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A WARM WEEK EXPECTED

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

A relatively warm week is predicted.

According to information sourced from Accu Weather Services, the week is expected to be warm becoming colder as the week progresses. Relatively high minimum temperatures are predicted.

Today it will be sunny and mild but warm in the Lowveld.

Temperatures will range from 8 Degrees Celsius rising to 28 Degrees Celsius.

Tomorrow, a slight increase in temperatures is expected. Morning fog is expected at high places otherwise mild, warm to hot in the Lowveld.

Wednesday, temperatures will drop. Temperatures will range from 11 Degrees Celsius rising to 28 Degrees Celsius in the Lowveld. Meanwhile, Thursday will be the coldest day of the week with temperatures starting from 9 Degrees Celsius rising to 22 Degrees Celsius.



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EX-POLITICIANS DITCH MOPADO

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

FORMER politicians have taken a decision to switch from Members of Parliament and Designated Officers Bearers (MOPADO) to Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF).

This decision was taken by the former politicians this past Saturday during the meeting organised by Eswatini Former Politicians Association.

The meeting took place at Caritas in Manzini. It transpired that the former politicians were not happy with what MOPADO offered them.

Their problem, according to sources at the meeting, was that the former politicians felt their money was not safe with MOPADO. They also stated that they had no confidence on the MOPADO newly-elected board, as they felt there were certain issues that needed to be ironed out with them.

Some of those recently elected into the board include Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo,

...This is just a bunch of losers – MP Marwick

who was re-elected by current MPs in the House of Assembly to represent them in MOPADO. The former politicians said they were not out to fight with anyone, but to find out what was happening with their money.

The former MPs wondered how the proposed probe at MOPADO would happen when some of the members of the board were re-elected.

One of the former politicians also stated that even if one was investigated at work, that particular person would be suspended so that the probe could continue without any disturbance.

It further emerged during the meeting, according to sources, that PSPF had a better offer than MOPADO. They said the basic monthly annuities at PSPF were E1 000, compared to MOPADO, where it was E400.

They said earning E400 as a former legislator was an insult because that was lower than even a government watchman, who could be



DITCH: Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo.

paid around E1 000 in monthly annuities. They also complained about the access to their pension funds.

They stated that it was not fair for them to access to their pension funds before they reached the age of 55.

One former legislator said this was not fair on them because chances were high that they will not receive the money at all.

He said life expectancy in the

country was around 52 years. That would mean chances of them accessing the money would be low.

"If an MP wins elections at 30 years and finishes the term at 35, that MP would have to wait for another 20 years before accessing E400 per month," said the former politician.

He further said PSPF had a better offer because at 45 years, one could access his or her money. So it would be better for them to switch to PSPF because their deal was better than that of MOPADO.

The meeting was attended by former politicians that included former MPs, senators, constituency heads (tindvuna tetinkhundla), constituency councillors (bucopho) and former members of Emabandla.

Some of them contemplated on approaching the current MPs with the view of moving a motion to nullify the recent elections held in the House of Assembly, which were won by Khumalo.

The MPs were invited to the meeting, but could not go there.

PSPF Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Langalakhe Dlamini said he was not aware of the matter and referred this newspaper to PSPF spokesperson Elkan Makhanya for comments.

Makhanya also stated that he was not aware of the matter and asked for a questionnaire to be sent so that he could give a clear position of PSPF on the issue.

Ex-politicians slam burial benefit

THE former politicians have slammed the burial benefit offered by Members of Parliament and Designated Officers Bearers (MOPADO).

The former politicians punched holes on the benefit, which they said was worth E40 000. They said such a funeral benefit was expensive and some of the money should be given to them so that they could enjoy it while they were still alive. For the former politicians, it did not make sense for them to live lives of paupers after their term of office, only to be given dignified funerals and buried in big and expensive caskets. One former politician stated that PSPF offered something better. They had a burial policy of E15 000

and they could have access to the remaining E25 000. Eswatini Former Politicians Association Secretary Saladin Magagula only stated that members were bitter about MOPADO.

He said what made them bitter about the pension fund was that they were in the dark about what was happening with their money. What further disgruntled the association's members was that they were not afforded an audience with MOPADO.

"Our chairman [former MP Patrick Pha Motsa] went to seek an audience with the Principal Officer [Comfort Tshabalala]. He was denied an opportunity to meet the officer. This was not well received by the members," Magagula said.

Ex-MP Masilela contemplates approaching court

FORMER Lobamba MP Michael Masilela contemplates approaching the courts over the MOPADO saga.

This also transpired during the meeting held by Eswatini Former Politicians Association.

According to sources at the meeting, it was revealed that the former Lobamba legislator wanted to approach the courts to find a way of transferring his money from MOPADO to institutions where it would be safe.

Asked on the matter, Masilela said he had not yet decided on the way forward. He was still waiting to hear from his former Parliament colleagues' views. Masilela said it was clear to him that he was not the only one affect-

ed by this. So it was best for him not to hastily act on it. He said sometimes, there were laws that governed their pensions as former politicians and influencing changes on such laws could be done in many ways. Sometimes people could approach Parliament so that the laws could be amended or better still, the courts. Masilela said the problem with Parliament was that the amendments could take a very long time yet they were affected.

The former politicians, according to the sources, said they were ready to approach the court on this matter.

They would approach the courts whether Masilela backed them or not. They said the matter was so serious such that they even set up a legal fund to instruct a lawyer to take it up.



COMPANY DIRECTOR PLOTS AGAINST COMPETITOR

BY OBSERVER REPORTER
Mbabane

ON Friday, the Central Tender Board opened bids for the construction of the multi-million Emalangeni Manzini Golf Club Interchange project.

Various local and international construction companies were expected to submit their bids in an effort to win the tender, a process which is expected to finish in the next month or two.

A female construction company director based in Matsapha is caught in a recorded telephone conversation with

a senior reporter plotting on how one of the biggest construction companies can be scandalised so that it cannot tender for the project.

The female director who was called by the Observer to enquire on her behind the scenes lobbying to undermine her competitor declined to comment.

Conversation

In the conversation she pleads with the reporter, who is known to this publication, to write stories that would undermine her competitor so that this company disqualified from tendering for the job. She pleaded with the reporter and further insinuated that she would

lobby some MPs who she knows to be against this company to prevent it from submitting its bid.

The company director urged the reporter to get a ministry of public works and transport report on its assessment of the ongoing roads projects which was tabled before Parliament recently with the view to use it against its major competitor.

"I want you to help me on this coming project, the Manzini Golf Course Interchange which runs into billions of Emalangeni. We are not ready for this project to be given to the same company when they are struggling with other projects. We want to pre-

vent this company's eligibility to tender, to prevent it from bidding for the project because once it bids it very possible that we may not sniff this project as well because of its influence," the company director pleaded with the reporter. When a senior ministry of works was called on the plot if they were already aware of it, the official responded to the contrary.

The official said as far as they are aware as the ministry, no company has been black listed from tendering for any job. The official said tenders are considered on the basis of the tender document which stipulates succinctly what is required and the bid-

der's meeting of all or most of the requirements.

"We also consider as part of the standards the bidder's capacity to deliver the project both in terms of financial capacity and experience in similar projects," the official stated.

Targeted

When a senior official of the company being targeted was asked about this move, he could only confirm of being made aware of the circulating audio and were still to consider what sort of steps they would take against the director and if her actions don't constitute criminal behaviour.

OVER 400 QUALIFIED NURSES AT HOME

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

OVER 400 qualified nurses are sitting at home as government has frozen their recruitment, thus crippling the health sector of the country.

This was disclosed by the Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula when addressing Mbabane Pensioners branch on Wednesday.

The director was called by the pensioners to address the issues faced by the elderly at Mbabane Government Hospital.

The director's visit to the pensioners was what the senior citizens longed for as they lodged over 10 issues that they experienced in the biggest hospital of the country. Dr Magagula, reacting to one of the burning issues

...Dr Vusi Magagula tells pensioners of their frustration due to the freezing of hiring new staff

which was the unavailability of medical professionals in the hospital, said the hospital and other health care centres in the country were under-staffed.

His revelation is supported by the reports which assessed the health ministry's staffing concerns and a fact which was also admitted by the Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini in his breakfast meeting with editors recently.

One of the elders stated that they queue for hours at the hospital without being attended to by a single nurse or doctor.

Former medical professional Bertram Dlamini stated that sometimes they are turned back home because of the unavailability of doctors at the hospital.

"At times we are turned back from the hospital after queuing for hours," he said.

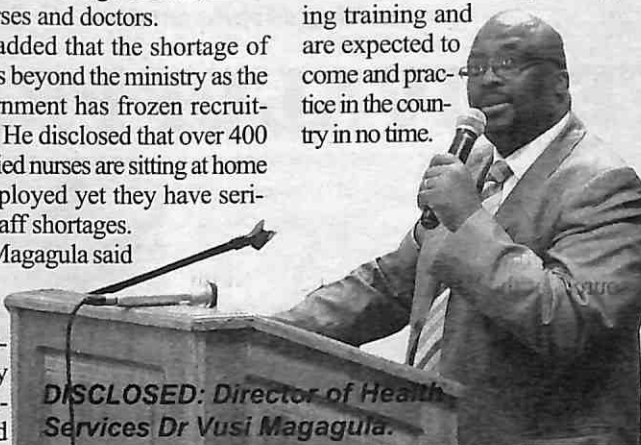
Dr Magagula started by explaining that the ministry of health has a serious shortage of staff, mainly nurses and doctors.

He added that the shortage of staff is beyond the ministry as the government has frozen recruitment. He disclosed that over 400 qualified nurses are sitting at home unemployed yet they have serious staff shortages.

Dr Magagula said

the nurses currently unemployed

could improve the rate of service delivery. Coming to the issue of shortage of doctors, Dr Magagula said he believes this issue would be addressed soon as there are doctors who are currently undergoing training and are expected to come and practice in the country in no time.



DISCLOSED: Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula.

Talk to politicians

THE director of health services urged pensioners and elderly people to communicate the challenges they face at hospitals or health-care centres to politicians so that government can act promptly to issues affecting the healthcare sector.

Dr Magagula said in order for some of the challenges facing the ministry to be solved, the elders should engage their MPs so that policies can be drawn and be implemented. Dr Magagula was reacting to the issue of drug shortage in the country health-care facilities.

The Chairperson of the Mbabane branch Dr Osvart Sukati said there is a shortage of medication at the hospital, mainly diabetic medication.

Elderly people are given prescription to go and purchase the medication from pharmacies. Dr Sukati said looking at the little money elderly

people earn, they are unable to purchase these medication. The director of health services said the shortage of drugs in the country is indeed a national crisis.

He said this goes back to the shortage of finances facing the ministry of health. He further stated that he understands how expensive diabetes medication is from pharmacies, thus politicians need to find a way of dealing with the challenges facing the ministry.

Dr Magagula said the current issues facing the ministry no longer conform to universal health coverage. According to the World Health Organisation, people should be able to access health services in each hospital. The current situation no longer conforms to the standards.

However, he added that Eswatini is not the only country that is facing crisis in the health sector. "The issues facing the country happen even in other countries such as Namibia who face similar crisis," he said.

ON-CALL STAFF

ANOTHER burning issue raised by the pensioners with the director was the unavailability of on-call doctors.

The pensioners stated that on-call doctors in the hospital only exist on paper.

The pensioners said at times when they reach the hospital during off-work hours, they are left unattended or attended late.

They stated that most of the time they are told that there are no on-call doctors or staff at all.

Dr Magagula said he had received so many complaints about the on-call doctors.

He said this was discouraging as the country spends huge amounts of money paying the on-call staff because they are assumed to be working overtime. However, Dr Magagula said it is not always

the case where the medical professionals are not willing to come to work.

Dr Magagula said the shortage of vehicles sometimes delays the service of on-call medical practitioners.

He added that some of the night drivers have a tendency of indulging in alcohol while on the job, and because they also fear for their lives they are delayed as they make means of finding alternative transportation to work.

Besides the on-call staff, the elders also complained about the rising number of people jumping queues at Mbabane Government Hospital. The pensioners stated that friends and relatives of staff jump queues while elderly people are left to die on the lines.

Toddler's murder: Mom shocked by teen son's behaviour

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

THE mother of a teen boy who is said to have slit a toddler's throat with a knife is mystified by her son's behaviour.

Khanyisile Khumalo (39) of Mbikwakhe said after hearing about the incident last week, she was shattered because she had been to courts and the psychiatric hospital about issues caused by her son. Khumalo said this was extreme in that the child died yet in a past incident; the minor only fainted and recovered after some time.

Khumalo's son *Bongani was arrested last Thursday after he allegedly used a kitchen knife to slit open the throat of two-year-old Nkosiya Maphanga. The two boys lived with their parents in the same compound, where they rented flats at Mbikwakhe. After committing the offence, the teenager allegedly cleaned the knife and placed it in his mother's house before walking to Nhlambeni, where he was later apprehended. When interviewed yesterday, Khumalo said her son was troublesome in that not only does he have a pending case in court in connection to the incident where he strangled a three-year-old while at Gebeni, but he was also not attending school because on several occasions he dropped out without explanations.

Amid all this, Khumalo said she tried to take him back to school with the hope that he would not turn to his antics. However, her efforts were futile as yearly, he did the same thing. Since she was no longer employed, Khumalo said Bongani had not been attending school because his father did not buy him uniform when he bought for the other children due to that he feared that Bongani would drop out again.

Behaviour

"Due to this behaviour, he was still in Grade Two when he last attended school. I don't know how to take all this because I'm too shocked. Maybe my son was bewitched," she said.

When asked what Bongani told them after the first incident at Gebeni, Khumalo said when he explained what had happened, her son told her that he was playing with the three-year-old when the toddler picked a stone and hit him.

"He said he was too angry so he strangled the child. Luckily, the toddler recuperated because he only fainted," Khumalo stated. After this incident, the mother said she took her child to the psychiatric hospital where he was examined.

Khumalo said although she was not told what her son was suffering from but he has been on treatment ever since. Back to the recent incident, Khumalo said when she visited Bongani in jail last week, he asked for his grandfather to whom he apologised.

Bongani is said to have told his family that he did not know what came over him because for some time, there was unaccounted for time. Meaning he did not know how or why he killed the toddler.

"Utsi nje kwatsi khwishi! Naye akati kwentekani," Khumalo said. Even so, Khumalo said his son regretted all that he had done. Bongani has been charged with murder and he appeared before Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini at Matsapha Circuit Court last Friday. The teen was remanded in custody and will make his second appearance again today.

Govt disassociates itself from MPs China visit

BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

GOVERNMENT has disassociated itself from a visit to Mainland China by the country's Members of Parliament.

In a statement issued by the Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane, he reiterated Eswatini's unshaken relations with the Republic of China (Taiwan).

The statement is in reaction to an article run by one of the local weekly newspapers yesterday where some Members of Parliament are said to have visited Mainland China on a familiarisation tour.

Government reacted by saying the country had unshaken diplomatic ties with Taiwan and were expected to continue for a long time to

come. Simelane said the Kingdom of Eswatini and the Republic of China (Taiwan) have continuously enjoyed long and unbroken diplomatic relations since the country's independence in 1968.

According to Simelane, this relationship was based on mutual respect, friendship and loyalty.

"Both countries engage, in principle, at a level of equal partnership. This is a 51-year-old relationship based on an understanding and appreciation of our respective profound cultural and traditional systems," Simelane said.

He further narrated that Eswatini and Taiwan ties were defined by successful cooperation across a broad spectrum of areas, as well as real commitment to realising the conceived by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). "Government did not sanc-



ON TOUR: MP Robert Magongo.

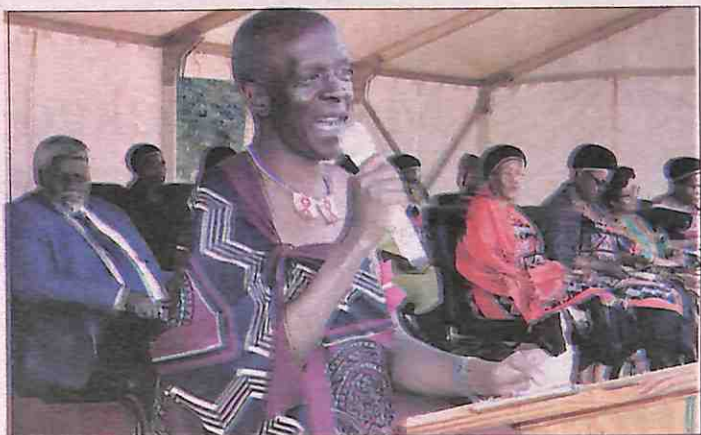
tion the familiarisation tour of some parliamentarians to the People's Democratic Republic of China and, as such, their conclusions from the excursion are purely personal and have no bearing on the relationship between the Kingdom of Eswatini and Taiwan," said the spokesperson.

He emphasised that the country's commitment to strong diplomatic ties with Taiwan remained unshaken and enduring.

"Any cynical campaign of coer-

cion threatening the relationship shared by the two countries would not succeed. The Kingdom of Eswatini and Taiwan remained resolute in working together for the greater good and building a better future for the country," Simelane stated.

The legislators who participated in the tour, according to the weekly publication, included Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo, Senator Prince Magudvulela, MP Victor Malambe and MP Robert Magongo.



ROYAL BLESSINGS: Minister of Housing and Urban Development Prince Simelane representing His Majesty King Mswati III during the Somhlolo Festival of Praise last service at the National Church in Nkhanini yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



REMARKS: Minister of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe making her introductory remarks for the King's representative.

SOMHLOLO FESTIVAL OF PRAISE LAST SERVICE



WORD OF GOD: Tibiyo TakaNgwane MD Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini, Prince Masitsela, King's Representative Prince Simelane and Chairman of the organising committee Reverend Mandla Dlamini listening to the sermon.



RENDERING: Children from New Hope Centre in Bethany entertaining the congregation.



BALONDOLOZI: Hhohho RA Princess Tsandzile and members of the Royal family as they sing and dance at the service.

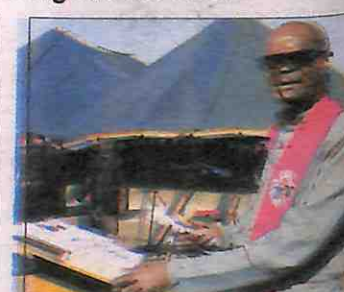


IN SONG: A Zion Church choir renders a performance.



IN WORSHIP: Members of the Methodist Church captured in song and dance during the service.

PREACHING: First Lady of Second Missionary Baptist Church Sheila Ruffin from Columbia, USA delivering her sermon.



FROM LEFT - LITHI LIZWI: Bishop Dorah Mabuza of Preach the Word Ministries International ministering the Word of God. **IN PRAYER:** Anglican Bishop Elinah Wamukoya leading the congregation in prayer. **MY TURN:** Reverend BM Mane gestures as he took the podium to deliver the word of God.



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Stick to King Somhlolo's vision, King tells nation

STORIES BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Lobamba

HIS Majesty King Mswati III has urged Emaswati not to depart from King Somhlolo's vision of choosing the Bible over money.

His Majesty was speaking during the last day of the Somhlolo Festival of Praise services at the National Church in Lobamba, where he was represented by Minister of Housing and Urban Development Prince Simelane.

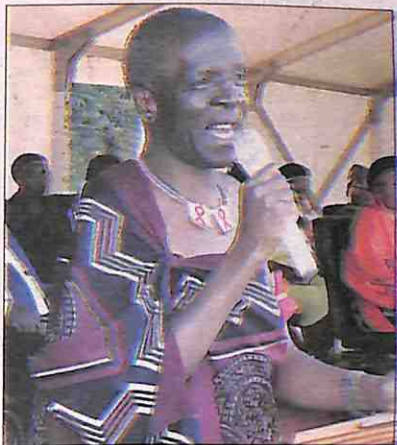
The minister said His Majesty was grateful to the nation for deciding to come together to worship. He said the King attributes the success of the event to all those who took part in it one way or another. He also thanked visitors from the United States of America who graced the event.

Vision

Prince Simelane also gave a brief background of the services, highlighting that His Majesty said it was a way of thanking God for showing Himself to King Somhlolo in his vision.

The minister said King Somhlolo chose the Bible over money.

This was hailed as a good move which benefited Eswatini because it is a peaceful nation now. The minister said a lot of countries are engaged in never ending wars because of money, which he described as the root of evil.



CHOOSE THE BIBLE: The King's representative, Minister of Housing Prince Simelane preaches during the Somhlolo Festival of Praise last service at the National Church in Nkhanini yesterday. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

The prince said His Majesty has urged him to remind the nation to always choose the Word of God instead of money.

He said the Bible comes with warning and advice. He said the warning that has been relayed to him to send to the nation by His Majesty was for people to always know that the sin of a single person does not affect only that individual but has far-

reaching consequences as other people also suffer in the end.

"Sono semuntfu munye asigcini kuhlupha umuntfu munye kepha sihlupha nala-banye," the minister said, relaying the message from King in vernacular.

To support this message, the minister referred to the Book of Jonah 1:12 where it reads thus; "Pick me up and throw me into the sea, and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

Sailing

He said Jonah did not obey God as he did not want to go to Nineveh but instead he boarded a ship that was sailing to another city. Prince Simelane said God sent a bad storm and everyone in the ship was terrified and all this happened because of Jonah.

He said Jonah told them to throw him into the water because he knew that God sent the storm because of him as he had not obeyed Him.

Another example that was used by the minister was the story of Achan who went against God's orders. Prince Simelane said God had warned that no one must take the spoils of the city of Jericho and the Israelites obeyed, except for Achan, who stole gold and silver and hid these things in his tent.

He said for that sin committed by Achan alone, his entire family and his livestock suffered as they were all stoned to death.

...Emaswati pray against escalating rape, murder cases

THE Somhlolo Festival of Praise closed off on a very emotional note yesterday as speaker after another mentioned the rape and murder cases engulfing Eswatini and how the country needs to pray for God's intervention during such trying times.

The thanksgiving service held at the National Church in Lobamba saw a lot of women overcome by emotions and could not hold back tears.

Bishop Ellinah Wamukoya delivered a moving prayer as she prayed to God to protect the country, saying a lot of innocent souls had been lost.

She pleaded with God to protect Emaswati women from being raped and killed as that was happening these days. Her prayer left quite a number of the congregants in tears.

Remembrance

Minister of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe, in her remarks, said the Somhlolo Festival of Praise which is held every year in the country is in remembrance of King Somhlolo's dream, whereby God showed himself in a vision and told the King that there were people of foreign origin that will come to Eswatini bearing the Bible and money.

King Somhlolo in the dream was

'Churches now fighting because of money'

THE love for money has seen a lot of churches divided, Minister of Housing and Urban Development Prince Simelane said during the service.

Prince Simelane warned the nation against going for riches and ignoring the Word of God. He said there were squabbles even in churches nowadays because of money.

He urged Emaswati to go back to Somhlolo's vision of choosing the Bible over money.

advised to take the Word of God (Bible). The minister thanked Their Majesties for allowing Emaswati to continue worshipping God and always telling Emaswati to stick to Christianity.

She said other countries are engaged in a lot of beliefs, including worshipping idols and some even animals, but Eswatini continues to serve only one God. She said in all the troubles that Emaswati come across they must know that the answer is prayer.

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KaShewula inner council to meet Ndabazabantu on RSSC graves case

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

THE inner council of KaShewula is reportedly doing everything possible to finally have the issue of graves which were accidentally damaged by an RSSC assigned TLB resolved amicably and put to rest.

Hundreds of graves near Mafucula were last month destroyed while the sugar company was preparing a piece

of land for the cultivation of sugarcane. The land is situated near Mhlume under Mafucula, a community which pays allegiance to KaShewula royal kraal.

Following the incident, which the Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC) has repeatedly described as an accident, the company and the affected relatives reached an agreement to have the deceased persons reburied in one large grave, and a memorial stone with their names put there. The costs of the reburial would

be catered for by RSSC.

At least, this was until the main traditional authority objected to the agreement, citing some breach of protocol and norms. The reburial arrangements were subsequently put on hold pending finalisation of further deliberations.

This publication yesterday managed to reach KaShewula's Acting Chief Bernard Sifundza for an update on the matter after some of the affected relatives expressed their concern.

Even though Sifundza also expressed his discontent in engaging with the media, he disclosed that his council will be meeting with the King's Liaison (Ndabazabantu) tomorrow for further deliberations of the matter.

Sifundza said his council was taking the matter seriously, hence his unwillingness to have it discussed on the media. "The matter has been reported to Ndabazabantu, and it would be improper to discuss it with the media while we are yet to put

our side of the matter before the relevant structures," said Sifundza, before disclosing that the discussions will take place at the King's Liaison's office tomorrow.

Meanwhile, relatives of the deceased persons have expressed their concerns on having their loved one's graves left lying in the current 'un-respectful' manner.

"All we want is to have our relatives' remains given a dignified reburial as per our norms and customs," said one of the relatives. On the other hand, RSSC has apologised to the affected relatives for the unfortunate incident.



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Man stripped naked, killed

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

A man who was believed to have been smuggling dagga into the Republic of South Africa (RSA) was brutally murdered after being stripped naked and tortured.

His naked body was then dumped in an open field with a long piece of cloth forced down his throat.

Next to the body were two empty sacks that smelt of dagga.

The murder took place on Saturday evening along a well-known informal border crossing near Horo.

Due to the fact the police are actively investigating the incident, the name of the deceased is known but has been withheld for now.

Interviewed yesterday, a police officer, who wanted to remain anonymous, said the man died after being shot twice in the chest.

"Information we have at the moment suggests that the deceased was a known dagga smuggler from Horo who made a living through smuggling dagga into South Africa from Eswatini.

Smuggler

Unfortunately, there is no honour amongst thieves, so other criminals who we are yet to identify found the dagga smuggler along the informal border crossing trying to make his allegedly illegal trip on Saturday evening.

The other criminals then assaulted the deceased using fists, kicks, a bush knife and a leather belt," said

the police officer.

He added that the assault occurred after the criminals stuffed a cloth in the man's mouth to muffle him. During the assault, his hands were tied together and he was stripped naked.

After the assault the criminals shot him twice in the chest," added the officer. Police believe the individuals who committed the crime stole the dagga. "At the scene we found two empty sacks that had a strong smell of dagga which led us to believe that the criminals who committed the murder stole the dagga from the deceased."

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that a man was brutally

shot and killed but said she was not in a position to provide details of the crime as the incident was still being investigated by the police.

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E4m for rehabilitation of police buildings

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

THE current state of police buildings has prompted the need for revamping.

With the upcoming refurbishment of Matsapha and Nhlangano correctional facilities, the Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) has also identified the need to refurbish its own structures.

This was outlined in the REPS performance report on recurrent and capital expenditure for the period from April to June 2019.

The police have been allocated a budget for the rehabilitation and security fencing of police buildings. During the period under review,

a total of E4 million was allocated for the rehabilitation of police buildings. This project is to be implemented by the police in collaboration with the ministry of public works and transport and the procurement plan is ready to be utilised. The organisation has sent a request for authority to incur capital expenditure and awaiting approval from the ministry of finance. During the period under review, the police leadership has already commissioned task teams to conduct inspections at all police stations countrywide. These inspections were meant to assess a number of variables impacting on the provision of quality policing services. The inspections unveiled three major operational concerns.

The first concern uncovered during the inspections was on the state of police buildings. It was discovered that most police formations were very old and dilapidated which pointed to an urgent need for massive rehabilitation works. The second concern identified was the shortage of transport as police stations around the country were severely constrained by the shortage of transport. This was said to hinder the REPS daily operations as it greatly reduced the response time to reported criminal incidents.

The third concern was that of the shortage of policing equipment. It was also established there was an acute shortage of operational equipment mainly for the crime scene collection and analysis tools.

3 killed in road accidents over weekend

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE last weekend of July ended badly for relatives of three people who lost their lives in the country's roads.

Police are seeking assistance from anyone who might have information which may lead to the arrest of a suspect who was involved in a hit and run incident, which saw a 26-year-old man of Mdonjane knocked dead near Mawelawela Prison along Malkerns and Mhlalubovu public road on Saturday at around 1910 hours. The pedestrian sustained serious injuries and was certified dead upon arrival at RFM Hospital.

Anyone who might have

information which may lead to the arrest of the suspect can contact Regional Crime Branch Officer Clement Sihlongonyane at 7612 7 994 Desk Officer Malkerns at 7675 4247 or Malkerns Police 2528 3011 or dial 999 for Emergency. Meanwhile, on the same day along Kudzeni to Mbekelweni public road, a 42-year-old man of Boyane lost control of an Opel Corsa sedan and it overturned with five passengers. The accident happened at around 1600 hours.

One passenger, being a 24-year-old man of Boyane, was seriously injured and taken to RFM Hospital, where he was certified dead. Meanwhile, the driver and the other three passengers were treated and discharged.

On Saturday at 2310 hours, near Bhareni Bus Stop along Langeni to Lozitha MR3 public road, a Ford Ranger driven by a 38-year-old man of Dalriach, Mbabane knocked from behind an unregistered motorbike driven by a 30-year-old man of Mfabantfu.

Certified

The driver of the motorbike was seriously injured and rushed to Mbabane Government Hospital, where he was certified dead. The driver of the Ford Ranger was not injured. Chief Police information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati confirmed all three accidents and pleaded with the nation to help them locate the unknown hit and run suspect. She also urged mechanics and garage owners to look out for a person who will bring with a car which is suspected to have hit something

FEMALE COP ARRESTED FOR SHOPLIFTING

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A female police officer was arrested and charged for theft of groceries.

Nkosingiphile Mkhweli (31), who is based at the Manzini Police Station and resides at Zakhele Police Camp, is said to have shoplifted grocery items at Shoprite situated at Bhunu Mall in Manzini.

Among the items she stole are two Nivea roll-ons, 5kg mealie-meal, chillie wors, 3kg brown sugar, and a packet of chicken soup pack valued at E35. This is a mixture of chicken insides and necks.

The total value of the items is E251.81.

Information gathered was to the effect that on the day she committed the crime, the officer of the law was seen pushing a trolley with the items around the store. One of the floor security guards noticed the roll-ons in the trolley.

However, after some time, the guard reportedly also noticed that these were no longer in the trolley. The security guard noted that when the officer was heading for the door, her bag had droplets of water to indicate that some-



thing frozen was in it.

At this point, the police officer reportedly carried the other items in Shoprite plastic bags as if she had gone through the pay point where her items were loaded into the bags as per the norm for customers.

Meanwhile, the security guard had his eyes on her due to his suspicion. He then communicated with his colleagues who were stationed at the exit of the store to search the officer. This is then that the frozen chicken pack and other items were found in her bag.

The other items in plastic bags were not paid for since there was no receipt to prove it. Reliable sources revealed that before committing the crime,

Mkhweli went past the pay point where she grabbed several plastic bags in which she packed the stolen items before she tried to exit the store.

According to her court records, Mkhweli pleaded guilty to the offence.

In mitigation, she informed the court that she did not intend to steal the items but was disturbed by a phone call that bared shocking news to her.

The mother of three claimed that apart from being a civil servant, she had a shop business on the side, hence she did not know how she ended up in the situation that led to her being in court.

She was sentenced to five months imprisonment with an option of E2 000 fine.

Natural resources exceeds revenue target by E2 million

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

THE ministry of natural resources and energy has surpassed the projected revenue collection by over E2 million for the first quarter of the financial year.

With other ministries facing enormous challenges, the ministry of natural resources and energy seems to be coping well, amid the current economic crisis of the country.

Minister Peter Bhembe in the ministry's first quarter financial performance report stated the ministry has realised some achievements during the period under review.

Amounted

Bhembe said revenue collected in the first quarter totalled E 16 664 137.46 against a target of E14 376 400. He said there was an increase of E2 287 737.46, which is an increase of 16 per cent against what was targeted to be collected within the reported period.

The minister said the increase was attributed to an increase on the fuel oil levy, amongst other things. "However, it should be noted that the sales of maps and bulletins have drastically dropped as compared to other years due to limited funds for re-printing these items," he said.

The projected 100 per cent electrification of Eswatini counts among other

achievements observed as well as the implementation of the rural electrification phase 24. Bhembe said the project had identified 23 rural electricity group schemes comprising of 1 459 households for implementation.

He added that field appraisals for all 23 group schemes were completed to trigger the release of the first disbursement for implementing the project amounting to E14 million from the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

"It is worth noting that Eswatini Electricity Company in collaboration with government has entered into negotiations with the World Bank to provide finance for the network strengthening project in the Shiselweni region," said Bhembe.

He added that the project entailed new transmission and distribution infrastructure to provide reliable electricity supply in the region.

The funds from the Republic of China (Taiwan) will also benefit households located in Manzini, Hhohho, and Lubombo regions.

Bhembe also mentioned that the department of water affairs managed to drill 10 boreholes in the first quarter. The feasibility study for the Nondvo Dam is ongoing having produced a draft feasibility study report. Subsequently, the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the dam was progressing well with production of the revised ESIA report.



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Eswatini Environment Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: PROPOSED QUARRY SITE IN BIG BEND

A public notice is hereby published in terms of Section 52 of the Environmental Management Act, 2002. WBHO/A.G. Thomas Joint Venture has prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment report and formulated a Comprehensive Mitigation Plan for the proposed Quarry Site in Big Bend.

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

1. Eswatini Environment Authority Offices - RHUS Office Park, Mbabane
2. University of Eswatini - Kwaluseni Campus
3. Mpolonjeni Clinic
4. Mpolonjeni Inkhundla
5. Kalanga High School
6. Siteki National Library
7. Siteki Police Station
8. Big Bend Police Station

Interested and affected parties are requested to submit comments and/or objections as per the Environmental Audit, Assessment and Review Regulations, 2000. Written submissions should be directed to the Director, Eswatini Environment Authority, P.O. Box 2602, Mbabane.

Fax: 2404 1719. Email: ceosec@sea.org.sz

The deadline for submission of comments is 30th August 2019*

*20 days from last week of publication of notice

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Fire dept responds to 10 fire cases a day

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE Fire and Emergency Services records almost 10 fire cases on a daily basis.

Chief Fire Fighter Herbert Shabangu said the department records these fire incidents from household and wild fires. Shabangu said he was disappointed how

Emaswati, despite all the awareness campaigns, were still using fire carelessly. He stated that sometimes they were unable to respond to fire cases because of the high numbers reported. He said their staff is over-worked because of the high number of cases. "Sometimes when we receive the reports we are unable to reach the scenes on time because our vehicles and staff would be engaged in other incidents," he said.

Shabangu said all fire stations in the country were currently fighting several cases of fire. Meanwhile, the National Disaster Management Agency has come to the rescue of some households that were affected by fires.

The relief material provided by the agency included six blankets and five mattresses, two tents and food items. These were for two houses burnt down, where the agency has also been seen donating building material. Not long ago, the NDMA had an event at Nginamadvolu, KaLaZwane commu-

nity under Pig's Peak Constituency, where they staged an awareness campaign. The agency continues to raise awareness and to sensitise communities exposed to the risks of fire induced disasters. The aim is to build a risk and impact mitigation capacity of communities. NDMA also appealed to the nation to ensure responsible use of fire. "As the windy season is in full swing we appeal to the general public, overseers of communities, particularly chiefs and inner councils, to ensure that fires are used accordingly." The ministry of agri-

culture also recently issued out a stern warning against irresponsible use of fire. Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza pleaded with members of the public to seek or obtain appropriate permit from the ministry and seek safety precautions whenever they want to use fires. He said this was in compliance with provisions of the Prevention of Grassfires Act. The minister pleaded with the public to notify the police as well as the National Fire and Emergency Services Department to assist in managing fires.



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IN RUINS: The Kunene homestead at Ludzeludze that was ravaged by wild fires a week ago. The fires destroyed three houses and everything inside was reduced to ashes. The disaster left a family of 14 crowded in a two-room flat. (Pic: Sifiso Dlamini)

WILD FIRE LEAVES FAMILY OF 14 OUT IN THE OPEN

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

A family of 14 in Ludzeludze near Matsapha has been left in disarray after wild fires devoured their homestead.

One of the displaced members of the Kunene family, Linda who was visibly emotional, said the fire engulfed her home at around 2200 hours a week ago. She said on the day she was in

church and when she came back she was confronted with the reality of losing everything she owned due to the destruction of her homestead. "Luckily no one was hurt as everyone was able to vacate the houses when the fire engulfed her homestead," she said. She said the fire destroyed three houses in her homestead and they were not able to salvage anything as all their furniture, clothing as well as food items were completely lost during the raging fire. She lived in the homestead with her seven siblings, her mother and father as well as five grandchildren (*batukulu*). Kunene said the only house that survived was a two-room flat which they have all been squatting in since the day of the unfortunate ordeal. She added that her father, *Mkhulu* Kunene who earned a living through vegetable farming, has been left feeling hopeless since the fire burnt all his irrigation equipment which included pipes, sprinklers as well as the garden fencing.

She said while *mkhulu* was trying to salvage his garden fence and irrigation equipment, he realised his home was being engulfed by the raging fire and he was left helpless.

Disheartening

She said what was most disheartening was that *mkhulu* was preparing his garden for planting and had saved the money for purchasing seedlings in his house. All his money was totally bunt by the fire. "We are in desperate need of assistance and we would welcome any help from whoever is willing to lend a hand as the current situation is dire," she said.

She said they were advised to contact the National Disaster Management Agency, which they did and were informed the agency was under stocked. Kunene requested anyone who is willing to offer them assistance of any form to contact 7607 2399. Any help would be appreciated, she added.



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FOCUS on DD cases

Magistrate adamant licences be revoked for repeat DD offenders

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Manzini

MAGISTRATES are increasingly growing tired of repeat drink driving offenders hence the notion to evoke Section 43 of the Road Traffic Act 6, 2007 which provides for the suspension or cancellation of driver's licenses.

What will surely be a frightening reality check for multiple offenders was revealed by Manzini Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini on Saturday.

Following the reading of the first offenders charges, Dlamini pointed out that since drunk drivers were not getting the message to stop of not drinking and driving, it was high time for the justice system to evoke Section 43 (1) of the Road Traffic Act which calls for the suspension or cancelling of an offender's driver's license. "Apparently people seem

not to be getting the message, I think it is high time we evoke section 43 and suspend or cancel repeat offender's licenses," said the magistrate.

He said driving while under the influence of an intoxicating substance, was one of the major causes of accidents along the country's national roads. He said they have repeatedly raised awareness on the matter, but from the look of things, offenders were seemingly ignoring the warning.

He said the only way people would get the message was for the court to render much severe punitive measures provided for in the Road Traffic Act 6 of 2007.

The magistrate said the court had been lenient far enough and now it is time to hit hard on drink drivers to get the message across. "It is no longer enough to allow offenders to break the law and get away with paying a mere fine only to repeat the offense again," said Dlamini.

DD accused leaves court in stitches

A drink driving offender on Saturday left the Manzini courtroom in stitches when he was rendering his mitigation in front of Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini.

Enock Dlamini (63) of Nkili area was charged with the offence of contravening section 91 (1) as read with section 122 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Act 6 of 2007.

Dlamini's charge sheet read, upon (or about) July 26, at or near IDM along D38 public road, in the Manzini district the said accused being a driver of a motor vehicle YSD 266 BH a Nissan truck, wrongfully and unlawfully drove the said motor vehicle upon a public road while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs with the reading of 0.86 mg/l above the legal limit of 0.38 mg/l and thus contravened the said Act.

In his mitigation Dlamini said he was baffled by the reading record-

ed by a breathalyser test as he only drank one 750 ml bottle of beer. The magistrate said Dlamini's reading indicated he had taken more than one bottle as he was way above the legal limit.

In his defence, the offender said he had an explanation for the high reading to which he pointed out that he was a mechanic and a few hours before he was arrested, he was working on a car and was forced to draw petrol from the car using his mouth.

"Ngicabanga kutsi ngulo petrol longibulele Nkhosi yenkantolo," he said. His statement led to a burst of laughter in the courtroom as people in attendance whispered among themselves that Dlamini was lying.

Dlamini insisted that he only drank one beer bottle to which the magistrate responded he did not believe his story. Dlamini was found guilty and sentenced to 12 months imprisonment or pay a fine of E2 000.

DRUNK MOTHER FOUND ON DRIVER'S SEAT, ARRESTED

STORIES BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A 22-year-old mother wept in court as she narrated how she was nabbed for being found on the driver's seat while intoxicated.

Lindokuhle Vilakati was arrested yesterday morning at Mafutseni after she was found on the driver's seat of a VW sedan with abreathealyser recording at 0.41 mg/l, exceeding the legal limit of 0.38 mg/l. She appeared before Magistrate Sindisiwe Zwane yesterday.

When explaining why she contravened the law, Vilakati said she was not aware that occupying the driver's seat was a crime. She also stated that her intention was to sleep in the car as it ran out of fuel.

The young mother of one said the idea was the vehicle's driver who said they would make means to get fuel the following morning. The magistrate asked who bought the alcoholic beverages for Vilakati and the response was that it was the car owner with whom she would sleep in the car. When mitigating, Vilakati pleaded for leniency citing that she was unemployed and had a two-year-old child. She

said the child was with her mother who was also unemployed. When saying this, the young mother's voice sounded animated as she spoke without stopping for breath while tears rolled down her light-skinned face.

Bail

"Uhambe ulala etimotweni nje lomsebenzi wekunakekela lomntfwanakho uwushiye kulabanye," Magistrate Zwane said. She further told Vilakati to ask the car owner to bail her out since he had also managed to buy her alcohol. Vilakati was sentenced to two years imprisonment with an option of E800 fine.

'My pregnant wife demanded to go to hospital'

A traffic offender left the court in stitches when he said his pregnant wife scolded him and demanded that he drive her to hospital at night.

Lindzwe Zama Mbhamali (31) of Ezulwini appeared before Magistrate Sindisiwe Zwane on a charge of driving while under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested yesterday morning near Lusushwana while driving a Toyota sedan with registration number YSD 797 BH.

His alcohol content was recorded at 0.49 mg/l.

The King's Office employee said he was arrested after he received a phone call from his wife informing him that she was on labour. At the time, Mbhamali said he was from Mozambique on busi-

OTHER OFFENDERS:	
1. Sihlongonyane Philani	2 years imprisonment/ E2000 fine
2. Dlamini Sandile Mphikeleli	2 years imprisonment/ E2000 fine
3. Macco Julius	2 years imprisonment/ E2000 fine
4. Khoza Siboniso	2 years imprisonment/ E2000 fine
5. Hlatshwako Elvis Mfana	2 years imprisonment/ E2000 fine
6. Mndzebele Bhakie David	2 years imprisonment/ E2000 fine
7. Magagula Nkosinathi Emmanuel	2 years imprisonment/ E2000 fine
8. Simelane Bongani Vuma	30 months imprisonment/ E2000 fine
9. Nkomonye Sandile	5 years imprisonment/ E5600 fine

ness and he reached home at around 10pm. When he got there, Mbhamali said his wife alerted him that labour pains were severe and that she needed to get to hospital.

Date

The magistrate asked whether the wife did not know her due date and Mbhamali said it was all sudden.

Magistrate Zwane then asked why he did not call an ambulance to ferry her to hospital and his response was, 'uyabati labomake labanje baba nelulaka. Besangitsetsisa, angaseva luflo.'

Mbhamali also mentioned that after he was arrested, the wife was taken by the police to the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital.

Drunk driver berated by magistrate

"WHY should I consider your children when you managed to spend their money on alcohol?"

Magistrate Sindisiwe Zwane directed this question to Sonnyboy Ndzinisa (47) of Ticanfwinini after he pleaded for a lenient sentence as he had children who depended on him. Ndzinisa was arrested on Saturday near William Pitcher College for driving his Toyota sedan while under the influence of alcohol. His

specimen reading was 0.92 mg/l, exceeding the legal limit of 0.38 mg/l. The magistrate asked why Ndzinisa could not think of his children before he committed the crime or even imbibed because alcohol was expensive. Magistrate Zwane asked how much a quart cost and Ndzinisa said it was E17. He further informed the court that he had taken four of them.

This meant that he had spent about E70 on his drinks. In her response, the mag-



istrate said E17 was enough to buy some bread and soap, let alone E68.

He was sentenced to two years imprisonment with an option of E2 000 fine.

IN THE MAGISTRATES COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MANZINI

HELD AT MANZINI CASE NO. 3065/17
In the matter between:
SANDILE DLAMINI Plaintiff
And
SIBUSISO DLAMINI Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to writ of Execution issued in the above mentioned matter, the under mentioned property will be sold by Public Auction by Messenger of Court for the District of Manzini at Manzini Heights building next to the car wash at 11:00 hours on Friday 2nd day of August 2019.

The list Consist of:

1 x BMW Silver Grey registered OSD 920 BM

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MANZINI DISTRICT
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UNICEF employee in court for E9 000 fraud

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A UNICEF employee stationed in Nigeria is preparing for her trial in December after she was arrested for allegedly defrauding St Mark's High of E9 000 earlier this year.

UNICEF is an abbreviation for the United Nations Children's Fund. The 37-year-old Primrose Fakudze of Motshane was arrested and charged with fraud and theft by false pretences earlier this year, when she was said to have, in January 2019, defrauded St Mark's High of money amounting to E9 000.

According to her charge sheet, with respect to the fraud charge, Fakudze was said to have unlawfully and with intent to defraud and steal to the bursar of St Mark's High Nontsetselele Dlamini, that she had deposited money amounting to E9

000 in respect of school fees for a Form 2 pupil.

This Fakudze did by means of the said misrepresentation, induce the school to the actual loss and prejudice to the sum of E8 910. Fakudze was said to have made the misrepresentation knowing full well that she had deposited E90, thereby committing the crime of fraud.

With respect to the charge of theft by false pretences, Fakudze is said to have, in January 2019 near Manzini, did unlawfully and with intent to defraud and to misrepresent to Sithembile Mamba, that she had deposited money amounting to E9 000, at NedBank Eswatini for school fees for the aforementioned Form two pupil.

This Fakudze is said to have done by means of the said misrepresentation induce the above person to the actual loss and prejudice to the sum amounting to E8 910.

Fakudze was said to have made the misrepre-

sentation knowing full well that she had deposited E90, thereby committing the crime of theft by false pretences.

During her first appearance before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati in April 2019, Fakudze was admitted to bail set at E2 000.

Cited

This was after her attorney cited that as she was an UNICEF employee in Nigeria, the court's bail conditions should not be stringent especially with regards to her passport. Fakudze's attorney also informed the court that his client intended to plead guilty to both charges.

However, as Fakudze's trial was set to commence on Thursday, the prosecution applied for the matter to be postponed for December 2019 due to developments that had arisen. The court was further informed that Fakudze was set to leave for Nigeria on Friday, thus the postponement.

The court granted this application, informing the prosecution and Fakudze that the continuation of trial was set for December 9 and 10, 2019.

91 arrested for drink-driving

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

DESPITE all the awareness campaigns and stiff fines imposed by the magistrate's courts, people still imbibe on alcoholic beverages and get behind the wheel.

This is evidenced by the high number of drink-driving cases recorded by the police. According to information from the police, there were 91 drink-driving cases reported over the past weekend. This is a slight reduction from last week's 100 cases.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said all drink-driving suspects made their court appearance before magistrate's courts in all four regions of the country. She added that these motorists had exceeded the legal limit of 0.38mg/l.

"Section 91 (1) as read with section 122 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 6 of 2007 states that any person found behind a steering wheel with an alcohol content exceeding 0.38 mg/l will face the law. For contravening this Act a person may face up to E5 000 fine," she said.

Numbers

She added that the numbers were likely to increase by yesterday evening as police officers were all over the country ensuring that people were safe as they used the road. She concluded by saying traffic police officers would continue to be all over the country's roads ensuring that people are safe as they use the roads.

She condemned the act of driving while under the influence of alcohol, saying alcohol reduces driving ability to make proper judgement, thus exposing other motorists to fatal road accidents and causing damage to public roads.

Meanwhile, on Saturday at 2130 hours, Mbabane Police arrested and charged a 45-year-old man of Nhlazatshe (South Africa) for being found in possession of dagga weighing 10kg with a street value of E8 000 without a license or permit while at Ngwenya Border.



Mkhwebane to probe DA official

CAPE TOWN - Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane has launched an investigation into allegations of corruption and money laundering against a DA politician in George.

This comes after leader of the Good party Patricia de Lille handed a dossier to the protector's office in Cape Town in April, alleging a VBS-style investment scandal in George municipality's funds and kick-backs.

Wild fire burns electricity kiosk at Mbangweni

STORIES BY DELISA THWALA
Mbabane

ABOUT six residents of Mbangweni had to part with E12 000 to restore power after a wild fire burnt down an electricity kiosk.

The uncontrollable wild fire is said to have encroached into their compound and burnt their electricity supply kiosk. Like with any power outage, the first office to call is usually the Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC), they did exactly that and called for assistance. The EEC maintenance team went to Mbangweni only to cut off the rest of the electric wires that were partly connected to the kiosk. The residents were later informed that EEC could not help them with issues of restoring power. This meant another day without power for the six houses which were affected by the outage. After seeing that no help was forthcoming, the residents had to come together and decided to hire contractors to help them fix the power box. After various quotations were made they settled for E12 000 and each affected household had to contribute E2 000 towards fixing the problem. During a brief visit to Mbangweni, a group of workers was found fixing the power box and getting it ready to work again. When contacted, EEC confirmed that they indeed received complaints from Mbangweni residents about a power outage but the reason they could not help is because this matter had to be dealt with by the Eswatini National Housing Board as the landlord. "Yes, we received complaints from Mbangweni and isolated power for safety reasons. We then advised the residents to report the matter to the rightful property owner before we could bring back power to them," EEC Head of Corporate Communications Khaya Mavuso. It was explained that the residents had to report to at least their landlord or the owner of the houses but neither could be identified or found.

Residents bitter over the whole incident

SOME of the residents who were found on the scene said they are disheartened at the loss of food they had to throw away because it got spoilt in their fridges.

"I had to throw away a lot of food which comprised lunch tin essentials for my child who goes to school," shared a resident who was identified as Mabuza. Another resident said they were a bitter with the situation they found themselves in regarding the electricity issue. "We had to stay almost a week without electricity, our life literally had to come to a halt and we lost a lot," said Sibusiso Dlamini, another tenant said.

...six affected residents part with E12 000 to restore power



1. CONNECTING: An electrician found on the ground replacing the burnt kiosk.

2. ALMOST: The contractor restoring power to Mbangweni houses which had lost power since Friday after a wild fire burnt down their electricity kiosk. (Pics: Delisa Thwala)



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ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION ESWATINI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members of the Economics Association of Eswatini [ECAS] and all economists are invited to the 2019 ECAS Annual General Meeting [AGM] to be held at the Sincephetelo MVA Auditorium on Mbhilibhi Street, Mbabane on Wednesday 31st July 2019 from 08:30am - 12:00noon. The AGM will be followed by the ECAS Seminar No:4 on the theme: "Towards Effective Implementation of Eswatini's Strategic Roadmap".

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GIVING BACK: Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku with Select Limited management and staff during the donation of shoes to a number of schools around the country. The presentation held at Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha was part of the company's 'Sikhula Nawe' project which is the company's CSI programme of giving back to the community. (Pics: Bongumusa Simelane)



GENEROSITY: One of the schools' head teachers receiving the shoes from a Select Limited representative.

Select Limited donates shoes, furniture to schools

STORIES BY
BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Matsapha

SELECT Limited will distribute about 300 pairs of shoes to destitute pupils from schools around the country.

This is the company's second edition of the 'Sikhula Nawe' school shoes and furniture donation campaign.

The organisation will also donate 10 desks, 10 computers and 50 chairs to 10 primary schools.

The company unveiled this campaign at Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha in the presence of Deputy Prime

Minister Themba Masuku.

The DPM said Select's gesture would help hundreds of primary school children, who might not otherwise have the protection afforded by shoes against infection and injury as they go through their daily lives. The distribution of the shoes and furniture would take place in the coming weeks.

Masuku said the distribution of the 300 shoes brings the total number of pairs donated by Select for the benefit of vulnerable primary school children in Eswatini to 613.

"We welcome interventions by good corporate citizens such as Select Limited, which contribute to providing solutions to this long-

standing, intractable social issue," said the DPM. He said it was an honour to see the company and government cementing their partnership which seeks to provide humanitarian assistance to some of Eswatini's most vulnerable young residents.

Benefits

The first phase of the company's CSI programme was around February where about 300 shoes were donated to vulnerable school children from across the country.

Masuku added that there are health benefits of wearing a decent pair of shoes and could also provide youth with a measure of self-esteem and confidence that may have been previously lacking among the pupils.

"To be sure, good education makes for good citizens.

It is a pathway towards the prosperous, productive life and good citizenship we wish for all young residents of Eswatini. I am happy to note that Select Limited, a licensed financial services provider, is celebrating 20 years of its existence and that, as a result, a number of corporate social investment (CSI) activities are in the pipeline to commemorate this," he said.

The DPM further encouraged other companies from the private sector to take a leaf from Select Limited and others that have provided support, and contributed to the socio-economic development of Eswatini.

Opportunity for the Youth

MTN Foundation in collaboration with Youth Enterprise Revolving Fund invites the Youth of Eswatini wishing to grow their businesses to apply for funding under MTN Youth Fund Khula Natsi project. The MTN Foundation's sponsorship is worth E100,000.00 (One hundred thousand Emalangeni) to support Youth between the ages of 18-35. The Youth Enterprise Revolving Fund is the implementing partner in this project.

Loan Product

This is a facility that is targeting existing businesses that require funds for expansion or growth. The name "MTN Youth Fund Khula Natsi" implies the businesses that will grow under the partnership of MTN Foundation and Youth Fund. The business loans shall be payable over a maximum 12 months' period.

Application Process

- You can apply online by accessing a digital form on the MTN Eswatini Facebook Page or Whatsapp 76065335 to get access to the online application link (please note that this number is only for sending application link and is a no reply line)
- Obtain the physical application form from Youth Fund offices, Tinkhundla Centres, SEDCO and Eswatini Youth Council Offices
- For Physical forms you will need to:
 - Secure signature and stamp from both Chiefdom/Zone
 - Secure signature and stamp from Inkhundla center
 - Submit application documents to Youth Fund offices, SNYC or your Inkhundla

General Requirements

- Certified copy of ID
- Completed loan application form
- Business proposal
- Market confirmations
- Entity registration documents
- Trading license (where applicable)
- Applicable licenses and/or permits
- Valid bank account
- Proof of authority for business premises
- Evidence of existing business

For online applications, please attach the documents above and send them to info@yef.co.sz

For physical forms, please attach the documents above and send them to your respective Inkhundla centre, Youth Fund Offices, SEDCO or Eswatini Youth Council. (Remember to get the relevant chiefdom, and Inkhundla Stamps)

Lending Limits

Under this program, the minimum loan size shall be **E5,000.00** (Five Thousand Emalangeni) while the maximum loan size shall be **E14,000.00** (Fourteen Thousand Emalangeni).

Selection Process

- Upon receipt of loan applications, YERF officials will conduct preliminary evaluation of loans (pre-selection).
- Short listed applicants will be called to make presentations of their businesses to a panel of business experts.
- Qualifying applications will be forwarded to Intermediary (IDCE) for loan appraisal.
- Applications recommended by the Intermediary will be deliberated by an evaluation committee comprising of a representative from MTN Foundation. A decision shall be taken to approve or defer.

Opening date for loan applications is the 24th July and closing date is the 23rd August 2019.

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Select invests E144 000 in shoes, furniture programme

ABOUT E144 000 has been invested in Select's 'Sikhula Nawe' school shoes and furniture programme.

Select Limited Chief Executive Officer Bongani Motsa said E54 000 was spent on the first phase and E90 000 for the second one.

Motsa said they would embark on the exercise of distributing the shoes, furniture, and com-

puters to the different schools during the coming weeks.

"We are happy to contribute towards helping hundreds of primary school children and thereby contributing, as a corporate entity, to the sustainable socio-economic development of Eswatini as access to education is a sure pathway towards prosperity," he said.

Motsa said the value of good

primary school education could never be overemphasised, as research confirms the importance of early experiences and the powerful combination of home and primary school in improving a child's learning capacity and his or her prospects for a brighter future. "This year, 2019, marks 20 years of existence for our company. Some of the ways in which we are commemorating Select's 20 years of operation include scaling up giving back to the community and rewarding our loyal clients," said Motsa.

Shiselweni Forestry Company dealing with wild fires

BY STARSKY MKHONTA
Nhlalanga

AMIDST rife wild fires, Shiselweni Forestry Company (SFC) has lined up programmes to tackle the problem head-on.

The programmes are aimed at ensuring that members of the public are on the lookout if any wild fire spreads to farms and other properties.

The company has embarked on fire awareness campaigns where communities are equipped with the tips and other information on what to do upon noticing fire in the communities. The company does not only want its own farms protected but other companies prop-

erties also saved as well as seeing to it that even lives of human beings and animals are not in danger. SFC is considered the 'goldmine' in the Shiselweni region as it employs thousands of Emaswati, mostly being those from the region. It is also sponsors a number of projects in some of the communities and schools, especially when it comes to renovations.

SFC Public Relations Manager Sibongile 'SB' Kunene said these days, they have decided to engage the public on how the situation could be brought under control. She said as a company, they were concerned with the way veld fires were spreading these days. She said it was important for everyone

to come on board in dealing with the outbreak of fires.

"We are visiting communities with the purpose of educating them about the dangers of fire and what needs to be done when one notices a smoke before a flame. We have teamed up with other stakeholders such as the fire department, the police and others. We are in this together and we have to win this battle. It's not good to see the country covered by a blanket of thick smoke and mind you the destruction caused to forests is a setback even to the country's economy," said Kunene.

Zombodze Emuva has been visited already where the residents were lectured on what they had to do if they notice fire.

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COLD CHAIN SUMMIT EXHIBITORS

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

AS days get numbered and the start of the Cold Chain Summit gets near, more exhibitors are profiled.

With the summit, NAMBoard's strategy anchors on the growth of agribusiness as a key champion to the contribution of the organisation to the overall national agriculture strategy and contribution to the GDP.

Based on five main pillars, the agribusiness growth and expansion strategy has as pillar five, the cold chain, logistics and produce handling



programme.

The main objective of this programme is to; initiate and maintain

an uninterrupted end to end cold chain management system within the country's fresh produce markets, farm-

THE summit will draw its attendees from stakeholders throughout the fresh produce value chain and cold chain.

These include farmers, input suppliers, academia, cutting edge technology leaders, cold chain management system providers, cold chain transport providers, exporters, fresh produce market agents, and retailers.

SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

The summit will create an environment of learning, contributing,

sharing experiences, networking with captains of industries, and most importantly, an opportunity to forge vital business relationships with supplier, producers, retailers, and processors.

Using a blend of testimonial sessions, practical and industry relevant research papers, an exhibition of cutting-edge technology, exposing participants to local, regional and global market opportunities, the summit will serve the interests of all players in the value chain over a very organised, but friendly atmosphere.

ing units, handling facilities and retail sector. Now, as part of the stakeholder capacity building, NAMBoard is creating a platform for discussions on new technology, and harnessing lessons

learnt from global players.

The first ever Cold Chain Summit in Eswatini will be held on August 7-8, in Manzini at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.

EXHIBITORS' LIST AND THEIR PROFILES:

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widest portfolio of unlimited data packages (Contract and Pay as you Go). Its mobile financial services, e-Mali, offers cross network services and has recently launched credit facilities."

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BODY PARTS CENTRE, SPARES CONTINUES TO SPONSOR FOOTBALL

BODY Parts Centre and Spares Director Bongani Dlamini is expected to grace a prize presentation ceremony for the E20 000 Ebuseleni Zonal League, for the recently ended 2018/19 season.

Body Parts Centre and Spares has been sponsoring the Ebuseleni Zonal League since 2010.

It is a sponsorship which was secured by Nkwene Member of Parliament (MP) Philemon Vulimpompi Nhleko before he even became a politician.

The MP said the gesture by Body Parts Centre and Spares greatly assisted the youth from areas under Nkwene as the soccer games kept them busy.

He said the director of the company, despite having no branch in Nkwene or in the Shiselweni region, he continued to be of great support.



"For almost 10 consecutive years now, the company has been sponsoring the Ebuseleni league. This year, the presentation will take place next month and we are still to decide on the exact date as we are consulting with other stakeholders

about their availability.

The national mother body of football, regional representatives and many others must be allowed time to decide a suitable date, but it will be around August," the MP told Shiselweni News.

The MP said the presentation would be combined with the launch of the 2019/20 season. He said there were close to 10 teams under the zonal league and all of them would be taking something home.

"Dlamini wants to see all the teams getting something. He is a very kind businessman who believes in sharing and a motivator. As you know, Body Parts Centre and Spares has branches in Manzini, Mbabane and Siteki but he is assisting us in the rural areas where his company has no branch," said MP Nhleko.

MP wants govt to support Body Parts

FOR car spare parts tender, government should consider companies like Body Parts Centre and Spares.

Nkwene Member of Parliament (MP) Philemon Vulimpompi Nhleko said companies owned by Emaswati which assist communities deserved government support.

He said Emaswati operating businesses such as those whose directors confront the plight faced by communities head-on, should be supported by government by awarding them tenders.

"For instance, we have Body Parts Centre and Spares who for almost 10 years has been sponsoring our football teams. Such business deserve government's support. This company can efficiently provide government with spare parts. This is a company

owned by Liswati and he contributes in improving lives of people in rural areas. Sponsoring teams is one way of bringing people together. As for the youth, they are kept busy and stay away from crime. Companies like Body Parts Centre and Spares need to be considered for tenders," said MP Nhleko.

For instance, we have Body Parts Centre and Spares who for almost 10 years has been sponsoring for our football teams, such businesses deserve government's support



Mtsambama MP guest speaker at Sebenta graduation

MTSAMBAMA Member of Parliament Simosakhe Shongwe will be the guest of honour during the graduation ceremony of Sebenta students who were enrolled at the Church of Christ (COC) for a Siswati programme.

The graduation ceremony, according to teacher Bonakele Khumalo, is planned for next month.

Apart from the MP, there are also other important guests who are expected to attend.

Progressing

Khumalo said preparations have been progressing well, adding that the programme would also have entertainment and other activities.

"The Sebenta learning programme lasted for nine months.

We also have those students enrolling for the English course which will last for 12 months.

The date for the ceremony is August 24 and the MP has assured us that he will be present," Khumalo told Shiselweni News.

Khumalo said in total, the COC Sebenta class had over 20 students learning both Siswati and English.

Bucopho thankful to MPs

VUSI Mkhwanazi, Bucopho of Engwanyameni which is a chiefdom under Zombodze Emuva Constituency, has commended the 11th Parliament for coming up with the idea of building houses for elderly people.

Members of Parliament (MPs) have formed an association, Eswatini Parliament Elderly Housing Project, whose sole objective is building houses for deserving needy and elderly people. Each MP contributes a sum E1 000 monthly towards this initiative.

The first beneficiary under this programme was an elderly woman of Equisweni. It was launched last month where they built a house for Gogo Christinah Fakudze (79). Equisweni is under Zombodze Emuva whose MP is Muzi Kunene.

"It is the first time in the history of MPs in the country to have such an association.

MPs have come and gone, but this team is seemingly made up of serious people who understand the plight of elderly and less privileged members of society.

Launched

I was happy that such a programme was launched in an area where I am Bucopho.

For MPs to pick my community as an ideal one to kick-start the programme, it is an honour and I was excited when I learned that they will be building Gogo Fakudze a house which they recently handed over," said Mkhwanazi. Mkhwanazi said the 11th Parliament was a team of dedicated men and women who are eager to see Eswatini achieve Vision 2022.

Long serving football administrator humbled

RUDOPH Saulos, who is in very much in touch with Shiselweni football activities, has thanked all the stakeholders in the region for electing him as the Vice Chairman of the Shiselweni Regional Football Association (SRFA).

Saulos has been in the SRFA executive committee for about 20 years.

He has now considered the 'Godfather' as many feel Shiselweni football is not complete without him.

He served in different structures of the SRFA.

A couple of weeks ago, during the elections meant to get permanent leadership to take over from an interim body known as Normalisation Committee headed by Mlimi Mamba, Saulos was elected Vice Chairman by the Shiselweni teams.

Deputising

Saulos is a teacher by profession and the Principal of Mashobeni South Primary School.

He is deputising Bhekani Khumalo who is the SRFA executive committee Chairman. Khumalo is a senior police officer holding the rank of super-



Shiselweni Regional Football Association Vice Chairman Rudolph Saulos.



Sebenta teacher Bonakele Khumalo.

intendent and he is based at the Police Academy in Matsapha.

"It's such a great honour to be serving in the regional football body for this long.

It's through God's guidance that I have been able to serve for this long in the executive.

In the over 20 years in different leadership, I have learned a lot and also gained invaluable experience.

We will be successful in our task as long as we get the necessary support from everyone and most importantly, we should rely on God's guidance," Saulos told Shiselweni News.

Constituency projects to be rolled out soon

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Lobamba

CONSTITUENCY projects will get a major boost as the ministry of finance has released E55 million for the first and second quarter of the Regional Development Fund (RDF).

Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David Ngcamphalala on Thursday announced the various constituencies that would access the funds in the coming weeks. This was during the debate of the ministry's first quarter performance report at the Senate.

When addressing the ministry's portfolio committee and alternate members, the minister said he was grateful to the members for the role they played in ensuring that the RDF money was released.

"I am pleased to report before the honourable House that the RDF first and second quarter funds have been released," said Ngcamphalala.

He stated that the released funds amounted to E55 million, of which five per cent amounting to over E2.75 million were administration costs which resulted in a balance of about E52.25 million for the RDF projects.

He said these funds were now in the treasury department due to be transferred for the commencement of work.

Members of the portfolio committee wanted to know the exact date the money would be accessible as a number of projects had already been delayed as they waited for the funds to be released. Amongst the MPs who raised concerns about the expected distribution of the



ANNOUNCED: Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David Ngcamphalala.

funds were Somntongo MP Dumisani Mbamali, Nhlambeni MP Manzi Zwane and Motshane MP Robert Magongo.

Constituencies

Mbamali wanted the minister to come out clean on when the funds would be distributed to the various constituencies as it was not clearly stated in the report. Zwane said the late distribution of the funds was detrimental to the Tinkhundla system which was supposed to be the backbone of the nation.

He said the report would not be passed unless the money was available for distribution to the various constituencies.

Magongo said the late release of the funds resulted to the people who elected them losing faith in them as their representatives as they accused the legislators of making empty promises.

"I am even afraid to visit my Inkhundla as I am always bombarded with questions with regards to the funds while I

have no clear answers," he said.

He further urged the minister to defend his ministry as its importance was losing value to the people it was meant to put first. Minister Ngcamphalala assured the committee members that he had personally engaged the ministry of finance on the matter and was assured the money would be available for distribution this week. "I personally went to the ministry to enquire about the release of the funds and was assured the funds were now at the treasury department," said the minister.

He added that Micro-Projects had submitted all the required documents to the treasury department and the funds would be released soon. Ngcamphalala also urged the committee members to work hand-in-hand with government as they were fully aware of the current financial crisis.

Man assaults girlfriend for cheating

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

"AS Mbhokane once said, 'mkhuhule!'"

Using the late governor of Ludzidzini Jim Gama's popular quote, Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati warned a man arrested for assaulting his girlfriend to end the relationship after he caught her cheating.

This was during Mzwandile Sifundza's appearance before the court after he was arrested and charged with contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018. Sifundza was found to have contravened the SODV Act on July 17 at Total Gardens in Mbabane, where he allegedly slapped his girlfriend Happiness Fakudze. When questioned why he would commit such an act, Sifundza informed the court that he felt disrespected by Fakudze's actions.

"I felt disrespected as a man, as I had found out that Fakudze was in a

relationship with another man when I thought she was my girlfriend. I was overcome by rage as I found her actions disgusting and I felt disrespected by her actions," Sifundza claimed.

Magistrate Vilakati warned Sifundza against conducting himself in a violent manner, explaining that he should have just left her alone instead.

Assault

"You had no right to assault Fakudze. In fact, that she had a relationship with another man while you were together, meant that she was not the one for you. *Mkhuhule!*" the magistrate warned, much to laughter from the gallery.

Magistrate Vilakati further cautioned Sifundza against such conduct, and sentenced him to pay a fine of E1 000 and in default of payment, he was to serve 10 months in a correctional facility. Sifundza was further informed that his sentence was suspended for a period of six months, on condition that he did not commit a similar offence.



PRESIDING: Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.

Crime rate at Mahwalala worries MPs

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Lobamba

PARLIAMENTARIANS are concerned with the escalating crime rate at the now infamous township of Mahwalala.

Since the turn of the year, the township has been making headlines for all the wrong reasons.

There have been numerous reports of crimes ranging from rape, house breaking, and robberies as well as gruesome murders.

This concern was raised by Siphocosini

MP Mduduzi Matsebula on Wednesday during the ministry of housing and urban development portfolio committee deliberation of the ministry's first quarter performance report held at the Senate.

Crime

Matsebula said the crime rate in the area was worrisome for them as legislators.

He said they were increasingly worried with the rife criminal activities in the area and he enquired what was being done at the ministerial level as well as by the municipality as a local authority overseeing the township to address the crime issue.

"It is of great importance for all relevant

authorities to take the matter seriously as residents in the area are living in constant fear as the crime rates keeps soaring," he said.

Minister of Housing and Urban Development Prince Simelane acknowledged the seriousness of the situation at the township.

He mentioned that the arrest of the alleged serial rapist was a major breakthrough, but did not mean the crime rate had lessened.

"The Municipal Council of Mbabane has been engaged by the ministry and is in the process of addressing the issue," said the minister.

Matsapha traffic a major concern

Matsapha bus rank which has been dragging for years.

The traffic jam escalates whenever there were big functions within the town boundaries such as the police and corrections day.

Situation

He said the current situation at the Mahhala bus rank was not conducive as the landlord, renowned businessman Tommy Kirk had his own way of doing business which resulted in some transport operators being kicked out.

In response, Minister of Housing and Urban Development Prince Simelane said the local authority is currently in the process of addressing the issue through the Matsapha Integrated Transport Plan (ITP). "Matsapha Town Council intends to conduct a study that will improve traffic flow and reduce traffic congestion in the town," said the minister.

He added that the project was anticipated to start in the next quarter. He added that this study was estimated to cost the council around E900 000.

'Fire services need to be improved'

MEMBERS of Parliament (MPs) want the ministry to address the reportedly neglected Fire and Emergency Services.

With the raging wild fires engulfing the country, MPs have seen the urgency to address the issue through increasing fire stations and personnel.

Motshane MP Robert Magongo said the ministry should look into utilising the already existing fire stations that were not being utilised. "There are government buildings that were intended for housing the fire department at Mankayane and Siphofaneni but are rotting away unutilised," he said.

He urged the ministry to consider utilising the buildings to bring the services closer to the people as currently the response time was too slow, resulting in extensive damage.

The ministry of housing and urban development is responsible for the Eswatini National Fire and Emergency Services.

Minister Prince Simelane said the Fire Services Department was a challenge to them as fire services employees were recruited as civil servants using the Civil Service Act while their code of conduct was spelt out in another law, namely the King's Order in Council of 1975. "This



CONCERNED: Motshane MP Robert Magongo.

arrangement has challenges, hence the on-going review. The Fire service Bill was presented to Cabinet on July 9, 2019," he said.

He added that the ministry expected to submit the bill before Parliament for debate in the course of the third quarter. The minister also said they would visit neighbouring countries that were successful with their fire departments such as Botswana so they could adopt suitable solutions from their experiences.

MATSAPHA Town Council has been requested to speed up the process of addressing traffic congestion in the town during rush hours.

Siphocosini Member of Parliament Mduduzi Matsebula said there were some alternative roads that could be used to address traffic congestion, while the municipality embarked on a permanent solution to the problem. Kwaluseni MP Sibusiso Dlamini concurred with Matsebula in that the traffic congestion in the town was a major concern.

Dlamini said the traffic congestion should be addressed together with the



Is of Reference for Consultancy Service to Conduct a Baseline Survey on Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) in the Kingdom of Eswatini

ation	:	90 working days
of contract	:	Individual Consultant (IC)
ation	:	Lubombo Region
posed Period	:	1 st August - 31 st October 2019
ganizational unit	:	UNFPA Eswatini

Background

The Government of Eswatini through the Department of Gender and family issues and the Department of Social Welfare under the Deputy Prime Ministers office in partnership with UNFPA Eswatini and Autism Eswatini as part of the 6th country programme implementation and with joint support from UNDP and UNICEF, plans to conduct a baseline survey on persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

The early diagnosis, appropriate research and effective interventions are vital to the growth and development of people with ASD. Early intervention is crucial for addressing their needs, thus improving their opportunities to live a quality life with the ability to participate in the greater community and increasing the likelihood that they will need lower levels of support later in life. A cure for ASDs is not available. Evidence-Based psychosocial interventions, however, such as behavioral treatment and skills training programmes for parents and other caregivers, can reduce difficulties in communication and social behavior, with a positive impact on the person's well-being and quality of life.

According to WHO, available scientific evidence suggests that there are probably many factors that make a child more likely to have an ASD, including environmental and genetic factors. However, epidemiological data is conclusive that there is no evidence of causal association between measles, mumps, rubella or any other children vaccine, and ASD.

People with ASDs, as well as other disabilities, are significantly more vulnerable to the risk of HIV infection. A lack of education, of awareness of their rights, and of the possibility of seeking protection (due to social stigma, isolation and lack of access to communications, information and services) makes them more susceptible to deceit, while making it easier for those who abuse them to go unpunished. Communication barriers, affecting people with developmental disabilities, make it difficult to ask for and receive help, to make themselves understood or to be even taken seriously, in addition to professionals (law-enforcement and medical staff) seldom being adequately trained to deal with such individuals.

II. Purpose

The baseline survey is intended to obtain reliable and relevant data on the prevalence of ASDs in the Lubombo Region, their access to basic services and prevalence of violence against people with ASDs. The information obtained from the study will be used to inform programmatic interventions focused on ASDs and protection of their human rights. This will further enhance capacities of Government institutions to identify, diagnose and treat people with ASDs; Improve information related to ASDs and challenges faced by these individuals; and promote active advocacy and monitoring on issues related to people with ASDs.

III. Specific Objectives

Prevalence of ASDs in Eswatini

- Identify the number of people with ASDs disaggregated by sex and age
- Identify the number of people with ASDs exposed to or infected by HIV
- Determine where possible the number of people with ASDs in contact with services

Prevalence of Violence Perpetrated against People with ASDs

- Identify the prevalence of violence (physical, psychological and sexual) perpetrated against people with ASDs disaggregated by sex and age and by types of violence
- Identify the needs that arise as a result of the aforementioned forms of violence experienced by people with ASDs
- Identify frequency, nature and drivers of sexual violence perpetrated against women and girls with ASDs
- Identify perpetrators of violence
- Identify existing preventative mechanisms established to prevent violence against people with ASDs

Access to Basic Services

- Identify the access to basic services of people with ASDs
- Identify gaps in services and unmet needs of people with ASDs
- Identify their access to education and employment
- Identify availability of health services for people with ASDs
- Evaluate the referral networks, linkages and services for people with ASDs
- Assess the current state of ASD detection, diagnosis and treatment in Eswatini
- Assess the access to justice of people with ASDs
- Identify existing supportive services available to people with ASDs
- Identify unmet needs of caregivers of people with ASDs
- Assess the level of ASD competency among the health personnel
- Assess availability of supporting groups for families with people with ASDs
- Assess the level of awareness of medical professions, police, court officers, and traditional leaders on ASDs

IV. Survey Design and methodology

The baseline survey will gather information using a combination of quantitative and qualitative data collection methods and tools. Four techniques will be used to collect data, namely the desk review, questionnaires, interviews with key informants and focus group discussions. Wide range of sites, including communities, Government officials and partners will be interviewed.

The consultant/company selected to undertake the assignment will present a detailed inception report indicating how it will undertake the baseline survey before the actual data collection process. The inception report, among other things, will cover the sampling framework for the different data collection sources, data collection

methodologies and specific tools to be used. It will also envisage the model of site selection, including covering both rural and urban areas that will be randomly selected and included in the study. The inception will also provide a geographical map of data collection.

Following the submission of the inception report, the consultant/company in coordination with Autism Eswatini will prepare the questionnaires to be used during the individual interviews and group discussions.

The team of data collectors selected by Autism Eswatini will be trained by the consultant/company to ensure that the data collected is carefully managed (handled, transported and stored) throughout the study period.

Furthermore, careful and detailed records of all interviews will be maintained for each community surveyed. The training of data collectors by the consultant/company before sending them to the field will ensure that good quality data is obtained. The data collection instruments will meet international standards. The training will also ensure that team members, researchers and data collectors are aware of the key areas to be covered including their sensitive nature. Role playing will provide further assurance that high quality will be maintained.

All interviews, with appropriate consent, will be recorded. The data collectors will take notes during the group discussions and individual interviews carried out with respondents. The number of teams for each community/district will be identified by the consultant/company and included in the inception report. Each data collection team will be comprised of a supervisor and data collectors. The team supervisor will be directly reporting to the consultant/company and getting guidance on the data collection issues as well as soliciting guidance from Autism Eswatini on the issues related to ASDs.

The baseline study proposal will be submitted for review and approval at the Ethics Committee of Eswatini for approval. All members of the research team and data collectors will be provided guidance in research ethics to meet the highest ethical standards of data collection and analysis throughout the study. A process of obtaining informed consent will be put in place using the standard information sheets and consent forms provided by the Ethics Committee of Eswatini. In addition, permission to conduct the survey will be obtained from the relevant Government institutions. Given the sensitive nature of the survey, efforts will be made to ensure that respondents are fully aware of the risks and benefits of participating and that the confidentiality and anonymity will be maintained.

V. Duration and Scope of Assignment

The baseline survey is expected to be completed within a total of three months' duration. The inception report to be submitted by the consultant/company to be considered for the assignment should consist of a detailed work plan, including major tasks, deliverables and time frame. The survey will be undertaken in the Lubombo region and will cover both rural and urban areas.

VI. Expected Deliverables

The consultant/company will submit the following:

- Inception report containing a detailed work plan for the entire duration of the consultancy
- Weekly progress reports (verbal) should be made by the consultant/company to the UNFPA Eswatini CO
- Data collection methodology and tools utilized for collecting information in the field
- Complete list of sampled districts/areas with accompanying maps
- Draft report with inputs from all stakeholders, including UN agencies and the DPM's office (not exceeding 50 pages)
- All working files and final data set including the raw data gathered during the research from different sources
- Final Baseline Survey report

VII. Required Expertise and qualifications

The consultant/company to be considered for the assignment is expected to have the following experience and qualifications:

- Postgraduate degree in public health, statistics, epidemiology, applied research and related technical fields
- Minimum seven years of experience in quantitative and qualitative methods and/or monitoring and evaluation
- Demonstrated experience in:
 - organizing and undertaking both quantitative and qualitative data collection
 - performing data analysis and management.
- Demonstrated ability to transform large amounts of data into theory by reducing the volume of raw information and creating a conceptual framework
- using statistical software for quantitative analysis
- knowledge of areas: Autism Spectrum Disorders, developmental disabilities, disabilities and HIV, sexual and reproductive health and disabilities, violence against persons with disabilities is a strong asset
- Excellent command of spoken and written English.

The detailed TORs can be downloaded at <https://bit.ly/2xPFDgi> or can be obtainable FROM UNFPA OFFICE and can be emailed to all interested candidates upon request. The interested candidates are requested to submit a brief expression of interest, curriculum vitae and certified copies of certificates, through email to:

Ms. Sally Molotsa, PA / Human Resources Associate, 4th Floor UN House, Corner Somhlolo Rd, Madlenya Street, Mbabane, Email: mlotsa@unfpa.org.

Deadline for receiving applications: Tuesday 30 July 2019

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WORLD VISION'S E500 000 INJECTION FOR PIT LATRINES

STORIES BY STARKY MKHONTA
Nhlango

WORLD Vision has injected about E500 000 towards a sanitation project at Mbabane, an area under Ku-Methula Inkhundla.

The toilet project benefits 112 homesteads. The toilets have sinks attached on the sides for washing hands.

Bucoph of Mbabane Nkola Myeni said once the pit-latrine is full, the container is removed and erected elsewhere.

He said this project has been received with excitement by many residents as it would improve the health standard in the area.

"We started this project at the beginning of June, residents are already using these toilets. It took a month to finish the project which is fully funded by World Vision, while members of the community provided manpower," said Myeni.

Hygienic

Myeni said it was important to see people in rural areas living a healthy life and seeing to it that they maintain hygienic standards in their homes.

He said World Vision had saved lives by funding the project.

"When there are no toilets in communities, people relieve themselves anyhow and at times drinking water gets contaminated. It's even worse during rainy season as the waste in forests get washed into the rivers and wells or streams



PROJECT: One of the pit latrines donated by World Vision. (Pic: Starky Mkhonta)

where we draw water for domestic purposes and what follows is disaster," said Myeni.

Myeni said he was happy that from all the communities under Ku-Methula Inkhundla, they were the first to benefit from this project.

World Vision is a vehicle to 2022 - Bucupho

WORLD Vision is contributing significantly in improving lives of Emaswati, says Bucupho of Mbabane Nkola Myeni.

Myeni said World Vision, through its assistance in the different communities, was contributing towards Vision 2022.

"I see World Vision as a vehicle transporting Emaswati to Vision 2022. We appreciate what the organisation is doing as besides assisting communi-

ties, it has offloaded the burden on government's shoulders," said Myeni.

Projects

Myeni said it is organisations like World Vision that should be commended for developing the kingdom.

He said there were projects initiated by the organisations in communities, some of which have now become a source of income to families.

He said even those less privileged members of society; their lives were made better by contributions made by World Vision in the country.

Financing

"The country has challenges when it comes to employment and World Vision, with the projects it is financing, has made a huge difference to many unemployed Emaswati," said Myeni.



CLOSED: Even though the 'Road Closed' sign is upside down but it still sends a clear message to motorists at the ICC Hotel at Ezulwini. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

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1773 - The first schoolhouse to be located west of the Allegheny Mountains was built in Schoenbrunn, OH.

1786 - 'The Pittsburgh Gazette' became the first newspaper west of the Alleghenies to be published. The paper's name was later changed to 'The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.'

1874 - Major Walter Copton Winfield of England received US patent for the lawn-tennis court.

1914 - The first transcontinental telephone service was inaugurated when two people held a conversation between New York, NY and San Francisco, CA.

1940 - John Sigmund of St. Louis, MO, completed a 292-mile swim down the Mississippi River. The swim from St. Louis to Caruthersville, MO took him 89 hours and 48 minutes.

1950 - Disney's adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's 'Treasure Island' was released.

Disney movies, music and books

1957 - Jack Paar began hosting the 'Tonight' show on NBC-TV. The name of the show was changed to 'The Jack Paar Show.' Paar was host for five years.

1957 - The International Atomic Energy Agency was established.

1958 - The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was authorised by the US Congress.

1968 - Pope Paul VI reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's stance against artificial methods of birth control.

1975 - OAS (Organisation of American States) members voted to lift collective sanctions against Cuba. The US government welcomed the action and announced its intention to open serious discussions with Cuba on normalisation.

1981 - England's Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer were married.

1983 - Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers) set the National League consecutive game record at 1,207.

1985 - General Motors announced that Spring Hill, TN, would be the home of the Saturn automobile assembly plant.

1993 - The Israeli Supreme Court acquitted retired Ohio autoworker John Demjanjuk of being Nazi death camp guard 'Ivan the Terrible.' His death sentence was thrown out and he was set free.

1997 - Minamata Bay in Japan was declared free of mercury 40 years after contaminated food fish were blamed for deaths and birth defects.

1998 - The United Auto Workers union ended a 54-day strike against General Motors. The strike caused \$2.8 billion in lost revenues.

2005 - Astronomers announced that they had discovered a new planet (Xena) larger than Pluto in orbit around the sun.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Josh Radnor (TV actor)
July 29, 1979 (40 years old)



Génesis Rodríguez (Soap Opera actress) July 29, 1987 (32 years old)



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RESTRAINT ORDERS

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PART V*Cases in which restraint orders may be made*

15. (1) The High Court may exercise the powers conferred on it by Section 1—when—a prosecution for an offence has been instituted against the respondent concerned; either a confiscation order has been made against that respondent or it appears to the court that there are reasonable grounds for believing that a confiscation order may be made against that respondent; and the proceedings against that respondent have not been concluded; or when—the court is satisfied that a person is to be charged with an offence; and it appears to the court that there are reasonable grounds for believing that a confiscation order may be made against that person.

(2) Where the High Court has made a restraint order under subsection (1)(b), the court shall rescind the restraint order if the relevant person is not charged within such period as the court may consider reasonable.

Restraint orders

16. (1) The director of public prosecutions may apply to the High Court for a restraint order prohibiting any person, subject to such conditions and exceptions as may be specified in the order, from dealing in any manner with any property to which the order relates.

(2) If the High Court when considering an application made in terms of subsection (1), is satisfied that the facts referred to in Section 15(1) appear on the face of it from the application, it shall make, without requiring that notice of the application be given to any other person or the adducing of any further evidence from any other person, an order having immediate effect—

in respect of realisable property which may be specified in the restraint order and which is held by the person against whom the restraint order is being made; in respect of all realisable property held by the person against whom the restraint order is being made, whether it is specified in the restraint order or not;

in respect of all property which, if it is transferred to the person against whom the restraint order is being made after the making of the restraint order, would be realisable property.

(3) When the High Court makes a restraint order under subsection (2) it may include in that order any ancillary orders that the court considers appropriate for the proper, fair and effective execution of

the order; and

may at the same time include an order authorising the seizure of all movable property concerned by a member of the police.

(4) A restraint order shall provide for notice to be given to persons affected by the order and the minister shall prescribe the manner in which the notice will be served on the affected persons.

(5) Property seized under subsection (3) shall be dealt with in accordance with the directions of the High Court.

(6) A restraint order made under subsection (2) expires when the proceedings against the respondent are concluded.

(7) When making a restraint order the High Court may also make any further order in respect of the discovery of any facts, including facts relating to property over which the respondent may have effective control, and the location of that property as the court may consider necessary or expedient with a view to achieving the objects of the restraint order.

Provision for expenses from restrained property

17. (1) Without derogating from the generality of the powers conferred by Section 16(1), the High Court, when it has made a restraint order may, on application by a person against whom the order is made, make provision as the court may think fit for the payment from the property of that person which is subject to the restraint order—

of reasonable living expenses for that person and any person whom that person is legally liable to support or maintain; and

of reasonable legal expenses for that person in connection with any

proceedings instituted against that person in terms of this Part or any criminal proceedings to which those proceedings may relate.

(2) A court shall not make provision for the payment of any expenses under subsection (1) unless the court is satisfied that—the person applying for the payment of those expenses, and every other person whom that person is legally liable to support or maintain, has disclosed under oath or affirmation all their interests in the property from which such a provision is to be made and has submitted to that court a sworn and full statement of all their assets and liabilities; and neither the person applying for the payment of those expenses nor any other person whom that person is legally liable to support or maintain can meet the expenses concerned out of their unrestrained property.

Variation or rescission of orders

18. (1) The High Court may vary or rescind a restraint order or an order made under Section 24(2) if it is satisfied that—the order concerned—will deprive the person against whom it was made of the means to provide reasonable living expenses; and will cause undue hardship for the person against whom it was made which outweighs the risk that the property concerned may be destroyed, lost, damaged, concealed or transferred; or there is an ambiguity or a patent error in or omission from that order, but only to the extent of that ambiguity, error or omission.

(2) When the court orders the variation or rescission of an order authorising the seizure of property in terms of subsection (1)(a), the court

shall make any other order which it considers appropriate for the proper, fair and effective execution of the restraint order concerned.

(3) The High Court may rescind a restraint order or an order made under Section 34(2) if— it was erroneously sought or erroneously made in the absence of the person applying for its rescission; or it was made as a result of a mistake that is common to both the director of public prosecutions and the person against whom it was made.

(4) Only the director of public prosecutions or the person against whom the order was made on notice to the director of public prosecutions may apply for an order under sub-Section (1) or subsection (3).

(5) A restraint order or an order made under Section 24(2) may not be varied or rescinded on any grounds other than those provided for in this section.

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(7) When making a restraint order the High Court may also make any further order in respect of the discovery of any facts, including facts relating to property over which the respondent may have effective control, and the location of that property as the court may consider necessary or expedient with a view to achieving the objects of the restraint order.

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'MOVING FROM RHETORIC TO ACTION'

GOVERNMENT MUST LEARN FROM KING

A week ago, Education and Training Minister Lady Howard Mabuza met with school principals at Prince Mfanyana Hall in Manzini where she declared and re-emphasised government's position when it comes to the hiring freeze in the public sector, which also affects the filling of vacant positions and promotions.

She told principals that her ministry has been equally affected by this Circular.

From the onset, let me state that we support all the efforts of this 11th administration to rescue the country from the economic abyss.

However, our support must be informed by public interest. We cannot continue to support programmes or policies that compromise not only the quality of life of our society but threaten the future.

Our health and education sector is facing serious challenges which can be easily unlocked by reviewing our position when it comes to this Circular.

I want to believe that the implementation of this circular did not come about as a result of poorly diagnosing our economic situation.

Granted, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has been concerned for a long time with our huge public spending and claimed that our public service is amongst the largest in the region.

Recommendations were made on how we should go about dealing with this challenge of which some studies were done and only awaited implementation.

In 2011/2012 at the height of our fiscal challenges, it was recommended that government needed to reduce the bloated public service by cutting 7 000 jobs.

This move or recommendation was rejected by His Majesty the King hence the Dr Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini-led government resolved to cut politicians' salaries by 10 per cent.

The idea was to cut salaries across the board by 10 per cent but civil servants rejected the move.

The hiring freeze which is being implemented through Circular No. 3 of 2018 we hope is not one way of implementing what was rejected by the King.

In fact, if we were to implement such a plan, it has to be well coordinated and ensure that key services are not compromised in the alter of public expenditure savings and, meanwhile, gratify demands made by such institutions as the IMF. Any savings that compromises the quality of life and the future of the Nation is no good savings at all and must be discarded immediately.

Government needs to take a cue from His Majesty King Mswati III who despite acknowledging the challenges faced by the country continues to ensure that key positions are filled.

Replaced

In the past two weeks, he replaced the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force Commander Sobantu Dlamini with Jeffrey Shabalala.

...Circular No.3 of 2018 makes no sense, PM must withdraw it immediately

On Friday he did the same by replacing His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Commissioner General Mzuthini Ntshangase with Phindile Dlamini.

In the next two weeks, we hope the same shall happen to the Royal Eswatini Police Service where Senator Isaac Mmemo Magagula's position remains vacant.

He understands that such positions are crucial for peace and order and should not remain vacant to the extent that they start to compromise the smooth functioning of those institutions.

Now, both in the health and education sectors, we cannot afford to have vacancies that are not filled.

We have had nurses and teachers who have retired from service and others who have passed away. It goes without saying, therefore, that for the smooth running of our key institutions we need people to serve the multitudes of our Nation.

It cannot be understood that we have not replaced or filled any vacancies on the basis that we don't have money.

We are not saying government must create new vacancies yet, but only saying those that have been created as a result of retirement, death or suspensions need to be filled immediately because our hospitals, clinics and schools cannot afford to run without them.

Expected

There is no class in the school system that must function without a teacher, neither hospital that is expected to run functionally without services of nurses, doctors and their support staff.

We urge government to immediately review this circular, it is not good for the country and definitely not good for Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini and Finance Minister Neal Rijkenburg.

We want to believe that they have correctly spotted other areas or sectors where government needed to make some savings and human resources is not one of them under the current circumstances.

If government want to tackle the huge public service question, it must confront it head-on and stop implementing it through

Circular No.3 of 2018.

If we were to do so, we need to be honest and correctly identify the areas where there is too much fat. Definitely schools and hospitals are not such areas.

If we poorly manage these sectors, the results are going to be immediate.

We will see an increase in the number of bed deaths and more failures at the end of the school year.

This will be an indication of a bleak future, hence we urge the prime minister and the finance minister to withdraw this circular immediately.

Resources

What worsens our situation is that we are not only failing to provide the human resources but also failing to deliver drugs on time and money to ensure that schools run efficiently. With no nurses, doctors, teachers, money and drugs, these is a concoction for disaster.

Let's quickly deal with this situation before we add loss of life and bleak future to what is already a scary scenario.



Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenburg.

Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini.

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VITALS

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First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	1.8%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.25%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E12.80 per litre
Replacement	E12.85 per litre
Diesel	E12.80 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.15 per litre
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ESWATINI SIGNS AQUACULTURE PROMOTION MoU WITH MOZ

BY BAHLE GAMA

ESWATINI has signed a Memorandum of Understand (MoU) with the Republic of Mozambique aimed at promoting sea and aquaculture production and trade.

The minister of agriculture Jabulani Mabuza represented the kingdom in the aligning of the MoU in Maputo at the neighbouring country's ministry of fisheries. Making his remarks, Mabuza said the signing of the MoU would also give way to opening negotiations on specific agreements that would allow Eswatini companies to have access to fishing in the sea and also open cooperation between the two countries in the development of aquaculture.

"A strong relationship will also allow the two countries to support each other in marketing of fish and fish products in the best markets taking advantage of agreements our



DONE DEAL: Minister of agriculture Jabulani Mabuza with Mozambique Minister of Fisheries Agostinho Mondlane signing a Memorandum of Understand (MoU) aimed at promoting sea and aquaculture production and trade.

countries may have.

"I believe this MoU is just the beginning of many more cooperative agreements that we will work

on together including preparation of projects involving our two countries for seeking donor assistance," he said.

He said he was aware that the two countries were already cooperating in water issues through the Joint Water Commission which is under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy in the country and that as the biggest water user in the country we are actively participating in that Committee.

"The two countries are neighbours and have had good political relationship for a long time, but what needs to be strengthened are economic relationships.

The Kingdom of Eswatini has an agro-based economy and therefore any relationship based in agriculture and other related sectors are of great importance to the entire nation," he said.

He then expressed gratitude to the people and Government of Mozambique for hosting them and also accepting the country's request to have access to fishing in the sea as well have access to make use of their harbours.



Message of WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti, on World Hepatitis Day 2019



Dr Matshidiso Moeti
Regional Director,
WHO Regional Office for Africa

On July 28, WHO in the African Region joins the global community in commemorating World Hepatitis Day 2019.

Despite the availability of diagnostic tools and effective treatment, less than one in 10 of the 71 million people with hepatitis B or C in Africa have access to testing and more than 200 000 die each year due to complications like end-stage liver cirrhosis and liver cancer.

The theme this year, *Invest in Eliminating Hepatitis*, is a timely reminder that this disease can be eliminated by 2030 with adequate resources and strong political commitment.

In June, the World Health Organization developed the first hepatitis scorecard to track progress across the Region. The scorecard shows that:

- 1) the highest burden of hepatitis B infection in children under five years is seen in countries without hepatitis B birth-dose vaccination in combination with suboptimal coverage (under 90%) of the childhood pentavalent vaccine; and

- 2) testing and treatment as a public health approach remains the most neglected aspect of the response.

Funding hepatitis testing and treatment services as part of universal health coverage is a cost-effective investment. WHO commends Rwanda and Uganda for providing free access to hepatitis testing and treatment.

Today, I call on Member States to invest in a public health approach towards elimination of viral hepatitis B and C in Africa. Countries should invest in hepatitis B vaccination for all newborns and integrate hepatitis interventions as part of health system strengthening. This includes building on existing laboratory capacities for HIV and TB, embedding hepatitis surveillance in the national health information system, and securing supplies of affordable medicines and diagnostics.

WHO commends Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance for supporting hepatitis B birth-dose vaccination and the Global Fund for providing hepatitis C care for people receiving HIV therapy.

We salute Egypt for the recent proposal to support hepatitis testing and

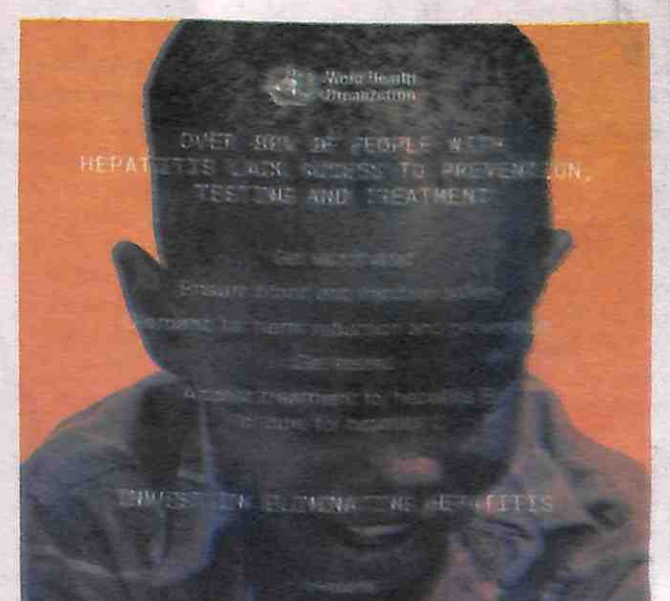
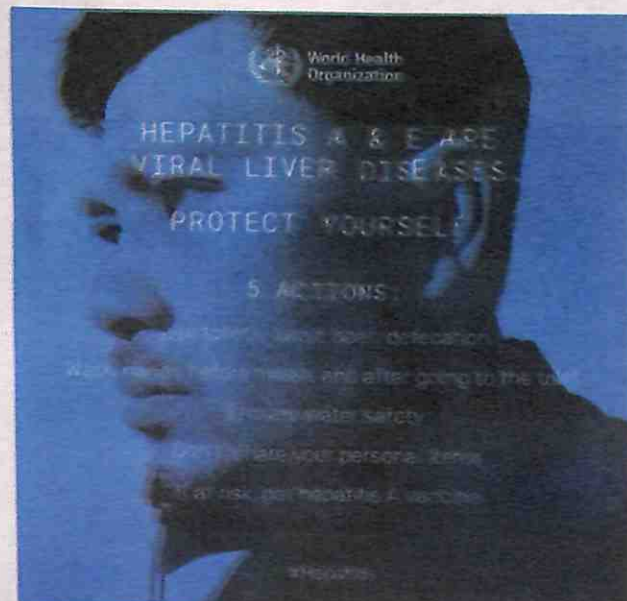
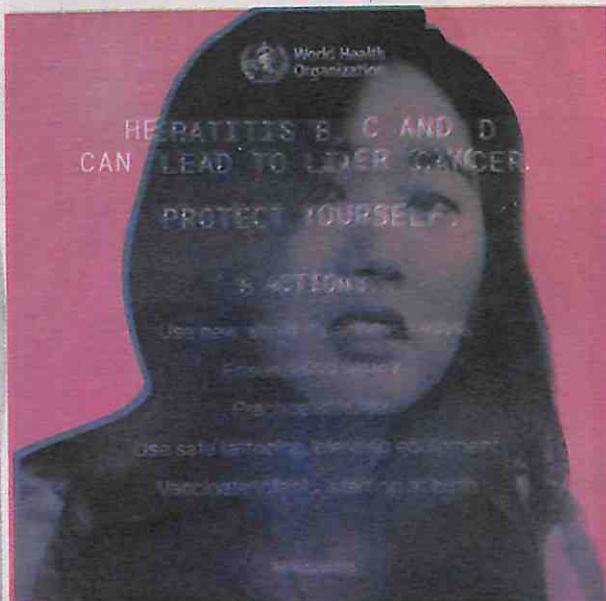
treatment for one million people across 14 African countries.

I call on partners and pharmaceutical companies to reduce the cost of hepatitis B and C diagnostics and medicines. Together with the research community, we can collectively explore ways to simplify testing and treatment, and promote innovation towards a cure for hepatitis B and a vaccine for hepatitis C.

In addition to governments and partner efforts, civil society and people living with viral hepatitis should continue playing a central role in raising community and political awareness.

WHO will continue to support collaboration across Member States – last month the African Hepatitis Summit in Kampala, Uganda was attended by more than 600 people from 32 countries.

In the words of the "African Hepatitis Song" launched at the Summit, "let's all unite and invest to win this war on viral hepatitis, let's sensitize all the people and let all play our unique roles". This is what is needed to reach the goal of elimination of viral hepatitis by 2030.



STORIES BY QONDILE NTIWANE

TUV Rheinland Group South Africa is considering opening shop in Eswatini.

This transpired during the company's Customer Focus Day held at the Happy Valley Hotel on Friday.

The German founded company with offices in Centurion, South Africa, is one of the leading international companies that offer global expertise, local services in testing, inspecting, certification consulting and training services and boasts of about 30 local companies in different fields.

Responding to questions as to when the company would open shop in the kingdom, TUV Rheinland Systems General Manager Nomisa Dhlamini said this was something they were considering in the future.

She, however, noted that the possibilities of this happening would also depend on the number of clients in the country.

"Part of our objectives include increasing the number of our SADC region clients. But I must say we are happy with the relations between us and our clients, hence wouldn't mind opening our offices here."

"This would also make it easier for us as there would be someone based here instead of having to frequently come here when it is time for audit in the different local companies," she said.

Dhlamini further mentioned that they were also looking at helping their local clients with the development of skills. "We have a training programme in place where we train auditors free of charge. This

TUV RHEINLAND LOOKING TO SET UP SHOP IN ESWATINI



POSE: Representatives from local companies posing with management from TUV Rheinland during the Customer Focus Day held at the Happy Valley Hotel on Friday. (Pic: Qondile Ntiwane)

is to say we are there to offer assistance to our clients in the event they want to develop their skills," she said.

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...Local companies honoured by TUV Rheinland

ESWATINI Railways, Pal Fridge and Mbabane Municipal Council have been honoured by TUV Rheinland as some of their longest serving clients in the country.

The companies were presented with certificates by Rheinland Regional Director Partha Pratim and general manager during the Customer Focus Day held at the Happy Valley Hotel.

Also receiving recognition were Municipal Council of Manzini, Steffunatti Stocks Construction, Eswatini Electricity Company, MTN Eswatini, and the Swaziland

Bags Refurbishment and Management (SBRM).

Others were MA Dlamini Consulting Engineering, Eswatini Civil Authority and Simav SHEQ Consultancy.

Presenting during the event were the company's global business system field manager, Business Stream Systems Gonzalo De Castro who said they were happy to be associated with Eswatini. De Castro also presented to the clients on the new development systems and urged the companies to take the issues of certification seriously.

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British Pound/SZL	17.4675	17.5297
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.7070	7.7323
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Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3135	1.3294
Australian Dollar/SZL	9.7476	9.7837
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.6728	10.7076
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	15.6511	15.7068
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FNB HOSTS LUNCHEON FOR EYA WINNERS

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

FNB has taken its support for entrepreneurs to the next level and is looking to engage with them on a regular basis.

In a bid to achieve this goal, the bank, in conjunction with the Small Enterprises Development Company, SEDCO, hosted a luncheon with some of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award (EYA) winners at the Ramblas Restaurant on Friday. The winners were those in the categories that were sponsored by the bank during the awards held over a week ago.

FNB is the title sponsor of the EYA and also specifically sponsored five awards on the night, including the overall winner Mashayinkonjane Investments Director Sifiso Nhlengetfwa. Others were Linthas Investments Director Monday Ntshalintshali (Green Entrepreneur of the Year), Eco Buzz Investments Director Mndeni Mabila (Most Innovative Award winner) and Muziyafana Investments Director Hloniphile Dlamini (Agribusiness winner).

The main theme of this meeting was in line with the bank's mantra 'How can we help you?'

Addressing the winners during the event, FNB Head of Business Nozizwe Mulela said it was important for them to get to know more about the winners' businesses and how best they



WINNERS: FNB sponsored categories EYA winners posing with the bank's Head of Business Nozizwe Mulela (second from right) and other management team members. (Pic: Qondile Ntiwane)

could be supported to grow even further.

She said they were determined to regularly engage with the winners so their businesses continue to thrive. In conclusion, Mulela said they noted every submission by the winners and FNB would keep its doors open to support them and other businesses in the country.

"We recognise that entrepreneurship is the backbone of the economy and as a bank it is important for us to engage with you to find out how we can help you. When businesses grow so does the economy. So as you continue with your business and at every step, always remember that we are there for you and want to know 'how

can we help you," she said.

SEDCO's Themba Dlamini expressed gratitude to the bank for hosting such a forum for the winners.

"We appreciate this engagement because when we started people would win and ask what happens next. FNB has come through to say this is what is next by offering a helping hand," he said.

The winners also expressed gratitude for the platform, noting that it encouraged them to do even better in their businesses.

"We are glad that winning the award did not end on the night but you will continue to be with us to listen to our dreams and challenges. We thank all the partners for such a wonderful ges-

ture," Nhlengetfwa said.

Nhlengetfwa also shared with the other winners the need to use banks and cash when doing business as this contributed to the growth of the business.

Meanwhile, Linthas Investments Director Ntshalintshali spoke about the need to be patient in terms of growing a business as well as to dedicate yourself each day.

"It is also important to treat your employees well, equally and earn their respect so that they do their job to the utmost. What I have also learnt in this business is that as the director you also have to be involved in the field so that you can gain trust of the clients," she said.

ENTREPRENEURS LAUNCH OTE COURIER COMPANY

STORIES BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE

THE Kingdom of Eswatini has seen an introduction of a new courier company that will cater for both big organisations and individuals.

On Track Eswatini is an innovative, game changing and youth owned company that focuses on delivery services. It is the answer to that business which needs to deliver its products to a wide range of customers on time and with great efficiency and reliability.

The company, officially launched at The Hive in Mbabane last Friday by the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga, has already started rendering its services to its clients.

Mkhululi Mtsetfwa who is one of the co-founders of On Track Eswatini, said the company would bridge the gap between large courier companies and households.

Drawbacks

"With all the drawbacks, it's not surprising that grocery delivery services are becoming more and more popular. Grocery and meal delivery options can help you save time, cut costs and ditch your weekly trip to the store," Mtsetfwa said.

On Track Eswatini targets mostly households and individuals, groceries,



POSE: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga (c) poses with the On Track Eswatini (OTE) Directors Mkhululi Mtsetfwa and Xolani Shongwe. (Pics: Bongumusa Simelane)

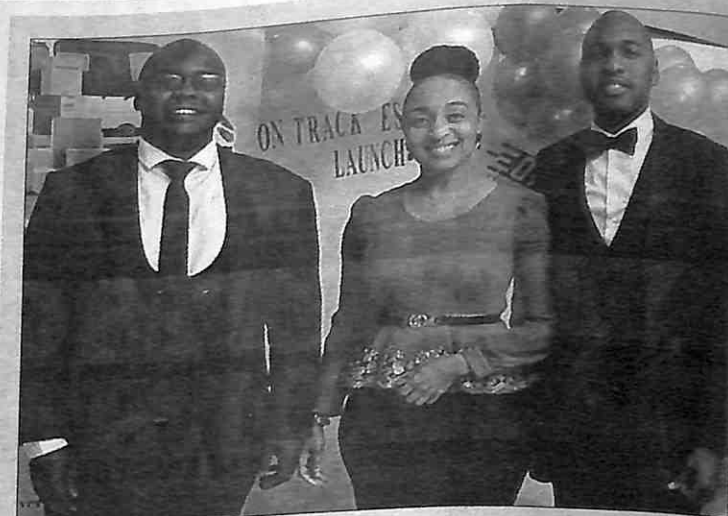
fast foods, health centres, primary and high schools, restaurants and hotels (hospitality), college hostels and clinics, among others.

Speaking during the launch, Minister Bulunga said it was inspiring to learn that the co-directors have financed their start-ups. He said government was fully behind the creation of such businesses which would land a hand in helping lots of Emaswati to create better futures through the provision of employment and service delivery.

"We hope that the number of employees will undoubtedly increase as the directors have promised to open other branches across the country," said Bulunga.

He added that as the country continues to face the scourge of unemployment, government would continue to urge young people who have entrepreneurship passion to tap into it.

"That is why as a ministry we have under us the Youth Enterprise Revolving Fund which is at the service of young



WARNS: Eswatini Mobile Chief Customer Executive Gciniwe Fakudze flanked by the OTE directors.

Captivate the market - Gciniwe

ESWATINI Mobile Chief Customer Executive Gciniwe Fakudze has warned the co-directors of On Track Eswatini to captivate the market within the shortest possible time.

Fakudze, who was one of the guests during the event, said that for any business to survive there is need for the management to evaluate and track the business' customers constantly.

She added that good customer service was key for the success of the company.

"A business is nothing without a customer and a happy customer is always an indication that you are good at service delivery," Fakudze said.

In the same vein, Junior Achievement Eswatini Executive Director Siboniso Madlopha said it was good to see the youth taking up the challenge of steering the country to vision 2022 through innovative business enterprises. Madlopha also said the country needed such people to solve problems that exist on a daily basis.

Emaswati who want to venture into business," he said.

On another note, the minister mentioned that government is working on a strategy that will ensure that entrepreneurship is introduced at the high school level which will arm pupils with busi-

ness skills.

He said the launch of businesses like On Track Eswatini was in line with His Majesty's Government's Strategic Roadmap which emphasised on the creation of an enabling environment for the private sector to thrive.

Digimage launches iEat app for eateries

STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA

EATERIES and customers will be pleased to learn that there is an app that enables them to order, deliver and pay for food at any time or place.

This app is called iEat and was launched by Digimage on Thursday at Sibane Hotel.

Making his remarks during the launch, Digimage Director Sindiso Dlamini stated that iEat is a revolutionary restaurant directory where users have the option to browse the eatery options and select from different food options.

"Eswatini has been known to be always behind with technology, but we want to prove society wrong. We want to show that we can be leaders in the technology spheres.

His Majesty has given a directive that companies should aim for billions in turnover per month; who knows maybe this is one way to get there?" he said.

Visibility

He stated that this innovation would give businesses the opportunity to advertise and increase visibility, which would assist in increasing sales.

"We are bringing a convenient way for the users to browse and order food. It will help users order food while doing their shopping and only go to the restaurant to collect the food. We are bringing your favourite restaurant to your



FOLLOWING: Digimage Director Sindiso Dlamini following the proceedings. (Pics: Bahle Gama)

STEPS TO ORDER ON iEat

- Choose the eatery of your choice, select the branch nearest to you.
- Choose what you want to eat or buy and add to your shopping cart.
- Then click done when shopping.
- Select the delivery option and select your payment option.
- You have the option to track your order status.

fingertips," he added.

He added that customers can down-



REP: SMEs Director Mluleki Dlamini makes his remarks on behalf of the commerce minister during the launch.

load the app from the play store and that the iOS version would be released soon.

Customers can make their payment through Mobile Money and VISA. They can also track their order in the event of finishing payment.

Dlamini further encouraged eateries and delivery companies interested in this innovative service to contact them.

Eateries currently found in the app are Café 360, Mugg and Bean as well as Barcelos, to name a few.

Young people future leaders of Eswatini - Commerce

THE Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo has identified young people as the future leaders of the country in the 4th Industrial Revolution era.

Represented by Director SMEs Mluleki Dlamini during the launch of the iEat app at Sibane Hotel on Thursday evening, the minister said the i-Eat concept resonated well with his personal belief that young people, as the future, need to embrace innovation; particularly at a time where the whole world is moving towards the 4th Industrial Revolution.

He said the 4th Industrial Revolution would soon take over the way things are done and required everyone to become not only techno-savvy but also come up with ideas that would counter the replacement of jobs in the near future.

"It is very encouraging to note that whilst the 4th Industrial Revolution is viewed as a threat to job security; the iEat app will, on the contrary, create more jobs in the deliveries space. This is in line with government's goal to create at least 10 000 jobs per year for the next five years; 2018-2023," he said.

Dlamini further stated that the Strategic Roadmap further identified information communication technology (ICT) as one of the five

key strategic pillars that the country needs to develop within the next five years.

"This is because it has become categorically clear to everyone that if we do not wake up from the slumber and embrace ICT solutions, as a country we will be caught unaware and thus suffer the consequences of ignorance," Dlamini said.

Unnecessary

He added that the iEat product spoke convenience not only for the user of the app but also for the eateries themselves. He said it would eliminate unnecessary queues and basically make service easily accessible. "People have become so busy these days that it has become difficult to spare even 30 minutes a day to drive or walk to the nearest eatery to get a meal. Moreover, buying the conventional way requires more than just patience; as one has to wait minutes and minutes for an order to arrive.

"It is for that reason, therefore, that as a ministry we welcome the iEat concept. Young people are the future leaders of this country. Therefore, when young people develop apps such as the one we are launching tonight, it gives one confidence that the future will be in good hands. As already alluded to above; technology is the future," he concluded.

Focus on World News

Global News

TRUMP BRANDS MOSTLY BLACK BALTIMORE 'INFESTED MESS'

USA - US President Donald Trump was hit with new accusations of racism on Saturday after he attacked a prominent African American congressman and branded the majority-black city of Baltimore an "infested mess".

Trump's outburst came in a series of sharply worded tweets aimed at Democratic Representative Elijah Cummings - a high-profile critic of Trump's administration whose district covers much of Baltimore.

"Cummings District is a disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess," the president wrote, calling it "the worst run and most dangerous anywhere in the United States".

"No human being would want to live there," he said - in an attack ostensibly provoked by Cummings's criticism of the harsh conditions facing would-be asylum seekers at the Mexican border.

"Rep Elijah Cummings has been a brutal bully, shouting and screaming at the great men & women of Border Patrol about conditions at the Southern Border, when actually his Baltimore district is FAR



ACCUSED: US President Donald Trump.

WORSE and more dangerous," Trump alleged.

'Racist' attack

The president's morning diatribe ignited a storm of criticism, less than two weeks after the US House of Representatives condemned him for "racist" comments targeting a Somali-born congresswoman.

The top Democrat in Congress,

Nancy Pelosi - whose father served as mayor of Baltimore - accused Trump of a "racist" attack.

"@RepCummings is a champion in the Congress and the country for civil rights and economic justice, a beloved leader in Baltimore, and deeply valued colleague," Pelosi wrote on Twitter.

"We all reject racist attacks against

him and support his steadfast leadership." The Democratic mayor of Baltimore Bernard "Jack" Young - who is black - rejected Trump's rhetoric as "hurtful and dangerous". "It's completely unacceptable for the political leader of our country to denigrate a vibrant American City like Baltimore, and to viciously attack US Representative Elijah Cummings," Young wrote in a statement. Prominent Democratic presidential candidate, Kamala Harris, tweeted that she was "proud" to have her 2020 campaign headquarters in Cummings's district.

"It's disgraceful the president has chosen to start his morning disparaging this great American city," said Harris, one of two leading black candidates in the race to succeed Trump.

'Go back'

Cummings himself tweeted: "Mr President, I go home to my district daily. Each morning, I wake up, and I go and fight for my neighbours. It is my constitutional duty to conduct oversight of the Executive Branch. But it is my moral duty to fight for my constituents."

Al Jazeera

U.S. Marines 'likely' to enter Venezuela

CARACAS - Venezuelan Socialist Party Vice President Diosdado Cabello on Saturday predicted US Marines will "likely" enter the South American country, speaking a week after a confrontation between aircraft belonging to the two countries' armed forces.

"We are few, a small country, we are very humble, and here it is likely that the US Marines enter. It is likely that they enter," Cabello told the Sao Paulo Forum, a gathering of leftist politicians and activists from across Latin America, without citing evidence.

"Their problem will be getting out of Venezuela."

US-Venezuela tensions have escalated this year since Juan Guaido, leader of the opposition-controlled National Assembly, invoked the constitution to assume an interim presidency in January, arguing socialist President Nicolas Maduro's 2018 re-election was illegitimate. The United States and most Western democracies have recognised Guaido as the rightful leader. The Trump administration has said it prefers to continue to use sanctions and diplomacy to pressure Maduro to step down, but has not ruled out military action as an option.

Cabello presides over the Constituent Assembly, a legislative superbody loyal to Maduro which is not recognised by the opposition. He is widely viewed as the second most powerful official in Venezuela's government, after Maduro.

The US military accused a Venezuelan fighter aircraft of "aggressively" shadowing a US Navy plane in international airspace over the Caribbean Sea on July 19. Venezuela's government said the "reconnaissance and intelligence aircraft" had entered its airspace. *AP*

SA Court approves R5 billion class action settlement

JOHANNESBURG - A Johannesburg High Court on Friday approved a R5 billion rand (\$353 million) class action settlement between gold mining companies and law firms representing thousands of miners who contracted the fatal lung diseases silicosis and tuberculosis.

The settlement follows a long legal battle by miners to win compensation for illnesses they say they contracted over decades because of negligence in health and safety.



"All the parties made an effort to ensure that the settlement agreement is reasonable, adequate and fair," the High Court said in its judgement.

The gold producers agreed in May last year to the settlement but it needed to be approved by the Johannesburg High Court before being implemented.

The class action suit was launched in 2012 on behalf of miners

suffering from silicosis, an incurable disease caused by inhaling silica dust from gold-bearing rocks.

It causes shortness of breath, a persistent cough and chest pains, and also makes people highly susceptible to tuberculosis.

The companies involved are Harmony Gold, Gold Fields, African Rainbow Minerals ARIJ, Sibanye-Stillwater SGLJ, AngloGold Ashanti and Anglo American South Africa. The latter no longer has gold assets but historically was a bullion producer. *Reuters*

UN receives Uganda soldiers following attack in Somalia

MOGADISHU - The United Nations in Mogadishu received a new batch of Ugandan soldiers a day after the deadly suicide attack that claimed the lives of six and injured five including badly wounding the Mayor of Mogadishu.

"Do your work. It is about the mission all the time. Forget about all other things. For the next one

year you are going to be here, please forget about any other thing and focus on the mission," said Lt. Gen. Peter Elwel, Commander of Uganda's Land Forces.

UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Somalia, James Swan welcomed the soldiers that are reinforcement to the UN's security in the East African state, on Thursday. *Africanews*

BRIEFS

Afghan-Taliban talks could happen

KABUL - Direct talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban could begin in Norway within the next two weeks, officials and sources said Saturday, marking a potentially crucial step in efforts to end the war. The Taliban have so far refused to speak to the government of President Ashraf Ghani, which they see as illegitimate, except for at a recent summit where Ghani officials attended in a "personal capacity". "We are preparing for direct talks," said Abdul Salam Rahimi, the state minister for peace affairs, noting that the government would be represented by a 15-member delegation. *AFP*

Labour plot ways to block no-deal Brexit

LONDON - Former Chancellor Philip Hammond, who quit the government last week before Boris Johnson took over as prime minister, has held secret talks with the opposition Labour Party about how to stop a no-deal Brexit, a newspaper said. Hammond, who has long opposed leaving the European Union without a transition deal to soften the economic shock, met Labour's top Brexit official, Kier Starmer, shortly after he quit the government, the Observer said. The newspaper said Hammond and Starmer agreed to work with other senior lawmakers including former Conservative minister Oliver Letwin to thrash out the deal. *Reuters*

Zim tourism minister charged

HARARE - Zimbabwean Tourism Minister Prisca Mupfema was charged in court on Friday with corruption involving \$95 million from the state pension fund after questioning by the newly formed Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission (ZACC). Mupfema is the first senior government official to be interrogated by the commission, which was appointed by President Emmerson Mnangagwa last week after he promised tough action against graft. The prosecution laid out charges ranging from alleged abuse of state pension fund money to finance Mupfema's political campaigning to directing investments. *Reuters*

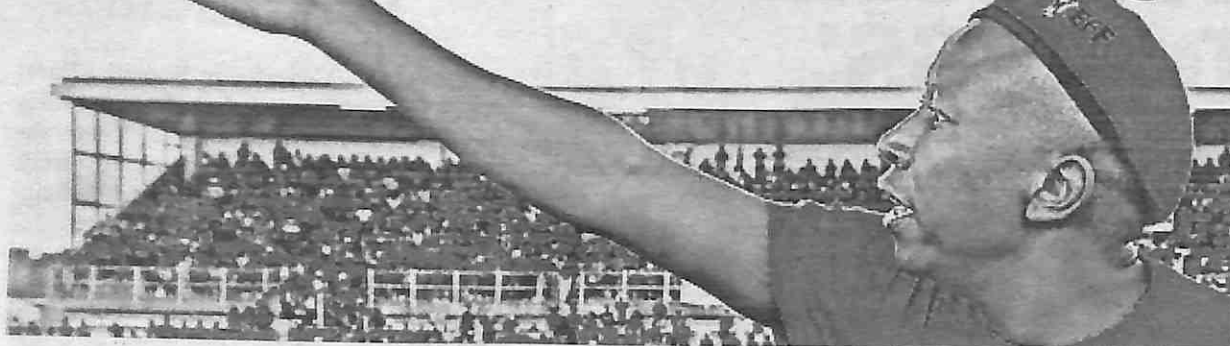
Africa must boost industrial capacity

ABUJA - African nations will need to boost output of goods and services and integrate payment systems if they are to take advantage of a new \$3.4 trillion economic initiative, according to the head of the African Development Bank. A continental free-trade zone was launched this month in Niger which, if successful, will usher in a new era of development for an area with a population of 1.3 billion people. It is hoped that the 55-nation African Continental Free Trade Area - the largest bloc since the creation of the World Trade Organisation in 1994 - will help unlock Africa's long-stymied economic potential. *AFP*

Focus on SA Scene

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'THE EFF HAS PRONOUNCED ON YOU'



MPUMALANGA - EFF leader Julius Malema said, on the party's sixth birthday, that many thought it would be irrelevant after the departure of the former president after it "humbled him", but it continued growing.

"They said it will die after Jacob Zuma, that it exists because Jacob Zuma is there. Hey, we fought Zuma. He is looking after cattle because of this EFF," he said during his address at KaNyamazane Stadium in Mpumalanga on Saturday.

"[Public Enterprises Minister] Pravin [Gordhan] will go. The same way the EFF said [Athol] Trollip in PE will go; he's gone. The same way we said [former minister] Malusi Gigaba will go; he's gone. The same way we said [former minister] Nhlanelhla Nene will go; he's gone.

"So Pravin Gordhan, let us tell you now... you can scream and kick, your

door is open. You are avoiding the unavoidable. The powerful have fallen. You are nothing. We are not scared of the cabal. You must ask Zuma, we have humbled him."

This week, Malema said the EFF will head to the Constitutional Court if Gordhan's urgent application over Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane's remedial action against him, in the so-called SA Revenue Service "rogue unit" matter, is approved by the Gauteng High Court in Pretoria.

Mkhwebane instructed President Cyril Ramaphosa to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Gordhan within 30 days of the release of the report, however the minister wants the remedial action suspended until his judicial review of the report is finalised.

Malema, who at the time said the party had nothing against Gordhan, called for the public enterprises minister to be fired, saying he "doesn't

deserve to be a minister" and behaved like "an untouchable politician in South Africa". During his address on Saturday, Malema warned that the EFF "has pronounced on" Gordhan.

"They said Zuma will go and the EFF will be irrelevant. They said the EFF is obsessed with Zuma. 'What did Zuma do to these people? This is personal between Malema and Zuma.'

"That nonsense they are repeating today. They just replaced it with a name. It's no longer Zuma, it's Pravin. 'Why are they obsessed with Pravin? This is personal. They are scared of SARS, they are scared of the Hawks'... We are not scared of anything. Nothing can scare us; when we see an injustice, we go after it."

Racists and the corrupt were out to destroy the EFF because it is the "only party in SA that is fighting for a black person", Malema told a sea of supporters. *News24*

AG unable to confirm corruption in Alexandra Renewal Project

ALEXANDRA - The office of the Auditor General was unable to confirm on Friday to a South African Human Rights Commission hearing if it had found instances of corruption in the embattled Alexandra Renewal Project (ARP).

Earlier this year, the SAHRC and the Office of the Public Protector launched an investigations into what had happened to the ARP funds, following protests in the township earlier this year.

Concerns had been raised by Alexandra residents that the R1.3bn that had been set aside for the 2001 project had been squandered.

On Friday, the AG's office sat for the last day of the fourth sitting of the Alexandra inquiry. Here is what it revealed:

Initially, R1.3bn was budgeted for the project, aimed at revamping Alexandra. Officials from the AG's office testified that R2.2bn was spent, however the office could not confirm if all that money was used exclusively for ARP;

Government officials, who were responsible for the smooth running of the ARP, failed to comply with auditors. The Gauteng Department of Human Settlements failed to provide relevant documents to auditors, as well as approved business plans of how some ARP projects were going to be implemented;

Auditors found a lack of cooperation from all three spheres of government - local, provincial and

national - during its auditing of funds spent.

Audit procedures were only limited to electrification and some building projects. Auditors did not have sufficient information to audit water and sanitation, roads and storm water projects, and procurement from the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements. The lack of documentation for auditing resulted in auditors not being able to answer all relevant questions at the inquiry;

The AG's office found there was poor project planning and lack of documentation to assess the planning of the ARP. In addition, individual projects within ARP were not effectively implemented and monitored;

Going forward, the office of the AG recommended the establishment of proper documentation and filing systems to track information and monitor projects.

The hearing adjourned on Friday. *News24*

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ANC veterans 'concerned' over statements made by Magashule

JOHANNESBURG - African National Congress (ANC) veterans on Saturday expressed concerns over statements made by ANC secretary-general Ace Magashule.

Earlier this week, Magashule labelled former minister and ANC NEC member Derek Hanekom a charlatan and a wedge driver. This after Hanekom confirmed he met EFF leaders to discuss the ousting of former President Jacob Zuma through a motion of no confidence. Last year, the ANC in Parliament decided it would support a motion of no confidence in Zuma if he did not resign as ordered by the party.

On Wednesday, Hanekom told Eyewitness News he didn't provide the EFF with the list of who would support the motion.



'Let Public Protector finish her term'

NELSPRUIT - EFF secretary-general Godrich Gardee has defended under-fire Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane, saying she should be allowed to complete her seven-year term.

Gardee, who was speaking on the sidelines of the party's sixth anniversary celebrations at the KaNyamazane Stadium in Nelspruit, Mpumalanga, said Mkhwebane was wanted out by white monopoly capital, white people and disgruntled people.

"We have no problem with that office, we respect that office," he said.

Gardee said Mkhwebane must be allowed to finish her term.

Mkhwebane has been under siege since the Constitutional Court confirmed an earlier North Gauteng

High Court ruling that she must pay 15 per cent of the SA Reserve Bank's legal

costs in the Bankorp-Absa bailout matter.

The apex court found that Mkhwebane had misled the high court by, among others, withholding information about a meeting she held with former president Jacob Zuma during her investigation of the R1.125 billion lifeboat the central bank gave to Bankorp, one of the banks that amalgamated to form Absa.

The DA has asked National Assembly speaker Thandi Modise to institute proceedings to remove Mkhwebane and the matter has been referred to the portfolio committee on justice.

Mkhwebane has also been threatened with being disbarred with the Legal Practice Council by a non-governmental organisation.

Meanwhile, thousands of EFF supporters gathered at the stadium ahead of party leader Julius Malema's address on Saturday afternoon.

Political Bureau

ANC campaign funding should be examined - Ramaphosa



CAPE TOWN - President Cyril Ramaphosa has apparently told the ANC's national executive committee (NEC) campaigning could have been handled differently in the build-up to the party's NASREC elections in 2017.

Sources in the party on Friday said Ramaphosa spoke to the NEC about the matter of finance for campaigning, saying work needed to be done on this.

This follows the report of Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane that hundreds of millions were raised by the CR17 team for Ramaphosa in the battle for the control of the ANC. ANC spokesperson Pule Mabe told the media on Friday that the official briefing would happen on Tuesday. However, he said the NEC had already dealt with some of the matters at Friday's meet-

ing. B" "We dealt with the political overview. We are dealing with the organisational report, taking the annual report and all other issues.

"We are going to communicate decisions tomorrow," said Mabe. ANC secretary general Ace Magashule is expected to address the media at the briefing next week. Sources said the matter of senior party member Derek Hanekom was also raised at the meeting.

BNo conclusion was drawn. Hanekom has angered some people in former president Jacob Zuma's faction. Zuma has said on social media Hanekom was a known enemy agent. EFF leader Julius Malema this week confirmed in public that the party met Hanekom in February last year about the removal of Zuma. *Political Bureau*

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CROWD PLEASER: Sjava on stage during his performance at the Eswatini Mobile Festival Xplosion held at Edwaleni Farm Lodge on Saturday. (Pics: Andile Dlamini and Nokwanda Sibandze)



ALL OUT: Throngs of people came out to see the show.

Eswatini Mobile Festival Xplosive makes history

STORIES BY ANDILE DLAMINI AND
NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

THE inaugural Eswatini Festival Xplosion was definitely a first of its kind and beautiful display of fireworks even though the show was delayed by seven hours.

Held at Edwaleni on Saturday, the event was slated to start at midday but only began at 7pm with DJ Cybos taking to the stage.

Other aspects of the festival went on as planned as stalls were set up on the lawn of the lodge and kiddies activities and horse riding went on during the day.

The show was held down by Big Dreamz and songbird Mandisa Mamba. Amanda du Pont who was supposed to Co-host the show made an appearance introducing Itallo.

The actress went on stage for two minutes and told the crowd she would stay until the end of the show.

"I love you Eswatini and *angiyindza-wo*, I will be with you the whole night," du Pont said. She disappeared after that brief appearance and never came back to the stage. Despite the several hours delay, the show managed to pick up when it eventually started.

- Out of this world on display of fireworks
- Over 3 000 attendees
- Amanda du Pont shows face and disappears
- Artists deliver



Local artists who performed in the early evening include LomaSoul, Judah, Velemseni, rappers Lyrikal Busta, Seawater and Greg XV and deejays Master P, Spice, Ziyawaka Zitha and many more. The fireworks display began with a teaser before 9pm, but the main display was at midnight.

The 10 minute display was accompanied by the MC Big Dreamz giving the audience motivational messages.

"The fireworks represent your breakthrough, they represent new beginnings, they represent you achieving your dreams and they represent Emaswati coming together," the MC said.

Sjava can't stop raving about Bholoja

SOUTH African singer Sjava is not shy about his love for singer Bholoja.

The singer took to the stage reciting his famous intro song.

During his performance, he called out for Bholoja to come join him on stage as they delivered together. The two rendered 'Ikhandlela' and Sjava expressed his deepest emotions as Bholoja sang.

He pleaded with Emaswati to continue supporting Bholoja as he felt he was a national treasure.

This was however not the first time Sjava raved about Bholoja as he also asked him to join him on stage last year while he was performing at Solani's Shisanyama.

The singer expressed how much he loved Bholoja's music and

how he takes inspiration from it.

Sjava performed songs such as 'Ngempela', 'Confession', 'Ikhandlela' and 'Umama'.

The award winning artist acknowledged the crowd for the energy and said if it wasn't for the limited time, he would perform longer.

Also giving the crowd their best was South African songstress Bucie. Bucie took to the stage at around 3am, dressed for the occasion as she wore a black outfit with African inspired print.

The singer rendered five songs including 'Inde', 'Superman', 'Rejoice', 'Easy to love' and 'Thando Lwethu'.

Her performance was brief but the crowd enjoyed every bit of it as they sang along to all her songs.

HUMBLED: Sjava and Bholoja interact after their performance of *Ikhandlela*.



Prince Kaybee makes it to show, doesn't perform

SOUTH African renowned spinner of 'Club Controller' fame Prince Kaybee disappointed a few fans when he did not perform.

The deejay had confirmed that he was coming to the Kingdom with an Instagram post and he was spotted at the venue sitting in the VVIP area.

The deejay was supposed to perform after local spinner MBO. However, when he was sup-

posed to go on stage after DJ MBO, he was nowhere to be seen. Fans did not seem to notice as some were already leaving the venue. It was around 5am when another group went on the stage instead of Prince Kaybee. Although the sun was already rising, some fun lovers were not ready to leave the party and DJ Ayacity came to their rescue as he took over the turntables till the early hours of the morning.



QUEEN: Bucie belting it out on stage.



WENT AWOL: Amanda du Pont during her brief appearance.

Swazi Gospel Singers group aging gracefully

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

... Celebrates 40 years anniversary

THE Swazi Gospel Singers were celebrating their 40 years anniversary at the Mbabane Alliance church on Friday night.

They celebrated the anniversary alongside their children who have also joined in group and are now dubbed; 'Swazi Gospel Singer's Mass Choir'.

The group began singing in 1978 and they are still going strong.

The event was graced by Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati, SWAMA president Melusi Zox Dlamini, Dr JV Mazibuko and his wife and President Eswatini Conference of Churches Bishop Steven Masilela.

Representing the deputy prime minister, Minister Moses Vilakati congratulated the Swazi Gospel Singers for the job well done.

He stated that the group has been exemplary and a beacon of hope amongst the people of Eswatini.

"For 40 years, the group has graced stadiums and platforms to sing to audiences. I can safely say that the unique music of Swazi Gospel Singers has touched so many hearts and changed lives," he said.

SWAMA president Melusi Zox Dlamini stated that he preferred to call them the pioneers of music in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

"No other music outfit has stood the test of time like Swazi Gospel Singers.



ICONS: Swazi Gospel Singers performing during their 40th anniversary celebration that was held in Mbabane Alliance on Friday night (pics: Setsabile Nkambule)

From pioneering the gospel music genre in the country to being the first outfit to record a full album and go to perform in a number of momentous occasions of the country, composing vital songs that became anthems," he said.

He said he knew for sure that there were many trials and tribulations that had to be overcome in their 40 years of existence but because of their humility, tolerance and respect for each other, they have made it this far.

"Perhaps the one important trait, of Swazi Gospel Singers, is that they have never been after money. The group members are adamant that preaching

the true Gospel in song must continue unabated without monetary pursuits.

"While honours, money and gongs have not been forthcoming, it is gratifying to know that they have remained true to their calling," he said.

Elder Noah Nkambule, who is a member of the group, stated that they were excited and grateful for having reached such a milestone.

He said what excited them most was to leave a legacy for their children to take over.

Nkambule said over the years, music has evolved but they were able to stay true to who they are.



SINGING: Minister of Tourism Moses Vilakati next to pastor Mazibuko's wife dancing to the songs that were being sung.



IN THE MOMENT: Dr JV Mazibuko and his wife attentively listening to the Swazi Gospel Singers performing



LIVELY: Make Tsela giving praises to the Lord.



PREACHES: Dr JV Mazibuko sharing the Word.



LEGACY CONTINUES: The Swazi Gospel Singers Mass choir which consists of the legends children performing for the congregation.



ON THE MOVE : The congregation dancing to the songs being sung on the night.



IN SONG: Gugu leads the choir as they render a glorious performance.



ESWATINI MOBILE FESTIVAL XPLOSION **A HIT**



SHOW-STOPPER: Sjava performing 'Egoli' during the Eswatini Mobile Festival Xplosion held at Dwaleni Farm Lodge on Saturday. (Pics: Andile Dlamini and Nokwanda Sibandze)

FIREWORKS



XPLOSIVE: The fireworks display during the show.



ZIYAMPOROMA: Nomalungelo lost in song.



HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTEST: Mandisa Mamba held it down as the event's MC.



UNGIBEKE: Velemseni giving her all during her delivery.



LOCAL IS LEKKER: DJ MBO dishing out good vibes during his set.



DECK MASTERS: DJs Master P and Cybos on the ones and twos.

BHOLOJA AND SJAVA'S CORNER



REJOICE: Bucie in action during her set.

ALL LOVE: Sjava couldn't help but express his love for Bhuloja.



HUGE TURNOUT: Revellers came out in their numbers to witness the very first Xplosion.

The Spotlight

THE SPOTLIGHT
HITS MANZINI

THE YELLOW TEAM: MTN's Nomfundo Jiyane, Sylvia Otuo Acheampong and Meshack Maseko watch proceedings of the registration at the first ever The Spotlight talent contest held at The George Hotel in Manzini on Saturday morning. (Pics: Nokwanda Sibandze)



ORDER: KrTc giving the contestants orders on how to go about the auditions.



READY FOR YOU: Spotlight judges and host KrTc, Khulekani 'Karly B' Mamba, Velemseni, Nomalungelo Dladla and Ndumiso Dlamini pose in front of the car to be won.



TALENTED FAMILY: The Sifundza family waiting to perform for the judges.



YELLOW TICKET: Lunga Mabizela laughs as his friends congratulate him after he won a yellow ticket.



DISAPPOINTED: Rapper Mangaliso Mhlanga was sad that he did not get a yellow ticket.



ALSO THERE: Six year old Nkhosikhona Msibi waits in the holding area for her turn.



READY FOR THE JUDGES: Some of the contestants after registration.



TRIO: Sisekelo Shawn, Samkele Dlamini and Thabiso Hlatshwayo were also there to sing and rap for the judges.



CONVERSATIONS: SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini talks to Skheshekheshe and his son before their audition.



ALL SMILES: Rina Mthethwa smiles after registering.



MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko was there to witness the talent.



FORWARD: Samkele Dlamini said she did not expect to get a yellow ticket.



Celebville

International Celebrity News

Lira requests privacy after announcing divorce

CAPE TOWN- Lira and her hubby and manager Robin Kohl have separated.

After over nine years of marriage singer Lira and her hubby, Robin Kohl announced their separation on social media on Saturday. Lira revealed the news to fans on Instagram and requested privacy as they "decide the future" of their marriage.

"To all my beloved fans, friends, family and business associates...It is with great sadness that I announce my separation from my husband of many years, Mr Robin Kohl.



PRIVACY: Robin Kohl and Lira.

"Robin and I are currently living apart and are in the process of deciding the future of our marriage." The singer added that the separation was amicable and despite the outcome the separation, their "bond would remain". *Times Live*

'I was fired over word that does not exist'

DUBARN - "The biggest irony of everything here is that I was fired for using a word that didn't exist." This is how DJ Fresh, real name Thato Sikwane, reflected on his roller-coaster six-week suspension from Metro FM that culminated in his firing for the use of the word "m*****y" on air. The Big Dawg, as he's affectionately referred to by his cult followers, welcomed me with his big tattooed arms at his new den, 947 - nestled in the heart of Sandton. He seems to already be settling in, following the announcement on Monday that he will join the



BIG DOG: DJ Fresh.

regional radio station from August 1. Fresh is greeted with hugs and adoration as he walks the corridors of the station.

Times Live

Thembisa and Moshe live a dream in new wedding show

DURBAN - The doyenne of romance and the king of one-liner jokes have teamed up as the faces of BET Africa's new wedding show 2 Families and a Wedding Dress.

It introduces the new undisputed king and queen of reality TV Thembisa Mdoda and Moshe Ndiki. The highly glossy show sees Mdoda as host who takes brides-to-be through their journey of choosing their dream wedding dresses. But the trick is that both sides of the brides' families are the ones responsible for choosing the dream gown. The show was highly charming when it debuted on Wednesday with Mdoda as its heart and soul. But it was Ndiki's funny



LIVING A DREAM: Thembisa Mdoda and Moshe.

voice-over commentary that stole the show. "Whatever I'm saying as the voice-over person is a representation of what the audience is saying. When I'm commenting it's unscripted and it's what I'm thinking at that moment," he says. *Times Live*

Siphokazi streams live into history

CAPE TOWN - Afro-fusion songstress Siphokazi is taking her music to digital platforms and will become the first SA singer to live stream her performance. Siphokazi Mohapi, née Maraana, will perform at the Up Close and Personal with Siphokazi with fans who cannot attend or watch the show online. The event will take place at the Ballroom at Monte Casino and attendance is per invitation. Those streaming it live on www.siphokazishow.com will fork out about R450. The live streaming is made possible by the South African Digital Content Organisation (Sadico) in partnership with Sollywood events. Sadico's mission is to create oppor-



MAKES HISTORY: Siphokazi.

tunities for youth that shift their mindset through dynamic entrepreneurial thinking and making sure they are skilled and competent within the Fourth Industrial Revolution. *Times Live*

Kim takes selfies with prison inmates

HOLLYWOOD - Kim Kardashian is putting a microscope on the criminal justice system with something she's very familiar with, a camera lens made for TV -- and she's doing it right now. Mrs. Kardashian-West posted a series of photos Saturday of her posing for selfies with prison inmates from a facility in Washington D.C., where she says these folks are part of a program in which they can take courses and get credit from Georgetown University. In her caption, Kim wrote, "Last week I was so moved by Dr. Mark Howard, a Georgetown professor who teaches a course inside of a Washington DC prison where these men and women can get Georgetown credit." She



SELFIE: Kim Kardashian with inmates.

added, "I met so many amazing people that can't wait to share their stories with you. We filmed a documentary I am working on that will be out on @oxygen and I hope you will learn about the justice system the way I have." *TMZ*

Minnie Mouse voice actor Russi Taylor dead at 75

DISNEY - Russi Taylor -- the woman who voiced Minnie Mouse for more than three decades -- has died. Taylor passed away Friday at her Glendale home in Southern California, according to Disney CEO Bob Iger. He says, "Minnie Mouse lost her voice with the passing of Russi Taylor." Iger went on to say, "We're so grateful for Russi's talent as well as the tremendous spirit and great joy she brought to everything she did. It was a privilege to have known her and an honor to have worked with her, and we take comfort in the knowledge that her work will continue to entertain and inspire for



RIP: Russi Taylor.

generations to come." He added, "Russi will be sorely missed and our hearts go out to her family and friends, along with our deepest condolences." The circumstances around her death are unclear. *TMZ*

Jordyn Woods makes TV debut

Hollywood - The year may have started on a chaotic note for model Jordyn Woods, but she isn't letting her split from Kylie Jenner get her down.

Mo'ghel is carving her own path, literally fetching her life and her coin after making her first TV debut on American sitcom, *Grown-ish*. Jordyn told *People* magazine that she was excited, as the episode focused on mental health, an issue close to her heart.

"The episode happened to be on mental health, which was even more important for me to discuss." Oh, and her clothing line,



TV STAR: Jordyn Woods.

Secndnture (second nature), also also seems to be doing well.

She's been posting pictures of her summer collection on Instagram and flaunting them curves. *TMZ*

Lamar Odom says he'll play pro hoops again

USA - Lamar Odom isn't ready to hang up his sneakers just yet, the embattled ex-NBA star says despite getting cut from Ice Cube's BIG3 league, he WILL play pro basketball again.

Lamar was booted from the 3-on-3 org. earlier this month, and our sources told us LO just wasn't in good enough shape to hang with the rest of the league.

But, the 2-time Lakers champ says it's not the end of his hoops career, telling the guys on "TMZ Live" that getting kicked out of the league won't be the last stop in his pro hoops jour-



WILL BE BACK: Lamar Odom.

ney.

"I'mma play professional basketball again. Maybe in the Philippines or something like that. But, that's just another setback. When one thing gets taken from you, another beautiful thing pops up." *TMZ*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY



REVENGE: Mbodla.

Mbodla takes his revenge, but Mandla is quick to retaliate. Qaphela's real reason for being where he is, is revealed. Mabuyi makes a life changing choice. Financial realities push the Zungus' to consider a new legal plan.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



GAMBLES: Nina.

When things don't go the way Palesa wanted, she shows her true colours. Nina gambles with her relationship and Veronica gets the royal treatment from her love interest.

Muvhango

TODAY

Vhutshilo decides to take matters into his own hands. Vho-Mukondeleli gets a wakeup call about her health. Mollehi is making Marang feel uneasy.



UNEASY: Marang.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

David vows revenge. Puleng finds new reasons to be furious with Cuba. Suffo is full of plans for the future.



VOWS: David.

MEME OF THE DAY

I'll never forget when Belinda killed Khetiwe's modelling career as the face of La Chocolata...



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Make practical use of the thoughts you've synthesized in the last few days, Capricorn. Stretch your boundaries and extend your wisdom to the people around you. This is a day to take action. Connect with your heart and move forward with your plans. We normally think of our hearts as soft, tender, and vulnerable. Think of your heart today as tough, strong, and adventurous.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

People may want to talk a great deal, but they're avoiding their feelings today, Cancer. Put your emotions on the back burner and let your mind take over. Deal with the facts and make sure your emotions don't interfere with the information you receive. Things can get clouded if you don't stay true to the communication that's taking place. Be conscious of the impact of your words.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

This is an important day to make valuable connections, Aquarius. You will be engaged in fast-paced, witty conversations and debates from which you can learn a great deal. You're good at seeing both sides of an issue. The problem is that this can lead to indecisiveness and an inability to commit. Choose a path and stick to it.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

It may be hard for you to get a handle on things today, Pisces. Your focus seems to jump from one problem to the next without finding resolution. This isn't a day to find a solution. You're better off researching, questioning, and gathering facts. Keep your channels of communication open, and don't try to pin anyone down for answers. You'll accomplish a lot by keeping active and light.



Aries March 21 – April 19

You might come across strong opposition today. Someone may seem to want to cut straight through to your heart, Aries. In reality, this is a message reminding you to think about things in terms of the collective, the oneness of all. Be aware of a greater perspective in which you see more than just your side of the issue. Discuss the issues with others before making any major decisions.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

Act on your instincts and you won't go wrong, Taurus. You may need to give up control and put logical thinking aside. Let the wind take you where it will. Explore your feelings and how others influence them. It will be just about impossible to solidify any plans today. You're better off exploring options and comparing notes with others. Don't pigeonhole yourself into one way of thinking.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

You have the missing piece that people need in every situation today, Gemini. Engage in light conversation in social situations, and turn your charm up high. You have the ability to make favorable impressions on just about everyone, so set the day off on the right foot.



Leo July 23 – August 22

You should be able to evaluate your emotions from a detached perspective today, Leo. Use this opportunity to take action based on what you discover. Make sure your actions are based on practicality and you aren't acting rashly in response to someone else's hasty maneuvers. You will be amazed at the incredible things that develop if you think first.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

If you're talking about another person today, Virgo, don't say anything that would upset them if they were standing next to you. Gossip may run rampant, but that's no excuse to contribute to it. Be aware that what you say has a strong impact on the people around you. It's likely to spread to many more ears than you think.



Libra September 23 – October 23

It's important to take action on a day like this, Libra. Trust yourself and your instincts. Often you have the perfect counsel for everyone but you. Keep in mind that you might have to turn to others for the best advice for you. Talk things out and then take action. Hesitation will only have negative consequences. You have all the facts you need.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

You might be unfocused and confused about which way to go, Scorpio. Your baffled look isn't giving others much confidence in your ability to make a good decision. Don't feel obliged to stay in an unhealthy situation. It may be time to let go and break some ties to things that are no longer working for you. Feel good about extracting yourself from old habits.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

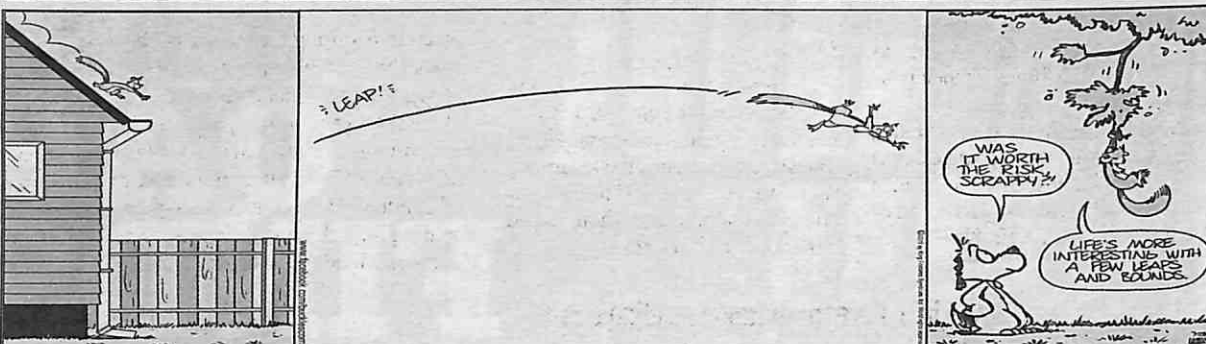
It's important to get outside and feel the wind, Sagittarius. Reconnect with nature and be aware of the four elements, especially the air. Take deep breaths and fill your lungs with the energizing life force. Imagine yourself on a mountain looking over a vast ocean. Expand your awareness so that nothing escapes your attention.



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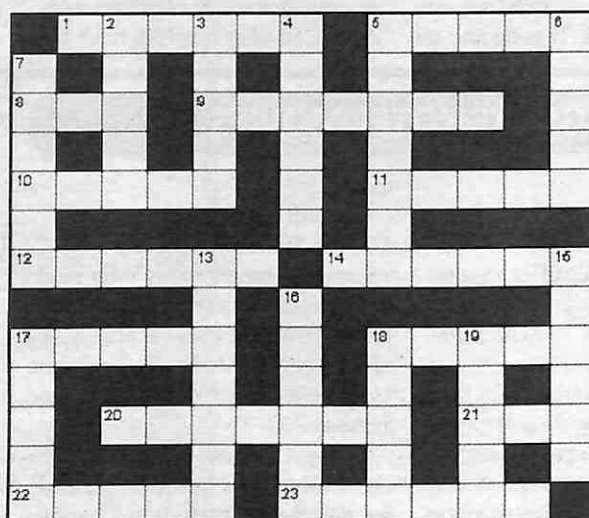


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Across

1. Large American feline (6)
5. Freshwater carnivorous mammal (5)
8. Snake-like fish (3)
9. Edible marine crustacean (7)
10. Lepidopterous insects (5)
11. Adult insect after metamorphosis (5)
12. Sweet liquid attractive to bees (6)
14. Carnivorous marine predators (6)
17. Large group of insects (5)
18. Dromedary (5)
20. Large anthropoid ape (7)
21. Star sign represented by a lion (3)
22. Low animal sound (5)
23. Bloodsucking African fly (6)

Down

2. Young nocturnal bird (5)
3. Aquatic birds (5)
4. Leporid mammal (6)
5. African flightless bird (7)
6. Massive odd-toed ungulate, in short (5)
7. Animal or insect pests (6)
13. Butterfly, Red ____ (7)
15. Large food and game fish (6)
16. Nocturnal wildcat of Central America and South America (6)
17. Insect bite (5)
18. Large long-necked wading bird (5)
19. Hybrid offspring of male donkeys and female horses (5)



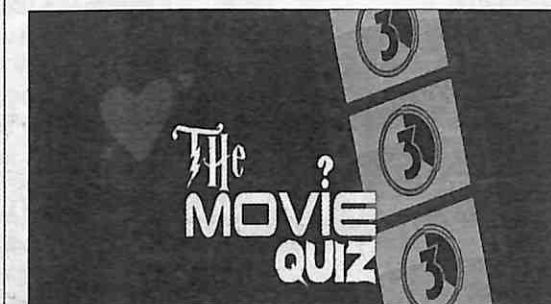
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DID YOU KNOW

1. Wayne's World was filmed in two weeks.
2. The first Fords had engines made by Dodge.
3. In Ancient Egypt, priests plucked every hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.
4. More than 8,100 US troops are still listed as missing in action from the Korean War.

MOVIE QUIZ
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Friday's Quiz

Friday's Brainteaser movie (1980) played by Gene Hackman?

1. What is the name of the villain in the first Superman

Answers:
A. Lex Luthor

Today's Quiz

Today's Brainteaser
1. Which film features Joe Turkel as Lloyd, a polite but sinister barman, and

Lisa and Louise Burns as the young Grady Twins?
A. The Born B. The Shining



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QAPHELA FINDS A REAL FATHER - ISIBAYA

COULD Sengwayo be the father Qaphela never had?

It is no secret that Qaphela is his father's secret weapon.

He is a trained assassin deployed for his father's corrupt and illegal endeavours. When Judas needs someone killed in cold blood, he can trust Qaphela to do it. When he needs to scare the life out of someone to force them to do what he wants, he pulls out his lethal weapon in the form of

his son.

Their relationship is confusing for most of us.

On one hand, we know the mind control Judas has had over Qaphela but on the other hand, the affection in their relationship cannot be rivalled, not even by Sengwayo's cold relationship with his own sons Jabu and Melusi.

However, now the affection between Judas and Qaphela is gone and all

that remains is a deep hatred. Qaphela cannot forgive his father for not helping Zanele during her overdose and Judas is caught between choosing his wife and the son who poisoned her. Stuck in a cell alone with only Sengwayo for company, Qaphela is becoming a changed man. For one, he is learning that he has to control his temper and tantrums – there is no room for that in front of the mighty Zungu. He also seems to have too

much respect to strike Zungu. The two have shared intimate conversations about Qaphela's upbringing and how Judas was not a good father. It seems with Sengwayo's guidance and calm temperament, Qaphela has found the father he never had.

Zungu may not have the best relationship with his own sons but he has done a much better job of raising his sons – they all seem to have a future. Now, Qaphela is asking

himself what future his father has for him in the presence of his father's biggest enemy, and Sengwayo is happy to listen. Can Sengwayo make a decent man out of Qaphela? Or is it all too good to be true? They may be in jail together for a while, so time is definitely on Manzini's side.

Stay tuned to #Isibaya every Monday-Friday at 20:30 to see what unravels between this unlikely father-son duo.

GREAT HOTEL MOVIES

CHECKING in with these great hotel movies.

Checking into Hotel Artemis for your Sunday night movie on M-Net won't be anything new. After all, the movies have given us many a hotel-set story through the ages. But Hotel Artemis isn't your regular go-to holiday accommodation. It's actually a hospital, and it's reserved exclusively for criminals.

Criminal activity is nothing new for hotels either.

We need only trot out the horrors of *Overlook Hotel* and the mischievous mayhem of the *Grand Budapest* to make our point. But whether the site of holiday fun or axe-

wielding horror, we love visiting these places again and again.

Overlook Hotel, The Shining (1980)

When writer Jack Torrance takes his family to *Overlook Hotel* in the Rockies, he gets far more inspiration for his writer's block than he bargained for. Although Stephen King, whose book this movie is based upon, was not a fan of the Stanley Kubrick adaptation, it became a cult classic, constantly and consistently making best horror movie

lists.

Plaza Hotel, Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992)

Some hotel movies do offer an actual holiday, and none is more fun-filled than this sequel to the 1990 hit family comedy.

Not that family should really be a word used to describe these movies, as Kevin McCallister's parents always manage to lose their son. But young Kevin makes the most of his situation by living it up in a luxurious New York hotel, courtesy of his dad's credit card. Unfortunately, the bumbling bandits from the first movie are just around the corner to spoil his fun.

Hotel Mon Signor, Four Rooms (1995)

Tim Roth ties the four parts of this hotel comedy together as the bellhop who encounters an eccentric assortment of guests during his first night on the job. Each segment follows a different set of guests and has its own director, namely:

Allison Anders, Alexandre Rockwell, Robert Rodriguez, and Quentin Tarantino. That same year Tarantino also cameoed in Rodriguez's second feature film, *Desperado*, and the two would continue working together many times

thereafter.

Park Hyatt Tokyo, Lost in Translation (2003)

Scarlett Johansson not only made a successful transition from child actor to adult star, she also became a significant part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe and the world's highest paid actress.

Amongst her many acclaimed roles, one of the most memorable is certainly her award-winning turn as Charlotte in Sofia Coppola's second feature. Sipping vodka tonics in a hotel bar against breathtaking vistas of the Tokyo skyline, her performance announced not only her arrival as an adult star, but one who was here to stay.

Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2011, 2015)

English acting royalty – Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Penelope Wilton, Maggie Smith, and Tom Wilkinson – gather in Jaipur, India at the hotel-cum-retirement home of the title. Instilling a dose of youthful exuberance amongst the fussy fastidiousness of the golden oldies is Dev Patel's hotel manager Sonny Kapoor.

The film's wit, charm, and heart completely won over the audience, leading to a sequel with the addition of Richard Gere to the cast.

Key moments from premiere episode – Grassroots

THE war is on!

Three moments we are still thinking about from the first episodes of *Grassroots*.

THE GUNSHOT

The opening episode sets a chilling scene that gives us a glimpse of what is potentially a bloody ending to an old rift between Asanda and Monwabisi. It starts off with Asanda storming into his home to fetch a gun.

He rushes out the door despite his mother's teary pleas. Overwhelmed by rage, the scene cuts to moments later when he is waving a gun between Asanda and his father. Desperate attempt to calm him down end in a gunshot whose target we are yet to find out.

MS. BUSIKA'S HEATED JOB INTERVIEW

Ms. Busika walks into a job interview at St Sebastians. The panel is predominantly white and male, which presents very unique and very real challenges that face many woman.

In this scene, two themes the show scales are laid bare. Ms. Busika is met with resistance as her lack of experience is dealing with the unique texture and reality of an all boys school.

Her cold interview is laced with many discourses which the show does not

shy away from exploring. The treatment she endures is both raced and gendered. We see intersectionality at play, and we see this professional woman having to fight.

THE ROUGH TACKLE

By now, we already know that Asanda and Monwabisi's rivalry is not going to fizzle out any time soon.

Their feud is rooted in a long running family rift that has torn to shreds the lives several persons from both parties.

We know now that they are coming into their manhood through the traditional structures and practices, and part of that entails them standing up for their homes. Being sworn enemies, the young men must navigate a turf in which they both move.

On the rugby field, Monwabisi storms into the field after insisting the coach puts him on.

He charges straight for Asanda, tossing him down with a rough tackle that led Asanda to a health professional's room. It's quite clear now the war is one the young men will really have to keep an eye on. Asanda's career is rugby is already at stake.

Catch *Grassroots* on Fridays at 19:00, exclusive to 1Magic, DStv channel 103.



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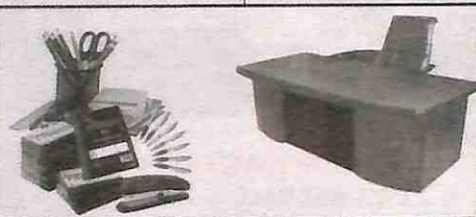
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Liverpool sign youngest ever EPL player Elliott

LONDON - Liverpool have signed youngster Harvey Elliott from Fulham.

The 16-year-old became the youngest player in Premier League history when he came on as a substitute during Fulham's game against Wolves in May aged 16 years and 30 days. And he has now decided to move to Anfield ahead of the new season. Liverpool fans could get an early glimpse of their new signing — the second player to join this summer after Sepp van den Berg — as he will be part of their squad for the Napoli friendly on Sunday.

He will also travel with the first-team for their training camp in Evian, France, next week. Elliott was delighted at the

move and posted on his Instagram, writing: "I am so happy to be able to announce that I have signed for Liverpool."

"To have joined the club that I supported as a boy is a dream come true for me and all of my family and it's an incredible feeling to now officially be able to call myself a Red! "I can't wait to get started and it will be a truly special feeling to pull the famous red jersey on."

"I'll work as hard as I possibly can for the club and I feel Anfield is the perfect place for me to develop and progress as a player." Elliott turned down the chance to stay with Fulham and play in the Championship next campaign. Liverpool



NEW HOME: Young star Harvey Elliott.

now will have to pay a large compensation fee for him. (*Daily Mail*)

Leicester demand world record £80 million Maguire fee upfront

LEICESTER - Manchester United need to pay a greater percentage of Harry Maguire's world-record fee up front — because Leicester aren't convinced they'd receive add-ons for Champions League qualification.

Maguire made what could be his farewell appearance for Leicester in a pre-season friendly at Stoke on Saturday with talks continuing over an £80million move to Old Trafford.

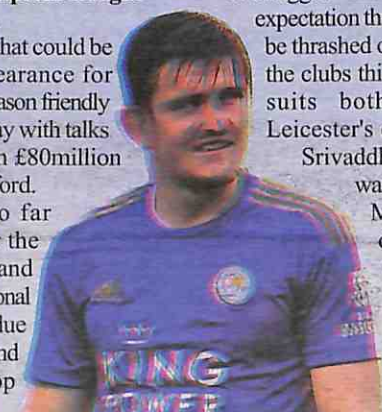
United have so far offered £72m for the 26-year-old England defender with additional bonus payments due based on trophies and finishing in the top four.

However, given that United have

failed to qualify for the Champions League in three of the six seasons since Sir Alex Ferguson retired, Leicester want a higher guarantee in case United continue to struggle. There is still an expectation that a deal can be thrashed out between the clubs this week that suits both parties.

Leicester's owner Viceray Srivaddhanaprabha wants to justify Maguire's departure by pointing to a world-record fee for a defender.

Daily Mail



DEMAND: Harry Maguire.

We are not in fantasy land - Jurgen Klopp

LONDON - Jurgen Klopp says Liverpool do not live in a "fantasy land" like Manchester City where they can spend big-money every summer, insisting he is "not at all jealous" of their rivals' financial muscle.

Champions League winners Liverpool missed out on their first league title in 29 years last season — with City finishing one point ahead of them — after spending £113.35m on Naby Keita, Alisson Becker and Xherdan Shaqiri.

In contrast, Klopp has ruled out marquee signings this summer and opted to invest in youth, bringing in winger Harvey Elliott, 16, from Fulham as well as centre-back Sepp van den Berg, 17, from Dutch side PEC Zwolle.

City, meanwhile, have broken their transfer record for a second successive summer, buying Spain midfielder Rodri for £62.5m from Atletico Madrid, but Klopp is confident he has built a team that can compete again.

"I can't say anything about what other teams are doing. I don't know how they do it," said Klopp. (*Sky Sports*)

Lukaku teases Man Utd exit as he poses with agent

MANCHESTER - Romelu Lukaku has hinted at an update on his situation at Manchester United, with the Belgian striker continuing to be heavily linked with a move to Inter.

Antonio Conte has made no secret of his desire to take the former Chelsea striker to San Siro, with the Nerazzurri eager to bolster their attacking ranks amid the uncertainty surrounding Mauro Icardi.

United have left Lukaku out of their pre-season programme to date, in what looks to be another indication that a move will soon be made.

The Red Devils are seemingly eager to avoid seeing their frontman pick up an untimely injury which could scupper transfer talks.

And Lukaku has now suggested that an announcement on his future is imminent as he posted an image on social media with his agent Federico Pastorello, stating that events are "soon to be continued".

Pastorello, meanwhile, has been talking up his client as transfer talk rages around Lukaku. (*Goal*)



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Current Regulatory mandates with respect to consumer protection and advocacy

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The session provides an overview of new interoperability frameworks and commercial partnerships while highlighting associated risks that regulators should focus on. These commercial frameworks include Wallet to Wallet, Wallet to Bank (OTPs and SIM Swaps, Cross Border Wallet-to-Wallet, Card to Wallet (World Remit, Wave), Crypto to Fiat as well as associated risks like terrorism Finance, money laundering and identity fraud among others.

Moderator: Realeboha Lekhanya Stanbic Bank SA and member of the SADC WG on DFS

Main Presenter: GSMA

BAFANA SUFFER DEFEAT IN CHAN QUALIFIER

MASERU - Bafana Bafana suffered a 3-2 defeat to Lesotho in the first leg of their second-round African Nations Championship 2020 qualifier in Maseru yesterday afternoon.

Only Tercious Malepe, who skippered the side, Athenkosi Dlala and Kamohelo Mahlatsi remained in the line-up from the side that beat Malawi on penalties to claim the COSAFA Cup Plate silverware.

Under-23 coach David Notoane had the privilege of being in charge of the Bafana side, with the aim of using the CHAN qualifiers as preparations for the Olympic Games team ahead of their crucial U-23

Africa Cup Of Nations qualifier last round clash against Zimbabwe in September.

The young Bafana side started on the back foot, as they conceded an early goal in the fifth minute of the match through Tsepo Seturumane of Likuena. Mpitsa Marai's charges had their tails up after the goal, with South Africa still finding their feet in the encounter.

However, Notoane's troops were growing in the match in the last quarter of an hour of the first stanza and their pressure paid off on the stroke of halftime as they were awarded a penalty. Malepe took responsibility and equalised from 12-yards out. **Laduma**



Bafana Bafana.

'Downs fire as Arrows downed

TSHWANE - Mamelodi Sundowns ended their preseason with a victory in Zambia on Saturday, with Pitso Mosimane finalising his plans for next weekend's Absa Premiership opening game.

The Brazilians will take on SuperSport United in a Tshwane Derby as the 2019/20 season officially begins on Saturday afternoon, and the reigning champions will be eager to get off to a good start against their city rivals at Lucas Mo-ripe Stadium.

Mosimane's side gave themselves a boost on Saturday in Lusaka against Red Arrows of Zambia, and it was Sphelele Mkhulise who grabbed the win-

ner as he held off a number of defenders to slot home early in the first half.

Kennedy Mweene started as goalkeeper for Masandawana, with Anel Ngcongca, Lyle Lakay, Wayne Arendse, Mosa Lebusa, Rivaldo Coetzee and Motjeka Madisha all getting the nod to start. Further up the field was Keletso Makgalwa, Phakamani Mahlambi, Mkhulise and Thapelo Morena.

Meanwhile, the likes of Katlego Otladisa, young Keagan Alan, Jeremy Brockie and Bangaly Soumahoro also got a runout in Lusaka as Downs prepare for next weekend's league opener.

Laduma

'CHABALALA HAS KNOCKED, BUT...'

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates coach Milutin Sredojevic has reflected on the performance of defender Justice Chabalala in Saturday's Carling Black Label Cup.

Pirates got the better of rivals Kaizer Chiefs with a 2-0 scoreline in the traditional curtain raiser to the new season at the FNB Stadium this weekend.

With the team having been voted for by supporters, a surprise inclusion saw Chabalala make his first appearance for The Buccaneers since December 2017.

However, the 27-year-old showed his capabilities and repaid the faith shown in him by those in the stands, while also earning credit from his coach, Sredojevic.

"On Justice Chabalala, when you look from the point of human qualities and loyalty; knowing that so many teams have looked for him, he has shown an enormous amount of loyalty to the team," said Micho after the match.

Recognised

"He has always been a generator of positive energy in the team, and him being voted for by supporters was not by accident, they have recognised the heart of the player from Giyani.

"And he needed personal management in preparing for this match, but having in mind on 21 October 2017, he played his first Derby, so



IN ACTION: Orlando Pirates defender Justice Chabalala in action during the Carling Black Label Cup against Kaizer Chiefs on Saturday.

this was like his second in a way."

The Serbian further noted how well he adjusted to the conditions despite his lengthy absence from competitive action but stressed that one performance will not guarantee his place in the setup for the season ahead.

"We are extremely happy as a technical team with the players that have helped him to practically adapt and adjust to the team, the game and the challenges that this game brought,"

he added.

"He has knocked on the door, but in the same moment we have no right to judge one game as a finished product. There are many more games of this magnitude. I hope it will help him gain confidence because he has not played for many months.

"But coming today with a parachute into a match of this magnitude, we are extremely happy and proud of him and his performance today."

LORCH ON STUNNER AGAINST CHIEFS

JOHANNESBURG - Theminkosi Lorch shared his thoughts on his impressive strike against Kaizer Chiefs, while also making a promise to the Orlando Pirates fans.

The Buccaneers claimed the bragging rights in the Soweto Derby on Saturday with a 2-0 victory over the AmaKhosi at the FNB Stadium.

Lorch netted the second goal with a superb curling effort in the first half and was also voted Man of the Match by the supporters.

"I want to thank God for the talent he gave me and I promise to honour it," Lorch told Supersport TV.

"When I received the ball, I could see the goalkeeper was off his line

and I knew where I should put it."

After failing to win the league last season, the Bafana Bafana international also promised the fans they will deliver silverware this season.

"I want to promise them that we will win trophies for them. They must keep on coming to the stadium to support us. We appreciate them."

Keet just wants to get out of SA

offer so it's easy to say that this team wants me and that team wants me, but as long as I don't have an offer then you know nothing else matters," Keet told KickOff.com.

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana goalkeeper Darren Keet would not join Kaizer Chiefs at this point in his career, even if they were interested.

Reports surfaced in the media in January that Amakhosi were interested in the former Bidvest Wits keeper, but the player says nothing arrived in his inbox.

"Well, no one has given me an

Pressed further if he would consider joining a team like Amakhosi if an overseas move fails, he was not keen on the idea. **Kick-Off**



WANTS OUT: Darren Keet.

SA'S WADDELL ROMPS TO GOLD IN S.KOREA

CAPE TOWN - Zane Waddell has stunned to win South Africa's first gold medal in the men's 50m backstroke final at the FINA World Championships in Gwangju, South Korea yesterday.

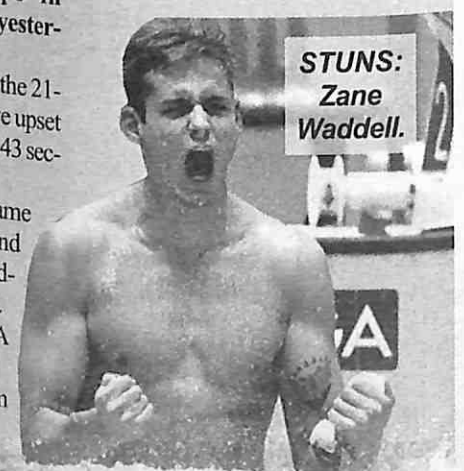
Swimming out of lane 2, the 21-year-old produced a massive upset as he touched the wall in 24.43 seconds.

Russia's Evgeny Rylov came second in a time of 24.49 and Kliment Kolesnikov rounded up the podium in 24.51.

This is Waddell's first FINA World Championships.

The South African team have won four medals to date in Gwangju -

a gold, a silver for Schoen-maker in the women's 200m breaststroke and two bronze medals by Le Clos (100m and 200m butterfly). **Sport24**



STUNS: Zane Waddell.

Gareth Bale's £1m-a-week move to China off

MADRID - Gareth Bale's proposed move to China is off with Real Madrid cancelling his switch to the Far East.

The forward seemed to be on his way to Chinese Super League side Jiangsu Suning before the decision by the Spanish giants yesterday afternoon, according to the BBC.

His representatives had been in Nanjing overnight trying to pull the deal together and negotiate a £1million-a-week contract.

Sportmail understands there were always issues and the deal was regarded as being '50-50' to come off.

Real Manager Zinedine Zidane had placed his own club in a difficult negotiating position by publicly making it clear Bale has no future under him at the Bernabeu.

There had even been suggestions that Real would have to take an £86m loss on Bale to push through

his transfer.

Zidane's declaration meant Bale's Chinese suitors unwilling to pay a transfer fee on top of world-record wages for the Welshman.

Sportmail understands there were always issues and the deal was regarded as being '50-50' to come off.

Reluctant

However, some Madrid insiders have always been reluctant to let Bale leave on a free given that Zidane would want to use the savings in wages to launch a £150 million bid for Paul Pogba from Manchester United - having already paid seven figures for Eden Hazard.

They also lost another Marco Asensio to long-term injury last week. And Real struggled when they lost 7-3 against Atletico Madrid on Friday night, looking completely toothless in attack until he came on in the 62nd minute.

Daily Mail



Verstappen wins chaotic German Grand Prix

HOCKENHEIM - Max Verstappen won a helter-skelter German Grand Prix after Lewis Hamilton crashed off while leading - the world champion was dealt blow after blow all day.

The rain fell steadily on the track for most of the afternoon, but nothing else was steady. It was bonkers. Aquaplaning, strategy blunders, pit-stop botches. Comedy and upset abounded.

For Verstappen, when all the carnage was over, it was his second win of the season and another validation of his abilities in the wet, that true test of the best. Hamilton, who finished 11th, had looked on course for most of the first half of the race to win from pole but his own errors and those of his team cost him that early near-certainty.

He suffered the ignominy of running last.

This is what rain does to Formula One. It turns the tables until the feet are pointing to the sky.

The pivotal moment came on lap 29, when Hamilton ran wide at the final corner, the wettest point. By this time he had been shod on slick tyres - like the rest - but it was an error to have done so. The teams had

been seduced into thinking that the track was dry enough. No, it wasn't; it was a curate's egg and that last sector had perdition written all over it even if other swathes of asphalt were becalmed.

Hamilton returned for wet tyres and a replacement for the front wing he had damaged. What a shambles unfolded there. First, Hamilton went the wrong side of the bollards into the pits. He was handed a five-second penalty for the misdemeanour. Then, the stop of stops from the usually slick Mercedes boys. Laurel and Hardy like, they were not ready. Tyres were ferried in and out. One bloke appeared to hurt his back in the melee of desperation. Frantic hand signals were made. The semaphore only confused the issue more. Hamilton was stuck there for 50 seconds. The crowd, many in orange and supporting Verstappen, hollered in delight. Embarrassment for Mercedes on their home turf.

Hamilton emerged fifth and still in with a chance. He then pitted a lap late under the third safety car of the race, called out for Nico Hulkenburg's crashed Renault, and was struggling in midfield when a massive cheer went up. *Daily Mail*

'Pogba would improve Real Madrid'

MADRID - Paul Pogba would strengthen Real Madrid if he makes the move from Manchester United, according to the midfielder's brother.

Zinedine Zidane wants to sign France star Pogba, and with Gareth Bale reportedly set to complete a move to Chinese Super League side Jiangsu Suning, it is claimed a bid for Pogba is imminent.

The rumours come in the wake of Madrid's humiliating 7-3 loss to city rivals Atletico Madrid in the International Champions Cup.

Pogba's future at Old Trafford has been in doubt since his agent, Mino Raiola, confirmed the 26-year-old's "willingness" to negotiate a transfer.

And his brother Mathias, a professional footballer formerly of Partick Thistle in Scotland, thinks a move to the La Liga giants could make sense for both parties.

"I feel my brother could help any team," Mathias told AS.

"If he plays for Madrid, he will help Madrid.

"I always want what's best for my brother. If he feels Real Madrid is the best club for him, he will come."

Guinea international Mathias, 28, completed his own move to Spain over the weekend, signing for fourth-tier Manchego Ciudad Real after a spell at Tours in France.

However, the elder Pogba said: "I'm in Spain because I want to be and it has nothing to do with the possibility of my younger brother securing a move."

"We can't do anything about the

rumours."

Fresh reports in the English media this weekend suggest Los Blancos could be about to bid £150m (£166m/\$185m) for the 2018 World Cup winner, once Bale's move away from the Spanish capital has been confirmed.

Bale's protracted exit from the Bernabeu would free up his wage bill, allowing Real officials to make their move for Pogba for what would be a Premier League record fee.

The reported amount would eclipse the £145m (£161m/\$179m) Barcelona paid Liverpool for Philippe Coutinho in January 2018, while landing United a healthy profit on the £89m (£99m/\$110m) they paid Juventus for Pogba's services three years ago.

Were Pogba to arrive in Madrid, he would become the club's sixth big name signing this summer alongside Eden Hazard, Luka Jovic, Rodrygo, Ferland Mendy and Eder Militao.

Goal



Coco wins in Washington qualifier

WASHINGTON - Coco Gauff, the 15-year-old American who breezed into the Wimbledon last 16 earlier this month, returned on Saturday with a qualifying victory at the WTA Washington Open.

Gauff defeated compatriot Maegan Manasse 6-4, 6-2 in 68 minutes to advance within one match of making the main draw of next week's US Open hardcourt tuneup in the US capital.

Next up for 143rd-ranked Gauff will be a match to decide one of four available qualifier berths in the main draw. She will face either Japan's Hiroko Kuwata or American Maria Sanchez.

Gauff electrified Wimbledon after her qualifying run there by defeating idol Venus Williams in her opening match and rolled into the fourth round before losing to eventual champion Simona Halep.

AFP



Wilder admits he could choose Ruiz Jr in unification fight

NEW YORK - Tyson Fury's mega-millions rematch of his epic draw with WBC world heavyweight champion Deontay Wilder is drifting into jeopardy.

Wilder, in his ambition to unify all the heavyweight belts, is tempted to prioritise a spring fight with Andy Ruiz Jr, who holds all the other titles following his sensational upset of Anthony Joshua.

America's Bronze Bomber, who is on a whistle-stop tour of England, says: "One man, one face, one champion - that's always been my goal. So there's a definite possibility we could switch



UNIFICATION FIGHT: Tyson Fury and Deontay Wilder.

to Ruiz before Fury." Until now Wilder has consistently committed to a second fight with Fury and was keen to do it immediately after their thriller in December. But the Gypsy King's new £80million contract with the ESPN cable TV giant has led to a two-fight detour in the US

which has delayed that rematch until the new year. During that hiatus, along came Ruiz to turn boxing's marquee division on its - and Joshua's - head.

Wilder spies the opportunity to become the first undisputed heavyweight champion since Lennox Lewis. *Daily Mail*

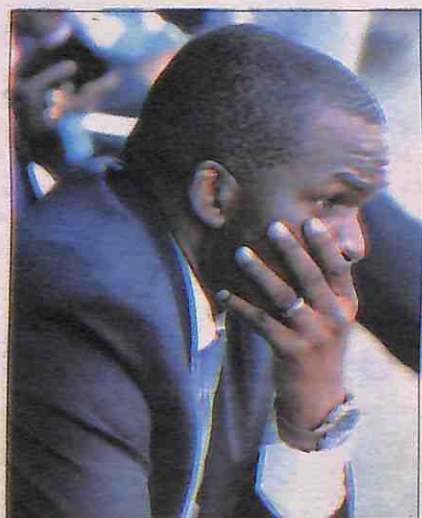
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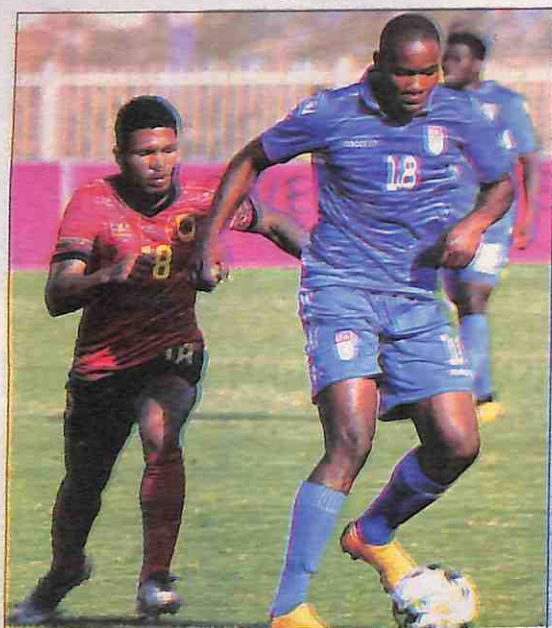
TIGHT MARK: Eswatini's Menzi Sithole attempts to dribble past Angola's Eddie Marcos during the 2020 Total CHAN Qualifiers first leg match at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. The game ended in a 1-all draw. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



TEAMS: Sihlangu and Angola posing before their clash in the CHAN tournament.



PENSIVE: EFA CEO Fredericks Mngomezulu and Vice President Dr Comfort Shongwe gesture as they watch the match.



FROM BEHIND: Angola's Jorge Mendes trying to mark Siboniso Ngwenya.



FOUL: Diassonama Francisco rough played by Siboniso Ngwenya.



MOVE: Allen Mabuza negotiates to go past Eddie Marcos.



CROWD: A section of the soccer fans who were present at the stadium.



GOAL: Angola goalkeeper Landu Mavanga well beaten by Menzi Sithole.

Qualifiers' first leg



BATTLE: Frank Dlamini and Jaredi Lopes battling for the ball.



THE END: Kostadin Pasic reacts after the referee blew the final whistle.



SHOT: Eswatini equalising goalscorer Menzi Sithole taking a shot while Jorge Mendes pushes him.



MOVE FORWARD: Angola coach Jose Silvestre issuing instructions to his charges.



TOSSING: Sihlangu captain Sandanezwe Mathabela and Angola counterpart Landu Mavanga with the match officials.



CAN'T PASS: Eswatini's Lindo Mkhonta being blocked by Angola's Estevao Manuel Cahoko.



SUPPORT: Some of the Angolan supporters having fun.

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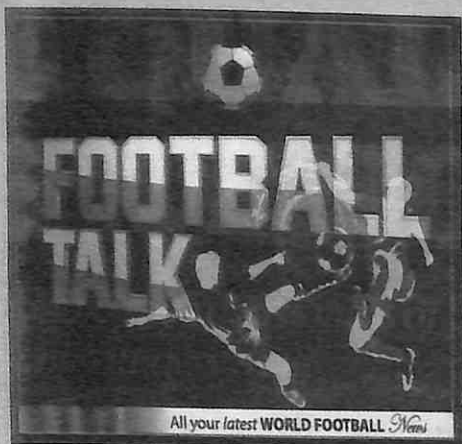
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Leicester Manager Brendan Rodgers says the club have still not received any acceptable offers for England defender Harry Maguire, amid interest from Manchester United and Manchester City, adding both the Foxes and Maguire are 'relaxed' about the situation. (*Leicester Mercury*)

Manchester United are very close to signing Sporting Lisbon's Portugal midfielder Bruno Fernandes, 24, for 70m euros. (*Sport - in Spanish*)

Argentina forward Paulo Dybala, 25, wants to stay at Juventus and fight for his place under Maurizio Sarri. (*Sky Sports*)

Manchester United striker Romelu Lukaku may have dropped a hint he is set to leave Old Trafford in the near future by posting a picture on his Twitter account with his agent. The Belgium international seems to indicate the pair will be conducting more business together 'soon'. (*Manchester Evening News*)

Real Madrid are ready to make a £150m move for Manchester United and France midfielder Paul Pogba, 26, after the sale of Bale. (*Sun*)

Newcastle United are unwilling to match the £20m fee which Hull City are demanding for 22-year-old forward Jarrod Bowen. (*Newcastle Chronicle*)

Everton Manager Marco Silva insists a deal has not been agreed with French champions Paris St-Germain for Senegal midfielder Idrissa Gueye, with the Portuguese boss hoping the 29-year-old will stay at Goodison Park. (*Liverpool Echo*)

However, Gueye was set to travel to Paris for a medical yesterday after rejecting a late bid from Manchester United. (*Express*)

The Toffees have opened talks with Juventus over the signing of 19-year-old striker Moise Kean. The Serie A champions want £36m for the Italy international and are insisting on a buy-back clause in any deal. (*Sky Sports*)

Wolves have agreed a deal in principle with Italian giants AC Milan for 21-year-old striker Patrick Cutrone. The Premier League club are now trying to convince the Italy international to move to Molineux. (*Express and Star*)



SITSEBE LEAVES TODAY FOR COSAFA

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER – WOMEN national team Sitsebe Semhlekazi will leave the country today for the Women COSAFA Championships to be held in South Africa.

The Senior Women Championships will run concurrently with the Under-20 women tournament.

Eswatini Football Association Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe confirmed that the local ladies would leave the country today for the COSAFA assignment.

"The squad will leave tomorrow (today) and we hope they will represent the country well. They have been in camp and they are ready for their opponents. We wish both squads the best of luck."

Meanwhile, Sitsebe were drawn



CONCENTRATION: Sitsebe Samhlekazi.

in a tough group, Group C together with Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Angola.

Only two teams from each group will advance to the semi-finals alongside the best finisher.

In the COSAFA Women Under-20 Championships, the locals have been drawn against Botswana,

Zambia and Tanzania in Group B. The first match for Eswatini will be against Zambia.

Sitsebe Semhlekazi coach Anthony Mdluli said they would fight to finish in a respectable position though some of his players picked up knocks in training.

"As a coach you are never ready

THE FULL DRAW

Women Senior Championships

Group A

South Africa, Malawi, Madagascar, Comoros

Group B

Zambia, Namibia, Mauritius, Botswana

Group C

Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Angola, Eswatini

COSAFA Women Under-20 Championships

Group A

South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Malawi

Group B

Eswatini, Botswana, Zambia, Tanzania

until you get to the field of play. Having said that, we will fight for the country," he said.

Sihle, Denise win inaugural East-West race

STORIES BY JONGILE XUBA

CYCLING – SIHLE Dlamini from Dig Deep and Denise Wilsch from 4EVA Racing won the inaugural Dig Deep Racing East – West Road Classic held at Buhleni town yesterday.

Dlamini, who was representing the host team, finished first in the men's category after clocking 04:03:34h to be crowned champion.

He was followed by Chris Louw from 4EVA Cycling Club with a time of 04:03:42h.

Another Dig Deep rider Gcina Banda took the last podium place, finished at 04:09:36h.

National women's champion and the only female rider in her category, Denise Wilsch came first after clocking 04:56:04h.

The 60km category saw Nzuzo

Nsibandze from NewComm Wheels finishing first in the male's category, clocking 01:42:12h.

He was followed by Gija Gwebu of 4EVA Cycling Club, who finished second at 01:42:57h while Sihlangu Sikhondze came third a time of 01:43:01h.

Thanked

Sebe Magongo from 4EVA won the women's 60km with a time of 01:54:08h and was followed by Linda Loffler with a time of 01:56:24h with Shirley Motsa from NewComm finished third with a time of 02:08:08h.

Dig Deep Racing Chairwoman Penny Warring thanked all the participants for making the long journey to Buhleni. She also thanked the local community for being great hosts of the inaugural event.

"I would like to thank all the riders for making our first ever

East – West Road Classic a success. Special thanks goes to the Buhleni community as well for allowing us to hold the race here," she said.

Eswatini Cycling Association (ECA) President Sihlangu Nhlabatsi applauded all the participants and congratulated all the winners.

"As ECA we would like to thank all the cyclists for making this race possible. Congratulations to all the winners and we hope to see you again next year," he said.

He further congratulated Dig Deep Racing for hosting a successful first race and said it had been one of the best he had attended this year.

"Well done to the Dig Deep team for hosting one of the best organised events this year. We promise to make it bigger and better next year," he said.

'WE HAD TO WIN AS HOSTS'

CYCLING - DIG Deep Racing East – West Road Classic 130km men's winner Sihle Dlamini said he was extra motivated to win as his team was hosting the competition.

The race was held at Buhleni town yesterday morning and Dlamini said it was a challenging one but was happy to have crossed the line ahead of 4EVA Racing's Calvin Louw.

"The race was tough but in the end we had to win as the host club. Our racing strategy worked well and I am happy with the win," he said.

Meanwhile, the women's 130km champion and only female rider Denise Wilsch said the race was tough with rolling hills and climbs. She expressed her disappointment at being the only female rider in her category too.

"The race was really tricky as the course was challenging and I had to push myself. There was no other female rider which was a let-down. I hope to see more in the future," she said.



NEW CHAMPS: Dig Deep Racing East-West Road Classic 130km women's champion Denise Wilsch, Eswatini Cycling Association President Sihlangu Nhlabatsi, 130km men's champion Sihle Dlamini and Dig Deep Racing Chairwoman Penny Warring in a group photo during the prize presentation held at Buhleni yesterday. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

EAST-WEST ROAD CLASSIC RESULTS

Position	Name	Time	Category
1	Sihle Dlamini	04:03:34	Junior
2	Calvin Louw	04:03:42	Vet
3	Gcina Banda	04:09:36	Elite
1	Denise Wilsch	04:56:04	Vet
1	Nzuzo Nsibandze	01:42:12	Youth
2	Gija Gwebu	01:42:57	Vet
3	Sihlangu Sikhondze	01:43:01	Junior
1	Sebe Magongo	01:54:08	Elite
2	Linda Loffler	01:56:24	Vet
3	Shirley Motsa	02:08:08	Vet
1	Gino Mazibuko	00:46:55	Sprog
2	Sandiso Mntsi	00:46:56	Sub Junior
3	Bandle Sbeke	00:47:53	Sub Junior
1	Shameem Mohamed	00:51:49	Elite
1	Kieran Pieterse	00:24:44	Sub Junior
2	Sihlelewe Matsebula	00:24:44	Sprog
3	Yassin Pieterse	00:26:07	Nipper
1	Shrine Zwane	00:35:58	Nipper
2	Ntobeko Mntsi	00:36:14	Vet

Sihlangu can do much better - Minister 'Madze'

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCKER - MINISTER of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga says Sihlangu can do better in the second leg against Angola.

The minister said this after watching Sihlangu play to a 1-1 draw against Angola in the African Nations Championships (CHAN) match played at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

Bulunga said the team was promising and he was optimistic they would do better in the second leg.

"The second leg will be played away in Luanda, Angola, on Saturday and I can tell you now that Sihlangu will surprise a lot of people."

Training

He said the team was fit and one could easily tell that they had been working hard at training.

"They will be prepared for the second leg. I believe they will do better away and surprise a lot of people." Bulunga said the team played well yesterday, especially in the first half where they could have at least scored two goals. He said Sihlangu were a bit relaxed in the second half, hence they conceded first.

"The good thing is that after the

opposition's goal, they were able to rise up and do better again."

Bulunga said he was happy with the way the players responded after conceding.

"They lost focus in the second half but quickly regrouped after the opposition's goal. I am proud of the team and they must keep up the good work and continue to play to their level best.

They will be

going for the second leg and we are hoping for good results," he said. The minister, however, noted that the attendance was not good and he encouraged the nation to support the squad during games.

"The players are easily motivated by the fans at the stands. When they hear the fans singing, they gain more energy and want to do better."

He also noted that there was great improvement in the team.

"I am happy and grateful of what the national team is doing, they have greatly improved. I also want to applaud the head coach Kostadin Papic for the great job he is doing in improving the team."



OPTIMISTIC: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.

Angolans vow to finish the job at home

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCKER - THE Angolan national team players have vowed to turn the scales when they face Sihlangu next weekend on home soil.

The disappointed players said this after they were forced to a 1-1 draw by a much improved Sihlangu at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. Midfielder Caranga Camerio said Sihlangu were a good side.

He, however, said the locals must brace themselves for a tough time in the second leg billed for Saturday in Luanda.

Strikers

"The locals are a good side, but I can tell you now that we will win on Saturday."

He said Sihlangu gave them a hard time, especially in the first half where they also failed to stop the strikers. "They were stronger in the first half but we tried to contain them as they were all over us. The draw is good for us even though we came here to win."

Almeria Fernando said they had a good



CELEBRATING: Angola players celebrating their goal.

game and it's only that they lost concentration towards the dying minutes of the game. "Our opposition was enjoying home ground advantage, hence they were all over us in the first half. We also

lost concentration and they equalised. He will redeem ourselves on Sunday. It will not be an easy match but we will be all out for a win. We will also be enjoying home ground advantage," he said.

We can still make it - Sandanezwe

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCKER - SIHLANGU stand-in captain Sandanezwe Mathabela believes they can still advance to the third round of the 2020 CHAN qualifiers despite their 1-all draw against Angola at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

The lanky shot-stopper says they only need to rectify the mistakes they committed during the home match as they prepare for the return leg of the continent's second premier national competition in Luanda, Angola, on Saturday. "Mistakes do happen in football and today I committed one during the opposition's goal where I could not deal with the speeding ball.

Nonetheless, I am confident we can still advance to the next round

of the competition only if we can work on our mistakes and work extra harder," he said.

On the other hand, Angola captain Lando Do Maquis said they were happy with the outcome of the match.

"It is good we managed to score an away goal which would be very crucial during the return leg even though the condition of the pitch was not conducive.

Slippery

It was a slippery surface and we could not play our normal football. We are now looking forward to the return leg where we still need to do well as a team," he said.

Second half goals from Augusto Domingo and Menzi Sithole ensured that the Southern African nations share the spoils in front of over 1 000 football lovers.

We missed lot of chances - 'Bomber'

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCKER - ESWATINI Football Association President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa says the nation's pride Sihlangu Semnikati played well but missed lots of scoring chances.

Speaking yesterday at Mavuso Sports Centre after Sihlangu played to a 1-1 draw against Angola, Mthethwa said the team did well given the fact that most of the players were new in the squad.

"We had a good game and the boys did well. It's just that we were unfortunate not to score from the numerous chances we created during the match.

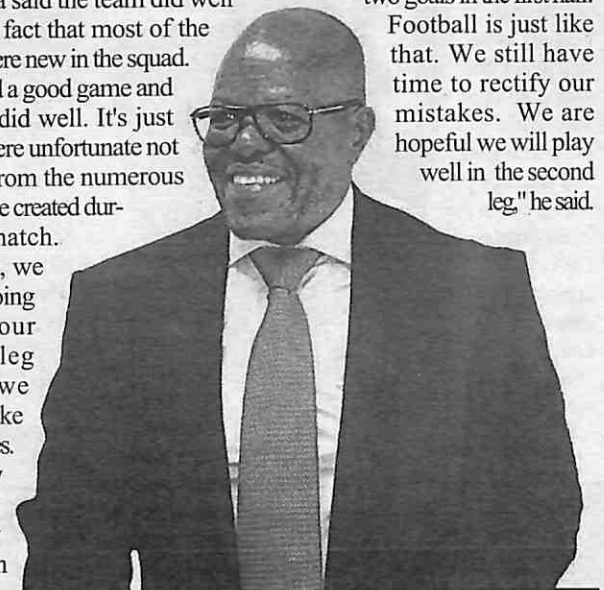
However, we are still going to play our second leg where we need to take our chances. We now have to win away and I am

optimistic the boys will make us proud."

EFA Chief Executive Officer Frederick Mngomezulu also said the national team wasted lots of chances which could have seen them easily win the match.

"We could have killed off the game in the first half had it not been for the numerous missed opportunities on the day. We were just unlucky not to score at least two goals in the first half.

Football is just like that. We still have time to rectify our mistakes. We are hopeful we will play well in the second leg," he said.



MISSED CHANCES: Eswatini Football Association President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa.

New Manzini Referees Association committee elected

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCKER - THE Manzini Referees Association has elected a new committee that will look into the welfare of the referees in the region.

The elections were conducted yesterday at Zakhele Sports Ground. Eswatini Referees Association Vice Chairman

Jabulani Motsa and General Secretary Mbongeni Shongwe conducted the elections.

Beating

Premier League referee Thokozani Dlamini assumed the chairmanship position after he amassed 22 votes, beating his fellow candidate Lucky 'Makalakalane' Dlamini who only had three votes.

'Makalakalane' later contested for the vice president position where he won after beating Mbongeni Myeni.

Sebenele Tsabedze was voted the new General Secretary while Sibusiso Nxumalo assumed the Treasurer position.

Manzini Regional Football Association Chairman Johannes 'Ace' Soboza called for integrity among the referees and promised to address all their needs.

"I am calling for integrity among you today and let's take the Manzini Regional Football League back to where it was. Football is demanding and you must always be available to execute your duties," he said.

Congratulated

Eswatini Referees Association Vice Chairman Jabulani Motsa congratulated the new committee and pledged E300.

"Congratulations to you all. From now on we will workshop you about your duties," he said.

ERA General Secretary Mbongeni Shongwe also congratulated the committee and pledged E200.

THE NEW COMMITTEE:

Chairperson	- Thokozani Dlamini
Vice Chairperson	- Lucky 'Makalakalane' Dlamini
General Secretary	- Sebenele Tsabedze
Vice Secretary	- Mbongeni Myeni
Treasurer	- Sibusiso Nxumalo

I knew I would score - Menzi

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER - SIHLANGU midfielder Menzi Sithole said he knew he would finally score during the match.

Speaking in a post-match interview, Sithole said after he missed some few chances during the match, he had the feeling that he would finally find the back of the net.

"I had that feeling that I will score and indeed I scored. It felt good for me after scoring the equaliser. We deserved something from this match," he said. Sithole added that the match was not tough but it's just that they missed lots of chances. He said they needed to convert their chances in the second leg. "We will get positive results in our next match as the Angolans are not a strong side. This is not to say we will take things for granted. We will fight until the end. We have to double our efforts in the second leg. In all honesty, the Angolan team was not a hard nut to crack; it's only that we missed the chances we should have easily scored. We really have to work on our mistakes and improve in the second leg."

Fanelo Tsabedze, who was playing his first match in national team colours, said he enjoyed himself. He also said the Angolans were not strong on the day.

"We really have to win in the second leg. The nation should not panic as we will make them proud during the away match.

We will work hard to win away," he said.

Allan Mabuza said he panicked at first but managed to find composure as the game progressed. "It's a positive start for us and I am hopeful we will do better in the second leg. We will come back with positive results."

Siboniso 'Rio' Matsenjwa also said he enjoyed himself in his first match and was confident they would win in the second leg.

"I am happy I was given a run in this match but I am a little bit disappointed with the result as we should have won this match. We will improve in the second leg away."

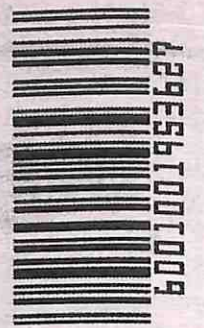


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WASTEFUL SIHLANGU HELD

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

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Angola..... (0)1

SOCCER - SIHLANGU Semnikati's dream of advancing to the last hurdle of the 2020 CHAN Qualifiers is now hanging by a thread following their 1-all draw against a stubborn Angola.

Despite displaying a spirited performance, the nation's pride will quickly want to forget about yesterday's result after missing numerous chances on the day, allowing the 2006 FIFA World Cup participants to steal an all-important away goal, ahead of the return leg on Saturday at their own backyard in Luanda.

This was during the second round first leg encounter played at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

Kostadin Papic's men had a bright start to the match as they threatened to score as early as the 8th minute through nippy striker Allen Mabuza, who was one of the three newcomers introduced by the Serbian mentor (Papic).

The reigning MTN National First Division top goal scorer directed his shot wide inside the box after meeting a Sifiso Matse cross.

Upcoming midfield dynamo Lindani



● Nation's pride now needs to pull an away victory to reach CHAN third round

● Papic rues missed chances

● Angola have better goal advantage ahead of Saturday's return leg

'Rio' Matsenjwa saw his powerful curler tipped over the cross bar in the 19th minute after connecting a Frank Dlamini corner.

Royal Leopard utility player Sifiso Matse missed the best chance of the day for Eswatini before the hour mark when his goal bound shot was cleared on the line by the Angola defence. The visitors' first real chance of the first half came in the

35th minute when a Fabrica Mafuta shot was tipped over the bar by Sihlangu stand-in captain and goalkeeper Sandanezwe Mathabela.

The two nations could not be separated at halftime as the match went to the break at 0-0. The second half saw Angola silencing the home crowd in the 52nd minute with a powerful low free kick from Augusto Dominguez which was spilled by goalkeeper Sandanezwe Mathabela.

Eswatini kept on pushing for the elusive equaliser, especially after the introduction of the marauding Fanelo 'Order' Mamba, who spearheaded Sihlangu attacks after coming in for Allen Mabuza.

The over 1 000 home crowd finally had something to cheer about in the 90th minute when debutant Menzi Sithole brought some smiles to the frustrated crowd with the late equaliser. The Mbabane Highlanders midfielder finished off a Frank Dlamini well-floated cross which he blasted home past the Angolan goalkeeper Christovao Simao.

Sihlangu will now have to do better away in order to make it through to the next stage of the tournament.

The teams:

Eswatini - Sandanezwe Mathabela, Linda Mkhonta, Frank Dlamini, Siboniso Mamba, Siboniso Ndzabandzaba, Siboniso Ngwenya, Sifiso Matse (Fanelo Mamba), Lindani Matsenjwa (Fanelo Tsabedze), Menzi Sithole, Junior Magagula, Allen Mabuza (Wandile Shabangu).

Angola - Christovao Simao, Jose Afonso, Estavao Cahoko, William Gaspar, Eddie Afonso, Jose Fernado, Augusto Quibeto, Jaredi Teixeira, Fabrica Mafuta, Jorge Cameiro.

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