D and MBO.

Presale tickets cost E50, at the gate E70.

TSHWANE GOSPEL CHOIR LIVE IN ESWATINI

Where: Mbabane Alliance Church

Time: 6:30pm

Umvini presents Tshwane Gospel Choir Live in Eswatini.

The choir will be featuring the eventual winner from the top 14 contestants that were recruited during the recent auditions. Shongwe and Khuphuka Saved Group will also be there. Early bird tickets are retailing at E150, E200 at the door.

SIBUSISO MASH MASHILOANE LIVE

Where: Jazz Gallery (Eswatini Theatre Club)

Time: 7:30pm

Award winning jazz musician Mash will be performing his new album 'Closer to home' tonight. Entry is E150.

His CD will also be on sale.

SUNDAY

MANZINI CHOIR CONCERT

Where: Swedish Free Church (Opp VOC)

Time: 2pm

One of the oldest serving choral music ensembles Manzini Choir will be hosting their concert. Expect to hear more of the choir's music and also be ready to have a chilled Sunday afternoon listening to good music. Tickets cost E50.



COMING: Emtee.

TOMORROW

SWAZIBOY SPRING BASH

Where: Esibayeni lodge (Ronde Vu)

Time: 3pm

One of the biggest entertainment stables in the country SwaziBoy will be hosting the annual Spring Bash headlining Emtee.

The South African rapper will be supported by his stable mates and local acts Newiki Flex, Crax and spinners; DJ 1D, Crooks, Fantasy, Lungsta, tempt and Supa CDQ.

Dress code is floral for women and for men its shorts and vests.

SISTERHOOD MENTORSHIP SEMINAR

Where: Happy Valley Hotel

Time: Noon

Palsam Life Consultancy presents 'Sisterhood seminar' featuring phenomenal women such as Nobandile 'Bandy k' Gwebu, Nthabiseng Khoza also known as Jewlcoza and Geiniwe Fakudze. This seminar is for young school girls between ages 16 years to 21 only. The programme director will be Leendor M and there will also be a meet and greet session with South African actress Sindi Dlamini. Tickets cost E150.

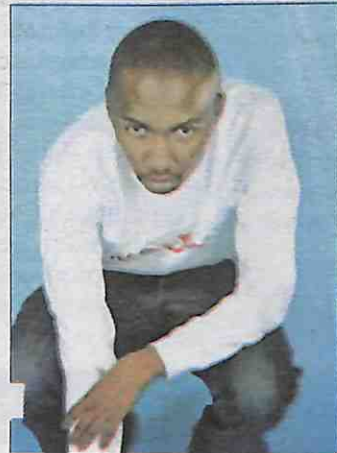
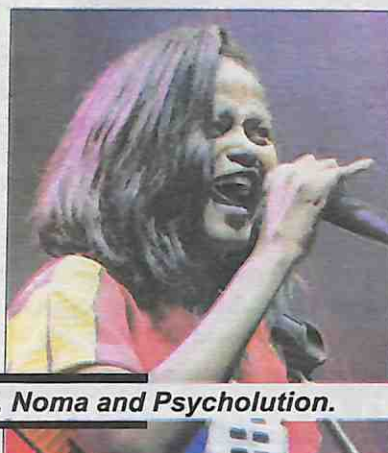
POWER-CLIQUE OFFICIAL LAUNCH
Where: Happy Valley



WOMANDLA: Sindi Dlamini.



MUSICIANS: Mozaik, Noma and Psycholution.



Hotel
Time: 7pm
Lindelo Dlamini will be officially launching PowerClique.

The keynote address will be done by South African actress Sindi Dlamini.

Other speakers will be Lindokuhle Mhlanga, Khosi Mhlanga, Princess Thwala, Indian Consular to Eswatini Mona Ashraff.

The programme director will be Phila Ph.D Dlamini.

This dinner is for women from age 21 and above.

Tickets cost E350 inclusive of a three course meal.

ULTIMATE SPIT BRAAI

Where: Malkerns Country Club

Time: Noon

The Ultimate

Spit Braai event is hosted by House of BBQ in partnership with Malkerns Rotary Club. Our support companies include; Ekaya Kusekhaya, Premier Swazi, Elcor Industries, KhuxStudios, Dixies.

There will be a kids corner with jumping castles, face painting, sack racing and many more kids games.

Performances will be rendered by Mozaik Nomalungelo, Tayo, Lindelwa, Czar, Makie, Sikelele, Deenox, Sabeloog, Master P, Zulu D, Cybos, Hloks and Khosi both from South Africa.

Ticket prices are as follows; children E20 Presale E30 at the gate, adults general E60 and E80 at the gate whilst VIP is E200 and E250 at the Gate. VIP ticket holders will be given an exclusive sitting area and served with food (Our spit braai meat which include Bush Pig, Tiger Fish, Rabbit, and Impala.

HIP HOP HEAVYWEIGHTS

Where: Eswatini Theatre Club

Time: 6pm

Heavyweights indeed; King Terry, Psycholution, MP, Lyrikal Busta and the versatile wordsmith Qibho Intalektual will take you to heaven with their rapping skills. On the decks will be DJ Supa CDQ. Entry is E50.

COMPENSATION AIRSHOW

Where: KM III International Airport

Time: Noon

Rocking the Runway Once Again the Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority (SWACAA) and Skymax Aviation Solutions will host a compensation Airshow that was promised to the spectators who attended the 2018 Eswatini Airshow to make up for the previous one that didn't have a good turnout. Teams that have confirmed attendance include Good Year Eagles team of three aircrafts including solo display, Neville Ferreira team of three aircrafts, Raptors team of three aircrafts, Conrad which is a solo display, Sky divers South African team of four and many more aerial excitements. Helicopter flips; Joy Rides will also be provided on the day. Entry is free.

SPRING COOLERBOX PARTY

Where: Emfuleni Lifestyle

Time: Noon

Illia Pen Boy is at it again, hosting the spring coolerbox party at Emfuleni Lifestyle tomorrow. There will be surprise performances. Entry is E80 at the gate.

THE CERAMIC ART EXHIBITION

Where: Yebo Art Gallery

Time: 10am

The Ceramic Art Exhibition featuring work by Sicelo Masuku and Pete Armstrong ends this week. There will be a fascinating talk by the two artists on the history of clay and pottery in Eswatini from traditional use and methods to current designs.

The talk is at 11.30 am this Saturday, show is open from 10 - 4pm. Entrance to exhibition and talks is free.

HMCSC CONCERT

Where: Correctional Services (Matsapha)

Time: 6pm

His Majesty's Correctional Services Choir will host their concert tomorrow. Entry is E50.

MINERVA GOES RURAL

Where: Malandzela Primary and Secondary School in Eluvinjelweni

Time: Noon

Minerva presents EUnited Arts of Eswatini third edition, the aim for this edition is to take the music and its arts in the places where the young authentic Swazi folk spirit is born, in rural places. The music show is a programme funded by the European Union. The event is made possible by supporting organisations such as Alliance Francaise De Mbabane and the regional education office on formal mandate of the Ministry of education. Artists that will perform on the day include Cleopatra, Zakhele Ginindza, Bheki Nhleko, Musawenkosi Zikalala and Wandile DeeJay.

1st GLORY GOSPEL MUSIC LIFESTYLE FESTIVAL NEXT MONTH

By Nokwanda Sibandze

A brand new gospel experience for all gospel fanatics, the Glory Gospel Music Lifestyle Festival coming on October 13 at Mavuso Trade Centre will bring a number of Gospel activities for everyone.

This is a family event made for all age groups. From gospel music to a Christian workshop this event was made to cater for everyone.

Artist for the day include Ncandweni Christ Ambassador, Ndawonye, Shongwe and Khuphuka Saved Group, Pastor Chris Shabangu, Thuli Keledi, Fakazi Mamba and many others.

"The event begins at 9am where there will be family games and exhibitions, the music show will begin at 6pm.

Activities

All activities will be free as long as you have the entry ticket," said Sindi Mamba of Tintswalo Concepts and Events.

Mamba also said the lineup is strict-

ly local artist because they find it very imperative to support local artist. A number of activities are lined up for fun lovers on the day as attendees will get a chance to ride on a hot air balloon, experience different types of food see a wedding exhibition and children will have their own game park where

they can go have fun.

There also will be corporate and business exhibitions for business people who would also love to attend the vent.

Tickets are available at all Ocean Basket outlets at E200 for general entry, E500 VIP and E4 500 for a corporate table for ten people.

GAWUZELA CALLS FOR CHANGE IN THE INDUSTRY

By Ayanda Dlamini

A lot needs to change in the arts and culture industry.

This is according to the newly elected Siphofaneni Member of Parliament Mduduzi 'Gawuzela' Simelane during an interview with this publication following his triumph in the national election.

As a renowned gospel artist, Gawuzela, who has been in the industry over a decade now believes there is a huge gap that needs to be filled in the entertainment industry.

Simelane said there is a lot he will do while in parliament as an artist and at the same time as a representative of Siphofaneni folks in parliament.

"A lot needs to be fixed in this industry. However, at this stage, I cannot reveal how I will fix the glitches in this industry, but in due time, I will reveal the problems and how we would fix them," he said.

Marking his first time as Member of Parliament, Simelane assured his gospel music fans that the gospel group; Mduduzi Nezinceku Zemagawugawu will not fall but prosper ever more.

"There's no way I will step aside and neglect the Magawugawu ensemble. This is the year of prosperity in the group.

Look at Ncandweni

Christ Ambassadors led by Member of Parliament elect Timothy Myeni, they are still going strong," said the elect

...*"There's no way I will step aside and neglect the Magawugawu ensemble. This is the year of prosperity in the group. Look at Ncandweni Christ Ambassadors led by Member of Parliament elect Timothy Myeni, they are still going strong"*



FOR CHANGE: Siphofaneni MP Mduduzi 'Gawuzela' Simelane with wife LaZwide performing.

MP.

Simelane also assured gospel lovers that Umlilo crossover now dubbed Eswatini Mobile Umlilo Crossover will be a double celebration this year.

Slated for December 31, the crossover is yet to be formally launched.

The crossover is an annual event hosted by Umlilo Music; a company under the directorship of the new Siphofaneni

MP elect Gawuzela.

Last year, Eswatini Mobile came through and partnered with the gospel music stable hence the renaming to Eswatini Mobile Umlilo crossover.

Over the years, this crossover has attracted over 20 000 gospel fanatics praising and worshipping the lord with various artists from different countries but mostly local.

Amanda Mo's 'Phula' out today

By Ayanda Dlamini

SHE has been hard at work clinching collaborations with respected South African musicians.

Amanda Mo's new single 'phula' featuring DJ Maphorisa is set to drop today.

The songbirds manager Phila Koshini of Icon PB said 'Phula' is an up-tempo song; a mix of house and afro soul.

"The song will be out by noon and available in all streaming services," revealed the artist manager.

Amanda Mo could not hold herself but shared her feelings about the song on

Social Media; Instagram

"It's been killing me to keep this to myself but I am very excited to finally announce that my new song titled 'Phula' featuring DJ Maphorisa is coming out this Friday (Today)," read her post on Tuesday night.

Koshini also revealed that Amanda Mo's album is set to be out in less than a week.

Productions

According to Koshini, the project will only have productions by both award winning producers Subjamz and DJ Maphorisa.

Amanda Mo's album was initially due out in July but her management company said they had to tie up loose ends before releasing the long awaited project.

MTN SWAMA awards voting extension helpful

By Ayanda Dlamini

WHILE the Eswatini Arts and Music Association (SWAMA) announced the extension of the MTN SWAMA Awards voting deadline by a month on Tuesday, votes have improved by over 25 per cent since the last update was released a week ago.

According to a press statement issued to the Entertainment Desk by SWAMA PRO Thabile Mdluli, as of yesterday, a total of 13 237 votes had been amassed, from 9 907 previously. This is an increase of over 3 000 votes.

The Song of the Year category has shown massive improvement, from 161 votes in the previous tally to 889, an increase of approximately 82 per cent. This is the only category that is wholly-reliant on public votes.

Also showing some improvement was the Best Newcomer, Best Collaboration and Best Jazz Artist or Group categories while Best Artist in the Diaspora, Best Afro-Pop, Best Video, Best Male and Best Female Artist categories remain



GOOD NEWS: SWAMA PRO Thabile Mdluli.

at the bottom with little or no improvement. The second annual MTN SWAMA Awards will be taking place at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre on December 1.

"We would like to encourage fans to continue voting for their favourite artists by SMSing the Category and Name of the Artist (e.g. Artist of the Year, Dynamic Trio) to 6161. Each vote costs E1," Mdluli said.

VOTES AS OF SEPTEMBER 25:

CURRENT POSITION	CATEGORY	CURRENT NO. OF VOTES	PREVIOUS POSITION
1	Best House Artist/Group	2422	1
2	Best Word Smith/Poet	1323	2
3	DJ of the Year	1116	3
4	Best Newcomer	1022	7
5	Best Comedian	1007	4
6	Best Traditional/Maskandi/Mbhaqanga	964	5
7	Song of the Year	889	17
8	Best Collaboration	614	13
9	Best Country Artist/Group	590	10
10	Best Keggae Artist/Group	556	6
11	Best Music Producer	398	8
12	Best Hip hop Artist/Group	409	9
13	Best Gospel Artist/Group	319	12
14	Best Kwaito Artist/Group	309	11
15	Best Swati Soul Artist/Group	292	14
16	Female Artist of the Year	213	15
17	Best R&B Artist/Group	191	18
18	Artist of the Year	173	16
19	Best Jazz Artist or Group	159	21
20	Male Artist of the Year	99	19
21	Best Video of the Year	63	20
22	Best Afro-Pop Artist/Group	38	22
23	Best Swati Artist based in the Diaspora	21	23



TODAY: Amanda Mo.

International
Celebrity News

Nicki Minaj, Hamilton may have confirmed romance rumours

LOS ANGELES-NICKI Minaj and Lewis Hamilton just seemingly confirmed they are dating.

The rapper and race car driver got up close and personal while speeding around the deserts of Dubai. Nicki straddled the Formula One racer in a Versace ensemble as they zoomed around the sand dunes together. In the selfie shared by Nicki, she wrote, "Caribbean tingz what I on. Me and Lewis gettin paper like what ink dry on." Hamilton and Minaj first sparked rumours of a romance when they cozied up together at an event for New



ROMANTIC: Nicki Minaj and Lewis Hamilton.

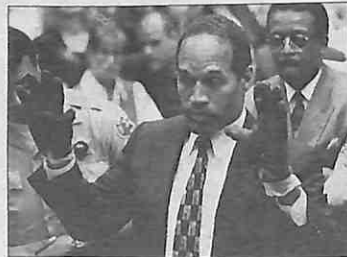
York Fashion Week last week. *Eonline*

OJ Calls for Bill Cosby House Arrest

LOS ANGELES - OJ Simpson is concerned Bill Cosby will be attacked by some "nut" in prison -- and he would know, right?

Juice spent nine years behind bars in Nevada for kidnapping and armed robbery and warns that people like Cosby convicted sex offenders don't do well behind bars.

"The problem is the nature of the crime," OJ said while golfing out in Nevada ... "Rapists are frowned upon in prison." "I'm sure there will be guys protecting him but they're gonna have to put him in protective custody ... because it takes one nut, ya know?"



CONCERNED: OJ Simpson.

81-year-old Cosby was convicted of three counts of aggravated indecent assault -- stemming from a 2004 incident in which officials say he drugged Andrea Constand at his Pennsylvania home and molested her. *TMZ*

Rihanna's model back in shape

NEW YORK - She showed off her obvious baby bump in racy lingerie while walking the runway for Rihanna's Savage X Fenty fashion show minutes before going into labour.

Now, two weeks later, and model Slick Woods is flaunting her post-baby body.

And amazingly she already looks like she's ready to hit the catwalk and rock her long and lean 5ft 10in self.

To put things in perspective, Woods revealed that she was hand-picked by Rihanna to walk in her fashion show September 12. Despite being very pregnant, she made a splash in a revealing outfit that consisted of straps and pasties. Then, as soon as



BACK IN ACTION: Slick Woods.

she came off the stage, she was rushed to the hospital.

Daily Mail

TI's wife says she's the one, only

NEW YORK - TI and Tiny have long been rumoured to have had an open marriage - where they were allowed to bring others into their bedroom. Well that's officially over.

Tiny sent a very clear and open message to all the thots and strippers in Atlanta and Los Angeles - that her marriage is officially closed.

Tiny sent the message as part of a birthday post to her husband.

In addition to lavishing praises on TI - calling him her "personal sex symbol" - she also told the world that she is now the "one and only". People on social media are commenting about Tiny's new change of position. They are mostly con-



ONE AND ONLY: TI and his wife Tiny.

gratulating her - for making her marriage a lot more "traditional." *MTO*

SA Celebrity News

DJ Sbu on how he made his first million at 21

CAPE TOWN - When it comes to hustling, DJ Sbu can easily be named as one of the celebrities who are all for it. From opening his own school to having his own energy drink and premium vodka, it comes as no surprise that the 41-year-old made his first million rand at the age of 21.

Taking to Twitter the entrepreneur shared a video of himself counting the money he made after an hour of selling his MoFaya energy drink on the street while giving tips to aspiring entrepreneurs.

"I know how to make money. I know how to make a million. Made my first at age 21. I can lose it all,



HUSTLER: DJ Sbu.

start again and make it over all over again because I know how to sell and close deals," he wrote before explaining why he opened his hustler's school.

Drum

Lebo Sekgobela knows poverty

JOHANNESBURG - Even though Lebo Sekgobela is now one of the most recognised faces in Mzansi nothing fame has to offer would ever make her forget her humble beginnings to "act brand new". The songstress, whose music has gone global and has touched the lives of many with its healing message told TshisaLIVE that when she remembers how far the Lord has brought her, she would never be able to think "too highly" of herself.

"I came from a very poor background, fame won't change me. I have lived in a shack, I have lived in a mud house. I know how to eat pap and cabbage everyday and even that's a



HUMBLE: Lebo Sekgobela.

luxury because on normal days I would have pap and fish oil that has salt for taste. *Tshisa Live*

Skolopad recovering after car crash

JOHANNESBURG - Skolopad is in high spirits after being discharged from ICU following a car crash over the weekend that left those close to her fearing the worst.

The singer and entertainer told TshisaLIVE she was driving with her daughter and two others when she was involved in a head-on collision that saw all the occupants rushed to hospital and the car being declared a write-off.

"I was in ICU. I only came back from ICU last night. The injuries were so bad. I shouldn't be alive. I was supposed to die. My family came to the hospital to visit me and they showed me a picture of the car. It was really bad. By the



RECOVERING: Skolopad.

grace of God I am still alive." Skolopad said she sustained injuries to her face and legs, which included a broken leg that has left her walking on crutches. *Sowetan*

Intersexions actress Shoki Mokgapa has died

JOHANNESBURG - SAFTA award-winning actress Shoki Mokgapa known for her role on TV shows such as Intersexions, Ashes to Ashes and The Lab has died.

The exact details surrounding Shoki's death have not yet been made public. Nashoda Billy at MLA Talent Agency, Shoki's management company confirmed the news to TshisaLIVE.

Nashoda said the actress died on Tuesday night and that they were on their way to her family. She said as Shoki's management company they were shocked by her death. A representative at Clive Morris Productions who did not want to be named told TshisaLIVE they were



RIP: Lebo Sekgobela.

saddened by Shoki's death and paid tribute to her professionalism.

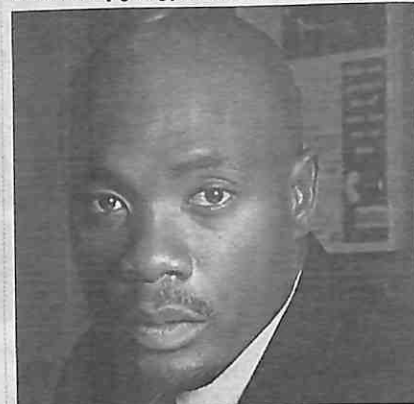
Sowetan

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Mpiyakhe arranges to meet with his wives and discuss an important matter. Dabula surprises the elders by giving just and equitable judgement.



ARRANGES: Mpiyakhe.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Clive does whatever it takes to make sure nothing gets in the way of his new business venture. Ntando struggles to win Lincoln over and Lalage receives a pleasant surprise on her phone.



STRUGGLES: Ntando.

Muvhango

TODAY

Moliehi declares her love for James. Shumi hits the jackpot when she finds Teboho's muti. Ranthomeng is in denial about Buhle.



IN DENIAL: Ranthomeng.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Puleng tricks Suffo into meeting Toolkit. Rene goes a step too far with Mzi. Puleng realises her secret is out - and she has her mother to blame for it.



REALISES: Puleng.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 - January 19

You're not usually one to grab the mic and take centre stage, but today's stars put you in the spotlight. When others applaud your efforts, kindly take a bow instead of shyly brushing off these well-deserved accolades.



Cancer June 22 - July 22

Vulnerability alert! Someone has peeked behind your shroud of mystery and lifted the veil, leaving you exposed. But that's not a bad thing, Cancer, and you'll benefit from letting down your protective armor today.



Aquarius January 20 - February 18

Listen to your gut today, Water Bearer, and you won't be steered wrong. A family member or loved one needs your support, so tap into your inner caregiver and offer up a whole lotta love. If your instinct is telling you that a colleague or acquaintance could use a little cheering up, offer them your ear or even a hug.



Pisces February 19 - March 20

Be the change you wish to see in your world today. Instead of barking orders or getting flustered, position yourself as a leader with quiet, compassionate authority.



Aries March 21 - April 19

Don't be shy about a little shameless self-promotion today when it comes to your goals. Your enthusiasm is infectious, and your powers of persuasion make you an irresistible collaborator.



Taurus April 20 - May 20

What do you REALLY want, Taurus? Today, the power of visualisation could help you manifest the life of your dreams; but you're going to have to do the work. By setting clear intentions and then taking actionable steps toward your goals, you may discover that the universe does indeed conspire in your favor.



Gemini May 21 - June 21

Your spot-on intuition has you practically wielding a crystal ball today. Tune in to cues from your psyche about which direction to take and pay attention to the "signs" along the way. If something feels off in your gut, listen to that instinct. fly between you and him or her.



Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21

Today is all about striking a balance between structured effort and relinquishing control. Seems like a paradox—on the one hand, you don't want to force things, and on the other, you don't want to leave it all up to fate either.



BABY BLUES



BUCKLES



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

MAYBE SHE'S UGLY, TAKE ME

Two blondes are waiting at a bus stop. When a bus pulls up and opens the door, one of the blondes leans inside and asks the bus driver: "Will this bus take me to 5th

Avenue?" The bus driver shakes his head and says, "No, I'm sorry." At this the other blonde leans inside, smiles, and twitters: "Will it take ME?"

USELESS FACTS

1. The southern most city in the United States is Na'alehu, Hawaii.
2. Mt. Vernon Washington grows more tulips than the entire country of Holland.
3. The roads on the island of Guam are made with coral. Guam has no sand. The sand on the beaches is actually ground coral.

When concrete is mixed, the coral sand is used instead of importing regular sand from thousands of miles away.
4. The first Eagle Scout west of the Mississippi is buried in San Marcos, Texas.
5. The parking metre was invented in North Dakota.

BRAinteasers
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Yesterday's brain-teasers

1. Imagine you are in a dark room. How do you get out?
1. Answer: Just stop imagining.
2. What invention lets you

look right through a wall?
Answer: A window.

Today's brainteasers

1. What can you catch but not throw?
2. What is at the end of a rainbow?



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NEWS



OUTDAUGHTERED ON TLC

THERE'S nothing better than the joy of having a mini you running around the house, but what do you do with five?

The Busbys are not like any ordinary family, they are a family with quint, that are growing faster, smarter, and louder, every day and they are taking charge of the household.

Now becoming more fluent talkers, they sure can speak their mind and

make their little voices heard.

The Busby babies have now become five little girls with strong and diverse personalities. And if these pint-sized princesses don't like something? They're sure to make it known that they're unhappy. Now sleeping in big girl beds, using the bathroom for potty training, and attending pre-school, they feel the separation looming between them. Parents, Danielle and

Adam, work hard to manage the moods, mayhem, magic and five times the mess which is life in the Busby house! But what is keeping them all together is those little family moments of non-stop chaos and laughter, coupled with six times the noise, the love, trials and tears that never cease to amaze them. Don't miss out on the madness on **Outdaughtered: Busby Quints 20:00 on TLC (DStv channel 135).**

CELEBRATING MICKEY

AFRICA joins global celebrations of Mickey the True Original on #Mickey90Africa.

Disney Africa announced the African launch of the Mickey the True Original campaign, joining the global festivities honouring nine decades of Mickey Mouse, his heritage, personality and status as a pop-culture icon.

As 18 November marks 90 years since his first appearance in *Steamboat Willie* in November 1928, a series of world-wide celebrations will be taking place this year and Africa is no different.

The campaign will come to life with engaging content and events that embrace Mickey's impact on the past, present and future.

The local festivities kick off in earnest this month, leading up to Mickey's 90th anniversary on 18 November and beyond:

- Mickey's 90th Spectacular, a two-hour prime-time special, will be screened on M-Net later this year. The elegant affair will feature star-studded musical performances, moving tributes and never-before-seen short films. Superstars from music, film and television will join the birthday fun for the internationally beloved character.

- In addition, look out for special programming on Mickey's birthday (18 November) across Disney Channel, Disney XD and Disney Junior.

"Binding generations together more than any other animated character, Mickey Mouse is the 'True Original' who reminds people of all ages of the benefits of laughter, optimism and hope," said Christine Service, Senior Vice President and Country Manager of The Walt Disney Company Africa.

"With his universal appeal and ability to emotionally connect with generations all over the world, no other character quite occupies a similar space in the hearts and minds of a global fan base and we are thrilled to be sharing these festivities."

Mickey's birthday is celebrated in honour of the release of his first theatrical film, *Steamboat Willie*, on 18

November 1928, at the Colony Theatre in New York City. Since then, he has starred in more than 100 cartoons and can currently be seen on Disney Channel in

the Mickey Mouse cartoon series and on Disney

Junior in *Mickey and the Roadster Racers*.

African fans are encouraged to share their Mickey Mouse moments on social media using the hashtag #Mickey90Africa.



Behind the Finalists – Project Runway SA

GET to know the people and places behind the Project Runway SA finalists.

Kentse's Home Visit

For Kentse's home visit, Gert travelled to the small town of Bethanie in the North West. In true South African manner Kentse's family and friends brought out the coals and welcomed Gert with a braai.

With the 4th Street flowing, stories of Kentse's resilience, passion for fashion and supportive family began to emerge.

Her father, Sydney Mataboge had to raise Kentse and her sister as a single father after their mother passed away. Although it was difficult, Sydney notes that Kentse's dreams make him proud because she has been persistent in working towards them.

As the stories flowed we found out Kentse used to paint sketches on the walls of her bedroom, yes, not on pieces of paper but on the actual walls! She has been practicing this day for a long time.

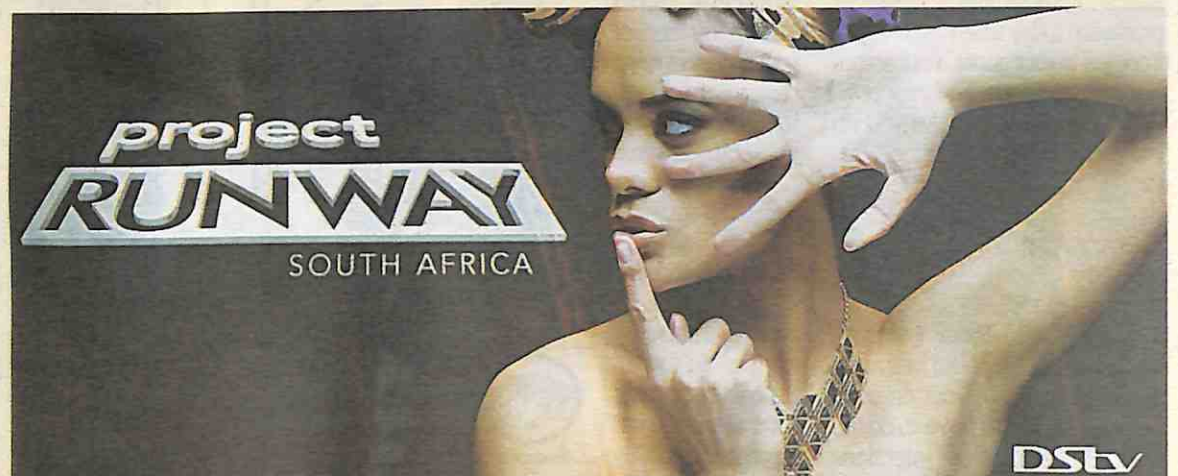
Kentse's childhood friend, Lebogang Magolego spoke on how amazing it is that Kentse brought Project Runway

SA to the small town of Bethanie. Noting that it's not only a personal achievement but an inspiration for the children in the small town, they now know that anything is possible even if you're not from the city.

Kentse took Gert to her place of inspiration, the Cableway in Harties. Gert was a little out of his element, heights and all but persevered and took selfies to preserve the moment. As they took to the skies, we could see why this place inspired Kentse. As she so elegantly put it, "I feel like I'm on top of the world when I'm here, and honestly speaking I don't think there is any limits to a person's creativity; and being on top makes me feel like I can do anything."

Kireshen's Home Visit

On his arrival to boisterous Gert exclaimed that he was looking the most forward to Kireshen's home visit because his palate favours Indian food. Kireshen's mom did not come to play, she was on the ska ba fa chance tip as she decked the table in a spread of delicious Indian food ready for the friends and family to



tuck in.

Kireshen's sister was quick to dish out the spice, it turns out that although not a trained designer, Kireshen has always had fashion in his blood.

When he was in grade one he designed a wedding gown for one of his classmates made from notebook paper... veil, train and all! Kireshen made his mother blush when he told her that he thinks he got his fashion talent from her being the impeccably stylish mother that she is, someone bring the tissues.

Kireshen's place of inspiration for his final collection is the Nelson Mandela Capture Site.

He wants to create a collection that can transform at the tug of a string and become something else much the sculpture at the Capture Site that morphs into Nelson Mandela's face.

Jaime's Home Visit

Jaime made sure his mother did not spill any pivotal tea by giving her a pep talk before Gert arrived, however it seems he gave the pep talk to

the wrong person. As Gert enquired about Jaime's past, his friend, Bradley was quick to tell him that Jaime's nickname in high school was 'Jaime Jaime ball sack Jaime'.

We have no idea what it means but we are in concurrence with Jaime, it's not cool. 'Jaime Jaime, great hair Jaime' would have been a much better fit, no?

His mother, being on her best behaviour gleefully said that Jaime is a very talented young man and could have been anything.

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15. DEATHS

Harriel Dlamini



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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 popularly 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 Lelihe, Nkwali yenkhosi. Announcement by Nomcebo on behalf of Shiba family.

Nomsa 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 Nomsa 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 tiyatiswa ngekusishiya kwakhe. Kwatiswa 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.

Christian Gcebile Mkhonta
nee Damini

Funeral: 30/09/2018
Vigil: 29/09/2018
Place: Velezizweni

It is with great sadness that we announce the untimely passing of Christian Gcebile Mkhonta nee Damini of Velezizweni, Mankayane. There will be a memorial service at St Pauls Methodist Church at 12 noon on Saturday 29.09.2018. Funeral will be at her homestead ka Velezizweni on Sunday 30.09.2018 after a night vigil. Rest in eternal peace Mhlungwane, you will always be missed by your loving husband and children, until we meet again, rest peacefully in heaven.

Lomusa Ausilia Milazi
ulaMavuso

Funeral: 30/09/2018
Vigil: 29/09/2018
Place: eSiphofaneni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Lomusa Ausilia Milazi ulaMavuso kutsi akasekho. Ufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 30 September ekhaya lakhe emkhaya eSiphofaneni emva kwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa bantfwabakhe egameni lemndeneni.

JOB 13:15

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CHELSEA ON A HIGH AS THEY JET OFF FROM LIVERPOOL

LONDON - Chelsea's players were in good spirits as they departed Liverpool late on Wednesday night after their Carabao Cup victory at Anfield.

Eden Hazard was the hero on the night, coming off the bench to turn the tie around and seal a 2-1 victory over the Premier League leaders.

The Belgian scored a stunning late solo strike to settle the tie and send the Blues into the fourth round.

All goals had come in the second half with Emerson Palmieri poking home from close range to cancel out Daniel Sturridge's acrobatic opener.

The result sees Maurizio Sarri's side draw first blood ahead of facing Jurgen Klopp and Co in the league on Saturday in a top-of-the-table clash.

Hazard later accepted that his goal



THE STARS: Chelsea players share a joke as they prepare to fly back to London.

could be the best of his career.

He said: "The goal was special and so was the qualification. It's always

tough to play here.

That's why the win is more important. I spoke with N'Golo (Kante) on the

bench and he told me that he didn't want penalties so the only option was to score! I did well so we can go well.

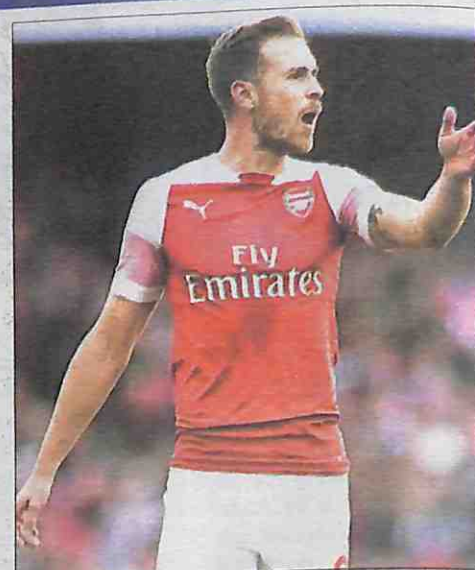
"I think the game on Saturday is going to be more important. I don't know if it's in my top five goals but it's up there because it's against Liverpool."

Assistant Gianfranco Zola was thrilled with Hazard's cameo and added: "Eden is one of the best players in Europe and the world for sure."

"What he has done today with that goal is proof of that. He is getting better and better he is doing the right things at the right moment."

Goalscorer Palmieri later shared a snap on Instagram of him enjoying his trip back to London alongside teammates David Luiz, Willian and Jorginho.

Daily Mail



TO LEAVE: Aaron Ramsey.

Ramsey set to leave Arsenal at end of season

LONDON - Aaron Ramsey is set to leave Arsenal at the end of the season after talks over a new contract collapsed.

Sportsmail understands that despite months of talks over an extension, as it stands, there is no new offer for Ramsey on the table. It means Arsenal are in line to lose one of their leading players for nothing next summer.

Ramsey, it is believed, was preparing to commit himself to fresh terms, with the club confident of reaching an agreement with the midfielder.

But over the past few weeks there has been an unexpected change in mood which has led to the break down of negotiations.

As it stands, despite having just nine months left on his contract, there is no offer for Ramsey to sign.

The news will alert a host of clubs across England and Europe, with Ramsey set to be available on a free transfer next summer - which will make him one of the most sought after players on the market ahead of next season.

Chelsea, Manchester United and Juventus have all been credited with an interest in the Wales international.

Ramsey has been asked to play in several different roles by manager Unai Emery this season. Indeed, Emery confirmed earlier this season that Ramsey had gone in to see him to discuss his position in the manager's plans.

The Gunners are in the midst of a drive to reduce the club's huge wage bill - but it is unclear whether budgetary constraints are playing a factor in this instance.

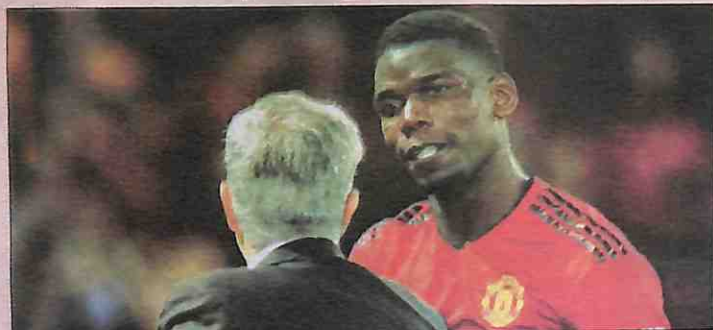
Ramsey currently earns in the region of £110,000-per-week but should realistically expect an improved offer given his standing as one of the club's most important players. *Daily Mail*

What caused Mourinho, Pogba exchange?

MANCHESTER - The reason behind Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho and Paul Pogba's heated training ground exchange on Wednesday has finally been revealed.

The two were involved in a tense-looking exchange at Manchester United's Carrington training ground, a day after Mourinho confirmed the World Cup star had been stripped of the role of vice-captain.

Footage revealed by Sky Sports shows the two men exchanging less-than-friendly words with Pogba reacting to something Mourinho said as the player came out for training.



REVEALED: Paul Pogba and Jose Mourinho.

It has now been revealed that an Instagram Story posted by Pogba during United's shock exit to Derby County in the Carabao Cup was what

riled Mourinho up.

The 55-year-old coach had been made aware of an Instagram post that showed Pogba and team-mate

Andres Pereira laughing in the stands at Old Trafford, on Tuesday night.


The post went out at 11:28 (SA time) suggesting that it was posted after the game, but was actually filmed during the first half of United's clash with Derby.

A problem with the club Wi-Fi has been blamed for the post only being posted after the final whistle.

United were leading 1-0 at half-time but went on to suffer a shock defeat to Frank Lampard's Derby side on penalties.

Mourinho was reportedly furious about the laughing post which is what he confronted Pogba about after the player ran onto the training pitch on Wednesday morning.

AFP



Examinations Council of Eswatini

CHANGE OF NAME

Following the pronouncement by His Majesty King Mswati III on the 19th April 2018, the Examinations Council of Swaziland Board resolved during the Council Board Meeting of 24th August 2018 to change the name of the Examinations Council of Swaziland (ECOS) to Examinations Council of Eswatini (ECESWA) with immediate effect.

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BRIEFS

Sundowns not rushing Coetzee

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns will be careful not to rush defender Rivaldo Coetzee into first team action following a recovery from a foot injury that kept him out of action for over a year. Coetzee returned to action against AmaZulu in a MultiChoice Diski Challenge match, where coach David Notwane was happy with his performance, but warned against rushing the former Ajax Cape Town defender into the senior team, saying the Bafana Bafana international needs to get his match fitness levels up and regain his confidence. "We need to give him some time and the space for him to reach his best form before we send him to the senior team. *Citizen*

Nene hoping to impress Kaizer Chiefs

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs might just have found themselves a solution to their defensive problems after Nedbank Ke Yona team centre-back Nkanyiso Nene was drafted into Amakhosi on a one-month trial. Nene, along with 15 other Ke Yona team players found out where their football journey will take them now, after weeks of public votes were finally revealed, and the players were drafted into PSL clubs at The Venue in Melrose Arch yesterday. *Citizen*



FINAL: Supersport United beat Cape Town City in last year's MTN8 final at Moses Mabhida Stadium, and can make history if they do the same tomorrow.

SUPERSPORT IN LINE TO MAKE #MTN8 HISTORY

DURBAN - SuperSport United will lock horns with Cape Town City at Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban tomorrow at 7pm, eyeing to become the third side to defend the crown in the history of the competition.

Matsatsantsa A Pitlori are the defending champions, having beaten the same side in the final last season via penalties at the same venue.

In the era of MTN, who started sponsoring the competition back in 2008, the Buccaneers are the only team to win back-to-back MTN8 crowns.

Pirates dispatched Moroka Swallows in the final in 2010 on penalties at Moses Mabhida and then defended their crown as they eased past Chiefs in 2011. Since then, no other side has managed to win the cup

back to back.

Chiefs failed in 2016 as they succumbed to a 1-0 defeat against Ajax Cape Town in Port Elizabeth. Amakhosi won the competition in 2015 at the expense of the Buccaneers at Moses Mabhida Stadium.

So, defending the MTN8 is no child's play. United have to work extra hard if they want to write their name in the history books. *The Star*

NEW CHIEFS PLAYERS HAVE COME TO THE PARTY - PARKER

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs forward Bernard Parker says the club's recent signings have played a big part in Amakhosi's resurgence after a slow start to the new season.

The Glamour Boys went through a difficult spell following the appointment of Giovanni Solinas as the club's new coach, but have since found their groove and registered three victories in a row. The veteran striker has hailed the impact of the likes of Khama Billiat, who has been impressive in his first few months at Naturena and netted four goals in his first 11 games.



"The new guys in the team have really stepped in and they have also brought a new dimension to what Kaizer Chiefs is about," Parker told KickOff. "They've got the flair, the skill, the pace and all that Chiefs is known for. Us as senior guys, we've also drilled in the culture of the team that we're always under the watchful eye of South Africa and Africa as a whole."

"We always have to conduct ourselves professionally and remain on that level as much as we can so that we represent the club well, and it really has paid off."

"We're also now more together in terms of the tactical aspect, we defend together, we move up together and we're more compact and solid, and I hope it stays like this. "The spirit in the team is good, the competition is healthy, so it's just for us now to maintain it and also to improve from here onward." *Sport24*

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Baroka FC coach reprimands Talent Chawapihwa

JOHANNESBURG - Baroka FC coach Wedson Nyirenda has described Zimbabwean winger Talent Chawapihwa as his 'son' and says the player needs to show remorse to get back into the team.

News of a rift between Nyirenda and Chawapihwa has been doing the rounds, but Bakgaga have since denied this.

Chawapihwa was left out of the team's Absa Premiership encounter against Free State Stars on Wednesday night, just a few days after Nyirenda directed strong words to the player for not shaking the coach's hand when he was substituted in the 2-1 defeat to Orlando Pirates.

After that defeat to Pirates, Nyirenda

said: "I don't like that. I won't hide it to you, I don't like it, I hate it a lot. I fired a player from the Zambia national team because of exactly the same thing. I am not going to tolerate it here because I am the same Wedson. I am here to instil discipline and I will do that."

Asked if there is a rift between him

and Chawapihwa after the player was left out last night, Nyirenda said: "That's my son. I am here to manage the team and I am running the team."

"When you are coach, you must know the two things you are doing - you are managing human resources and you are managing the club. It's

an organisation.

"Rules prevail and I go by the rules. If I falter, Mr Khurishi Mphahlele will say 'coach you are ill-disciplined, go'. If a player does something, you reprimand him. He's your son and he has to show remorse to come back. That is all."

KICKOFF

GERMANY TO HOST EURO 2024

BERLIN - UEFA have announced that 2014 FIFA World Cup winners Germany will host the European Championship in 2024, and also revealed that VAR will be implemented in the UEFA Champions League next season.

The European giants last hosted a major tournament in 2006, when they welcomed the world to the FIFA World Cup, and last hosted the European Championship in 1988, when the Netherlands won the trophy.

Yesterday afternoon, UEFA confirmed that the German bid had beaten the Turkish bid to host the 2024 tournament.

Host

The two European nations went head to head in their bid to host the Euros in six years' time, but the majority of UEFA's Executive Committee gave their vote to Germany, as announced by UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin.

Meanwhile, Euro 2020 will be the first to be held in 12 cities across 12 European countries.

Valverde defends Barca rotation policy

LEGANS - Ernesto Valverde defended resting key players after Barcelona's shock 2-1 defeat to Leganes on Wednesday but admitted his team have fallen into in a "very difficult moment".

Gerard Pique committed the decisive error, his fluffed clearance allowing Oscar Rodriguez to score Leganes' second goal in two incredible minutes and the winner at Estadio Municipal de Butarque.

Nabil El Zhar had nodded in an equaliser just 68 seconds before and by the end Philippe Coutinho's sumptuous early volley was reduced to little more than a footnote.

After drawing at home to Girona last Sunday, albeit with 10 men, Valverde's selection came under scrutiny, after he opted to rotate for the second time in three days.

Against Girona, it was Coutinho, Ivan Rakitic and Samuel Umtiti on the bench and just as they all had to be called upon in the second half at the Camp Nou, so were Luis Suarez and Jordi Alba as substitutes here.

"Of course the coach is responsible, a losing coach always feels responsible," Valverde said.

"But obviously it is easy now to talk about the rotations - in the end, matches are analysed on results - but you can't win the league with only eleven players."

Barcelona face Athletic Bilbao on Saturday and then Tottenham at Wembley in the Champions League four days later but one point from two of La Liga's lesser opponents is a concern.

So is the form of Pique, who was also at fault against Girona last weekend and will have to start against Spurs, with Umtiti suspended.

"You have to judge the whole team, not individuals," Sergio Busquets said.

AFP



In addition, UEFA also announced that the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) will be used in the 2019/20 Champions League campaign, in the 2019 UEFA Super Cup, at Euro 2020 and in the 2020/21 edition of the Europa League.

AFP

VAR to be used from next season

SWITZERLAND - Video Assistant Referees will be used in the Champions League from the 2019-20 season and will also be introduced at the 2020 European Championship, UEFA said yesterday.

European football's governing body revealed a decision had been taken at a meeting of their executive committee to bring in the technology, which will be used from the playoff round preceding the group stage of the Champions League.

It will also be used in next year's UEFA Super Cup and in the Europa League from the 2020-21 season. In addition, it will be used in the finals of the new Nations League competition, although only from 2021. UEFA's move follows the use of VAR at the FIFA World Cup in Russia, when it was deemed largely to be a success.

"We're confident that introducing VAR in August 2019 will give us enough time to put in place a robust system and to train match officials to ensure an efficient, successful implementation of VAR in the UEFA Champions League, the world's flagship club competition,"

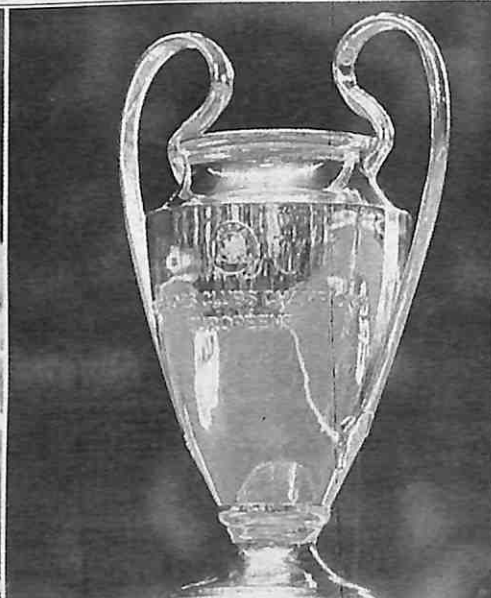
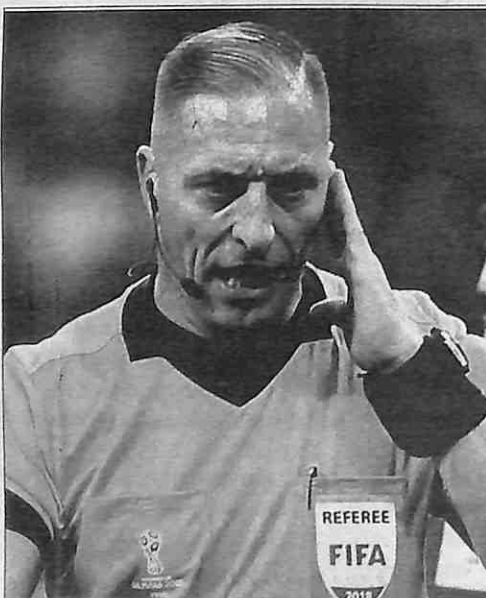
"We're confident that introducing VAR in August 2019 will give us enough time to put in place a robust system and to train match officials to ensure an efficient, successful implementation of VAR in the UEFA Champions League"

UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin said.

UEFA were meeting at their Swiss headquarters ahead of the announcement later of the winning bid to host Euro 2024, with Germany and Turkey competing for the right to organise the tournament.

VAR has also been introduced in the top divisions in Spain and France this season, with those leagues following on from the German Bundesliga and Italian Serie A, although the English Premier League has been more cautious.

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Lopetegui laments lack of urgency from Real Madrid

SPAIN - Real Madrid coach Julen Lopetegui has bemoaned the side's inability to carry out his game plan of pressing their opponents high up the pitch after they crashed to a limp 3-0 La Liga defeat at Sevilla on Wednesday.

Sevilla blitzed the European champions with Portuguese striker Andre Silva scoring twice in four first half minutes and Wissam Ben Yedder adding another as Real conceded three league goals before the break for the first time since 2003.

"We didn't play as we wanted and we paid for it in the first half, conceding two goals in quick succession. We came here with a plan of pressing them and we didn't do it as we'd have liked to, that's clear," Lopetegui told a news conference. "In the second half, we matched them for play and had chances but couldn't score. In the end, you can say it was a very bad performance from us and a very good one from Sevilla," he added. **Reuters**



FOOTBALLERS: Paul Pogba with brothers Florentin and Mathias.

Mathias completes move to French side

PARIS - Paul Pogba's future is up in the air after his latest clash with boss Jose Mourinho.

The Frenchman has been stripped of the Manchester United vice-captaincy before a frosty training ground incident with Mourinho earlier this week.

The United boss is believed to be unhappy with Pogba's social media activity as he watched his teammates exit the Carabao Cup to Derby on penalties. And amid the uncertainty over his United future Pogba has completed a surprise switch to France! But it is not the World Cup winner on the move, instead his brother Mathias has joined third-tier side Tours.

The 28-year-old has had spells at Wrexham, Crewe and Crawley as well as Partick Thistle in Scotland. He will wear the No.26 shirt with Tours, who were relegated at the end of last season. Meanwhile, Mourinho is tipped to leave Old Trafford before midfielder Pogba.

Ladbrokes have priced Pogba as 5/2 to go first with Mourinho at 1/4. **Mirror**

Weekend Sports Fixtures

Compiled by Sibusiso Dlamini

MTN Premier League

Tomorrow at Mavuso Sports Centre		
Moneni Pirates	vs Malsapha United	2pm
Manzini Wanderers	vs Malanti Chiefs	4pm
Tomorrow at Somhlolo National Stadium		
Young Buffaloes	vs Vovovo	2pm
Manzini Sea Birds	vs Tumbuti	4pm
Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium		
Mbabane Highlanders	vs Manzini Sundowns	1.30pm
Green Mamba	vs Mbabane Swallows	3.30pm
Sunday at Prince of Wales Ground		
Mbabane Citizens	vs Royal Leopard	3.30pm

Milky-Max Mbabane Juniors League - E30 000.00

Tomorrow at Dumping Site Sports Ground - U13		
Mantholo	vs Umbelbele	8am
Mangwaneni	vs The Waiters	9am
Amawele	vs Dark City	10am
Mangwaneni	vs Real Tec	11am
M. Celtics	vs M. Fighters	12pm
Swallows	vs Supersport	1pm

Furniture Warehouse Mbabane Juniors - E15 000.00

Tomorrow at Police Sports Ground - U20		
M. Fighters	vs Shooting Stars	8am
M. Classic	vs Veni	9am
Mantholo	vs Mangwaneni	10am
Hurricane	vs Sivutsa	11am

Milky Max Lobamba Juniors League E10 000.00

Tomorrow at Lobamba Sports Ground - U13		
Semi Finals		
Gunners	vs G. Kings	10am
Real Master	vs Sunrise	11am
Tomorrow at Lobamba Sports Ground - U15		
Junior Stars	vs F. Reaction	9am
E. Vultures	vs L. Cosmos	10am
Zabeni	vs Y. Bombers	11am
Gunners	vs Ebuka Stars	12am
Tomorrow at Lobamba Sports Ground - U15		
Sunrise	vs Vicious Lions	9am
E. Aces	vs Canning Boys	10am
M. Highlanders	vs L. Dynamos	11am

Swazi Trac Hlohho Super League - E80 000.00

Tomorrow at Ntsetse Sports Ground		
Burning Spear	vs PMT	3.30pm
Tomorrow at Motshane Sports Ground		
H. Shooting Stars	vs Imbumbi	3.30pm
Tomorrow at Mhlambanyatsi Sports Ground		
Community	vs Sibovini	3.30pm
Sunday at Veni Sports Ground		
Umbelbele	vs Swazi Sun	3pm
Sunday at Embo Sports Ground		
Emajukuku	vs Billy Ocean	3pm
Sunday at Ekupheleni Sports Ground		
Kupheleni	vs D. Wizards	3pm

Northern Zone

Tomorrow at Prison Sports Ground		
Khanjani Rovers	vs Vultures	3.30pm
Tomorrow at Ebuhleni Sports Ground		
Sigodio	vs Manchester	3.30pm
Tomorrow at LFTC Sports Ground		
Mshweni	vs Horo Spinners	3.30pm
Sunday at Prison Sports Ground		
Mvuma	vs N. Swallows	1pm
Pachanga	vs M. Arsenal	3pm
Sunday at Machibini Sports Ground		
Machibini Rovers	vs Kappa	1pm

Pots Construction Sigangeni League - E30 000.00

Tomorrow at Sigangeni Sports Ground		
Young Fighters	vs L. Nationals	3pm
Tomorrow at Ntsetse Sports Ground		
Total Xi	vs Mighty Chiefs	1pm
Burning Spear	vs PMT	3pm
Tomorrow at Londunduma Sports Ground		
Real United	vs Kangaroo	3pm
Sunday at Sigangeni Sports Ground		
M. Celtics	vs Bk. Pepper	1pm
U. Eagles	vs Villa Sport	3pm
Sunday at Ntsetse Sports Ground		
Ntsetse Flyers	vs Real Touch	3pm

South Star Mzimba League - E50 000.00

Tomorrow at Nsukumbili Sports Ground		
Chiefs	vs Cosmos	1.30pm
Kasiko	vs Rebels	3.30pm
Tomorrow at Hhukwini Sports Ground		
B. Mashuba	vs Green Sea	1.30pm
Arsenal	vs Sibuyeni	3.30pm
Sunday at Nsukumbili Sports Ground		
Highlanders	vs All Stars	11am



Swallows	vs Sundowns	1pm
Timbungulu	vs Rangers	3pm
Sunday at Hhukwini Sports Ground		
Litje Barcelona	vs Top Centre	11am
Emacabane	vs Vusweni Killer 1pm	
Bush Bucks	vs Real Monaco	3pm
Sunday at Mzimba Sports Ground		
All Africa	vs Rhumba	1pm
United Bombers	vs Drikoppies	3pm

Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League - E70 000.00

Tomorrow at Msunduzi Sports Ground		
White City	vs Double Action	1.30pm
Super sport	vs Pine valley	3.30pm
Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground		
Sandia	vs Mb. Arsenal	3.30pm
Sunday at Msunduzi Sports Ground		
Pot O Gold	vs Mb. Celtics	11am
Real Tec	vs Mvkwelile	1pm
Amawele	vs Corporation	3pm
Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground		
Sidwashini	vs Interstars	1pm
Veni Cosmos	vs Classic	3pm

B. Division

Tomorrow at Police Sports Ground		
The Waiters	vs Hurricane	1.30pm
FC Vaal	vs Mpolonjeni	3.30pm
Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground		
Lusoli	vs Mb. United	1.30pm
Sunday at Police Sports Ground		
R. Dynamos	vs Mantholo	11am
Mangwaneni	vs Mantholo	1pm
Mphalati	vs Junction Stars	3pm
Sunday at Sidwashini Sports Ground		
D. Darkies	vs Free Style	9am
N. Rangers	vs Movers	11am

Buy Cash Pigg's Peak League - E45 000.00

Tomorrow at Lazwane Sports Ground		
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Darkies United	vs Ndeva	1.30pm
Rockville	vs Phophonyane	3.30pm
Tomorrow at Malanda Sports Ground		
White Killers	vs Mhlathane	1.30pm
Mangwaneni	vs Rise & Shine	3.30pm
Sunday at Malanda Sports Ground		
Citizens	vs Thuluzobona	1pm
Pigg's Peak City	vs Supersport	3pm
Sunday at Lazwane Sports Ground		
Maguga Cosmos	vs Bush Bucks	1pm
Hotspurs	vs Mpolonjeni	3pm

Timphisi Regional Football League

Tomorrow at Ndlalambi Sports Ground		
Star Wanderers	vs Ndlalambi	3pm
Tomorrow at LFTC Sports Ground		
Ellegence	vs Kudweleni	11am
Vusweni Cosmos	vs Soccer Rose	1pm
Sunday at Ndlalambi Sports Ground		
Golden Arrows	vs udweleni	11am
Blue Birds	vs Matsamo	1pm
Sunday at LFTC Sports Ground		
Mbashedi Swallows	vs M. Sundowns	1pm
Njakeni City	vs Gunners	3pm

B. Division

Tomorrow at Ndlalambi Sports Ground		
AK 47	vs Sikheleni	1pm
Young Tigers	vs Rd Lions	3pm
Tomorrow at LFTC Sports Ground		
Juventus	vs Sikheleni	9pm
Sunday at LFTC Sports Ground		
Mv. All United	vs Young Bomber	1pm
JB Arsenal	vs Superstrikes	3pm
Sunday at Mbashedi Sports Ground		
Young Swallows	vs Zamaiek	3pm
Sunday at Ngonini Sports Ground		
Besutwini	vs Njakeni	1pm

Bakhanyisele Mabulala & Gongz League - E50 000.00

Tomorrow at Maphaleni Sports Ground		
Hotspurs	vs Young Lovers	1pm
Thuluzobona	vs Young Stars	3pm
Tomorrow at Bizza Sports Ground		
Blue Birds	vs Killers	1pm
Umkhokha	vs Liselesele	3pm
Sunday at Maphaleni Sports Ground		
Professionals	vs Barcelona	1pm
XI Experience	vs Manchester	3pm
Sunday at Bizza Sports Ground		
Junior Stars	vs Khulangwane	1pm
Rangers	vs Luvunjelo	3pm

Eastern Stream

Tomorrow at Jubukweni Sports Ground		
Sunrise	vs Fighters	1.30pm
Love & Peace	vs Lunkanka	3.30pm
Tomorrow at Ararati Sports Ground		
Happy Tigers	vs Fighters	1.30pm
Sunday at Jubukweni Sports Ground		
Rollers	vs Jubukweni	1pm
Academy	vs Hill Stars	3pm
Sunday at Ararati Sports Ground		
Sphambanweni	vs Top Classic	1pm

Mpaka Stadium

Mshana	vs Young Aces	9am
Black Mamba	vs Highway	11am
Liverpool	vs Malindza Utd	1pm
Juventus	vs Umseshi	3pm
Sunday		
Home Sweepers	vs Promising Stars	8.30am
Calabash	vs Dvokodweni	10.30am
Zamaiek	vs Siweni Utd	12.30pm

FA Rainbow Stationery Manzini Super League

Tomorrow at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground		
Bad Boys	vs Royal Swallows	1.30pm
Mhlaleni United	vs Ludzeludze Killers	3.15pm
Saturday at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground		
Ludzeludze Brothers	vs Moyeni United	3.15pm
Saturday at Ludzeludze Sports Ground		
Boyane Young Aces	vs Villa Stars	3.15pm
Sunday at Mkhuzweni Sports Ground		
Timbutini	vs Young Warriors	2pm
Sunday at Nsuka Sports Ground		
Nsuka United	vs Thuluzobona	2pm
Sunday at Nkhundleni Sports Ground		
Luvu Cosmos	vs Current Toasters	2pm
Sunday at Golden Sports Ground		
Stumbo's XI	vs Sisonkhe	3pm

Manzini Promotion League

Tomorrow at Zakhele 1 Sports Ground		
Wonderful Touch	vs African Chiefs	1.30pm
Maliyaduma United	vs Sisoniso Selandie	3.15pm
Sunday at Zakhele 1 Sports Ground		
Young Tigers	vs Manzini United	11am
Home Sparrows	vs Two Sticks Comrds	1pm
Fairview Chiefs	vs Superstars	3pm
Sunday at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground		
Combine Stars	vs Lwandle Classic	11am
The Bones	vs Green Way	1pm
Kholwane F. Birds	vs Fc North	3pm

Ok Foods Kwaluseni Promotion League

Tomorrow at Ludzeludze Sports Ground		
Sihhohweni Amajita	vs Ntunja Arsenal	1.30pm
Tomorrow at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground		
Mhlaleni United	vs Dark City	1.30pm
Sunday at Ludzeludze Sports Ground		
Lozitha Spurs	vs Kwaluseni Rebels	9am
Sacrament	vs Zama United	11am
Gocweni Trompies	vs Supersport	1pm
Nsenga Comrades	vs Kwaluseni United	3pm
Sunday at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground		
Fc Logoba	vs Real Professionals	1pm
Fashion Interim	vs Zombodze United	3pm

S&S Malkems Promotion League

Tomorrow at Golden Sports Ground		
Golden Arrows	vs Troublemakers	1.30pm
Malkems	vs Cutter Cosmos	3.15pm
Sunday at Golden Sports Ground		
Swazi Can United	vs Power Sparks	1pm
Sunday at Mahlanya Sports Ground		
Ngodini	vs Phondo	1pm
Don Don	vs Ninda Volcano	3pm
Sunday at Dwaleni Sports Ground		
Star Point	vs Gebeni	2pm
Sunday at Ndinda Sports Ground		
Makhungutsha	vs Vickery Nomads	2pm
Sunday at Khalang'ile Sports Ground		
Vuka Aces	vs Mahlanya United	2pm



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MTN PREMIER LEAGUE GAMES COMPETITIVE

The MTN Premier League games are continuing this weekend and will be entering week three of what has already been eye-catching matches.

The excitement that is building up nicely in the league is a clear demonstration that we are going to have a seriously competitive league this season. A look at the results thus far quickly tells you that all teams are determined to compete, not add numbers. There are no underdogs at the moment and this is what competition is all about. Credit must really be given to the sponsors Eswatini MTN for the love they continue to show towards local football.

The innovations like the E10 000 prize for scoring hat-trick during Yello Sunday games is a good example of how committed this giant mobile company is towards creating more excitement during the games.

This is undoubtedly the good work of the marketing guys at the company in particular people like Meshack Maseko who are always visible in our games despite having busy schedules. We are proud to say that MTN Premier League ranks on the same level with those in established countries like South Africa, England and Spain where sponsorship and professional approach is concerned. As Premier League of Eswatini (PLE), we are very honoured and proud to be

...the high intensity displayed in these games so far is only sweet music to the ears of the Premier League of Eswatini



TEAM TALK: Vusumuzi Zungu strategises with his teammates during a short break.

associated with a great giant company that is blessed with creative minds. Still on the same vein, we would like to acknowledge and appreciate the good attendance by local football lovers so far.

The numbers we are seeing at the sta-

diums are quite impressive but there is still room for improvement. Let us make sure that in every game that we attend, we bring along new friends or relatives so that we can double the attendance every weekend. *Siyabonga* for such wonderful effort *bekunene*.



National elections

THIS nation-building exercise is now over and it is time to begin serious work. Let us congratulate all those who won during the national elections and are now Members of Parliament (MPs) for their different constituencies.

Let us hope you will not disappoint the electorate.

Still on that premise, I would like to take this opportunity and thank our executive member Steve Horton for the comment made after ending on the losing side during the elections. As I have always been saying, Horton is streetwise and blessed with a big mind.

It came as little surprise when he made those mature comments, congratulating his rival who won the elections and further admitted that he has acquired good lessons from this exercise which was all new for him.

We hope he will build on this for next time. We thank Manzini North people for the trust they showed on Horton. We also wish to thank all those who supported and voted for National Football Association (FA) executive member Sikhumbuzo Dlamini from Nkwene even though he did not make it at the end.

My message to him is not to give up



HARDY: FA executive member Sikhumbuzo Dlamini.

because there is always a next time. Sikhumbuzo is a mature politician and will continue assisting his community even though he is no longer representing them in Parliament.

Pre-sale entry tickets

THE pre-sale of entry tickets to premier league games is a new innovation in local football and let us get used to it because it is a worldwide trend when you talk professional football.

As football people, we need to appreciate that whenever you introduce something new, there is bound to be a few glitches here and there as is the case with the pre-sale of the tickets and please forgive us for that.

That said though, one would implore football people to look at this in a bigger picture because

there is no turning back now. This idea is in the premier league to stay and people should get used to it.

We are happy that most people are doing just that because they can see the benefits which include avoiding queues and the security of money. As PLE, we appeal that football followers embrace this idea and credit must be given to the PLE chairman Peter 'Touch' Magagula and his executive for once again thinking outside the box on issues that will promote the local game.

Matsapha United/Mhlume Peacemakers clarity

As PLE, we thought it would be wise to clarify the growing confusion regarding the issue of Matsapha United and Mhlume Peacemakers.

We have noted with concern that Mhlume Peacemakers name is now being used in media forums as reference to Matsapha United which should not be the case. The true position is that in the PLE

files and records, only Matsapha United are in existence, not Peacemakers. This, of course, can change if Matsapha United decide to apply for a name change which can only happen during our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the end of the season. This is for the benefit of our media friends and supporters of the local game going forward.



CONGRATS: Harries 'Madze' Bulunga and David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala.



Congratulations to new MPs

COMPLEMENTS are in order for our loyal football people who have made it to the August House. Please make sure you do not forget matters that border on football development in Parliament. We know that you are capable of doing great because some of you are experienced politicians and so, go there and do us proud. Make sure

that you are not overshadowed because we have put our trust in you.

Here, I am referring to David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala, Marwick Khumalo, Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, Robert Magongo, Sibusiso 'Scorpion' Nxumalo and Victor Malambe amongst others. Good luck!



SIYANIBONGELA: Robert Magongo and Sibusiso 'Scorpion' Nxumalo.



From the PLE CEO

I would like to thank all our stakeholders who accorded me a warm welcome since I assumed office.

I can only be what you want through your undivided support.

Like any other person, I have my strengths and weak-

nesses, meaning that I am not perfect. This is your organisation and let us make it bigger and better together. I must say that the reception I got from the PLE executive committee along with the staff has been amazing, thank you very much!



MTN Premier League

FEATURE

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE TEAMS BOSSES

Compiled by Sibusiso Dlamini

With the MTN Premier League being only three games in and the

league already showing some intense competition with some teams being glaringly well prepared whilst some are still finding their feet, the Swazi Observer Sports Desk decided to

compile a write-up on the teams' directors.

These are the people whose financial muscle determines a team's activity in the transfer window, their cal-

iber of players and the team's maintenance as a whole. Football can be very costly and as mentioned by seasoned football administrator Kenneth Makhanya, the country shining stars

Mbabane Swallows might have had to cough up about 10 million on their incredible CAF run this past season alone. Here are your MTN Premier League bosses and their info; enjoy.

1. MBABANE SWALLOWS - PRINCESS LUNGILE

The princess who is widow to deceased business mogul and Mbabane Swallows boss Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze is now in charge of the history-making 'Beautiful Birds' of Mbabane who reached great heights under the leadership of his late husband. Gamedze took over the team in the early 2000's after the demise of top

lawyer Bheki Simelane. The team has arguably been the most settled financially and the players have a clubhouse in uptown Eveni.

Gamedze who was gunned down last year owned and co-owned different companies. One such company is Swayz Marketing (Proprietary) Limited, which Gamedze co-owned with Michelo Shakantu.

They both held an equal stake of 500 shares in the company. The company's core objective entails carrying on the business of merchandise including but not limited to the distribution of cellular phones and any other gadgets related thereto.

They are also on the business of managing and enhancing the business of other companies, providing marketing strategies and advise in business development.

They also purchase, develop, sell, lease, lease to and/or in exchange or otherwise acquire lands, farms, estates, ranches, buildings, lots and any movable or immovable property and any interest therein and rights over the same within Swaziland or elsewhere.

Gamedze and Shakantu are co-founders and shareholders of Eswatini's second mobile telecommunications operator, Eswatini Mobile.

The fourth company is Serjeant Investments which Gamedze is owner and co-director with Lomkhosi Geinile Yvonne Dlamini. Serjeant Investments is reportedly the company that owns the state-of-the-art glass house building called Madlenya Building that houses Eswatini Mobile inside the capital city's main street - Gwamile.

Under Gamedze's wing, the team has had their most successful run in history.

They have won the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup thrice, in the 2004/2005 season and also back to back in the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 season.

They have also won the MTN Premier League six times. In the 2004/2005 season, the 2008/2009 season, 2011/2012, 2013/2014, 2015/2016 as well as the 2016/2017. The team has also bagged the Swazi Bank Cup thrice; in the 2005/2006 season, the 2015/2016 season as well as the 2013/14 season.

The team also has honours to the now defunct Castle Top-8, winning the 2014/2014 title and the 2016/2017 one. The 'Beautiful Birds' have also won the King's Cup, beating Soweto giants Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates on home soil.

2. MANZINI WANDERERS - SANDILE 'CHIEF' DLAMINI

The 'Weslians' director is currently up in arms with the team's supporters who are vouching for South African born-businessman Thumbela Nhlengetfwa. The maroon and white outfit have been struggling to pay player's salaries and allowances and this has subsequently affected their results as players have even boycotted training. Since taking over the hub

giants from banker Henry 'Shushu' Mthethwa, the team only has the 2005/2006 Charity Cup title to their name. The 'Weslians' spent much of their time in boardroom squabbles with the directors battling with the seemingly superior supporters committee as well as the elders structure. 'Chief' is Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA). It still stands to be seen which structure in directorship the team will take going forward.

3. MBABANE HIGHLANDERS - ZWELI JELE

Jele is a partner at Robinson Bertram law firm and took over the baton mid-2016/2017 season after the fans forced former boss Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane out of the team. Jele is yet to win any silverware with the black and white ensemble and has also battled with keeping the

teams' hard-to-please supporters. The team was close to relegation that very year but survived the chop after the Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) decided to pilot the 14-team project.

4. MBABANE CITIZENS - BHEKI 'RUBBER' SIMELANE

The former Mbabane Highlanders boss is a businessman who owns BPL Communications. His team was shockingly unprepared this season, registering only eight players by the first game forcing abandonment and playing without a proper goalkeeper for the second one. Under 'Rubber', the team had gained promotion from the National First Division (NFD) and are playing their maiden season in the elite league.

5. VOVVO - SIPHO 'TSETLA' BHEMBE

Vovovo got promoted in the past season and did fairly well to maintain their elite league status. The team is owned by transport mogul Siphon 'Tsetla' Bhembe. Bhembe was also a Member of Parliament (MP) hopeful this past elections in the Motshane constituency, they bit the dust in the Primary elections, eventually losing out to another football person in well-known Mbabane Swallows Director Robert Magongo.

6. MANZINI SUNDOWNS - MARK CARMICHAEL

The Manzini based-side is owned by businessman Mark Carmichael have grown a reputation of being the country's best developmental side, but have since lost long-serving coach Penuel Malinga who cited financial issues in his resignation. Under Carmichael who took over from another businessman Tums DuPont,

the team won the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup back-to-back in the 2010/2011 as well as the 2011/2012 season.

7. MATSAPHA UNITED - SIBUSISO 'SCORPION' NXUMALO

The Mhlume Peacemakers boss Sibusiso 'Scorpion' Nxumalo won a seat in Parliament under the Madlangempisi constituency. Peacemakers recently bought the status of Matsapha United and await a formal change of the club name in an Annual General Meeting (AGM). Nxumalo is also Generals Pty (LTD) Director. He is yet to win any silverware.

8. MALANTI CHIEFS - DUMSANI GUMEDE

The Pigg's Peak based side is under the directorship of Dumsani Gumede. The businessman is well known for bringing South African prospects in the country, with the most recent signing being former Bidvest Wits mid-fielder Asive Langwe. The team has only one piece of silverware to their name - the 2008/2009 SwaziBank Cup.

9. MANZINI SEA BIRDS - PETER 'SAMORA' SIMELANE

The newly promoted side returns back to the top flight after one season in the NFD. They are under the directorship of 'Samora' who is the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) Vice Chairpersons on and is also a boss at SwaziMed.

10. TAMBUTI - RUDOLF MTSENJWA

The Lubombo based-side has also done well in the past season to main-

tain their top-flight status. They are under the chairmanship of Rudolf Matsenjwa who is one of the senior figures at Tambuti. They are also yet to win a price of silverware.

11. MONENI PIRATES

Currently in a leadership squabble and have no director.

12. GREEN MAMBA - MZUTHINI NTHANGASE

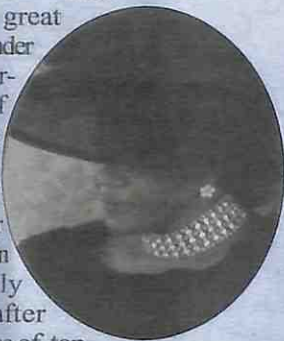
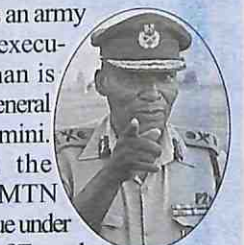
The team is under the Correctional services wing with the executive chairman being Commissioner General Mzuthini Nthangase. The team won the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup in the 2003/2004 season, the SwaziBank title in the 2003/2004 season as well as the 2011/12 season.

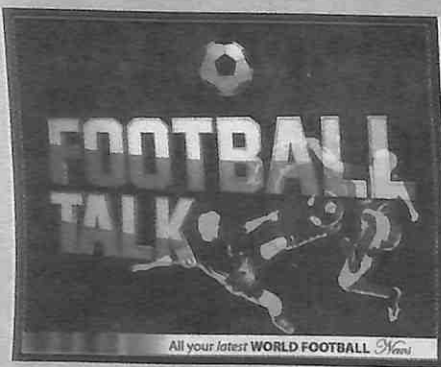
13. ROYAL LEOPARD - ISSAC MAGAGULA

The team is also under the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) and its executive Chairman is National Commissioner of Police Issac Magagula. The police side has won the MTN Premier League in the 2014/15 season.

14. YOUNG BUFFALOES - SOBANTU DLAMINI

The team is an army side and its executive Chairman is Lieutenant General Sobantu Dlamini. They won the 2010/2011 MTN Premier League under the tutelage of Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini.





● Several senior Manchester United players are angry with boss Jose Mourinho's man-management. The Portuguese recently told midfielder Paul Pogba, 25, he would not captain the club again. (ESPN)

● Pogba and Mourinho clashed at training on Wednesday because the manager thought the France international had posted a video of him laughing after Manchester United's defeat by Derby in the EFL Cup. (Sun)

● Pogba told the United hierarchy almost two months ago that he wanted to leave Old Trafford. (Telegraph)

● The problems between Mourinho and Pogba began when the midfielder re-signed for Manchester United for £89m, with the Old Trafford boss unhappy at the manner his arrival was announced. (Mail)

● United Vice-chairman Ed Woodward has backed Mourinho and is not thinking about sacking the 55-year-old. However, a number of players are considering leaving the club at the end of the season if Mourinho remains. (Star)

● Mourinho and Pogba will have to continue to work together as Ed Woodward has no plans to get rid of either of them. (Times - subscription required)

● Mourinho wants the same kind of backing from the Manchester United board as former manager Sir Alex Ferguson used to get in his battles with players. (Sun)

● What next for Pogba & Mourinho? Jose Mourinho and Paul Pogba Manchester City want 18-year-old English midfielder Phil Foden to sign a long-term contract. (Mail)

● West Ham have complained to talkSPORT about criticism from former Liverpool midfielder Danny Murphy regarding their handling of contract negotiations with Declan Rice. The Hammers did so after learning that the 19-year-old's agent has also represented Murphy. (Guardian)

● Arsenal are monitoring Everton defender Ryan Astley. The 16-year-old made his debut for the club's under-23 side in March. (Mirror)

● Liverpool Manager Jurgen Klopp says it could take up to six months for Brazil midfielder Fabinho to adapt to the club's way of playing. The 24-year-old joined Liverpool from Monaco in the summer and played in Wednesday's Carabao Cup defeat by Chelsea. (Independent)

● Leicester City boss Claude Puel says Turkey centre-back Caglar Soyuncu, 22, has yet to make his debut because his lack of English is making it difficult to communicate with his team-mates. (Leicester Mercury)

● Everton are interested in 20-year-old Porto and Brazil right-back Eder Militao, who can also play at centre-back and in midfield. (UOL - in Portuguese)

ICC WORLD TWENTY20 AFRICA 'C' QUALIFIERS BOUND SQUAD STARTS PREPS

By Sibusiso Dlamini

CRICKET - THE National senior men's squad set to compete in the ICC World Twenty20 Africa 'C' Qualifier tournament has begun training.

The 14-member squad will be led by Sohail Khan and the tournament is scheduled for Gaborone, Botswana starting October 26 to November 4. The ICC World Twenty20 Africa C Qualifier tournament is played as part of the 2020 ICC World Twenty20 Qualification.

Swaziland Cricket Association (SCA) mouthpiece Mandla Dlamini confirmed the development yesterday.

"Our team has begun training and we are hopeful that they will thoroughly prepare for the tournament. The sport in the country has been developing and so many of these players have been playing the sport since the development stages hence we are hoping for the best."

"We need to perform exceptionally well in order to advance and contest in the regional finals in 2019," he said.

Twelve regional qualifiers are being held by the International Cricket Council (ICC), with 62 teams competing in five regions - Africa (three groups), Americas (two), Asia (two), East Asia Pacific (two) and Europe (three).

The top 25 sides from these will



THE STAR: Delisa Malinga in action 2013 before revolting for more local representation on the squad.

then contest five regional finals in 2019, with eight teams then going on to compete in the 2020 ICC World Twenty20 Qualifier, along with the six lowest ranked sides from the ICC T20I Championship.

The squad

1. Estean Sauerman
 2. Haris Rashid
 3. Christian Forbes
 4. John Frederick Chester
 5. Joseph Wright
 6. Mndeni Dlamini
 7. Melusi Magagula
 8. David Sindambiwe
 9. Muhammad Umair Qasim
 10. Shahzad Mahmood
 11. Muhammad Farooq
 12. Shehzad Patel
 13. Imran Patel
 14. Fazalmehmood Nanabawa
- Coach- Sohail Khan
Assistant Coach- Kunal Sharma
Manager- Saif Ullah

A total of eight countries will compete in the tournament and these are Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Malawi, Namibia, Saint Helena, Eswatini and Zambia.

NNAS to Host Umpires, Coaches Trainings

Stories by Jongile Xuba

NETBALL - THE National Netball Association of Swaziland (NNAS) will host training courses for coaches and umpires.

NNAS Secretary Ntombikayise Masango stated yesterday that the decision to host the courses was part of resolutions taken during a meeting held last weekend.

She said they discussed, amongst other issues, their calendar which included a number of activities to be held before the national league resumes.

"We had a strategic meeting at Zakhele where it was decided that we organise a

workshop to train our umpires. The course will be held at the OlympAfrica Centre at Lobamba October 6 to," she said.

Masango added that each team would be expected to send at least two officials to the course.

"Each team is expected to send at the least two people with a maximum of up to four. The members will have to pay a registration fee of E200 each, which covers stationery, meals and certificates. All payments are to be made to Du Pont via Mobile Money transfer or cash. I would like to stress that it is compulsory for all umpires to attend as only trained individuals

will be allowed to officiate during league games.

"Once we are done with the umpires training, a coaches one will follow a week later starting October 13 at the same venue. Teams will contribute the same amount of E200 per member and they are expected to bring not less than two," he said.

She further emphasised the importance of attending these courses stating that there would be consequences for those who shun them. "These coaches are not optional. We need coaches to have coaching certificates, especially in the Elite Division and no untrained umpire will officiate during games," she said.

Female, males to form mixed teams in tourney

NETBALL - Teams will get an opportunity to register their male players during a one day tournament slated for October 20.

The tournament to be hosted by the National Netball Association of Swaziland (NNAS) will be held at a venue still to be confirmed.

NNAS secretary Ntombikayise Masango said the main objective of the tournament was to unite netball

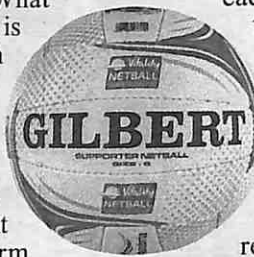
players in the country.

"The tournament is more of a stokvel. What will happen is that each team will register two male players. We want players from different clubs to form teams of eight players.

We also want the teams to mix so only two players from each team will be allowed to play for the same team.

"Regional teams are also allowed to attend this tournament and do not need to mix formal teams.

He said the teams would have to pay E150 registration fee and that the deadline has been set for October 14.



Raptors looking to displace Superstars from top spot

By Sibusiso Dlamini

BASKETBALL - MBABANE Raptors will be looking to displace Superstars from the summit of the log standings when the two teams meet in the Elite Men's League (EML) headliner.

This is according to the Eswatini MTN National Basketball League (ENBL) fixture released by the league's coordinator Mandisa 'Cheebay' Zwane.

Superstars who are currently at the summit of the log standings ahead

of Manzini Steels and Mbabane Jazz who are placed second and third respectively. The top three teams are all on the same number of points, but Superstars triumph the battle on reason of superior goal difference. The Size-Nxumalo led-side will face a stern test against Raptors who have been quite impressive in this season and only trail the log leaders by a point. The two are scheduled to meet at the Mavuso Sports Emporium, Sunday, Tip-off is 4pm.

Other interesting EML battles of the week include the battle between

Imbumba and Manzini Steels tomorrow. Imbumba are not an easy opposition to face as they still fancy a spot in the play-offs whilst Steels will want to aim for the first spot as they play a day before both Superstars and Mbabane Jazz. Tip-off is 4pm. On Sunday, the games will tip-off at 9am with a Men's Promotional League (MPL) match where Lynx Basketball will face-off against Nkambeni Scavengers. Meanwhile, in the National Women's League (EML), youngsters Enjabulweni Griffins will take on log leaders Superladies whilst basement

Squash now looking to introduce youngsters

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SQUASH - THE Eswatini Squash Federation (ESF) has vowed to introduce youngsters into the sport this coming season.

This was revealed by the federation's media liaison Rueben 'Rho' Nxumalo.

Nxumalo said they were happy with the interest in the sport amongst adults and how the league was progressing, but decried the fact that no youngsters were part of the league. "We are very concerned with the lack of youngsters so our main aim now is to work on introducing the young ones. We have already approached a few schools that have courts such as Salesian and St Marks and they also expressed their interest. We know that this is the only way we will get to develop as a country. Right now, we are worried because the sport tends to become more of a leisure activity instead of a competitive league. Youngsters are the ones that will make sure that our country is on the map when it comes to this sport and we have even included the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) in this because there are courts in the country that are not being utilised and this is just a waste of funds for our country," he said. In conclusion, Nxumalo thanked the sponsor Branding Design for their continued support. "We would like to express our gratitude to the sponsor. We can never find the perfect words because they have made it a point that squash exists in the country," he said.

This past season's winners in the Men's league were Mbabane whilst Bridgett Farrell triumphed in the Women's League, winning all her matches.

Fixture

Tomorrow at the Mavuso Sports Emporium			
Lynx Basketball	vs	Shooting Stars	9am
Manzini Raiders	vs	Luyengo Pacers	11am
Superladies	vs	Griffins	1pm
Mbabane Knicks	vs	Manzini Titans	3pm
Imbumba	vs	Manzini Steels	5pm
Sunday at the Mavuso Sports Emporium			
Blazers	vs	N Scavengers	10am
Langalam Dunkylaine	vs	Nhlangano Warriors	noon
RSSC Tridents	vs	Mbabane Jazz	2pm
Mbabane Raptors	vs	Manzini Superstars	4pm

sides Lynx Basketball and Shooting Stars will face-off.

IT TURNS TO DEEP RED OCEAN AS....

'BIRDS' FANS TOSH 'MAVIKANE' MOVE

By Sabelo Cwebu

SOCCKER – EVEN before he could be officially unveiled as Mbabane Swallows PRO, supporters of the most successful team in recent years have come out with guns blazing, over the imminent appointment of Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini.

'Mavikane' as revealed by this publication was on top of the pile when Swallows were negotiating for the Public Relations Officer (PRO) post. Supporters took to social media to vent their frustra-

tions at the mere fact that 'Mavikane', is the former Matsapha United Communications and Marketing Manager.

While the red and white glamour side giants General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2 000' Zwane confirmed a couple of officials were being engaged including 'Mavikane'.

Supporters

Some supporters even suggested that management appoint Comfort 'Hlasela' Shongwe who rose to stardom in his stint with relegated Red Lions. 'Mavikane' worked with Matsapha as Communications

and Marketing Manager for the past two years before being acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in the last few months at the Industrial Hub-based side before its status was sold to Mhlume Peacemakers.

The feeling among the 'Birds' supporters seemingly is that bringing 'Mavikane' on board would be taboo as his former boss at Matsapha Sipho Shongwe remains incarcerated for the alleged murder of former Swallows boss Victor Gamedze.

DIZZY: Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini.



WHAT SOME FANS HAD TO SAY ON FACEBOOK:

User 1: Kani yena loMavikane abamfakanga ngani Kule combo leyaya Ku Highlander.

User 2: Mavikane is a Bird .loool

User 3: Hahahahaha I like the post. Ewu asati kutsi kwahamba njani kumbe uyakhona mane ufuna kuya via...

User 4: Akunikwa ngani nje Hlasela?

User 5: Kona seyinkabendala ebholeni but eish lokutsi ubuya

kunaba.....

User 6: Asimdzingi nje.

User 7: Hlasela bhubezi Comfort Shongwe

User 8: Msangano lona infact ngunaku lengesaba ngisho kukubita ngeligama. Mangabe Sandile kuyamehlula akabite umhlangano beve kutsi lomnden lomkhulu ungenta njan hhay Mavikane. Ngamane balandze Hlasela vele.

User 9: Mavikane ungatiyengi asikudzingi ka Swallow.

User 10: Asebamfaka batobona shaka afake emakhokho.

User 11: Buka ngoba utawabona ke ema supporters' eSwallows kutsi a powerful kanjani. Ase bacale phela bamcashe.

User 12: Tsine as loyal supporters ale team siyatana, futsi satsi asiyifuni lentfo yaMavikana utawumangala kutsi sitawentani.

User 13: Siyambonga xem at least Hlasela uncono.

User 14: Asimdzingi. shem.....abasicolele baphatsi

ngaye. Abayofuna lomunye xm

User 15: Ngekutifoba nje lokukhulu siyacolisa Mangweni.

User 16: Asimfuni ke lo yeBaphatsi beSwallows.....no no phela no...nje finish!

User 17: But Sandile akeme naga-lona cz kusengakapholi.

User 18: Yabooooo kona sibo Spencer but this time Noooooolidolo etulu ma swai swai uyoba PRO we Swallows ethuneni lakhe.

Late fitness test for Sandile, Ndazabandzaba

By Jongile Xuba

SOCCKER - MBABANE Swallows duo Sandile Hlatshwako and Siboniso Ndazabandzaba will undergo a late fitness test to determine their availability for their MTN league game on Sunday.

The red and white ensemble will lock horns with Correctional Services out fit Green Mamba at the Somhlolo National Stadium starting at 3.30pm

This was revealed by Swallows General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane yesterday. He said that the pair could make the team depending on today's assessment.

"Siboniso and Sandile have already started training and have a late fitness test tomorrow (today) to check how they are recovering. After the doctors and trainers have assessed them, we can then make a decision on whether or not to play them on Sunday," he said.

"However Palma is unavailable as his he hasn't fully recovered from his injuries. He will not be part of the squad but we will give an update on his progress soon," said Zwane.

Striker Sandile Hlatshwako is recovering from a broken knee ligament whilst defender Siboniso Ndazabandzaba was nursing an ankle injury. Mandla Palma who is also a defender suffered a fracture during Swallows' last CAF Champions' League group stage encounter against Premeiro de Agosto



REVEALED: Swallows General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane.

Coming to the game, Zwane said they had been working hard at training.

"We created numerous chances in our last game against Citizen and this week the team has been working on finishing as well as other aspects of our game. We do not take any game lightly and also understand that as the defending champions, everyone is out to knock off our perch.

Therefore we treat all teams the same, that is, no big teams or small team mentality. This means we have to prepare for every game thoroughly and Sunday's game is no different," he said.

Less than two weeks to go before Inyatsi Swazi Frontier

By Qondile Ntiwane

CYCLING – IT is now less than two weeks before the much anticipated 13th edition of the Inyatsi Swazi Frontier MTB takes centre stage.

The teams will line up on October 11 to begin the three-day race around northern Hhohho. The unmarked route leads mountain bikers to remote and rural corners of Eswatini following valleys, river systems and mountain ranges. Each day, the route showcases the natural beauty of Eswatini and passes through a different nature/game reserve.

Riders from over eight countries will compete in the three day mountain bike which covers three areas in the Hhohho region, namely Bulembu, Pigg's Peak and Maguga.

Race Organiser and coordinator Lesley Foss said in a statement yesterday that one of the most exciting aspects of the race was that it features the largest percentage of Emaswati riders than ever before.

She said this was a reflection of the growing popularity of mountain bike riding in the country.

"Emaswati have been enjoying and gaining experience in the local single-stage races. They have been building up their fitness and stamina and honing their technical skills so that they feel confident about taking on the challenge of Inyatsi Swazi Frontier which is a multi-stage race. The growing numbers of mountain bike enthusiasts in Eswatini also make it easier to find a local team mate which is important for riders to com-



COMING SOON: One of the local teams posing during last year's edition of the race. (Courtesy Pic)

pete in teams of two," she said.

She added that title sponsor, Inyatsi Construction, had a wellness programme and cycling club to encourage its employees to keep fit and healthy.

"There are five corporate teams from Inyatsi Construction. Total Swaziland, the supporting sponsor, has one corporate team. Other local companies focussed on the health benefits of cycling and keen to encourage and motivate staff through participation in a team event stage race are Umbuluzi Farm Chickens, Swaziland

Charity Cup Best Player to be awarded today

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCKER – ESWATINI Telecom Charity Cup Player of the Series will finally be awarded today.

This will be during a prize presentation to be held at the Eswatini Post and Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC) Boardroom this morning starting at 8.45 am. "Eswatini Telecom will be awarding players, coaches and most importantly the media who played a major role in promoting the charity Cup from June to August 2018," said Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup Project Manager Nqobile Magagula yesterday.

Mbabane Swallows were crowned the champions of the tournament after beating Mbabane Highlanders in the finals in a packed Somhlolo National Stadium on August 4. The Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup is an initiative by Eswatini Telecom that generates funds geared towards assisting those who are less privileged in all communities around the country. The Charity Cup Trust Fund has distributed over E11 000 000.00 since inception of this initiative, fifteen years ago.

EPTC uses this national event in partnership with football to mitigate the effects of HIV/AIDS, job creation and entrepreneurship, education and personal development, arts and culture, sports, wellness and crime prevention. In so doing EPTC has a far reaching impact in partnering with the Eswatini government by actively achieving the goals of the Eswatini National Development Strategy and directly contributing to the alleviation of poverty in the kingdom of Eswatini.

Plantations, Windhoek Beer, Mormond Electrical and Nkonyeni Pre-Cast. It will be exciting to see how the local corporate teams perform, expressed, Lesley Foss. Participating in a team event is good for camaraderie and always leads to good humour.

The local teams will be joined by teams from United Kingdom, Canada, USA, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe. She said for more information those interested can go to www.swazifrontier.co.sz

'Fash' came to training drunk - 'Professor'

... Striker accuses Ngubane of trying to destroy his career, vows not to work with him

By Sabelo Gwebu

SOCCER – FORMER Mbabane Highlanders Coach Professor Ngubane has come out to explain why he pushed striker Mfan'fikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze out of the 'Bull's Kraal'.

Ngubane who resigned as Highlanders coach a day after a depleting big derby 3-1 defeat to Mbabane Swallows in the first game of the MTN League season to focus on his health as he is reportedly sickly said the speedy forward came to work drunk, something he could not tolerate.

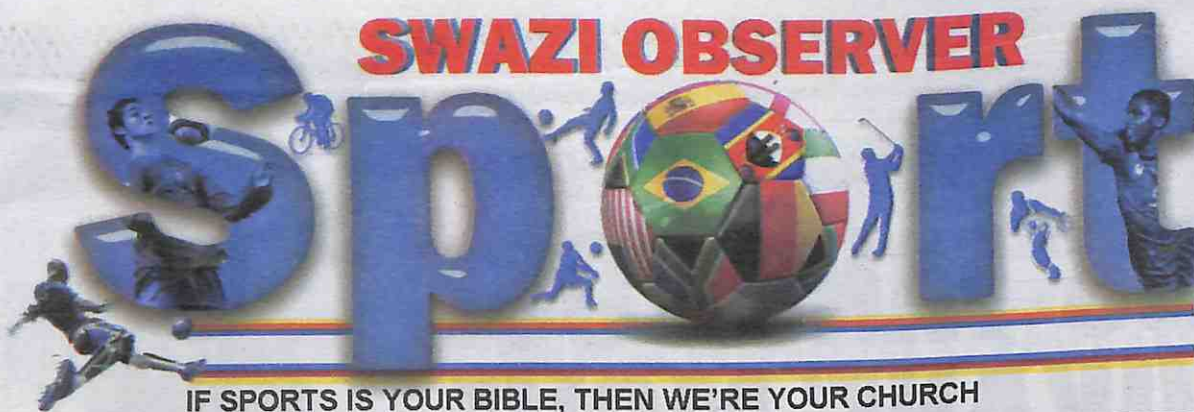
"I'm a professional football coach who would not allow any football player to come to work drunk. I was doing my job and there is nothing wrong with that. Maybe other coaches would allow him to train even if he is drunk but not me," said Ngubane who is back in his native South Africa.

Ngubane continued that he did not see himself coaching another team in the country other than Highlanders as he now considered himself a 'Bull' person. Asked about his current health situation, Ngubane added that he was not well. "I'm sick and had to be close to my doctor. I might look young but I'm not I'm old," Professor said.

When reached after training with his new Wanderers teammates' yesterday afternoon, 'Fash' lambasted Ngubane of trying on a couple of occasions to destroy his career.

"He must be crazy. I never came to training drunk and it will seem he is all out to destroy my career. He bad-mouthed me at Mbombela and did same when Highlanders officials took me for training after my return. Ngubane must leave me alone as I want to focus on my career and he must focus on getting a new team. I will never work with him. Even if he can come to Wanderers, I'll be the first one to exit the door," Fash said.

Fash' who had a short stint with South Africa's National First Division side Mbombela United last season completed a switch to Manzini Wanderers last week. He could make his debut tomorrow when the 'Weslians' welcome Malanti Chiefs at Mavuso Sports Centre pending his international clearance availability.



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FAIR PLAY...

FA, CITY REACH CONSENSUS



By Sabelo Gwebu

SOCCER – MBABANE City has finally agreed to honour their National First Division League matches sanctioned by the Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) starting this weekend.

After absconding the opening match of the MTN First Division against Tambankulu Callies two weeks ago, the team and Eswatini Football Association (EFA) have reached a consensus to honour matches while awaiting the jurisdiction of their matter from world football governing body FIFA. City strongly oppose their relegation from Premier League to the First Division, citing irregularities done by the PLE and FA in turning a blind eye to the MTN League rules and regulation of the 2016/17 season wherein there was no relegation in the elite league.

As a result, two more teams were promoted from the NFD, taking the number of Premier League clubs to

...Mbabane City to honour MTN First Division game against Madlenya as they await FIFA rule on relegation impasse with FA, PLE



AGREED: Mbabane City players in action in one of their games last season, the team was relegated to the National First Division.

14. The team's Board of Governor Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli said they would honour the game this weekend. The team will travel East to play Madlenya tomorrow at the Nsukuwansuku Stadium in Mhlume.

"We will honour our weekend game after meeting with the FA where it was agreed that we must play match-

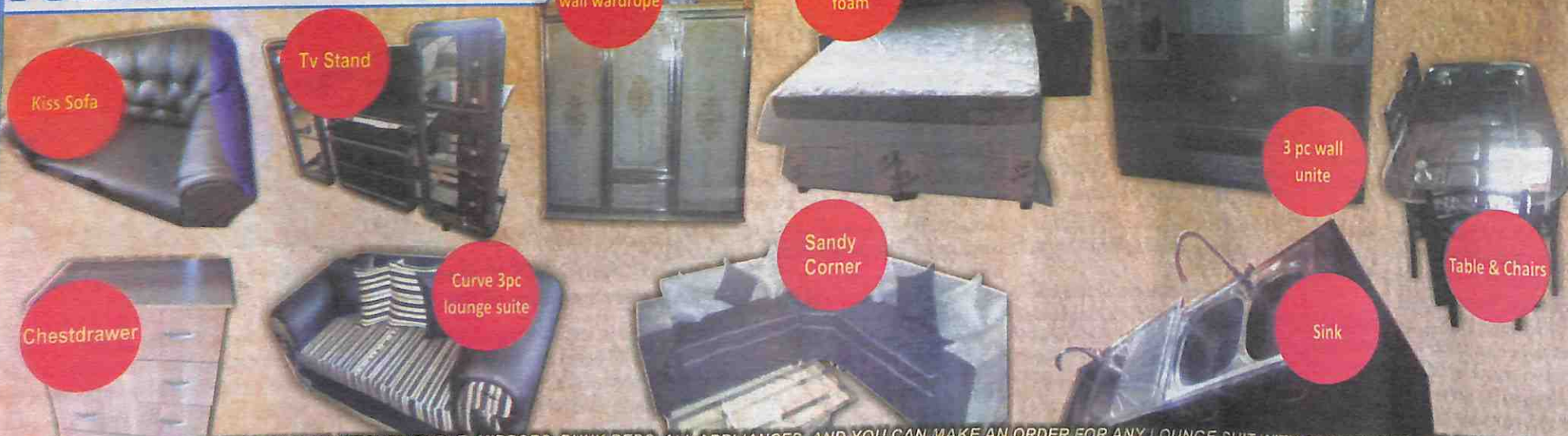
es while awaiting the matter to be resolved by FIFA," said City's PLE Board of Governor 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli.

Asked on the decision taken by the two parties concerning the unattended opening match against Callies, Mdluli said the team faced charges on that one but will not pronounce the PLE next step. The Mbabane based ensemble had filed an urgent

application with the High Court after receiving their NFD fixture, a matter that was dismissed by Judge Muncy Dlamini two weeks ago. The team was praying for the court to interdict the PLE from relegating them to the NFD pending the finalisation of their complaint with the FA and or any other avenues such as lodging an appeal with FIFA or the Court of Arbitration for (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland as provided by the EFA statutes and FIFA statutes. City's High Court application was treated as of no urgency and was deferred to October 26.

Representing City in the matter was Thabiso Fakudze from Fakudze Attorneys while Zakhele Dlamini and Advocate Mduduzi 'Tsotsi' Mabila on the instruction of Desmond Manda of MLK Ndlangamandla and Associates represented the EFA and PLE, respectively.

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