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**'DOWNS' PERCY TAU, PITSO MOSIMANE WIN BIG AT PSL AWARDS**



**MONEY MAKERS:** 'Downs' duo of Percy Tau and coach Pitso Mosimane were big winners at the PSL awards last night. Tau took home E475 000 after winning the Players' Player of the Year, joint Top Goal Scorer and Footballer of the Season. His coach pocketed E75 000 for being named Coach of the Season. (Pics Absa facebook page)

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## 2 NATIONAL NEWS

## Gideon Mhlongo back at work

By Mbono Mdluli and  
Samkeliswe Khoza

**MUNICIPAL Council of Mbabane Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is back at work.**

Mhlongo resumed his duties on Monday after his suspension was lifted by council. He is expected to be at the helm of the local authority until his contract expires on July 31, this year, as it had been reported previously.

Council's mouthpiece Lucky Tsabedze confirmed the return of Mhlongo to work. Tsabedze did not want to go into details about Mhlongo's contract as

this matter was handled by other structures. Mhlongo was suspended by council but the suspension was lifted last Friday.

However, council will not renew his contract when it expires at the end of July.

Tsabedze pleaded with Mbabane residents not to be misled by people who tried to take advantage of the current situation engulfing Mhlongo. He was responding to concerns raised by Lalufadlana Development Association.

The association blamed Mhlongo for introducing policies that the association deemed to be against development initiatives towards the city. The asso-



**BACK AT WORK:** The Mercedes-Benz belonging to the Mbabane City Council CEO Gideon Mhlongo (l) parked at the council's parking as he reported for duty yesterday morning. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

ciation's Public Relations Officer (PRO) Ndlavela Dlamini said residents of the city had to seek permission from the municipality to construct or renovate houses. Tsabedze said people need to understand that as a local authority,

they acted on behalf of government.

He said everything that was done by the council was originally from the central government, particularly from the ministry of housing.

Tsabedze further mentioned that the

policy Dlamini talked about was about 20 years old. He said the very same policy also existed in other urban areas in the country.

He urged people to verify these facts and find out the right information either from the municipality or from the housing ministry itself because that was where they would get the right information concerning the governance of local authorities like the Municipal Council of Mbabane.

The former journalist urged Mbabane residents and all those affected not to personalise issues and play to the gallery because many of the issues did not originate with Mhlongo. He said Mhlongo's situation did not mean that people should then take advantage and try to cause instability within the local authority.

BOY (17) KIDNAPPED,  
LOCKED IN A BEDROOMBy Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**THE country is currently going through a rough patch when it comes to children's rights violations.**

A 17-year-old boy from Jericho area in Nhlanguano was allegedly kidnapped by unknown people who had stopped their car to ask for directions.

The strangers later grabbed the unsuspecting Mpendulo Mabuza, bundled him into the car and sped off with him. He has been missing for two weeks now.

Sources said the kidnapped boy who apparently had a cellphone on him, called his family and claimed that his captors used a cloth to cover his face and later dragged him to their car.

The brand of the car is not known. "He alleged that they drove with

● Sources said the kidnapped boy called his family after his disappearance using his mobile phone and claimed that his captors used a cloth to cover his face and later dragged him to their car

him to an unknown destination. He claimed that he later found himself in an unknown one bedroom house which had a built in toilet," narrated the officer.

It is suspected that the kidnappers were not aware that he had a cell phone with him as he was able to use it.

**Kidnappers**

The family also alleged that Mpendulo kidnappers later on called his father and said they have him but did not express anything further. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Khulani Mamba said anyone who might have information about the whereabouts of the young man can call Sihlutse Desk Officer Inspector Mfanisibili

Dlamini at 76054750.

They can also call inspector Fanyana Dlamini at 76139442.

The country is currently gripped by mysterious disappearance of people mostly children who are either found murdered or still missing. On April 30, 2018 a girl of Timphisini aged five (Nkosinaye Dlamini) was snatched at her homestead by a man who was wearing a balaclava.

After a 10-day search, her decomposed body was discovered kilometers away from where she was abducted. In a recent incident at Mafutseni area, a 16-year-old boy escaped from the jaws of death with a slit throat after three men believed to be ritual killers pounced on him in a forest on Sunday.



**GONE MISSING:** Mpendulo Mabuza (17) who was allegedly kidnapped by strangers who pretended to be asking for directions.

The boy is currently admitted to hospital. A family of Mbikwakhe area is appealing for help from members of the public after a 14-year-old girl went missing. Noxolo Dlamini was reported missing to the police by her aunt. It is said the form two pupil was last seen Wednesday last by her peers whom she told she was going home where she never arrived.

Supreme Court orders  
Beauty Build to file  
papers in lawyer's caseBy Sandile Nkambule  
Supreme Court

**WHILE an application filed at the Supreme Court calling upon the incarceration of lawyer Siboniso Clement Dlamini has been withdrawn, the Supreme court has ordered that Beauty Build Construction in a similar matter should properly file its papers by close of business yesterday in its matter against lawyer Muzi Simelane.**

Beauty Build Construction like in the Clement Dlamini case has taken lawyer Muzi Simelane trading as MP Simelane Attorneys to Court in a similar fashion.

The National Commissioner of Police has been cited as the second respondent, while the Attorney General as the third.

The matter was before Supreme Court Judge Phesheya Dlamini who was sitting with Judges Majahenkhaba Dlamini and Stanley Maphalala.

Meanwhile, in the matter involving lawyer Siboniso Dlamini, Judge Dr Odoki who was sitting with Judges Robert Cloete and Jacobus Annandale issued an order withdrawing the application after having heard from counsel Hlomendlini Mdladla about a matter in which Dlamini allegedly embezzled widow Phindile Ndzinisa's E870 000 estate.

The Beauty Build matter's back-ground is that they filed an ex parte urgent application last year seeking an order to break and enter the first respondent's premises with the assistance of the second respondent in order to execute a writ of execution.

Giving a brief background of the pre-application proceedings, the applicant stated that the High Court issued an order against the first respondent to pay the sum of E487 992.35 to the applicant.

That order was appealed against and the appeal was lost by the first respondent. After losing the appeal, the first respondent then filed a review application which was dismissed on 15 May, 2017.

A demand was then sent to the respondent to pay within thirty (30) days and the respondent did not comply with the demand and a writ was then issued against him.

The applicant's attorneys then instructed David Magagula who is a duly appointed deputy sheriff for the district of Hhohho to execute the court order against the first respondent and the Deputy Sheriff has been unable to execute the Court Order on the basis that the first respondent has denied him the opportunity to do so by locking gates to his offices.

The applicant argues that the first respondent has been in continued contempt of court as he was ordered to pay Beauty Build Construction.

## VIOLENCE ON CHILDREN WORRIES SAVE THE CHILDREN

By Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

**WITH the recent hike in child rights violation in the Kingdom of Eswatini as reported in our local newspapers such as sexual abuse, kidnapping and murders associated with ritual killings, Save the Children has urged the nation to ensure children are safe and protected at all times.**

Save the children, an organisation trusted to create a world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation, stands at zero tolerance for any child violation and condones such acts.

According to the United Nations Convention Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the African Charter on the rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC) that the Kingdom of Eswatini adheres to, every child has the right to life and the state parties shall ensure to the maxi-

mum extent possible the survival and development of the child.

The child's right to be protected from violence, exploitation and abuse is an obligation under international law.

Save the Children Advocate and Communications Officer Lusito Tsela said the current state of violence against children should be declared a national disaster as the country is faced daily by horrific reports of violence against children, which paints an incredibly bleak picture on the country and child rights.

"The organisation is worried about the shocking levels of violence against children and we appeal to the nation to work together to end such, as these horrific crimes have become another sign that violence is a daily reality for

children living in the country. When reflecting on the news over the past few weeks, it appears that children themselves have little to celebrate in relation to their safety and the protection of their rights within home, school and in the wider community in which they live in.

Save the Children is deeply saddened and expresses its heartfelt condolences to every families affected," he said.

The organisation calls upon community members to report any suspicion of child abuse, neglect or exploitation of children to the Royal Swaziland police force by dialing 999.

The organisation also acknowledges the fact that the best way to overcome these problems is through prevention, as every incident of abuse suffered by a child reflects our failure as a country to protect those who can-

not protect themselves. Save the Children urges communities to work together with the government and civil society to bring every perpetrator responsible for the violation of child rights to justice.

**Recent cases of child rights violation:**

● 5-year-old girl who was snatched by a man wearing a balaclava at Msahweni near Matsamo early this month and the girl was found dead and her body decomposed at Mlumati River.

● 5-year-old girl was grabbed from her mother and raped at Mahlalini in Nhlanguano.

● A new born child was dumped in a dustbin while wrapped in a refuse bag next to the traffic circle along the Gwamile Street in Mbabane last week Wednesday.

● 16-year-old boy escaped with a slit throat from three attackers wearing balaclavas at Mafutseni on Sunday.

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# STATE WANTS SIPHO'S BAIL HEARING FROZEN

Stories by Observer Reporter  
High Court

## COVER STORY

**THE High Court of Eswatini has no jurisdiction to set aside a judgment it handed down if there is an appeal against it at the Supreme Court.**

This is an argument raised by the Director of Public Prosecutions' (DPP) office in the present urgent application filed by murder suspect Siphon Shongwe at the High Court.

Shongwe filed an application seeking an order of Court for leave to execute an order of the ruling that was made by Judge Siphon Nkosi in Shongwe's bail application as he held that the Crown failed to prove that Shongwe was fraudulently released from Barberton maximum prison.

### Urgent

According to Shongwe's lawyer Siphon Mnisi of S.S Mnisi Attorneys, the basis of the urgent application is to unfreeze the bail application that is before the High Court in order for it to proceed.

He also told the court that his client suffers from ill-health and his businesses were suffering by the continued stay in custody.

Shongwe stands accused of the murder of businessman and soccer administrator Victor Gamedze who was gunned down while at the Galp filling station at Ezulwini on January 14, 2018.

Shongwe has now been in custody for five months following his arrest on January 19 a week after the assassination. According to Principal

● It is out submission that the above honourable court has no jurisdiction to set aside its judgment if there is an appeal against such judgment before the Supreme Court, it is the Supreme Court which is now seized with matter whether or not to set aside the appeal filed by the respondent



**NOT PLEASED:** Siphon Shongwe looking unhappy in court. (File pics)

Crown Counsel Absalom Makhanya in his heads of arguments it is common cause that the applicant (Shongwe) is charged with the offence of murder that falls under the fifth schedule of Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act (CPE) and that the applicant applied for bail before Court which was opposed by the respondent (DPP).

The High Court according to Makhanya made a ruling regarding the applicant's release from the South African Correctional Centre and that it is further common cause that the respondent filed an appeal on the question of law in the Supreme Court as it was not a trial court which should have come to the conclusion reached by the High Court in its ruling.

### Submitted

Makhanya submitted that the High Court has not to date furnished the respondent with the reasons of its judgement that the crown failed to prove that Shongwe was fraudulently released from Barberton prison.

Makhanya argued that the appeal by the crown was registered by the Supreme court under case number 5 of 2018 and that once a case has been registered and allocated a case number that matter is pending before that court.

### Honourable

"It is out submission that the above honourable court has no jurisdiction to set aside its judgment if there is an appeal against such a judgment before the Supreme court, it is the Supreme Court which is now seized with the matter of whether or not to set aside the appeal filed by the respondent," Makhanya submitted.

He argued that it is the High Court that made the finding that the respondent failed to prove that the applicant was fraudulently released from Barberton prison hence it is not open to the same court to set aside its own finding.

Makhanya further contended that Judge Nkosi in his ruling made a

finding which is final in its nature. He said during the bail hearing in open court the judge said if he finds that Shongwe was fraudulently released from Barberton maximum that would be the end of the matter as he would not be granted bail.

The court then ruled that the crown had failed to prove that Shongwe was fraudulently released which then renders the application on extradition by South Africa pending in the court of committal with a view to surrender the applicant to South Africa.

Makhanya submitted that the cases of execution while an appeal is pending before the Supreme court relied upon by the applicant if his heads of argument are distinguishable from those before court as in the present case the appeal is not on an order of execution but on a factual finding which has a bearing on the main bail application, the committal court on extradition and the trial court in South Africa which issued a warrant of arrest against Shongwe.

Appearing alongside Principal Crown counsel Macebo Nxumalo, Makhanya submitted that in the ruling of the High Court, there was nothing to execute as argued by the applicant.

Makhanya argued that the applicant has failed to substantiate how respondent would not suffer irreparable harm in respect of the flight risk element that was alleged by the respondent in the main bail application.

### Informed

Makhanya submitted that the applicant himself informed the court that the Registrar informed his attorney that the Chief Justice issued a directive to the effect that the bail application should not proceed until the appeal application at the Supreme Court is heard and has not challenged the directive thereof as it still stands.

The appeal application according to Makhanya was filed bona fide and it was to prevent the injustice that was about to occur and that the crown has prospects of success in their appeal, pleading that based on the above, the present application filed by Shongwe should be dismissed.

## 'High Court may set aside appeal by crown'

**DEFENCE lawyer Siphon Mnisi argued on behalf of Shongwe that the High Court may set aside the appeal filed by the crown.**

He said the court has powers to set aside any invalid processes.

Mnisi submitted that such can be done provided the Supreme Court has not enrolled the appeal which he argues is the case with the current appeal filed by the crown.

"It is submitted that the appeal processes were filed by the crown, but they have been enrolled for hearing and they are currently not prosecuted, it is therefore submitted that different considerations may arise if the appeal is prosecuted as the Supreme Court would have been seized with the matter," Mnisi argued.

He submitted that the applicant's incarceration is unfair and the prolonged and ongoing imprisonment is unconscionable and that any interpretation that has the effect of barring the applicant from being granted leave to execute the order would cause hardship and grave injustice.

He also argued that the court is enjoined to interpret the applicable principles of law in such a way as to prevent such hardship and injustice.

In light of the above, he submitted that the court clearly has jurisdiction to grant the orders sought in the notice of motion.



**CONSULTATIONS:** Lawyer Siphon Mnisi receives some instructions from his client Siphon Shongwe during his appearance at the High Court.

## SHONGWE WILL SUFFER PREJUDICE - LAWYER

**IN his heads of arguments, Shongwe's lawyer Siphon Mnisi submitted that the non-execution of Judge Nkosi's order on his finding that he was not fraudulently released from prison should be executed as his client will suffer prejudice.**

Mnisi argued that the applicant (Shongwe) will suffer irreparable harm if the order is not executed as his continued incarceration is denial of his right to liberty and to be presumed innocent until proven guilty arguing that the state will suffer no prejudice as the bail court will hear arguments and decide to grant or not to grant bail and will have an opportunity to advance reasons before the same court

why the applicant is not entitled to bail.

Mnisi said bail should be conducted speedily and submitted that the applicant complains that the notice of appeal filed by the crown at the Supreme court together with the leave to appeal presents a rather shocking display of blatant arbitrariness, indecisiveness and failure to act expeditiously, consistently and fairly.

### Decision

The applicant according to Mnisi has also stated that the decision by the crown to appeal was motivated by mala fides as the crown notes two distinctive appeal processes against one order.

Mnisi further argued on a balance of

hardship and convenience that the applicant is in custody and his bail application has taken more than four months, he has not been found guilty of any crime, has no control of the judicial processes and that the crown has up to now failed to commit him to the High Court.

He also submitted that the applicant does not know when or whether the ruling will be written and submitted and delivered, further he is suffering from ill health and his business, financial and social issues are being affected arguing that there is no form of remedy available even if he is found not guilty and acquitted with his pre-trial detention viewed as violation of his rights.

crown submitted that the assertion made by the court during the bail hearing on not releasing and releasing applicant if the court held that he was fraudulently or legitimately released, put the matter to an end hence the appeal application they filed at the Supreme Court.

It was for that reason that Judge Fakudze felt it would be proper to go through the transcript in order to see that assertion as submitted by the crown.

By consent of both parties the matter was postponed as the transcript could not be speedily available to the court.

## Matter postponed, court wants Judge Nkosi's record transcribed

**THE urgent application by Shongwe's lawyer could not be finalised yesterday because Judge Mzwandile Fakudze wants the transcript of High Court Judge Siphon Nkosi.**

While the arguments were being made by both counsels, the court had to adjourn to allow both parties to get hold of the transcript especially the crucial part where

Judge Nkosi told Shongwe that he should forget about being released on bail if the finding would be that he was fraudulently released from Barberton maximum prison.

### Release

The judge further said his release on bail would be considered if he was legitimately released. This was after the

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## 4 NATIONAL NEWS

# EX-MINISTER GIDEON'S BID TO SECURE BMW X5 FAILS

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**FORMER Minister for Commerce Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini has lost his bid to secure the car he was using as minister of the crown, a top of the range BMW X5.**

The High Court yesterday dismissed his application for a declaratory order that he is entitled to purchase the car after vacating office.

Dlamini who is a Member of Parliament for the Mkhweni *Inkhundla* had argued that during his term of office, he was entitled to benefit under the Finance Circular No 2 of 2013 in particular Clause 4.5.3 in that at the end of his term he would be entitled to purchase the motor vehicle bought for official use at its depreciated value of 20 per cent per annum.

In line with the circular No 2 of 2013, Dlamini expressed his interest to the ministry of public works and trans-

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port which informed him that the request had been declined on the basis that he had not actually reached the "end of term" hence he filed the application in court.

When handing down judgment yesterday morning, Judge Mzwandile Fakudze noted that the applicant (Dlamini) had stated that the circular does not define "end of term" and the lack of the definition therefore leads to the use of the Constitution.

Dlamini had contended that the first respondent's (minister of finance) decision to refuse to sell the vehicle to him was unreasonable given the kind of burden carried by a minister who can be recalled at any time during the duration of their tenure in Cabinet.

The former minister further contended that where there is a reasonable belief that any policy of the executive arm will flout the express provisions of the Constitution, the court which is given the responsibility of enforcing it may call for such to be laid before the Judiciary for its scrutiny to ensure compliance.

However, the respondents submitted that in terms of Section 134 (2) and (4) of the Constitu-

tion, the life of Parliament is five years and further submitted that the term "end of term" of Parliament is five years which is the life of Parliament and any period served cannot be equated to mean the end of term or life of Parliament.

The respondents further submitted that the wording on the circular as amended is clear that the minister of the crown can only be in a position to purchase the vehicle at the end of his term in office and since the applicant did not continue in office up to the end of the life of Parliament, he is therefore not entitled to the

purchase of the vehicle.

In light of the above and authorities cited, Judge Fakudze said he was inclined to agree with the respondents' contention that the expression "at the end term" should be interpreted to refer to life of Parliament based on the fact that Section 134 (2) provides for the life of Parliament which is a five-year period whereas Circular No 2 provides for the terms and conditions of service for Parliament that is in office noting that the two complement each other.

"The applicant's application is dismissed, and each party shall bear its own costs," Judge Fakudze ordered.

He stated that where words are clear and unambiguous, they should be given their ordinary grammatical meaning as the principles governing constitutional interpretation are the same as those governing that of any other legislation, hence the same principle should be extended when interpreting Finance Circular No 2 of 2013 because it is a legal instrument.

**HARD LUCK: Former minister for commerce industry and trade Gideon Dlamini.**



## Used airtime vouchers, slips can land you in hot soup

By Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

**THE public is warned not to litter used airtime vouchers and slips as armed robbers and car hijackers have adopted a new framing strategy.**

They take the discarded recharge airtime cards, slips or vouchers and dump them at a crime scene.

Two people from the neighbouring South Africa have already fallen into the trap and they are victims of the trick. According to reports, the two appeared in court for crimes they never committed due to the trap. The incident is said to have occurred in Ermelo recently.

Robbers or hijackers are said to be collecting used recharge cards, slips or vouchers, and once they abandon the hijacked cars or dump the dead bodies, they leave the already used cards, vouchers or slips at the scene or near the victims.

When the police arrive, they take the scratched recharge cards, vouchers or slip serial number to track the cellphone number it was loaded in;

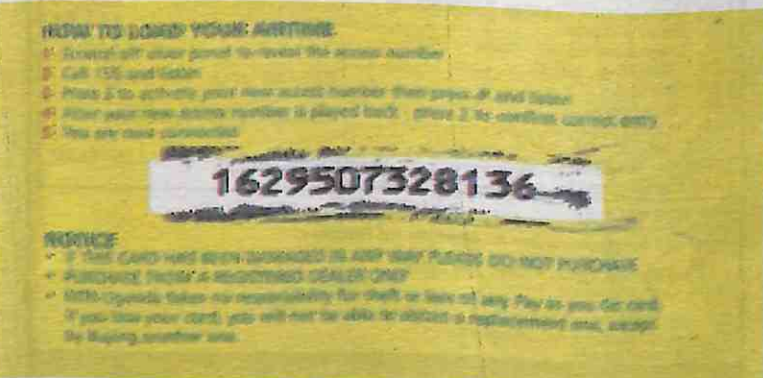
and start tracking the owner of the phone number.

Police Information and Communication Officer (PICO) Superintendent Khulani Mamba said they have come across such reports but there hasn't been a case of the same fashion in the country yet.

"It is safe for people to destroy the cards or vouchers of airtime once they make use of them before they throw them away so that they don't fall victim of the new scam. Even though we haven't had the same cases locally, we can't shy away from the possibility of it happening in the country," he said.

When quizzed on similarities in the case where slain businessman and Mbabane Swallows chairman Victor Gamedze suspected killers left receipts and a Swazi MTN SIM card in a Toyota Yaris that was dumped towards Lundzi Border Post, Mamba said there were none.

People are also encouraged to register their MTN SIM cards at the ongoing VELA SIM card registration campaign at MTN outlets, a campaign that is aimed at curbing crimes of this fashion.



**BEWARE: The police have warned the public to destroy their airtime vouchers and slips after use or they could be framed for crimes they never committed.**

## VILLA GOATS



**GOATS DAY: Stray goats moving down the Royal Villas road yesterday. The problem of stray animals seems to be far from over on the country's roads. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)**

## Research Authority will pay better- MP Titus

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**WORKERS to be affected by the introduction of Swaziland National Research Authority have a chance of getting better remuneration.**

This was said by Zombodze Emuva Member of Parliament (MP) Titus Thwala when called to clarify on how workers would be affected by the change.

The Malkerns Research Station will change and become the Swaziland National Research Authority.

Thwala assured workers in the ministry of agriculture, particularly those that would be affected by the change, that there was no need to panic as the authority had not come to replace anything.

This meant no workers would be replaced or told to go home.

"No worker will be deemed redun-

dant under the new set up and no worker will be deemed worse off. Instead, the workers will be entrusted with more responsibility as they will be transferred to areas where they will be given more responsibility," Thwala said.

### Support

The MP further said more responsibility for the workers meant that their pay would be improved than in the current situation. He made an example of Swaziland Revenue Authority (SRA), saying the workers at the SRA were better paid than during the time of the Income Tax Department.

He pointed out that SRA workers at the border gate had more responsibility now that SRA had taken over.

Even though during the introduction of SRA, some workers at the Income Tax Department lost their jobs.

"The difference here is that this authority has not come to replace any-

thing. But it has come to improve what is already there," Thwala said.

The MP also mentioned that the ministry of agriculture was making efforts to ensure that the authority was accessible to the nation. Plans to decentralise it are underway as it would be found in places like Malkerns, Ngwenphisi, and Motshane.

It would also be set up at Nkhoba.

He further said means would be made to take services to the people in areas where the authority is not found.

Members of Parliament (MPs) passed a Swaziland National Research Authority Bill of 2017 on Monday.

The aim of the Bill, if eventually passed by the legislature, is to change the Malkerns Research Station to become the Swaziland National Research Authority.

This is aimed at ensuring that the country attains food security and able to export surplus food to other countries.



# EMASWATI RUSH TO REGISTRATION CENTRES



**TAKE:** Thulani Dlamini of Maphalaleni accepting his voter's card from EBC official at the mall. Thousands of Emaswati have already registered for the up coming national elections. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)



**NGETE NGASALA:** SMVAF Chairman of the Board Zweli Jele being registered for the national elections at Mavuso Trade Centre last Friday during the Ingwenyama Cup prize presentation in the presense of His Majesty King Mswati III.



**SAKHA KWETFU:** Members of the public queuing at the Swazi Plaza to register.



**KHETSA MAKE:** This woman being registered at the mall.



**CAN'T WAIT:** Sandile Matsebula of Mangwaneni in Mbabane being registered at the Sales House building yesterday.



**MY VOTE COUNTS:** These two ladies being registered at the mall.



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## 6 NATIONAL NEWS

# FPE DILEMMA AS 4 500 PUPILS HAVE NO PINS IN 40 SCHOOLS

Stories by Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

The ministry of education and training finds itself between a rock and a hard place concerning the issue of Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) as over 4 500 pupils don't have birth certificates in 40 schools across the country.

The Free Primary Education (FPE) entails that principals submit PINs for every pupil for the schools to receive the FPE grants from government, but with a high number of pupils who don't have the PINs, the process is stalling.

The ministry of education and that of home affairs have opted to collaborate in a bid to visit schools across the coun-

try and register the pupils who have no PINs so that they can get birth certificates, and PINs.

The collaboration was announced by Principal Secretary in the Home Affairs Department Anthony Masilela at a press briefing held at the ministry of education and training yesterday.

Masilela said parents were to blame for children who have no certificates as a child should have one within 60 days of birth at only E5, but the dilemma was now pinned on government because some parents were ignorant on doing the certificates.

He said they had selected 10 schools from each of the four regions and the selection criteria was prioritising the schools with the highest number of pupils who have no PINs and that they will

commence the registration process next Monday.

"The selected schools are prioritised because they have a high number of pupils with no PINs but we will continue with the schedule until we cover all the schools in the country.

We will have a programme that will tutor the parents on requirements for a child to be registered and if the requirements are not met then that child won't be registered," he said. The total number of pupils without PINs from the 40 selected schools stands at 4 502.

Manzini has the highest at 1 695 while Shiselweni and Lubombo have 1 001 and 1 108 respectively. Hhohho was applauded for manning the issue, with only 696 pupils and being the lowest in overall.

## Proposed schedule of late registration of children enrolled in schools:

School	Pupils with no PIN's	Date of registration
LUBOMBO		
Sitsatsaweni	233	4-5 June
Maloyi	128	7-8 June
Lusoti	149	11-12 June
KaLanga	102	14-15 June
St Loretta	102	18-19 June
Ndlalane	131	21-22 June
Matjembeni	111	25-26 June
Dumisa	82	28 June
Malindza	79	29 June
Mabondweni	93	28 June
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 108</b>	

School	Pupils with no PIN's	Date of registration
SHISELWENI		
Mashobeni South	159	4-5 June
Jericho	119	7-8 June
Thembelihle	118	11-12 June
Holy Family	102	14-15 June
Hhohho	91	18 June
Jerusalem	88	19 June
Mphakeni	84	21 June
Gege Methodist	84	22 June
LaNgolotjeni	78	25 June
Mazombizwe	78	26 June
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 001</b>	

School	Pupils with no PIN's	Date of registration
MANZINI		
Boyane	256	4-5 June
Ekutsimuleni	168	7-8 June
Bhunya	192	11-12 June
Bhekinkosi	169	14-15 June
Mkhuzweni	132	18-19 June
KaBhudla	128	21-22 June
Mafutseni Commu	21	25-26 June
Mliba Nazarene	129	28-29 June
Maliyaduma	150	21-22 June
New Mbuluzi	250	25-26 June
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 695</b>	

School	Pupils with no PIN's	Date of registration
HHOHHO		
Fonteyn	68	4 June
Ngwenya	52	5 June
Lobamba National	74	7 June
Elangeni	71	8 June
St Mary's	75	11 June
St John's	84	12 June
Mnyokane	59	14 June
Machwegini	54	15 June
Malandzela	72	18 June
St Pauls	87	19 June
<b>Total</b>	<b>696</b>	

## Registration to cost parents/guardians E25

**DUE to late birth registration of the children enrolled in schools, parents or guardians will pay E20 as penalty and E5 for the certificate.**

Parents were also urged to come with certified copies of the required documents or brace themselves to pay even extra costs to have that done for them.

Some of the requirements include birth confirmation card of child or the Clinic Card (Immunisation) and the parent's citizen cards to prove citizenship.

In the case where the parents are dead, a death notification (BMD10) from a medical institution duly completed by a medical officer, which indicates the

cause of death is required.

The Identity card "Sichazabuve" or birth certificated of the deceased, the informants' identity card "Sichazabuve" and a mortuary letter (signed and stamped) and that of *Umphakatsi* confirming death is required whereby a person died at home.

## Requirements for birth registration-children born in Eswatini:

- Birth confirmation card of child or the Clinic Card (Immunization).
- Parents' identity cards "Tichazabuve" to prove citizenship.
- Marriage certificate of parents (where applicable).

Unmarried parents are both required to be present during the registration so as to confirm paternity (for both parents' details to appear on the certificate).

The mother is allowed to register the child in the absence of the father.

Requirements for birth registration- children born outside Eswatini

### External Birth

- A birth certificate from the country of child's birth is required during the registration.
- Parents' Identity cards "Tichazabuve" to prove Eswatini citizenship.

Unmarried parents are both required to be present during the registration so as to confirm paternity (for both parents' details to appear on the certificate).

The mother is allowed to register the child in the absence of the father.

Requirements for registration- Death

- Death notification for (BMD10) from a medical institution duly completed by a medical officer which indicates the cause of death.

- The Identity card "Sichazabuve" or birth certificate of the deceased.
- The informants' identity card "Sichazabuve".
- A mortuary letter (signed and stamped) and that of *Umphakatsi* confirming death is required whereby a person died at home.

External Deaths

These are deaths of Swazi citizens occurring outside the country.

### Requirements for registration

- A death certificate of the deceased from the country where death occurred, where in a medical officer certifies the cause of death of the person.
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## Schoolboy (19) struck by lightning

By Nozipho Sibiyi  
Mbabane

**A 19-year-old boy attending school at Nyakatfo High died after being struck by lightning while at home at Sidvashini in the Northern Hhohho.**

Nkhosikhona Dlamini was washing his school uniform when lightning struck on Sunday. The incident happened at around 16:00 hours.

According to the deceased's elder brother, Sizwe the young boy suffered head injuries, adding that he was discovered by his wife.

"My wife heard a loud scream and went out of the yard where he found her in-law lying helplessly on the ground," he said. She then went to notify other family members.

He said they first called the 977 Emergency Medical Services but they were far attending another emergency in Pigg's Peak. "We then reported the matter to police who also said they



**RIP: Nkhosikhona Dlamini aged 19.**

did not have a car," he added.

He said they then used a private car to rush his younger brother to Dvokolwako

Health Centre. He was certified dead by a medical doctor "He was taken to Sikhwela Mtsini mortuary in Madlangemphisi," he said.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the incident. "On Sunday at 16:00 hours, a 19-year-old man of Nyakatfo was struck by lightning and was certified dead at Dvokolwako Health Centre," confirmed the PICO.

### Traumatised

Mhlangatane Member of Parliament Mbalekelwa Ndwandwe said he received the said news. "I am still traumatised and will find time to go and send my condolences to the Dlamini family on what befell them," he said.

Meanwhile, Swazi Meteorology Services forecasters said such incidents of lightning in winter were rare since it is cold.

However, they said it doesn't mean such incidents do not occur especially due to climate change and other natural factors.





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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN VIBRANT MANZINI

...a quick round up on some of the various programmes that Council is presently delivering



**WORK BEGINS:** Pots Construction has started working on the Bosco-KaZakhali link road project.

### ...CONSTRUCTION OF BOSCO-KAZAKHALI LINK ROAD BEGINS

CONSTRUCTION of the long awaited road that will provide a link between the Southern Distributor road (Bosco) and D98 (KaZakhali) in the southern part of the city is already underway.

Following an open procurement process, Pots Construction has been awarded the tender.

The project has been divided into two phases and the above-mentioned contractor is only responsible for the first one.

This entails construction of the road on either side of the still-to-be-

constructed bridge and will be completed within the next six months. The second phase will entail construction of a bridge that will connect the two road parcels. Funds are yet to be solicited for that part of the project.

One might wonder what necessitates construction of the road. The immediate reaction to that question would be that "it is a response to pleas from stakeholders".

It also forms part of the 2013-2018 Manzini Integrated Development Plan. Moreover, it is supported by

the two traffic studies that have been done over the last two decades (the recent one having been done in 2013) as a means to find solutions to the obtaining congestion in the city. Those who usually use the recently rehabilitated D98 road (from Sihlaheni via KaZakhali up to the Zakhele Remand Centre) will attest to the horrifying congestion that prevails thereon during the morning and afternoon peak. Council is grateful to His Majesty's Government and the World Bank for their support towards ensuring the project is finally delivered.

### ...RUNNING A FOOD ESTABLISHMENT? EXPECT A HEALTH INSPECTOR'S VISIT SOON

YOU will recall, dear food establishment operator, that Council conducts grading of all food establishments in the city once every year.

Well, it is that time of the year when Council will be setting this exercise rolling; and this does not only affect food establishments that are located in the city centre but townships as well. Between today and July 2018, please expect a visit from Council's health inspectors. The sole purpose will be to conduct an inspection and find out whether or not your establishment still meets the health and hygiene standard as

spelt out in the Public Health Act, 1969. Food grading cards will thereafter be issued in accordance with the level of compliance; with the most compliant receiving an "A" and the least hygienic an "F" sticker. Food establishments that will receive grades A and B will also be issued with letters of appreciation and encouragement to improve on the minor shortfalls. This is a gesture meant to applaud their conformance to the city standards. Establishments graded C and below will be served with notices that set compliance timelines. Failure to meet the timelines will leave Council

PERCENTAGE	GRADE
80 - 100 per cent	A
70 - 79 per cent	B
60 - 69 per cent	C
50 - 59 per cent	D
40 - 49 per cent	E
30 - 39 per cent	F

with no option but to close down the affected shop. The grading process is done in the presence of the business owner and clear reasons for the grade will be given. Business owners are urged to cooperate with Council during this exercise and strive to comply. Above are the grading scales;

### ...ENSURE YOU PAY YOUR RATES BY 31st MAY OR GET 15% INTEREST

TOMORROW marks the last day for Manzini property owners to either settle their outstanding rates or make arrangements with the collector of rates on how to settle their bills.

Payment in monthly instalments is acceptable. Same with debit order payments as well as a host of other payment methods. With effect from June 1, a 15 per cent per annum interest will begin to take effect on the outstanding rates amounts. Well, this will not be the end of it as, at the end of June, those who will have still failed to pay in full will be served with letters of demand. That will, regrettably, mark the beginning of the legal route of collecting rates. All legal fees incurred during this process will be added onto the outstanding rates – and that is over and above the 15 per cent interest. Therefore, property owners are advised to escape this sad path and make means to either pay in full by end of day tomorrow or else agree on a payment



**I WANT TO BEAT THE 15 per cent INTEREST:** A property owner was yesterday captured about to swipe his debit card at the Council Rates Hall.

plan with the collector. Well, it would be reckless not to recognise and appreciate those who have already paid their rates. That is sincerely appreciated. Council would like to assure citizens of Manzini that she will not disappoint regarding service delivery; as long as all Manzini property owners pay their rates in full.

### EVER TRIED WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL? AUSTRALIAN GOVT DONATES E300,000 WORTH OF WHEELCHAIRS



**ALL GOOD THINGS BEGIN IN MANZINI -** Manzini Mayor Mxolisi Mabuza receiving a certificate of appreciation from Cheshire Homes and the Australian Aid for Council's support in introducing Wheelchair Basketball in Manzini.



**THANK YOU:** Beneficiaries of the donation posing for a photo with dignitaries during the handover ceremony of the basketball wheelchairs.

### ...“BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION”: COUNCIL SENSITISES SATELLITE RANK TRADERS

“BEAT plastic pollution” is the theme for this year's World Environment Day.

The day will be commemorated on the June 5. It is meant as a reminder to citizens on the significance of taking care of the environment that they live in. The Municipal Council of Manzini has aligned herself with some activities in relation to this

day. The Satellite Bus Rank was last Wednesday abuzz when the Wednesday and Thursday market traders were gathered and sensitised about beating plastic pollution and keeping the facility clean after trading. They were also sensitised that the plastics that they usually leave on site as litter can actually be turned into money through

recycling. They were visibly intrigued when shown a variety of colourful handicraft items made out of recycled plastic.

The traders were shown how plastic can be made a source of income instead of recklessly throwing it away becoming a great hazard to the environment. More training and sensitisation sessions are set to be

conducted on Wednesdays. This Friday a citywide clean-up campaign has been scheduled as another form of removing plastic litter around beautiful Manzini City. Citizens are urged to consider recycling as an income generating activity. This will not only protect the environment but improve their economic wellbeing.

**RECYCLING IS BUSINESS:** Babe Mbhamali, an award winning artist, who makes handicraft decor products using recycled plastic left the Satellite traders in awe with his beautiful work.





## 8 NATIONAL NEWS

# Fired SAPPI employees' reinstatement dismissed

By Sandile Nkambule  
Industrial Court

**FOUR employees of SAPPI Usuthu Pulp company who were fired from work have lost their last bid to be reinstated as the Industrial Court dismissed their application for reinstatement.**

Industrial Court Judge Nkosinathi Nkonyane sitting with Assessors Gilbert Ndzinisa and Dan Mango held that the respondents (SAPPI) was able to prove on a balance of probabilities that the applicant's (four) dismissal was for a fair reason and also taking into account all circumstances of the case it was reasonable to terminate their services.

Judge Nkonyane when handing down the judgment stated that there was no allegation in the applicant's application that their dismissal was procedurally unfair and further that there was no evidence led before court that the dismissal was procedurally unfair.

The four, Thabsile Nkosi, Jabulani Mabuza, John Dlamini and Muzi Mthembu had claimed that their dismissal was unlawful and unfair because the company did not have valid and fair grounds for terminating their services.

They also alleged that in all the circumstances the termination of their services was unreasonable and they did not accept the decision for their dismissal and approached the Conciliation Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC)

*...Industrial Court holds that SAPPI was able to prove on a balance of probabilities that the four employees' dismissal was for a fair reason*

where a certificate of unresolved dispute was issued.

The respondents denied that the dismissal of the four was unfair or unlawful as they stated in court that dismissal was lawful in that the four were found guilty of dishonesty by the disciplinary tribunal.

The evidence led before court revealed that the four were in the human resources department while two others were in the finance department responsible for processing staff loans guided by the company staff loan policies which contained checks and balances.

The supervisor would sign and approve the granting of loans to applicants who had applied, however they did not adhere to the loans policy and that led to the staff loan facility being abused as they did not file the applications forms or not fill information at all.

One of the four John Dlamini according to the judgment admitted during cross examination that names of children that appeared in his form were not his own children.

Judge Nkonyane noted that the evidence in court clearly showed that there was rampant abuse of the staff loans facility hence the application was dismissed.

## Man arrested for 6 offences including resisting arrest

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**PIGG'S PEAK resident Phumlani Ginindza (31) has been arrested for six offences including failing to adhere to police instructions, resisting arrest and driving under the influence of alcohol.**

Other offences faced by Ginindza included failing to indicate when making a turn and public endan-

germent by almost crashing into a police car.

He was arrested for these offences while driving his Toyota Hilux on Saturday evening at Kudvwaleni, along the MR1 public road.

According to Pigg's Peak police records, the accused was spotted by police turning into a sharp right hand corner heading towards Kudvwaleni High without indicating.

The sharp turn surprised police

who were driving in the opposite direction and it was then that the police ordered Ginindza to stop but he failed to do so. He drove off which prompted the police to chase after him in a patrol vehicle.

The chase is said to have lasted a few minutes resulting in police overtaking the suspect and blocking his path. After this, Ginindza alighted from his van and was tested for alcohol.

He failed the breathalyser test as it indicated that the accused had consumed 0.97mg/l of alcohol, which is above the legal limit of 0.38mg/l.

Ginindza was then arrested but he resisted arrest as he refused to be handcuffed by officer, Mzwethu Khumalo. The officer later managed to effect arrest and the accused and he was taken to Buhleni Police Post, where he then tried to escape from lawful custody. However, Buhleni Police Officer Constable Bongani Masuku managed to subdue the accused. After the whole saga was over, Ginindza was brought before Pigg's Peak Magistrate Sabelo Khumalo who allowed him to be admitted to bail set at E3 000 for all the charges.

Khumalo went on to mention that the accused should appear again before the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court for his next remand next Monday.



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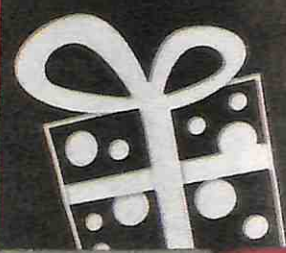
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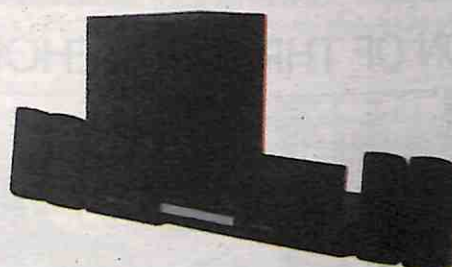
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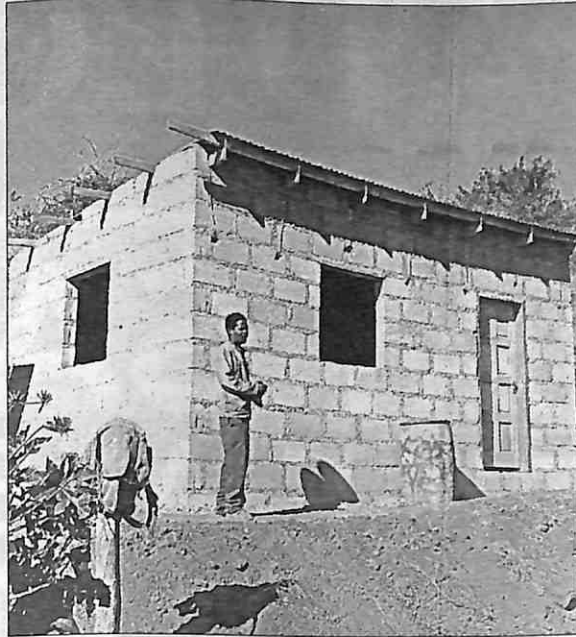
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**TESTING:** Good samaritans Mbongeni Gule and Dr Huber testing the recently installed borehole at Ndzingeni.



**NEW HOME:** The house given to the Shabangu family.



**WOW:** Pupils from KaLanyandza Primary School with their new pairs of shoes to counter the biting winter.

# FUNEKILE'S BROTHER HONOURS LATE SISTER

...by doing charity work under Ndzingeni Inkhundla and surrounding areas.

Stories by Observer Reporter  
Ndzingeni

**HIS sister was brutally killed under mysterious circumstances in Mbabane and the killers are yet to be brought to face justice four years later.**

The late Funekile's brother, Mbongeni Gule had, for the past three years, made Ndzingeni and surrounding places a hofe of charitable activities.

The young energetic and God-fearing Mbongeni says all the work he is doing for Ndzingeni folks, which is his home area, is dedicated to his late sister Funekile—a former Swaziland Post and Telecommunications Corporation (SPTC) employee. Funekile

was brutally killed under mysterious circumstances on April 17, 2014 at Checkers in Mbabane, wherein reports claimed she was mauled by dogs that belonged to her former landlord Moses Dlamini. Despite the police not finding the killers, this has never deterred Mbongeni's spirit to assist his home area and surrounding places.

He played a part in the building of a house for a destitute man, installation of three boreholes at Ndzingeni and Bulandzeni chiefdoms and donation of 180 pairs of school shoes to needy pupils from primary schools under Ndzingeni.

His charitable work has earned him respect. "Since God blessed me with a job I decided to help my area by bringing water, building for the poor

and ensuring pupils have school shoes. Charity begins at home hence I couldn't turn a blind eye when God blessed me. I dedicate this work to my late sister. However, I have been able to do this with the help of international donors," said Gule, who holds a diploma in mechanical engineering which he attained at Swaziland College of Technology (SCOT).

## Help

He said with the help of his sponsors, Dr. Huber Foundation and Rethink Africa Foundation, they have managed to install three boreholes within Ndzingeni. These boreholes, according to Gule, were installed in the same land that had been previously ruled by surveyors not to have water.

"It is by the grace of God that we

AT least 180 underprivileged pupils in Ndzingeni are feeling included after they received school shoes courtesy of Mbongeni Gule's charitable work, which he said is dedicated to his late sister, Funekile.

Gule, through the help of Dr. Huber Foundation, brought smiles to 80 orphaned and vulnerable children at Monile Primary by donating school shoes worth E12 000. According to the school's Principal Cebisile Khumalo, the shoes have made the needy pupils feel the same as other affording pupils.

"We are grateful to Gule and

Doctor Huber. They have also assisted one of the pupils who had a leg problem get medication. He is now fine," the principal said.

## Barefooted

Simon Mahluza, a principal at Kalanyandza Primary, said with the help of Gule, over 60 needy pupils have also received a pair of school shoes each.

"It was after Gule saw some of our pupils walking to school barefooted that he decided to assist the pupils. Through his help the beneficiaries are now the same as other affording pupils. We are grateful to Gule and his donors," he said.

have managed to install boreholes in the same land where surveyors said there is no water source," he said.

The soft-spoken Gule said the reason he decided to install boreholes was because of the water scarcity that

had hit hard in Ndzingeni. So frustrating was the water crisis such that some pupils ended up dropping out of school because they had to travel to afar in order to access clean and fresh water.

## GULE HELPS WITH INSTALLATION OF THREE BOREHOLES

AFTER 25 years of frustration to have access to clean and fresh water, residents of Ndzingeni can now heave a sigh of relief following the installation of three boreholes.

It took Mbongeni Gule's passionate heart to give it a try again to the same land which government, through several surveyors, had ruled to have no water. However, Gule assisted by Dr. Huber Foundation surveyed and further installed two boreholes at Ndzingeni chiefdom. The installation of the two boreholes has cut travelling cost for hundreds of residents from Ndzingeni who had to travel afar places for clean water.

Gule has further installed another borehole at Bulandzeni chiefdom which is now the only water source for residents. Sikhumbuzo Maduna, a member of the Ndzingeni umphakatsi inner council, said they are grateful to Gule for solving what had appeared to be a lifetime problem for the chiefdom. "Sometime last year, Gule approached the inner council. He asked that we allow him to bring his team and install a borehole to help the residents have access to clean water.



**WATER:** Mbongeni Gule pumps water from the borehole while Dr Huber and inner council member wash hands as a test of the equipment.

We thought his pleas were just a dream because the place had been ruled by government surveyors as having no water.

## Shocked

"We were so shocked when Gule and his team installed a borehole that has become a source of clean fresh water for the chiefdom. We are so grateful to him"

Maduna said. He said what had been frustrating residents is that government surveyors had delayed and failed to find a water source for the chiefdom for the past 25 years.

"What Gule has done for the chiefdom is a lifetime achievement which has 1 miles to the residents," he said.

## E45 000 HOUSE FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED FAMILY

HAVING a proper structure to sleep under is everyone's dream.

Ernest Shabangu has become one of the luckiest resident at Ndzingeni after he received a new house worth E40 000 from Mbongeni Gule and his donor partner Doctor Huber Foundation. For years Shabangu who was abandoned by his wife after he lost his job had been living in a dilapidated structure with three children. He could not afford to build himself a new house

due to unemployment.

However, one day he got an impromptu visit from Gule who then made an offer to assist the family.

## Grateful

"I still don't believe what God has done for me through Gule and his donor friends. I am grateful and I hope God will bless them," said Shabangu.

He said his children are now safe and that Gule is also taking care of the children's school fees.

## WHAT MBONGENI GULE HAS DONE FOR THE CONSTITUENCY:

- Helped in the building of a house for Ernest Shabangu for E45 000
- Donated 140 pairs of school shoes at Monile and Kalanyandza Primary Schools

- Helped in the installation of three new boreholes Ndzingeni and Bulandzeni chiefdoms
- Introduced an athletics competition for five schools under Ndzingeni Inkhundla.



# YOUNG ASIAN STEALS E9 CHOCOLATE, FINED E300

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

A young Asian had to part with E300 as admission of guilt after he was arrested for stealing a chocolate worth E9 at the Boxer Supermarket.

The chocolate, a mini Aero bar, was on sale at the supermarket over the past weekend. It is said the young man tried to hide the chocolate in his pants, a trick he had previously used late April while trying to steal a mini tube of toothpaste from the same Boxer establishment.

The latest theft happened in Pigg's Peak on Saturday afternoon.

The Asian is said to be new in Pigg's Peak.

"I have only seen him a few times shopping at Boxer Supermarket, unfortunately, the last time he was caught trying to exit the shop with a small toothpaste hidden under his mundu by a female security personnel at the supermarket.

The security personnel then asked to search him but he said he would



**IRRESISTIBLE:** A young man of Asian descent needed to pay E300 as admission of guilt, after he was arrested for stealing a chocolate worth E9 at the Boxer Supermarket in Pigg's Peak. (Pic by Sizwe Dlamini)

not be searched by a woman as it is prohibited by his religion, which led to an argument that eventually saw the man throwing the toothpaste back onto the shelves in anger," said a source.

## Personnel

After the argument the Asian then went to Boxer management to complain that the security personnel were racist.

On Saturday, the same Asian was spotted by different security personnel stealing a chocolate. When the

guard searched him the chocolate was found. Pigg's Peak police were called to make an arrest. The Asian was fined E300 admission of guilt by the court," added the source.

Countless attempts made by this publication to get the name of the Asian man proved futile owing to the fact that the man changed his name twice after the incident.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the incident when called yesterday.

## Pregnant woman steals panties

By Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

A heavily pregnant 25-year-old woman of Ludzeldze was arrested for stealing five Jockey panties worth E250 from Fashion World store, Manzini branch yesterday.

The woman is said to have been caught by one of the shop attendants upon reaching the exit. She is believed to be on her third trimester.

She allegedly walked around the store pretending to be shopping for clothing and snatched the panties in a pack.

She then allegedly took out the panties from their storage pack and neatly stuffed them around both her hip lines as she was wearing tight jeans.

Unfortunately for the alleged thief, she had been long noticed by one of the shop attendants who was arranging clothes in one of the clothing rails. It is said the alleged thief, who cannot be named because she had not appeared in court, was startled by the loud bleep of the store exit censor and instantly froze.

The staff and security promptly rushed to her side and frisked her. It is said the young woman tried to act smart and told them she would sue them.

Like a hurried speed of a wild fire, an audience was instantly drawn towards the store to witness the cause of the argument around the store's exit.

It is said the young woman saw no choice but to give up and a female staff member took out the panties off her body and police were alerted of the incident.

When the news team arrived at the scene, police had already nabbed the young woman for further questioning at the police station.

## Incidents

Fashion World Store Manager Tenina Nkambule said clothing theft at the store was now becoming a norm as they experience such incidents almost daily.

Nkambule went on to say she understands that some steal because they are in need but pointed out that people work because they need to provide for their children. "Why not carry a basin of fruits and vegetables and sell than to embarrass yourself by stealing," she said. The manager said thieves need to be exposed because she would hate for them to lose their jobs because of missing unnoticed clothing, adding at times thieves are not caught. Meanwhile, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Khulani Mamba confirmed the matter, warning the nation against similar acts.

## My baby mama beats me - man tells court

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

AN assertion by some organisations that certain men face physical abuse in the hands of their female counterparts came to the test at the Swazi National Court when a man alleged that his girlfriend was abusive.

Sikhumbuzo Mkhalihi (35) was alleged to have assaulted one Sibongile Lukhele by hitting her with a stone on the forehead. The accused person and complainant were said to have been lovers and had two children together. They are currently staying separately after having misunderstandings in their relationship.

When the charge sheet was

read to him, the accused person pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Instead, he told the court that he was the one that had endured physical abuse in the hands of the complainant, something which eventually led to them parting ways.

## Complainant

Mkhalihi said on the day in question, he went to the complainant's home to check on his two children. He said however, he did not receive a warm welcome from the complainant as she started hurling unpalatable words towards him.

The accused person went on and revealed a scar on his arm which he claimed to have sustained after the complainant hit him with a rock.

On the other hand, the com-

plainant had no scars to show to the court.

"The complainant has always been abusive and would beat me with makeshift weapons whenever we had serious misunderstandings," the accused person claimed.

Meanwhile, the complainant stated that the accused person hit her with a rock after she had refused to talk to him.

When making judgment, Court President Makhuluma Ndwandwe noted that the accused person was the one who travelled to the complainant's parental home with the intention of provoking an argument.

The accused was therefore found guilty of the charge and was sentenced to four months in a correctional facility with a E400 fine option.

## Govt sends message of sympathy to Cuba

By Nozipho Sibiyi  
Mbabane

THE Kingdom of Eswatini has sent a message of sympathy to the Embassy of the Republic of Cuba following the Cuban state airways plane crash which killed 110 passengers last week.

In a statement yesterday, the ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation directed the message of sympathy to His Excellency President

Miguel Diaz-Canel, the government and people of the Republic of Cuba. "I have in command by His Majesty King Mswati III, Her Majesty the Queen Mother, the government and the people of the Kingdom of Eswatini, as well as on my own, to express our grief on learning about Cubana de Aviacion Boeing 737-200 (flight DMJ 09720) that crashed on takeoff from Havana's Jose Marti International Airport," said acting Prime Minister Paul Dlamini in a press state-

ment.

According to Cuban media, more than 100 passengers and crew members were killed during the crash, while survivors were left in a critical condition.

## Hope

Dlamini said it is in the country's hope and prayers that the almighty God comfort the relatives and friends of the deceased, the government and the people of the Republic of Cuba during this hour of bereavement.



SWAZILAND ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### CONSULTANCY TO REVIEW THE SWAZILAND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY (SESI) TARIFF METHODOLOGY

The Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority (SERA) is statutory body established under the Energy Regulatory Act 2007. The mandate of SERA is the administration and implementation of the Electricity Act 2007.

The Regulator hereby requests for Proposals (RFPs) from suitably qualified consultancy firms to supply the following service:

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The consultant must demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the energy industry locally, regionally and internationally and must have the skills and expertise and other necessary resources to effectively and holistically review the current end-user tariff methodology and come up with a methodology that will be applicable throughout the electricity value chain (i.e. Generation, Transmission and/or System Operation, and Distribution and/or Supply). The consultant must further provide a track record of similar completed assignments both by the firm and by members of the proposed team.

Interested parties are expected to demonstrate their interest by purchasing Terms of Reference for a non-refundable tender fee of E 350.00 at the Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority. Documents are available at SERA Offices on the address below:

Swaziland Energy Regulatory Authority  
First floor, RHUS Office Park,  
Karl Grant Street  
Mbabane

The closing date for submission of tenders is Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 11H00. Late, incomplete, telephoned or telegraphic tenders will not be considered. Request for Clarification closes on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 11:00.

Complete tenders should be delivered in a sealed envelope to the tender box at SERA Reception clearly marked (PROPOSALS FOR THE REVIEW OF THE SWAZILAND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY (SESI) TARIFF METHODOLOGY - SERA\_003 of 2018/19). All proposals shall be written in English and currency quoted in Swazi Lilangeni (SZL).

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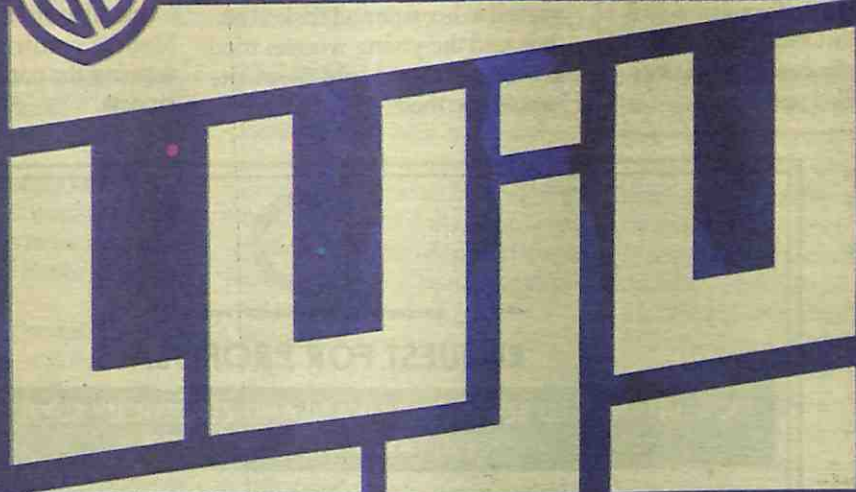




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# Bushfire lovers want extended border hours

By Lungelo Nkambule  
Mbabane

**MTN Bushfire fun-lovers have appealed to government to extend border operation hours during the annual festival.**

Fun-lovers who started arriving in the country last Thursday for the festival were subject to long queues at the different border gates and also experienced same when they were leaving on Sunday.

Those who were interviewed said the festival was like a dream and one of the best in the world, however, the long queues were a problem that should be fixed.

The fun-lovers said the government of the country should consider extending operating hours to accommodate the influx of tourists on the week-end.

Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs Anthony Masilela, when reached for comment, said as a ministry they actually wanted the extension of operating hours but a border post is operated by two different countries which have to agree on logistics.

"First and foremost, what you should know is that if it were completely upto us, by this time we would have a 24-hour border post. This is something we have been working on for a while now but nothing has happened.

We are cognisant that there are a lot of entries into the country during the bushfire festival and we did engage our South African counterparts but were told to make a formal request in writing something that we did and to this day we haven't

received any correspondence in that regard," he said.

Masilela said seeing that their South African counterparts had not responded to their request the ministry then added more staff at all border gates to ease the queues and further service the tourists better. He said had it been that borders were operated by one country, Ngwenya Border

would be a 24 hour border by now and this would result in very short queues or none at all.

The government of Swaziland has been engaging the government of South Africa in a quest to have the Ngwenya Border operate 24 hours, the engagement between the two countries was reportedly at advanced stages with former minister of home affairs Malusi Gigaba before he was moved

to Finance.

The Bushfire Festival is annual three-day event that takes place at House on Fire every last week-end of May. It attracts tourists from the world over and BBC has said it's amongst the best festivals.

Already the dates for next year's festival have already been announced.

## PENSIONERS DECRY INCONSISTENCY IN THEIR GRANTS

By Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

**A week after they were scheduled to have received their grants, pensioners are still waiting in vain.**

The specific date for the former government employees to receive their grants is the 21<sup>st</sup> of every month but they still hadn't received their money by the end of business yesterday.

One of the pensioners, Quinton Gama from Dlangeni had to come all the way to the Deputy Prime Minister's office to inquire about what has been causing the delay but he was told to be patient as the issue was being sorted.

"The problem began soon after the Swaziland Posts and Telecommunications Corporation was appointed government's agent in the issuing of the grants over a year ago.

The specific date was the 21<sup>st</sup> and the latest would be 23<sup>rd</sup> of every month but now the dates vary a lot and it's frustrating us," he said.

Principal Secretary at the Deputy Prime Minister's office Khangeziwe Mabuza said there was no specific explanation for the issue except that they would launch investigations to find what caused the delay.

"We have already submitted the funds to the Treasury Department and we are hopeful that the pensioners will be sorted soon," she said.

The Mbabane Branch of Pensioners had a meeting recently at the National Library, where 18 of them were handed certificates after completing a course in Basic Computer Skills. Among the issues that they discussed is that of acquiring the services of a lawyer to take on government on issues pertaining the pensioner funds.

In their previous meeting held on April 18 at the same venue, one of the pensioners was quoted saying, "As the government/Houses of Parliament will be dissolved very soon, each MP will take home more than a million Emalangeni each. So because government has no money, there is a high possibility that our money will be utilised."



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## NORTHERN HHOHHO NEWS

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MORE BOREHOLES

**HEAD of Communications at the Dr. Huber foundation Nomahlubi Dlamini said even though they have already installed three boreholes within a space of two years at Ndzingeni the area still needs more boreholes.**

Dlamini was speaking to this publication on Monday after her foundation opened their third borehole at Ndzingeni last Friday. She went on to mention that each borehole had cost the foundation about E30 000 to dig and set up. This means that the Dr Huber Foundation has already spent E90 000 on boreholes at Ndzingeni alone.

Dlamini said the three boreholes were supporting more than 600 people, especially senior citizens who often lack safe drinking water.

"This is the third borehole which the foundation has unveiled at Ndzingeni in two years and each cost E30 000.

The costs include a borehole tank, pump, pipes as well as other fittings including taps.

Information we have is that each of the boreholes support up to 200 people, but this number is expected to be higher as the region of Northern Hhohho has a very large population that is scattered.

All the boreholes we have dug are strategically placed within the communities so that residents don't have to travel long distances to draw safe and clean drinking water. Unfortunately, after consulting with the locals at Ndzingeni and surrounding areas we found that senior citizens are the most vulnerable when it comes to lack of safe drinking water," she said.

She said the reason they are mentioning the senior citizens is because they cannot always travel to the boreholes and collect the water for themselves.

We know that unsafe water sources are littered with bacteria and parasites which



**WATER SOLUTION:** Dr. Bernard Huber with, Head of Communications at the Dr. Huber Foundation, Nomahlubi Dlamini who has said that even though they as a foundation have already unveiled 3 boreholes within the space of two years at Ndzingeni the area still needed more boreholes. (File pic)

cause a multitude of diseases, but that has changed with this new borehole.

As a foundation we pledge to continue assisting all the residents including the senior citizens to get clean and safe drink-

ing water.

We have to thank Mbongeni Gule from Ndzingeni for alerting us about the need of the borehole in this particular area," she added.

## Police call on govt to renovate Pigg's Peak Remand Centre

**POLICE in Northern Hhohho have called for government to renovate the dilapidated Pigg's Peak Remand Centre.**

Some of the things that need attention include broken windows and fittings that were destroyed by intoxicated criminals. The police went on to say the criminals who often broke these fittings were intoxicated after using potent drugs like dagga.

The police were speaking to this publication on Monday morning. They said due to the fact that dagga was a substance

easy to obtain in Northern Hhohho a bulk of the arrested individuals awaiting trial at the remand centre would vent their frustration by breaking windows or anything that was within their reach.

"Dagga is very easy to obtain here in Northern Hhohho for obvious reasons, which is bad as it results in widespread abuse of the drug by the locals.

Most of the dagga abusers are members of the youth who often think that substance abuse is a fashionable thing, which should be emulated. After these peo-

ple use dagga they become aggressive and violent at times, resulting in committing crimes that are of a violent nature.

These crimes include assault, theft or even murders.

When these dagga users are arrested they sometimes spend one night at the Pigg's Peak Police Station holding cell and after that they are transported to the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court to face a magistrate. After their court appearance the individuals are sent to the Pigg's Peak Remand Centre, where they wait for their trial date and

it is during this time of waiting that the criminals become violent and start breaking anything inside the remand centre," said the police.

"This habit of breaking items is indicative of individuals who abuse dagga as they need the drug to calm their anger and frustrations," added the source.

His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Public Relations Officer (PRO) Superintendent Gugulethu Dlamini could not be reached for comment.

Her phone rang unanswered.

Imbita reintroducing  
itself to Northern Hhohho

**IMBITA Swaziland Women's Finance Trust, which is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), is reintroducing itself to the people of Northern Hhohho.**

The trust which was established by a group of women in Manzini, officially turns 27 this year.

The organisation chose to set up a gazebo outside the Pigg's Peak branch of Pep Stores last Wednesday to educate all the members of the public about the importance of saving money on a monthly basis.

Speaking to this publication, Insurance/Business Development Officer at Imbita Swaziland Sanele Mavuso said even though the organisation is listed as a women's finance trust it also allows men to register as members.

"The organisation provides financial solutions to all income earners, formal and non-formal, particularly those in a lower income brackets. As an organisation, since our inception in 1991, we have seen a lot of people struggling with the idea of saving money.

So, it is our job to educate our members on saving money from as little as only E65 a month.

We know that in that way, over 12 months our member would have saved up to E780 with some interest. This is an example as other members save E100 a month and in 12

months that member has E1 200, which gives our members that much needed financial freedom to pay school fees and other things. These savings can be accessed by the member every 12 months," she said.

However, she said this is not the only benefit the organisation offers to members as they also offer short term loans where a member can access up to E25 000 from the credit team. "This loan is paid back at an agreed pace and such loans are predominantly used by members in our informal sector. These are people who cannot always access bank loans.

"Another service we offer is that of funeral benefits from as little as E300 per year, which cover allows up to six members to be listed as well as a spouse. There is no waiting period with this cover and it starts at E5000 all the way up to E30 000. Last but not least we also offer important classes like bookkeeping and other short courses to educate our members on how to make interest and save their money. The joining fee at Imbita is only E100," she added. Meanwhile, Marketing Officer at Imbita Swaziland Monalisa Dlamini said as time goes on the organisation, which has its headquarters in Manzini, will expand to other regions in the Kingdom of Eswatini like they did in the late 90's.



**FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS:** Credit Officer at Imbita Swaziland Woman's Finance Trust, Jabulani Shabangu speaking to members of the public in Pigg's Peak. (Pics: Sizwe Dlamini)



# EVUSWENI WARRING FACTIONS EXCHANGE BLOWS IN COURT

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

THE Nhlangano Magistrate's Court premises were almost turned into a boxing ring as members of two factions from Evusweni contesting leadership nearly exchanged blows.

The factionalism in the community has dragged for a long time and it is said this has resulted on even development being greatly affected. The two factions are contesting for power in the area as there is one led by Reggie Lukhele and another led by Titus Mabuza.

Lukhele is considered *Indvuna* by the other faction while the other faction recognises Mabuza as the rightful *Indvuna*. The dispute has even been reported to the regional administrator's office as well as to BaKaNgwane but to date it's not yet known who between the two is the rightful authority. The factions have also been to court several times and the recent trip to court by both factions was last Thursday, where one of the factions had applied for a restraining order against the other. The Lukhele faction was

SOURCE OF CONFLICT: Reggie Lukhele.



being challenged by those from Mabuza's camp against carrying out any activity at the *Umphakatsi*. With the two factions called to appear in court last Thursday, the court premises were tensely filled as members of both factions were seemingly keen on hearing the court ruling. Inside the courtroom, each faction kept making unpalatable remarks against the other and it is said there were even

threats issued.

The restraining order was before Magistrate Sihle Dladlu, who after consultation, ruled that the issue regarding matter, should be dealt with by the office of the Regional Administrator Themba Masuku.

Coincidentally, RA Themba Masuku was in another courtroom testifying in a similar matter which had to do with a chieftaincy dispute involving two Ndlela

factions at Ezibondeni near Mhlosheni. Tension between the Evusweni factions was evident as one faction even raised a concern to the magistrate that there were threats issued against their lives.

It was then that Magistrate Dladlu ordered that there should be no threats or trouble while the issue is still being addressed by the relevant structures.

"The factions seemed to have decided to make the court premises a battle field.

There was an altercation even inside the courtroom before the magistrate called for calm as there was an exchange of heated words.

Others even called members of the other faction traitors and sell-outs," said a source.

One of the sources said after the court had made the recommendation and what the two factions needed to do, someone was heard, referring to others from the rival faction as 'walking' coffins.

"Someone from one of the factions after the court ruled that the matter was to be dealt with by the relevant structures was not at all happy with the decision. He said at least eight coffins should be ready," said a source.

## FPE exposes loopholes in education system

By Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

FOR the first time since the inception of the Free Primary Education system, government has expressed concern over the alarming decline in the number of pupils who make it to tertiary.

This was revealed by the Minister of education and training through Senior Secondary English Inspector Martha Shongwe during the Mkhweni annual schools debate held at Emcozini High School Hall recently.

The minister said in a quest to produce learners that are able to contribute meaningfully towards the national vision and goals, one of the challenges that they contend with is limited career pathways offered to products of the education system whose ramifications are efficiencies such as high repetition rates and the majority of the learners are falling through the cracks.

"An example of that is, in the advent of Free Primary Education, we start off with almost 100 per cent enrolment at the lower levels of the education system and: by the time the pupils get to Form Five, only 20 per cent of the learners are able to sit for the SGCSE examinations.

Worse still, only about 15 per cent of these are able to enroll in tertiary institutions. This is a disquieting situation," he said.

### Pathways

The minister said there was a need for the system to allow for the opening up of alternative career pathways not just to focus on the academic and professional pathways.

"Technical career pathways must be supported, especially because these are the pathways that drive any country's economy," he added.

Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) General Secretary Zweli Mndzebele said there were many contributing factors to the matter, one being the five per cent progression plan policy that was introduced by the government when introducing the FPE system.

"The policy hinders what teachers want to achieve as an end product because it entails that pupils progress to the next class even if they are not ready for that class. Now, when the time comes for the pupil to write the Primary Certificate examination, a majority of them fail.

The same policy doesn't apply in Form Three and the number continues to decline until only a limited number of pupils make it to tertiary," he said. Mndzebele said government should also consider the teacher pupil ratio as there are often over 50 pupils in one class whilst the teacher is expected to attend to each and every individual's hindrance. He also said that government must pay the PFPE grants on time so that teachers get all the necessary equipment to successfully articulate their duties.

## 'I ALMOST HAD A BEER'

By Simon Shabangu  
Phumlamcashi

PASTOR Sikhumbuzo sent the congregation and Prince Sicalo into stitches of laughter as he confessed that he almost drank beer to distress as he was worried that the prince might not honour his invite.

Sikhumbuzo, who is a well-known repented alcoholic, told the prince that he was anxious about his visit, saying he thought that the prince would get held up by other national engagements. He said he was excited that the prince made it to Phumlamcashi, stating that his soul was at peace, knowing that he had kept the promise he made to the congregation and local authorities. "Noma sengingafa Mntfwankhosi umoya wami ufokotile nelizulu ngingalingena. Kwale kancane ngibambe libe linye ngitsatse sibindzi ngoba ngingati kutsi labantfu bengitababukekwa



ALMOST RELAPSE: Pastor Sikhumbuzo.

ngubani," he said. Sikhumbuzo asked the prince to convey his appreciation to African Alliance Partner Sthofeni Ginindza for the pledge he made to assist the church put up a bigger and better structure.

He said Ginindza had visited the church recently and made a pledge to assist. "I appeal that you be our ambassador and pass our deepest appreciation for the pledge because we cannot thank him enough," the bishop's son said.

## Community proud of Divine Phumlamcashi

REVEREND Abraham Ngcamphalala told Prince Sicalo that they were proud and happy to have a church that cares for the people in their area.

He said the many good things they had done in the community were a sign that the church was following God's principle of caring for the neighbour. The reverend represented the area's Chief Mshikashika Ngcamphalala, who could not make it due to other commitments.

He said as a community

they were happy that royalty had visited the area and hoped the pledge by the prince to make time and come back to the area to motivate the youth on entrepreneurship would come true.

He said the community had made development strides with the income generating projects but lacked the know-how on where to invest.

He also said they lacked the financial muscle to undergo even bigger projects.

## Ex-cop knocks walls down using car, now on the run

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

FORMER police officer Charley Fakudze is on the run from the police after using his car to knock down walls at his parental home-stand.

The incident happened at Mbasheni

over the weekend.

Speaking to this publication on Sunday, police said the suspect is believed to have been intoxicated when he committed the crime.

"Pigg's Peak police received a distress phone call from a homestead at Mbasheni, where the caller reported that a man had used his car to knock down three walls at his parental home-

stead at Mbasheni. The phone call resulted in police racing to the scene, only to find that the man who had allegedly committed the crime was a former policeman," said a police source. After committing the crime Fakudze is said to have fled the scene in anticipation that the police might arrest him.

However, while at the accident scene

the investigating police were told by sources that the accused might have been intoxicated.

### Declined

When approached for comment, members of the affected household declined to comment, saying they did not want negative reports about their family in the newspapers.

Chief Police Information and

Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the incident but said he was yet to find out why Fakudze had done what he did.

Asked why the former policeman had left the service, he said he was not sure of the reasons but would find out. "I can confirm the incident and the fact that the accused is on the run but I am yet to ascertain why and when he left the Police force," he said.



“This (ELMA) is a three-year project aimed at ensuring that all children below 14 years are tested for HIV and those found to be HIV positive enrolled to treatment

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

**ELIZABETH Glaser Paediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF) frowns upon communities that are still perpetrating stigma and discrimination against children living with HIV.**

The foundation mentioned that some communities were still harbouring people stigmatising children living with HIV. EGPAF is an NGO which has played a major role in sensitising communities on HIV matters.

On Saturday, the foundation was at Nkomonye *umphakatsi*, which falls under the new Ku-Methula Inkhundla in the Shiselweni region.

EGPAF Communications and Advocacy Advisor Muzie Yende said the community aiders engaged by the foundation in support of the

# EGPAF CALLS ON COMMUNITIES TO FIGHT HIV, STIGMA



**IMBONGI: Shiselweni RA Themba Masuku and his wife Dimpo at Nkomonye during the EGPAF community outreach event. (Courtesy pic)**

ministry of health, through the ELMA Philanthropies project, had encountered challenges in some communities where some parents refuse their

children to be tested for HIV.

“This (ELMA) is a three-year project aimed at ensuring that all children below 14 years are tested for

HIV and those found to be HIV positive enrolled to treatment,” said Yende.

Yende described the event as a suc-

cess and said he was happy with the attendance.

On the other hand, the foundation's Outreach Manager Menzi Ginindza said while there was a notable improvement in the number of children tested early for HIV, there was still a challenge especially where parents should be playing their part.

“We still have a challenge as a number of parents are still refusing to conduct an HIV test for their children. It's our appeal to the parents that they should support this programme as it's for the benefit of these little souls,” said Ginindza.

## Community

At least close to 1 000 community members attended the event and the majority were children. Children below the age of 12 were in the company of their parents to enable them to undergo the HIV testing as per the policy, which states that those children under the age of 12 should get the green light from their parents to test.

Ginindza said it was not good for parents to deny their children from taking an early HIV test.

“Such behaviour defeats the efforts of the country in ensuring an AIDS free generation by the year 2022,” said Ginindza.

He said the community aiders were doing commendable work by conducting the door to door sensitisation and mobilisation in the communities to ensure that children were tested for HIV as early as possible.

## Parents refusing to early test for children to be arrested - RA

**SHISELWENI Regional Administrator Themba Masuku has warned parents against refusing children an opportunity to undergo an early HIV test and initiation to treatment.**

Speaking during a community event held at Nkomonye Chiefdom, under the newly established Ku-Methula *inkhundla* in the Shiselweni region, Masuku said it was a serious offence to deprive children the opportunity to undergo an HIV test and refusing to provide them with

the right treatment.

The former Deputy Prime Minister said the Children's Act was clear about the rights of children, hence it was important for everyone to ensure that children get the necessary support and best treatment.

The project is funded by the ELMA Philanthropies and aims at testing children below 15 years with all those found to be HIV positive enrolled to treatment early.

On Saturday, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF)

visited the constituency where close to 1 000 people mostly being children were in attendance.

### Remarks

In his remarks, the RA said any parent refusing children an HIV test and further refusing to have them enrolled for treatment deserved to be behind bars as they were not different from murderers.

“What this NGO is doing is commendable and we all should be supporting it. So these parents who are refusing children early enrolment

to treatment, that is equivalent to murder and our office is to make sure that these culprits are brought to book,” said Masuku.

The RA said his office will assist EGPAF in making sure that the exercise was carried out successfully in communities and they were receiving all the support needed.

He said social workers would be sent to all the facilities to check if there were children being deprived from treatment or testing and should there be parents found failing to

cooperate they would be arrested.

“EGPAF and the ministry of health should be applauded for working directly with communities in sensitising and mobilising the testing of children to ensure early treatment for those found to be living with the virus,” said Masuku, who is well-known for his passion for children. The event was also attended by Sandleni Member of Parliament Jameson Simelane who also applauded EGPAF for its important role in communities especially in sensitisation on HIV matters.

Nkomonye is part of KaLiba whose leader is Chief Mlotshwa Dlamini.

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## 1 BILLION RISING REVOLUTION

**DO you ever feel like you need a break? Like you could just take five and be free from it all.**

Not that there is something wrong with it, but because you realise that you have been complying too much and you could use a break.

That moment when you feel so drained and you start questioning exactly whose idea it was. Suddenly you remember that nobody forced you into it - just that it was the "normal" or "good" thing to do.

For a second there, you discover that actually, you cannot do both. In fact, you discover that there is a long list of things you could never be mainly because they are defined and named by someone else outside your body.

You look at the standards and immediately know that you could never be hot or sexy enough. You still comply anyway because that is what is "normal". Probably as normal as the era of wearing corsets.

Other writers argue that "it was vital to the creation of the ideal feminine shape, cinching in the waist but remaining desirably plump in other areas of the body."

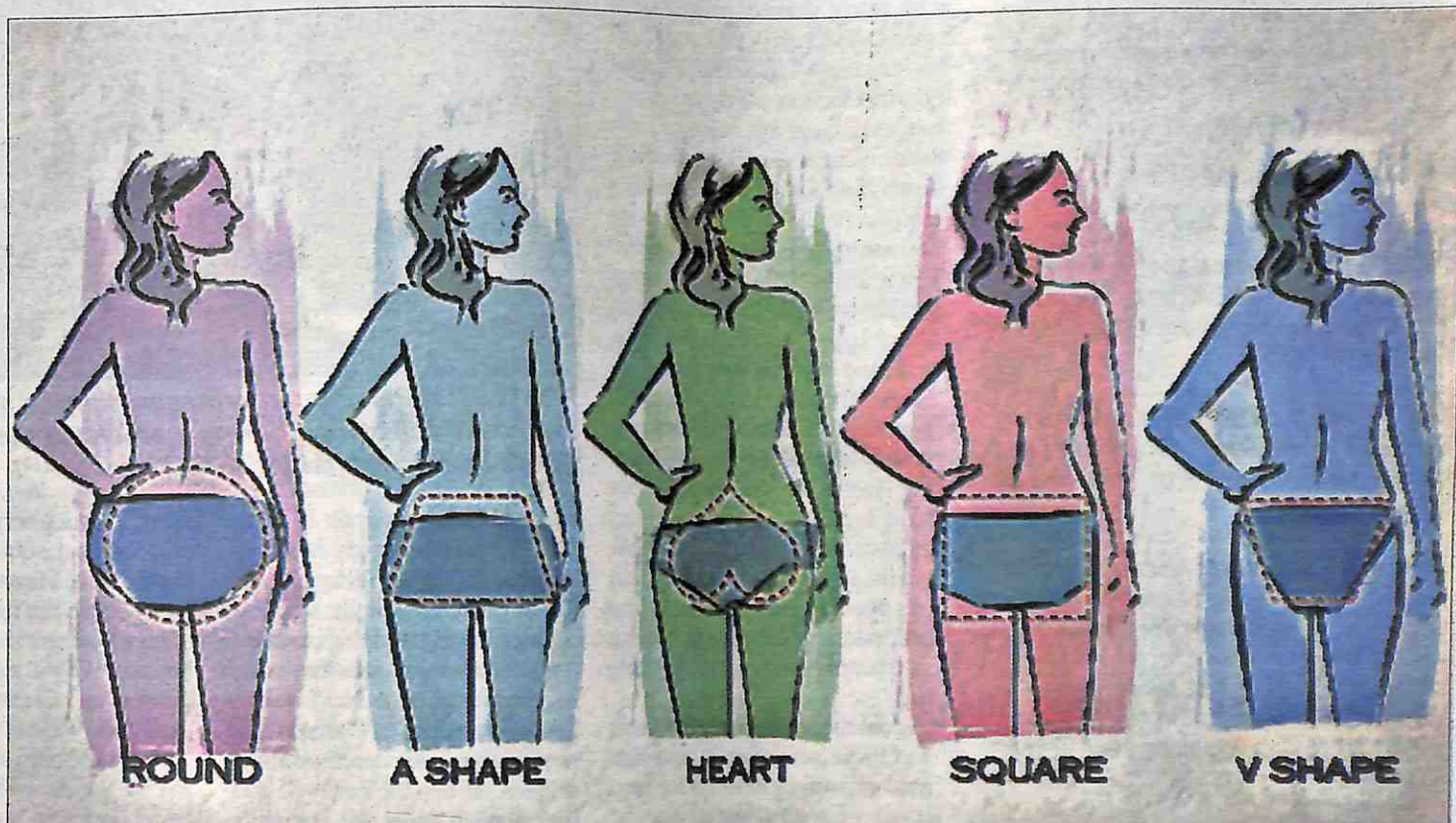
This aspired silhouette was enmeshed in larger constructions of femininity that emphasised the need for women's self-regulation and the regulation of appetite and that, further, linked the small waist to affluence and high social standing". Definitely normal.

Perhaps just like masculinity is considered to be this restrictive box where society has forced our buff, six-packed with abs and biceps to die for, femininity is a space for oppression and sexual commodification.

Since our black and white TVs, the female body has long been idealised, objectified and fetishised. Perpetuating this stereotype has been how girls have been socialised to respond with aptness to these expectations like some transnational company responding to market conditions.

Femininity has been encoded within rules

## NOT GOOD ENOUGH



**PERCEPTIONS:** Other writers argue that "it was vital to the creation of the ideal feminine shape, cinching in the waist but remaining desirably plump in other areas of the body."

and guidelines on how the female body should look and be dressed - and that is what has been termed to be "normal".

As if that was not enough, beyond society's definition of what is normal, the attitude of society towards women further entrenched the oppression of women.

As we commemorate 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, we need the honesty, at least to ourselves, to admit that violent behaviours are held in place by social norms and unequal power relations.

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girls. The fathers whom the boys look up to and idolise have been beating their wives for as long as their children could see.

**Society has cultivated attitudes in men and boys that promote violence against women and girls. The fathers whom the boys look up to and idolise have been beating their wives for as long as their children could see.**

These are the children who hid under the kitchen tables when their father was chasing their mother around the house with a knobkerrie.

Fast-forward to today, they cite their fathers as references in their arguments to justify why they abuse their wives. They find it normal because their fathers did it and their friends at Gobidolo Shebeen approve.

We clearly need to find a way to redefine these norms and influence the attitudes held by the people, especially men

and boys about women if we are serious about eliminating gender based violence.

Girls and women who mutilate voluntarily mutilate themselves to fit-in need to hold a mirror against their faces and speak to themselves what it means to be "hot" and "sexy", if it is even necessary.

Before we are exposed to lack of freedom in our countries, may the first demand be freedom "in our bodies", from societal norms and attitudes.

Is there not a song that says "...even though we have potbellies, fat thighs, chubby arms...our hearts still give good loving"? Women refuse to be held hostage by these often ill-informed, short-sighted and sorry norms. Sometimes we will choose to not traumatise our bodies with spanx and waist-trainers. Hello, C-H-O-I-C-E!

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## ON THIS DAY

... MAY 30

1943 - American forces secured the Aleutian island of Attu from the Japanese during World War II.

1958 - Unidentified soldiers killed in World War II and the Korean conflicts were buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

1967 - Daredevil Evel Knievel jumped 16 automobiles in a row in a motorcycle stunt at Ascot Speedway in Gardena, CA.

1967 - The state of Biafra seceded from Nigeria and Civil war erupted.

1971 - Mariner 9, the American deep space probe blasted off on a journey to Mars.

1981 - In Chittagong, Bangladesh, President Ziaur Rahman was assassinated.

1982 - Spain became the 16th NATO member. Spain was the first country to enter the Western alliance since West Germany in 1955.

1983 - Peru's President Fernando Belaunde Terry declared a state of emergency and suspended civil rights after bombings by leftist rebels.

1989 - The "Goddess of Democracy" statue (33 feet height) was erected in Tiananmen Square by student demonstrators.

1996 - Britain's Prince Andrew and the former Sarah Ferguson were granted an uncontested decree ending their 10-year marriage.

1997 - Jesse K. Timmendequas was convicted in Trenton, NJ, of raping and strangling a 7-year-old neighbor, Megan Kanka. The 1994 murder inspired "Megan's Law," requiring that communities be notified when sex offenders move in.

1998 - A powerful earthquake hit northern Afghanistan killing up to 5 000.

2002 - In New York, a ceremony were held to officially mark the end of the clean up from the World Trade Center terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

2012 - New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced the Portion Cap Rule. The proposed amendment to the city health code would have required that food service establishments limit the size of sugary beverages to 16 ounces. On June 26, 2014, the New York Court of Appeals ruled that the New York City Board of Health had exceeded the scope of its regulatory authority.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Remy Ma (rapper)  
- MAY 30, 1980 (38 years)



Cee Lo Green (R&B SINGER)  
- MAY 30 1974, (44 years old)

# Those biased against Israel complicit in Hamas propaganda

David Saks

**"THIS is the first government in history that has deliberately sought to compel its enemy to kill its own people."**

Thus did Richard Kemp sum up the latest round of deadly confrontations along the Israel-Gaza border. A former British army colonel with thirty years of experience of counter-terrorism operations, Kemp has no doubt that Hamas, a radical Islamist faction whose totalitarian rule over Gaza has lasted for more than twelve years, is engineering deaths and injuries amidst its own civilian population in order to stir up international outrage against Israel. Through this horrendous tactic, the movement hopes to bring about Israel's international isolation, and eventual destruction.

It hardly needs to be pointed out that Kemp's hard-hitting analysis, nor any other piece similarly denouncing Hamas for its actions, will not have seen the light of day in any mainstream South African publication. Instead, on the local front it has been a case of near-cessless exhortation of Israel, often in terms so extreme as to border on hysteria.

From the point of view of Hamas and those who share its zero-sum goal of wiping Israel off the map come what may, all this was just what the doctor ordered. Those who feel genuinely distressed over the ongoing plight of the Gaza population, however, should feel very differently about what is being allowed to happen.

Over sixty Palestinians were killed and many hundreds more injured in the course of violent clashes along



**PROTEST: A Palestinian protester slings a stone towards Israeli troops during a protest at the Gaza Strip's border with Israel. (Khalil Hamra, AP)**

the Israel-Gaza border on 14 May. That this was a tragedy is something that nobody can deny, regardless of where they might stand on this most fraught of global conflicts. It was, however, a tragedy that would never have happened had it truly been the intention of Hamas to do no more than hold peaceful demonstrations. Amidst the frenzy of condemnation of Israel, the culpability of Hamas in orchestrating a situation in which civilian deaths and injuries were inevitable has been almost entirely overlooked.

Organising peaceful protests was never Hamas's intention. Its purpose, as its own spokesmen explicitly stated time and again, was to incite a mass invasion of Israeli ter-

ritory, knowing very well that Israel could not and would not allow this. Hamas Prime Minister Yahya Sinwar pretty much put the real intention of his movement in a nutshell when he said: "We will tear down the border, and we will tear out their hearts from their bodies."

It has since been revealed, including by Hamas itself, that far from being "peaceful protestors", some 80 per cent of those killed in the violent clashes that took place on 14 May were active members of its armed wing. The "unarmed protestors" canard has likewise been disproved by the fact that during the demonstrations, militants fired on and threw grenades and pipe bombs at Israeli soldiers and attempt-

ed to plant explosives along the border fence. In using unarmed Arab civilians behind whom to hide their weapons, it is Hamas and not Israel who are guilty of multiple war crimes.

No country can be expected to simply sit back and allow a mass invasion from a territory with which it is at war. This is even more the case when the tactic routinely used by the belligerent party has been to disguise combatants as civilians and use them to attack combatants and non-combatants indiscriminately.

The manner in which Hamas has pursued its war against the "illegitimate Zionist entity" has resulted in the traditional distinction between combatants and civilians being completely blurred, not just in terms of those who are targeted by its attacks, but in terms of those who perpetrate them.

Israelis have experienced countless instances of apparently harmless people suddenly pulling out a gun or a knife and attempting to kill as many innocent bystanders as they can, even if doing so means sacrificing their own lives. What may look like an unarmed civilian can easily turn out to be a human bomb - literally.

The reality that Israel faced last week was that every one of those who were trying to invade its territory was a potential mass murderer; it had no choice but to do whatever was needed to stop them. The Israeli Defence Force tried to pre-empt the violence by dropping leaflets warning Palestinians not to approach the border fence, nor participate in the Hamas display that was putting them at risk.

News24

## University writing groups provide an unexpected space for change Authors

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**IN a seminal paper on what constitutes quality in education, scholars Lee Harvey and Diana Green argue that a "quality education" is one in which a student experiences a "personal transformation" as a result of enhancing and empowering mechanisms.**

They claim that students are "enhanced" when they are positioned at the centre of the learning and assessment process, and are "empowered" through being involved in the decision-making around their own transformation.

Such transformation conversations, especially in African contexts, almost always include contested debates on curriculum. Notably, scholars have highlighted how the problem is not on

what universities teach - that is, the curriculum - but also the way they teach it. This refers to ways of teaching that can sufficiently engage with and problematise "normal" practices in higher education spaces. So the question becomes: what can universities do to enhance both personal and curriculum transformation? We set about answering this question in a study about university writing groups. These groups are inspiring and empowering spaces run by and for students. Here, students use feedback from peers to develop their writing practices. It's a collaborative and collegial environment.

Writing groups might also have unexpected benefits for transformation, as our research has shown. In South Africa, calls for the decolonisation of university practices and curriculum have dominated transformation conversations. Writing groups provide a space where students can learn and engage with these complex issues.

Our study focused on a writing

group programme at a research-intensive university in South Africa. Data from the initial pilot programme as well as the 13 current groups were collected through anonymous reviews and interviews with participants. The groups are multidisciplinary in composition although we made a general divide between the Natural Sciences and Humanities. Each group consists of about six and eight students with meetings co-ordinated by a PhD student or post-doctoral fellow. Our findings show that writing groups can play a key role in transforming students by providing a space where their own "voice" can be developed in their writing. Developing a sense of voice is a difficult part of academic writing and takes a lot of practice. The regular, constructive and encouraging feedback from peers and the long-term, ongoing interaction provides a consistent and supportive network that students value. This suggests steps towards transformation in both the way we teach

academic writing and the individual student's writing practices.

We found that the collegial "safe space" offered by writing groups allows for students' emotional well-being to be actively supported by a committed community of scholars. Being untied from evaluation, students can engage freely without risk of judgement. Writing groups are also seen to provide a space for students to experiment with, and explore their changing identities.

Altering practice  
The teaching structure of writing groups is also important; these are not "top-down" spaces. Rather, they are organised, maintained and led by the students themselves; creating an egalitarian setting where students can develop their practices in a flexible, supportive environment.

But perhaps of most interest was the ways in which the writing groups also played a key role in transforming practice.

The Conversation



# DA, EFF STILL STRUGGLING TO GET OVER ZUMA HANGOVER

**SOUTH** Africa's two biggest opposition parties are going to be badly bruised in the coming general election if they can't get over their Zuma hangover soon and start inspiring voters with alternative visions of a better future.

When Mmusi Maimane and Julius Malema opened their newspapers on Sunday morning and read that, according to an Ipsos poll, 76 out of a hundred South Africans think Cyril Ramaphosa is doing a good job, they must have choked on their porridge.

Only twenty out of a hundred thought that Jacob Zuma was an okay president in an opinion poll late last year. Zuma really spoils the opposition parties—he was their most effective campaigner.

If Ramaphosa is indeed going to call an early election in October or November, as some of his advisers believe he should, I think the DA would struggle to get over 20 per cent of the vote and the EFF over 10 per cent.

The DA drew 22.2 percent of the vote in 2014 and 26.9 percent in the local elections of 2016. The EFF got 6.3 percent in 2014 and 8.2 percent in 2016.

Interestingly, the IFP is the one opposition party that could benefit from the Ramaphosa phenomenon. Indications are that some aggrieved Zulu nationalists and Zuma loyalists could switch from the ANC to the IFP in protest and that some traditional IFP supporters who had abandoned the party for the ANC when Zuma became president could go back to it. Perhaps the IFP could get closer to 10 per cent this time?

But if the election is only going to take place in June or July next year, the Ramaphosa government will have to prove that there was some substance to the promise of a New Dawn. That's not going to be easy.

The land issue could become his biggest stumbling block if his efforts at finding compromises don't get popular support. Expectations are irrationally high.

The EFF's problems to show continued growth—I believe they're talking about aiming for upwards of 16 per cent of the vote—became clear with their actions in Parliament last week.

Malema made a typical bombastic Zuma-era speech with personal attacks, insults, threats and petty, cheap, populist comments.

Now that the ANC has also announced that it is willing to accept the expropriation of land without compensation, Malema had to go one step further and encourage the illegal occupation of land.

When Malema was called to order, his gang in red started banging on the desks chanting Occupy the Land!

Does the EFF leadership really think this will have the same legitimacy and popularity as the chant of Pay Back the Money?

I'm beginning to think that the EFF is underestimating the extent to which ordinary South Africans have moved on after Zuma. Perhaps the EFF's mistake is to believe the racial outrage they see on social media reflects the true feelings of the people of the country.

Older voters and those from the broad middle classes do not support



**HANG OVER:** Africa's two biggest opposition parties are going to be badly bruised in the coming general election if they can't get over their Zuma hangover soon and start inspiring voters with alternative visions of a better future.

the chaos brought on by illegal land occupations and the proposal that no-one but the state should own land is not a popular one.

Maimane made a much more sober and sophisticated speech during the same debate in Parliament, but his party's identity crisis is no smaller than the EFF's. Black South Africans who were so repulsed by Zuma's crudeness and corruption that they switched to the DA are still maligned by many in the communities and the media because they are supporting a "white-dominated" party.

The obvious difference in nuance

and style between black and white DA leaders makes it easier for them to join the Ramaphosa fan club, while the clumsy handling of the Patricia de Lille case did nothing to restore faith in the party.

If it is true that there are a few DA personalities who want to break away to form a "pure liberal" party, and I can hardly believe anybody would be stupid enough to think this would gain any traction at all, then perhaps it would strengthen Maimane's hand.

Our democracy needs a strong, effective opposition.

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## Reproductive rights landslide in Ireland

People celebrate the result of yesterday's referendum on liberalising abortion law, in Dublin, Ireland, May.

They came on metal chariots with wings, like goddesses to battle for other women to have the rights to self-determination and bodily autonomy.

On Friday last week, thousands of Irish women who live abroad travelled home to vote in a referendum on whether their home country should relax its strict abortion laws, proudly reporting on their actions with the #HomeToVote hashtag. In total, 3.5 million people headed to the polls to vote.

People came from as far abroad as Australia, China, Argentina and South Africa to vote in this landmark referendum. Women living in Ireland welcomed the homecomers with signs saying, "Thank you for making this journey so other women don't have to" – a reference to the trip that many scared young Irish women have to make out of their home country to have abortions in England.

Pro-choice campaigners say that 170 000 women have made this journey to seek medical care far from home as they face the most difficult decision of their lives. The results speak for themselves, with 66.4 per cent of voters opting to repeal a con-



**LANDSLIDE:** People celebrate the result of yesterday's referendum on liberalising abortion law, in Dublin.

stitutional amendment that banned abortion in almost all cases, other than when doctors feel that a woman's life may be at risk – and sometimes not even then. Doctors performing abortions in the country otherwise face up to 14 years in jail.

The news of this result comes at a time when women's reproductive rights are under threat all over the world. President Donald Trump and his army of Republicans have eroded the ease with which women can

access birth control, family planning and abortions across one of the most advanced nations on Earth.

So it's great that in some nations, progress is being made. And it is heartening that in the case of this specific bit of progress, women rallied together to make it happen for their sisters. Of course, landslide notwithstanding, not everyone voted for abortions to be unbanned in Ireland, and it would be remiss to suggest that all those who voted

against the repeal are agents of the patriarchy. Abortion is a sensitive and divisive issue, across all gender lines, classes, races and religions.

To the women who voted the other way, to the sisters for whom this vote has been a painful loss, I would also like to extend a hand in empathy. I understand that for you, abortion is murder, the loss of a soul, and an unacceptable crime against God's will. There is very little that anyone can say to make this easier, to change your mind that a woman's right to choose should trump the rights of a collection of cells that have the potential to become a human. I am not here to try to convince you or to try to change your minds. But I do understand that for hundreds of thousands of frightened or angry young women, Ireland now feels like a safer place to call home. There have been calls to name the new legislation Savita's Law, after Savita Halappanavar, a 31-year-old dentist who died from an infection after miscarrying her first child in an Irish hospital in 2012. She pleaded for a termination during the miscarriage but was refused because there was still a foetal heartbeat. *eNCA*



● "Letting go means to come to the realization that some people are a part of your history, but not a part of your destiny." — Steve Maraboli

● "Lack of direction, not lack of time, is the problem. We all have twenty-four-hour days." — Zig Ziglar

● "Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely." — Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

● "Cry. Forgive. Learn. Move on. Let your tears water the seeds of your future happiness." — Steve Maraboli

● "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way." — Viktor E. Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning*

● change happens in your life when you decide to take control of what you do have power over instead of craving control over what you don't." — Steve Maraboli, *Life, the Truth, and Being Free*

● "Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart." — Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

● "It's only after you've stepped outside your comfort zone that you begin to change, grow, and transform." — Roy T. Bennett

● "The only way of discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little way past them into the impossible." — Arthur C. Clarke

● "Happiness is not the absence of problems, it's the ability to deal with them." — Steve Maraboli, *Life, the Truth, and Being Free*

● "The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones." — Confucius, *Confucius: The Analects*

● "You never change your life until you step out of your comfort zone; change begins at the end of your comfort zone." — Roy T. Bennett

"Sometimes life knocks you on your ass... get up, get up, get up!!! Happiness is not the absence of problems, it's the ability to deal with them." — Steve Maraboli, *Life, the Truth, and Being Free*

● "Live the Life of Your Dreams: Be brave enough to live the life of your dreams according to your vision and purpose instead of the expectations and opinions of others." — Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

● "Be grateful for what you already have while you pursue your goals. If you aren't grateful for what you already have, what makes you think you would be happy with more." — Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*



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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10.50%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	4.8%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.5%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E12.40 per litre
Replacement	E12.45 per litre
Diesel	E11.60 per litre
Paraffin	E 8.95 per litre
Engen Garage	

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 28 MAY 2018

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	12.4250	12.4750
British Pound/SZL	16.5638	16.6304
Japanese Yen/SZL	8.7864	8.8193
Swiss France/SZL	12.5315	12.5781
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.2475	1.2612
Australian Dollar/SZL	9.4032	9.4461
Canadian Dollar/SZL	9.5732	9.6087
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
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# NEW OK FOODS SHOP TO OPEN IN MBABANE SOON

Stories by Hlengiwe Ndlovu

**OK Foods will open a new, no-expenses-spared shop in Mbabane at the newly built Bridge Retail Complex past Leites Toyota near the suburb of Checkers.**

The shopping complex is owned by well-known property developer Muzi Dlamini of MA Properties while OK Foods is run by businessman Lincoln Motsa who is also the man behind five similar outlets based at Ngwane Park, Manzini, Kwaluseni, Logoba and Mhlaleni. Having provided loans for the purchase of the land where The Bridge Shopping Complex is built, as well as financing actual construction, the board of directors and executive managers of SwaziBank toured the complex and the OK Foods outlet on Monday.

The SwaziBank team was led on tour by the property owner who is commonly known as MA inside and outside the retail complex where they got to appreciate the work done thus far. In the meantime David Litchfield, who is the OK Foods general manager, said the new outlet's specialty will be on fresh foods including fruits and vegetables, bakery and confectionery, fast foods, meat, dairy products and other perishables. Even though the shopper will still find other items which are not necessarily fresh foods, Litchfield said the shop's bias will be tilted towards giving the customer the feeling of freshness immediately they set foot in-store.

The store has a distinguished open-plan which immediately provokes the customer to contemplate on the



**SOON:** The OK Foods next to Leites Motors which will soon be opening its doors to the public. SwaziBank Board and Management toured the building which is owned by MA Properties on Monday afternoon. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**DONE DEAL:** OK Foods Director Lincoln Motsa sharing a light moment with the property owner Muzi Dlamini during the tour of the store.

freshness in-store. Litchfield said their outlet happens to be the OK brand's Southern African flagship store because no other store in the franchise has been built with their current specifications. He promised

that it was all systems go for Friday's grand opening as 90 per cent of stock has already been delivered, except the fresh foods which will be delivered a day before the opening. Having been in the Fast Moving

Consumer Goods (FMCG) industry for 15 years, the general manager promised a unique shopping experience for OK Foods customers especially with the outlet being located in a budding outlying business district as opposed to the over-traded central business district of Mbabane which is often marred by traffic congestion and shopper parking blues. Secondly, Litchfield promised competitive prices.

"We are not saying we shall be the cheapest, but our prices will definitely be competitive," he assured. He was also full of praise for businessman Motsa for being the first truly Swati franchisee in the supermarket retail space. He described Motsa as being a hands-on business person who visits most of his stores on a daily basis. Before joining OK Foods, Litchfield worked for Spar, Pick 'n Pay, Logico, and was recently Parmalat's Head of Commercial Unit.

## 100% meat, 60% fruits and veggies to be sourced locally

**BUSINESSMAN Lincoln Motsa says he is what he is in business today because of support he received from the Swati people.**

He, therefore, has taken it upon himself to give back to society and to contribute to growth of a vibrant economy by supporting local businesses as OK Foods will source all its meat from local producers.

The shop will also source 60 per cent of its fruits and vegetables from locals while importing only 40 per cent produce from foreign markets. Motsa said in an interview on Monday that after experiencing the pain of starting his businesses from scratch, he finds it befitting to give locals preference whenever possible.



**OVER THERE:** Property Developer Muzi Dlamini of MA Consulting Engineers showing the SwaziBank delegation the progress on the development.

"So as long as the Swati producer meets our standards, I absolutely see no reason why OK Foods should not buy local," he said, also

acknowledging the importance of ensuring that money circulates within the country's economy.

Motsa is also cognisant of the country's quest to achieve First World status by 2022, a vision shared by His Majesty King Mswati III. Motsa's words were echoed by the store's General Manager David Litchfield who said part of his employment contract stipulates that he should strive to empower local businesses. "Even if I don't want to, my contract strictly specifies that as general manager, I should see to it that our store supports local producers," he said, adding that he would gladly implement his employer, businessman Motsa's mandate.



# DISCOUNT RATE REMAINS UNCHANGED AT 6.75 PER CENT

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

**DUE to Eswatini's tight linkages with the South African economy, it is envisaged that the Central Bank of Swaziland (CBS) will continue conforming to the South African Reserve Bank's (SARB) policy movements, NKC African Economics Analyst Jee-A van der Linde has said. Van der Linde's prediction follows an announcement made by CBS on Monday that the country's discount rate would remain unchanged at 6.75 per cent.**

"The decision was in line with our expectations and followed the South African Reserve Bank's decision on May 24, to keep the repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent," van der Linde observed. The CBS highlighted that the global economy continued to show positive growth – led by momentum in trade and

investment.

"The CBS also cited regional developments in South Africa as an important factor for its decision: during its recent meeting, the SARB Governor Lesetja Kganyago noted that South Africa's inflation outlook had deteriorated somewhat since the previous meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), owing to a weaker rand exchange rate and the recent spike in international oil prices, while a disappointing economic performance in Q1 2018 also suggests that Africa's most industrialised economy is still struggling to gain momentum," van der Linde said in an analysis of the recent policy developments.

In the meantime, Eswatini's headline inflation accelerated in April to 4.8 per cent year-on-year, up from 4.0 per cent year-on-year in March. The rise in overall inflation was mainly attributed to an increase in the price index for housing

and utilities, which surged to 13.3 per cent year-on-year in April buoyed by a 15 per cent year-on-year increase in 'actual rentals' prices.

Higher electricity tariffs were also a notable contributor in April, with the energy sub-index up by 15.0 per cent year-on-year. According to the CBS, inflation averaged 4.3 per cent during the first quarter and the central bank has kept its inflation forecasts for Q2 and Q3 unchanged at 5.26 per cent and 5.6 per cent respectively, while stating that: "The proposed increase in value-added tax (VAT) and rising oil prices will result in inflation rising over the [forecast] period".

In a further commentary on the status-quo, van der Linde observed that the CBS maintained the status quo following its recent loosening cycle, highlighting some potential upside risks to the consumer price inflation outlook.

By Majaha Nkonyane

**DUPS insurance has donated E20 000 worth of trees to different schools in the country which will be used for commercial purposes.**

The donation that was made to the Small Enterprises Development Company (SEDCO) saw representatives from SEDCO and DUPS Holdings making their first stop at Lobamba National High School yesterday where a plant demonstration exercise was conducted. The schools that will be receiving the trees have an opportunity to grow entrepreneurs from the school as the main goal of the project is to make money out of the trees.

According to SEDCO Managing Director Dorrington Matiwane the programme is part of the One House One Product (OHOP) campaign conceived five years ago by SEDCO.

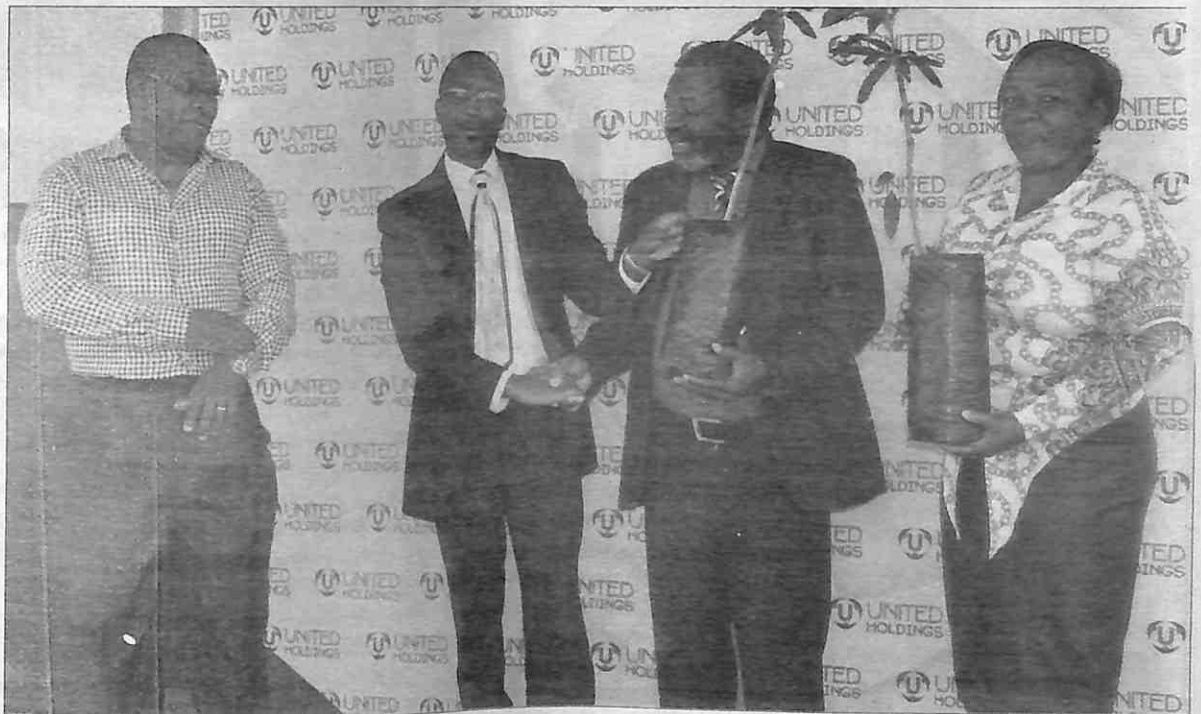
The mandate of the programme is to have every household in the country especially in the rural areas sell at least one product as means to make a living. Dups Insurance's donation is meant to allow schools to be the anchor of business as they grow fruits to be sold to big foodchains in the country. United

## Dups donates E20 000 worth of mango trees

Life Insurance Operations Manager Patrick Gamedze said this was a good initiative and they are hoping to see yields in the near future where the schools will be leading their communities in entrepreneurship.

Gamedze emphasised on the importance of good agricultural practices where the agriculture stream hand-in-hand with the pupils work hard in ensuring that the donated trees are well taken care of. The school was taught in numerous options on how to grow the trees the right way. The pupils were taught on planting, irrigation and taking care of the planted tree, in order for the trees to grow effectively, a 60 cm by 60cm square dimension planting space was used. The tree is to be planted using top soil and watered with at least 20 liters of water on the first day of planting.

Moving forward, pupils were taught on the importance of taking care of the tree especially in the first seven weeks of planting which is where most trees die. The pupils were further taught on the importance of clearing the orchard floor to make sure that the project is a success.



**HERE YOU GO: United Life Insurance Operations Manager Patrick Gamedze handing over a tree to be planted by the school to Lobamba National High School Principal Sipho Fakudze whilst SEDCO Managing Director Dorrington Matiwane looks on**

## Nurseries failing to meet local fruit tree demand

By Majaha Nkonyane

**LOCAL nurseries are currently finding it hard to keep up with the high demand of fruit trees in the country as SEDCO had to get their recent supply from an accredited nursery Tzaneen in South Africa, it has emerged.**

The shortfall was disclosed by SEDCO Managing Director Dorrington Matiwane yesterday at Lobamba High School

The Tzaneen nursery currently supplies a big part of the continent as their reach goes as far as West, North and Southern parts of the continent.

The current shortfall presents a business opportunity which local farmers are not taking advantage of. Matiwane said in the event they get supply from local farmers, some of the trees do not bear fruits. He said this was another reason why SEDCO had to outsource the supply of fruit

trees for the programme.

The process of getting fruit trees was also described by Matiwane as being cumbersome as the supplier dispatches stock only once a year. This means SEDCO has to make an order a year in advance. Matiwane said the process was slow and inconveniencing as the programme is also adversely affected.

Most fruit trees fully bear fruit after three years of planting, depending on the area and the care that is given

to each plant. If the tree gets the right supply of water coupled with the necessary fertiliser they bear fruit within the first year.

Pruning also plays a big part because it allows trees to grow faster. Local farmers were encouraged to take advantage of the existing gap in the fruit tree market and to also ensure that the currency circulates in the local economy.



**FAILING: SEDCO Managing Director Dorrington Matiwane**





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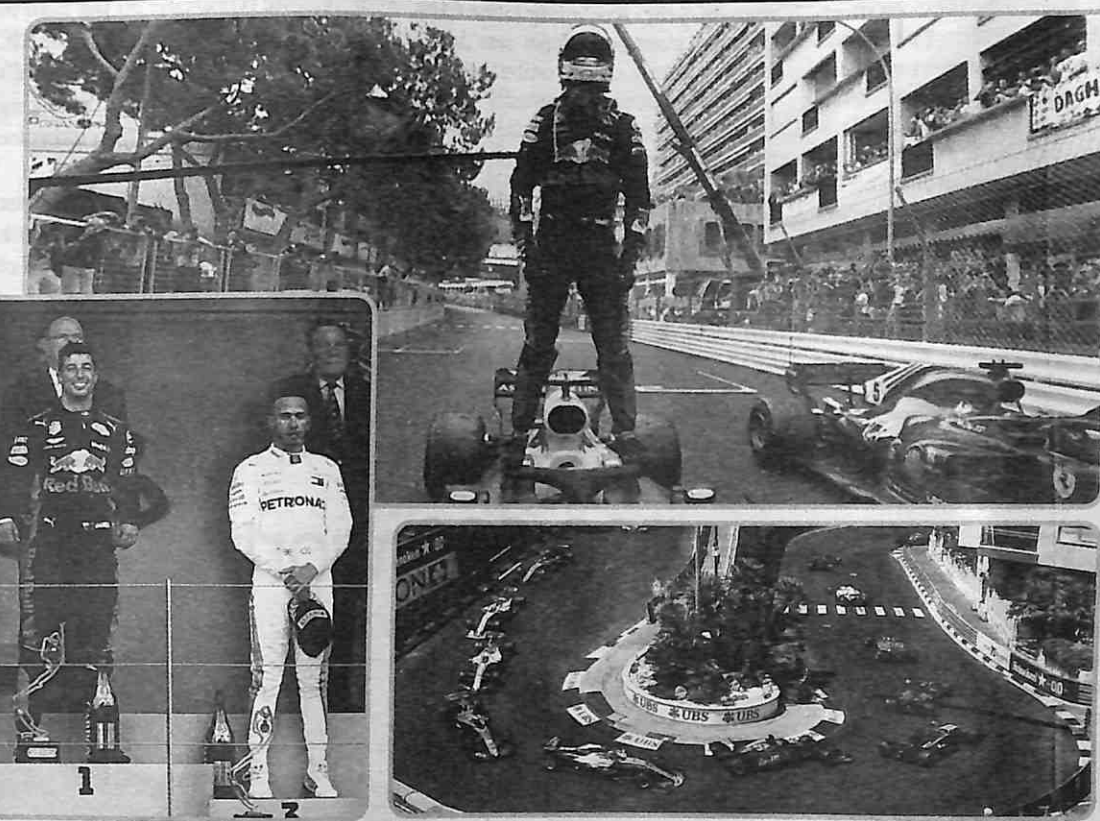
## FORMULA 1: MONACO GRAND PRIX (78 LAPS)

**THE Monaco GP has always been a game changer in the Formula 1 season.**

The Circuit de Monaco is a street circuit which makes use of the streets of Monte Carlo passing through some of the most exquisite hotels and yacht marinas.

This year Monaco hosted the 6th round of the F1 season and this had drivers, teams and fans out for blood. Only 6 rounds into the 21-round season and yet it feels like so much has happened and in all honesty a lot has transpired. Hailed for being one of the most unforgiving tracks in the F1 calendar, Circuit de Monaco didn't waste time in claiming victims

such as Sirotkin who earned himself a puncture in FP1 (Final Practice) session. Redbull was in great form into their 250th race in F1. Mercedes and Ferrari were also in great form making for an entertaining and thrilling race. Pirelli introduced a new tyre, Hypersoft, which is the softest compound to ever be used in F1 and has a 9 lap lifespan. This tyre helps drivers to clock in blistering laps but it also forces teams to be as accurate as possible on which stage of the race they could be introduced and when they could call in drivers to change for a fresh set. Max Verstappen missed qualifying as the Redbull team had to change his gearbox which meant he started at the back of the pack, meanwhile his teammate Daniel Ricciardo managed a blistering time of 1:10:810 earning him his 2nd time on pole for the 2nd time on the streets of Monte Carlo.



Ricciardo led the pack from start and went into pits for a tyre change in the 17th lap, maintaining his lead after the Redbull team timed his pit-stop impeccably changing into a set of hypersoft.

McLaren's Alonso had to retire from the Monaco GP after a power failure. Verstappen fought hard to break away from the bottom 6. Verstappen's fight for 9th place against Renault's Carlos Sainz was the most entertaining brawl of the Monaco GP where Verstappen kept the pressure on Sainz long enough for him to make a mistake which Verstappen then capitalized and earned 9th place. Alfa Romeo's Leclerc locked up his right wheel and failed to slow down crashing into the rear of Toro Rosso's Brendon Hartley, forcing both to retire from the race.

This was a blow to Leclerc as this was his first Formula 1 GP in

his home track. The race ended with Redbull's Daniel Ricciardo earning 1st, 2nd was taken by Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel and 3rd went to Lewis Hamilton. Vettel (96 points) managed to close the points gap between him and Hamilton (110 points) with just 4 points between the two champions.

### MELUSI COMMENTS:

"Honestly this season's Monaco GP was one of the most uneventful races ever, for such a legendary track, street circuit to make it worse.

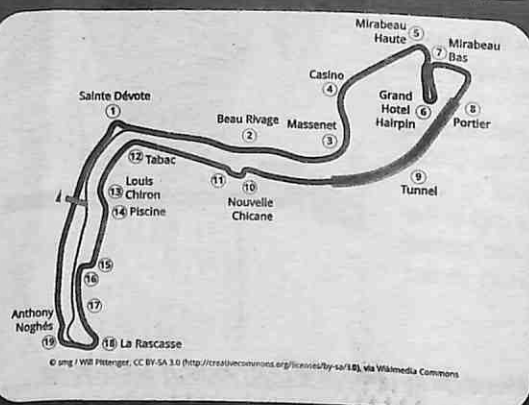
Ricciardo's power issue reminded me of Michael Schumacher's race where he won a race in 5th gear as Ricciardo fought off Vettel in the Ferrari to win the race from pole which he earned in qualifying. Cars drove relatively slower in an attempt to make their hyper- and ultrasoft tyres to secure a one-stop race which in my opinion contributed to the lack of pace in the race. It is sad to conclude that the Monaco GP pace was below standard especially when the standard produces exciting racing"

### FINAL RESULTS MONACO GRAND PRIX

Position	Driver	Points
1	D. Ricciardo	25
2	S. Vettel	18
3	L. Hamilton	15

Top 5 Drivers' Standings 2018				
Position	Driver	Team	Nationality	Points
1.	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	GBR	110
2.	Sebastian Vettel	Ferrari	GER	96
3.	Daniel Ricciardo	RedBull	AUS	72
4.	Valtteri Bottas	Mercedes	FIN	68
5.	Kimi Raikkonen	Ferrari	FIN	60



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## HONDA CIVIC TYPE R PICKUP TRUCK CONCEPT REVEALED

EVER thought of a way to make a hot hatch more practical? I'm sure you have, well Honda UK has taken the wraps off the Civic Type R Pickup Truck concept as part of the annual Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) Test Day.

Dubbed as "potentially one of the fastest pickup trucks on UK roads", the wild utility concept is the product of a specialist team from the Product Engineering department at the company's Swindon factory. Known as 'Project P' internally, the Type R Pickup Truck started life as a pre-production version of the UK-built hot hatch, and was then modified from the B-pillar rearward to install a flatbed loading area where the rear seats and boot would normally be.

Despite the extensive modifications, the concept retains the massive rear wing of the base car, while also featuring the same 228kW/400Nm 2.0-litre turbocharged four.

Honda claims Project P is capable of completing the 0-100km/h sprint



in "under six seconds", on its way to a top speed of over 265km/h.

"We have a special projects divi-

sion at the factory in Swindon and this project was a fantastic opportunity for the team to show just what

their creative minds could do," said Alyn James, project lead.



## FACELIFTED 2019 MAZDA CX-3 FOR JAPAN

THE facelifted 2019 Mazda CX-3 range has launched in the company's home market of Japan, hinting at what's to expect from the updated crossover when it arrives in Australian showrooms later this year.

Headlining the upgrades are a new 1.8-litre turbo diesel, new active safety equipment, and more upmarket trimmings and finishes throughout the cabin. Firstly, the new engine option replaces the pre-facelift range's 1.5-litre oiler. Outputs for Japan are rated at 85kW of power at 4000rpm, and 270Nm of torque from 1600 to

2600rpm – that's up 8kW on the old motor, while peak torque is available for an additional 100rpm. Both the new diesel and revised 2.0-litre petrol engine (which gets a 1kW power bump) meet new Euro 6d-temp emission standards, including the real-drive emission test (RDE).

In addition to the upgrades detailed at the New York motor show – which include LED tail-lights, revised alloy wheels, and a redesigned centre console with armrest and electronic park brake – the Japanese-market version also gets the latest version of Mazda's autonomous emergency braking sys-

tem, which can now detect pedestrians at night time. The upgraded safety suite also includes the availability of adaptive cruise control with stop&go for the first time, along with an auto-dimming rear-view mirror for enhanced visibility.

Finally, there's a special launch model in the Japanese range which features 'deep red' nappa leather upholstery (pictured) with contrast-

leatherette highlights. The trim around the centre tunnel also gets a leatherette trim in certain grades. The compact SUV has earned a place in the hearts of eMaSwati which should be valid reason to introduce the 2019 facelifted CX-3 to the eSwatini market.





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## AUDI Q8 TEASER

Audi Q8 concept  
/// World premiere

AUDI has once again previewed its upcoming Q8 SUV-coupe combination crossover, this time in a new video as part of its #Q8unleashed web series.

Scheduled to be revealed at the Audi China Brand Summit in Shenzhen – which kicks off on June 5 – the upcoming crossover flagship makes a brief cameo in the three-minute clip, which focuses on a fictional couple that have their world turned upside down.

Not much can be seen of the Q8

other than its bright orange (like the show car) paintwork, badge and electric tailgate opening, but at least we know there's some bright colours planned for the new model's palette. It was recently teased in a designer sketch (pictured), which shows a fastback-style tailgate that isn't far off the design of the related Lamborghini Urus.

On the inside, the Q8 features a version of the dual-touchscreen setup we've already seen on the latest A8, A7 and A6 models. Under the skin,

the Q8 rides on the Volkswagen Group's MLB Evo platform for front- and all-wheel drive cars with a longitudinal engine. As such, it will share a lot in common with the Q7, Lamborghini Urus, Bentley Bentayga, Porsche Cayenne, and Volkswagen Touareg. We expect to see turbocharged V6 and V8 drivetrains powering the new Q8 range, and potentially a plug-in hybrid.

Check out the video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhsfTyLskQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhsfTyLskQ)

## TOYOTA, SUZUKI TO COLLABORATE ON MODEL SHARING, GREEN DRIVETRAIN TECH

LAST week Toyota and Suzuki announced the next steps in their emerging partnership, with the initial focus being India and emerging markets in Africa, along with three key areas of co-operation.

Discussions will begin immediately on how Toyota and Denso, its wholly owned parts supplier, can provide "technological support" to Suzuki in its quest to develop a "compact, ultra-high efficiency drivetrain". The two companies will also see which Suzuki models can

be produced by Toyota Kirloskar Motor, the company's majority-owned affiliate in India. Any Suzuki-developed vehicles built there will be sold through both Toyota and Suzuki's sales channels.

Lastly, Toyota and Suzuki will discuss which models can be exported from India to Africa and other emerging markets. These cars will be sold through Suzuki and Toyota dealers in those export regions. This latest announce-

ment builds on a partnership established in October 2016 focused on safety, green vehicles, and information technology.

Toyota, while the much larger automaker of the two, lags well behind Suzuki in India. Given Maruti Suzuki's stranglehold on the Indian market, all other car makers have been left trailing in its wake. According to Best Selling Cars Blog, 3,226,162 passenger cars, excluding light commercial vehicles, were sold in India in 2017 – 49.2 per cent of those coming from Maruti Suzuki, with second-placed Hyundai only managing a 16.5 per cent share, and Toyota somewhere within the top 10. All of the 10 best-selling individual models came from either Maruti Suzuki or Hyundai, with Maruti Suzuki having a lock on the top five.

Suzuki owns around 56 per cent of Maruti Suzuki. The company's range includes modern metal, like the latest Ignis, Baleno and S-Cross, and unique variants like the DZire, a sedan version of the Swift. There's also facelifted and updated versions of earlier models, like the Alto K10, which was originally launched in 2000, and the Wagon R.

## Miss South Africa's new ride - a Nissan Qashqai crossover SUV

NISSAN South Africa is proud to sponsor the 2018 Miss South Africa pageant with a brand new "city-proof" Nissan Qashqai 1.5DCi Tekna for this year's winner, Tamaryn Green who has now received her stunning new crossover vehicle.

"We are excited to support such a worthwhile initiative because we know that the Miss SA pageant provides a wonderful opportunity for young women to make a positive difference in SA," said Xavier Gobille, Nissan Africa Marketing and Sales MD. He said: "Nissan would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new winner, Tamaryn Green. The all-new Nissan Qashqai is the perfect crossover for any ambitious person who has a taste for the finer things in life. It's a premium, all-round vehicle with a new design that's almost as beautiful as Miss SA." Since the first Nissan Qashqai was launched in 2007, 2.3-million units have

been sold globally. The wide-ranging changes to the upgraded model are based on customer feedback and industry insights, and are designed to establish new levels of luxury in the mid-sized crossover segment. The city-proof Qashqai's improvements focus on the addition of Nissan Intelligent Mobility (NIM) technology, higher levels of interior quality, improved performance and a contemporary exterior design. Nissan has been introducing its highly innovative NIM technologies to vehicles currently available in SA. The Patrol and X-Trail, which were launched last year, have several NIM features, and the new Qashqai benefits from these technologies too.

The new Nissan Qashqai has a five-star Euro NCAP Safety Rating and is backed up by Nissan Assured with a class-leading 6-year/150 000km warranty, and a comprehensive 3-year/90 000km service plan.







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## LEITES TOYOTA REWARDS LOYAL TO LOCAL CUSTOMERS

LEITES Toyota has rolled out the recipients for the months of March and April.

After purchasing vehicles from both Leites Toyota Mbabane and Manzini dealerships.

The lucky customers were rewarded E1000 each and are still in the running for the big draw in January 2019 where customers stand

a chance to win E100 000, E50 000, E25 000 or E10 000 respectively. You could also be in the running for these rewards for buying vehicles from any of the two Leites Toyota dealerships locally. Recipients for the months of May and June will be announced in due time.



April - Mr Mduduzi Soko receives his E1000 reward from Sales Executive Zamokuhle Vilakazi after he purchased a Toyota Quantum 2.5D from Leites Toyota Manzini.



April - Mr. Nkosingiphile Ndlela received his E1000 reward from Sales Executive Reggie Mndzebele after purchasing a Toyota Hilux 2.



March - Ms Lenhle Zulu received her E1000 from Sales Executive Sizwe Gumbi after she purchased a Toyota C-HR 1.



THE pink-walled hypersoft compound is the softest of Pirelli's new-for-2018, seven dry tyre range, with the manufacturer having had hopes that the faster rubber would lead to more spectacular racing and it did in Monaco.

After running the tyre for the first time in the end-of-season Abu Dhabi test in 2017, Hamilton was very complimentary about the latest addition to the range. The tyre Lewis Hamilton described as the best Pirelli have produced since returning to F1 will made an appearance in this season's Monaco Grand Prix. Pirelli brought their softest tyres to Monaco, with the hypersoft, ultrasoft and supersoft the three compounds to be made available to teams for this year's race. Each driver had to save one set of the hypersofts for the final part of qualifying and keep a set

each of the supersoft and ultrasoft for the race. Teams were then free to choose the remaining 10 sets for use during the rest of the race weekend. The hypersoft was intended to be used at a Grand Prix weekend for the first time in Canada, which is one round after Monaco, but the range for that race has yet to be officially announced by Pirelli. The tyre supplier also made the medium, soft and supersoft available for the opening round of the European season in Spain. The hypersoft tyre is ideally designed to squeeze maximum mechanical grip as possible like is required in tight tracks such as Circuit de Monaco this past weekend. It's very limited lifespan made for blistering times in qualifying by Redbull's Daniel Ricciardo with a time of 1:10:810!

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# FOCUS ON SA SCENE

## ANC STRUGGLING TO RESOLVE NORTH WEST LEADERSHIP ISSUES

**JOHANNESBURG** - The African National Congress (ANC) is in a race to appoint a premier for the North West after the party top brass reportedly shot down three names put forward at the governing party's national executive committee meeting over the weekend.

Apart from the North West matter, the ANC NEC meeting had to attend to other top contentious issues - the continuing political killings in KwaZulu-Natal, land expropriation without compensation following adoption of resolutions at the party's land summit that have to be ratified at the NEC, and a replacement of former premier Supra Mahumapelo in the troubled platinum province.

It remains to be seen whether the governing party has agreed on Mahumapelo's replacement. The post-NEC briefing will be held on Tuesday afternoon.

Secretary General Ace Magashule told reporters on Saturday that there needed to be "further consultation" with the North West ANC following the rebuff of three names, who are reportedly allies of



**STRUGGLING: Minister in the Presidency Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma headed a ministerial task team investigating governance issues in the North West.**

Mahumapelo.

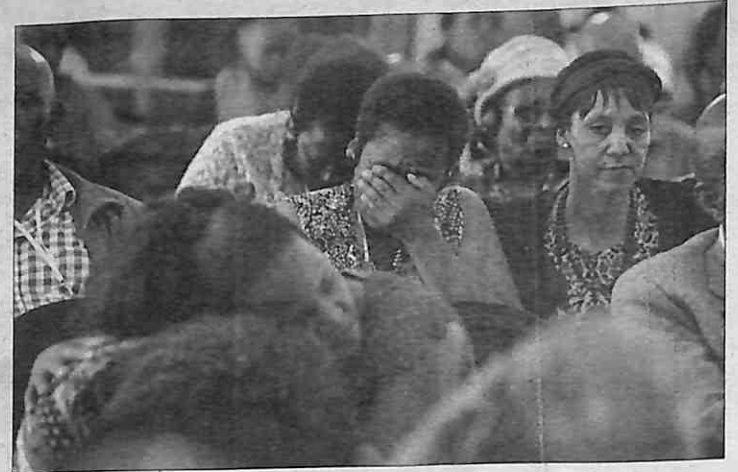
"The provincial executive committee is supposed to give us three names, they have done so but we further want to engage

with the PEC as well as other structures so that we resolve problems facing the North West once and for all," Magashule said.

Media reports suggested the three candidates were former education MEC O.J. Tselapedi, agriculture MEC Manketsi Tlhape and acting ANC provincial secretary general, Susan Dantjie.

Embattled Mahumapelo finally stepped down last week, citing a decision to take an "early retirement." Mahumapelo was under pressure to resign after residents in Mahikeng went on the rampage in April calling for Mahumapelo to resign over allegations of corruption. The widespread protests shut down the province's capital Mahikeng, looting shops and damaging property.

A ministerial task team led by minister in the presidency Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma investigated governance issues in the North West, resulting in President Cyril Ramaphosa placing the province under the control of the national government in terms of section 100 of the Constitution. *African News Agency*



**STILL HURTING: Family members of mentally ill patients who died react at the Life Esidimeni arbitration hearings.**

## Esidimeni families still awaiting compensation from government

**JOHANNESBURG** - Families of Life Esidimeni victims are still waiting for compensation from the Gauteng government, a provincial legislator revealed yesterday.

"The Gauteng Provincial Government has not yet made payments to the families of the Life Esidimeni patients who suffered and died, even though Justice Dikgang Moseneke set 19 June as the deadline for his arbitration award, which is only three weeks away," DA MPL Jack Bloom said in a statement.

"This is revealed by Gauteng Premier David Makhura in a written reply to my questions in the Gauteng Legislature."

Makhura said the process was under way and that officials were verifying the banking details of beneficia-

ries? ciaries. He said the government would meet the deadline.

Bloom said he was concerned about the source of the funding, which he estimated could easily top R160.64 million, taking into account new claimants.

"It is unclear where the money will be found to pay for this as Makhura says that 'The Provincial Executive Council (Exco) is finalising all consultations with national department of Health on this matter and an update report will be given to the legislature in due course.'"

Bloom said the Esidimeni compensation should not be paid by the "hard-pressed budget of the Gauteng Health Department which is struggling to provide a decent health service." *Sowetanlive*

## Seven suspects arrested for Polokwane cash-in-transit heist

**POLOKWANE, Limpopo** - Seven suspects have been arrested after a cash-in-transit van was robbed on Monday along Matlala Road in Polokwane, Limpopo.

Some of the suspects were arrested on Monday night and others during the early hours of Tuesday morning.

The robbers made off with an undisclosed amount of money after firing several shots before blowing up the vehicle. The SAPS recovered two bullet-riddled cars, rifles, ammunition, cartridges, explosives and money bags in Seshego. The vehicles are believed to have been stolen in Gauteng. Police say more arrests are imminent. *eNCA*

## NPA has failed miserably in Vrede Dairy investigation - legal expert

**JOHANNESBURG** - The NPA's Asset Forfeiture Unit (AFU), which recently obtained a provisional restraint order against eight accused in the Estina Vrede Dairy project, has failed miserably, a legal expert has said.

Advocate Deon Pool told News24 on Monday that the first mistake the NPA made was to advertise in the media that they were going after the assets.

"A preservation order, by nature, is done in chambers and it is supposed to be a secret," Pool said, shortly after the Free State High Court ruled in favour of Gupta-linked companies and individuals who challenged a provisional restraint order targeting assets estimated at R250m.

The restraint order was obtained in April, but the criminal case is still pending. "The first time they did it, they failed miserably and, the second time, they also failed miserably. They did not learn from their mistakes," Pool said.

He said Judge Philip Loubser had highlighted in his ruling that the affidavit prepared by the NPA was lacking, and that the allegations made amounted to speculation. "One would expect that the matter that carries such high profile would at least be considered along the lines of, 'do we at least have enough?'"

"One would think that [National Prosecuting Authority head] Shaun Abrahams would at least read affidavits and ensure that [it is] water tight and not challenged. The bottom line is that it is concerning that the judge said this is incompetence."

"We are on track" Pool also added that the NPA's loss did not mean that they could not proceed with the case. Meanwhile, NPA spokesperson Luvuyo Mfaku said they would be filing a forfeiture application soon, adding that their loss was not a reflection of the strength of their criminal case against the eight accused.

*News24*

## Gupta-linked companies win battle over assets worth R250m

**BLOEMFONTEIN** - The National Director of Public Prosecutions (NDPP) on Monday suffered a major blow after the Free State High Court released all the assets belonging to companies and individuals linked to the controversial Gupta family that had been preserved.

The assets at issue are worth about R250 million. Judge Phillip Jacobus Loubser was sharply critical of the state case from the beginning of his judgement saying the NDPP had failed to satisfy the court and that it had a strong case against the accused.

"This issue is neither here nor there. I do not propose that we take it any further," said Loubser as he concluded his judgement.

Loubser said there no reasonable grounds for the court to believe that there could be a confiscation order applicants and gave a costs order against the state.

"The provisional restraint order is discharged with costs," he said. The application was brought by



**WINS: Gupta family.**

Oakbay Investments (Pty) Ltd, Aerohaven (Pty) Ltd, Ashu Chawla, Oakbay Acting Chief Executive officer Ronica Ragavan and former director Varun Gupta, Westdawn Investments (Pty) Ltd and Annex Distribution (Pty) Ltd. The state alleges that money paid to Estina (Pty) Ltd by the Free State Department of Agriculture to run a dairy project in Vrede in north-eastern Free State, was deposited into a pool account held at the Bank of Baroda before being transferred into the accounts of other Gupta linked companies. *10L*

## Heavy police presence in Mitchells Plain

**MITCHELL PLAIN** - Police are monitoring Cape Town's Woodlands area outside Mitchells Plain, where violent protests broke out on Monday. People there went on the rampage after

officials removed structures from a piece of land they'd illegally occupied.

Several people have been arrested, with reports of looting overnight. Cape Town Mayor Patricia de Lille

raised concerns about land invasions which have mostly turned violent.

On Tuesday she will meet residents of Vrygrond, the scene of violent land protests in recent weeks. *eNCA*





# World News



**TRAGEDY:** People move their belongings after a landslide damaged dwellings built near the main landfill of Addis Ababa on the outskirts of the city.

## 32 die in Ethiopia landslides

**ADDIS ABABA** - Landslides caused by heavy rain killed at least 32 people in southern Ethiopia at the weekend, the government said on Monday.

Nine people died in the Gamo Gofa zone, with 17 injured.

The state-affiliated Fana Broadcast Corporate reported that 23 people were killed in a landslide in the Sidama zone.

Six people were badly injured, Fana reported. Countries across the Horn of Africa (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somalia) have recently struggled to cope with heavy rains.

Last week, flooding and strong winds caused by Cyclone Sagar killed at least 25 people in Djibouti and Somaliland, while heavy flooding left 21 dead in Somalia, according to the UN's humanitarian coordinator OCHA. **AFP**

## Burundi angered by French gift of donkeys

**NAIROBI** - Burundi's Agriculture Ministry has ordered the quarantine of 10 donkeys donated to a central village through French funding, sparking a debate over the subliminal message behind the gift.

The donkeys, bought in Tanzania, were given to residents of a village in Gitega province, as part of a project by a local NGO to help women and children transport agricultural products, water or wood.

However, a presidential adviser described the project as "an insult to the nation".

Gabry Bugaga, spokesman for the Senate president, wrote on Twitter that the French were "taking us for donkeys".

"Be honest, is the donkey a symbol of a quality or a flaw?" he wrote. Donkeys are not indigenous to Burundi.

On Sunday, Agriculture Minister Deo Guide Rurema asked a local administrator to "facilitate the immediate withdrawal of all donkeys that have been distributed ... without respecting the technical procedure of the distribution of exotic animals". On Thursday, the day the project was inaugurated, French Ambassador Laurent Delahousse praised "the introduction of the Land Cruiser of the animal kingdom to Burundi". After the controversy, he said that to his knowledge "all procedures were respected". A European diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Burundi was hitting back at France over a statement criticising a referendum earlier this month that reformed the constitution, allowing President Pierre Nkurunziza to seek another two terms in office and remain in power until 2034. **AFP**

# TOP AIDE TO N. KOREAN LEADER LANDS IN SINGAPORE

...as summit preparations advance

**TOKYO/SEOUL** - A top aide to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un arrived in Singapore on Monday night, Japanese public broadcaster NHK said yesterday, the latest indication that the on-again-off-again summit with US President Donald Trump may go ahead.

Kim Chang Son, Kim's de facto chief of staff, flew to Singapore via Beijing on Monday night, the report said.

At the same time, a team of US government officials, including the White House Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations Joe Hagin, left US Yokota Air Base in Japan for Singapore on Monday, NHK said. The White House said a "pre-advance" team was traveling to Singapore to meet with North Koreans. The reports indicate that planning for the historic summit, initially scheduled for June 12, is moving ahead after Trump called it off last week. A day later, Trump said he had reconsidered, and officials from both countries were meeting to work out details. When Kim Chang Son was asked by a reporter at the Beijing airport if he was flying to

Singapore for talks with the United States, he said he was "going there to play," according to footage from Nippon Television Network.

Meanwhile, North Korea's Kim Yong Chol, a senior official dealing with inter-Korean affairs, was scheduled to fly to the United States on Wednesday after speaking to Chinese officials in Beijing, South Korea's Yonhap news agency said citing an unnamed source.

Due to sanctions against him, Kim Yong Chol is banned from visiting the United States normally. His visit to the United States would indicate a waiver was granted. The United States and South Korea blacklisted Kim Yong Chol for supporting the North's nuclear and missile programmes in 2010 and 2016, respectively.

Yonhap added Choe Kang Il, a North Korean foreign ministry official involved with North America issues, was also spotted at Beijing Capital International Airport. Yonhap did not say whether Choe would be accompanying Kim Yong Chol.

**Reuters**

## Palestinian president Abbas leaves hospital

**RAMALLAH** - Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas left hospital on Monday after eight days of treatment for pneumonia.

His hospital stay led to intense speculation over the 83-year-old's condition and who will eventually replace him.

Dressed in a suit and walking without assistance, Abbas gave a short statement on being discharged, saying he planned to be back at work in his office as normal yesterday.

"Thanks to God, I left the hospital today in good health and return to work starting tomorrow," he said, speaking vigorously and with his two sons by his side. He thanked all international leaders who had called about his health and wished him well. The hospital stint came at a time of heightened US pressure on Abbas and the Palestinian Authority.

Some analysts said Abbas would now seek to refocus on work and downplay talk of stepping down. He is expected to preside over a meeting of the central council of his Fatah party on Tuesday.

Known to be a heavy smoker, Abbas was admitted on 20 May 2018 the Istishari Arab Hospital near Ramallah in the occupied West Bank with complications following an ear operation, including high fever. Officials have since said he was being treated for pneumonia.

His extended hospitalisation led to widespread speculation over whether his condition was worse than the details being disclosed.

No successor is publicly in line for the Palestinian presidency, which has added to concerns over Abbas's health. Abbas won a four-year term as president in 2005, but he has since remained in office without further elections.

He argues the split between his Fatah party and Islamist movement Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, has made elections politically impossible. A moderate, Abbas has been involved in decades of negotiations with Israel but is unpopular among Palestinians, with the majority wanting him to step down.

**AFP**



**NOT WELL:** Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas (C), accompanied by his two sons, to his left Yesser and to his right Tarek, leaves a hospital near Ramallah.

## BRIEFS

### Rally calls on May to ease rules

**BELFAST** - Hundreds of women's rights activist rallied in Belfast on Monday to put pressure on British Prime Minister Theresa May to reform Northern Ireland's highly restrictive abortion rules after neighbouring Ireland's vote to liberalise its laws. Voters in Ireland on Friday backed the removal of a constitutional abortion ban by two-to-one. That leaves British-ruled Northern Ireland as the only part of the British Isles with a restrictive abortion regime, and May on Sunday faced calls from within her cabinet and the opposition to scrap Northern Ireland's strict rules. **Reuters**

### Filmmakers rise up against 'archaic' restrictions

**NAIROBI** - Kenyan filmmakers have urged authorities to revamp a 1960s law that threatens them with jail if they do not pay for a license and imposes other restrictions they say are stifling their resurgent industry. Directors and producers poured onto social media this week to protest after the regulator printed adverts in newspapers reminding them of the terms of the legislation, which dates back to British colonial rule. The Kenya Film Classification Board - which has to check scripts before filming begins under the law and classifies movies. **Reuters**

### French peace initiative rejected by militias

**JOHANNESBURG** - France's plan to host a UN-sponsored conference on Libya aimed at securing elections in the North African country and commitments to a joint political roadmap from its warring factions, is already on shaky ground with the country's most powerful brigades in the west rejecting the deal. The conference was due to kick off at the Elysee Palace yesterday, bringing together key Libyan players and representatives of two dozen countries and international organisations. Libya's rival leaders were expected to adopt a statement calling for presidential and parliamentary elections, "if possible" by the end of the year. **African News Agency**



### Mnangagwa urged to end police brutality

**HARARE** - A coalition of Zimbabwean human rights groups is calling on President Emmerson Mnangagwa to end abuses perpetrated by the country's police officers. During former president Robert Mugabe's nearly 40-year rule the police force was deployed to target opposition supporters and human rights activists. The Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum, which represents 22 organisations, says police officers are still using arbitrary arrests to intimidate citizens. During the launch of its latest human rights report, the forum said it had received complaints about 52 unlawful arrests and harassment in 2017. **AFP**

### Rockets fired into Israel, warplanes attack

**GAZA/TEL AVIV** - Palestinians in Gaza fired several rockets into Israel early yesterday, an Israeli military spokesperson confirmed. The military said Israel's Iron Dome anti-missile shield shot down a "barrage of rockets", causing warning sirens to sound in several southern towns near the strip, warning residents to find shelter from possible rocket fire. No further details were given. It was not immediately clear whether any rockets landed in Israeli territory, the military statement said. Yesterday marked the first time rockets had been fired into Israel since a new wave of mass Palestinian protests began in Gaza on 30 March. **AFP**





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## LOCAL DJs GET 'PEANUTS' COMPARED TO THEIR REGIONAL COUNTERPARTS

By Ayanda Dlamini

...They charge E5 000 to E6 000 excluding accommodation and transport whilst SA's spinners charge above E20 000

RECENTLY, the Bushfire festival hosted South African Moby Dixon at the firefly stage and a few other international spinners.

According to information gathered by this publication, Dixon charges above E15 000 depending on the show.

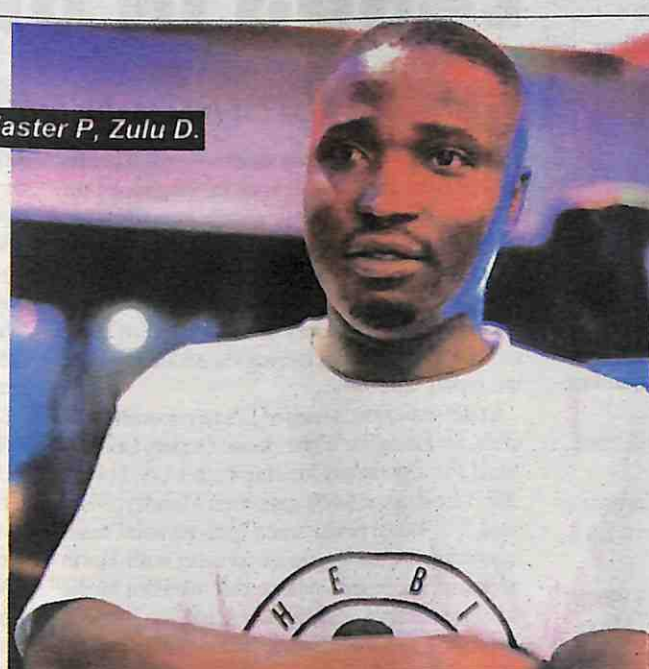
This is a far cry from what the local deejays charge internationally and locally.

Investigations done by the Entertainment Desk yesterday reveal that the country's top spinners such as Master P, Zulu D, DJ Kish, Twins of a Kind charge from E5 000 to E6 000 excluding transport and accommodation when booked internationally.

Locally, the country's very own spinners charge a fee of E1 000 to E3 000 depending on the significance of the show.



SPINNERS: Master P, Zulu D.



"I charge from E5 000 internationally excluding transport and accom-

modation and then locally it's E2 000 per hour and E 4 000 for corporates

" said the award winning phenomenal spinner Master P. Supporting the

phenomenal spinner was the self-proclaimed 'master of gqom'; DJ Zulu D of Mega Sound Entertainment, who revealed that he charges E 1000 locally per hour and E5 000 internationally.

When interviewed, Lubombo spinner DJ Kish, said their performance fee does not do justice to their expenses as spinners.

"We have a standard charge of E5 000 when performing internationally excluding transport and accommodation.

This is really not enough for us but there is nothing we can do about it because we need the gigs," cried out the spinner.

On the other hand, one of the DJ's who spoke on condition of anonymity also shared his counterpart's sentiments, stating that their low charges worked against progress

"As a DJ, you need to build a brand for yourself.

Look at how Black Coffee has built his brand. Advice to the other spinners is that we need to be creative and bring some innovation on the turn tables, different styles. By so doing, a lot can change in this industry. Right now I feel like we just imitating South African DJs instead of creating our set," he said.

## BHOLOJA AND SJAVA WORKING ON A SONG

By Nokwanda Sibandze

ONLY the Sky is the limit.

Eswatini's very own Bholoja will be working on a song with South Africa's award winning recording artist Sjava.

The Bergville-born and Johannesburg raised musician said this during his recent performance at Solani's last week.

This happened just after the artist called Bholoja on stage to perform one of his songs with him. The singer then asked Bholoja to sing one of his hits titled, 'Lomhlaba'.

The artist said that he was a fan of Bholoja's music and has always listened to it; he then continued to say that we should be on the lookout for a collaboration song from both of them.

At a short interview Sjava said that, the song is definitely coming and he was excited about it, because he is a huge Bholoja fan. The song will definitely be a hit as they both lit up the stage when they performed together.

Bholoja said he also was excited about the collaboration. He said they met for the first time at Solani's but have been conversing over the

phone for some time. Bholoja said he is also a fan of Sjava's music because he feels they communicate the same message.

Bholoja also thanked Sjava's management, Solani's, Sakhile Nkambule and Lou for creating such a platform for them to meet.

Sjava showed interest last year at the SWAMA Awards when he met SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini and he told him he was a great fan of Bholoja, it is also at the same time that he started singing his favourite Bholoja songs, which are 'Zero to hero' and 'Umhlaba Uyahlaba'.

Zox said that this collaboration goes to show the impact of local music and respect from international artists.

"This is the same thing that happened with Sands, as he was also approached by Loyiso Bala. Even mozaik who has been approached a number of times by international artists.

It is quite impressive and we are very proud," said Dlamini.

Bholoja said that currently there is a producer from France who is around the country and they will try to benefit from him being here and use him and his team to work on the project.



## All set for Miss Teen Manzini 2018 this weekend

By Nokwanda Sibandze

WITH 13 contestants, Miss Teen Manzini is ready to crown its queen. With their theme 'keeping the girl child in school' the pageant is set for this weekend.

After being launched by Miss Wings First Princess Winile Mavuso, affectionately known as 'Marwinnie,' born and bred in Manzini, this project is her way of giving back to her community.

As this year's pageant was launched on March 30, the main event will be one to look out for as Marwinnie said it was going to be a big project.

Last year the pageant was won by Michaela Peters, her princesses were

Notsile and Melinda.

As for who will take the crown this year, we all have to wait till Saturday Evening to find out. This year's crowning event will take place at the George Hotel in Manzini.

Event starts at 11 am.

If you want to see the crowning of the Manzini Queen get your tickets as soon as possible, early bird tickets are available at E80, General E100 and VIP at E150.

**Performances**

The event will have performances from local poets and artists.

The event will also be graced by Manzini CEO Lungile Dlamini, Macford Sibandze and other special guests.



PRINCESS: Miss Wings First Princess Winile Mavuso.

## NZUREX DROPS 'BENGETSEMBILE' FT LOMASOUL

By Nokwanda Sibandze

THERE is a new kid on the block by the name of Nzurex.

Real name Ndumiso Groening a rapper from Ngwane Park, who just collaborated with the sensational afro-pop singer Lomasoul on a single titled 'Bengetsembile'.

The track is produced by Mr Kangaroo and it will be dropping on Friday, June 1.

In the song Nzurex expresses his feelings on heart-break and lost hope. The link to the song

will be released on his Facebook page, Nzurex Groening.

Lomasoul said she met Nzurex through a friend, and when she heard the beat to the song she wanted to be part of it.

The singer says she is excited and loved the song and that they were now working towards finishing the song. Lomasoul mentioned that people have to hear this song because Nzurex pours his heart out in this personal track, Loma says this is going to be a big song and everyone should be on the lookout.







**PARTY ANIMALS:** Fun lovers came in numbers for the Scarf and Boots Winter Party which was held at Emfuleni Lifestyle on Saturday.

# LIT SCARF AND BOOTS WINTER PARTY

By Ayanda Dlamini

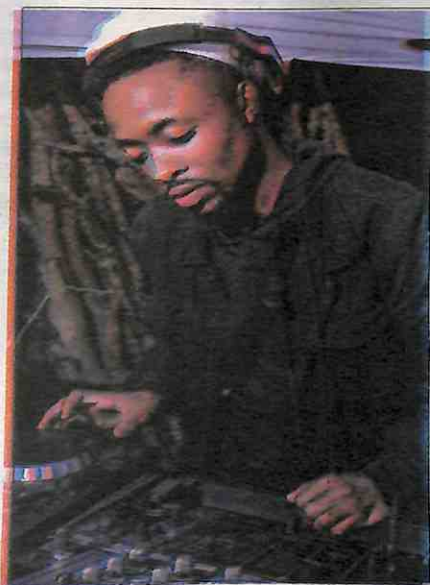
WHILE others opted for the MTN Bushfire festival over the weekend, a number of familiar faces in the entertainment industry went for the Scarf and Boots Winter Party on Saturday at Emfuleni Lifestyle.

Attendees got the memo of the day as they came in winter scarves, ladies in both scarves and boots looking all sorts of winter glow.

Hosted by New Life Entertainment, attendees were treated to the sounds of Floewe, Illa Pen Boy, Zoe Genesis, Symphony who serenaded music lovers with her hit song 'Sengikhona' that got her a ticket to showcase the beauty of Eswatini culture in Portugal.

On the turn tables Lindelwa Mafa AKA lindz, DJ Celso, Mix mash, Super CDQ kept the fun fanatics entertained with different genres from old school tunes to urban hits.

DJ So What ushered fun fanatics to gqom music as fun lovers braced the cold and danced in their warm clothing.



**ON THE DECKS:** DJ So What doing the most on the turn tables.



**SHE'S HERE:** Symphony rendering 'Sengikhona' at the party.



**VOSHO:** Ladies got the memo of winter boots at the Scarf and Boots winter party. Illa Pen Boy captured with his fans on stage.



**ALL ABOUT MUSIC:** Radio personalities Lindz, Bobo and Celucolo aka Celso posing for the lenses.



**WOZA WOZA:** Party animals enjoying themselves at the winter party.



**SHONA PHANSI:** A fun fanatic doing Vosho dance and not minding anybody's business.



**INJABULO:** Floewe belting it out during her performance at the party.



**CHILLING:** DJ Mix Mash chilling by the turn tables.



**FEELING THE MUSIC:** Ladies doing the most on the dance floor.



International  
Celebrity News

## Eminem, Nicki Minaj public flirting continues

LOS ANGELES - Minaj aren't dating but they're certainly having fun with the idea.

The rapper was headlining the Boston Calling festival Sunday night when he addressed the rumours in jest asking the crowd for their approval of the hip hop stars being a power couple and it's hilarious.

Nicki almost immediately responded to Em's playful display of desired affection on Twitter, saying, "The fact that he's silly and a goof just like me. Love him so

much. Em we need you on the #Queen album. That's where our first date will be at the studio while I gaze into your beautiful eyes as you write your verse."

As reported, Nicki fuelled the dating rumours when she replied "yes" to a fan's comment asking if she and Slim Shady were dating, but then sources close to Minaj said she was only joking.

Either way, maybe this will lead to the two making more music together. **US MAG**



**"LIRTING: Nicki Minaj and Eminem.**

## Dr. Dre subterranean home building clues

LOS ANGELES - Dr. Dre's mega-mansion in Los Angeles is a sight to behold, but he's looking to add even more awesomeness to it underground.

According to LA City docs, obtained by TMZ, Dre's got plans to dig up a huge portion of his property roughly the size of his home -- to build a basement (or bunker? or music studio?) featuring a few light wells. He's also obtained permits to add retaining walls around his palace and a guard house.

It's unclear what the whole projects

is going cost the music mogul, but with excavation and additions -- along with construction of an underground fortress, it could potentially be millions. Dre applied for the permits a few years ago, but he just got them granted this month. Dr. Dre's mansion sits on four acres in Brentwood and

**HOME BUILDING: Dr. Dre.**

features an infinity pool with ocean and canyon views, a poolside cabana, a gym. **TMZ**



## Amber Rose event triggers gnarly, violent fight

WASHINGTON - Amber Rose avoided a massive brawl in

Washington D.C. where a man got knocked the hell out in the street and was struck by a car.

The melee went down Sunday at Decades DC, where Amber was the star of the event. Report says minutes before Amber arrived, a guy was out of control, trying to muscle his way in even swinging at the bouncers.

The hired muscle put the guy in a

headlock, but he busted free and swung at one of the bouncers and that was enough, a single punch floored the guy in the street, and as he hit the ground he made contact with a car that was driving by. Amber showed up while the fight was in progress and her SUV took off with her then circled back and she was rushed



**TRIGGERS: Amber Rose.**

inside. **SUNDAY WORLD**

## Kevin Hart, Eniko and Kids Stroll

LOS ANGELES: Kevin Hart looked own-right

domestic Sunday as he strolled through Calabasas with his brood.

Kevin and Eniko Parrish took their six-month-old baby Kenzo for a walk, along with his older siblings Hendrix and Heaven who got treated to

some ice cream. Eniko doesn't look particularly pleased to see

a photographer in the area, but Kevin seems to pay it no mind. Hart has had his ups and downs over the last year, but Eniko stood solidly behind him and the pic-

ture sure makes it look like the family is strong. **TMZ**



**FAMILY TIME: Kevin Hart.**

## SA Celebrity News

## SA Celebrity News Maps, Nomzamo break 'silence' after split

JOHANNESBURG - Just a few hours after the news of Maps

Maponyane and Nomzamo Mbatha's split, the pair took to Twitter, clear the air, dismiss reports, divert attention, put out the fire, do damage control (pick one and go with it). The buddyship, which has been #couple-goals for many people in Mzansi (even though they never officially admitted to being

romantically linked), topped the trends list on Monday after

TshisaLIVE revealed they had split. While the team #buddies squad was minding their own business, they were shocked to find out that Maps and Nomzamo were over. What made the pair a cool "couple" to begin with was the fact that their friend-

ship vibe was too cool for the game. **Tshisa Live**



**PIC ONE: Maponyane and Nomzamo Mbatha.**

## Emtee labels questions around his lean drink 'irritating'

JOHANNESBURG - If there are two things you are almost guaranteed to see together, it's Emtee and his double Styrofoam cup filled with a purple drink. And just in case you have a problem with that, the rapper just wants you to know it is getting 'irritating'.

Since he blew up, Emtee has been called out and criticised for always appearing like he's high or drunk. However, Emtee has hit back at the claims on numerous occasions mak-

ing it clear that he doesn't consume alcohol or drugs. "I don't use drugs or consume alcohol. My real supporters know what I'm on. It's just not liquor or a drug," Emtee wrote on Twitter.

However, after being inundated with followers telling him to stop 'killing' himself on his timeline and rappers apparently bragging about not drinking the purple drink, Emtee's taken to Twitter to tell people to leave him and his drink alone. **Drumms**



**NOT A DRUNKER: Emtee.**

## Twitter makes Proverb the 'new' leader of the Boyfriend Olympics

JOHANNESBURG - It is not that we been sleeping on

Proverb's progress in the 'Boyfriend Olympics' but it was not until Twitter decided to remove Maps Maponyane as CEO of the NAHAB (National Association of Husbands and Boyfriends) in the boyfriend division, that we saw how suited Pro was for the position. Since Pro and his gorgeous girlfriend

'came out' as a couple, theirs has been a beautiful journey to watch.

To be honest, they are one of the cutest couples in South African entertainment. In addition to the numerous kind gestures they do for each other, they also take random 'baecations' and just look so happy in all their selfies and photo shoots.

"Sometimes he's shooting far from Johannesburg like on location, and if there's no flight back he'll rather drive back than miss the show. **Times Live**



**NEW LEADER: Proverb.**

## Minnie Dlamini scores in Russia with magazine-style show

CAPE TOWN - Minnie Dlamini is not about to play the Bond girl in

a remake of the 1963 James Bond classic From Russia with Love. Rather, all the hoopla on social media for the past week is about a new magazine show for the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia from June 14 to July 15. Titled From Russia with Love, the show will be simulcast on SuperSport 3 and Mzansi Magic every Saturday and Sunday morning for the duration of the tour-

namment to spotlight the lifestyle side of the soccer World Cup. "It showcases all the festivities around the tournament," Dlamini said.

Leading up to all the festivities, Dlamini and her team have already travelled to Russia to get started on production. Since South Africa failed to qualify for the World Cup, Dlamini is running a campaign through the show's production company Beautiful Day - co-owned by her and husband Quinton Jones - to find a winner of an all-expenses trip to South Africa. **Soweton.**



**RUSSIA: Minnie Dlamini.**

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY

Phumelele tries to offer hope during a dark time. Meanwhile, S'bu spirals into a dark hole over the tragedy that has befallen him. Lillian is suspicious of Judas's help.



**OFFERS HOPE: Phumelele.**

ISIDINGO

TODAY

When intimidations fails, Clive decides to use emotional blackmail to try and solicit Wendy's forgiveness. Sechaba finds himself caught up in the middle of a political battle. Gabriel presents Nina with an offer he thinks she can't refuse.



**IN THE MIDDLE: Sechaba.**

Muvhango

TODAY

Teboho thinks that she is going to prison but Vho-Makhadzi dishes out an unexpected punishment. Meme is enraged and is back on her revenge quest. A fight breaks out between Skhumbuzo and Mthokozisi.



**GUILTY: Teboho.**

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



**INVENT: Mapula.**

Mzi gets a step closer to his mystery lover, or is it a step further away? Jafta manages to salvage his pride. Mapula tries to re-invent herself.



PICTURE OF THE DAY

When your boyfriend is an Electrical Engineer, and serves you breakfast.



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

**Capricorn December 22 – January 19**

Ever since Saturn moved into your sign four months ago, no goal has felt too lofty for you. But wait - is that the sound of a needy and "neglected" loved one playing a tiny violin? Today, as Mercury retrograde in your emo fourth house disrupts Saturn's agenda, you could be drawn into the rescuer role. Now is not the time to drop everything just to prove your love.



**Aquarius January 20 – February 18**

Filters, please! Your edgy sign loves to rock the boat by adding a controversial perspective into the dialogue. But today, as signal-jamming Mercury retrograde squares off with stern Saturn, your disruptive communication style could alienate the very people who have been supporting you. If you want to offer constructive feedback, word it diplomatically—something your rational sign has a talent for.



**Pisces February 19 – March 20**

All aboard at the collaboration station? Not so fast, Fish. Today, Saturn in your team-spirited eleventh house gets a disruptive beam from Mercury retrograde in your money zone. Just when you thought a project would go full speed ahead, somebody tosses a wrench in your plans. But this interruption could turn out to be a blessing in disguise, giving you a window to tighten up details of your plan—and maybe raise more money for the project.



**Aries March 21 – April 19**

If you don't have anything nice to say, Aries—well, you know the rest. You could read someone rather harshly today as communication planet Mercury, which is retrograde in Aries, squares critical Saturn in your authoritarian tenth house.



**Taurus April 20 – May 20**

Today, Saturn in your worldly ninth house may reveal an opportunity in a far-flung locale. You're ready to get proactive and book the flight for this prospecting mission...but hang on! With a square from manic Mercury retrograde in your foggy twelfth house, you aren't seeing things as clearly as you should.



**Gemini May 21 – June 21**

You could be teetering between the real world and a fantasy realm, Gemini. The fantasy world is more than likely the one that wins out, but that doesn't mean you should lose all touch with reality. If anyone can bridge these two worlds, it's you. You'll probably find yourself drawn to art, which can wonderfully bridge the two. Indeed, your creative juices are gushing like a



**Cancer June 22 – July 22**

Nurture your loved ones, Cancer. Tonight feel free to escape into a fantasy world with the object of your desire. Make plans to set your wildest fantasy into motion. Let your imagination lead the way. You'll never get where you want to go until you head in that direction. Have confidence that you can turn your dreams into reality.



**Leo July 23 – August 22**

Keep those luscious lips of yours zipped, Leo. Mouthy Mercury, which is retrograde in your candid ninth house, gets in a tangled angle with stern Saturn in your critical sixth house. You're only trying to be helpful, but your words could be taken WAY out of context, despite your attempts at diplomacy.



**Virgo August 23 – September 22**

Playing hard to get, Virgo? With your ruler, meticulous Mercury, retrograde in your erotic eighth house, you may be sending interested parties mixed signals. As flattering as the attention may be, you don't want to lead anyone on—or, conversely, throw a good one off your trail. With realist Saturn challenging Mercury today, make sure your intentions are clear.



**Libra September 23 – October 23**

There's a price to be "nice," Libra, especially if you've been swallowing your true feelings with a smile on your face. Today, as Mercury retrograde chips away at icy Saturn's reserve, faking it is no longer an option. While you might think that you're preventing a conflict by withholding your opinions, you're actually driving a wedge between you and a loved one.



**Scorpio October 24 – November 21**

Wearing one too many hats, Scorpio? With Mercury retrograde scrambling signals in your sixth house of efficiency, it's hard to stay on top of all your commitments. And today, a challenging beam from Saturn in your cooperative third house calls you out for being a control freak. Throw yourself a life raft, Scorpio, and call for backup.



**Sagittarius November 22 – December 21**

It's easy to get sucked into other people's affairs, especially when you're feeling overwhelmed by work and life. And with Mercury retrograde in your fifth house of theatrics squaring strict Saturn in your work zone today, you're easily driven to distraction. Warning: Falling down the Facebook rabbit hole or taking that call from your dramatic friend could hinder your productivity even more.



## BABY BLUES



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## SILVER SCREEN 2

### PUZZLE CHOICE

Can you find the hidden names? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

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## NONE



Q. An ethical lawyer, an honest politician, and a merciful aerobics instructor all fall out of an airplane.

Which one hits the ground first?  
A. It doesn't matter - none of them exist.

## USELESS FACTS

1. Japan is the third most densely populated country in the world. First is the Netherlands, followed by Belgium.

2. The names of all the continents end with the same letter that they start with, e.g. Asia, Europe.

3. If you come from Birmingham, you are a

Brummie. The Dutch town of Leeuwarden can be spelled 225 different ways.

4. There was once a town named "6" in West Virginia.

5. Nauru is the only country in the world with no official capital. Its government offices are all in Yaren District, but there's no official capital.

## BRAINTEASERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### YESTERDAY'S BRAINTEASERS

1. It is weightless, you can see it, and if you put it in a barrel it will make the barrel lighter?

Answer: A hole

2. No sooner spoken than broken. What is it?

Answer: Silence.

### TODAY'S BRAINTEASERS

1. Only two backbones and thousands of ribs.

2. He has married many women but has never married. Who is he?





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## Fun Facts about Foxx

**White Famous is based on Jamie Foxx's come-up and we decided to look at some fun facts you may not know about the man.**

Jamie Foxx is multi-talented – he's an actor, musician, comedian and a television producer. His latest work is as an actor and producer on our new show **White Famous**, which is loosely based on his come-up as a comedian.

It stars Saturday Night Live alum Jay Pharoah, who plays an up-and-coming African-American comedian on the precipice of breaking out as a star.

### JAMIE FOXX HAS BEEN FUNNY HIS ENTIRE LIFE

While in the second grade his teacher used to tell the class that if they were well behaved she would give them an opportunity to listen to Jamie's jokes.

Jamie Foxx has a girlfriend to thank for his career.

He started his career as a comedian because of a dare from his girlfriend in 1989. She dared him to do an open mic at a comedy club, he did impersonations of Bill Cosby and Ronald Reagan.

### HE WAS ADOPTED BY HIS MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS

Jamie attributes his success to his grandmother, Esther's influence. She ran a nursery school and pushed Jamie to focus on the things he excelled at, music and reading. Jamie says the most important lesson he learnt from his grandmother was confidence: "She could walk into a bank filled with white folks and say, 'Let me speak to so and so.' She knew who she was."

His real name is not Jamie Foxx

Jamie was born Eric Marlon Bishop. While coming up in the comedy scene, he noticed females got more opportunities and were called up to the stage before their male counterparts, so he decided to choose an ambiguous name 'Jamie' so that he could get to the stage more frequently and quicker. Choosing 'Foxx' was an ode to pioneering African-American comedian, Redd Foxx,

Jamie said that the moment you heard the name Foxx, you immediately thought funny.

### HE HAD BEEN PREPARING TO PLAY RAY CHARLES SINCE 1990

During his time on *In Living Color* he spoof impersonated the Diet Pepsi adverts that starred Ray Charles. His most notable performance of Ray was in the movie biopic *Ray*, in which he won an Oscar in 2004.

### JAMIE GIVES GREAT ADVICE

Leslie Jones is now a great comedian but she wasn't always great. In her early years she once had the honour of opening for Jamie Foxx and she bombed hard. Jamie called her aside and said, 'You're like 19. You have nothing. You have no stories, you have no life. Go live. Go have some bad jobs. Go have some good jobs. Go get your heart broken. Go break some hearts. Because you have no material right now.' The rest is history.

### HE IS A HISTORY MAKER

Jamie is one of two men (the other being Al Pacino) to have been nominated for two Oscars in one year. He was nominated and won for the Best Actor category for his portrayal of Ray Charles in *Ray*, and he was nominated for the Best Supporting Actor category for his role of the taxi-driver that drove around a hitman in *Collateral*.

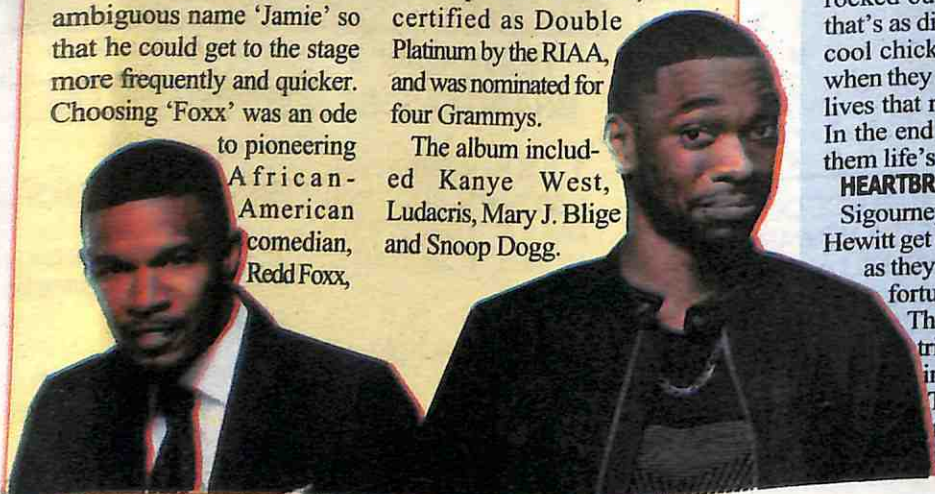
He is one of five people who have an Oscar and a #1 song on the Billboard Chart

The first time was when he featured on Twista's *Slow Jamz* alongside Kanye West and the second time was when he collaborated with Kanye West on *Gold Digger*.

### HE IS DOUBLE PLATINUM CERTIFIED

His sophomore album *Unpredictable* sold two million copies in the USA, was certified as Double Platinum by the RIAA, and was nominated for four Grammys.

The album included Kanye West, Ludacris, Mary J. Blige and Snoop Dogg.



# SURVIVOR SA: THINK YOU KNOW NICO PANAGIO?

Check out fun Q&A with Survivor South Africa host, Nico Panagio.

**Describe yourself using only a hashtag.**  
#Barefoot

**If you were a castaway in the great game of Survivor, what would most likely send you packing?**

I would like to think I could deal with most of the trials, jumping off, out of and into things, the social battles, hunger and discomfort, but eating creepy-crawlies that are still alive and wriggling around in my mouth that will shake me.

**What character trait, habit or act would make you vote someone off the island?**

Anyone who sabotages their own tribe in any way is persona non grata in my camp. There are unspoken lines of decency that you just don't cross in this game and messing with the food is one of them. Battle your differences out in the challenges, around the campfire or at Tribal Council, but you don't mess with the food. That's sacrilege.

**Were you and Jeff Probst separated at birth?**

Yes, it just took me a decade longer to emerge. Jeff is a legend and I'm a huge fan, so any comparison is sincerely appreciated. I'm also so humbled by the fact that fans of the show are gracious enough to accept other hosts who walk in his footsteps, despite the fact that he rocked it first and continues to do so.

**Pineapple on pizza, yes or no?**

No. Nope. Most definitely no.

**What are people usually surprised to**

**find out about you?**

That I fly to the island alone, for 2 weeks before the contestants arrive, to build my own shelter and just get the lay of the land and immerse myself in the fauna and flora and stuff... make fire, fish, you know.

**WATCH:** Nico's Diary

**What word or phrase did you use most during the filming of Survivor South Africa season 6?**

Off screen: At some point during the day the crew all look at one another and somehow everyone shares a very specific, almost rapturous, look. It's an island fever/Survivor fan/crew euphoria thing. Often it's during a boat ride at sunset or just after a super twist in the game, and even when we are being tossed around in a crazy storm at sea, drenched and bouncing across the waves in the dark! The moments are wildly different in nature, but the experience is always the same. It is a perfect 'living in the moment' kind of thing and at some point when the moment is at its peak, someone will shout (or whisper): "This is why we came!" Someone starts the sentence and we all finish it together. On screen, for some reason, I can't help saying "the tribe has spoken" at the end of each episode. :)

**What is your biggest/weirdest fear?**

Big-wave surfing. I've done some scary things in my life and I'm a bit of a thrill junkie, but nothing freaks me out quite like the ocean. When I'm out surfing and things get hairy, I'm the first guy back on the beach.

**What would be your one super power?**

Flying. Definitely flying. That's the one thing I'm hoping God has planned for us in Heaven, because I've been dreaming I could fly since I was a lil' kid. I used to jump off walls and concentrate really hard, convinced that if you believe it hard enough you can fly. I hit the ground every time. As I grew older I stopped jumping off walls, but since then I discovered there are other ways to fly...

**If you could steal any of the props from this season of Survivor South Africa, what would it be?**

I'm more a collector of buffs. I have one for each tribe of each season. It's a very coveted prize in the game of Survivor, even amongst the crew who wear them with pride wherever they go afterwards. It's like a badge of honour. :)

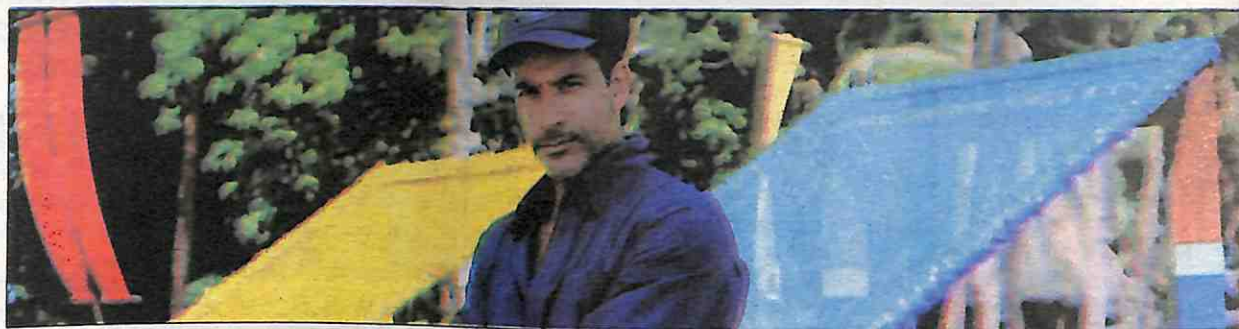
**If you had to relocate permanently to one of the Survivor South Africa locations, which one would you choose?**

Definitely the Philippines. It's an exceptionally beautiful place, but there is also a spirit that engulfs you that is different to everywhere we have been before. There is something very special about those islands.

Survivor SA is powered by the Huawei P20 Pro and is produced by Afrokaans Film and TV.

The show is also available on DStv Catch-Up and Catch-Up Plus within 24 hours.

Survivor SA: Philippines airs on M-Net (DStv channel 101) on Thursdays at 19:00. Join the conversation on the Survivor Facebook Page or on Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag #SurvivorSA.



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## BRIEFS

## Sali leaves Chippa United

JOHANNESBURG - Chippa United have confirmed the departure of midfielder Buyani Sali. Sali and the club failed to agree on a new contract after the player's current deal with the club expired. "Chippa United in its entirety thanks Buyani Sali for the contribution he has made to the Club," said Chairman, Siviwe Mpengesi. The midfielder, who was one of the key players in Chippa's squad last season, could possibly join a team in Johannesburg. *Citizen*

## The ball is in Jali's court

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates Chairman Irvin Khoza has revealed that he met with Andile Jali to talk about a possible move to the Soweto giants. Khoza says Pirates are now waiting for the Bafana Bafana midfielder to make a decision about his future. "He was here and we had a good discussion. Now the ball is in his court. He said he would come back to us and we are waiting to hear from him," said Khoza to City Press. "His agent [Mike Makaaab] has not spoken to us, but we will welcome him if he wants to come. *Citizen*



## Petersen 'learning from Khune'

JOHANNESBURG - Budding Kaizer Chiefs keeper Brylon Petersen says the priority at this stage of his career is to absorb everything he can from Amakhosi number one Itumeleng Khune. The 22-year-old Petersen had a superb season for Chiefs' MultiChoice Diski Challenge team. With the departure of back-up keeper Brilliant Khuzwayo, Petersen potentially moves higher up the pecking order although he must still battle it out with Bruce Bavuma for the right to be Khune's main understudy. *Sport24*

## City set to release Gumede

CAPE TOWN - Cape Town City are to release Tshepo Gumede, who has hardly played since Benni McCarthy took over. A source claimed the 27-year-old defender might be used in a swap deal with Maritzburg United as City are chasing Siyanda Xulu. "Tshepo's future there is not okay. Benni has made it clear he wants two experienced defenders but he already has Tshepo. *Citizen*



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## Chiefs to face Sundowns in new pre-season cup

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs will have a chance to win some silverware early next season - and no, it's not the Carling Cup, which won't be played due to the FIFA World Cup.

Stadium Management SA (SMSA) announced on Monday night that the Amakhosi will take on Mamelodi Sundowns in the newly created Shell Helix

Ultra Cup, which will take place on July 21 at the FNB Stadium.

SMSA said in a statement that they are the rights holders for the event, and will be sponsored by Shell Downstream SA in a three-year deal.

The match will be an ideal opportunity for the new Kaizer Chiefs coach - whomever it may be as a replacement for the now-departed Steve

Komphela - to gauge his players ahead of the MTN8 competition and Premiership season.

While the Amakhosi management have yet to name a replacement, it has been rumoured that former Chelsea and Ghana Manager Avram Grant is being considered, along with Free State Stars mentor Luc Eymael. *IOL Sport*

## Celtic CEO denies Siwelele sale

JOHANNESBURG - Bloemfontein Celtic Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Khumbulani Konco has denied the club has been sold despite reports suggesting the completion of a R60 million sale.

According to those reports, an unnamed businessman from Kimberley in the Northern Cape has purchased the team for that price and a relocation to the area was reportedly on the cards.

Siwelele supporters are said to have acted angrily to the news, with protesters allegedly taking to the streets of Bloemfontein to express their displeasure. Nonetheless, Konco has poured water on



the flames and said that no transaction had in fact taken place. He told the Sowetan: "Celtic have not been sold. We are trying to defuse the situation that has been caused by the reports that the club has

been sold. "There is no such, otherwise we would have communicated the development to our fans. Our real supporters know we have the structures in place where we communicate with them." *Sport24*

## Manyama will make his mark internationally- Eto'o

JOHANNESBURG - If Bafana Bafana attacker Lebogang Manyama was contemplating his long-term future at Turkish club Konyaspor, one of Africa's best-ever strikers has advised that he practices a little bit of patience before throwing in the towel.

Samuel Eto'o, the ex-Barcelona, Inter Milan, Chelsea and Cameroon striker, spoke highly of Manyama this week, describing him as "incredible player".

The two have been teammates at Konyaspor since January when Eto'o joined from rivals Antalyaspor, which could have also con-

tributed to Manyama's limited game time in leading the line.

"He's an incredible player, but he just hasn't had the chance to play much this year. I know that he is a very good player and I want to wish him all the best," said 37-year-old Eto'o, who was in Zambia as the ambassador for the Castle five-a-side competition hosted in Lusaka.

Manyama was signed from Cape Town City in August last year following a stellar 2016-17 season with the side from the Mother City, a campaign in which he was crowned Footballer of the Year, Players' Player of the Year and

Golden Boot winner.

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He'd also just broken into the national team in a squad that many had hoped would qualify for the World Cup in Russia, but failed to do so after winning just one of their qualifiers in Group D.

Manyama, who arrived three matches into the start of the Turkish Super Lig, made his debut on September 9 as a second half substitute, was picked in the first eleven for the next game, but subsequently fell down the pecking order. *The Star*

## De Villiers retirement a blow to World Cup bid

JOHANNESBURG - Coach Ottis Gibson admitted on Monday that the retirement from international cricket of AB de Villiers was a blow to South Africa's hopes of winning the Cricket World Cup next year.

Gibson revealed that he had spoken to De Villiers the day before last week's announcement by the star batsman but had been unable to convince him to change his mind.

"We had a conversation," said Gibson, who was briefing journalists ahead of the South African squad getting together to undergo their annual fitness and medical assessments. "He called me the morning before he made the announcement," said Gibson. "We had a long conversation around whether he was making the right decision. He reckons he is. He has spoken to the people in his close circle." Gibson said De Villiers' decision had been a shock to him. "He is one of the best players in the world. He could have made a huge difference in the World Cup and he knows that... he's chosen to walk away from the game at this time and it is what it is." Gibson said the World Cup in England and Wales in June 2019 was still a year away. "We'll have to alter our plans obviously but it gives us enough time to do that."

*African News Agency*

## Chippa go on NDF shopping spree

JOHANNESBURG - Chippa United have wasted no time in revamping their squad ahead of the 2018-19 season as they look to solidify their PSL status.

Boikanyo Komane, Ntuxeko Nation Ndlovu and Lucky Setelele have all been added to the Port Elizabeth-based franchise with the club also welcoming back Dan Malesela as the coach.

### Grateful

Malesela rejoins the Chilli Boys just eight months after being shown the door and is thankful for another opportunity with the club.

"I am grateful to be back. I really appreciate that the chairman is presenting me with this opportunity again," he said. "I believe in fate, it is what has brought us back together."

Malesela will be able to call upon the services of three new players, who are all stepping up from the National First Division.

Boikanyo Komane (Royal Eagles) and Ntuxeko Ndlovu (Cape Town All Stars) have arrived to bolster Chippa's midfield resources with Ndlovu's Cape Town All Stars teammate Lucky Setelele also making the move.

*African News Agency*



INCREDIBLE: Lebogang Manyama.





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## BRIEFS

## It will be a pleasure to face Sarri

**MANCHESTER** - Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola is relishing the opportunity to face Maurizio Sarri if he joins Chelsea in the English Premier League. Sarri looks to be on his way to England after he was sacked as Napoli manager and replaced with Carlo Ancelotti. Guardiola stated that he was impressed with Sarri and his Napoli team after the two clubs met each other in this year's UEFA Champions League match.

Sport24

## Liverpool to look to benefit from Roma

**LIVERPOOL** - Liverpool will look to benefit from Roma's Financial Fair Play issues once again this summer when they pursue Brazil No 1 Alisson Becker. Roma were punished by UEFA in May 2015 after reporting losses of £50million and had sanctions imposed on them for three seasons; the need to balance the books last summer meant they had no choice but to sell Mohamed Salah to Liverpool for £36.9million. *Daily Mail*



## Sessegnon will stay at Fulham

**LONDON** - Teenage Fulham sensation Ryan Sessegnon will remain at Craven Cottage next season despite being linked with a move to a top-six Premier League outfit, according to club owner Shahid Khan. Sessegnon has earned rave reviews for his performances this season which helped drive the club's promotion to the Premier League, with the winger peaking the interest of Manchester United, Liverpool and Tottenham. But Khan said Fulham's 1-0 victory over Aston Villa in the Championship play-off final means the 18-year-old winger will grace the Premier League in a white Fulham shirt next season. *Daily Mail*



**MANCHESTER** - Jose Mourinho fears that not even even Manchester United can afford to buy Gareth Bale.

Real Madrid slapped a £200m

price tag on the Wales international after his two-goal supershow landed a third successive Champions League crown. And with his current wages a staggering £650,000

a week after tax, United would have to cough up a mind-blowing £335m to get him on a four-year deal.

It is an outlay Mourinho thinks is beyond the Old Trafford giants.

And especially with Real wanting a king's ransom after Bale's two strikes, including a sensational overhead kick helped beat Liverpool 3-1 in Saturday night's final in Kiev.

Asked last night whether the United boss would still love to sign Bale a source close to Mourinho said: "Yes...but where is the money?"

Landing Wales wonder Bale, 28, would also cause havoc with United's current pay structure, with top earner Alexis Sanchez on £500,000 a week.

Bale said immediately after Madrid's win in Kiev he needs regular football, having started on the bench again on Saturday, after a fall out with Real boss Zinedine Zidane earlier in the season.

Super agent Jonathan Barnett plans talks over Bale's future with Madrid president Florentino Perez this summer. And if ageing superstar Cristiano Ronaldo carries out his threat to leave the Bernabeu, Bale's place in the Real pecking order is certain to soar. *Daily Star*

## 'Karius won't play for Liverpool again'

**LIVERPOOL** - Liverpool goalkeeper Loris Karius will not play for the club again following his howlers in the Champions League final against Real Madrid, according to former midfielder Danny Murphy.

The German shot-stopper was left in tears as he gifted Karim Benzema the opening goal before failing to make a routine save from Gareth Bale's long-range shot in Saturday's grand finale.

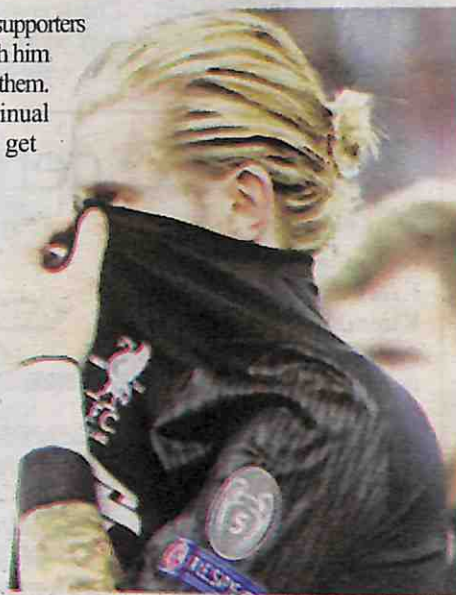
Along with Sergio Ramos, who injured Mohamed Salah in the first half, Karius has become a target for heart-broken supporters, and Murphy believes it will prove to be the last thing he does in a Liverpool shirt.

'I actually feel sorry for him. I really do,' Murphy told talkSPORT. 'Nobody goes into a game wanting to make mistakes. Unfortunately I don't think he'll play in a Liverpool shirt again. It's impossible for him. I think the magnitude of the mistakes and the enormity

of the game, the supporters will struggle with him being in goal for them.

'And the continual ribbing he will get week in, week out, wherever he goes - that's going to be huge pressure for him. I just can't see him playing again. That's not being dramatic, that's a reality of the situation.'

Even without Salah, Liverpool were containing the threat from Real Madrid before Karius attempted to throw the ball across the path of Benzema early in the second half. Benzema managed to intercept the throw and the ball dribbled into the net. His failure to keep hold of Bale's shot, which made it 3-1, also killed off any chance of a come-



**NO MORE:** Liverpool goalkeeper Loris Karius.

back after the Welshman had regained the lead with an incredible bicycle kick following Sadio Mane's equaliser. The goalkeeper has already left on holiday after being left out of Germany's World Cup squad but could return to find himself replaced.

*Daily Mail*

## Chelsea owner Abramovich becomes Israeli citizen

**JERUSALEM** - Russian Jewish billionaire and Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich arrived in Israel on Monday after receiving citizenship of the Jewish state, local Channel 10 television reported.

"He landed today in his private aircraft at (Tel Aviv's) Ben Gurion airport and was presented with an Israeli identity card," the commercially-owned station said on its evening newscast.

An official at Nativ, a department of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office dealing with Jewish communities in the ex-Soviet Union, said Abramovich had applied for an immigration visa at Israel's embassy in Moscow, the station said earlier on its website.

"His documents were examined under the 'Law of Return' and he was indeed entitled to immigrant status in Israel, and as a result he was issued an immigration visa," it added.

Spokesmen for Netanyahu's office contacted by AFP did not confirm or deny the report.

Israel's Law of Return gives every Jew, or child or grandchild of a Jew, the right to Israeli citizenship on demand.

According to media reports, Abramovich's British visa has run out and the application process for a new visa has been taking longer than usual.

AFP

## Emery's £60m transfer budget is ridiculous

**LONDON** - Former Arsenal midfielder Emmanuel Petit has expressed his frustration with the small transfer budget manager Unai Emery has been given.

The north London outfit are understood to have a transfer budget of only around £60m for Emery's first window as Gunners boss, despite the club making a net profit on their transfer activity over the last two windows.

Arsenal spent £106.7m in 2017/18, mostly on bringing in Alexandre

Lacazette and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.

However, they sold Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, Theo Walcott, Olivier Giroud, Francis Coquelin, Wojciech Szczesny, Gabriel, and Kieran Gibbs to bring in £114.2m.

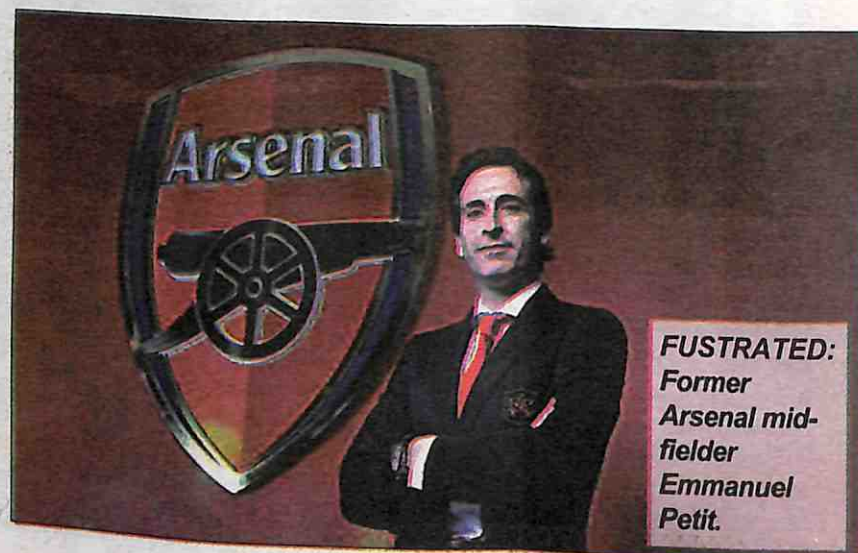
Petit, who won the Premier League with Arsenal in 1998, is unimpressed by the budget Emery has been given and believes he won't be able to have a significant impact due to the severe restriction on his spending.

"When I hear about the amount

of money Emery has to spend, I can't believe it. Where are you going with £60m? You're going nowhere," said Petit, according to the Evening Standard.

"With that amount of money, you can put the best manager in the world on the sideline and the team won't change much. There is quality at the club, but not to match the likes of Manchester City or Liverpool. They need to bring in top quality players.

*Sport24*



**FUSTRATED:** Former Arsenal midfielder Emmanuel Petit.





## FIFA WORLD CUP RUSSIA 2018

### France among World Cup favourites - Ireland boss O'Neill

PARIS - Republic of Ireland Manager Martin O'Neill believes France are quite capable of winning the Soccer World Cup after seeing them get the better of his team in a friendly on Monday evening.

France won 2-0 on a wet night, with Olivier Giroud and Nabil Fekir scoring the goals in the first half, and Ireland struggled to get near the ball at the Stade de France.

"They are very strong, individually they have got a lot of talent in their team. I think they're one of the favourites for the World Cup," said O'Neill.

It was the first meeting of the sides since Antoine Griezmann's goals gave hosts France a 2-1 win in Lyon in the round of 16 of the last European Championship.

Only three France players in Monday's game - Adil Rami, Giroud and Blaise Matuidi - also started in that match at Euro 2016.

AFP



I'M BACK: Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer during a recent practice.

## NEUER SET FOR COMEBACK

MUNICH - Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer will make his comeback from a nine-month injury break in Saturday's international against Austria as he races to be fit for next month's World Cup, goalkeeping coach Andreas Koepke said on Tuesday.

World Cup winner Neuer, who has been the Germany number one for more than eight years, has not played a single official game since breaking a bone in his foot back in September but Koepke

said he was fully on track for the tournament in Russia.

"That's the plan," Koepke told reporters at their training camp in Eppan, northern Italy.

### Training

"As things stand now he will play on Saturday. There is nothing in the way and those are the matches he needs. An international against Austria where he will have more to do."

The 32-year-old Germany captain played 30 minutes in their

training match against the German Under-20 team on Monday and will again play another 30 minutes when the two sides meet today.

### Deadline

The reigning world champions will stay in Italy until June 5, a day after the deadline for the final 23-man squad announcement. Coach Joachim Loew has taken 27 players to the training camp with four facing the cut, including one of four keepers.

Reuters

## QATAR WORLD CUP BID VICTORY 'COMPLETELY ILLEGITIMATE'

LONDON - FIFA will come under renewed pressure to strip Qatar of the 2022 World Cup after a new watchdog uncovered more evidence of endemic corruption during the bidding process.

The Foundation for Sports Integrity, which will be launched in London tomorrow evening, says Qatar's vote victory in 2010 was 'completely illegitimate' in a new investigation. They claim to have evidence that Qatar paid millions to members of FIFA's executive committee as they considered which country to award the tournament to.

The findings, published by The Sun, include evidence that Argentine FIFA Executive Julio Grondona allegedly received a mystery payment of £3.6million into his Swiss bank account. The money was paid in just before the 2010 vote that determined which nations would stage the 2018 and 2022 World Cups. Qatar also allegedly paid off a £50m debt owed by the Argentine Football Association. The Foundation also reveals that a £1.1bn deal between Qatar Airways and French firm Airbus Industries followed talks between the Emir of Qatar, then-French President Nicolas Sarkozy and former UEFA President Michael Platini in the weeks leading up to the vote.

Daily Mail

## DESPITE THE TALENTS OF RONALDO, PORTUGAL ARE SWC OUTSIDERS

LISBON - Portugal head to the World Cup as European champions but few would place them among the favourites in Russia.

Cristiano Ronaldo will spearhead the charge but what about their coach, Fernando Santos, who led the team to glory only two years ago?

Here, we take a closer look at Santos and how Portugal are set for the tournament.

Santos enjoyed a decent, if unspectacular, playing career that was mostly spent with Estoril in the first, second and third tiers of Portuguese football. In management, he has coached in Portugal, with giants Benfica, Sporting Lisbon and Porto, and Greece, where he was in charge of AEK Athens, Panathinaikos and finally the Greek national team at Euro 2012. They made the quarter-finals before losing to Germany.

Some would say Santos is the antithesis of attractive, attacking football, with his teams usually set up to defend first, maintain shape and frustrate opponents through discipline and hard work. Under his leadership, Portugal won Euro 2016 scoring more than one goal in only two of their seven matches but who could argue with the result? His team won the country's first major tournament in its history.

The pair go back a long way, given Santos was in charge of Sporting when they sold Ronaldo to Manchester United in 2003. Ronaldo enjoys a close relationship with the 63-year-old, who named the striker as captain during the European Championship in France. Zinedine Zidane had led Real Madrid to Champions League



OUTSIDERS: Portugal boss Fernando Santos.

glory that same summer but Ronaldo voted for Santos as FIFA coach of the year. "I have a good relationship with both my coaches," Ronaldo said. "I think in my shoes they would have voted the same."

### Success

It was more about who Santos left out given he overlooked several players involved in the success of two years ago. Barcelona's Andre Gomes and Nelson Semedo missed out while Bayern Munich's Renato Sanches was also dropped after a disappointing season in the Premier League on loan at Swansea City. Lazio winger Nani and Lille striker Eder, who scored the winner against France in the Euro final, were also left disappointed.

AFP

## STERLING DEFENDS ASSAULT RIFLE TATTOO



DEEPER MEANING: Manchester City and England star Raheem Sterling.

LONDON - Manchester City and England star Raheem Sterling has been forced to defend his new tattoo of an M16 assault rifle.

Sterling posted a picture of himself training with his England teammates at St George's Park, with a tattoo of an assault rifle on the winger's right calf clearly visible.

Lucy Cope, who founded Mothers Against Guns after her son

Damian was shot dead outside a club in central London in July

2012, said the ink was "totally unacceptable". "We demand he has the tattoo lasered off or covered up with a different tattoo," She told the Sun.

"If he refuses he should be dropped from the England team. He's supposed to be a role model but chooses to glamorise guns."

But Sterling, who helped City win the Premier League title in April and is currently preparing for next month's World Cup, alluded to the tattoo having a "deeper meaning". In a post on Instagram, the 23-year-old said: "When I was two my father died from being gunned down to death I made a promise to myself I would never touch a gun in my life time, I shoot with my right foot so it has a deeper meaning and still unfinished."

AFP

## Egypt star Salah to travel to Spain for treatment

CAIRO - Liverpool and Egypt star Mohamed Salah will travel led to Spain yesterday for treatment on the injured shoulder that wrecked his Champions League final bid and threatens his World Cup participation.

Egypt's football federation (EFA) said Salah's entourage had chosen Spain for a rehabilitation programme that Egyptians will hope helps Salah return in time for next month's World Cup in Russia.

According to an EFA statement, Salah will be accompanied by Liverpool's medical staff "for the duration of the treatment period", having "started his rehabilitation on Sunday".

### Stunning

Salah, who hit a stunning 44 goals for Liverpool last season in all competitions, was forced out the Champions League final in tears on Saturday clutching his left shoulder after being wrestled to the ground

by Real Madrid captain Sergio Ramos.

It was feared the injury had ruled Salah out of the June 14-July 15 World Cup, but on Sunday the Reds' striker said he was "confident" he would be back in time.

"It was a very tough night, but I'm a fighter. Despite the odds, I'm confident that I'll be in Russia to make you all proud," Salah wrote on his official Twitter account on Sunday. AFP



# REGIONAL 100s STANDINGS

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## MTN National First Division log

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Sea Birds	22	14	5	3	37	21	16	47
Citizens	22	13	7	2	41	17	24	46
Madlenya	22	13	2	7	41	24	17	41
Milling	22	10	6	6	25	18	7	36
Callies	22	9	5	8	23	27	-4	32
Tycoons	22	10	1	11	33	29	4	31
Tinyosi	22	7	7	8	37	34	3	28
Hub Sundowns	22	8	4	10	18	24	-6	28
Sikhalo	22	7	7	8	25	32	-7	38
Amalanda	22	7	2	13	25	36	-11	23
Bad Boys	22	4	5	13	18	38	-20	17
Mahlalini	22	3	3	16	33	57	-24	12

## Swazi Trac F-hohho Super League - E77 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 PMT	22	13	8	1	52	18	34	47
2 Imbumba	22	13	6	3	50	17	33	45
3 Burning Spear	22	12	5	5	38	22	16	41
4 Sibovini	22	11	4	7	43	37	6	37
5 Swazi Sun	22	8	7	7	37	29	8	31
6 Billy Ocean	22	9	4	9	33	31	2	31
7 Kupheleni	22	8	4	10	35	31	4	28
8 Wizards	21	8	2	11	33	39	-6	26
9 Emajukujuku	22	5	8	9	24	40	-16	23
10 Sibuyeni	22	5	6	11	19	33	-14	21
11 Umbelebele	22	6	3	13	23	43	-20	21
12 Vusweni Killers	21	3	3	15	16	62	-46	12

## Northern Zone

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Vultures	22	13	6	3	45	13	32	45
2 Black Swallows	22	14	3	5	37	19	18	45
3 Khanjama Rovers	22	11	5	6	50	36	14	38
4 Manchester	22	10	8	4	36	22	14	38
5 Horo	22	10	7	5	37	19	18	37
6 Kappa Kappa	22	9	4	8	36	35	1	31
7 N. Swallows	22	7	8	7	25	21	4	29
8 Ms. Arsenal	22	5	12	5	26	20	6	27
9 Pachanga	22	7	4	11	36	48	-12	25
10 Mvuma	22	5	7	10	19	33	-14	22
11 Ndeya Galaxy	22	6	2	14	26	48	-22	20
12 19 Celtics	22	0	4	18	20	79	-59	4

## Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League E70 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Sidwashini	30	21	8	1	66	25	41	71
2 Amawele	30	20	7	3	60	27	33	67
3 Corporation	30	16	9	5	60	35	25	57
4 Interstars	30	16	7	7	60	44	16	55
5 Real Tec	30	16	5	9	65	39	26	53
6 Pot O Gold	30	14	7	9	48	36	12	49
7 Sandla	30	10	10	10	51	48	3	40
8 White City	30	9	9	12	43	42	1	36
9 Supersport	30	9	8	13	54	59	-5	35
10 Veni Cosmos	30	9	6	15	49	59	-10	33
11 Pine valley	30	8	8	14	42	48	-6	32
12 Double Action	30	7	11	12	48	65	-17	32
13 Mbabane Arsenal	30	7	9	14	32	43	-11	30
14 Mbabane Celtics	30	6	12	12	27	43	-16	30
15 FC Vaal Stars	30	5	8	17	35	71	-36	23
16 Gordon stars	30	2	6	22	40	96	-56	12

## B. Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Thembelihle	26	18	7	1	65	25	40	61
2 Classic	26	19	4	3	104	39	65	61
3 Freestyle	26	17	4	5	64	27	37	55
4 Mpolonjeni	26	14	8	4	69	32	37	50
5 Royal Dynamos	26	13	3	10	70	53	17	42
6 Mangwaneni	26	10	10	6	68	46	22	40
7 Lusoli	26	10	7	9	52	50	2	37
8 National Rangers	26	10	3	13	50	62	-12	33
9 Mphalati	26	9	3	14	51	67	-16	30
10 The Wailers	26	7	6	13	41	59	-18	27
11 Junction stars	26	6	5	15	50	95	-45	23
12 Movers	26	4	6	16	39	103	-64	18
13 Mbabane United	26	3	8	15	42	57	-15	17
14 Mantsholo United	26	3	4	19	35	85	-50	13

## Futis Nkhamba Regional League - E15 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Shooting Stars	26	23	1	2	102	15	87	70
2 Majotini	26	19	3	4	77	30	47	60
3 Ngwenya United	26	14	8	4	72	41	31	50
4 Barcelona F.C.	26	12	7	7	62	41	21	43
5 Super Stars	26	13	4	9	41	39	2	43
6 Nkoyoyo	26	12	6	8	46	44	2	42
7 Bafana	26	12	4	10	42	49	-7	40
8 Mhlosheni	26	12	3	11	40	49	-9	39
9 Dribbling Stars	26	9	4	13	41	54	-13	31
10 Crocodiles	26	9	3	18	37	45	-8	30
11 Brothers United	26	8	4	14	43	77	-34	28
12 Atletico	26	7	6	13	49	58	-9	27
13 Manyisa United	26	5	1	20	37	70	-33	16
14 Molshane R.I Rovers	26	2	4	20	38	92	-54	10
15 Marisburg	26	3	0	23	17	75	-58	9

## Pots Construction Sigangeni League - E30 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Community	29	23	3	3	81	19	62	72
2 Ntsetse	29	19	6	4	68	19	49	63
3 Real Touch	29	18	4	7	57	36	21	58
4 Young Heroes	29	16	5	8	50	36	14	53
5 Real United	29	13	10	6	47	27	20	49
6 Total Xi	29	14	4	11	50	46	4	46
7 Young Fighters	29	12	6	11	41	41	0	42

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
8 U. Eagles	29	11	6	12	38	54	-16	39
9 M. Celtics	29	10	7	12	34	43	-9	37
10 Villa Sport	29	9	7	14	39	53	-14	34
11 Nationals	29	6	11	12	31	51	-20	29
12 Mighty Chiefs	29	7	6	16	29	52	-23	27
13 Kangaroo	29	7	4	18	46	66	-20	25
14 Sigangeni	29	5	8	16	30	53	-23	23
15 Man Unlimited	29	7	2	20	17	60	-43	23
16 Golden Stars	29	3	0	26	18	89	-71	9
17 Cannibals	29	1	3	21	14	81	-67	6

## Bakhanyisele &amp; Menzi Dlamini Maphalaleni League - E40 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 XI Experience	30	23	3	4	79	25	54	72
2 Young Lovers	30	20	8	2	86	16	70	68
3 Hotspurs	30	21	5	4	57	27	30	68
4 Manchester	30	19	2	9	62	34	28	59
5 Blue Birds	30	17	7	7	56	40	16	58
6 Professionals	30	16	2	12	63	35	28	50
7 Junior Stars	30	14	7	9	67	36	31	49
8 Rangers	30	14	7	8	55	32	23	49
9 Thuluzobona	30	13	4	13	39	42	-3	43
10 Umkhokha	30	11	3	16	56	64	-8	36
11 Young Stars	30	9	7	14	39	43	-4	34
12 Khulungwane	30	8	6	16	31	65	-34	30
13 Luvunjelo	30	6	6	18	36	66	-30	24
14 Barcelona F.C.	30	4	4	22	30	106	-76	16
15 Killers	30	4	3	23	28	82	-54	15
16 Liselesele	30	2	7	21	26	85	-59	13

## Western Stream

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Early Sunset	26	16	8	2	60	22	38	56
2 Love & Peace	26	17	5	3	45	15	30	56
3 Happy Fighters	26	17	4	5	59	23	36	55
4 Lunkanka	26	15	9	2	49	26	23	54
5 Hill Stars	26	15	8	3	39	12	27	53
6 Mighty Birds	26	13	9	4	48	35	13	48
7 Jubukweni United	26	8	12	6	37	24	13	36
8 Top Classic	26	9	4	13	38	43	-5	31
9 Siphambanweni	26	6	9	12	34	40	-6	27
10 Rollers	26	6	6	14	38	47	-9	24
11 Happy Tigers	26	3	11	12	23	38	-15	20
12 Academy	26	3	3	18	21	43	-22	18
13 Sunrise	26	3	8	15	31	59	-28	17
14 Lubuyane Pirates	26	1	0	25	9	94	-85	3

## South Star Mzimba Regional League - E50 000

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Arsenal	30	19	7	4	47	25	22	64
2 Green Sea	30	18	3	9	57	32	27	57
3 Nkhokweni Cosmos	30	15	5	10	56	36	20	50
4 Rebels	30	12	11	7	52	44	8	47
5 Rangers	30	12	8	10	45	32	13	44
6 Monaco	30	11	9	10	36	34	2	42
7 Sundowns	30	10	11	9	38	39	-1	41
8 Swallows	30	11	7	12	41	39	2	40
9 Bush Bucks	30	10	8	12	36	47	-11	38
10 Timbongulu	30	8	13	9	38	39	-1	37
11 Kasiko	30	8	11	11	41	44	-3	35
12 Top Centre	30	8	10	12	35	46	-11	34
13 Chiefs	30	10	4	16	32	45	-13	34
14 Rhinos	30	7	10	12	29	36	-7	31
15 Barcelona	30	7	9	14	33	51	-18	30
16 Rhumba	30	6	10	14	32	54	-22	28

## B. Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Black Mashuba	12	6	4	2	22	17	5	22
2 Amacabane	12	6	2	4	24	12	12	20
3 Drikopies	12	5	1	5	17	18	-1	16
4 All Stars	12	4	3	5	20	17	3	15
5 Highlanders	12	2	4	6	21	37	-16	10

## Mbabane Juniors

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Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Dark City	11	10	1	0	34	2	32	31
2 Amawele	11	8	1	2	20	5	15	25
3 Hurricane	9	7	0	2	22	7	15	21
4 SuperSport United	10	7	0	3	20	8	12	21
5 Real Tec	10	6	2	2	15	8	7	20
6 Umbelebele	10	5	2	3	17	16	1	17
7 Mpolonjeni Fighters	10	5	0	5	11	10	1	15
8 Wizards	11	4	1	6	12	16	-4	13
9 Matsholo United	10	4	0	6	16	20	-4	12
10 Mbabane Swallows	9	3	2	4	11	8	3	11
11 Mbabane Celtics	9	3	2	4	7	15	-8	11
12 Mangwaneni	10	2	1	7	9	25	-16	7
13 Sidwashini United	10	1	0	9	3	27	-24	3
14 Mphahlati	10	0	0	10	0	30	-30	0
15 Junior Stars	10	0	0	10	0	30	-30	0



# REGIONAL LEAGUES STANDINGS

Compiled by Sibusiso Dlamini

Manzini Promotion	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Villa Stars	30	25	4	1	74	13	61	79
2 Siboniso SeLwandle	30	20	9	1	69	18	51	69
3 The Bones	30	18	7	5	52	24	28	61
4 Fairview Chiefs	30	17	5	8	46	29	17	56
5 Combine Stars	30	16	6	8	54	43	11	54
6 Kholwane Flying Birds	30	16	4	10	65	43	22	52
7 Home Sparrows	30	14	6	10	46	36	10	48
8 Wonderful Touch	30	14	6	10	59	56	3	48
9 Young Tigers	30	10	4	16	39	62	-23	34
10 African Chiefs	30	9	4	17	36	55	-19	31
11 Two Sticks Comrades	30	7	9	14	41	48	-7	30
12 FC North	30	8	6	16	36	52	-16	30
13 Lwandle	30	7	4	19	29	60	-31	25
14 Superstars	30	5	7	18	33	66	-33	22
15 Big XI	30	4	5	21	25	61	-36	17
16 New Generations	30	3	8	19	31	69	-38	17

Manzini First Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Green Way	22	19	2	1	54	11	43	59
2 Manzini United	22	15	3	4	65	28	37	48
3 Nhlambeni United	22	13	5	4	50	24	26	44
4 Bremer United	22	9	7	6	37	30	7	34
5 Chaos LTD	22	9	5	8	34	31	3	32
6 Healing Boys	22	8	4	10	35	39	-4	28
7 God's Property	22	7	6	9	27	30	-3	27
8 City Eagles	22	7	5	10	35	36	-1	26
9 Nkwane Park	22	5	8	9	33	40	-7	23
10 Mvulane FC	22	5	4	13	28	58	-30	19
11 Hot Beans	22	5	1	16	21	52	-31	16
12 Skom Boys	22	3	4	15	19	59	-40	13

Malkerns Promotion	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Current Toasters	30	17	9	4	57	34	23	60
2 Ngodini	30	16	9	5	55	31	24	57
3 Makhungutsha	30	15	11	4	60	34	26	56
4 Home Talent	30	13	10	7	36	25	11	49
5 Don Don	30	13	9	8	35	25	10	48
6 Swazi Can United	29	14	6	9	48	39	9	48
7 Ndlindavolcanoe	30	13	7	10	46	44	2	46
8 Gebeni	30	12	8	10	44	36	8	44
9 Vickery Nomads	30	11	10	9	41	33	8	43
10 Phondo	30	7	9	14	33	50	-17	30
11 Troublemakers	29	7	8	14	32	49	-17	29
12 Mahlanga United	30	7	8	15	26	43	-17	29
13 Power Sparks	30	6	10	14	35	45	-10	28
14 Star Point	30	6	9	15	28	46	-18	27
15 Dynamite Hotspurs	29	5	10	14	18	37	-19	25
16 Home Boys	29	4	11	14	29	52	-23	23

Malkerns First Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Vuka Aces	20	15	2	3	43	13	30	47
2 Golden Arrows	20	11	6	3	32	16	16	39
3 Ntandozi	20	10	7	3	33	18	15	37
4 Red Swallows	20	10	6	4	31	23	8	36
5 Skom Boys	20	6	10	4	25	17	8	28
6 FC Navara	20	7	5	8	23	20	3	26
7 Thunderbolt	20	7	5	8	30	33	-3	26

8 Mdonjane	20	6	7	7	35	28	7	25
9 Survivor	20	4	6	10	20	32	-12	18
10 Ushuthu Rangers	20	4	4	12	27	42	-15	16
11 United Brothers	20	1	0	19	9	66	-57	3

OK Foods Kwaluseni Promotion	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Royal Swallows	29	24	3	2	85	20	65	75
2 Sacrament	29	23	4	2	71	22	49	73
3 Real Professionals	29	21	2	6	69	33	36	65
4 Kwaluseni United	29	18	5	6	57	33	24	59
5 Dark City	29	13	8	8	37	26	11	47
6 Amajita	28	11	8	9	58	60	-2	41
7 Zombodze United	29	11	5	13	46	61	-15	38
8 Fashion International	28	10	7	11	48	42	6	37
9 Nsenga Comrades	29	11	2	16	33	58	-25	35
10 Mhlane United	29	10	3	16	45	58	-13	33
11 Zama United	29	9	6	14	34	47	-13	33
12 FC Logoba	29	8	7	14	48	58	-10	31
13 Gcwini Trompies	29	7	7	15	45	50	-5	28
14 Ntunja Arsenal	29	6	7	16	39	70	-31	25
15 Swazi Wire	29	4	5	20	32	59	-27	17
16 Nhlambeni Real Heroes	29	5	1	23	29	79	-50	16

OK Foods Kwaluseni First Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Loziha Spurs	26	20	3	3	95	19	76	63
2 Ngonini United	28	18	5	5	70	23	47	59
3 Nkamazi AK47	27	18	4	5	87	32	55	58
4 Supersport	27	18	3	6	86	35	51	57
5 Ludzeldzwe Celtics	27	16	8	3	61	30	31	56
6 Ludzeldzwe Kicks	27	15	4	8	64	43	21	49
7 Shali United	28	13	4	11	66	52	14	43
8 Umtfuti	27	13	4	10	50	45	5	43
9 Gum Valley	26	11	6	9	53	36	17	38
10 Ludzidzi	27	6	7	14	28	51	-23	24
11 Fletcher United	26	6	5	15	28	50	-22	21
12 Manila Stars	27	4	4	14	26	##	##	14
13 Mahashulane	26	3	7	16	25	71	-46	13
14 Nsenga Shagari XI	27	3	1	19	25	90	-65	11
15 Mhlaleni Superstars	26	3	2	21	14	86	-72	10

CORBAN Hardware Mafutseni Promotion	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Nkongolo Pirates	34	24	9	1	93	32	61	78
2 Khamatfo	34	23	9	2	37	26	11	78
3 Timbutini	33	23	5	5	73	24	49	73
4 Bhudla Celtics	33	23	4	6	82	37	45	73
5 Ntabamhoshana	34	18	5	11	64	40	24	59
6 SicameloSa-Chief	34	15	9	10	55	35	20	54
7 Mkhuzweni United	35	16	9	10	52	43	9	54
8 Vulamehlo Classic	32	15	8	9	54	35	19	52
9 Young Camibals	33	15	11	7	18	35	19	52
10 Supersport	34	12	10	12	63	49	14	46
11 Madubula Rovers	34	12	7	15	53	61	-8	43
12 Timbutini All Stars	34	11	8	15	48	57	-9	41
13 Dynamos	34	11	6	17	46	67	-21	39
14 Timbutini Combine Stars	35	9	11	15	40	60	-20	36
15 Mafutseni United	34	8	5	21	50	76	-26	28
16 Young Killers	34	8	5	21	50	80	-30	28
17 Vultures	33	7	8	18	27	60	-33	27
18 Emataliyane	36	2	5	29	19	94	-75	9
19 Ma-G-Man	36	2	4	30	12	95	-83	8

Mkhiweni Promotion League	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Executive FC	37	28	5	4	66	24	42	89
2 Thuluzobona	37	26	9	2	95	27	68	87
3 Ngonini Y. Aces	37	25	8	4	73	28	45	83
4 Zama United	37	20	11	6	73	41	32	71
5 Luve Stars	37	21	7	9	74	43	31	70
6 White Killers	38	20	9	9	60	41	19	69
7 Sangcofco	37	19	9	9	77	53	24	66
8 Liverpool	38	20	5	13	69	37	32	65
9 Bantu City	37	16	12	9	68	56	12	60
10 All Nations	36	15	7	14	70	56	14	52
11 Colani United	37	14	8	15	67	58	9	50
12 Step Ahead	37	14	7	16	58	60	-2	49
13 Toronto	36	11	7	18	37	48	-11	40
14 Manchester United	37	9	11	17	49	64	-15	38
15 Luve Suncity	37	10	6	21	37	66	-29	36
16 Luve Classic	38	7	12	19	42	88	-46	33
17 Mbasheni Brothers	36	7	7	22	45	70	-25	28
18 Mantshonga	36	7	7	22	35	64	-29	28
19 Luve Home Defenders	37	7	6	24	48	98	-50	27
20 Moyeni FC	37	5	5	27	35	##	##	20
21 All Stars	35	5	4	26	34	90	-56	19

Nsingeni Promotion	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 All Stars	19	14	2	3	53	21	32	44
2 Nsuka Fighters	19	12	5	2	32	10	22	41
3 Black Aces	19	11	6	2	34	12	22	39
4 Taliban	18	11	4	3	39	17	22	37
5 Mogeni Sundowns	20	10	7	3	37	20	17	37
6 Red Lions	19	7	8	4	34	23	11	29
7 Highland Blues	20	7	3	10	30	35	-5	24
8 AC Milan	19	5	5	9	24	36	-12	20
9 Young Madrid	19	4	5	10	16	30	-14	17
10 Young Lovers	20	5	1	14	22	44	-22	16
11 Bhudweni	20	3	2	15	25	54	-29	11
12 Matsantsantsa	20	2	2	16	18	62	-44	8

MP Jele Ushuthu Promotion	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Othandweni Swallows	27	20	5	2	64	23	41	65
2 Young Internationals	26	18	5	3	73	24	49	59
3 Commandos	27	18	2	7	67	33	34	56
4 Luleko Flyers	27	15	6	6	57	34	23	51
5 Black Aces	26	15	5	6	58	33	25	50
6 Ngogodla Youngstars	26	14	4	8	48	30	18	46
7 Langabhi Peacemakers	27	13	6	8	37	34	3	44
8 Mhlambanyatsi Rovers	26	14	1	11	55	41	14	43
9 Javas	26	10	5	11	35	41	-6	35
10 Komadi Superstars	25	10	3	12	34	42	-8	33
11 Zondwako Killers	27	8	6	13	42	48	-6	30
12 Luleko Revengers	26	8	3	15	34	58	-24	26
13 Luleko Classic	24	5	6	13	28	50	-22	21
14 Mhlambeni Buffaloes	23	4	5	14	23	45	-22	17
15 Black Rhinos	26	3	7	16	13	44	-31	16
16 Africa 2010	24	4	3	17	26	65	-39	15
17 Dudusini Zamalek	25	3	2	20	24	73	-49	11

Kukhanyeni Promotion								
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Kukhanyeni	28	22	4	2	83	24	59	70
2 Louis XIV	29	20	7	2	71	16	55	67
3 Mphola Celtics	29	19	3	7	57	27	30	60
4 Nyakeni Heroes	29	17	5	7	43	29	14	56
5 Brave Lion	28	17	3	8	52	28	24	54
6 Ngwazini	29	15	7	7	54	32	22	52
7 Bhekinkhosi	29	14	9	6	37	29	8	51
8 Young Killers	27	12	8	7	40	31	9	44
9 Nyakeni Cosmos	29	11	9	9	37	38	-1	42
10 1995 Mbuluzana	28	9	8	11	35	48	-13	35
11 Nyakeni Trompies	30	8	7	15	34	54	-20	31
12 Submarine	27	6	8	13	24	47	-23	25
13 Umshina We-Dortmund	27	5	9	13	34	54	-20	24
14 Mdayane	28	5	8	15	25	44	-19	23
15 Londlovu	29	5	8	16	39	63	-24	23
16 Nyakeni United	29	4	9	16	28	65	-37	21
17 Lion Heart	28	5	5	18	30	53	-23	19
18 Estate Classic	27	0	5	22	17	58	-41	5





## INSIDE SIHLANGU'S COSAFA CUP PREPARATIONS

- The inside detail of how and what the players eat in camp
- Players sing 'sizophumelela kancane kancane'
- Coach focuses on defending

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**SOCCER - SIHLANGU** is preparing for the COSAFA Cup where they will face Lesotho in the quarter-finals on Saturday.

Preparations are at an advanced stage with the national side already in camp at the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) Technical Centre in Lobamba.

Yesterday morning the NFAS opened Sihlangu's training session to the

media. Over and above watching the session, this publication also spoke to Sihlangu's nutritionist Mfundo Mabuza as well as the coach Anthony Mdluli and the players, including captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze, on their preparations so far.



**STRETCH:** Sihlangu players stretching before practice.

### Training session:

The session, held at the Somhlolo National Stadium, began at around 10:30 am. The players and technical staff left the Technical Centre by bus and made their way to Somhlolo. Absent from the group was the Young Buffaloes duo of striker Phwayinkhosi Dlamini and Fanelo 'Order' Mamba. Dlamini is nursing a slight injury while Mamba was sorting out passport issues, according to coach Mdluli.

### Focus of session:

The session lasted for about an hour under sweltering conditions in Lobamba. The players began by praying and then proceeded for stretching led by fitness coach Sithembise Shona. Then the serious work began, with goalkeeper coach Musa Manyatssi breaking away with the trio of Sandanezwe Mathabela, Nhlanihla Gwebu and Phephisanzi Msihi to focus on goalkeeping training. Head coach Mdluli and his assistant Caleb Ngwenya remained with the infield players, breaking them down to three groups of about six.

In each group, the players formed a circle while two got inside and tried to dispossess the others the ball in a quick,



**WATER BREAK:** Players on a water break.

pressing game of few touches. That drill lasted for about 20 minutes before the coaches then took the players to another drill. The next drill saw the defenders taken to one side while the midfielders and attackers were grouped together. The attackers and midfielders then had to attack the defenders who in turn were defending the goal behind them.

Explaining the aim of the session afterwards, coach Mdluli said the focus was mainly on defending.

"Our focus this morning was on individual defending and group defending and also the speed of how we turn from defence or attack. We noted when we

played against Kenya that we were slow on our transitions so the impact was minimal when we attacked so today we were trying to focus on how you defend as an individual and how your teammates help you," Mdluli said.

### The food

Just like in many developed sporting nations around the world, Sihlangu now has a nutritionist by the name of Mfundo Mabuza who has a Degree in

Food Science, Nutrition and Technology obtained from the University of Swaziland (UNISWA). Mabuza, who completed his studies last year, brought to yesterday's training session oranges, a bucket full of Energade, energy bars and Yogi Sips. We asked him what his role is as a nutritionist and how his knowledge helps the team.

"The players really appreciate how we help them eat and recover with the specific food that we give them. Sometimes when something is not there, say the energy bar, they will persistently ask me why it is not there. So they have reached a point where they appreciate the importance of eating well because they can feel their bodies reacting well," Mabuza said.

The national team nutritionist then explained the importance of the food he brought to the morning session.

"All the food here helps the players recover better. The Energade is for rehydration because water alone is not enough. The Yogi Sip helps replenish lactic acid in the players' muscles so that goes a long way in preventing cramps. The energy bars are for ener-

gy while the oranges are a good especially now that it is winter so they help the players from catching many winter infections," he added.

Mabuza added that the players do eat porridge but it is managed.

"They do eat pap but we manage how much they take in and they never say they are starving. We always tell them that this thing of being hungry also has a lot to do with the mind. Also, for breakfast, they eat a variety of things. They eat various cereals, juice and toasted bread. Our bread is always brown because brown bread is healthy. It has that important rough edge while white bread is mortified. So the brown bread helps the players' concentration levels."

### The mood

The players were in very high spirits before, during and after the session. During a short rehydration break, the players broke out in song, led by Buffaloes defender Sihlangu Mkhwanazi. They sang, "sizophumelela kancane kancane." Banter was also the order of the day as the players exchanged jokes amongst each other. Even the usually reserved Felix Badenhorst, a Real Madrid fan, joined in when a discussion about Saturday's UEFA Champions League final came up.

### WHAT THEY SAID:

**Nhlanihla Gwebu:** "Since we got into camp, our focus was on Lesotho. Preparations are going very well. The players are motivated. The win over Kenya has boosted us but we can't take Lesotho lightly because they are a strong team."

**Felix Badenhorst:** "The spirit is very high. The result we got in Kenya has boosted us and showed that we are heading to the right direction going to the COSAFA Cup. We are ready for the Lesotho match."

**Tony Tsabedze:** "It's important for us to try and reach the semi-finals of the COSAFA Cup and then try and reach the final. That is where we want to see ourselves. The Kenya match was part of our preparations for the COSAFA Cup. It has boosted our spirit and now we go into the COSAFA Cup high in confidence."





# SIHLANGU TRAINING



**PRAYER:** Sihlangu players praying before the beginning of their morning training session at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. (Pics: Sibongiseni Zondi)



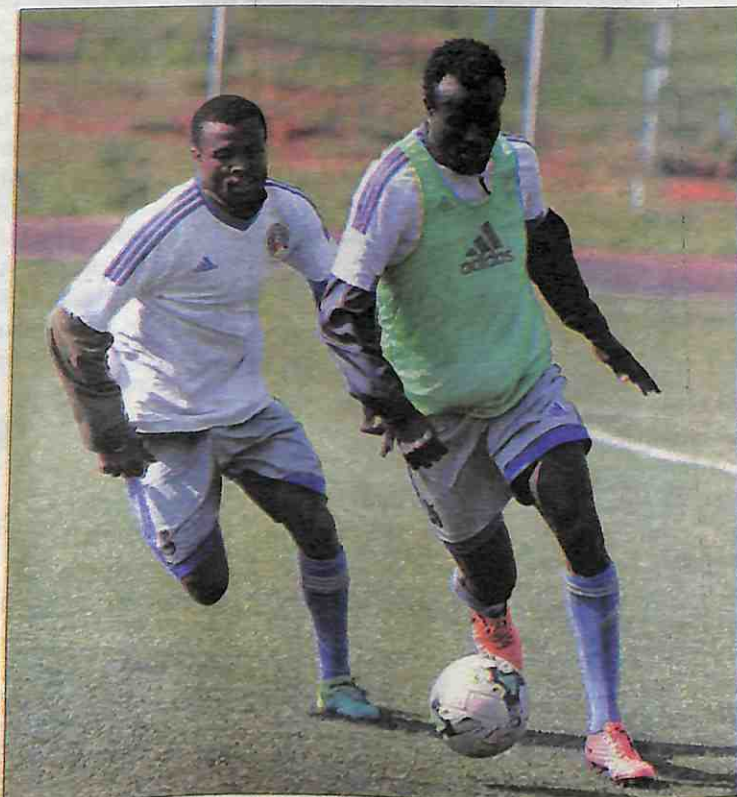
**READY:** Defender Sihlangu Mkhwanazi arriving at Somhlolo.



**HYDRATE:** Felix Badenhorst drinking an energy drink before the start of the session while Menzi 'Magawugawu' Simelane walks along.



**LISTEN:** Head coach Anthony Mdluli instructs his players.



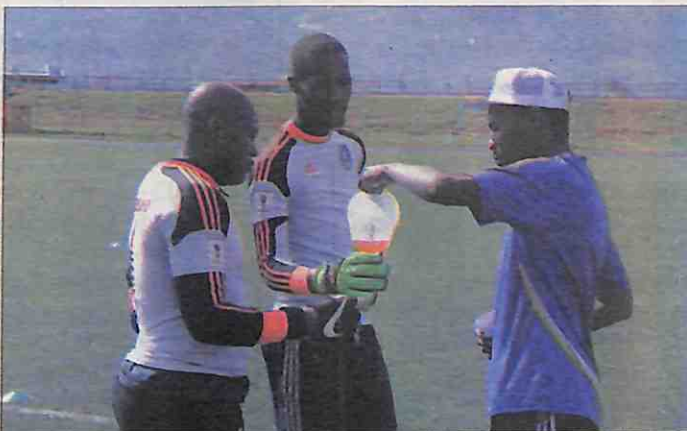
**DASH:** Defender Mandla Palma dashes away with the ball while attacker Musa Dlamini chases.



**PASS:** Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu passes the ball to Sanele Mkheweli while Mandla Palma tries to close him down.



**HAND BALL:** Musa Dlamini grabs the ball with his hands while Tony Tsabedze and Zweli 'Milo' Nxumalo watch on.



**ENERGY:** Sihlangu nutritionist Mfundo Mabuza pours goalkeepers Nhlanhla Gwebu and Sandanezwe Mathabela an energy drink.



**CLOSE:** Attacker Musa Dlamini tries to close down leftback Sanele Mkheweli.



**CONTROL:** Striker Barry Steenkamp turns ahead of defender Siboniso Ngwenya.





● Manchester City are closing in on a £75m deal for Leicester City and Algeria winger Riyad Mahrez, 27. (Mail)

● Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho fears they will be priced out of signing Real Madrid forward Gareth Bale, with the Spanish giants set to put a £200m price tag on the Wales international, 28. (Express)

● Liverpool are ready to step up efforts to sign Lyon captain Nabil Fekir with talks over a potential £60m deal for the 24-year-old France midfielder set to start this week. (Goal)

● Leicester City have opened talks with 31-year-old England striker Jamie Vardy over a new £120,000-a-week deal. (Star)

● Juventus could allow striker Gonzalo Higuain to leave the club if they receive a right offer this summer, with Chelsea leading the race for the 30-year-old Argentina international. (Calciomercato)

● Manchester City are ready to compete with Paris St-Germain for 19-year-old Monaco forward Kylian Mbappe. The France international was on loan at PSG last season but the Ligue 1 champions may be forced to abort plans to sign him. (Manchester Evening News)

● Atletico Madrid full-back Sime Vrsaljko says he is happy at the Spanish side despite reports Manchester United are braced to sign the 26-year-old Croatia international. (Sportske Novosti - in Croatian)

● Newcastle have been offered the chance to sign Slovakian former Liverpool defender Martin Skrtel, 33, from Fenerbahce this summer. (Fotomac - in Turkish)

● Manchester United target Samuel Umtiti has revealed his desire to stay at Barcelona. The 24-year-old France centre-back says he will not leave the Spanish side unless he is "thrown out". (Sun)

● An Egyptian lawyer has filed a 1bn euros lawsuit against Real Madrid and Spain defender Sergio Ramos for the challenge which left Liverpool's Egypt forward Mohamed Salah injured during the Champions League final. (Evening Standard)

● Former Arsenal and France midfielder Emmanuel Petit says the Gunners will 'go nowhere' unless they spend heavily in the transfer market. (Mirror)

● Netherlands Manager Ronald Koeman and his squad have been enjoying darts lessons from fellow countryman Michael van Gerwen. (Twitter)



# SSSA GAMES IN FULL SWING TODAY



By Jongile Xuba

**SPORTS - THE Swaziland Schools Sports Association (SSSA) games will continue today with schools from around the country facing each other at different venues around the country.**

This was revealed by SSSA PRO Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini.

Teams under Pigg's Peak are in the semi-final stage of their competition and will do battle at Prison Sports Ground.

He said schools under the Usuthu branch are left with one game in the group stages for both soccer and netball.

"Schools under the Manzini branch and Nhlanguano are in the last 16 phase and will play their games at the King Sobhuza Stadium as some fixtures had to be altered. This is because some schools qualified for both netball and soccer, so to enable members of the public to watch and cheer on their teams, some fixtures had to be changed."

The Mankayane branch will host their games at the Mankayane Sports Ground and Mabovini Sports Ground for netball and soccer matches. Meanwhile, last Friday saw schools play the quarter-finals of the Pigg's Peak sub at Killarney Sports Ground. Mswati beat Peak Central 3-2 with Mlumati and Ekudvwaleni playing to a 1-all draw. Ntfontjeni beat Ekuvinjelweni 3-1.

Ladies soccer saw Timphisini beat Ntfontjeni 1-0 while Ndzingeni and Mzimnene faced each other in the Matsapha sub games at the Prison Sports Ground with the former winning 5-2. Timphisini beat Sobokazana 4-0 while Mbeka edged Fundukuwela 1-0.

## Black Ball Singles League continues on Saturday

By Sibusiso Masilela

**POOL - THE Manzini Pool Club will be the place to be on Saturday as the Black Ball E10 000 Singles League will be in full swing.**

The series of matches will see current log leader Flag Nxumalo take on seventh-placed Machawe Maseko before taking Norman in the second match of the day.

**Star**

The Correctional star will be aiming at securing victories in his mission to consolidate top spot where he is currently leading the chasing pack with 21 points.

Second placed Menzi Ngomane will be hoping to reduce the nine-point gap between him and Flag when he takes on Ncaba Lukhele and Sifiso Dlamini.

Other exciting clashes will see Vusi Hadzebe take on Kenneth Vilakati while Romeo Da Silva has a date with Machawe.

### RESULTS:

#### At Killarney Sports Ground:

Group B		
Peak Central	2-3	Mswati
Mlumati	1-1	Ekudvwaleni
Ntfontjeni	3-1	Ekuvinjelweni
Ladies soccer:		
Timphisini	1-1	Ntfontjeni

#### At Matsapha Prison Sports Ground:

Group A		
Ndzingeni	5-2	Mzimnene
Timphisini	4-0	Sobokazana Mbeka
	0-1	Fundukuwela
Under-17		
Ndzingeni	2-1	Timpisini

#### SSSA regional fixtures:

##### Pigg's Peak sub:

##### Semi-finals today at Prison Sports Ground

Soccer		
Ntfontjeni	vs Mhlathane (ladies soccer)	9am
Ntfontjeni	vs Fundukuwela (open soccer)	11am
Mhlathane	vs Timphisini (open soccer)	1pm

Netball		
Timphisini	vs Endzingeni (u/17)	9am
Endzingeni	vs TBA	10am
Mhlathane	vs Mbeka	11am

#### Luyengo Zone:

Soccer		
St Christopher	vs Ncabaneni High	

#### Manzini branch

##### Last 16 fixtures - Today at King Sobhuza Stadium

Soccer		
Evelyn Baring	vs Ekoropeni	8am
Mshengu	vs Nyamane	10am
Ngwane Central	vs Mlambo	12noon
Ekuthuleni	vs Sokhoniwe	2pm

Netball		
Mshengu	vs Nhlanguano Central	8am
Mlambo	vs Ekoropeni	10am
Ekuthuleni	vs Nyamane	12noon
Edwaleni	vs Ngwane Central	2pm

#### Today at TB Centre 1

Soccer		
Mhuthbe	vs Pro-learning	12noon
Masundwini	vs Gundwini	2pm

#### Today at Ludzeldudze

Soccer		
Zamtani	vs Malunge	12noon
Mbekelweni	vs Mkhuzweni	2pm



**FULL SWING: SSSA PRO Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini.**

Today at Manzini Club		
Soccer		
Hillside	vs St Paul's	12noon
Ngwane	vs Mthorjeni	2pm

#### Mankayane Branch

##### Today at Mankayane Sports Ground

Soccer		
Holy Rosary B	vs Ndwandwe High	9am
Dwalile High	vs Mankayane B	11am
Dwalile High	vs Mankayane A	1pm
Holy Rosary High	vs Magubheleni High	3pm

#### Netball

Dwalile High	vs Mankayane High	10am
Dwalile High	vs Mankayane High	12noon

#### Today at Mabovini Sports Ground

Soccer		
Mankayane High	vs Dwalile High (ladies soccer)	

## Two Sosai officials for Africa Cup

By Sibusiso Masilela

**KARATE - TWO karate officials in Allie Mdluli and Nkosinathi Nxumalo will form part of the panel of referees to be in charge of the All Africa Cup to be held in Cape Town, South Africa in July.**

The two officials' names have already been submitted before the African Karate Federation (IKF) to form part of the 10 referees to officiate during the upcoming international tournament.

Sosai Kyukoshin Karate Association Secretary Allie Mdluli confirmed the development when contacted yesterday.

"We have already submitted names of the two officials, who will be part of the refereeing panel. They will travel with the national team to Cape Town. We are, how-

ever, still waiting for the programme of the competition before we can intensify our preparations. "The team will continue to keep in shape with the weekly training session under the watchful eye of the national team coaches. We are confident the squad will do well following its good run during the recent Ulundi Cup where we won five medals.

We have to build from their performance going forward," he said.

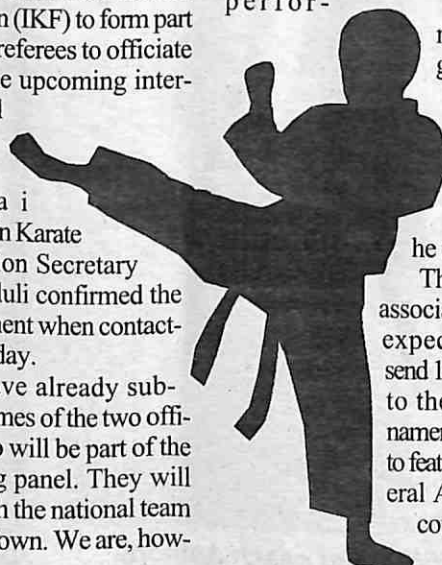
The local association is expected to send 10 artists to the tournament event to feature several African countries.



**LOG LEADER: Flag Nxumalo.**

The full fixtures			
Flag	vs	Machawe	10am
Romeo	vs	Norman	10am
Machawe	vs	Romeo	11am
Flag	vs	Norman	11am
Machawe	vs	Celumusa	12noon
VusiH	vs	Kenneth	12noon
Ncaba	vs	Norman	1pm
Vusi M	vs	Kenneth	1pm
Vusi M	vs	Kenneth	2pm
MenziN	vs	Celumusa	2pm
Ncaba	vs	Sifiso	3pm
	vs	Menzi N	4pm

The log standings:				
Position	P	W	L	PTS
Flag Nxumalo	7	7	0	21
Menzi Ngomane	6	5	1	12
Romeo Da Silva	5	4	1	12
Sicelo Langwenya	5	3	2	9
Nqaba Lukhele	7	3	4	9
Mandla Mamba	6	3	3	9
Machawe Maseko	6	3	3	9
Vusi Masilela	5	3	2	9
Celumusa Dlamini	8	3	5	9
Vusi Hadzebe	5	3	2	9
Norman Khoza	4	2	2	6
Kenneth Vilakati	2	1	1	3
Menzi Simelane	2	1	1	3
Sifiso Dlamini	3	1	2	3
Tasco Dlamini	4	0	4	0
Ndimiso Hlophe	6	0	6	0





# FELIX EYES COSAFA CUP ALL-TIME GOALS RECORD

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**SOCCKER - SIHLANGU** attacker Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst is eyeing the COSAFA Cup all-time scoring record as he prepares to spearhead the national side's attack in the 2018 edition of the tournament in South Africa.

Badenhorst has six COSAFA Cup goals to his name and is only one short of the overall tally of seven scored by legendary Zimbabwean striker Peter Ndlovu. The Mbabane Swallows forward scored five goals as Sihlangu reached the semifinals of the 2016 edition of the regional tournament and then added a single goal to his overall tally in last year's tournament. Sihlangu kickoff their 2018 COSAFA cup campaign against Lesotho on Saturday.

Badenhorst says the idea of becoming the COSAFA Cup all-time leading goalscorer is appealing but he mostly wants the team to do well.

"Obviously I will be happy to get the record but what is important is what we achieve as a group. So if ever

*...while 'Mlilo' and 'Chocco' praise good spirit in camp*

it happens that I get the record then its fine but what matters the most is what we will achieve as a team. This is a new year so we have to focus on this year's tournament. Our target is to reach the final and try and win it but we know we have to fight because it won't be easy," Badenhorst said when interviewed after Sihlangu's morning training session at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

Meanwhile, playmaker Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo applauded the good spirit in camp. "The spirit is very high. There is unity in the team. From the match during the 50/50 double celebrations (1-0 win over Namibia), to the match against Kenya up until now, we have been united and we have played well. I think we will try and apply how we did in in Kenya for the match against Lesotho," Nxumalo said. Nxumalo's sentiments were echoed by winger Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze who said the players were focused on facing Lesotho.

"The team is okay, the spirit is good and the players are focused. This year



**EYE ON THE PRICE: Sihlangu attacker Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst.**

we want to break the record and reach the final. We know we can win the tournament if we continue to work hard," Sibandze said.

## SNBL action returns this weekend

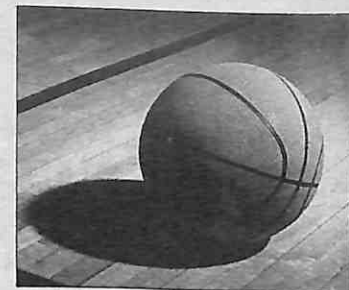
By Sibusiso Dlamini

**BASKETBALL - FOLLOWING** the weekend break this past weekend due to the Bushfire Festival, the Swaziland National Basketball Association (SNBA) will return to action this weekend with thrilling fixtures.

This was announced by the league's Secretary Shongwe yesterday.

"Since we took a break this past weekend to allow player to attend the Bushfire Festival, we would like to announce that the league will be back in action this weekend," he said.

This round of games will be headlined by a fixture pitting defending champions Jazz against Superstars. Jazz will be looking to make a statement early in the league while Superstars, who last won silverware in the 2017 season will also be looking to return to their winning ways. Tip-off is at 5pm. The matches will begin with a clash featuring youngsters Enjabulweni Griffins against Shooting Stars at 9am. Griffins started the league on a high note with a win against new side Lynx Ladies while Shooting Stars will be playing their first match of the season following the cancellation for their game against Phoenix. New kid on the block Chase will



**KNICKS AT 2PM.**

The full fixture:

**Saturday at the Mavuso Sports Emporium**

Enjabulweni Griffins	vs	Shooting Stars	9am
Superladies	vs	Lynx Ladies	11am
Chase Basketball	vs	Luyengo Pacers	1pm
Mbabane Raptors	vs	Manzini Steels	3pm

**Sunday at the Mavuso Sports Emporium**

Manzini Raiders	vs	NHO Raiders	10am
Dunkylaine	vs	Nkammb Scavengers	Noon
Imbumba	vs	Manzini Titans	2pm
RSSC Tridents	vs	Mbabane Knicks	4pm

this weekend take on Luyengo Pacers following their win against Scavengers in the opening round of games with Mbabane Raptors clashing with Steels at 3pm.

On Sunday, relegated side Manzini Raiders will do battle with Nhlanguano Warriors at 10pm. At noon, Mzwakhe Phiri-led Dunkylaine will be looking to bounce back from the opening round loss when they take on Nkammbeni Scavengers. Imbumba will face-off with Manzini Titans before sugar belt side RSSC Tridents take on Mbabane

## Eswatini settles for bronze at 2018 COPA America Taiwan

By Noel Munzabwa

**SOCCKER - ESWATINI** settled for a bronze medal at the 2018 COPA America Taiwan edition which ended at the YingFeng Riverside Park in Taiwan.

Eswatini beat Honduras 2-0 in the third and fourth play-off on Saturday.

Bhekumuzi Mathunjwa and Banele Themba were on target as the local boys finished third in a tournament that was eventually won by USA after an 8-7 penalty shootout victory over Spain after a 1-1 regulation time stalemate.

But it was the African boys from the mountainous kingdom studying in various fields at Taiwan's academic institutions, who coloured the continental pride with bronze having dumped Burkina Faso 5-0 at the quarter final stage.

Mathunjwa had weighed in with a hattrick, with Themba and Linda Dlamini contributing a strike each in the rout but the Africans were come stuck in the semi-final falling 0-1 to Spain.

On their way to the closing day's action, Eswatini, had after losing their opening match with 0-2 defeat to Solomon Islands last Saturday, bounced back to a Super

### Group D results:

Taiwan 2-0 St Lucia	
Solomon Islands 2-0 Eswatini	
Taiwan 2-2 Solomon Islands	
St Lucia 1-7 Eswatini	
Taiwan 1-3 Eswatini	
St Lucia 1-4 Solomon Islands	
<b>Quarterfinals:</b>	
Eswatini 5-0 Burkina Faso	
<b>Semi-final:</b>	
Eswatini 0-1 Spain	
<b>3rd and 4th play-off:</b>	
Eswatini 2-0 Honduras	

Sunday of two wins that patched them in second.

After regrouping, the locals minced out St Lucia 7-1 with Linda Dlamini, Themba and Mathunjwa scoring braces. Phumlani Sigudla weighed in with the seventh.

### Continued

Mathunjwa's scoring form had continued in the third group game when he provided one with Sigudla and Wandile Dlamini adding to grab a 3-1 win over Taiwan, sealing passage to the quarter finals.

In their six matches at the tournament, Mathunjwa hauled in seven goals with Themba contributing four goals.

Eswatini team manager, Sthembiso Msibi paid tribute to the boys.

COPA America Taiwan is a Latin America cultural exchange football tournament held annually in Taiwan, simultaneously hosting a macro Latin Food Festival.

## Matsapha, Leopard clash in EL-Under 17 league headliner

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCKER - ONFORM Matsapha United** will this weekend face-off with police side Royal Leopard in the headliner of this week's games.

This is as according to this weekend's fixtures as released by the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) through its Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati yesterday.

The match will be played at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) Kwaluseni sports ground in the curtain raiser of the

### THE FULL FIXTURE:

<b>Saturday at the Waterford Sports Ground</b>			
Vovovo	vs	Moneni Pirates	2pm
<b>Saturday at the Old Trade Fair Sports Ground</b>			
Malanti Chiefs	vs	Midas City	9am
Red Lions	vs	Manzini Sundowns	11am
Young Buffaloes	vs	Mbabane Swallows	1pm
<b>Sunday at the UNISWA Sports Ground</b>			
Matsapha United	vs	Royal Leopard	0:30am
Tambuti	vs	Green Mamba	12:30am
Manzini Wanderers	vs	Mbabane Highlanders	2:30am

triple header. Kick-off is 10:30am.

The second match of the day will see

Tambuti take on Correctional Services side Green Mamba while struggling hub giants Manzini Wanderers will clash with Mbabane Highlanders in the last match. The games will begin on Saturday at the Waterford Ka-Mahlaba sports ground where Vovovo will play hosts to Moneni Pirates.

Elsewhere at the Manzini Old Trade Fair Ground, Malanti Chiefs will take on Midas City while Red Lions have a date with Manzini Sundowns.

Young Buffaloes will take on glamour capital city side Mbabane Swallows at 2:30am.

## Lesotho better than us - Sihlangu coach

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**SOCCKER - SIHLANGU** coach Anthony Mdluli says Lesotho are the 'better' side going into Saturday's crunch COSAFA Cup quarterfinal clash in South Africa.

The two sides received byes into the last eight of the tournament and will face each other for a place in the semifinals of the regional showcase on Saturday evening. Lesotho are ranked 155th in the FIFA World Rankings while Sihlangu is ranked 133rd.

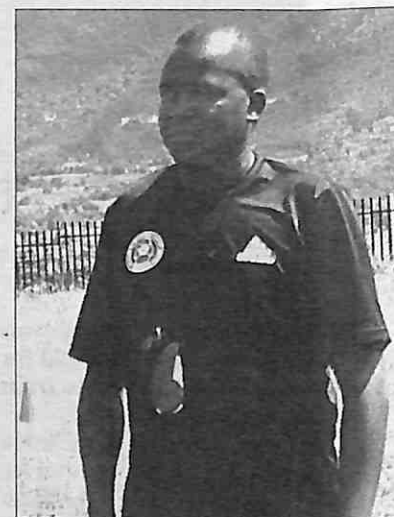
Lesotho beat Sihlangu 1-0 in the last meeting between the two sides and it is for that reason Mdluli believes Lesotho have the upper hand going into Saturday's match.

"The game against Lesotho is a very difficult game because it is a barrier to

the next game so if we go over the first barrier then we can play better in the next game. So we hope that we won't undermine Lesotho. We respect them. In our last match against them they beat us 1-0 so they are still the better team than us because they were the last winners in the previous game so we will go into the match very determined," Mdluli said after Sihlangu's morning training session at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

The Sihlangu coach then added that his players had a positive mentality ahead of the start of their 2018 COSFA Cup campaign.

"Other areas which we will focus on again are light defending and crosses. Most teams use crosses so in the afternoon (yesterday) we will focus on that including how we also deal with crosses offensively. But from our observations, the players are focused and we



**FOCUSED: Sihlangu coach Anthony Mdluli.**

hope that we will go into the Lesotho match in the right frame of mind," Mdluli concluded.



## RESULTS

Mozambique 3-0  
Seychelles 1-1  
Comoros  
Madagascar

## FIXTURES

Tonight  
Angola vs Mauritius  
Malawi vs Botswana

## TAU WINS BIG AT PSL AWARDS

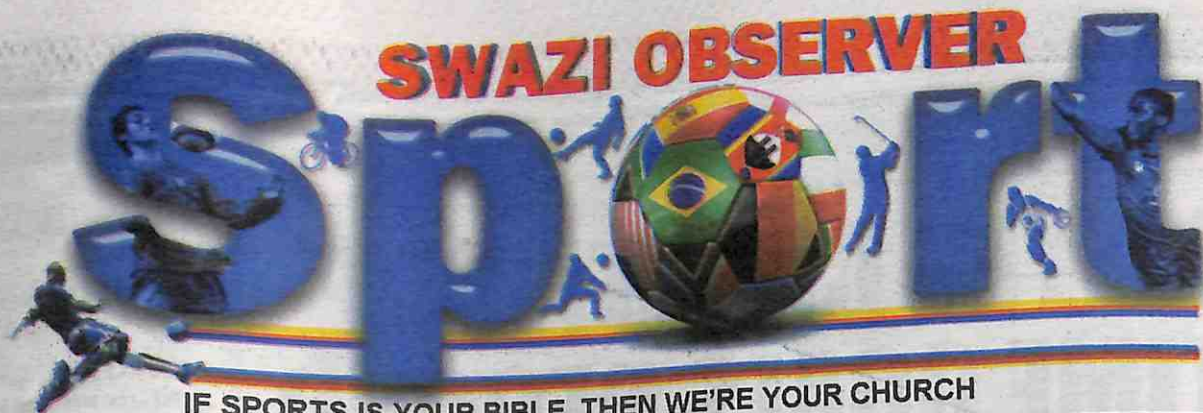
JOHANNESBURG - MAMELODI Sundowns star Percy Tau was the big winner at the Premier Soccer League awards ceremony last night

Tau played a starring role as Sundowns clinched their eighth Absa Premiership title, scoring 11 goals and providing 15 assists. Tau was named Player of the Season and Players' Player of the Season.

Ronwen Williams picked up the first award on the night as he walked away with the MTN8 Last Man Standing accolade for his heroics in SuperSport United's MTN8 triumph. Maritzburg United midfielder Lebogang Maboe walked away with two accolades on the night, winning the Nedbank Cup Player of the Tournament and Most Promising Player.

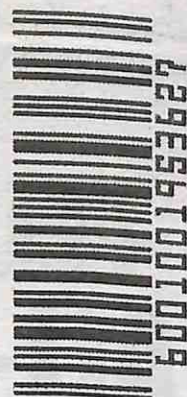
### FULL AWARDS LIST:

Footballer of the Season: Percy Tau (Mamelodi Sundowns)	- E250k
ABSA Premiership Player's Player of the Season: Percy Tau (Mamelodi Sundowns)	- E200k
ABSA Premiership Coach of the Season: Pitso Mosimane (Mamelodi Sundowns)	- E75k
ABSA Premiership Goalkeeper of the Season: Itumeleng Khune (Kaizer Chiefs)	- E50k
ABSA Premiership Defender of the Season: Siyanda Xulu (Maritzburg United)	- E50k
ABSA Premiership Midfielder of the Season: Siphesihle Ndlovu (Maritzburg United)	- E50k
ABSA Premiership Young Player of the Season: Siphesihle Ndlovu (Maritzburg United)	- E50k
ABSA-lutely Awesome Goal of the Season: Siphesihle Magubane - Polokwane City vs Golden Arrows	- E50k
ABSA Premiership Top Goalscorer of the Season: Rodney Ramagalela (Polokwane City) and Percy Tau (Mamelodi Sundowns)	- E25k
MTN8 Last Man Standing: Ronwen Williams (SuperSport United)	- E80k
Telkom Knockout Player of the Tournament: Amr Gamal (Bidvest Wits)	- E200k
<b>NEDBANK CUP:</b>	
Most Promising Player of the Season: Lebogang Maboe (Maritzburg United)	- E50k
Player of the Tournament: Lebogang Maboe (Maritzburg United)	- E150k
National First Division Top Goalscorer (15 goals): Mwape Musonda (Black Leopards) and Peter Shalulile (Highlands Park)	- E50k
MultiChoice Diski Challenge Most Precious Find: Siboniso Conco (Golden Arrows)	- E30k
MultiChoice Diski Shield Player of the Tournament: Itumeleng Shophane (Kaizer Chiefs)	- E30k



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# KOLA IS OURS - WANDERERS

- Wanderers claim player has signed contract for 2018/19
- Weslians see no chance of player going to Swallows
- Kola has not signed with Wanderers - agent
- Agent also confirms striker has penned three-month deal with 'Birds'

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**SOCCER - MANZINI Wanderers have come out guns blazing, saying that striker Kola Aledeon is still their player despite reports claiming that the forward has signed with MTN Premier League champions Mbabane Swallows.**

A report carried in one of the country's daily newspapers yesterday claimed that Aledeon had joined Wanderers' rivals Swallows in a three-month long deal to help the 'Birds' in their on-going CAF Champions League group stage campaign. Swallows are known to have a long standing admiration for the player whose initial contract with Wanderers was due to expire tomorrow.

However, the Weslians yesterday released a statement claiming that the Nigeria-born forward had signed a new one-year deal with them for the 2018/19 season.

"Aledeon Quadri Kola (whose initial contract ran up until May 31, 2018) has extended his contract for a further season with Manzini Wanderers FC. The player has signed for the 2018/2019 season and has been paid a signing on fee in line with the extension. Further, as stipulated in his 2017/2018 contract, the player has been provided with a return air ticket to enable him to travel back home to Nigeria for the holidays," reads part of the statement written by Sandile

Dlamini on behalf of Wanderers Directors. Wanderers added in the statement that they would only entertain offers from outside the country for their talismanic forward while effectively ruling out any possible future discussions over the player's transfer with Swallows. "Manzini Wanderers FC have an understanding with the player that in the event he gets an offer from a team outside the country, Manzini Wanderers will not stand in his way but will instead facilitate negotiations with an external team."

### Discuss

Mbabane Swallows has not approached Wanderers to discuss about acquiring the services of Kola for the period mentioned in today's newspaper report. Unfortunately, now that the air has already been poisoned by the disturbing newspaper report, the football club can confidently state that there's no point now in such discussions ever taking place," the statement continued.

Wanderers also stated in the statement that they had advised their players to rest in pre-season and were looking at keeping all their regulars for the upcoming campaign. The Weslians further stated that they were on the lookout for two new forwards to beef up their squad ahead of next season.

Interviewed yesterday evening, the player's agent Charles Matsebula said Aledeon had not signed a new deal with Wanderers but insisted the player had penned a three-month long deal with Swallows. "There are a few things that I want to clarify from that statement released by Wanderers. The first thing is that Kola has not signed any new contract with Wanderers. Instead, we are still negotiating with them and so far they have met only part of the conditions that we have put forward. Secondly, Wanderers are aware of the discussions we had with Swallows over the player. We formally informed them that Swallows wanted to engage the player for three months for their CAF Champions League campaign. As such, Kola has indeed signed a three-month contract with Swallows, so I am surprised and disappointed with Wanderers' statement. But we will sit down with them and talk about this," Matsebula said. Efforts to get a comment from

Swallows General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane proved unsuccessful as his mobile phone rang unanswered for the better part of yesterday afternoon.

**WHAT IS HAPPENING?: Kola Aledeon.**



## 'Downs reject Birds' 100k bid for Figureido

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**SOCCER - MANZINI Sundowns have rejected a E100 000 bid for winger Justice Figureido from Mbabane Swallows.**

Figureido is hot property at the moment, with the youngster set for a 10-day assessment at South African top flight side Maritzburg United. Yesterday, the Swazi Observer report-

ed that Sundowns had put a E600 000 price tag on the talented winger.

Now, this publication understands that Swallows tried to hijack Figureido's proposed move to South Africa by tabling a E100 000 offer for him but Sundowns turned the bid down.

"Swallows officials met with Sundowns yesterday (Monday) and tabled a E100 000 offer. Sundowns turned them down and told Swallows to come back with a better offer

because they believe the player is worth way more. So it's up to Swallows now to up their offer," a source close to the matter told this publication yesterday.

### Transfers

Reached for comment yesterday, Sundowns PRO Muzi Matsenjwa said transfers at the club were solely handled by Chairman Mark Carmichael but admitted that Figureido was attracting a lot of interest from

other clubs.

"Nothing has reached my table on that specific issue you are talking about but transfers are directly handled by the chairman. The truth of the matter, however, is that many teams are interested in a lot of our players. We have received numerous offers for Figureido because he is a good player, who has matured very well and is in his prime right now. However, we also want to state that we want to improve next season so we won't be selling our best play-

ers," Matsenjwa said.

Efforts to get a comment from Sundowns Chairman Carmichael proved unsuccessful as his mobile phone rang unanswered when contacted several times yesterday evening. The last attempt to reach him was made at 6.56pm.

Attempts to get a comment from Swallows General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane also proved unsuccessful as his mobile phone rang unanswered for the better part of yesterday afternoon.