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# EX-PRIME IS DEAD

...Dr Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini succumbs to prostate cancer.



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# PM WAS MOVING TO NKONYENI

STORIES BY THEMBEKA  
DLAMINI

It was final. Former Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini was moving to Nkonyeni Golf

Estates.

Preparations were underway and cleaning in his unit was initiated on Tuesday. However, his expected date of arrival was, until Friday, not known. Information that he

was no longer moving to the prestigious Royal Villa was made known early in the month and as such, preparations were well underway at the Sidvokodvo location. He would have been resident there

while his house, which would have made part of his terms of service and exit package, was being built. As of Thursday, earth works had been completed and the foundation was visible.



## National Commissioner tasked with informing govt

National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula was the person tasked by the Dlamini family to inform various government stakeholders about the demise of former Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini.

Magagula said his role in informing the powers that be was limited to his being a servant not as any authority. He was called after several close friends and relatives of the family passed the buck to others to confirm the demise of the statesman. This was in the early morning hours.

Initially Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane said his family should be contacted. He cautioned though that it would be a difficult



National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula.

task to find anyone to confirm anything in the event the former PM was really deceased as it called for the family to meet first and appoint a spokesperson. He said he last saw

the former PM in his residence at Hospital Hill on Friday; "He was there yesterday, not necessarily at work, but in the residence and I saw him because my offices are

nearby."

The former PM's son said he was not aware of anything while making his way to Hospital Hill.

His nephew Dr Vusi Magagula who is Director Health Services in the Ministry of Health said he was not aware of anything.

Of note, Magagula was in the United States when the call was made. The incidence was later confirmed by the former PM's sister Lomagugu Magagula.

Prior to that, the national commissioner stated that he was tasked with the painful task of informing the acting PM Vincent Mhlanga, Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini as well the PS and Indvuna Lusendvo Fakudze.

## GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT

By early evening, government released a statement which summarised the demise of the former premier in 53 words.

"It is with regret that government announces to the Nation the passing away of former Prime Minister Dr Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini.

He passed away last (Friday) night at Mkhiwa Clinic in Manzini where he was receiving treatment.

His Majesty's government and his family will keep the nation informed about funeral arrangements.

May his soul rest in peace."

## JOY'S BROTHER SADDENED BY DEMISE

Former Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini's ex-brother in law expressed shock and disappointment about news of the former statesman's demise.

"Hawu lo sbali wami," said Jabulani Maziya in shock. He stated that he was extremely saddened and was yet to process the news as he was informed by this reporter's call.

"I mourn his death because he never at any time did us any wrong," he said. Maziya was present during the ill-fated nuptials between his sister and former premier. On the day he was supportive and expressed his joy at the union.

When asked where his sister was following news that her former husband had died, he said she was in

England and not aware of anything other than that she was employed there. "Am not aware of much about her. She is working. She is well and that is all I am aware of." Joy Maziya from Nkamanzi and Dlamini from Ntunja got engaged on December 28, 2013. Their whirl wind romance led to a high-profile wedding held at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition

Centre in Manzini which was held with all the pomp and fanfare on March 15.

They went on honeymoon to the Seychelles on March 16, leaving from King Mswati III International Airport.

They lived for some time at the Royal Villas in Ezulwini where the first crack to their union manifested itself when Joy left their residence in

the middle of the night wearing her night clothes. It was only at the intervention of his Private Personal Officer (PPO) Assistant Commissioner Paul Zishwili that the situation was abated. However, the volatile relationship led to the PM divorcing Joy on April 1, 2016, several months after they were estranged as she had moved back to her parental home in Nkamanzi. Immediately after the divorce was granted, she left the country for the United Kingdom.

## Primrose widowed 10 months, 25 days after wedding

BY THEMBEKA DLAMINI

They got married on November 4 last year and will never get to celebrate their yearly anniversary together.

Teacher Primrose Dlamini, previously Simelane has been the rock behind former Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini ever since they got married and now she remains behind to pick up the pieces.

Her support towards him was evidenced by the evidently firm grip with which she held him up during their public appearances.

The former premier described her as an irresistible force and an immovable object which made it



The late PM's wife Primrose Dlamini.

hard for him to court her with intention of asking for her hand in marriage.

## Primrose leaves Mkhiwa early in the morning

BY MHLENGI MAGONGO

...Police instruct medical staff not to answer questions

It was a sombre morning at Mkhiwa Clinic in Manzini yesterday as news of Former Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini's demise spread like wild fire. From 9am, a shroud of gloom surrounded the hospital where the former premier breathed his last.

Apart from the activity which took place immediately after his demise, there were hardly any visitors to the hospital save for two vehicles bearing ministry of works number plates. The group of government officials did not take kindly to noting that their presence was being captured and they demanded this reporter's camera and deleted pictures of their vehicles and as they disembarked. One of the drivers said the officials who could not be identified were at the hospital to



Mkhiwa Clinic where the former prime minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini died on Friday.

check on something pertaining the former premier.

The receptionist found there said she was instructed by hospital management to refer all questions to Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane. "Senior police officers came here and said no

information about the former prime minister should be given to anyone," she said.

On the other hand, security personnel who were on duty said Dlamini's wife, Primrose left in the early hours of the morning and had not returned.

## KUKHANYENI NEIGHBOURS NOT AWARE OF EX-PM'S DEATH

BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

Despite that the death of former Prime Minister Sibusiso gripped the nation from as early as 7am yesterday, his neighbours at his home at Kukhanyeni said they were shocked to hear the news from this publication's reporters.

A handful of family members arrived at Kukhanyeni at about 15:40. Kukhanyeni is his marital home with first wife, Jane Matsebula.

A previous visit to the home on Thursday had a caretaker state that they had not seen the premier in three weeks.

This publication's news team visited the area for other matters and on passing by had a chat with the caretakers and lone police officer manning the entrance.

Yesterday nothing had changed as it was as quiet as on Thursday and neighbours said they were not aware of anything amiss.

When Muzi Dlamini, son to the late former PM arrived, he said he was not ready to engage the media.

He entered the homestead and instructed the police to inform reporters from this publication that he said, thanks, there was nothing he could say.

On the other hand, neighbours Sifiso and Mphendulo Dlamini said they were not aware that the former prime minister had passed on.

"We are shocked, we have not heard,

when did he die? There is nothing we can say save to send condolences," they said. Information gathered was that other media personnel had earlier visited the home.

Other neighbours said the former head of government frequently visited this home especially on weekends and on Sundays as he used to go to church. When the homestead at Ndzingeni was visited late in the afternoon, no one was found and the gate was locked. Even though it is was late in the afternoon,

some neighbours stated that they were not aware that Dlamini had passed on while a few said they had already learnt from the radio and were saddened by the loss.

They stated that the former PM rarely visited the homestead but maintained it as some people would occasionally be seen taking care of the yard.

Unlike at Kukhanyeni the neighbours said police were not guarding the home.

They also predicted that he may be laid to rest in that home.



## PM's last months:

## DIES 24 DAYS AFTER END OF TERM

Even though he has been indisposed for the last four months, former Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini died 24 days after his Cabinet which was acting as *Sigejane* was dissolved.

During his absence from active office, Dlamini was represented by former Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini.

He got his last pay cheque as a prime minister a day before the secondary elections were held. This salary was

paid to all politicians from Bucopho, Indvuna Yenkhundla, Members of Parliament, senators to Cabinet ministers. New politicians could expect to be paid their first salaries in three weeks' time as their details are said to still be fed into the system.

**20 September:** He gets his last salary as Prime Minister.

**04 September:** Chairs Cabinet for the last time in his official capacity as PM.

**04 September:** *Sigejane* is dissolved even though his deputy led it on his behalf.

**20 June:** The Parliament he led since October 28, 2013 is dissolved.

**11 May:** PM left for The Republic of China on Taiwan in the company of his wife Gugulethu Primrose Simelane. It was his second year spending his birthday, 15 May, in the Asian country.

**25 April:** On National Flag Day,

then Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini fell ill while getting out of his bed and relatives said he hit his head awkwardly.

He was rushed to the Mbabane Government Hospital where he was admitted in the ICU and was attended by anaesthesiologist Dr Nimrod Matekere, who would frequently travel with him.

**16-20 April:** He attended and partook in the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

**12 April:** Leaves country for London to attend Commonwealth Heads of

Government Meeting where he represented His Majesty King Mswati III.

**June 2017:** Dlamini marries his third wife Gugulethu Primrose Simelane in an understated wedding in Matsapha

**26 May 2017:** Dlamini returns from The Republic of China on Taiwan after spending a month. He was treated for an undisclosed illness. He returned quietly as the media was not alerted, as usual, that he was coming back.

**1 March 2017:** PM leaves for South Africa for his annual medical check-up and stays there for three days.

## EX-PM IS DEAD

STORIES BY THEMBEKA  
DLAMINI

...Dr Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini succumbs to prostate cancer

The country's longest serving Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini has died.

Dlamini, aged 76, served 17 years as premier, through three full terms and one in part.

He succumbed to death on Friday night while admitted at Mkhiwa Clinic, where he was rushed to in the late afternoon.

His demise was confirmed by his elder sister, Lomagugu Magagula yesterday morning.

The ex-PM's death comes after a long fight against prostate cancer which saw him get medical attention on the regular.

For over a year and a half, the ailment which saw him requiring several medical procedures, was not named as it remained in obscurity.

This diagnosis was confirmed by one of the several medical personnel who have attended to him in the last 18 months since he was said to have been first diagnosed in March 2017, albeit in confidence.

His last official day in Cabinet was April 9, when he returned from London where he had represented His Majesty King Mswati III during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

According to close family members, he carried on working against his physician's better judgement as he was instructed to rest over a year prior to his last major medical scare which came about after a fall while in his bedroom at Hospital Hill.

Despite all odds, the former premier saw his last term in Cabinet to the end before bowing out.

He died a few hours after he was rushed to the hospital to be attended by specialist surgeon Dr Siamak Monadjem, the founder of the health facility.



Ex-PM Dr. Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini and his wife Primrose when they were off to Taiwan for the second time.

Of note, Dr Monadjem attended to the ailing former premier nearly two weeks ago and recommended a transfer to South Africa's Netcare Milpark.

On Friday, when he was rushed to the hospital, Dr Monadjem was not around and he was recalled to attend to the high profile patient who died a few hours later.

"Please call Mr Dlamini (referring to PM's son, Muzi) for all comments pertaining the former PM. He can comment," Dr Monadjem said briefly, before cutting the call.

However, sources at the hospital revealed that the former premier's wife left in the early hours of the morn-

ing. It could not be ascertained if she spent the night there.

The premier recently completed his third full term as leader of government, a role he first took up in 1996, whereas elections were later held in 1998.

He was reappointed into the position and he served a full term up to 2003.

He returned to Hospital Hill for a third term (second full) in 2008 until 2013.

He was reappointed in October 2013 and led the 10th Parliament until he became indisposed.

He, however, carried on working, even though on the sidelines as Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini acted on his behalf.

**"The ex-PM's death comes after a long fight against prostate cancer which saw him get medical attention on the regular**

## Recently admitted where Winnie Madikizela-Mandela died

Five days before former Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini passed away, he was discharged from Netcare Milpark Hospital where he was admitted over two weeks ago. This is the same medical centre where Winnie Madikizela-Mandela died early this year.

The former PM returned to the country on Sunday and he was deemed to be feeling a bit better as his appetite had returned. He was initially admitted at Mkhiwa Clinic in Manzini about three weeks ago after he was said to be weak as he was unable to eat due to lack of appetite.

From Mkhiwa Clinic, he was transferred to Milpark because his attending physician said he needed specialist care.

At Milpark, he was said to have waited for a Taiwanese doctor to arrive for observation and possible treatment. He was admitted in the

intensive care unit.

He is said to have left the hospital sometime in the third week of this month and moved to a hotel, only to return to the hospital from where he was subsequently discharged, and he arrived at Hospital Hill on Sunday.

According to a close family member, he was better than when he initially left because he was able to eat, even though it was a laborious affair.

However, he was shaking and showing more short-term memory loss when speaking of things which happened recently. The memory loss was said to be as a result of the fall he sustained in April while in his bedroom in his official residence in Hospital Hill. He was rushed to Mkhiwa Clinic in Manzini on Friday afternoon and he passed away during the course of the night.

The time of death could not be immediately ascertained.



Netcare Milpark Hospital where ex-PM was discharged five days before his death.

## Family rushes to Hospital Hill

Several hours after the death of former Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini, immediate family members rushed to his residence at Hospital Hill.

The former PM has been in his residence despite vacating office over three weeks ago.

A call to his son, Muzi Dlamini, in the early morning revealed that he was on his way to the residence situated within Cabinet premises. "I am on my way home in Mbabane. I have not heard of anything," said Muzi, when he was called just before 9am.

He arrived at the residence a few minutes later in the company of his wife and left a few minutes thereafter in a different vehicle as a passenger.

He later returned and was driven in by a relative.

Other family members, including the former PM's sister, children and other relatives were later said to be there as well. Of note, a family member stated that there would be a meeting at his home in Ndzingeni where they would discuss further details pertaining their bereavement.

## LUDZIDZINI GOVERNOR YET TO REPORT EX-PM'S DEATH TO ROYALTY

BY FORTUNE NDLANGA-  
MANDLA

...The death of the country's longest serving former Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini has been conveyed to him

Acting Ludzidzini Governor Lusendvo Fakudze said the death of the country's longest serving former Prime Minister (PM) Dr Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini has been conveyed to him.

He was speaking yesterday when asked if he was aware of the sad news that has rocked the country. However, he said it was too early to comment as the ex-PM's family

had not formerly reported the news. The acting governor said he learnt about the former PM's death through the National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula and one of the late

PM's bodyguards.

"Kwanyalo nje siseti natsi imphendvulo," he said in vernacular.

He went on to state that the passing away of the former PM had not

been reported to Their Majesties by 15:07hrs yesterday. Fakudze stated that the Ludzidzini Council was still trying means to report the matter.

However, he clarified that they may only be able to report it tomorrow as it was a weekend and the Royalty was at rest.



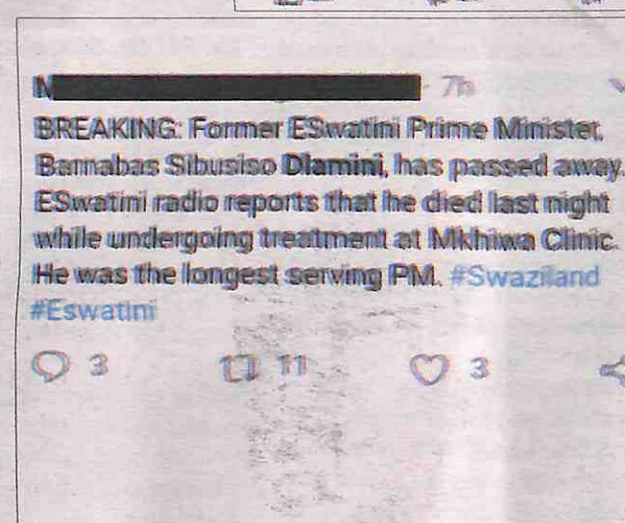
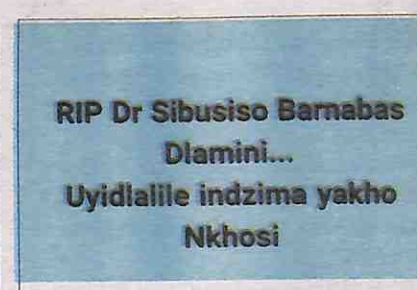
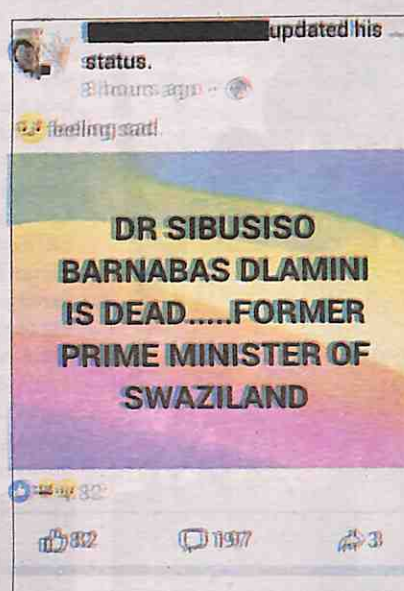
# SOCIAL MEDIA USERS MOURN FORMER PM'S DEATH

BY FORTUNE  
NDLANGAMANDLA

**E**maswati within and outside the country's borders took time to mourn and express condolences following the death of former Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini. Even though initial shock was muted by dis-

belief, the subsequent announcement on radio removed all doubt that the country's longest serving PM was no more.

Below are some of the reactions from Facebook and Twitter.



Former PM with his wife Primrose Gugulethu when he went to register for the national elections early this year.





# YESTERDAY'S EVENTS



The entrance to Mkhiwa Clinic where the former PM succumbed to illness.



Part of former PM Sibusiso Dlamini's home in Ndzingeni which remained desolate for the most part of yesterday morning to early evening as no-one seemed to be at home.



The van which ferried PM's son Muzi Dlamini into Hospital Hill yesterday morning.



Former PM's walk to his la-  
cial Cabinet meeting early th-  
month.



Sibusiso Dlamini adorned in some of the medals and recognition.



Former University of Eswatini Vice-Chancellor Professor Cisco Magagula with former PM Sibusiso Dlamini during the institution's graduation ceremony.



The former PM took time to greet school children while making his way to the Mbabane Municipal Council offices before he registered to vote in preparation for the national elections.

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**T**he former premier was great great grandson of Somhlolo, who was also known as King Sobhuza I.

His great great grandmother was Inkhosikati LaMndzebele who gave birth to his great grandfather, Somcuba also known as Ndlovuyangwane later became Prince Regent while King Mswati II was growing.

Prince Somcuba gave birth to his grandfather Mbhodziya who settled at kaNtunja and his senior wife LaMazibuko would later become Barnabas' grandmother. She bore Mantfwantwa John who bore Barnabas.

Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini was born May 15, 1942 to Mantfwantwa John Dlamini who was a pastor and Elizabeth Dlamini. He was born at the Nazarene Mission Ndzingeni Clinic.

He was fourth born after Silas, Patricia Lomagugu and Amy Joyce. His sister Anna Gladness Siphwe was born in 1944.

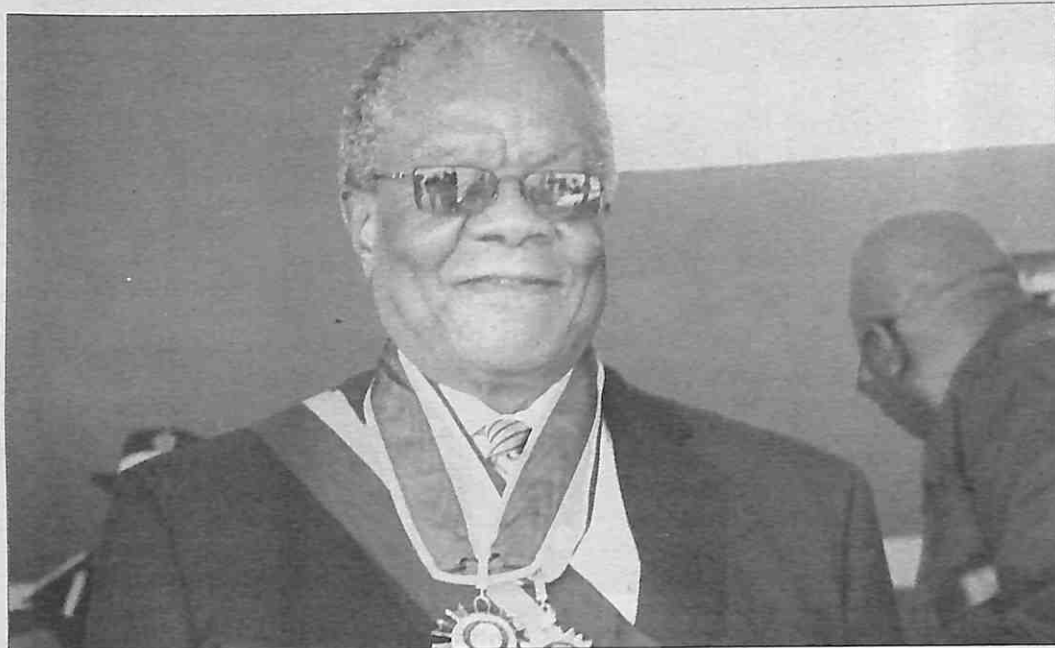
He went to school in 1948 at Hhelehele and moved shortly thereafter to Havelock Nazarene School at Bulembu. He attended Ndzingeni Nazarene Primary School in 1952 as a resident boarder.

In 1956 he moved to Nazarene Secondary School and then proceeded to Franson Memorial Bible School where he matriculated.

He enrolled at Pius XII University College in Lesotho but he left before completing in 1962 and started teaching at Ndzingeni. In 1963 he applied and got a job as a water chemist at

# SIBUSISO BARNABAS DLAMINI

(15 MAY 1942 - 28 SEPTEMBER 2018)



Usuthu Pulp Company in Bhunya.

He went on to be a power station operator at Edwaleni Hydro-Electric Project and left in 1966 to pursue his education at the University of Rochester in New York where he spent two

semesters before going to Syracuse for the summer semester.

September 1967 saw him move to the University of Wisconsin for the continuation of his BSc course with intention to transition to medical

school. After realising that it was too messy for his constitution, he transitioned towards industrial chemistry from which he graduated in 1969. He returned to the country and worked within the ministry of

agriculture research division.

He went on to teach at the Swaziland Agricultural College and University Centre which he left and went to work as an assistant chemist at the now defunct Ngwenya Iron Ore Mine, where he rose through the ranks and left as a metallurgical superintendent.

While working, he had enrolled at UNISA and was studying towards a Bachelor of Commerce degree which came in handy when he moved from SIODC. He joined Coopers and Lybrand which is now known as PricewaterhouseCoopers.

He initially went to Peat Marwick Mitchell which is present day KPMG where he learnt that clerks in Johannesburg earned E450 per month whereas locals were paid E350. Armed with this knowledge when he was asked of his expected salary, he brought up the figure he had heard and he got the salary and job.

In 1978 he was appointed to senate. In 1981 he enrolled for an MBA at the New York University Business School. Queen Regent LaThwala appointed him into the House of Assembly in 1983 and he formed his own accountancy firm BS Dlamini Chartered Accountants.

In 1984 he was appointed minister of finance after Dr Sishayi Nxumalo was relieved of his duties six months earlier while trying to reveal corruption within government. In 1992 he was nominated as Alternate to the Executive Director.

In 1996 he was appointed prime minister after Prince Mbilini. He served until 2003. He was reappointed in 2008 and again in 2013.

He died 24 days after finishing his last term.

## TOO EARLY TO TALK OF EX-PM'S BENEFITS - GOVERNMENT

**I**t is an inopportune time to talk of what will happen to former Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini's benefits.

Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane said the question on what will happen to his benefits was distasteful and not for him to delve into.

"I wouldn't like to be part of such a conversation," he said when asked to clarify on the meaning of the

clauses of Finance Circular No 2 of 2013.

Page 17 of the Circular talks of the benefits and allowances payable to former PM and DPM.

"In an effort to maintain the dignity of Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, this framework provides for the former prime minister and deputy prime minister certain benefits to assist them respond to post parliamentary life."

The circular states that they will

be eligible to benefits unless they hold an appointive or elective position in government, to which a rate of pay is attached.

### Retirement

The former PM was supposed to start retirement and he was to be paid a pension and other pension benefits however, this comes to an end on his death.

PM would have, from next month onwards, been paid over E60 000 per month which is 80 per cent of

his last pay which he received in September 20.

According to the circular, the house, which is popularly known as Lidlokolo and is being built in Gum Tree outside Manzini, remains seeing as money towards its construction has been paid out.

It remains to be seen if the Range Rover which was bought for the PM will be sold to his estate seeing as he never took possession of it.



Government Spokesperson  
Percy Simelane.

## He missed chance to vote

**H**aving keenly registered for elections to the point of inviting members of the media, former prime minister Sibusiso Dlamini did not get to vote for his preferred candidate.

This is deduced from the fact that the former premier was indisposed and admitted at Netcare Milpark Hospital in South Africa.

It could not be ascertained where he registered to vote, however, he could have possibly been registered in one of two places; that is in Ndzingeni or Kukhanyeni.

He has homes in both these areas.

Subsequent winners in the constituencies are Lutfo Dlamini for Ndzingeni whereas Sihlongonyane Vincent Malavi won a seat in Parliament for the Kukhanyeni Inkhundla.

The former premier indicated willingness to take part in the elections when he registered at the Mbabane Municipal Council offices. The conclusion that he did not get to vote during the secondary elections is concluded seeing as he missed special voting as well as the actual day of voting which occurred two days

before he returned to the country after he was discharged.



## Life and times of Dr Sibusiso Dlamini



Dlamini with his wife during a recent visit to Mbabane Municipality where upon his arrival he had a light moment with young pupils.



Dr Sibusiso Dlamini registering to vote in preparation for the elections early this year.



STORIES BY FORTUNE  
NDLANGAMANDLATOP OFFICIALS MOURN  
EX-PM'S DEATH

The news that the country's longest serving Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini has succumbed to death, left throngs of Eswatini mourning his demise.

Most of the high ranking individuals in the country, especially those who worked with him during his heydays, expressed their shock after hearing the news yesterday.

The former PM has been sickly for the past few months leading to his death. Some ex-Cabinet ministers declined to comment on the death of their former boss, whereas others gave brief interviews.

Former Deputy Prime Minister Paul Dlamini, when asked to comment on the sad news, said he was still shocked.

He said he had learnt about the PM's death through the media. He said it was even difficult to talk much about the sad news.

Therefore, he had little to say citing that his family was in a good position to comment at the moment. When asked to share his best memories with the deceased PM, Dlamini declined, stating that it was too early to make such comments as he was still shocked.

"Ngisetfukile, ngisetfukile kwanyalo. Sitawunitsintsa masesikahle," the late ex-PM's deputy said in vernacular.

On the other hand, former Deputy Senate President, Ngomuyayona



Paul Dlamini.

Gamedze said he was not aware of the matter as he was in the rural areas. However, he said should the news be true, the country would have suffered a huge blow with the death of the PM.

He stated that the death of an individual was always painful. Gamedze expressed that the death of the former PM was more painful as he was the longest serving head of government.

Gamedze said he would like to send condolences to the deceased's family and the nation at large. "It's a shocker, I'm still shocked. I would be able to comment in detail later," the politician



Lutfo Dlamini.

said.

He said he holds lot of memories between him and the former PM as they had for a long time worked closely together. However, Gamedze said he would comment at a later stage as he had a lot to say.

**Saddened**

Newly-elected Ndzingeni Inkhundla MP, Lutfo Dlamini said he was saddened by the untimely passing on of Eswatini's longest serving politician and prime minister, Dr Sibusiso B Dlamini.

He firstly passed his sincere condo-



Ngomuyayona Gamedze.

lences to *bakaNgwane* for the loss of a loyal and dedicated son of Eswatini.

He also sent words of comfort to the ex-PM's wife, children, sisters, family and friends. He further referred them to the gospel according to the Apostle Paul in 1Thessalonians 4: 13-19.

"I was still cherishing the support he showed my leadership at SWAMA where he stood by my executive and all Eswatini artists during the inaugural MTN SWAMA Music Awards.

May I also on behalf of all SWAMA artists pass our special parting gift you gave us *Mlangeni*," he said.

Meanwhile, former Senate President Gelane Zwane declined to comment, whereas former House of Assembly Speaker Themba Msibi said he was in an awkward place and requested to be called later.

However, when a follow-up call was made, his phone rang unanswered. His former Deputy Speaker Esther Dlamini's phone was not reachable.

Former Manzini North MP Jan Sithole said he was out of the country so he had not heard about the sad news.

Efforts to discuss the PM's death with former Minister of Public Works & Transport Pastor Lindiwe Dlamini were unsuccessful as her phone rang unanswered. Also contacted was the ex-Minister of Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula but her phone was engaged every time a call was made.

Speaker of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Parliament Prince Guduza was also unreachable on his Swazi MTN cellphone number.

Former PM Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini's phone rang unanswered when contacted late yesterday while Shiselweni Regional Administrator and former DPM Themba Masuku was also not reachable.

LATE EX-PM WAS AN  
ENCYCLOPAEDIA – EX-MP THULI

Ex-appointed Member of Parliament (MP) Thuli Dladla said the deceased former prime minister was a walking encyclopaedia.

She said this when reacting to news of the death of the country's longest serving PM.

She mentioned that the former PM would always provide solutions to problems and also knew all the ministries' operations.

Before discussing the matter any further, she sent condolences to Their Majesties, Dlamini family and the nation at large.

"For 10 years, I worked as the PM's Portfolio Committee member, later became the chairperson as well as when I was with the National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA).

Therefore, I know his principles when it comes to work. I've learnt a lot, especially about being dedicated to your work," Dladla expanded.

She said she also learnt about the importance of respecting the work that Their Majesties tasked an individual to execute.

She trusts that God would comfort those in pain.

Sharing her memories, she recalled when the ex-PM was always on her case when she was the chairperson of the committee that worked on the Public Order Act and the Suppression of Terrorism amendment Act.

She shared that despite the pressure she received from the ex-PM, she was happy because she knew that it was for the best interest of the country not for himself. "Yey mine ngigijimile hhayi kancane, I won't forget when we were working on the Police Service Act.

He would say madam chair, I want it to succeed, make sure it does whether I'm alive or not," she reminisced.



Former Member of Parliament Thuli Dladla.

Dladla further stated that the deceased ex-PM was hands on throughout the processes of promulgating the Acts. She said the ex-PM had an open door policy as he would even go to Parliament to motivate Bills under his portfolio.

By so doing, Dladla said the ex-PM would give a chance to MPs to make submissions before it was taken to the Portfolio Committee. She said not even once had the PM quoted the Standing Order which allows Bills to go straight to the Portfolio Committee without them being motivated in the august House. "That's one part I can distinguish him when it came to piloting Bills under his portfolio. When he came for quarterly reports debates, the deceased had answers to every question raised about every ministry. He knew all the ministries operations," Dladla recalled.

She said this gave MPs a hard time to push the deceased into a tight corner as he always had answers. Dladla said the deceased PM would give detailed and satisfying responses to all posed questions. She said she learnt a lot from the deceased ex-PM.

## TUCOSWA SENDS CONDOLENCES

Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA), which is a federation of several unions in the country, has also joined the nation in mourning the deceased ex-Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini.

In its condolences remarks issued by its Secretary General (SG) Mduduzi Gina, the mother body of the unions extended its condolences to the Dlamini and the Simelane families as well as to the nation at large for the passing away of Dr Dlamini.

Gina said the federation mourns

● Gina said the federation mourns the death of an elder who like any other person born of a woman, may have not been a Saint.



the death of an elder who like any other person born of a woman, may have not been a Saint.

"A person who during the cause of his service to the nation may have stepped on the toes of some

and whose leadership was celebrated by others.

Being an organisation operative in a nation founded on scriptural teachings, we believe judgment is not for us but is for God the Almighty and merciful," Gina explained.

He stated that during such times, TUCOSWA joins the nation in wishing the ex-PM's soul to rest in peace.

## He was a strong politician – Ex-MP Sikhumbuzo

Former Nkwene Member of Parliament (MP) Sikhumbuzo Dlamini says the deceased former Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini was a politician with a strong backbone.

The two politicians' feud is well documented but it took a nasty turn when the late PM accused the former legislator of insinuating that he must be assassinated.

This was after Sikhumbuzo called on the ex-PM to show cause why he should not be charged with contempt of Parliament for making utterances outside Parliament over an issue that was discussed in the House.

This was after the PM had served the legislator with a letter of demand. Since then, the two always engaged in a war of words.

Reacting to the news that the former PM was dead, in his own words



Former Nkwene MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini.

Sikhumbuzo said, "He was a strong politician with a strong character because he never backed down without a fight".

He said such qualities define a

true politician. Sikhumbuzo added that politicians are meant to be people who are not bent easily.

**Condolences**

He also sent condolences to the late politician's family, adding that once an individual was dead, there was no need of holding grudges.

"He worked hard for the country even though he had left when we are unstable politically and economically. He's gone now and there is no need to hold grudges," Sikhumbuzo said.

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Addressing his much publicised bad blood between him and the ex-PM, he said all had now been forgotten. He said holding grudges would not help, emphasising that their hostility was not personal but only work-related as both were executing different duties.



# NDZINGENI RESIDENTS PROTEST LUTFO'S ELECTION VICTORY

STORIES BY SIZWE  
DLAMINI

*...Clueless that former Prime Minister had passed away*

About 100 residents of Ndzingeni yesterday protested at the inkhundla over the election of Member of Parliament Lutfo Dlamini in the recently ended elections.

The protest took place just metres away from former Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini's parental home-stand, with the residents completely oblivious of what had happened.

Dlamini died on Friday night at Mkhwa Clinic in Manzini.

After news of Dlamini's death started circulating, this publication visited his parental area for reactions from the residents.

However, reporters came across a small protest that was carefully guarded by a large but silent police presence.

When asked what the protest was about, the residents who were singing songs of freedom, said the recent secondary elections were mismanaged by the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC).

The protesters alleged that local favourite for Ndzingeni Member of Parliament (MP) Mbongeni 'Stjifiri' Gule was cheated by the EBC who



About 100 residents of Ndzingeni were busy protesting over the election of Member of Parliament Lutfo Dlamini in the recently ended national elections at the inkhundla yesterday. (Pic: Sizwe Dlamini)

added 298 'ghost' votes in favour of new Ndzingeni MP Lutfo Dlamini.

The protesters were pictured marching up and down the main gravel road at Ndzingeni, eventually stopping at the Ndzingeni inkhundla gate that was locked and secured by

police.

Speaking to this publication, most of the protesters said they did not know that Dlamini had passed away and were shocked by the news.

The protesters said they were interested in speaking to the EBC offi-

cials who cheated the Ndzingeni community using 'ghost' votes.

"To be very honest with you we do feel bad that Dlamini has passed away and we hope that this time it is not a hoax because in recent times rumours of Dlamini's death have

been circulating constantly on social media.

As residents of Ndzingeni we did not see the late premier too often so it would be very hard to comment on his death at this point in time. It's unfortunate we are in the middle of a protest against the 2018 elections.

This protest has taken most of our time over the last two days," said one of the residents. The protesters went on to say Ndzingeni has a known number of residents who voted for Gule and not for the eventual winner Dlamini. "Ndzingeni has close to 7 000 residents divided into nine chiefdoms. These chiefdoms have a certain number of individuals who mostly voted for Gule. So, how did Dlamini win the elections by 298 votes? These are ghost votes as nobody actually voted using those ballots. We want the EBC to explain where the ghost votes came from. If the EBC is innocent they should come here to speak to us? Yesterday (Friday) high ranking police officials promised us that today (Saturday) we will get a visit from the EBC but this has not happened, instead the Pigg's Peak Station Commander Webster Methula came here. He has asked us to revisit our protest on Monday. I hear you speak about the late prime minister's death but currently we cannot comment," added another.

When asked to comment about the protest, EBC Communications Officer Mbongiseni Bhembe repeated his last statement, saying he welcomed the protestors to register their complaints with evidence to the EBC head office as the EBC has an open door policy, which allows people to be free to raise their queries.



Residents in song and dance during the protest. They said the recent secondary elections were mismanaged by the Elections and Boundaries Commission.

## I have nothing to hide - Lutfo

Ndzingeni Member of Parliament (MP) Lutfo Dlamini says he has nothing to hide concerning allegations of ghost votes made by the residents yesterday.

Dlamini said he was not moved by the protest which took place at Ndzingeni Inkhundla, in which he claimed only 47 and not 100 protesters were in attendance.

"According to the rules stipulated by the EBC rulebook, if people have a complaint about

...Dlamini said he was not moved by the protest which took place at Ndzingeni Inkhundla

the election then those complaints should be delivered to the High Court of Eswatini within 48 hours. I cannot comment on the elections as I am now an MP.

The protesters only numbered 47 and not 100. This information comes from my supporters who witnessed the protest today (yesterday).

In the interest of fairness the protesters should report their election complaints to the EBC, which is the organisation responsible for the elections and not me.

Also proof of these allegations made against me should be made available to the authorities who will in turn investigate the matter fully," he said.

## SAFE CROSSING



A herd boy drives his cattle across the Yithabanthu Highway over the weekend. This is one way of making sure that accidents are prevented from the country's roads. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)





# DEADLINE TODAY!

## ESWATINI

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

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## 2018

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**Category Two: Eswatini Product of the Year**

**Category Three: Eswatini Service of the Year**

**Category Four: Eswatini Exporter of the Year**

**Category Five: Eswatini Ambassador / Individual of the Year**

**Category Six: Eswatini Conformity Assessment Body of the Year**

# Countdown to Entries Submission Deadline

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

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

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

**CONTACTS:** Postal Address: P.O. Box 451, Mbabane, Swaziland **TELEPHONE:** +268 24047509/10

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# Eswatini Quality Awards





The AU Mission observers posing for a group photo with their leader in the centre front row, His Excellency James Alix Michel. (Pics: Zwelethu Dlamini)

# EMASWATI CHALLENGE AU MISSION ON FREE ELECTIONS DECLARATION

BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

Some Emaswati have challenged the African Union election observers on their report which indicated that the recent Eswatini elections were peaceful and professional.

Speaking during a press conference convened by the AU mission last week Saturday to present its preliminary statement, some Emaswati wondered why the AU had recommended for Eswatini to allow political parties in the next election yet this was not followed up.

The mission was led by His Excellency James Alix Michel, former President of Seychelles and comprised 30 short-term observers (STOs) representing a total of 17 AU member states.

Soon after Michel had finished delivering the statement, he opened the floor for questions and comments from those who attended the press conference.

Former Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) President Sibongile Mazibuko wondered why AU would come to the country and declare the elections legitimate when the mission had observed as noted in their report that the elections were not held in accordance with the provisions of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance.

"When we saw you arriving, we said 'oh Africa is here', finally they will see the predicament we are facing, lo and behold we discovered that it is not so.

In fact, we expect observer mission not to come at all if minimum standards are not met.

We wonder why Africa should come here to legitimise an election which is illegitimate. We expect Africa to assist us," she said.

Siphephile Kunene from the SABC News asked if the AU considered the elections as undemocratic considering that they were held while political parties were still banned. Responding to the question the leader of the mission said they had made a recommendation directed at her question.

"The elections were held in accordance to the electoral laws of the country and we are making our recommendations as clear as this question to be considered by the authorities of the country," he said.

Human Rights Lawyer Thulani Maseko said he realised that the recommenda-

...they want to know why the call to unban political parties had not been followed up after it was also recommended in previous elections.

tions were not so much different from those of the past election with respect to the ban of political parties and wanted to know if the AU was going to engage with the King, so he may engage in dialogue with those advocating for multi-party democracy.

"We hear a lot about Africa trying to find solutions to African problems using African solutions. Now, I just want to know, whether we can expect the AU having observed the elections will engage in a process, where they can engage with the government to come to the table with those advocating for political parties," he asked.

Michel said the mission will deliver its detailed report to the AU Commission and the report will be debated, taken up and considered by the AU heads of states in the General Assembly. The African Union election observers and local progressives had urged Eswatini authorities to lift the ban on political parties and allow them to freely participate in elections.

Just like in the past, the mission said the country should consider reviewing the 1973 decree and promised that the matter will be on the agenda in the next AU summit.

According to reports several social movements and trade unions called for the repeal of the King's declaration, which was passed in 1973 as they argued that it "outlawed political parties, dissolved Parliament and placed legislative, executive and judicial powers in the hands of the King".

The key objective of the African Union Election Observer Mission (AUEOM) is to make an independent, objective and impartial assessment of the conduct of the General Elections held on September 21 and proffer recommendations for the improvement of future elections in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

During the press conference, the AUEOM presented a summary of its key observations and findings of the electoral process. One of the key findings and recommendations of the AUEOM that was deliberated extensively was with regards to the political context; this is that of the continuous exclusion of political parties in the national elections.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on its observations and consultations, the mission:

- Applauds the Kingdom of Eswatini for signing the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance on January 29, 2008 and further implores the Kingdom to consider ratifying, domesticating and implementing the charter.

- Encourages the Eswatini authorities to consider reviewing the 1973 decree, which dissolved and prohibited all political parties and similar bodies in Eswatini and allow parties to freely participate in the electoral process in accordance with provisions of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance.

- Urges the Eswatini authorities to consider entrenching the principle of separation of powers between the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary in accordance with the 2007 African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance.

- Urges electoral stakeholders to consider reviewing the electoral system to enhance inclusivity and foster participation of marginalised groups such as youth and people with disabilities.

- Urges the government of Eswatini to ensure that the Electoral and Boundaries Commission is adequately resourced to carry out its mandate effectively and efficiently.

- While applauding relevant electoral stakeholders for ensuring that a large number of women participate in the electoral process as polling staff and voters, it encourages them to promote women's participation and gender equality in elected offices.

- Urges the EBC to consider counting of ballots at polling stations immediately after voting to enhance efficiency, transparency and integrity of the process.

- Implores all electoral stakeholders to embark on comprehensive and continuous voter and civic education.

- Applauds the EBC for providing transportation for voters to polling stations. However, the Commission is encouraged to consider increasing the number of polling stations, especially in rural areas where the distances between the stations are too long.

- Encourages candidate agents and citizen observers to enhance their participation throughout all the stages of the electoral process.

"As was in the past elections, the 2018 elections took place within an environment that does not officially recognise the formation and operation of political parties in Eswatini. The elections were conducted in line with Section 79 of the 2005 Constitution, which emphasises individual merit as the basis for election or appointment to public office.

"The Constitution seeks to incorporate and guarantee fundamental rights and freedoms of the individual in line with international and regional norms of democratic governance. According to the 2005 Constitution, the executive reigns supreme over the other arms of government (the Judiciary and the Legislature) with the King as the highest authority," concluded the mission.

For this reason, the mission urged the

country's authorities to unban political parties and allow them to participate in the next elections.

"Based on its observations and consultations, the Mission encourages the Eswatini authorities to consider reviewing the 1973 decree, which dissolved and prohibited all political parties and similar bodies in Eswatini and allow parties to freely participate in the electoral process in accordance with provisions of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance," said AU Mission Head James Michel.

The mission further urged the Eswatini authorities to consider entrenching the principle of separation of powers between the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary in accordance with the 2007 African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance.

## KEY FINDINGS

- The electoral process was conducted in a generally calm and peaceful environment. However, stakeholders consulted briefed the mission about a wage-related workers' strike prior to Election Day. The protests intensified in Manzini leading to police intervention. By Election Day, the strike action had ended.

- The legal framework within which the 2018 elections were conducted remains largely unchanged since the 2013 elections. The 2005 Constitution guarantees fundamental rights and freedoms such as freedom of association, assembly and expression. However, electoral stakeholders informed the mission that practical restrictions on civil and political rights remain. These relate to, among others, to the formation and participation of political parties in the electoral process.

- The Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) conducted both the primary and secondary level elections in a generally well-organised, professional and timely manner despite some budgetary constraints. However, the closing of polling stations and transportation of ballots to central counting centres has the potential to compromise the security of the ballot as well as transparency and credibility of the counting process.

- The Constitution and legal framework seeks to enhance women's political participation in the electoral processes through the provision of quotas. The electoral stakeholders consulted by the mission raised a concern that few women were nominated as candidates in both the primary and secondary elections.

## CONCLUSION

The 2018 General Elections in the Kingdom of Eswatini were conducted in a peaceful environment.

The EBC administered the election in a professional manner, despite the challenges observed by the mission, especially during closing and counting stages of the electoral process.

The mission extends its profound gratitude to all Eswatini electoral stakeholders and voters for participating in the electoral process with enthusiasm and in a peaceful manner.



# 'OROS' STILL MISSING - DAD

STORIES BY  
THEMBEKA DLAMINI

...Police have not called off search for the socialite

The mystery surrounding the alleged disappearance of locally-born South Africa based socialite is not over; not by a long short.

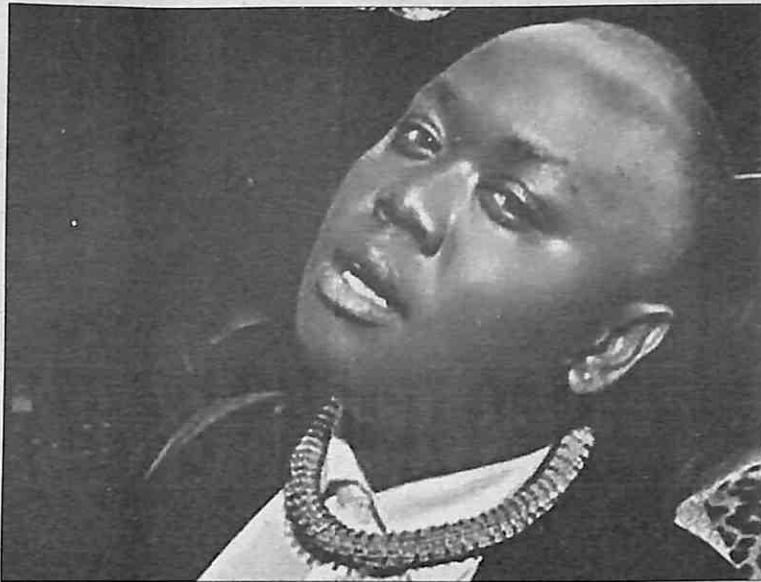
Sakhile 'Oros' Msibi might have called his friends and family, assured them that he was fine about 10 days ago, however; he remains in the missing category on Interpol.

His name and face remain on a Yellow Notice.

His father is adamant, seeing him on video call is not enough and hence he is working with the police to find him.

He wants to not only know where he is, but to see him physically before calling off the search for the man who has been missing since April. He counts April as the time he went missing simply because that was the last time they communicated freely.

Oros reportedly called his father on April 15 and informed him that his plans had changed, and he was no longer going to the United States as



Sakhile 'Oros' Msibi.

planned and would instead stick around the country for the 50/50 celebrations.

Officially, Oros disappeared on May 1 when he posted on Instagram about going to Abu Dhabi. This post has since been removed and the last one

before that was posted on April 25 and the picture of the socialite is ironically captioned: 'The calm before the storm.' Sipho Msibi says he will only accept the police's version of events seeing as his son seems unable to reveal his location as conversations

with him sounded stifled and cagey. "We will not rely on what is being said by the media. We reported the case to the police and we think they are the ones who are supposed to let us know of their investigations and if they find him."

Msibi senior says it would only be after seeing him physically that they would be satisfied and find closure.

"We are waiting to hear from them as to how far they have gone with this or let us know if they are having difficulties locating him so that we can go on to the next plan," he says.

Last week, Msibi revealed that the conversation with his son was unusual in that even though he was alone on the video screen, he sounded guarded and shifty, as though he was being watched. This was repeated by several friends who called him to appease their worst fears about his assumed condition. "He showed me the garden he was in. From the way he was speaking, he wasn't alone," his sister said, whereas he had been in a kitchen setting while speaking to his father.

Further, over a week ago, during an exclusive interview with this publi-

## ...investigations ongoing – police

The Instagram posts which raise more questions than answers are not enough proof that Sakhile 'Oros' Msibi is safe and communicating freely with friends and family.

Royal Eswatini Police Service Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (CPICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said investigations were ongoing.

The last meeting pertaining his disappearance between police and parties involved in the investigation occurred on Thursday.

"All we can is that the investigations have not stopped as police are busy looking into every possible lead."

cation, his father said he still found it strange that the people who claimed to have seen Oros were not providing pictures of these encounters, whereas he was usually ever ready to pose for a selfie.

## Was 'Oros' involved in an accident or arrested?

In the over 24 hours of constant social media activity over a week ago, Sakhile 'Oros' Msibi gave two versions pertaining his disappearance.

One version he told his parents, the other to a lifelong friend.

According to his parents, Oros said he was involved in an accident which made him unable to call them as he was in a coma for most of five months. This puzzled them because he appeared healthy during the video call scheduled for 7pm on a Thursday, which was said to be six hours ahead of local time. He also told them he

would never return to the country. On the other hand, a friend who preferred anonymity, said Oros' version was that he was arrested for being gay in Abu Dhabi and was disappointed that despite being so high profile, no one came to his rescue.

"He blames government and is not happy as he says more could have been done to rescue him," said the friend, who said she was taking this bit of information with a pinch of salt.

She stated that he also talked about making a documentary of his life

which she said was also a bit sketchy seeing as he was not telling his clique about what happened.

"We are leaving the Msibis to deal with this now," said a male friend. He stated that they were also perplexed but could not bring themselves up to question that which they cannot decipher.

All friends interviewed said they would only embrace whatever he says the day they see him as there was something cagey about the way he spoke as he did not want to be questioned about the last five months.

## Use of his passport could trigger Interpol search

Sakhile 'Oros' Msibi is on Interpol's Yellow Notice.

According to the institution's website, yellow notices are a valuable law enforcement tool that can increase the chances of a missing person being located, particularly if there is a possibility that the person might travel, or be taken, abroad.

This is contrary to Oros' alleged version to his friends concerning his purported arrest in Abu Dhabi and subsequent post about being in the United

States.

The website states that such a notice is a global alert to help locate missing persons, or to identify persons who are unable to identify themselves.

"Yellow Notices are published for victims of parental abductions, criminal abductions (kidnappings) or unexplained disappearances," reads the website.

Further, it said it gives high, international visibility to cases as abducted or missing persons are flagged to border officials, making travel difficult.

## EBC OFFICIALS STILL DRIVING RENTED CARS

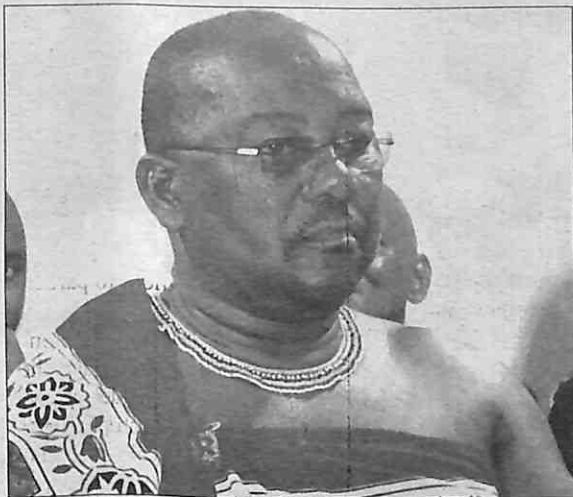
BY FORTUNE  
NDLANGAMANDLA

Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) officials continue to be spotted driving in the rented vehicles.

Secondary national elections were held last weekend, which marked the end of the elections. However, yesterday, there were by-elections at Mbabane West Inkhundla for Indvuna Yenkhundla.

Another remaining event would be that of Mbangwe community under Mhlambanyatsi Inkhundla, where they have to re-elect a new Bucophu after the death of newly-elected Maphevu Zwane. However, many of the rented cars from a South African company are still in the country. Most of them are seen moving up and down on a daily basis while some are parked at the Police Academy in Matsapha.

The rented cars are estimated to be over 300, which excludes 500 kombis rented from the Local Kombis Association. Explaining why the cars are still being seen on the streets and not returned to South Africa, Elections



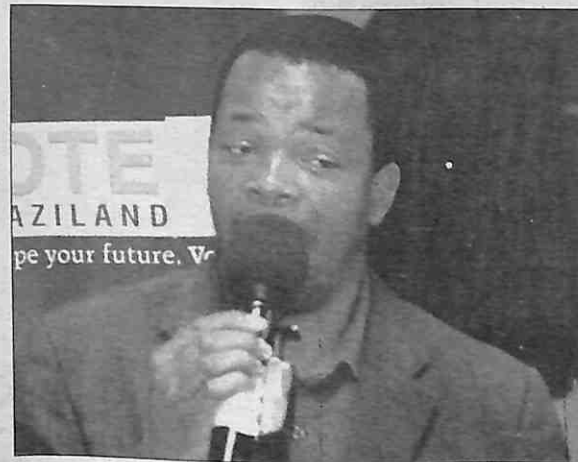
EBC Chairman Chief Gija.

and Boundaries Commission (EBC) Chairman Chief Gija said some of the cars were already back with the EBC.

Chief Gija explained that some were returned on Wednesday and others on Friday.

He stated, however, that some of the officials were still winding up their work. The chairman further noted that on-going court cases pertaining elections were also causing a delay. He said this was because the officials have

to do follow-ups on the cases. "We will have few cars in possession of the officials because of the on-going cases," the chief said. He predicted that by tomorrow, all rented cars would have been returned to EBC. When asked to disclose in percentages the number of cars that have been returned to EBC, he said he was not at liberty to discuss that aspect and referred all questions to the EBC Head of Secretariat Richard Phungwayo.



EBC's Communications Officer Mbonisi Bhembe.

However, he estimated that about 70 per cent of the cars were supposed to be with the EBC by now.

He noted that if the secretariat finds its befitting, the remaining elections related cases may be managed with local cars. He said such finer details can be obtained from the secretariat.

However, efforts to discuss the matter with the secretariat were unsuccessful as Phungwayo was not available to comment.

On the other hand, EBC's Communications Officer Mbonisi Bhembe, when asked to address the matter, said he needed to consult with the transport department. However, he made it clear that he would not be able to give responses either Friday or yesterday. He said this was because yesterday he was tasked to monitor the Mbabane West by-elections for Indvuna Yenkhundla. The rented cars involve; double cab 4x4 Toyota, Isuzu, Ford, Hyundai and Quantums. Most of the car rental companies usually charge according to mileage and the number of days. The fixed charge for a day usually ranges from E350 to 500. However, when rented for a long period, it is commonly cheaper, this is because lesser figure is negotiated based on the quantity and time frame.

The vehicles have been in the country for almost four months as elections registration started in May to July, after it was extended by 11 days.

Aspirant Member of Parliament, Bucophu and Indvuna Yenkhundla nominations took place on July 28 and July 29. Primary elections were held on August 25 while September 21 was the main day for the secondary elections.



# CONSOLATION AIRSHOW NOT SO

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI

The airshow which was meant to be a consolation to aircraft display lovers yesterday at KMI International Airport turned out to be not so consoling as only a few aircrafts managed to make some displays on the day.

Bad weather was again said to have contributed to the poor air display. The airshow was hosted by the Swaziland Civil Aviation Authority (SWACAA) in collaboration with other aircraft companies. The show came after another one which was also spoilt by bad weather about three weeks ago. During the previous show, some major aircraft display companies which were expected to entertain air display lovers failed to leave South Africa to Eswatini as the neighbouring country was reportedly experiencing storms.

For this reason, a consolation show was rescheduled for yesterday. A considerable number of airshow lovers were at the airport to enjoy air display free of charge.

Speaking during an interview, SkyMax Finance Director Patrick Du Pont, who spoke on behalf of the company, said the airshow was reasonably fair as some of the aircrafts which could not make



One of the air-crafts displaying tricks during the airshow which was held at the KMI International Airport yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

it during the previous show managed to do some air display.

Du Pont disclosed however that the weather during the day turned out to be not so conducive, hence they had to limit the number of aircrafts making displays at a time.

"Apparently, some of the most entertaining displays were supposed to come in three-folds, but we had to cut down to two-folds due to the bad weather even today," said Du Pont.

Meanwhile, Nevill Ferrari made a solo display which was reasonably

appreciated by the spectators. Aircrafts from Good Year Eagles, Conrad Botha also entertained the air display lovers. A local pilot, Bernard Jourbet conducted a solo display.

Du Pont also stated that next year's airshow would be held between April and June, a time where there are normally less rains expected.

"For the coming years, we are hoping to schedule the show sometime between April and June so that we are not disturbed by weather conditions," he said.



A father teaches his daughter how to use a pellet gun.



A section of the people who attended the air-show yesterday.



DJs making sure attendees are well entertained.

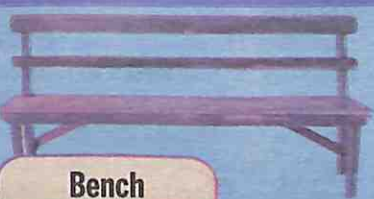


Children having fun on the jumping castle.



Another aircraft doing some displays.

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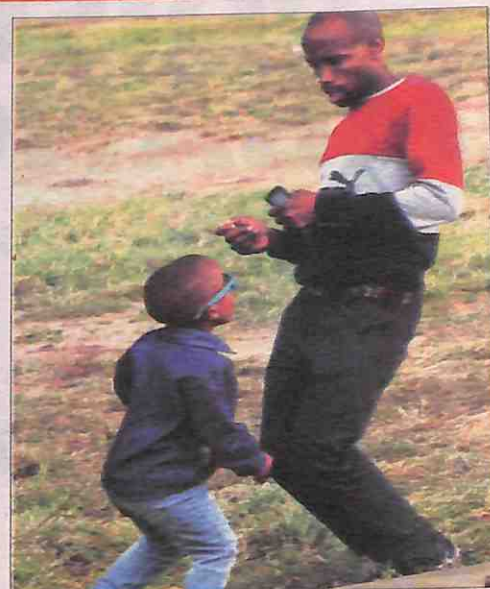
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Two boys looking bored as they await airplane displays.



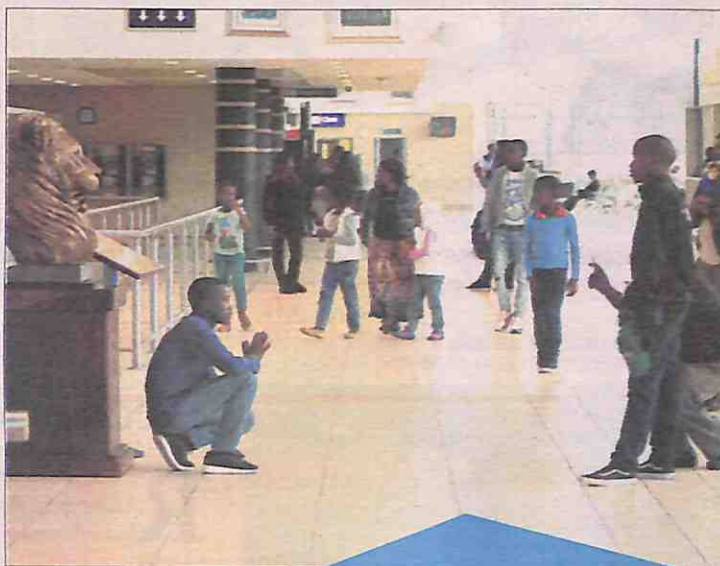
Face painting was popular among the little ones.



A father dances with his son during the show.



Children had plenty of games to play during the air show.



Some had the opportunity to pose for pictures inside the KMTI International Airport.



A young girl showing off her dance skills during the dance and win competition yesterday.



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# CHURCH MEMBER POISONS DECEASED MBANGAVE BUCOPHO

STORIES BY FORTUNE  
NDLANGAMANDLA

The family of deceased Mbangave Bucopho winner Maphevu Zwane (34) has alleged that their son was poisoned by a fellow church member where he (Maphevu) was a pastor.

The sudden demise of Maphevu came two weeks after he won the elections to be Bucopho of Mbangave under Mhlambanyatsi Inkhundla. This would have been his third term as bucopho of Mbangave.

He was also a pastor at Canaan Apostle Church in Zion. This publication visited the homestead on Wednesday afternoon, where the deceased's mother, Mgcibelo Zwane said the suspect poisoned Maphevu during a prayer service at the deceased's homestead. The prayer service was for Maphevu after he had fallen sick a few days after winning elections. The church member who poisoned



The deceased Maphevu Zwane's mother Mgcibelo during an interview. (Pics: Fortune Ndlangamandla).

Maphevu was also part of congregates who had come to pray for the sickly Maphevu.

As the service was nearing its end,

the church member together with a few family relatives prepared tea for the worshippers.

Make Zwane said when Maphevu's

wife went outside the house to attend a car in the yard which was coming with groceries. The suspected woman quickly served the deceased with the poisoned tea.

On her return, the wife was stunned to find her husband drinking tea which had been prepared by the woman. "Sisesontfweni tsinenaye (We go to the same church with the woman)," she said. Zwane said until they got to the hospital, they were not aware that he had been poisoned.

The doctor is said to have informed the family that his organs had been badly damaged. These organs included the heart, lungs and he had a big hole in the intestines. Some organs had sores. She went on to state that their suspicions were aggravated and confirmed by the fact that none of the other church member's had visited them to pass condolences on the demise of Maphevu.

Mgcibelo said soon after being nominated for the elections, her son start-

ed receiving death threats from supporters of one of the bucopho candidates, who had crashed out of the race.

She said some of the people made it clear that even after winning Maphevu would not live to assume his office. As per the death threats, soon after winning, Maphevu fell sick. The family assumed that it was just a minor sickness and hoped he would get better. "What hurts us the most is that the threats were to the effect that my son would never assume his office and indeed the threats had now become a reality," Zwane lamented. She went on to state that the family as a whole has been left devastated by the death of Maphevu. She said this has resulted in the family developing hatred for the community.

She said the community should not have elected Maphevu to the position if they were not satisfied with his performance in the previous term of office.

Maphevu is survived by his wife and four children, two boys and two girls. Before his untimely death he was preparing to have a traditional wedding as he had paid lobola.

Maphevu was buried today and his burial was delayed by the fact that his wife did not have a teka certificate. However, on Wednesday, Zwane said the family members were able to get it.



Some of the mourners who were found at the deceased's homestead.

## Deceased Bucopho was a generous man

Residents and family of the deceased Mbangave Bucopho Maphevu Dlamini have described him as a good hearted person.

A resident speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of victimisation said most residents of the area would borrow money from the deceased and he would give without complaining.

The old man added that if he was a shylock Maphevu would have died a filthy rich person as he would accumulate more wealth from

interests.

On the other hand, Maphevu's mother Mgcibelo said her son was the most generous child out of all her eight children. She said none of his children even come close to the demised.

"They have killed the community at large as many people benefited from his goodwill," she said.

The mother added that her son also assisted some members of the community to get jobs. At home, the mother said Maphevu was of great assistance as he was a breadwinner.

## Oops, Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act already in effect

STORIES BY THEMBEKA  
DLAMINI

Contrary to the mandate that women were given over two weeks ago, that they should remind the office of the Attorney General that the gazette of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act had no commencement date, the act was enforced when it was gazetted.

The alleged anomaly was refuted recently by Attorney General Sifiso Khumalo, who said he was not aware of the concerns raised during the Setting Women's Agenda meeting hosted by Women and Law Southern Africa (WLSA) - Eswatini Chapter.

During break-away sessions, women were divided into groups where they talked of issues concerning education, legal, socio-economic, health and youth.

Aspiring candidates within the Member of Parliament and indvuna yenkhundla positions were equipped with some of the contentious issues they were supposed to look into on winning secondary elections, which were held last week Friday. Candidates were encouraged to take up the man-

...as women given blueprint on what is expected from them

date given to them by representatives of different sectors of society. During the legal commission, professionals from the profession called on the women to remind the AG of the alleged anomaly in the gazette as it was said to have no effective date. When asked about this, Khumalo refuted that the act was not enforceable as the date was clear for those who familiarised themselves with the piece of legislation.

Present during the commission were Judge Maxine LaNgwenya, Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi, Manzini Acting Senior Magistrate Sindisiwe Zwane as well as several lawyers, students and the candidates.

When quizzed about the Act and the contention on the date last week Thursday, Principal Magistrate Nhlabatsi said she took note of the issue and checked after the meeting, only to find that there was no anomaly in the gazette. Other than the mishap with the SODV Act gazette, women were taught about the needs for legislations and policies such as the need for a legal aid act which will see the disenfranchised

afforded adequate legal representation.

They were called up to look into the administration of Estates Act, the review of the Marriage Act which needs change in the status of minority and grounds for divorce. The Elections Act of 2013 was said to need review and amendment because the 30 per cent female representation was behind the 50 per cent requirement by SADC protocols. Within this amendment, women called for only increased representation of other marginalised groups as they stated that there was need for proportional representation of disabled people. Women were called to lobby for the codification of customary and traditional law as this will help with it be aligned to the Constitution which makes any law which goes against it null and void.

Women were also mandated to lobby against injustices such as marital rape which is hidden within conjugal rights as well as a realistic approach to the need for abortion to be allowed without the sanctimonious look at it being

## Women need to revive education - Dr Kunene

University of Eswatini Lecturer Dr Sithembile Kunene challenged women who are headed for Parliament to revive the education sector.

The St. Theresa's Schools' product, and now grantee, said it was disheartening to live to see the degradation of the education sector come about in her time whereas years ago it was one to be reckoned with. She decried that there was a lot amiss which was going unchecked such as the implementation of the Free Primary Education (FPE) grant.

She said it was disappointing that instead of subsidising education for those who can afford, making it free for those who couldn't, a glaring compromise was being made and

immoral whereas some instances such as falling pregnant from rape can have detrimental effects on both woman and child.

They were encouraged to lobby for

as a result deterioration of the system occurred. She recalled how her basic education locally enabled her to compete better in international tertiary institutions. "The current economic crisis does not allow for government to take up such a burden completely, however, it penalises principals who are burdened by the stress of managing schools without enough funds." She stated that there was also need for recognition that some subjects were cumbersome to teach. Subjects such as science need time as well as nurturing from teachers to pupils and hence the need to pay those teachers dedicated to teaching sciences an allowance which will motivate them to stay within the profession.

the constitutional provision of the power of recall as part of accountability. Women were appraised on the conflict which reigns between the Statute Pensions and inheritance laws.



# JUDGE QINISILE DECRIES MALE DOMINATION IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

STORIES BY FORTUNE  
NDLANGAMANDLA

Principal Judge Qinisile Mabuza has noted that most decision-making positions in the country are occupied by men.

Of note, the Judge's statement comes in a time when the country is fresh from the recent polls, where only two women were elected into the positions of Member of Parliament (MPs).

His Majesty King Mswati III is expected to appoint the country's new Prime Minister (PM) and there have been growing calls that the country is ready for a female PM.

Judge Mabuza said despite the domestication of many international instruments such as the Beijing Conference of 1995 and CEDAW by promulgating statutes and policies affecting women, it was regrettable the current proportion of women in leadership positions.

She was speaking on Thursday during the Co-ordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations' (CANGO) 36th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at Happy Valley Hotel, Ezulwini.

Over 30 NGOs attended the AGM which was themed: "The Role of NGOs in Promoting Women in Decision Making."

"The Constitution Act was passed during 2005 with an entrenched Bill of Rights.

The Constitution set a target of 30 per cent women in Parliament, while the SADC Protocol on Gender and Development that the country ratified in September 2012 stipulated a target of 50 per cent by 2015.

It is sadly notable that in spite of all these initiatives, progress remains very slow," Mabuza explained.

She went on to state that it was regrettable that leadership positions continue to be dominated by men in both public and private spheres in our beautiful kingdom and yet women make up 51 per cent of the total population according to the 2017 Eswatini Population and Housing census.



Principal Judge Qinisile Mabuza, Co-ordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations' (CANGO) Chairperson Hlobisile Nxumalo and CANGO Director Emmanuel Ndlangamandla during the CANGO's 36th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at Happy Valley Hotel, Ezulwini. (Courtesy pics)

For example, there has been a notable decline in the representation of women in the August and esteemed House of Parliament.

"This trend has continued in Cabinet and in the appointment of principal secretaries and ambassadors," she noted.

## Positions

Judge Mabuza said so long as women are not in decision-making positions, the country is in a 'tremendous loss of experience and expertise' because women cannot make input into the development of the country.

She also said the failure to utilise women in decision-making implies that they cannot decide on issues that affect the country.

She pointed out that this failure has negative repercussions on their advancement as women and to contributing to the journey to vision 2022 and agenda 2030 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

"Whilst forming the majority in the country women are missing in decision-making structures in many spheres of our society. Even where they occupy such positions, they

do not have power to make any decisions.

It is their male bosses who make all the decisions.

The women end up being merely tokens of the female gender species," she elaborated.

In her presentation, the principal judge noted that within traditional structures, local and national political spheres (councillors, MPs, Cabinet, government boards) and private sectors, do not have equal representation of women into decision-making positions including board of directors and CEOs.

She added that even when they are members of boards, women are in the minority and their appointments is merely to fulfil lip-service and not because they are in reality meant to be decision-makers.

"The minority of women in such spaces reinforces the perception of gender discrimination and gender inequality, even though the right to equality is guaranteed in the Bill of Rights in our Constitution, Section 20 provides for equality before the law," she said.



## Principal Judge calls for women empowerment from NGOs

Principal Judge Qinisile Mabuza has urged NGOs to empower women in an effort to increase participation in decision-making.

She said the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) should continue the empowerment of women given their unique fluid position in society from grassroots and across other sectors and dimensions.

"In order to make gender equality and equity a reality, NGOs must continue their constant and unwavering fights to secure women's rights in all walks of life such as social political educational, economic, households and religious communities," Judge Mabuza said.

The honourable Judge urged NGOs to adopt internal women participation in decision-making policies; to generate evidence-based advocacy by collecting and sharing data on reasons of the lack of women in decision making positions; conduct more civic education programmes on promoting women participation with the aim of behaviour-change and women's right consciousness; periodically publish a woman in development barometer where all sectors can be included to report status and measure of progress and; to embark on leadership training and capacity building programmes targeting women in various sectors of society especially young women.

She said unless positive changes in all these fronts are achieved in a balanced and holistic manner women empowerment will be elusive. NGOs have the capacity to be the conduit for change in all these fronts.

## PSYCHOLOGICAL RIVER BLOCKS WOMEN - REV. ABSALOM

Reverend Absalom Dlamini stated that the trend in absence of women in decision-making was witnessed internationally but had merely resulted in quota systems which many are still battling to achieve.

"Women have been mobilised and sensitised from grassroot level, but again there seems to be a psychological river that is impassable by our women.

Workshops and training have been sponsored and conducted but the out-come is still disappointing," he said.

Dlamini said he comes from the NGOs sector where women, including former Maphalaleni Member of Parliament (MP) Lomasotfo Martha Dladu, at the time had immensely contributed to national building.

He said this shows the critical role women can play in similar positions with men which unfortunately was

ever on the decrease.

Revered Dlamini added that in the past, there had been a number of women in decision-making positions rising from the notion of patriarchy and tradition.

However, with more women educated and liberated than before, there were still strong norms instilling fear in women to take up leadership positions which need to be dismantled.

Dlamini said there was a need for the literal pushing of women into decision-making positions and voice in order for the country to realise gender equality.

Dladu was the first elected woman MP in the Kingdom, representing her Maphalaleni Constituency from 1993 to 1998.

Though with basic education, she was able to move motions on issues affecting women and her community in Parliament for the benefit of her constituency. She was, howev-

er, a lone voice and disadvantaged in seeing things change expediently for many women. "She understood her role as a constituency representative and a legislator," he said.

He attributed the regress in the number of women in decision-making positions to the lack of strategies. He said the representation of women in decision-making positions must be looked at and attended to with more focused approach at the NGO level.

"The legislature must fully support the implementation of quotas for women appointment to decision-making according to international agreements.

This means providing an enabling legal framework for women inclusion in decision-making," Dlamini stated. He said there must be a deliberate move by lawmakers and everyone everywhere to make sure that these quotas are fulfilled.



Co-ordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations' (CANGO) Chairperson Hlobisile Nxumalo delivering her remarks while the delegates listen.





Some of the vacant flats at Matsapha Mobeni. (Pics: Fortune Ndlangamandla)

## RENTAL HIKE BITES AS 22 MOBENI FLATS LEFT VACANT

BY FORTUNE  
NDLANGAMANDLA

The Swaziland National Housing Board (SNHB) has noted with dismay that the Matsapha Estate has been slow in attracting new tenants since April.

This comes after 22 flats were left vacant recently by occupants, according to SNHB Public Relations Officer, Zamancele Mavuso.

Mavuso said the Matsapha Estate was currently 96 per cent occupied, which means that 22 flats were vacant.

Meanwhile, the Mbabane Estate is 100 per cent occupied which means currently there are no vacant flats.

Unverified reports that have been circulating are that the flats became vacant after rental increase in April. Explaining why the flats were vacant, especially in Matsapha, Mavuso said



More vacant flats.

tenants vacated the flats for a number of reasons, month after month.

### Analysis

"In our analysis, we learnt that the major reasons for vacating are tenant moving into his/her own house, rental rates and tenant relocating due to change of jobs or work station,"

she said.

However, she added that SNHB noted that after the notification of rental increase was circulated in March 2018, a number of tenants gave notice to vacate both in Mbabane and in Matsapha.

This resulted in seven tenants in

Mbabane and eight in Matsapha who vacated their occupation in the first month.

Mavuso went on to mention that the rate in which the units are re-occupied differs per location. The units in Mbabane were quickly fully occupied by other tenants who were on the waiting list whereas the Matsapha Estate has been slow to attract new tenants.

### Increase

She alleged that some tenants who had originally vacated after the rent increase was effected, had returned to the Mobeni Estate due to unsatisfactory circumstances experienced with other landlords.

The SNHB spokeswoman added that when the rental was increased by 15 per cent in April 2018, units like the Old Mobeni flat rental rates increased from E1 315 to E1 510, marking an increment of E195.

When asked if the flats were still affordable to ordinary Eswazi considering the country's economic status, she responded to the affirmative.

Mavuso pointed out that SNHB constantly tries to ensure that rental prices are kept at reasonable rates.

"SNHB currently offers two-bedroom units situated in urban areas, well maintained and secure at rates as low as E1 510.

This is considered very reasonable in comparison to other offerings by different real estate businesses where bedsitter units can cost as much as E2 500," the mouthpiece explained.

She further stated that it was the Housing Board's wish that rental rates be kept as low as possible.

Mavuso said, unfortunately, the need to increase was necessitated by variables like maintenance costs, security services, insurance and human resources, which are all procured at market rate by the Board.

"In principle, SNHB units are 'social housing' and should be subsidised by government to redress the disparity between the controlled rental imposed by government and operational expenses that the Board is exposed to in running the business. It is for this reason that SNHB continues to engage government on the issue of rent subsidy," she elaborated.

She said the cost of maintenance for the units is very high and continues to increase rapidly each year, mostly due to the fact that the units are over 30 years old. The spokeswoman stated that in as much as the country's economic status is unfavourable, it would not make sense for the Board to offer minimum rental rates but fail to ensure an upkeep of the environment that Eswazi call home because it is unable to cater for the operational costs.

## NAWUSHI WANTS NATCOM TO ACCOUNT FOR POLICE BRUTALITY

BY FORTUNE  
NDLANGAMANDLA

The National and Allied Workers Union in Swaziland Higher Institutions (NAWUSHI) wants to see the National Commissioner of Police, Isaac Magagula held accountable for police brutal assault on workers.

During the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) strike action last Tuesday, seven workers were reportedly brutally assaulted by the police during a clash in Manzini.

One of the unionists injured was NAWUSHI's trustee Fana Mabuza.

NAWUSHI released a statement condemning the police brutality on civil servants during the recent protest action.

"NAWUSHI will explore all possible legal avenues of the law to hold the Police Commissioner Isaac Magagula accountable for the violent and reckless actions of his troops to our trustee unionist Mabuza," NAWUSHI General Secretary Fundizwi Sikhondze said a statement.

Having condemned the violence against unarmed protesters, NAWUSHI said the organisation was resolute in



Police officers from OSSU throwing teargas to the protesters during the recent strike.

support of the public sector workers in Eswatini (including parastatal workers), who deserve their cost of living.

He added that the workers cannot be made to bear the brunt of the country's economic slowdown alone.

NAWUSHI further calls upon government to, without further delay, accede to the other demands by TUCOSWA such as to reinstate severance pay in labour legislation, introduction of E3 500 minimum wage, for

Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) to bring down the electricity tariffs and the amendment of the Public Enterprises Act 1989, amongst other demands.

### Action

"Failure to accede to these demands can only lead to rolling mass action and a total shutdown of the economy until the demands are met," Sikhondze said.

He said Mabuza was brutally assault-



National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula.

ed with batons by more than a dozen heavily armed police officers, while clearly walking away from the police, irrationally protecting his face and body against the blows.

"From the video footage that has been widely circulated on social networks, it is clear that he eventually fell from the sheer brutality of the beatings.

Even as he haplessly laid on the pavement, defeated and bleeding from his injuries in the face and his nose having been left with gaping slit, the police continued to mercilessly assault him with batons and stomping him with their boots," Sikhondze said.

NAWUSHI further notes that Mabuza was not the only worker who was brutally attacked by the police and admitted to hospital.

He pointed out that several workers from different sectors, including the public sector and those from the industrial sector, were injured from beatings and from being hit by shrapnel from police stun grenades.

He noted that one particular case that stands out is the case of the self-employed worker who was just walking in the streets (not even wearing trade union gear) to buy stock for his roadside market business when police pounced on him and beat him near unconsciousness. Unfortunately, the self-employed worker was the most critically injured and had a gaping wound on his head. However, he is said to have responded well to treatment at the hospital.

"NAWUSHI stands in solidarity with those injured and wish them speedy recovery from their injuries," Sikhondze stated.

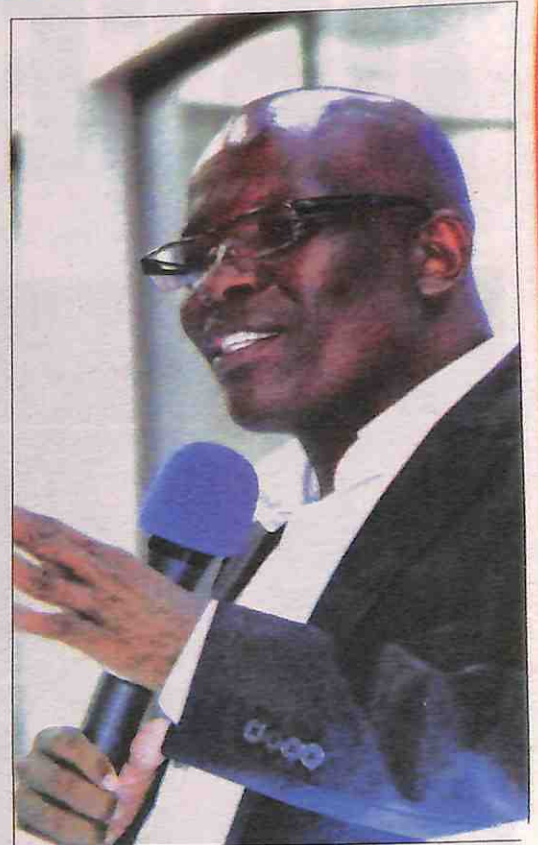
The union also condemned not only the police who meted the severe punishment to workers but also those who issued the directive that the workers who were exercising their right to protest be beaten.



# METROPOLITAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH REVIVALS



Apostle Maqwathi from Soweto, South Africa, ministering the Word of God during the ongoing 'Times of Refreshing' revivals at Metropolitan Evangelical Church in Manzini. He was preaching on Wednesday night. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



Manzini Metropolitan Evangelical Church leader Reverend Anthony Matsenjwa addressing the congregation during the service. The services started last Sunday and will end next Sunday.



Church leaders from other denominations were also part of the service.



Apostle Maqwathi preaching.



Reverend Shabangu from KaMfishane also shared wise words of scripture.



Brethren from the church and visiting ones listening to the Word of God.



A section of the congregants who attended the service.

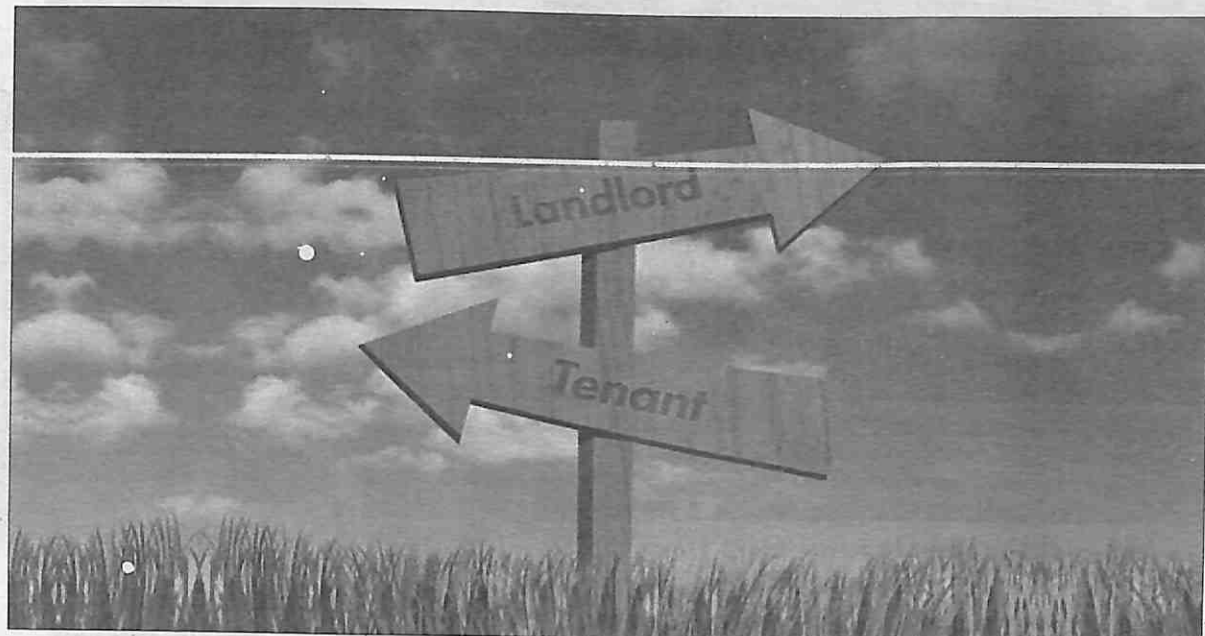


The auditorium was packed with congregants from near and far.



Congregants responding to the sermon delivered by Apostle Maqwathi.





If you've ever been a landlord, you know that setting up a tenancy isn't easy. From preparing your property to having a tenant move in, it's a process that can take a long time and includes many important steps.

Once your property is ready and the tenants have been found, all that stands between you and getting that first month's rent in the bank is some paperwork.

According to many legal and professional experts, it seems like a large percentage of landlords' woes are to some degree self-inflicted: even if it's the tenant being troublesome, the situation would be much easier to deal with if the landlord had set everything up correctly in the first place.

#### WHAT IS A TENANCY?

A tenancy is automatically created whenever somebody moves into a property and starts paying rent. Even if there's no paperwork at all, the occupant still becomes a tenant, which means they have certain legal rights that are difficult to remove.

Even though a tenancy is created automatically, you should still have a written tenancy agreement, also known as a lease.

The landlord will be identified as the lessor, and your tenant will become the lessee. Without one, there's no evidence about when the tenant moved in, how much rent they should be paying, or anything else.

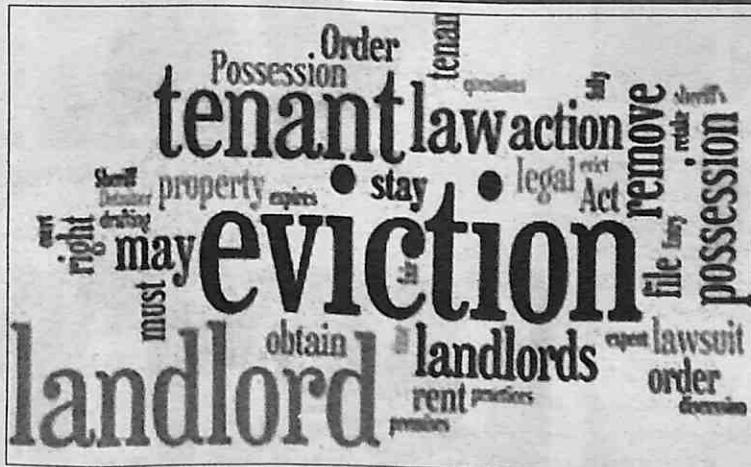
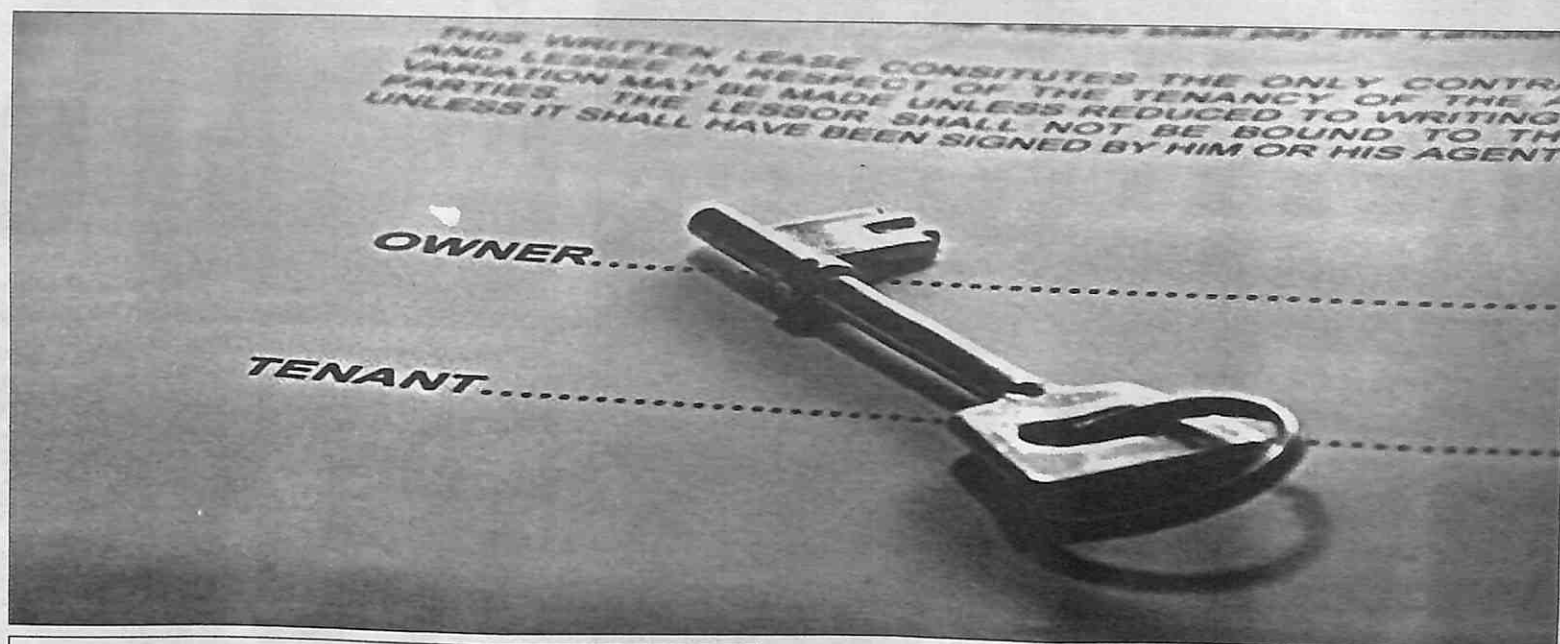
All disputes come down to he-said/she-said, and it will be very difficult to get help from the courts if you need it.

A good tenancy agreement is useful for many reasons.

Firstly, it clearly sets out what's expected of both parties.

It provides the correct legal footing to start, maintain and end the tenancy, and it serves as a reference throughout the tenancy to see what should happen in certain situations. While it's possible to cram an entire tenancy agreement onto a single page, a good tenancy agreement can easily run to 10 or more pages, depend-

# LANDS: SETTING UP A TENANCY



ing around on the internet, but be very careful: laws change, and you could find yourself accidentally using an outdated document or one from another country that doesn't apply here. You might also miss out on putting in some valuable information just because it isn't in the lease template you downloaded and you didn't know to think of it yourself.

#### DRAWING UP AN INVENTORY

Without an inventory, you'll have a hard time making any deductions from your tenant's deposit when they move out, because you won't have a record of the state the property was in at the start.

A good inventory will specify the exact condition of every internal element of the property, along with pho-

tographic evidence.

There's nothing stopping you from drawing up the inventory yourself, but it's probably a good idea to use a professional: they'll do a better job, and they're clearly neutral in the event of a dispute.

The inventory should take place just before the tenant moves any of their possessions in, and the tenant should be given a copy at the check-in. They should be given a reasonable period of time to review it, then raise any points of disagreement or sign to indicate their acceptance.

So once you've got the first month's rent and the deposit cleared in your bank account, and the tenant has signed to acknowledge the receipt of all that paperwork, you can finally hand over the keys and let the tenant move in.

ing on the type of property you're renting out.

It goes into everything the tenant and landlord should and shouldn't do. That way, whatever situation crops up, both parties can turn to the ten-

ancy agreement to see what's been agreed.

The best way to have lease drawn up is to consult with a lawyer and have them write it out for you. You can find tenancy agreements float-



# HOW TO MAKE A WINE CORK TRIVET

Don't throw away your wine corks! Instead, use them to DIY this beautiful and functional trivet for your kitchen.

## You'll need:

- Wood or superglue works best)
- corks
- cork board

- scissors
- pen

## Directions

First, lay out your cork design on top of the large piece of corkboard. Once satisfied with the cork layout, trace the shape of the corks onto the corkboard, remove the corks and cut out the base

from the corkboard.

Next, glue those corks into place using the pattern that you created in the beginning without the glue. Glue the corks onto the corkboard a row at a time.

Allow the glue to dry and then your trivet is ready for use.

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## GARLIC PARMESAN TWISTS

These may look like a cinnamon bun but they are 100 per cent savoury. A creamy cheese filling is rolled within a buttery brioche-style dough to bake up into cheesy magnificence! These make a great brunch treat for mother's day, a birthday or any other special occasion. You could even serve them as a starter at your next dinner party.

### Parmesan twists | Makes 12

**Prep time:** Day before  
**Cook time:** 50 mins

#### Ingredients

For the dough:

- 3 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tbsp granulated sugar
- 2 ¼ tsp instant dry yeast
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ cup hot water (hot from the tap)
- ½ cup cold milk
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature

#### For the filling:

- 1 ¼ cups milk
- 1 ½ tbsp cornstarch
- Garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 ½ cups coarsely grated White Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley

#### For the glaze:

- ¼ cup maple syrup
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 pinch dried chili flakes or cayenne
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced

#### Directions

##### Step 1

Start by making the dough. Measure the flour, sugar, yeast and salt into a large bowl. Stir the hot water and milk together, and then add this and the eggs to the bowl and mix until the dough is almost combined. Break

the butter into pieces and add a few at a time as mixing. Continue to mix until the dough is smooth looking, it will still be very soft. Transfer this to a clean bowl, cover with plastic wrap and let this sit on the counter for an hour before putting it in the fridge overnight.

##### Step 2

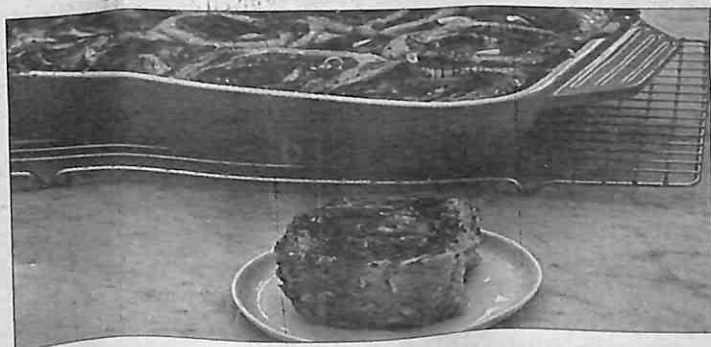
For the filling, whisk the milk, cornstarch, garlic and mustard together in a medium pot and then turn the heat on medium. Whisk this until it reaches a full simmer and thickens, about 6 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium low and then whisk in the white cheddar until melted in, followed by the Parmesan. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the parsley. Let this cool to room temperature and then chill for at least 2 hours before using. The sauce can also be made a day ahead.

##### Step 3

When you're ready to bake the rolls, preheat your oven to 190°C and grease a large casserole dish or baking tray. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and roll out to a 30 by 40cm rectangle. Spread the chilled cheese filling over the dough and roll up from the long side. Slice the dough into 12 pieces and arrange them in the baking dish. Cover the dish with plastic wrap or a clean cloth and let this sit on the counter for about an hour, until the twists rise by about 50%. Bake the twists for about 40 minutes, until golden brown and the cheese is bubbling in places. Cool the buns in the pan on a rack for 15 minutes before glazing.

##### Step 4

While the twists are baking, prepare the glaze. Heat the maple syrup, garlic and chili flakes over low heat for about 5 minutes and set aside. Brush the tops of the twists with the maple glaze and sprinkle the green onions on top. Serve warm.



## CINNAMON ROLLS



I love cinnamon rolls because you can eat them at any time of the day. They're perfect for breakfast or brunch and all you need is a little planning ahead to make sure your family wakes up on a lazy Saturday morning to the smell of cinnamon and sugar, yum.

Any leftovers can always be eaten as a snack later on in the day, or even as a dessert!

### Cinnamon rolls | Makes 12

**Prep time:** Day before  
**Cook time:** 40 mins

#### Ingredients:

**For the dough:** same as for Parmesan twists

#### For the filling:

- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- tbs ground cinnamon

#### Directions

##### Step 1

Make the dough exactly as you would for Parmesan twists. When you're ready to bake your rolls, roll the dough out and brush the surface

with some melted butter.

##### Step 2

Whisk 1/2 cup white sugar, brown sugar, and cinnamon together in a small bowl.

Sprinkle 1/2 of the cinnamon sugar mixture in the bottom of the prepared baking dish.

Sprinkle remaining cinnamon sugar over butter-brushed dough. Roll dough around filling to form a log; cut log into 12 rolls and place rolls in the prepared baking dish. Bake at 190 for 40 minutes and serve warm.



## BACON CHEESE FRITTATA

A frittata is an Italian dish made with fried beaten eggs, resembling a Spanish omelet or a quiche and perfect for brunch with friends or family. This recipe calls for you to bake your frittata and the result will be a softer but still delicious crust. Serve with slices of buttered toast.

### Frittata | Serves 6

**Prep time:** 10 mins  
**Cook time:** 35 mins

#### Ingredients

- 5 slices bacon
- 6 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tbs butter, melted
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped spring onion
- 1 cup grated Cheddar cheese

#### Directions

##### Step 1

Preheat oven to 175 degrees C and lightly grease a large square or



round baking dish.

##### Step 2

Fry bacon in a large pan and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain bacon slices and chop into small pieces.

##### Step 3

Beat eggs, milk, butter, salt, and pepper in a bowl; pour into your prepared baking dish. Sprinkle with onions, bacon, and Cheddar cheese and bake in preheated oven until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean, about 25 to 30 minutes.





## 'REMOVE BATHABILE DLAMINI FROM OFFICE'

**J**OHANNESBURG - The Ahmed Kathrada Foundation has joined the call for the dismissal of former social development minister Bathabile Dlamini.

The foundation's call comes after the Democratic Alliance earlier on Friday called for the quick dismissal of both Dlamini and Malusi Gigaba.

### Ordered

The Constitutional Court ordered Dlamini on Thursday to pay 20 per cent of legal fees incurred in the social grants saga. The court also ordered that the Director of Public Prosecutions make a call on whether Dlamini should be charged with perjury for lying under oath. "That her conduct went against the values of the Constitution should lead us to question her fitness to continue serving as a public representative in our Cabinet. Even though she has been moved from the social development department, what assurances do we have that she will not once again act in a 'reckless and grossly negligent' manner as minister of women in the



Minister Bathabile Dlamini.

presidency?" said the foundation's Executive Director Neeshan Balton.

The foundation said the judgment set precedent for holding to account those who may have abused their positions of power, but would have avoided responsibility, with the state paying for legal costs.

"The ruling makes it very clear that public representatives who act in a manner that is negligent or in bad faith

to the courts can be held personally accountable - something which is going to be an important element of rebuilding a state with integrity.

"What this ruling does is that it affirms the rights of the most needy and vulnerable in society, over the dictates of public representatives who may imperil those rights," Balton said.

The foundation also paid homage to Black Sash and Freedom Under Law, which were integral in seeing the matter heard to the country's apex court.

"We must congratulate Black Sash and Freedom Under Law on their victory, and commend them for fighting this fight. When Black Sash and the Centre for Applied Legal Studies filed an urgent application at the Constitutional Court in March last year on the SASSA issue, they in effect prevented mass-scale disaster in this country.

"Millions of South Africans would have had their livelihoods endangered, and we really have these organisations to thank for averting the crisis."

*Sowetanlive*

## COSATU is no longer the ANC's elections trump card

**J**OHANNESBURG - The labour federation used to ensure millions of votes for the governing party - that is now far from guaranteed.

South Africa's governing party, the African National Congress (ANC), may have to fight next year's general election without the hundreds of thousands of votes its trade union federation ally has delivered in the past. This isn't because its alliance partner won't organise votes for the ANC but because it can't.

### Conference

The ANC's labour ally, the Congress of SA Trade Unions (COSATU), held its conference recently. In a now familiar ritual, it suggested it might not support the ANC next year. It then declared it would - but would expect policy concessions in exchange for support.

No one except a few reporters looking for material took this seriously. COSATU regularly insists that its support for the ANC is conditional on the governing party adopting union-friendly policies. But having stamped its foot, it always supports the ANC. This was so when the ANC was run by former president Jacob Zuma, who many in COSATU opposed. It's likely to be even more so now that it is led by President Cyril Ramaphosa, a former COSATU unionist for whom it campaigned at last year's ANC conference, and who

received a rousing welcome when he addressed the latest conference.

Union support at election time has, since the end of apartheid in 1994, been a huge asset for the ANC.

For some years after democracy's advent, unions were the most organised force in South Africa. COSATU, as the largest union federation, would use its organisation to mobilise its members - more than two million at its peak - and their families to support the ANC. No one is sure how many votes it got out for the ANC but it may well have run into millions. In theory, COSATU backing it next year means the ANC can rely on those votes again.

### Comfort

Again, in theory, this would not only help the ANC to a comfortable majority. It would cement the implied bargain which has governed relations between the ANC and COSATU since 1994. Its terms are that COSATU would, despite complaining, allow the ANC to set economic policy as long as the ANC allowed it a veto over labour law changes. COSATU would also continue campaigning for the ANC as long as the implied bargain held firm. A by-product was that some COSATU leaders would end up in Parliament and government on the ANC ticket.

But in practice, both the votes COSATU mobilised and the implied bargain are in danger. *News24*

## Zille takes flak over matric farewell party

**C**APE TOWN - A rowdy mid-week matric farewell party at Western Cape Premier Helen Zille's official residence has raised the ire of neighbours and the ANC - who are now calling for her to vacate Leeuwenhof Estate.

In a statement, Western Cape legislature caucus chair, Sharon Davis, of the ANC said: "It is an absolute disgrace that Western Cape Premier Helen Zille held a late-night binging after-party at a state facility for learners of a posh boy's school.

"She has set the worst example ever to teenagers. What an abuse of state property and privilege!

"No excuse by Zille or anybody else is acceptable. The ANC calls for a full investigation on why this revelry was allowed." Zille confirmed yesterday that she had allowed her foster grandson, Chulumanco Mputing, who attends Rondebosch Boys High School, to host his matric farewell after-party at her home. Zille fostered the boy after his mother, Zille's former housekeeper, died of cancer when he was still young.

She confirmed to Weekend Argus that "the party this week was the after-party of the matric class of a young man that I have raised as my own son".

She also said she had written letters to 80 of her neighbours in which she explained the nature of the party and requested tolerance and patience during the time of the party. *Weekend Argus*

## EFF denies internal problems after 10 members lose parliamentary seats

**C**APE TOWN - The EFF has denied that it is battling to resolve internal conflicts after more than 10 of its members lost their seats in Parliament.

In the previous general elections the EFF won 25 seats in Parliament, but out of this number, about 11 EFF MPs have resigned or relinquished their seats as a result of contravening the party's Constitution.

EFF Chief Whip Floyd Shivambu, however, denied that the party was battling to keep its members in Parliament. He said the party has since its inception and presence in Parliament fired three people. "The majority we have redeployed to the legislature and to local municipalities. Wherever we think we need deeper attention in the province or whatever level, we will then redeploy

those people there.

"This is to make sure that we align our work properly," said Shivambu.

In 2015, the EFF showed the door to its former MP Khanyisile Litchfield-Tshabalala, who left the party to join the United Democratic Movement.

Litchfield-Tshabalala was fired alongside Mpho Ramakatsa and Andile Mngxitama. Ramakatsa was the party's national co-ordinator while Mngxitama was a member of the interim central command team and the "war council" until the party's National People's Assembly in Mangaung in December.

The trio were booted out for speaking to the media while on suspension, implying financial impropriety in the party, leaking information to the media, and not attending the State of the Nation Address. *IOL*



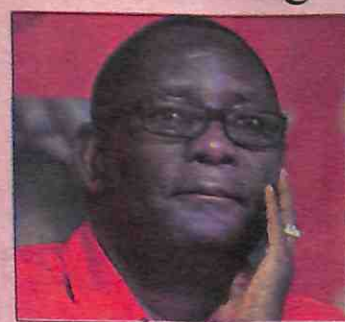
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## Vavi 'sexual advances' allegation settled as a 'misunderstanding'

**J**OHANNESBURG - A sex allegation which a NUMSA employee levelled against SA Federation of Trade Unions (SAFTU) General Secretary Zwelinzima Vavi, has been settled as a misunderstanding, the breakaway union federation said in a statement on Friday.

"For the record, it is true that a [National Union of Metalworkers of SA] staff member expressed her discomfort and made allegations that the SAFTU general secretary made unwanted sexual advances and/or handled her inappropriately," a statement said.

"The allegations were made during September 2017. On the same day these allegations were brought to the attention of the SAFTU national office bearers, they acted swiftly." NUMSA and SAFTU gave the complainant a chance to "express herself" and say how she wanted the matter handled and Vavi was also asked separately for his version. "He denied the allegations," according to the statement sent by Vavi, NUMSA Secretary General Irvin Jim and spokesperson Patrick Craven. They said the woman asked for a formal apology from Vavi because she wanted it settled informally and



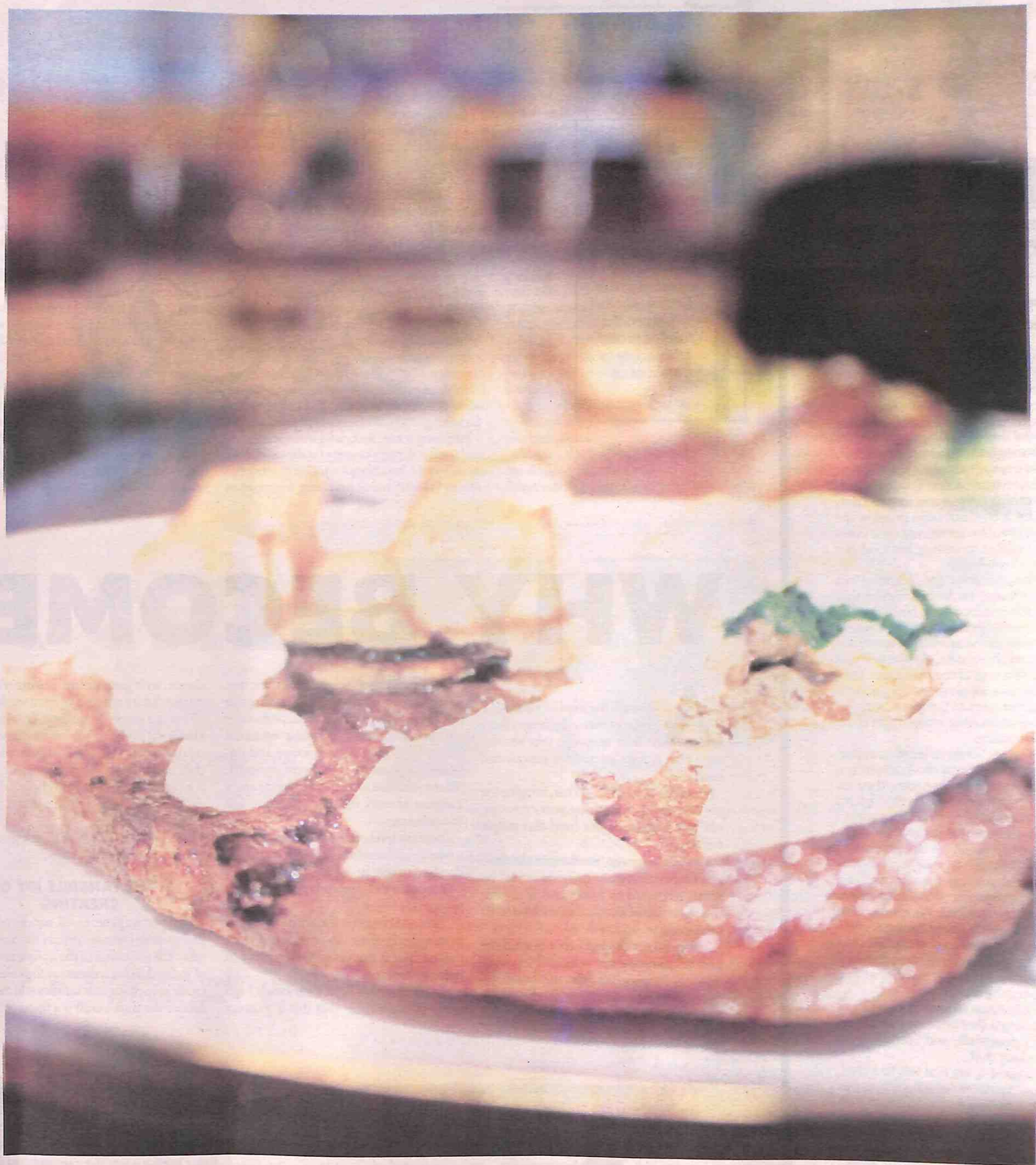
SAFTU General Secretary Zwelinzima Vavi.

kept confidential.

"To this end, both parties agreed in writing that there had been a misunderstanding between themselves." The statement said the woman accepted this and stated twice that she did not want to take the matter any further. The three said that a complainant was entitled to determine the process in such a case and to decide if the matter was settled to satisfaction. According to an amaBhungane report in the Mail & Guardian, the first incident was said to have taken place on Tuesday, September 29 last year, in quiet Saftu offices.

*News24*





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CHEF ISSUE

# PASSIONATE ABOUT FOOD

"A chef is a mixture of artistry and craft. You have to learn the craft to get there - Wolfgang Puck





## WRITER'S NOTE:

People love to talk about food but they rarely talk about the people that take the time to create all those mouth watering food that we consume.

Being a chef is not easy, having to cater for thousands of people that have different likes and allergies makes it even more challenging.

Although the foodservice industry faces many challenges, there is little question that becoming a chef is truly something unique and special. I may not be a chef but I can imagine the joy of creative something new every day, not just something but food that people will enjoy.

A few decades ago, working in a kitchen was far from a career that was envied by some, respected by many and filled with the promise of success as measured in numerous ways. In those days, the kitchen was a hidden part of the restaurant relegated to a windowless dungeon far from the eyes of the guest and certainly not an environment that could easily inspire.

This week Scene decided to appreciate and find out more about the people that make us happy, they say a way to a man's heart is through his stomach but I beg to differ, a way to anyone's heart is through their stomach, so this week we discuss being a chef. On page 2-3 we look at why people should consider becoming a chef, highlighting all the advantages of becoming a chef. We continue to discuss qualities of being a chef. Honestly not everyone can become a chef, even if you are a good cook it does not necessarily mean that you can become a chef.

We continue to look at realities of becoming a chef because everything has its downsides, and Scene will be discussing that.

On page 4-5, we first talk to a chef. Sharon 'Sasha' Howe who shares her entire experience about being a chef, from school up to the workplace; Sharon expresses how she feels about being a chef and what makes her happy about the job that she does.

We also talk to LC Breezy, most of you may know him as a rapper but this young man has skills in the kitchen as well. LC shares how he fell in love with this art and why he continues to better himself in it.

For everyone who wants to become a chef but are not sure where to go, Scene has got you covered, we have a list of the best culinary schools in Africa that cater for all aspiring chefs, read through that and decide which school can be best for you.

I hope you and get to learn a thing or two about chefs and hopefully about food as well but most importantly I hope you read and enjoy.

Till next week  
Enjoy!

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# WHY BECOME

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Cooks and chefs went about their day, just as they do today, working through countless pages of prep sheets, portioning proteins, trimming and cutting vegetables, reducing stocks, making soups and finishing classic sauces with monte au beurre. There was, and remains, a rhythm and a cadence of work that is comforting and intoxicating.

There is a level of confidence in skill and a relentless commitment to getting the job done no matter how long it takes.

Things are different today, and in some ways that's better.

Chefs and cooks no longer need to hide in the crevices of the sub-basement. In fact, the kitchen is the visual centerpiece of many restaurants.

Cooks can now hold their heads high when they proclaim that this is a career

choice, with great promise along with an extraordinary amount of hard work.

This is a career for artistic, competent, intelligent problem-solvers who have calculated a path that can lead from cook to chef, and maybe even entrepreneur. This is a career that others who chose a different path look to as a dream that is interesting and exciting.

Here is a partial list of nine legitimate reasons to pursue this career:

## 1. THE TANGIBLE JOY OF CREATING

That perfect plate: a well-conceived dish that marries complementary flavours and takes full advantage of the unique textures of individual ingredients as they blend to create something that satisfies and memorialises the cook's craft is a thing of beau-

If you can't handle the heat, get out of the kitchen!

The best chefs in the world know this better than perhaps anyone else in the restaurant and hospitality business. And this is what makes chefs among the most pivotal part of a restaurant's success.

A good chef is imperative to capturing customer's interest and enticing them to come back for more.

While there are many qualities that contribute to a successful chef, there are a few key traits that stand out.

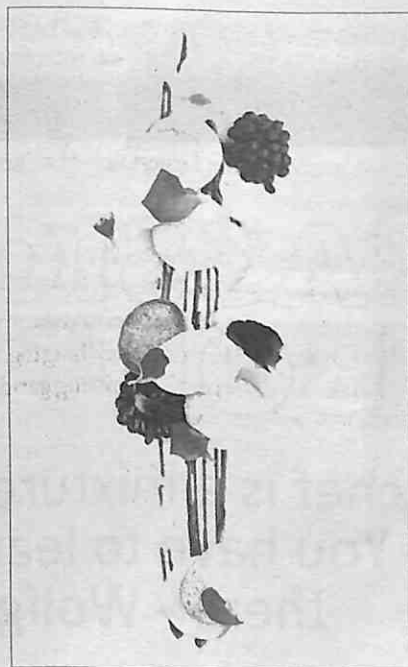
The chef sets the tone and mood of the kitchen the dishes are his music, his cooks are his orchestra, and the chef is the conductor, setting the right tempo.

Not all great chefs have the same personality. Some may be bolder than others, but they always share the following five qualities, contributing to what makes them a great chef in today's restaurant. Here are some of the top qualities found in the best and brightest chefs worldwide.

## 1. CREATIVITY

Cooking is a blend of science and art. There are techniques and skills that need to be learned, but it's with these skills that you will create dishes that will impress. Being in the kitchen is all about creating new ideas and taking risks. A chef must always be willing to try something new.

Creativity inspires a food's taste and presentation, which is hugely important to the overall dining experience. This creativity needs to be passionate and everlasting, since you'll





## Realities of being a chef

**FOR REAL**  
People looking for jobs are frequently unreasonable.

People looking for people can be equally demanding of things that don't exist. The hard, cold math of the food and beverage industry include the algorithm that income has to equal or exceed outlay, that space and time are finite quantities, that family restaurants far outnumber five star winners, that people behave in human ways and that all food and beverage business is dependent on the whims and desires of customers.

Everyone thinks they are special, that the rules of physics and economics do not apply to them, and some people are right in believing this. On the whole, however, the rules of probability apply to most of us.

For over twenty years I have been repeating the same obvious truths to people who want a day job in a high end restaurant (high end diners eat sandwiches for lunch), who want to replace the top chefs of the country on graduating from culinary school, who want to reinvent a wheel which has broken great people and spaced out dreamers in its unstoppable roll thought the

annals of restaurant history. Everyone is, of course, special, but perhaps not in the place or manner in which they believe to be. The following are the pieces of disabuse which have issued from this desk forever. May they be of use to you or at least amusing

### RESTAURANT REALITIES

**Talent isn't enough:** In addition to talent, every chef, who is essentially a manager, has to have a profound grasp of the relationships of space, energy, money and product. S/he has to be able find the ideal relation between restaurant volume, number and quality of people available to produce product, optimal pricing potential for the restaurants demographics and the level of complexity of product to be served. This knowledge is not learned in two years or in short stays, nor is it learned where cooks are given the culinary liberties everyone desires. They are learned in disciplined and orderly environments under the eye of professional chefs. Having great talent makes you a great cook. Not a great chef.

**Professionals take time to ripen:** It takes at least five years to become a good chef. More like ten to become a great one. Smart culinary profes-

sionals build a provenance in their career line, working for extremely demanding and exacting supervisors. Learning the details and trivia of a professional kitchen is not a kind process. It takes correction which is essentially criticism. Those who do not have the patience or the character to undergo the forging process will never be great in their fields.

**It's not about your bliss:** Creativity and passion are highly overrated.

Without extensive knowledge of the tools and resources of your trade, your creativity is wild gesticulation. Passion is egocentric desire to please your own emotions. Cold, hard understanding of every aspect of your trade, practice and education trump both of these. Even the most innovative of chefs have a strong analytical hold on the realities of their product and process, in which passion is only one component and at times not even that.

**It is, however, about your satisfaction.** Passion or not, what you do every day should provide you with pleasure.

**There's a Fly in Every Ointment:** Your job is not designed around you, so it's your task to design yourself around your job. There is no per-

fect job, but there are jobs which suit you better than others, and you will be happier if you can objectively assess your weaknesses and strengths. Every job on the face of the earth has a problem attached, whether it be too little direction, dysfunctional co workers, too much structure or too little exposure. The list is endless. Your best bet is to be realistic in seeking the jobs, find the fly you can live with and teach it to stand up and beg. You earn what you are worth when you are worth it. Compensation of chefs early in their careers is usually better at locations which do not promise the best career advancement.

The high quality kitchens which offer the best training and build the best habits are less attractive financially and less emotionally gratifying than the less stringent kitchens which offer higher positions and better wages to less seasoned staff. Intelligent cooks looking to build careers will consider the long term options offered by the restaurants they choose rather than immediate positives.

Choosing the right career path in not the most lucrative positions can bring you double income later in life.

(FoodReference.com)

# A CHEF

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Each plate that leaves the kitchen carries the invisible signature of the person who built it. This is incredibly rewarding.

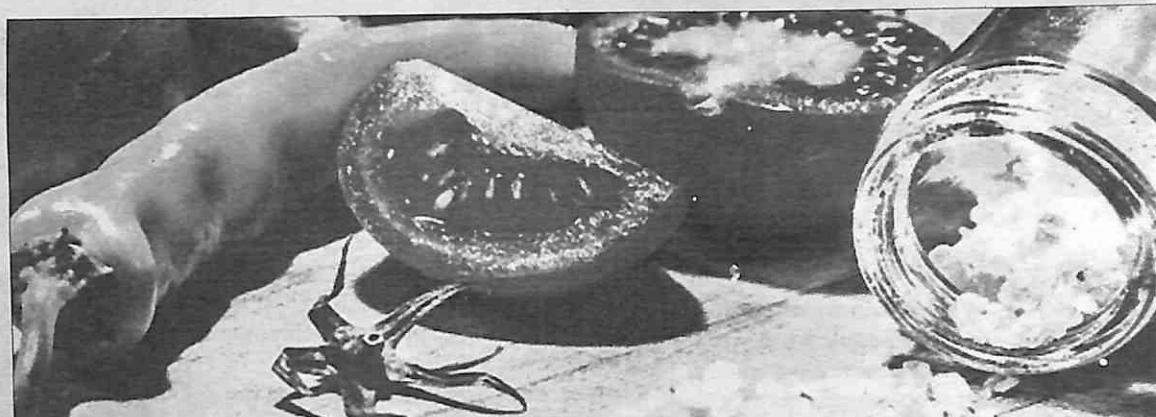
### 2. RELISHING AN ACQUIRED SKILL

Human beings have an innate desire to be accomplished at something. To be a great storyteller, a methodical technician, a knowledgeable caretaker of the how and why, and a problem solver who can adjust to curve balls. This is what a cook is able to be when skills are finely tuned.

### 3. THE ABILITY TO MAKE ANOTHER PERSON'S DAY

In the end, the cook's primary job is to present food in a manner that makes the recipient happy with the results. A chef's job is to take this to the next level and make the experience of dining memorable enough to set the tone for the guest's day. This is the chef's reward.

### 4. THE GRATIFICATION THAT COMES FROM HARD WORK



Human hands were designed to work hard, the brain was designed to push a person's intellect and recall, and the legs and feet were meant to feel sore, that good sore from knowing that much was accomplished today. Hard work is incredibly gratifying.

### 5. THE TIMELESS NATURE OF FOOD AS THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

Finally, when a chef stops to contemplate his or her role in society, it is important to note that a wonderful plate of food is the great equaliser.

Regardless of the differences that people might have politically, economically, intellectually or culturally, a

great tasting dish can bring a smile and a nod to the face of anyone, even adversaries.

This is our gift to the world; the ability to find common ground and relish in the opportunity to share the wonders of food.

Be something special be a chef!

Those who find their way into the uniform, the environment and the world of food will always be at home. With all of its challenges there are few places and few careers that can provide as much gratification as cooking (WE ARE CHEFS).

By Nokwanda Sibandze

## Qualities of a successful chef

be challenged daily in your life as a chef.

### 2. ABILITY TO WORK IN A TEAM

It will never be only you in the kitchen. From the first day on the job, to your very last, you'll be working with plenty of other people in the kitchen.

Prep cooks, kitchen assistants, chefs de partie, bouchers, potagers, grillardins, sous chefs and executive chefs you'll never be alone. Your ability to work in a team will determine whether or not you'll be successful in the culinary world. It takes a team player to truly be a great addition to any kitchen staff so being able to know how to work yourself into a group and work well is key to your future success.

### 3. MULTITASKING

You will always have something on your to-do list. Being able to handle a lot of things at once is going to be crucial on your journey to being a successful chef.

All at once, you'll be asked to prep vegetables, continue sautéing chicken, and grab ingredients from the fridge, while you're still working on the tasks assigned to you just a few minutes ago.

It's always go-go-go in a kitchen, and being able to keep a level head while completing multiple tasks is a trait you'll find in all of the best chefs around the world. It's a skill being able to manage hundreds of small tasks at once

while completing the largest task of all keeping the customers satisfied.

### 4. ATTENTION TO DETAIL

A great chef pays close attention to detail. Cooking is an intricate process of measuring every ingredient and mixing everything together to make a masterpiece. A missing garnish, a steak left on for a minute too long, or a hair in a salad can all ruin an otherwise perfect meal.

There are a lot of details a chef must pay attention to and be aware of. Being able to see the finished product, but also recognise which pieces are missing to make it perfect is crucial to becoming a successful chef.

### 5. ABILITY TO HANDLE CRITICISM

Even Gordon Ramsay still has something to learn; all of the best chefs do.

Not everyone will like everything you prepare, and a good chef knows not to take poor reviews personally.

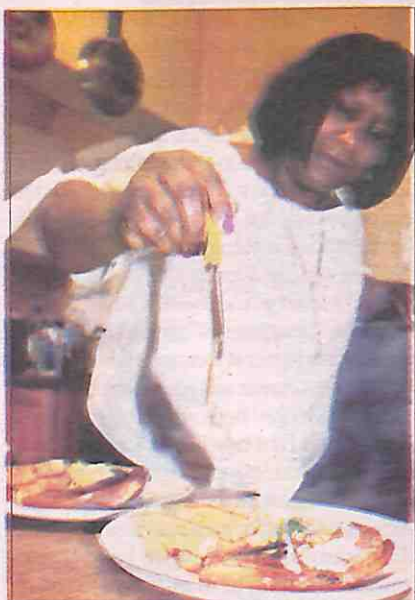
Take criticisms as an opportunity to learn and improve your craft. Stay at the top of your game by taking the critiques, and using them to construct an even better version of yourself and your art.

Be ready to adjust your style if and when it's necessary to keep restaurant owners and diners happy.

(THE CULINARY EXPERTS)



## FOOD QUEEN



# I'M HAPPIEST WHEN PEOPLE ENJOY MY FOOD - SHARON

● "Creating something new is truly satisfying, sometimes I just amaze myself, the fact that my hands can do all that is just a marvel."

It is often easy to explain what you do for a living to other people when you are a cop, a nurse or a cleaner, but when you say you are a chef people usually get judgmental especially because most think they can cook.

Sharon is a professional cook, and she says being a chef to her is like being on an adventure every day. She says that trying out something new and not knowing what the outcome will be, makes her love the craft even more.

"Creating something new is truly satisfying, sometimes I just amaze myself, the fact that my hands can do all that is just a marvel."

There are a number of questions that come to mind when you talk to a chef, for me I wanted to find out from Sharon, if she eats everything she prepares but her answer was actually interesting. Sharon says she does not eat anything that's got to do with eggplant and peas, "I just die."

I can't stand those two, I may cook them for other people but I do not consume them."

While some chefs are self-taught Sharon says she did a 2 year course in Professional Cookery at The Capital Hotel School and Training Academy in Pretoria, South Africa.

"The Capital Hotel School and Training Academy is one of the respected hospitality schools in the area, they have values that groom you to becoming a respected chef and one of their purposes is to offer relevant and current accredited hospitality education and

training programmes, presented by skilled facilitators; using the latest technology, to school leavers and employed staff empowering them to excel in the workplace."

Of course when you talk about chefs the conversation will lead to food and then wine, I mean food and wine go hand in hand. According to Sharon food and wine pairing is a great way to get to know the collaboration between food and wine.

"You'll be amazed at how I always thought that wine just goes with anything, until we had an event at school where we did food and wine pairing. I got to understand and appreciate the relationship food and wine have. Totally amazing."

Sharon says if people understood the pairing of the two, they would actually appreciate wine more and they would actually enjoy both the right way. She says this fact also proves how important it is for chef to actually get educated on these types of things because they do not only give you an edge in the kitchen but they also show just how much you take your craft seriously.

Her statement also sparked a question that I always think to myself as an amateur but good cook, *hehe*, do chefs or professionally trained cooks use readymade products, because when you watch some cooking shows on TV it is almost a taboo for a chef to use these products.

Well luckily I was able to ask Sharon this question and she said, after laughing, she hardly uses them.

"*Hehe*, to be honest I do not like using them unless it is an emergency, they only come in



handy when there's a serious emergency, like cake sales at my daughter's school then I am sometimes forced to use them, otherwise I am really not a fan."

Sharon has strong feelings about these products as she believes that the best brand foods are always quality.

She says for a person to deliver good food, they shouldn't be stingy when doing their

shopping because that is where they are branding themselves not only as a person but as a cook.

"You should see me when I go shopping; I seem obsessed when shopping for ingredients, I always look for the best and the best should be fresh, otherwise it is not the best, *hehe*"

Do you ever ask yourself what gives chefs





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## DEEP LEARNING INDABA EVENT HOSTED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH

### Introduction

Dr. Stephen Fashoto and Mr. Enock L. Dube, from the Department of Computer Science at the University of Eswatini, attended the second edition of the Deep Learning Indaba which was held from the 9th to 14th of September 2018 at the University of Stellenbosch.

About 550 people, from all over the African continent, attended the event.

The Deep Learning Indaba (DLI) exists to celebrate and strengthen machine learning in Africa through state-of-the-art teaching, networking and policy debate.

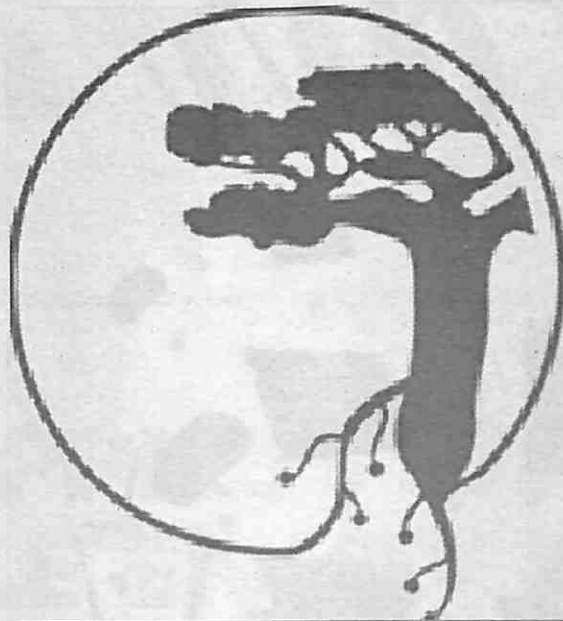
With the aid of its sponsors, industry partners and academia, the DLI works towards the vision of Africans becoming critical contributors, owners, and shapers of the coming advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML).

The theme for the 2018 DLI: Masakhane - meaning "we build together", was Inspired by a speech given by Nelson Mandela in 1995.

### Funding

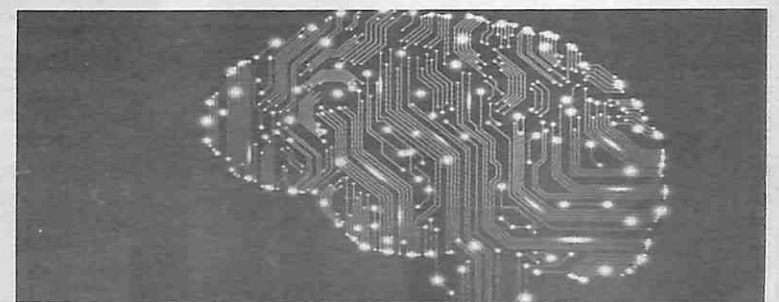
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Without their assistance the department's participation in the 2018 DLI would not have been possible.



# DEEP LEARNING INDABA

2018



### Agenda

The 2018 DLI agenda included lectures delivered by world renowned AI and ML practitioners and captains of industry. Major topics covered at the Indaba included: Machine Learning fundamentals, feed-forward neural networks, convolutional neural networks, recurrent neural networks and reinforcement learning. Practical sessions were conducted to complement the material presented in the lectures and addressed the practical considerations around implementing deep learning models.

The practical sessions were conducted on the Google Colaboratory platform, <https://colab.research.google.com>, and were intended to allow participants time to engage with the many tutors, mentors and speak-

ers attending the Indaba. The practical's were implemented in Python and Tensorflow framework. TensorFlow (<https://www.tensorflow.org/>) is an open source software library for high performance numerical computation.

Its flexible architecture allows easy deployment of computation across a variety of platforms (CPUs, GPUs, TPUs), and from desktops to clusters of servers to mobile and edge devices.

Originally developed by researchers and engineers from the Google Brain team within Google's AI organization, it comes with strong support for machine learning and deep learning and the flexible numerical computation core is used across many other scientific domains.







# EMBRACING ICTS IN BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH, CONSERVATION IN THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

**G**eneral overview on the use of ICTs in Biodiversity conservation

For the purpose of this communication, biodiversity is briefly defined as a variety of life on Earth. The Kingdom of Eswatini is richly endowed with endemic biodiversity. These are plant and animal species found only in the Kingdom of Eswatini. As a result of this their conservation becomes a paramount priority both globally and locally. This is because while it may not always be obvious, these biodiversity plays a key role in our everyday lives. They are the primary life support of the Earth.

Different species provide ecosystem services that we largely depend on. These include among others: provision of wild fruits, pasture to our livestock, nutrient cycling in our farms, pollination of our crops, provision of medicine, decomposition of waste by fungi and bacteria, provision of shade, a provision of building materials and protection of soil from erosion. We also depend on biodiversity for the air that we breathe and the water that we drink. Wetlands remove pollutants from the water and make it safe for drinking while plants clean the air by absorbing carbon dioxide from our industries.

Despite all these, biodiversity is constantly faced with the global threat of extinction from our actions. Some of these threats are over-exploitation, landscape degradation from agriculture, pollution of water bodies, large-scale water abstraction from wetlands, habitat loss, bush encroachment, invasive species, climate change, veld fires and bush encroachment.

## Adopted

These threats are also prevalent in the Kingdom of Eswatini. In order to curb these threats, conservationists, academics and governments all over the world have to cooperate in conserving biodiversity and minimize its loss. Some of the strategies adopted by governments for the conservation of biodiversity include policy development, the establishment of nature and game reserves and community based natural resources management.

Globally, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has emerged as one of the reliable intervention strategies towards promoting biodiversity.

iversity conservation. ICTs play an important role in biodiversity research, biodiversity monitoring and communication on biodiversity issues. They have the ability to efficiently collect, analyse and interpret large volumes of data. Availability of reliable analysed data helps to strengthen decision making, planning and campaigning for biodiversity conservation. ICTs can be implemented to conduct biodiversity and community-led conservation initiatives through the use of mobile phones and social media platforms.

Social media enables online virtual communities' group to embark on conservation discussions and sharing of information irrespective of the geographical locations. Communities can be alerted through the short messaging system (SMS) or using unstructured services supplementary system (USSD) instead of using the traditional methods only.

This is because community plays a principal role in conversation by participating in conservation initiatives such as stop wildlife trafficking, stop poaching, stop human and wildlife conflict as well as biodiversity and conversation fundraising activities. Mobile technology and social media platforms support bilateral communication between rangers in remote conservation areas if properly implemented.

## Detecting

Such technologies have the potential to contribute significantly in monitoring threats to the wildlife, detecting signs of deforestation, and to alert communities to any dangers posed by wildlife. According to a report from Wildlife Crime Tech (2013), data from devices such as camera traps, embedded cameras, GPS tags, drones and satellites can be used to detect poaching.

Digital technology is changing nature conservation in increasingly profound ways. According to Koen (2015), the digital technology involves all types of electronic equipment and applications that use information in the form of numeric code. That means it includes all the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) devices that

capture, store, process and output digital information in form binary values (0s and 1s). Information and Communication technology plays a paramount role in the monitoring and conservation of wildlife in a more efficient manner than the traditional methods. ICTs provide unprecedented opportunities in conservation through the use of advanced technological tools such as high-tech remote sensing, satellite tracking, global positioning system (GPS) mapping, global information system (GIS), radio tracking, automated footprint identification techniques, image sensor network and mobile technologies

Such tools help in understanding the threatened species to prevent their extinction and to revitalize their population. For instance, ICTs such as database management systems can be used to design and creation of a database for threatened, endangered, vulnerable and rare species or wildlife to monitor and visualize its population and distribution, habitat use and preferences, planning and management of conservation programmes, progress of conservation activities and comparison of historical and present wildlife diversity. In wildlife conservation, ICTs including GIS, remote sensing, image sensor network and satellite imagery have the capacity to collect data on a real-time basis.

Mobile technologies such as laptops, tablets and smartphones support real-time tracking and monitoring of wildlife in distant geographical regions. South Africa developed a high-tech handheld data capture solution called Cybertracker to capacitate rangers and animal trackers to communicate their environmental observations.

## Integration

In addition to that, Pardeep (2017) states that Cybertracker GPS field data collection system allows non-ICT-literate users to accurately log and record wildlife data using a special designed icon-driven system and then plot maps showing exactly where the observations were made using GPS. Along with GIS systems and satellite, radio tracking is the most popular technology that is widely used in the conservation world.

The integration of monitoring and tracking digital technologies further extend the capabilities of ICTs in collecting data about animal behaviour with respect to environmental changes. Therefore, location and behaviour of elusive species can geo-located and remotely monitored over a period of time in distant regions or locations

The adoption of ICTs for wildlife conservation in the Department of Biological Sciences (UNESWA)

The University of Eswatini through the Department of Biological Sciences plays a critical role in biodiversity conservation in the Kingdom of Eswatini. The Department offers courses that equip students with modern research and conservation skills. These include among others



ers (i) Ecological Field Techniques, (ii) Applied Ecology, (iii) Landscape Ecology and (iv) Biodiversity conservation. In these courses, the students learn how to integrate ICTs for biodiversity research, conservation and monitoring. Currently, the Department of Biological Sciences established biodiversity research and monitoring permanent sites (plots) in Mlawula nature reserve, Mbuluzi game reserve and Malolotja nature reserve. To succeed in all these, the Department of Biological Sciences at UNESWA uses ICT for some of the following:

**Data collection:** Camera traps (Figure 1) for animal counts, Anabats for bats detection, Bird calls library for birds' identification.

**Mapping:** Use of remote sensing and Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to analyse data on biodiversity. Remote sensing also helps to evaluate long-term impacts on biodiversity, ecosystems and habitats.

## Habitats

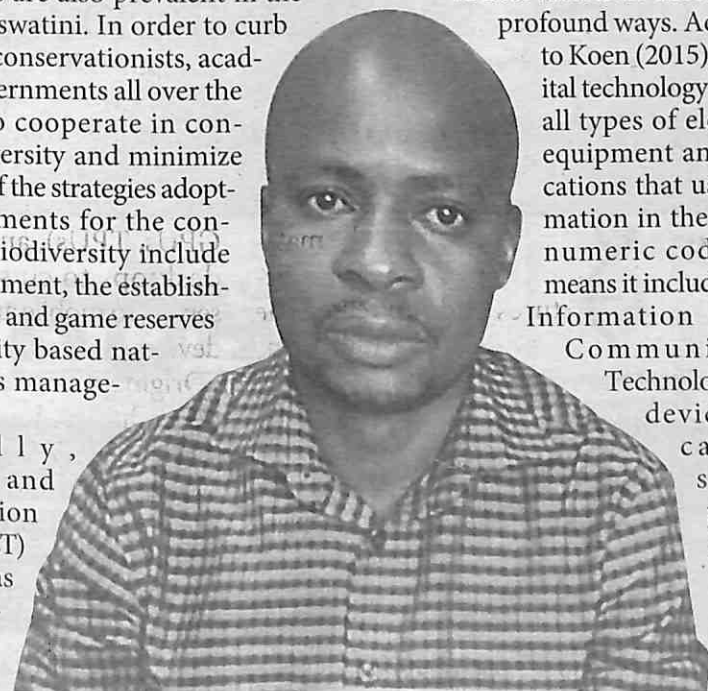
**Information management:** Creation of databases for data storage, analysis and sharing.

**Monitoring:** Change detection on the status of wildlife habitats over long periods of time.

**Communication:** ICT is used for communicating research findings with other stakeholders. Recently the department hosted the 3rd Symposium on Biodiversity Research where ICT was chiefly used for communicating the research findings.

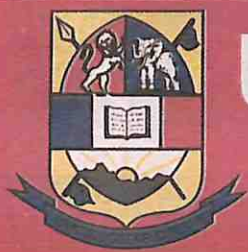
## Conclusion

The adoption and implementation of ICTs in biodiversity conservation can promote environmental or ecological sustainability. ICTs are major drivers for ecological sustainability when properly implemented and adopted. Globally, ICTs applications have supported the processing environmental information in the form of monitoring systems, databases and information systems, analytical and simulation models, spatial information processing, applications for environmental protection, research, planning, and disaster mitigation. Hence, ICTs have led to the development of new emerging field called Environmental informatics, that integrates some elements of computer science such as database systems, geographic information systems, modelling and simulation, knowledge-based systems and neural networks, in order to solve environmental issues.



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# ICT Fair 2018

## Activities

- Exhibitions
- IT Seminars
- Games for all
- Programming Contest
- Entertainment

DATE: 26 - 27 OCTOBER 2018  
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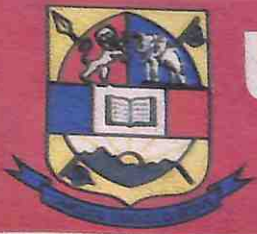
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## ICT FAIR 2018



### Introduction

It is that time of the year again, where we are getting closer to hosting the 2nd edition of our annual ICT fair. This initiative started last year as a collaboration between the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) and the Royal Science and Technology Park (RSTP). On the 27th & 28th of October last year, the first ICT fair was launched and it was a huge success. This year we are very pleased to announce that we have been joined by another partner, which is the government of Eswatini (Ministry of ICT & Ministry of Education) and we hope that this collaboration will bring a huge positive impact towards ICT growth and development in the country. This year's fair is scheduled for the 26th & 27th of October and since it is almost a month away, I am so thrilled to announce that preparations by the organisers are now at an advanced stage.

### About the Fair

The main objective of the ICT Fair, is to create Information Communication Technology (ICT) awareness in the country to support His Majesty's Vision 2022. The Kingdom of Eswatini is undergoing a dynamic transition from a paper economy to a digital economy as technology becomes imperative in digital transformation. Digital transformation is inevitable and it changes drastically beyond tomorrow.

This fair amongst other things also aims to promote ICT companies, organisations and professionals in the country in that it provides a platform for them to be able to come and showcase their latest products and services, promote technology in schools, colleges, universities, communities and the country at large. Also, through the seminars which are conducted by reputable ICT professionals in the country, topical issues within the ICT space in the country are discussed. Other events that will take place during the fair are games, programming contests, entertainment, etc.

This even is meant for all age groups and following the successful launch of last year's edition, this year's fair will be bigger and better as we seek to improve from last year. As organisers, we will keep on working tirelessly in order to ensure that the country's ICT space keeps improving. We will also keep updating all interested stakeholders about ICT events, conferences, research, etc., through the monthly ICT supplements. Let's work together diligently for a better future.

### PROGRAMME

#### Day 1 : 26 OCTOBER 2018

##### ACTIVITIES

Opening Ceremony  
Exhibitions  
Games (Indoor & outdoor)  
Seminars 1  
Seminar 2  
Programming contest  
Gaming contest  
Entertainment

#### DAY 2: 27 October 2017

##### ACTIVITIES

Exhibitions  
Programming contest  
Gaming contest  
Games (Indoor & outdoor)  
Closing Ceremony  
Gifts Presentation  
Entertainment

Entry for Public is FREE

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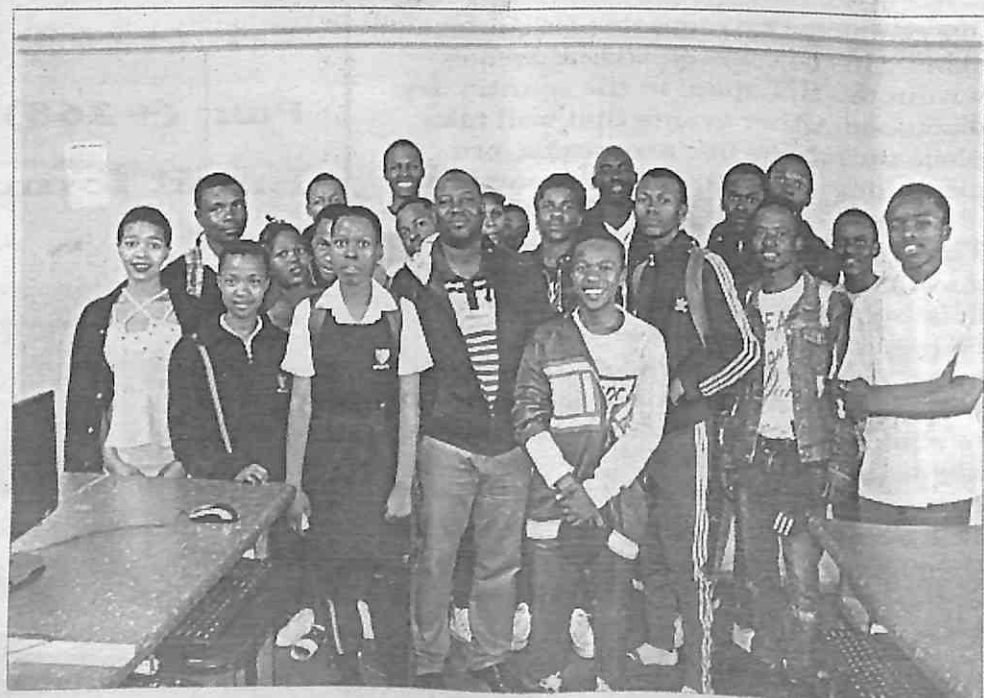
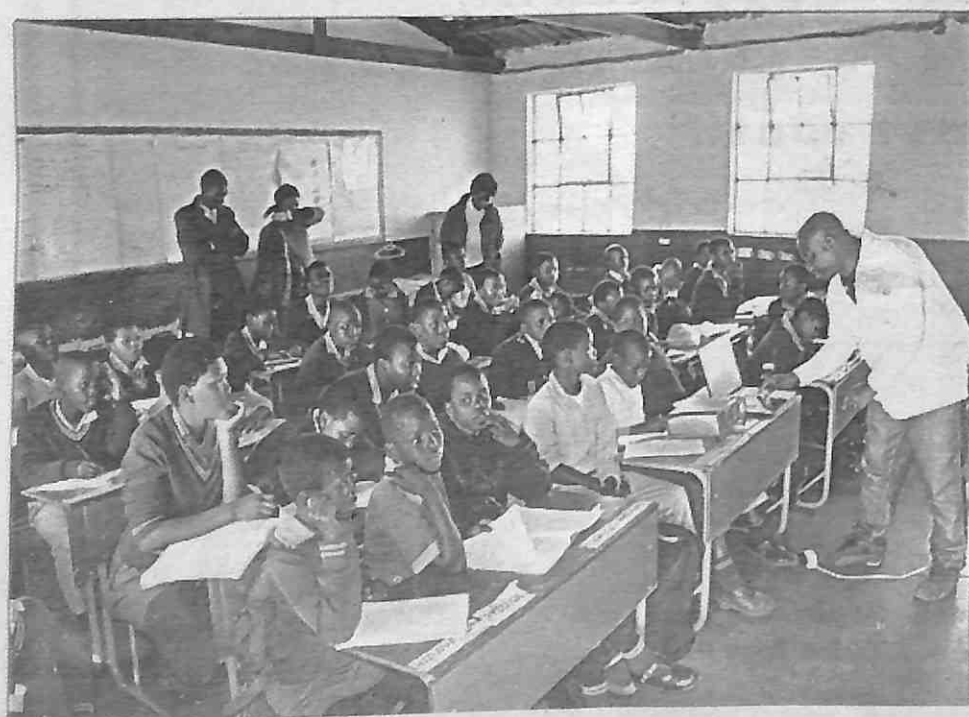
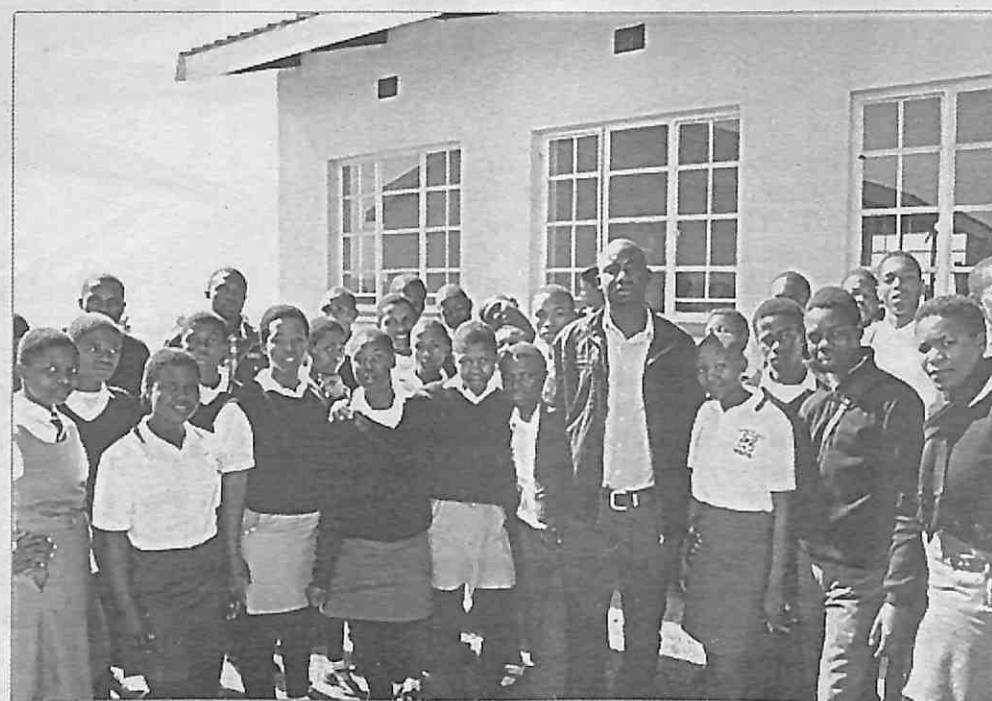
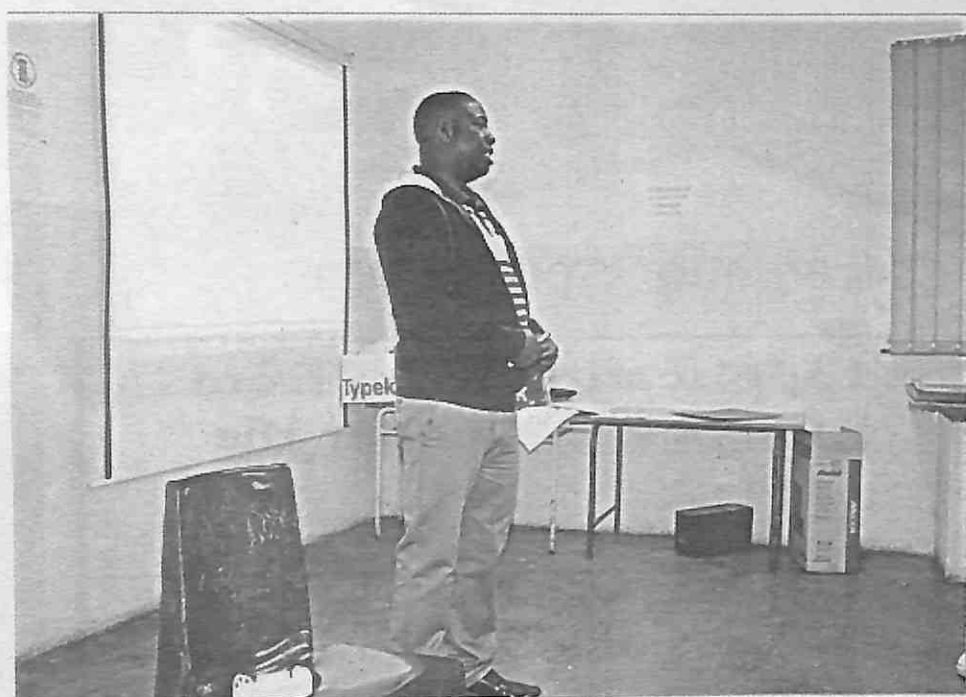


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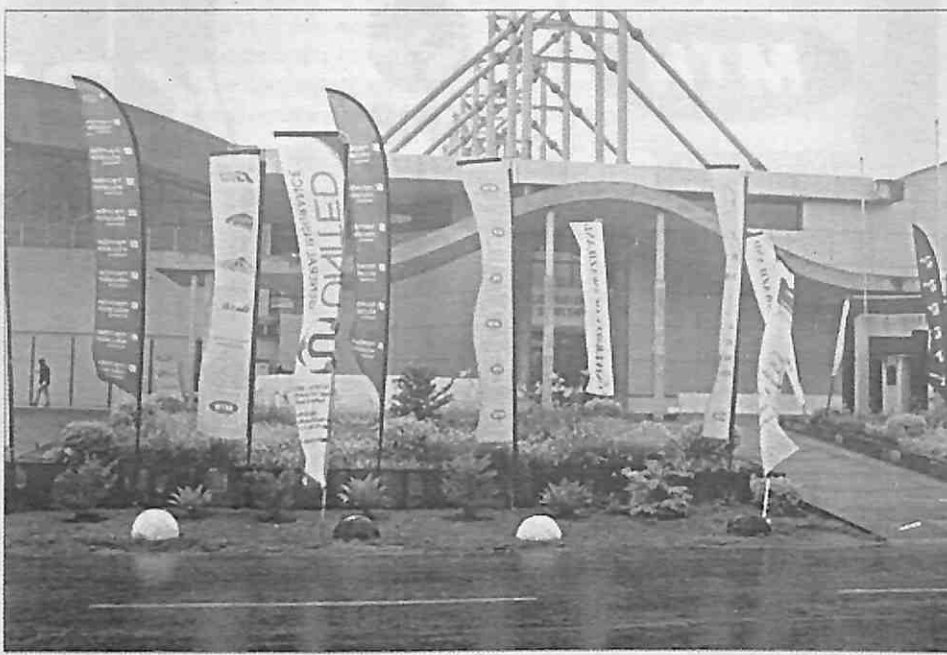
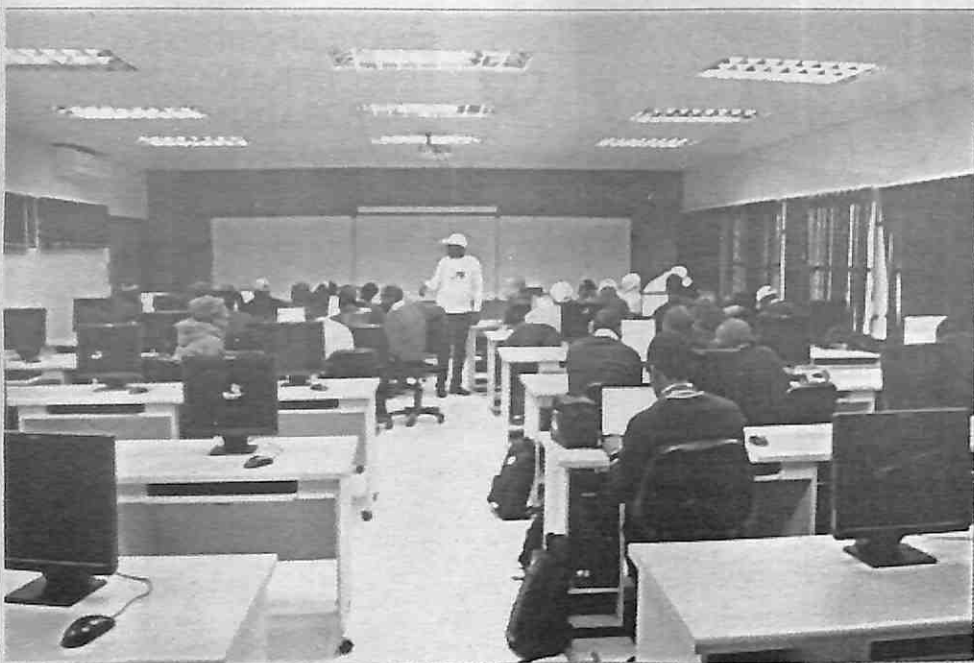
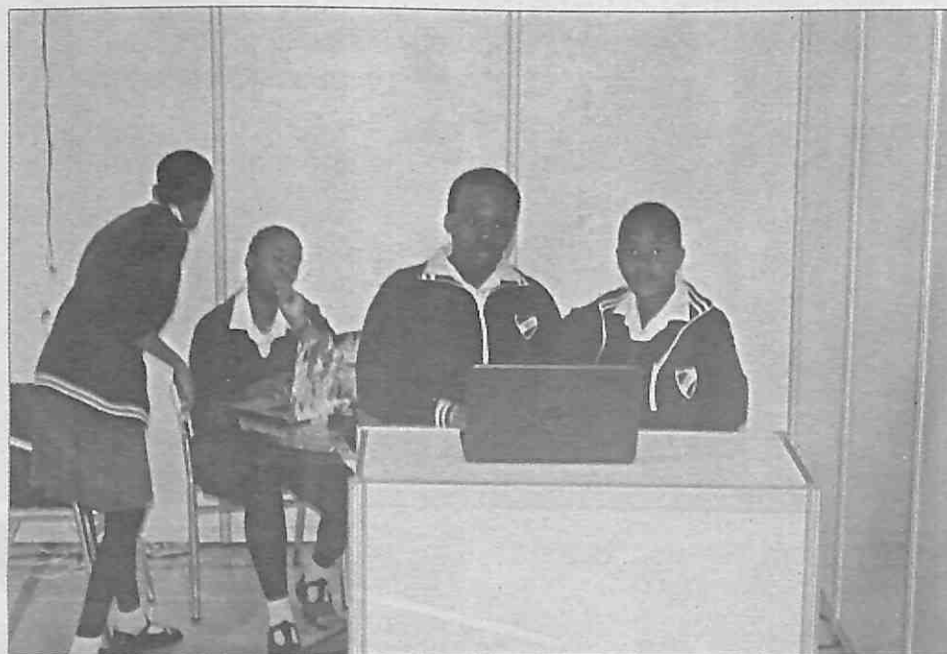
# COMPUTER SCIENCE SCHOOLS OUTREACH PROGRAMME







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# WANT TO BE A CHEF?

**T**hese days it is easy to convince parents what you want to study and with the internet it is easy to find good schools around the world that you can find simply by clicking on your screen. But Scene decided to meet you halfway and give you a list of schools that you can actually apply and study to be a chef, and the good part about this is that they are all in Africa.

## 1. PATNET TRAINING COLLEGE

Patnet Training College has grown rapidly and is a premier provider of tuition in South Africa. Offering hands on training and excellent service, Patnet's tuition fees and costs are highly competitive. They pay special attention to previously disadvantaged communities, assisting them in overcoming their challenges and taking their place in a rapidly developing world.

Their recognised qualifications are backed up by the highest in accreditation so you walk out of Patnet assured of their skills and training.

Their new workplace is waiting for you. With Their assistance in job placement, it's a matter of time before you're behind that shiny new desk.

Based in Durban, Kwazulu Natal with a new branch formed in Pietermaritzburg in 2006, Patnet's reputation as a cost effective and respected service provider grows with every bright star that leaves their centers. Their plans for growth in the future include offering a wider range of classes, as they are expanding and building new branches to quench the growing thirst for their brand of knowledge.

With an 85% growth in admissions since their inception, they're proud of the role



they've played in turning out bright new talent for South Africa's dynamic workforce.

## 2. SHARON GLAS COOKING SCHOOL

Having written nine bestselling cookbooks, chef and author Sharon Glas has gained a loyal following with her simple, fuss-free approach to food. Sharon is also a well-loved TV personality with the second series of her own show, Sharon's Simple Stylish Meals having aired earlier this year. She also regularly appears on a South African talk show. Her passion for cooking is contagious and this combined with her easy-to-follow recipes has gained her an even larger audience.

Since releasing her first self-published book, *Simply Delicious* in 2000, Sharon has inspired readers with her imaginative and effortless recipes.

In 2003, Sharon released the second book in the *Delicious* series, *Simply Too Delicious*, followed by *Absolutely Delicious* in 2005. All three books quickly became bestsellers worldwide.

## 3. CAPSICUM CULINARY STUDIO

Capsicum Culinary Studio is the largest chef school of its kind in South Africa. As an internationally endorsed training partner for future chefs, we are committed to a strict code of ethics and embrace creativity and diversity.

We aim to inspire all of our students to be successful in their chosen fields. In doing so, we are committed to providing the highest level of academic excellence in culinary education through City & Guilds endorsed programs.

Furthermore, students gain practical experience during their studies, allowing them to experience the industry first-hand. This proves beneficial in building a professional network in preparation for their career.

Capsicum Culinary Studio has an impressive national footprint with six campuses that are strategically situated in major centers across South Africa.

By studying with us on-campus either full or part-time, you gain access to weekly lectures, practical demonstrations and skills' applications in a fully-equipped, professional environment.

Our culinary campuses can be found around the country in: Boksburg, Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth and Pretoria.  
*By Nokwanda Sibandze*



satisfaction because we know what gives their customers satisfaction, do they taste their own feed and get satisfied, or is it seeing it on the plate, well for Sharon, seeing her clients happy is all she wants to see to get satisfaction. "Oh yes, I am happiest when my clients are happy. That just makes me feel like I've done my job well, seeing a client smile, makes me smile."

One may ask themselves what do chefs cook at home that they never cook at a restaurant or wherever they work, Sharon says she never cooks desserts at work but she does at home. "This is going to be strange because I do not like doing desserts."

Even at school my friend would always force me to go learn something from the Pastry kitchen. It just isn't for me."

Sharon shared that just because they are chefs and their job is to cook it does not mean that they love cooking everything. Weird huh? I thought the same thing, but it actually made sense when she explained.

Just like soldiers and policemen are obsessed with guns and everything they use to do their jobs, I wondered if chefs also have their favourite tool in the kitchen.

"My favourite kitchen tool has got to be my Butcher's Knife, hehe, I'm kidding, it has to be my whisk. This is such a beauty especially with thick sauces and soups, trust me it works like magic."

Everyone has a backup plan just in case 'Plan A' does not work out, for Sharon that would be travelling.

"You know honestly I do not know, but I'm pretty sure that I'd be up as an air-hostess somewhere because I love to travel as well, so that would be a good balance."

We all encounter accidents in the workplace, and I am a hundred percent that chefs have it bad, probably worse than anyone in other workplaces. Sharon's worst kitchen experience when she has to cook for a certain number of people and unexpectedly more guests show up.

"That's a killer. One of the worst that a chef experiences. I don't wish it on anyone, sometimes you do have a backup plan but sometimes you do not and that just ruins your day as a chef, it's the worst,"

Sharon says she has been cooking almost her

entire life but her favourite cooking experience or food experience is every time she tries a new dish and it comes out better than the original one.

"It feels so good, I usually just smile to myself with so much pride and joy, it is really fulfilling."

We all have people we look up to, Patrick Ndukuya, the Executive Chef at Southern Sun, Pretoria, he is Sharon's favourite chef and looks up to him.

"I worked with him during my practical at Southern Sun."

He is the one who taught me how to be confident and he understood when I always had an excuse for not preparing dessert."

*By Nokwanda Sibandze*



# 7 INTERNATIONAL FOODS TO TRY BEFORE YOU DIE

**W**e cannot talk about chefs and not talk about food, I mean it wouldn't make sense. And because we can never talk about

every type of food there is in the entire universe we decided to just talk about the few foods you should definitely try before you die, some of them you

might know but these are recommended by most chefs around the world as they are the type of food you should try to get to taste the whole world.

## 1. SPRING ROLLS

**S**pring rolls play a huge role in Asian cuisine, and Vietnam is no exception. A popular Vietnamese spring roll dish is nem nuong cuon, which is grilled pork sausage wrapped in rice paper with lettuce, cucumber, carrot, daikon,

and mint served with a (usually secret) special sauce.

Its cousin, goi cuon, utilizes the same basic ingredients but with shrimp in addition to pork. Nem nuong cuon and goi cuon can be found at food carts and in practically every restaurant in the country.



## 2. CEVAPCICI

**C**roatia, Bosnia, Serbia, and Montenegro may have a divided history, but cevapcici is a fan favorite across all borders.

Depending on where you are in the Balkans, the type of meat used in the dish may differ usually pork, lamb, beef, or a combination of the three.

Cevapcici is prepared with onions and garlic and then grilled, boiled, or fried. Five to 10 finger-sized pieces of sausage are often served with home-baked breads used to make sandwiches.

On the side you'll typically find ajvar, a spread that will have you licking your fingers to get every last bit of the roasted red peppers.



## 3. GNOCCHI

**U**nless you've been to Uruguay, you've probably never heard of Día de Noquis, or Gnocchi Day. By the end of the month money has run out, and the combination of potatoes, flour, and an egg makes for a budget-friendly dish. Many Uruguayan restaurants advertise their gnocchi dishes, and a favorite is the classic, noqui de papa, or potato gnocchi.



## 4. MEZE

**C**an't decide what to eat off the menu? Order meze (also spelled mezze). It's this part of the world's version of Spanish tapas. Depending on where you are, meze could include a variety of local dishes that may include labne (strained yogurt cheese), baba ghanoush (seasoned diced eggplant), muhammara (a hot pepper dip with breadcrumbs and walnuts), and tabbouleh (bulgur, finely chopped parsley, mint, tomato, scallions, lemon juice, and olive oil).



## 5. POUTINE

**T**his traditional Quebecois dish is made with French fries, brown gravy, and cheese curds. In the not-so-distant past, celebrities and public officials would sometimes hide their passion for poutine because of its working-class origins. But its popularity is on the rise, and these days chefs are adding meat, caramelized onions, and other twists to this famous, gluttonous dish. While you may think you've seen fries and brown gravy before New Jersey and your disco fries, you haven't had poutine until you've had those fries and brown gravy with squeaky cheese curds. Squeaky, you ask? If the curds squeak as you chow down, it's a sure sign that they are the freshest curds.



## 6. COMPLETO

**C**hile ranks among the world's top producers of avocados.

Its unique natural barriers the Pacific Ocean to the west, the Andes Mountains to the east and the Atacama Desert to the north help protect vulnerable avocado trees from pests and disease. To sample a Chilean avocado staple, order a completo. It's a hot dog, twice the size of an American hot dog, topped with avocado, tomatoes, sauerkraut, and mayonnaise. If that's not your thing, don't despair; avocados are indispensable to the Chilean diet and there are plenty of options to include avocado in each meal.



## 7. KANGAROO MEAT

**K**angaroo has long been eaten by Australia's Aborigines. The meat has lots of protein but very little fat. It can be prepared much the same as other meats as a roast, skewered, or made into sausages or medallions. The meat is best cooked medium rare to medium in order to capture the flavors.





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## YOUR VOCAL DOSAGE

### Blue Six Sweeter Love

**T**here'll come a time when you  
know just what you feel

I'm dancing inside, that you know  
just what is real

Here in the sound there's a magic  
in the air

You've got to let it out, let it show  
you really care

Sweet sweet sweet love

I need your sweet sweet love

If it's alright, there is something  
here to dream

Now that you've for a heaven, could  
you find it here with me?

Deep down inside i know you feel  
the way that i do

No need to live without, the sweet-  
er love i found in you

Come down, take a look around

There's a sweeter love

Take me there, take me down

You've got nothing to be guilty of  
Of sweeter love

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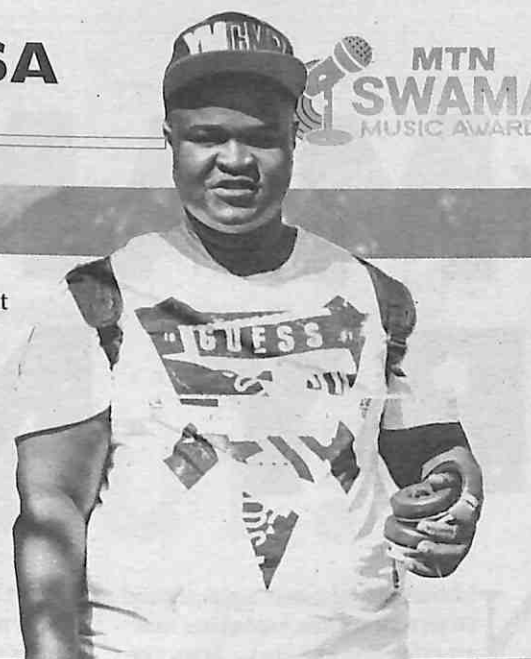
Let it out

**M**usic is something that should  
speak for itself, straight from the  
heart.

I think music in itself is healing. It's an  
explosive expression of humanity. It's some-  
thing we are all touched by. No matter  
what culture we're from, everyone loves  
music.

We continue profiling the MTN SWAMA  
2018 Best House Artist/Group nominees

and this week we had a chat  
with Siteki's finest, DJ/Producer  
Njebza. The young energetic  
spinner shares his views on  
the industry. In the next two  
weeks we will profile the final  
two nominees, S-Tone and  
Sifiso M. Untill then, let's  
continue voting and keep it  
deep.



## NJEBZA THE DJ

**B**riefly tell us about yourself

My name is Njabulo 'Njebza' Mbhamali. Born and bred in the small town of Siteki, I am a  
diehard house music fanatic.

**2. When did your passion for music start?**

My passion for music all started back in 2010 whilst I was doing my Grade Seven at Assembly  
of God school. Growing up in a musical family structure, I had to follow in the footsteps  
of my older brother DJ Mfundo.

**3. What inspired you?**

It definitely has to be my older brother. Being involved in the music indus-  
try has helped me rub shoulders with the best in the music scene. So  
working with the likes of DJ Tira, Shota and heavy K has also helped  
me grow as an individual. These are also guys that have inspired  
and still do even today.

**4. Role model in the music industry?**

My role models in the music industry are Martin Garrix,  
Hardwell and Dj Tira to name a few. Locally it would be unfair  
to single out anyone. I believe there's a lot one can learn.  
We just need to be open-minded and be willing to learn.  
Always put your heart, mind, and soul into even your  
smallest acts. This is the secret of success.

**5. Sole purpose for being in the music industry?**

My sole purpose of being in the industry is to try and teach  
those around me about the importance of being disci-  
plined, staying true to your sound, teaching in the indus-  
try as a whole and most importantly groom youngsters for  
the future.

**6. Any places you wish to visit and share your music skills?**

It has to be Ibiza. Music festivals are a must, that's where one gets  
to share ideas with legends in the industry.

**7. Future plans in the music industry?**

My future plans in the music industry is to see the DJ Njebza brand  
growing worldwide and helping other young artists fulfill their  
dreams

**8. What does being nominated in the Best House Artist/Group  
category mean to you?**

It is always pleasing when one's efforts are being recognised. It is  
an honour for me to be amongst those nominated. I'd also love  
to take this opportunity and thank everyone who has been  
voting for me.

**9. Words of encouragement to fellow and upcoming pro-  
ducers?**

Follow your dreams and never give up. Stay away from  
drugs and let's work together in preventing abuse against  
women.



## PROJECTS

DJ Njebza feat DJ Tira - Sdom Sdom  
DJ Njebza feat Shota - Iphathi Kabani  
DJ Njebza eat DJ SK- Friends  
DJ Njebza feeat Melinda - Baxolele





# 'MAMA AM I'

## BY NICHOLA

**N**ichola Cass Johnston, a painter and an all round artist, hosted her first art exhibition at Alliance Francaise on Thursday evening.

The exhibition was attended by friends

and art fanatics.

This night for Cass was a dream come true as she said she was very excited that this finally happened.

Johnston says she hopes that this will be

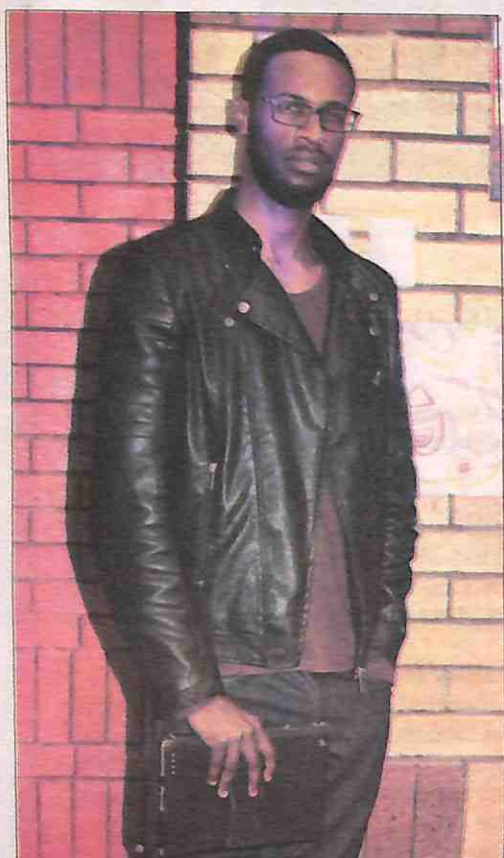
the first of many as she plans to showcase her art in other galleries around the country.

Johnston says she believes her work serves as a messenger, whatever she feels she com-

municates through her art.

The exhibition will continue for the next two weeks before she takes it to other galleries.

*By Nokwanda Sibandze*



*Maps took a picture next to his favourite painting of the day.*



*Nontobeko Dladu and Nokwazi Dlamini could not miss out.*



*Themba Mavuso admiring the artwork by Nichola.*



*Erica Carmichael also attended the exhibition.*



*Nomalungelo Dlamini and Tiwi Gondwe were also present.*



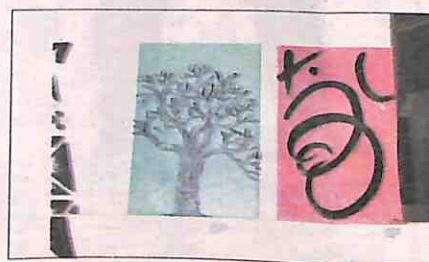
*Nichola Johnston smiles as she poses for a picture on her big day.*



*Poet Majaha Nkonyane reciting a poem titled 'Slay queens' for the audience.*



*One of the art pieces on display titled 'Motherhood'.*





## Violence begets violence

It seems that the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) is now promoting an ethos of violence.

This is difficult to shake considering what scenes transpired in the previous two protest actions they have been involved in.

Last month, a station commander was wrestled to the ground by a teacher, during a class between teachers and the police. It was reported—by both newspapers—that the teacher allegedly strangled and floored the station commander, who was armed with a gun.

This incident speaks volumes of the mentality of the teachers nowadays—no matter the provocation (and it is not our intention to go into it).

Apparently, that incident, which was captured by our photographer, upset the teachers, who are now harassing our journalists with impunity. It is hardly the kind of behaviour we would expect from an organisation that claims to represent democratic values, one of which is freedom of the press and expression.

It appears that teachers now want to employ the very thinking that they claim to be 'violently opposed' to, which is the mind-set of having things your way all the time.

On Thursday, teachers embarrassed not just these values they are pursuing in their protest actions, but the very profession. They, at the premises of the United States Embassy, attacked a photographer who was on assignment to cover this protest action. Because they believe they do not see eye-to-eye with the newspaper, a very unfortunate but misinformed position, they are now taking matters on to their hands.

The manner they attacked the journalist is a new low by any of their own standards. It is embarrassing and despicable. It is abhorrent and should never be allowed.

There is no defence for anyone taking the law on to their own hands, when there are platforms and options for dialogue to solve things amicably are there.

Ironically, it probably demonstrates the kind of teachers we have, for even as you read this, teachers have employed the kind of go-slow that defies a court order. But, that is a subject for another day.

What concerns us is that this kind of violent behaviour should never be the option; especially because the very same teachers want a critical, firm but fair media. We do not want to believe that these are the attributes of a media only when it suits people.

In any democracy, we are allowed to differ in opinion; and position. We should never be intimidated to see things the way people want. We should be free to report events in our society, without the fear of intimidation. But the thinking that members of the fourth estate will be subjected to harassment and violence by the very people who should uphold these values sets a very dangerous precedent.

It will be the Observer journalist now, but who will it be tomorrow? Should we now expect that teachers will someday assault pupils when they refuse to engage in a sympathy protest action?

That is not so farfetched by the way.

An injury to one, is an injury to all, they always chant. Seems they can't live by their own ethos.

# Analysis & opinion

## WHO LET THE 'DOGS' OUT?



BY KENNETH DLAMINI

Albert Einstein says, 'Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe.'

I have to say today I find myself being confronted by these noble words from the Nobel Prize winner as I write this piece. But it is not the former that I want to focus on, but rather the human stupidity.

I have no doubt in mind that the late German mathematician and physicist had teachers in this country in mind when he coined these humbling words. I couldn't agree more with him.

Teachers wouldn't have displayed their plain stupidity than when they bashed a photo-journalist belonging to this newspaper. Just when you think you have seen all kinds of stupidity, then this.

The photo-journalist's only crime was doing what brings food on the table for his family—which is to take pictures.

But these buffoons had little or no regard at all for that, as they descended on the hapless and defenceless journalist like a ton of bricks and literally reduced him to a punching bag.

Imagine, these are the very people who claim to be staging protests in order to better their livelihoods.

Yet they find it pretty easy to vent their fury on someone who is not even protesting for the betterment of his salary but is merely doing what will pay his bare minimum salary.

Double standards. And, that's called stupidity. Harassing and assaulting a journalist in his line of duty is absolute foolishness. I have no other word for it, unfortunately.

No matter what gripe the teachers had with the newspaper or whatever reason, they acted stupidly. It's still not a good enough reason to attack someone in their line of duty.

It's inexcusable to say the least. For an organisation that promotes human rights matters and prides itself as one of the leading trade unions in the country, they lost the plot.

I'm not sure about the role played by the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) leaders in the assault of the journalist. But I have every reason to believe that they are squarely to blame.

In fact, maybe they are even the ones who set their 'dogs' on the journalist, who knows. Their behaviour after what happened does not exonerate them. By now they would have called or written to the Swazi Observer and offered their words of comfort. *Ngisho nje kusililela silinyalelewe!* Besides, they would have at least by now issued a statement either condemning the act by their members or even distancing themselves from such barbarism.

But no, instead they elected to bury their heads in the sand and ignore everything else outside.



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What kind of leaders do that? They should take responsibility for the actions of their members.

What the SNAT members did was despicable for an organisation as big as theirs, which can never afford to have the media as permanent enemies. It's such a pity because we live in a country where the media is not a united force. In fact, that's putting it mildly, we don't even present ourselves as a force for that matter.

### Regret

Otherwise, if it had been in any other country, the teachers would regret their actions because in situations like these, an injury to one is an injury to all. Thus, these organisations would never take us for granted. But that's a subject for another day.

All in all, it was shocking to hear of an organisation which is a proponent for labour issues attacking a journalist. This is the same organisation which is quick to cry police brutality whenever they get bashed during protest marches. They have gone to an extent of reporting incidents of police brutality to the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

Yet, they have found it proper to assault a journalist and prevent him from doing his work. Mind you, this is the same organisation that has in the past benefited from pictures published by the same newspaper to report incidents of police brutality.

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Yet, they are quick now to condemn the same newspaper, which has continuously reported their struggles over the years. It goes to show the type of leadership the organisation has at the helm now, because proper leaders would not be so short-sighted.

Never would these things be witnessed during the leadership of great former presidents like Sibongile Mazibuko, Meshack 'Kati' Masuku and Phineas Magagula, to name but a few.

These leaders understood perfectly what trade unionism was all about and would never create enmity with the media. You don't go to war with the media and expect to win. It's a friendly warning.

If the current SNAT leaders think just because they have the benefit of social media platforms like WhatsApp and Facebook to disseminate information to their members, they can do without the media, they clearly have watery brains. They have got their priorities skewed.

Because, any right thinking leader would know that for any struggle to succeed you need the media by your side. Right now the teachers are pressuring government to relent by giving them the proposed 6.55 per cent cost of living adjustment.

Such efforts would come to nought without the media reporting and exposing their activities.





By Comfort Mabuza

# POLICE BRUTALITY IS NOT THE WAY TO GO

*...any violence meted upon peaceful marches is strongly condemned*

**T**his past week the country witnessed police brutality meted against the defenceless workers who were unarmed.

My heart just sank in shock after the unnecessary bad publicity and exposure to international condemnation. I am trying to understand if Emaswati should be witnessing such barbaric behaviour from our law enforcing agencies. As human advocate, I am totally disgusted and angry to see such ruthless force and beatings to our people. To have unarmed citizens exposed to such harsh treatment is gross violation of their rights to peaceful protests which are allowed with the law. It renders this country a violent nation, when we are all yearning for the nation's vision to become a first world nation in 2022. So in a nutshell, nobody wins when we allow such unfortunate vicious behaviour.

I am just wondering if we really must witness such when Eswatini is known for its peace and harmony. Well, shame on our security forces, especially members of Royal Eswatini Police Service. Are we really supposed to witness such scenes in a supposedly peaceful country with the eyes of the international visitors seeing ruthless behaviour? I hope those who inflicted pain to the innocent marchers will be brought to book and dealt with accordingly. Police brutality must just be stopped, condemned and avoided as it waters down the efforts to woo investors, let alone beating unarmed marchers and causing so much harm. It is an unwelcome development honestly and defeats the noble intentions. The marchers deserve dignity and respect.

## POLICE SHOULD NOT INSTIGATE VIOLENCE

Emaswati are not at war and one wonders why are members of the Police Service armed to the teeth and carrying such dangerous artillery.

Video clips and pictures emerging from these scenes are disgusting and quite dis-

turbing. We cannot condone such barbaric behaviour in a peaceful country like ours. For goodness sake, these workers were on a protest march and not armed to be viewed as enemies of our national peace. Usage of minimum force would have done the trick, not this brutality we saw. They certainly needed no harsh treatment and such violent treatment from the law enforcers. A humane way of enforcing law and order is quite crucial here, but what we witnessed is far worse and a provocation of the highest order. Well truth be told, I wonder why the leadership of TUCOSWA is portrayed badly and not as a disciplined lot. As far as we know these are law abiding citizens, who one way or the other are related to the very workers. Surely there must have been a better way to handle this. I see no wisdom in bashing people for a protest action. At the end of the day, the issues they are protesting about are genuine as no sane person could accept that their salaries will not be adjusted for two years in a row.

The very police members are civil servants who stand to benefit too should these demands be met. Some of the very police service members are married to wives and husbands who work within the other sectors. I am so shocked that we can allow such behaviour to thrive. Eswatini as a peaceful nation should have known that in times of disagreements, all available avenues should be utilised

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to resolve any misunderstanding. Violence is not going to solve anything.

We rather sit down peacefully and seek for lasting solutions. It is the bashing and violent action we are condemning here, and someone must state that we certainly cannot allow disrespect

of the law and its provisions for mass action to go ahead once all available avenues are exhausted. No violence and police brutality will ever stop and silence the workers demanding what rightfully is theirs. Wise leadership engages such trade unions

## WORKERS' RIGHTS TO PROTEST

In a peaceful country of which Eswatini is well known for, there is just no using violent means to stop legal protest marches. Workers world over, if their grievances are not being heard, the best option for them is to engage in a mass-action to register their grievances. Those who are concerned about the negative image the country, should have known that using brutal force will indeed create a huge dent and negative images international eyes.

If the legal route has been used as an attempt to negotiate and register workers' grievances, then industrial mass action is the only available means to drum their message home to any government, so that they are given and hear and have them addressed. Those who are concerned with the

country's image should have known better, that inciting people to defend themselves from undue provocation and unjust treatment, creates anarchy and has serious repercussions. Striking is part of Industrial Relations Act, and once all available avenues are exhausted, then there are clearly stated avenues to be used as part of registering a complaint. From where I am sitting I know for a fact that this was done. So the leadership of the workers, in this case the TUCOSWA, did announce that they will be embarking on mass action. To then see brutality and violence emerging from organised mass action is really bad. It certainly defeats logic to subject workers to such harsh treatment as they were for exercising their rights which are within law?

## PROTECTING PROPERTY

It is a fact that when mass action is not well coordinated it may as well lead to anarchy. The witnessed violent scenes where even property was in danger and car windows broken, then such regrettable and strongly condemned.

The witnessed looting in the name of protest march is not on, people have every reason to be much more afraid. Ideally, union leadership and marshals security agents should work hand in hand in ensuring that there is no destruction of properties.

Labour movement leadership should ensure that proper controls and crowd management is well coordinated. We definitely must learn from these miscalculated judgements and avoid such unfortunate developments in future. It defeats logic.

Life will definitely continue after

the protest marches, and there is no wisdom to have people vent their anger and frustration by destroying property. Then the security agents resort to these violent actions and a wrong message is sent out. The leadership for workers must ensure that workers are adequately educated on how to conduct themselves as part of the protest actions. As such we frown at those who hijack such good intentions. Security can be deployed to protect vandalism as hooligans might take over.

## WHAT IS THE ISSUE

Let the message be heard loud and clear, the workers are frustrated and feel leaderless currently. There is danger when people become more disgruntled if nobody is paying attention to the expressed concerns. It is an undeniable fact that civil servants have not had salary adjustment for over two years now. While the cost of living is escalating, platforms and avenues to negotiate should be availed and seen sympathetic. Once people give up on their leadership, then they become even more frustrated. Those in leadership must realise once people are fed-up then we fear and helplessness crops in. I believe with all my heart those entrusted with leadership must listen more and be engaging. If there is no money, as we all are made to believe, then why some are living large while the majority of workers are struggling? We seem to have heartless people up there who are failing us.

A small nation like ours should be learning that dialogue is key and it definitely brings peace and stability. No security forces will be big enough to contain the brewing anger which is building up.

We stand to become a bunch of losers once the citizens feel they have a heartless government and it seems like they are not listening and taking these brewing crises seriously. King Sobhuza II encouraged dialogue and engagement where platforms are availed to share their feelings, this is in essence what remains crucial in resolving the obtaining crises.

This country is competing for the same investors, but once lawlessness and anarchy erupt we stand to lose big time. Somebody please drum sense to the powers that be, give people the due attention please.

## MBEKI'S MISSIVE: IN THE NAME OF 'OUR PEOPLE'

**I**n a 30-page leaked document on land and the national question, titled What Then About Land Expropriation Without Compensation, the Thabo Mbeki Foundation (TMF) elucidates both historic context but crucially an analysis of a resolution of the ANC's 54th National Conference in December 2017 on "land expropriation without compensation".

Without going into the settings of the document about the "glorious National Democratic Revolution" and its "victory of 1994", the document presents some important perspectives about debates inside the ANC, especially about non-racialism and expropriation of land without compensation.

The tone of the document clearly indicates the hand of former President

Thabo Mbeki writ large and seeks to methodically outline the ANC's historical position on its attempts to assume the role of, "frontline fighters for the creation of a non-racial, democratic, humane and humanist global human society".

At the heart of the TMF treatise is perhaps the most foundational of concerns for the nation, that of how the ANC will reconcile the impact of its December 2017 resolution on land expropriation without compensation with its stated commitment to building a non-racial society.

The document veers into detail on the trajectory of the land question within the ANC from its inception in 1912 to various congress-

es and resolutions culminating in the adoption of the Freedom Charter. Two core principles are highlighted: "South Africa belongs to all who live in it, black and white; and "the land shall be shared among those who work it".

In further references to the Freedom Charter and the Strategy and Tactics documents, the document forcefully asserts that, "throughout the evolution of this policy, over 105 years, which has most often included land expropriation, there had never been any decision by the National Democratic Movement until December 2017 that such land expropriation as might be necessary would exclude compensation".

In the juxtaposition between past and present in the document, the following might portend a scenario that might play out as the ANC heads toward the 2019 election. It states, "If the ANC abandons these two principles and strategic positions, it must accept that it is turning its back on its historical position as the 'parliament of the people' by repudiating views and hopes about the future of our country which the masses of our people have held for many decades, ready to pay any price in their defence".

The document states that its concerns about expropriation without compensation has nothing to do with expropriation or no com-

pensation. It has to do with the extremely fundamental question of the very definition of the nature, character and objectives of the ANC, and that is its position as leader of all

South Africans (black and white), its non-racial character and mission, and the rule of law. If the Nasrec resolution should stand, the Freedom Charter would have to be changed to:

"South Africa belongs to all who live in it, black and white, except as this relates to land"; and,

"All national groups are equal before the law, except as this concerns land!"

The document goes on to state in no uncertain terms: "Certainly,





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LEADERSHIP  
ZONE

**C**ongratulations, Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) for high level of professionalism and resounding success in election 2018.

Taking into consideration the level of tension that prevailed during the pre-elections period, particularly as elections observers were already in country.

Thank you fellow compatriots for ensuring the peaceful environment prevails during the elections, the image Emaswati are famous for, peace and stability. I also thank TUCOSWA for expressing their rights to strike during this critical period in the country, as this was an opportune moment.

Thus rendering the country to be vulnerable, evidently security forces exhibited their glaring weakness as they lost control and brutality erupted in Manzini. Nevertheless, the Royal Eswatini Police Service must go back to the drawing board to strategise on how to protect unarmed citizens and property without brutality. My compatriots, Emaswati, stole my heart when the dust settled they united in exercising their right to vote, today we have 59 elected Members of Parliament, tindvuna tetinkhundla and bucopho.

#### TINKHUNDLA, INDIGENOUS GOVERNANCE SYSTEM

In reading Chancellor William's book 'The Destruction of Black Civilisation: Great Issues of Race From 4500 BC to 2000 AD.' The chapter on, African Constitutions: Birth of Democracy, my indigenous soul and lens began connecting dots unearthing the existence of indigenous governance systems in Africa. Hence, making the significance of 1978, when King Sobhuza II declared our indigenous system of governance, Tinkhundla. The profound 1978 moment of decoloniality and Africanisation, as an indigenous prophet, African Renaissance activist. Marking reclaiming the African constitution and democracy negated by western writers as 'stateless societies' or 'societies without chiefs' or 'primitive democracies.' As indigenous governance systems interrogated by western souls and lenses did not conform to predetermined western structural patterns of state. According to Williams, 'with a one man as its executive head, a state being any collection of people occupying a given territory, living under their own government independently of external control.'

The African Union has created an appro-

# ELECTIONS 2018

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priate context through the Africa We Want Agenda 2063, which inspires the continent to unite in voice to paint a picture of what they desire.

Tinkhundla indigenous governance connects with the African constitution and democracy negated by colonialism, distorted in coloniality and hijacked by modernity. Therefore, Tinkhundla is continuously evolving, engaging indigenous governance constitutive rules while being an African Renaissance and Pan Africanism project. Evolving whilst conscious of the negation emanating from colonised minds, who label this indigenous governance system as subjugating human rights of those living within the constituencies.

Understandable as 'stateless societies' were disrupted, and the notion of natural rights rooted within indigenous dignity is discriminated by human rights activists. The indigenous dignity that enabled the one-man executive peacefully coexisting with people occupying a given territory, living under their own government.

This is not to suggest that Tinkhundla indigenous government system is a perfect system, but it is a model for African democracy. With lots of issues and challenges emanating from its own fossilisation, when it resists transformative interventions enabling this system to respond to modernity.

In the meantime, Tinkhundla indigenous governance system hijacked by modernity, evident in

that power and money are dominant constitutive rules. Power and money are modernity constitutive rules such that victory in the elections are unachievable without them. This requires a national dialogue that speaks to the integration of indigenous knowledge and modernity, as modernity was evident during the elections, and we can no longer turn a blind eye. This dialogue would respond to Agenda 2063 aspiration of a self-confident Africa, within its identity heritage, culture and shared values as a strong, united and influential global partner.

#### NATIONAL DIALOGUE FOR SOCIAL COHESION

This national dialogue is critical for social cohesion, as opposed to the public display victim status in forums such as post-elections press conferences.

National dialogues require political maturity that evoke willingness to listen and engage, and not grandstand for only your views are the right ones. The findings and recommendations from both the African Union and SADC electoral observation missions require a national dialogue, where members of the nation are active participants. The issue of women participation is a significant issue and challenge that requires a national dialogue, as the inability to ensure equal representation is embarrassing. We can no longer hide under the narrative 'cultural practices' are contributing to this unachieved objective, as women

were out in numbers voting for men during elections 2018.

The national dialogue will explore the possibility of ratifying, domesticating and implementing the African Charter on Democracy. Thus, creating an environment conducive to integrating indigenous knowledge and modernity, in a proactive not reactive manner. This would be an opportune moment to articulate our indigenous governance system, guided by the African Charter, which is fluid and not rigid. Agenda 2063 creates opportunities to recreate the Africa we want, and many African countries are looking for models for expressing African democracy. Evidently, current democracies rooted within modernity constitutive rules, create perpetual struggles for liberation, hence, Agenda 2063 and we celebrate 50 years of peace and sustainable development.

This national dialogue will create appropriate space to interrogate whether the populist statements are plural, inclusive and genuine democracy. Are achievable through integrating indigenous knowledge and modernity, reflecting democracy understood as plurality embracing active participation for meaningful coexistence. Plurality of all knowledge systems to coexist is not a threat to any side, translating into win-win towards social cohesion, engaging and embracing not only political participation but marginalise persons.

These include the youth and women, persons with disabilities and most significantly, the lesbians, gays, trans-

gender, and intersexual (LGTI) group currently discriminated. National dialogue requires genuine active participation towards social cohesion and not narrow and exclusive political interests and agendas, which are self-serving. Thus, all stakeholders and social partners must have the interest of the citizens of this country at heart, citizens whose ancestors were colonized and taken out of their indigenous context.

#### CONCLUSION

In conclusion, during this election 2018, I registered and voted during the primaries, as a committed member of Lutsango LwakaNgwane, I voted for women in all three categories. They did not win, and therefore, I withheld my vote during the secondary elections, as my vote will not take a man to parliament. I thank the Gender Unit in the deputy prime minister's office for inviting me to 'Embili Kanye Kanye' television show advancing the vote for a women campaign. This election 2018, made me realise we need to build the confidence of women throughout the country, and when I saw them queuing to vote now the results indicate they voted for men. I am convinced that a nationwide awareness campaign restoring women's indigenous dignity to evoke their leadership confidence is eminent. Considering the Kingdom of Eswatini national coat of arms symbolises 'Kanye Kanye' gender inclusivity, clearly does not permeate into grassroots.

Personally, I declared through this column, why I did not stand for elections as my path chosen by ancestors, to achieve prophet and professor status. Thus meaning my commitment is leading research in quest for indigenous contexts solidifying social cohesion, peace and inclusive development.

Hence, my firm argument on integrating indigenous knowledge and modernity, as opposed to fossilising indigenous knowledge or their hijack by modernity. Evidently, the knowledge politics that the African Union with all its legal frameworks needs to deal with, particularly with its commitment to Agenda 2063. Knowledge and wisdom is required, my voice with many others will lead painting pictures of the Africa we want, rooted within African Renaissance and Pan Africanism.

the argument that has been advanced by the ANC leadership since the 54th National Conference about the Land Question communicates the firm statement that the ANC has changed in terms of its character. It is no longer a representative of the people of South Africa." The document makes a scathing reference to former President Jacob Zuma's subversion of the ANC as a black political party, "Jacob Zuma was advancing a perspective about the 'resolution of the National Question' radically different from the long established and historic position of the ANC, which he led at the time".

For the EFF, it reserves classic Mbeki disdain and refers to the EFF's ideological subversion of ANC policy while pointedly highlighting his party's own breakaway from the PAC in

1958 because of a divergence on the question of non-racialism. He infers that the ANC is being led by the EFF on the land question, to its own detriment. The TMF's paper posits valid questions and proposals, some of which may cause necessary discomfort if the country is to move in a direction that does not undermine constitutional guarantees to property rights, equality and non-discrimination. Under the rubric of the necessity for an Internal Review and Programme of Action on the land question, the paper questions what is rapidly becoming a false basis for the land question, including that of the extent of land hunger.

Equally valid is the question about land for what: farming or housing? The rural/urban question together

with that of positioning South Africa within a global economic context (or private owners of capital as the document refers) and the necessity for growth and jobs require pragmatic introspection by the ANC.

The TMF document categorically states too, that the current constitutional provisions are adequate and create an enabling framework for land reform. The document further raises the following important issues in the debate on land expropriation without compensation:

Does an amended Section 25 making provision for land expropriation without compensation attack the foundations of non-racialism and the rule of law? If this is true, a 75% majority will be necessary to amend it. Necessary land reform is not a

zero-sum game, where whites must lose so that blacks can win. It should be resolved in the national interest on a non-racial basis and with the rule of law intact.

The "land issue" must be resolved, not by a quick fix of taking from whites and giving to blacks, but by carefully considering all pertinent factors such as what should land be used for, who wants to farm and what the effect of all of this would be on food security. In the broader debate about our unity in diversity, it raises the important question of who are "our people"? This legitimate question by Cope leader Mosiuoa Lekota was not answered by the ANC leadership, asserts the document. Interestingly, the document seems to say that the Freedom Charter and

constitutional principle of non-racialism trumps the ANC's oft expressed dictum that its struggle is for "blacks in general and African in particular".

The TMF document has already caused a storm on social media, and elicited a response from Ace Magashule, taking a swipe at the "disloyalty" displayed by Mbeki.

What is more important though, is whether President Ramaphosa and his panel of advisors on land expropriation without compensation will take the issues raised by the TMF document seriously enough to reflect it in their advice to him? And will those ANC members in Parliament who will have to vote on a possible amendment of Section 25 reflect on these issues before they do?

By Zohra Dawood and Theuns Eloff



As the organisation prepares to host one of the biggest events that displays the entrepreneurial spirit that exist among young people, the Africa Company of the Year prize is also in mind.

JA Eswatini has won the Africa Company of the Year Competition for four years out of the seven in which the competition has existed on.

This year is no different as the Eswatini team has the pressure to bring home the prestigious title from Africa. As we continue our journey to zoom in to the top 10 schools, today we shall discuss two schools that have managed to represent Eswatini well at the Africa Competition and brought home the championship title.

These schools have consistently brought innovative and creative business ideas to the table. Their students have also managed to build their companies post the competition stage with the products successful penetrating the local market. Manzini Nazarene is one school that has managed to dazzle judges, year after year.

Their organic health and beauty soap that was unveiled last year is still in demand even to this day. The school is back in the top ten to bring a fierce competition. Mjingo High School, on the other hand, has proven, for the past two years that they are a force to be reckoned with.

They have successfully won the local competition and went on to represent Eswatini in the Africa Company of the Year Competition. In 2016, they returned home champions. While they could not attain the same results last year, they were crowned the second runner ups. Tebenguni Ndwandwe who was the CEO of that time came back as the Africa Rising CEO. Below is more on what can be expected from the schools this year.

#### MANZINI NAZARENE HIGH THE IVOTE SYSTEM

This is a web based application that was developed by the students which enables people to easily vote on a computer. The inconvenience caused by the strenuous ballot system is eradicated by this system. A click of a button is all it takes for the user to cast their vote.

Conjured with simplicity, the student's choice system is very user friendly and is easy to use with both computer literate and computer illiterate people.

Sabelo Dlamini, the teacher who facilitates the program explains that as usual, their counterparts can expect Manzini Nazarene to bring a fierce competition. "Fortunately for us as a school, we always come prepared and we never

underestimate any of our competitors because previous experience has proven that only the very best school get to make it to the top ten.

Our goal this year is to successfully introduce a new and improved

voting system that can be adopted by governments of different countries, unions, schools and basically any space where the election of management requires the polling of votes.

This system seeks to provide

authentic voting where one man does really represent one vote," he said.

#### MJINGO HIGH POWER BANK

These power banks have a solar



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## ROAD TO THE 2018 JA NATIONAL EXPO: GEARING UP FOR A FIERCE COMPETITION

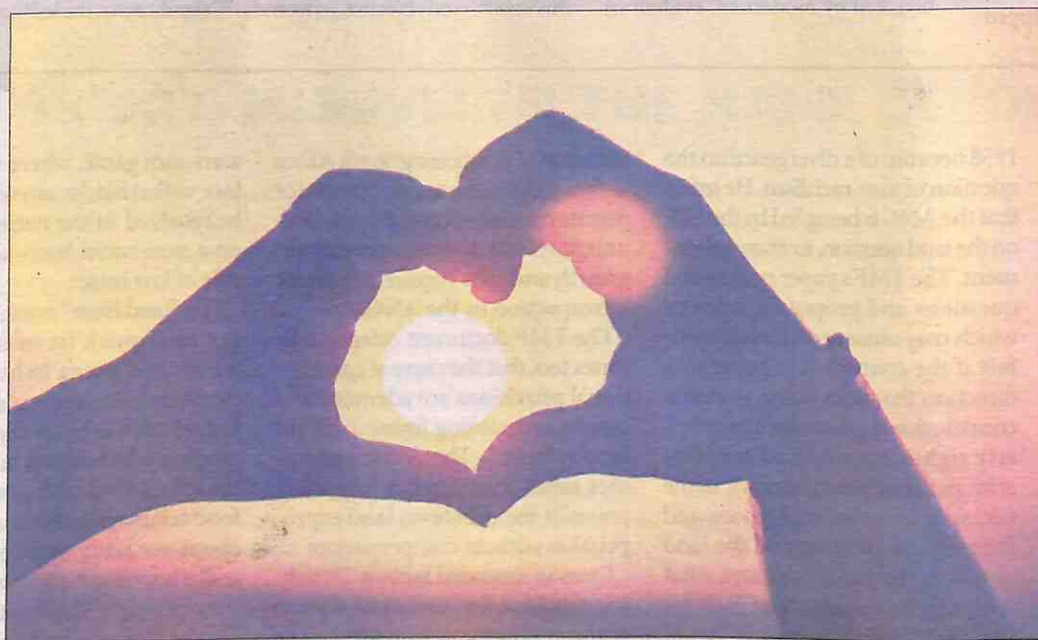


Mjingo High School's solar charger and Manzini Nazarene Application layout.



By Lisa  
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## CAUSE AND AFFECT



Life is a creation and we the creators; what you think you create what you intend you manifest, whether it is conscious or unconscious.

Most of us live our lives unconsciously creating by default. Very often, we attract or create that which is undesirable in our lives. We live with the resounding question; why is my life so hard? Most of us never grasp the reality that it is because we make it so.

Are you aware enough to understand that life is what you make it? Every thought you think is a creation, very intention you set forth defines what your life will be, and no one else is responsible for you or what you ultimately become.

The hard truth is that the result of your life is primarily up to how you think about yourself and life in general. Some people are fatalistic and believe it is all fate or Karma but what is that? Karma is the residual of what

you have thought and intended, be it now or from very long ago. The soul does not define life as we

do nor is it a respecter of any man-made time line. What your thoughts have created stays with you until

it is lived out, be it now or much later. Karma or fate is cause and affect or intention, and the result

of that intention it is that simple. Your feelings and your thoughts create your intention and that defines your earthly life for better or worse.

When you meditate and pray, do you ask for something positive yet harbour habitual negative thoughts? Do you ask God for a loving partner, and yet hold chronic unloving thoughts and feelings toward yourself? Do you pray for your heart's desire, and intrinsically believe you don't deserve to have it? Do you want to be a happy and balanced person yet feel angry and depressed because you are holding resentment? Are you grateful? Are you thankful for what is positive in your life or are you constantly feeling hard done by because your neighbour has more than you? When you can't be grateful for what you have, you will never attract more of life's good things. You will constantly live in lack because that's what you are creating with your thoughts and your attitude.

Gratitude and a belief that you deserve what you are asking for is



panel which gains energy from the sun. This device therefore does not rely on electricity as a source of power.

It becomes a great back up plan for situations where there is no electricity.

It is also convenient for people who travel a lot especially to places where the convenience of modern equipment is not accessible. This power bank is in high demand because basically almost the whole wide world owns a mobile cell phone which needs power to operate. Most people do not have the time to charge their phones due to their demanding lifestyles on the go yet being unreachable on mobile phones can also stand in the way of business and progress.

Their power bank sells at only E200.00. Precious Kunene who facilitates the programme explains that going into the competition, the pressure to perform well is already exerted to them as expectations are already high.

"The school itself is expecting the team to bring the championship award home. We are doing our level best to prepare for the competition as we are aware that only the best teams will be competing. We are utilising our previous winners to mentor the current group in readiness for the upcoming competition just to ensure that the current team understand what is to be expected. Of course it can only be a privilege to us if we can be in a position to represent the nation again at the Africa Competition, however, we are under no illusions that it would be easy for us," she said.

#### CONCLUSION

There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that again this year, we will experience one tough competition.

Judging from the calibre of business ideas that we have seen come up, we are confident that whichever team will be selected to compete at the regional competition, will do a sterling job in representing the country.

The Kingdom of Eswatini is known for its entrepreneurial spirit at the Africa Competition.

The promise is that this year will be yet another time to showcase the business acumen that exist among the youth of the Kingdom.

the first step to receiving it. When you question your worth, and feel negatively about your life, you create more negativity. Wealth and abundance is not just referring to money. Wealth speaks of personal wealth, peace and a feeling of spiritual abundance. Your inner world always reflects itself outwardly; life is internal.

What you are thinking you are creating, and that reflects outwardly in your everyday life and your material circumstances.

Use the power of your mind to manifest a successful conclusion to your desires. Constantly thinking about what you don't want manifests exactly that what you don't want. When an electromagnet charge or thought enters the collective mind, it affects the quantum field that is our Universe. It begins a chain reaction that gives you back more of the same. Thoughts are things that have power and the effect of them causes what your life ultimately becomes.

To keep a good thought actually takes less energy and eradicates and cancels out negative intention. Thinking positively about what you want your life to be is the only way to manifest it. You can't get healthy fruit from a sick tree just like you will never ever create a successful happy life with negative thinking. It just isn't possible!



## TOURISM & TRAVEL

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**T**he World Tourism Day was celebrated this past Thursday at the Royal Science & Technology Park, under the theme 'Tourism and the Digital Transformation'.

The Eswatini Tourism Authority (STA) embraced this theme through launching a brand new, cutting-edge tourism website to help promote and inform about the amazing range of great attractions that the small, beautiful and charming African kingdom offers to its visitors: [www.thekingdomofeswatini.com](http://www.thekingdomofeswatini.com).

2018 has been a momentous year for the country as it not only celebrated 50 years of Independence and the 50th birthday of King Mswati III, but also changed its name from Swaziland to Eswatini. It was time for a new website to showcase the country's varied attractions and give visitors easy access to all the information and contacts they need to explore and discover the charms of Africa's Newest Country.

Eswatini is a microcosm of the best that Africa has to offer: stunning scenery, rich culture and Big 5 safaris (including perhaps the best rhino experiences on the continent), yet it remains relatively infrequently visited.

The new site will make it easier for even more visitors to discover the country's riches and plan their trips.

The website has comprehensive information on all the country's locations and experiences, extensive interlinking of pages, a detailed and up to date Travel Guide section and full Directory listings for all types of tourism operator in the country, as well as international operators selling holidays to Eswatini. Most exciting is a new, high powered accommodation filter that allows users to search all of Eswatini's accommodation by a variety of criteria – enabling them to find full details and contacts for the properties just right for them.

A header-based filter gives instant access to relevant activities and accommodation, a news and blog section will be updated through the week and a range of additional digital downloads are also available from the site.

Widespread maps show users just where to find attractions and accom-

modation, and the innovative pinpoint What3Words addresses have been added to make navigation even easier.

The website is mobile-friendly and compatible across all devices, making it perfect as a resource for visitors to learn about the country and find important information on-the-go.

Content continues to be added to the site and will be continuous-

ly monitored and updated to ensure that users and visitors have the very latest information and advice at their fingertips.

The new site has been developed using the latest technologies and after extensive consultation, analysis of current user expectations and detailed planning, to ensure that the best and most effective tourism site was created for Eswatini. The aim is to give the user the best expe-

rience possible and an easy online journey to all the resources they need to be able to discover and explore the kingdom's attractions. As the country transitions to its new identity, we're very excited to see this digital transformation give a great boost to Eswatini's tourism. Visit the all new website [www.thekingdomofeswatini.com](http://www.thekingdomofeswatini.com) and discover your next destination within Eswatini.

# ESWATINI CELEBRATES WORLD TOURISM DAY WITH LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE



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To understand the creative power of your mind and how your emotions fuel your thoughts is so vital. Better thoughts create a better you and a better life simply because the intention you create with positivity circulates into creation and it sends you back more of the same.

Your emotional set point or your feelings are actually your barometer, it lets you know what you are creating. Feeling good is so important, choose to feel good, choose to feel love, choose to forgive and relieve your psyche of the burden of anger and resentment. In choosing to feel

good, you reward yourself with the gift of happiness. When we choose gratitude, we accelerate our heart's desire and the things we want manifest even faster. What I'm saying is work with the Universe, go down stream it's a quicker, faster better way to arriving at what you want.

Life really needn't be the struggle we make it. It has a lot to do with mindset and the willingness to change how we think.

God bless you, enjoy your Sunday. Dear Reader please do share your thoughts with me; you can write me at [lisamongell30@gmail.com](mailto:lisamongell30@gmail.com)



Evang. Wilton Mamba



I am convicted, more than ever before, that if Jesus would incarnate or manifest in the flesh today, and we were to make our many prayer requests, He would say no more than what is already written.

As he was about to recover from a Near Death Experience, a man asked Jesus, "What is the purpose of life?" He had lived to a ripe old age as an atheist, largely because he saw life as meaningless, and he was just going through the motions, responding to each day according to the needs that arose; merely wandering without purpose.

The man writes that Jesus looked at him, perplexed and smiled. He then told him that the purpose of life 'is love'. And just to stretch our understanding, 'Love' is 'God' and 'God' is 'Love'. This is to say, if we have 'love', then we have 'God', and Jesus is the only means to God, who is love.

When Jesus told His disciples they knew the way where He was going, Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; so how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the (only) Way (to God) and the (real) Truth and the (real) Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." (John 14:4-6). That is why Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:21, "We are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus."

This means that Jesus has restored the relationship between us, sinners, and God. This is where our discourse begins today. My task, by the grace of God, is to demonstrate how 'love' is the purpose of life; and how Jesus, through 'forgiveness', makes it possible for us to live optimally on earth with guarantees of eternity. Let us start with our Near Death Experience guy, as I demonstrate that what Jesus told him in a vision He had already declared in His word, and remember Jesus Himself is the word – that was there in the beginning, was with God and was God. (John 1:1).

In Matthew 22:36-39, Jesus was asked a similar question as was asked by our NDE guy – by a lawyer, who was an expert in the Law of Moses, though phrased differently: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" I will rephrase this question for purposes of our discussion; "What should we do to attain the purpose of life – that is to live optimally on

# EVERYTHING RISES AND FALLS ON LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

earth with guarantees of eternity? This is to say, what is the purpose of life?" And Jesus replied, quoting an ancient truth in Deuteronomy 6:5, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." "This is the first and greatest commandment.

The second is like it. 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself (that is, unselfishly seek the best or higher good for others.)' (AMP). This ancient truth was decreed by God Almighty with power on Mount Sinai, and Jesus said the whole Law as decreed by God depends on love, as I demonstrate below:

- 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

- Do not worship or give allegiance to anyone or anything other than God.

- Do not make any idols.

- Do not take the name of the Lord in vain.

- Keep the Sabbath Holy.

- 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself (that is, unselfishly seek the best or higher good for others.'

- Honour your parents.

- Do not kill.

- Do not commit adultery.

- Do not steal.

- Do not bear false witness.

- Do not covet.

This ancient truth was fulfilled and sealed by the power of the blood of

Jesus on the cross in Calvary. That is why Jesus made the disclaimer as He set out on His earthly ministry, "Do not think that I came to do away with or undo the Law (of Moses) or the (writings of the) Prophets; I did not come to destroy, but to fulfil." (Mat. 5:17).

The question becomes, how is it possible to love God, whom I have never seen, and to love my neighbour, who hates me? It is not possible to love without following the example of God, who so loved the world that He gave His only son to show that indeed He had forgiven sin. As it is written in Matthew 6:12, "And forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us," it is impossible to tap into the benefits of the cross without forgiving our enemies as God forgave us, and similarly, forgiveness is impossible without following the example of God and give our priciest and most prized possession to show that we have forgiven. But what are we to give? This question can be rephrased to read 'If God's biggest possession is Jesus, what is our most prized possession?' As soon as we decide what we prize most, then we must make our minds to give this and no less.

I asked this question during one of my many marketplace evangelistic sermons, and got two interesting answers. The one was – man's most prized possession 'is food', another

suggested 'money'. Both answers are important in the walk with Christ, but are wrong.

Here is a clue to help us decide what we prize most: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'. Clearly, if loving yourself is the standard for loving others, or anything, then your priciest or most prized possession is 'yourself'. Romans 12 helps us better understand how to benefit from the forgiveness granted us on the cross by giving ourselves as a living sacrifice.

Paul writes, "There I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies (dedicating all of yourselves, set apart) as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship." The AMP Bible explains this assertion as follows: In the Old Testament sacrificial system, the "job" of the sacrificial lamb was ended with its death.

An individual or household selected an animal according to the dictated terms, and it was sacrificed to cover sins.

Since Christ became the final atonement for sin, we no longer need the old system. But Paul is calling believers to consider their whole life as a sacrifice dedicated to God and His purposes, a "living" sacrifice, both holy and single-minded. Further Paul writes in Romans 12:2, "And do not be conformed to this world (any longer

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with its superficial values and customs), but be transformed and progressively changed (as you mature spiritually) by the renewing of your mind (focusing on Godly values and ethical attitudes), so you may prove (for yourselves) what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect (in His plan and purpose for you)."

Confession of sin in itself is not enough to enable the believer to automatically walk in the Spirit. He or she must learn to yield their whole self to God (Ro.6:13; Jas 4:7). This involves both the body (Ro.12:1; 1Co 6:20) and the mind (Ro.12:2), since what is conceived in the mind is carried out by the body.

One's whole being must be presented by a decisive act of the will to God for His service. Yielding leads not only to dedication but also can result in separation: "do not be conformed to this world" (Ro. 12:2). Finally, yielding includes transformation of the mind.

This work is said to be accomplished through a lifetime of "renewing" the mind. Man's mind has been darkened / sin (Ro 8:7; Col1:21) and must be brought to the place where it thinks as God thinks (Eph. 4:23).

This renewing is said to come especially through prayer in everything (Php 4:6-7) and through constant meditation on the Word of God (Ps 119:1). This transformation is a life-long process that will not be completed until we are with Christ (Php 1:6; 1 Jn 3:2).



Over the past few weeks we have been reiterating the need for our valued customers to upgrade their policies, and we are still singing the same tune even today.

And we also come bearing good news – we are also upgrading ourselves as an entity. Through the support of our customers over the years, we have grown bigger, and we assure you, better service delivery.

Dups Direct Insurance Limited was upgraded from an Assistance Insurer to being a Long Term Insurer trading as United Life Assurance Limited (ULA).

We would therefore like to inform all those who attained their funeral policies through Dups Direct Insurance Limited, and the public in general, of the intention to transfer all policies to United Life Assurance Limited starting from 1 October 2018. Change sometimes brings anxieties and uncertainties, but we would like to assure our valued customers that the

transfer of policies will not have any effect on your policy benefits whatsoever. Your policy terms and conditions will remain the same. Also, the benefits Dups Direct Insurance clients had with the other Dups companies (Funeral Home, Properties and Herbal Shop) shall still be applicable even after the migration of policies.

What will change, however, are the policy certificates which will be revised in line with United Life Assurance Limited new license status. All clients are, therefore, invited to come to our offices to collect their revised policy certificates.

That being said, it is still business as usual. Do not let the new order of things stall you from paying your premiums on time, registering for new policies, and upgrading your old policies.

We are still running our promotion for upgrades, where you stand a chance to win a gift. All you have to do is to get in touch with us and change the cover that you have to a higher benefit one. Making this decision will not result in you breaking

## WE ARE GROWING!



the bank to top-up your monthly premiums.

The difference between our premiums is quite negligible. However, the magnitude of the change an upgrade will bring is monumental. If you can help it, do not be that person that will be extending their begging bowl to friends and relatives following a loss in the family, and all that after you had been paying for a policy that turns out to be insuffi-

cient for your needs.

Some of the stress emanating from funerals comes from people being ill-prepared for them. Of course, you can never be totally prepared for something so life changing, but you can make the right arrangements so that when it eventually happens, you are not caught unawares. Discussions on death and issues around it are definitely not fun, but they are necessary. As families, we need to make

time for such discussions and know what action to take in the event that someone in the family passes on. Where would you like to be buried, what kind of funeral would you like to have, do you have a special casket you would want, what arrangements have been made for the children's sustenance in the event that the breadwinner in the family passes on? Does your family know your preferences and the funeral plan available and what it covers? All those are things your family should be informed about, so that when something happens, they are not clueless and their anguish is not unnecessarily exacerbated.

Please get in touch with us on 2505 2028 to ask any questions that you might have regarding the transition to ULA, and also to upgrade your policy.

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BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

**T**he Commission of the African Union (AU) through the ministry of sports youth & culture in collaboration with the Eswatini National Youth Council (ENYC) saw two pupils travel to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for a 12-day conference dubbed "African Girls Can Code Initiative".

The two pupils namely; Sizolwethu Maphanga from Nazarene High School and Kholiwe Dlamini from Nyetane High School both came back home beaming and raring to share the information they had acquired with their peers.

Speaking during their welcoming press conference held at the ENYC offices this past week, Sizolwethu expressed her excitement on the opportunities that the AGCCI presented and how mind opening the experience has been.

"Computing is too important to be left to men. The African Girls Can Code Initiative aims at bridging the technological divide by providing tangible programmes that will increase our access to modern technology. From my experience there, I learnt that girls are as important as the males and that we can still do what they can do."

Coding is something that can develop our very own Kingdom of Eswatini because technology has taken the world by storm, said Sizolwethu Maphanga.

Maphanga also won the competition on doing the "African Girls Can Code Initiative" logo.

During the twelve day conference, the girls were capacitated on digital literacy, coding, personal development skills, all of which are drivers to sparking an interest in ICT as an early career choice and allowing the African girls to benefit from the global digital boom.

"The skills and information that I have acquired have inspired me on entrepreneurship since my interests are in arts."

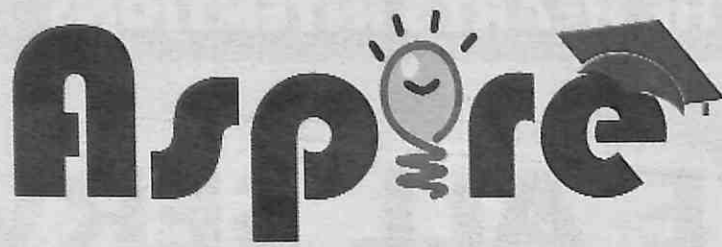
This programme will go a long way in creating market opportunities and career growth not only for myself but also for other Youth of Eswatini since we are the Ambassadors of the "African Girls Can Code Initiative".

I was empowered on sewing and learnt how we can express ourselves through clothing and how we as young girls in the region can make extra money from it.

We have to learn to think outside the box as young people in this country if we truly want to take our nation to the next level," said Kholiwe.

Present during the press conference was the Under Secretary (US) Nhlanhla Motsa of the Ministry of Sports, Youth and Culture who represented the Principal Secretary, the CEO of Eswatini National Youth Council, the President of ICT Teachers Association, Parents and Teachers of the two pupils who participated at the AGCCI. The two Emaswati girls formed part of 120 other girls and young women between the ages 18 – 20 years selected from across the African Union member states.

Of important note is that learning to code is needed because 90 per cent of future jobs will require ICT skills and numerous jobs new jobs will be created in the computer, mathematical, architecture and engineering fields. So if the African girls (including our Swazi girls) and women are part of the fast growing sectors in the future job market, they need to be able to develop the ICT skills needed and the African Girls Can Code Initiative addresses that need.



# A Youth Section On Youth Issues By The Youth

## YOUNG EMASWATI GIRLS ARE THE FUTURE AS...

# AFRICAN UNION EMPOWERS TWO EMASWATI PUPILS ON CODING



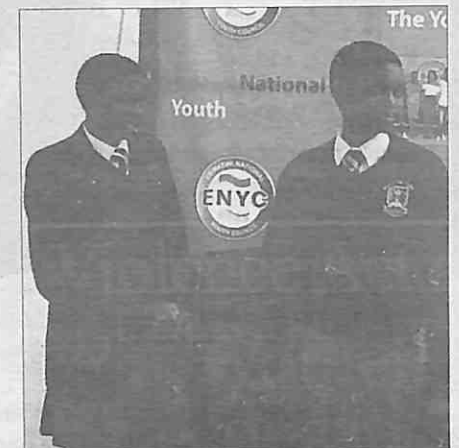
*The two pupils Sizolwethu Maphanga and Kholiwe Dlamini with Under Secretary of the Ministry of Sports, Youth and Culture Nhlanhla Motsa as well as Eswatini National Youth Council (ENYC) CEO Makhosami Dlamini. This was during the press-conference held upon their return from the 'African Girls Can Code Initiative' camp which was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. (Pics Sibusiso Dlamini)*



*Kholiwe Dlamini demonstrating her product.*



*The two girls displaying their certificates and goodie bags they received in Ethiopia.*



*Sizolwethu Maphanga explaining the winning logo she designed for the AGCCI.*

## ...Let's allow young people to be themselves – Ministry

**T**he ministry of sports, youth and cultural affairs has urged the nation to allow young people to be themselves in order to think outside the box and come with means of developing the Nation.

The ministry said this during the welcoming press conference of the two students who had attended the "African Girls Can Code Initiative" in Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia.

"If there's something

about young people, you need to allow them, to be themselves. They flourish when you allow them to be innovative, and use their talents in whatever they do. Now, let us not judge them, but instead let us help them and give them an ear when they share ideas with us.

This goes to parents and every citizen of this nation. Young people are the future of this country, and until we learn to support and take them seriously in their endeavours, then, then we are stalling our progress as a nation," he said.

Motsa words were echoed by ENYC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Makhosami Dlamini.

"As a council, we are trying our very best to get to young people and get to understand their language."

We want them to be free, share their ideas, so we help them execute them. A young person's dream is diminished the moment you don't take them seriously, so we have to show that we care and know what their potential is. This is why they will continue levelling the ground for the Youth of Eswatini to flourish in their talents," he said.

**President of ICT Teachers Association  
Sphelele Mndzebele was also in attendance during the event.**



## THE HEART'S INTENTIONS



With Mukelo Tembe

# WE ALL SERVE TIME FOR THE THINGS WE'VE DONE

**M**oral of today's story - we can't and we don't get away with the things we've done in our lives, the bad things in particular.

We run until we can catch. Punished, sentenced or even revenged upon. Its life - a constant cycle of everything and anything.

Hey! Am I the only one who feels like the good stuff don't come after us as much as the bad (laughs) it's ridiculous really. What happened to fairness? But then again life isn't fair and that's a pill we need to swallow.

We get what we give and karma is really what they said it is. Karma is a mirror. The tricky part is when we serve time when our intentions were good.

Think about it. You might hurt someone without meaning any harm but the fact that the next person gets affected, somehow it comes back. I mean. What are we meant to do? We can only do and understand to a certain extent.

Serving time is like paying back for all your actions, there's no escaping. You can pay time when you build up walls because you're tired of people throwing stones and dirt on you.

You can serve time by isolating and disconnecting from everyone around you because people are 'narcissist' basically. It's every man for himself out there. So when prisoners go to jail. That's where everything comes back.

Every second of every crime and action, thought through or not, intentional or unintentional.

Whether it was during a difficult time in their lives or it was a way of letting out 'stress/frustration'.

Every action has its consequences. And when you serve time that's when you understand and feel what you once did to someone else. There is no life in prison. There is no life when all you can see is walls. No sun, no love, so smiles, no air, no water and nature. So when it comes down to serve time. Serve it.

Don't be a coward. Face it. Look at your fears and give them a wink. I can never stress enough how life is just a learning curve. You can be the nicest person on earth and people will still treat you like dirt. You can be innocent and still get arrested if proper planning to frame you works. Honestly everyone was born pure, but then we choose to sin. Life changes people.

Serving time, for your heart and soul is love based, on another level. It brings you lessons for personal growth and will constantly do so until you learn. Everything gets sorted subconsciously. So in-case you're

reading this and you're feeling like things are falling apart or you're feel like you're being punished.

Then maybe you're right but I'm going to need you to be brave. I want to assume that you're not in denial about things and you don't spend time pointing fingers at others. I'll assume you're man/woman enough to point a finger at yourself.

In as much as you won't need a constant reminder from those around because yes, that will tick you off and make you rebellious and savage. You have to acknowledge the serving period with a clear, bold and full heart. The only validation you'll need is validation from yourself. On that note, a lesson is learned from. You do it more than once, it's a choice.

## ...WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL ALIVE?

Dreams are all we live for. Those things we imagine and smile upon when no one is watching. Honestly and truly speaking with the future that is unknown all we have left are those thoughts and wishes that give us hope to push through the next day.

It's those conversations we opt to have with our own selves because if you were to speak out loud for someone to hear that person would think you are delusional and completely out of your mind for even thinking that.

It's those things that fill our hearts with so much pure, gentle, warm, fuzzy feeling inside that you want to share with the world but you really can't because the world takes away the most beautiful things.

Dreams that fuel keep us going. Our hopes and destinations are defined by what makes us feel alive.

You're dead when you're whole

fall apart into tiny pieces but you rise again when you pick up those pieces put them back together like nothing happened.

Dreams come in the form of people. God stops our entire world so we can listen when He speaks. I will tell you what makes you feel alive. Your pain, your heart skipping when you see the one that carries it, your body shaking when you're feeling cold, compassion when you complain about walking a long distance when you see someone with no legs, joy when someone loves you more than you love yourself. Ambition when seeing the things you want to have but currently don't have. That throbbing feeling when someone says the most hurtful things to you that will last for as long as you will remember. The things that hurt but don't hurt you anymore, you get me?

The sound of someone's heartbeat when you lay on their chest, the calmness of the rain when it pours gently and hits the ground, the sound of your own heart beat after a shock and the songs you listen to when you all by yourself and feel absolutely complete.

I knew I was alive because I could feel the pain. I knew I was alive because I could feel the love, the cold, the peace. I'm alive because I can feel deeply. You're alive because you're reading this and you feel like you can relate. If you can still see yourself at a place further from where you are now you're alive and I'm here to tell you to stop at nothing. No amount of heart aches, deaths, failed attempts, disappointments should stop you from doing the things that make you feel alive. If we don't fight for our dreams then what's the point.

I pray that you are encouraged that all you have faced in your life is a phase. I pray that you find comfort in the fact that everything works itself out for the good and that the sun sets before it shines. I pray that you let your heart lead you and not the words of others who don't even know half of who you are. I pray that you do what makes you feel



alive as we know our lives here are not forever.

I wish you give and take love, peace and happiness even where it is not deserved. I wish you forgive yourself for ever disturbing your soul.

I hope you do what makes you feel alive and brave twice as hard each time. I hope you challenge yourself to maintain a peace of mind and sanity.

You are the person that someone is praying for. There is a blessing and a miracle in you that is meant to touch a life. For that reason I hope you don't give up on life, love and dreams.

I hope that every time it crosses your mind you stand up and give it another shot with an even better you. Most of all, I hope you learn to endure and not lose yourself in the process.



## ...Thugger drops 'On The Rvn'

**Y**oung Thug has just hit us with his best solo offering of 2018 titled 'On The Rvn'.

The project, which was supposedly conceptualised earlier this month after a warrant was issued for his arrest in DeKalb County, Georgia, comes on the heels of last month's compilation tape, 'Slime Language'. Comprised of six tightly-constructed songs, half of which are produced by Thug's fan-favourite producer, London On Da Track, this EP is being applauded as a return to form. However, this isn't merely Thug going back to the basics. Rather, it's a stark reminder of Thug's versatility and the chameleon-like way in which he embodies and subsequently sheds his influences.

Where last year's Beautiful Thugger Girls sat comfortably ahead of the curve, blending acoustic, trap and R&B leaning production into a futuristic album about love, this EP is a more concerted effort in reminding the public of how far his song-writing has come. 'On the Rvn' is Thug's first successful attempt at seamlessly bridging old and new vibes. Over the last half-decade, Thug's flows and delivery have become more tangible. Having recently gone on an Instagram rant about being the 'drip god,' it's clear that Thug feels underappreciated these days. 'On the Rvn', 'Icey' and 'Real In My Veins' all deal with Thug's role in shaping the current landscape of rap.

The production on this 23-minute effort is uniformly great. While London typically embodies a comfortable terrain for Thug to navigate, his contributions to 'On the Rvn' are decidedly more experimental. On the intro, he repurposes his trademark siren to great cinematic effect, creating a whimsical backdrop for Thug to light-heartedly thumb his nose at the law. 'Climax', a stirring ode to moving on, sees London melding his acoustic guitars with an inspired sample of Shiloh Dynasty's 'Losing Interest', with Thug animatedly beatboxing underneath. 'Icey' and 'Sin', produced by Weezy and London, respectively, are strip-club ready bangers that sound like two sides of the same coin; one is bright and bubbly, the other dark and sinister. Supah Mario, a long-time secret weapon of the YSL camp, one whose commercial run is imminent, stops by to create a rattling backdrop for Thug's defiant performance on 'Real In My Veins'. But it's newcomer Stelio Philo who runs away with the best beat of the bunch.

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

**G**reetings dear readers and a very warm welcome once again to your favourite entertainment column on the land.

Let me not waste much of your time and just get to business. There's been too much good music of late and I'm just so excited I want to get straight to it;

In 2014, Lil Wayne said he intended to retire after releasing his 12th studio album titled 'Tha Carter V'. Rappers have always struggled with committing to retirement, but after dedicating 20 years to the craft, Wayne appeared serious and of course this was bad for the fans.

The possibility of one more Carter installment as Wayne's final album was an enticing offer that couldn't go to pass. He was no longer in his prime, but there was enough fire in his belly to see him enter the ring once more. Again, who could question his prowess? Even after Muhammad Ali lost his killer instinct, it was still worth seeing him throw another punch because he was just a natural.

Wayne's plans of leaving rap alone were cancelled. By now, we all know what happened with Birdman and Cash Money Records. For the last four years, Wayne has fought for the money he was owed and the album he wished to release.

The battle had been ongoing for so long there seemed to be no end in sight. In the throes of a multi-million dollar lawsuit is no place for an album. To the surprise of many, the drama with 'Tha Carter V' kept Wayne's grand goodbye relevant. Even after a string of improved yet imbalanced mixtapes, he still

had the world waiting in bated breath.

Well, the wait is finally over.

Lil Wayne finally shared the project that cost him more than any amount of money could ever replace.

It's impossible to know how much the album has changed since the initial version was ready for retail four years ago. It's clear that during the process of regaining his artistic freedom, Wayne spent time fine tuning and updating.

The one thing I had imagined being the biggest tragedy of all was the album sounds

like 2014 – and he made sure that he didn't even work with youngsters in his project such as the late XXXtention as well as Travis Scott.

In this album he talks about the troubles he has had, what it costs and meant and of course, reminds the game of the things he invented.

To enjoy the album, the rules are simple: no skipping, no fast-forwarding, no rewinding, and no stopping. Each song has its own unique message. It's Weezy F. Baby and you know what the F is for!

## ISTAYELA SYALAHLELA

# WEEZY FINALLY DROPS 'THA CARTER V'



## 6LACK DROPS 'EAST ATLANTA LOVE LETTER'

**A**while after his cult following boycotted for 6lack (pronounced 'Black') to release a body of work, the singer-rapper heeded the calls and dropped off 'East Atlanta Love Letter'.

Leading up to the release of the album, 6lack took to the theme of the album and laid a few shocking facts bare about his recent struggles after his 2016 debut, 'FREE 6LACK'.

First of all, we can all agree that it came as a shock to everyone when he revealed that he was signed to Flo Rida. Secondly, we can all side-eye the Miami pop-rapper for not paying 6lack a dime since he was signed to him, as it is alleged.

After his appearance on Joe Budden's premiere YouTube talk show 'Pull Up', we knew more about the 6lack we heard on his latest drop. He opens up his account with 'Unfair', where he lays out his ethos as the connoisseur of the conditions of the heart. He laments on topics that are reflective more than anything. The fact that he has to deal with bedding different women on tour is more of an issue with the self than, say, racism and the exclusion of women in topics of power. As vague as those lines were



is a common occurrence throughout the project. For the marketing campaign he went on, airing out people like Flo Rida, who must have contributed to his personal struggles, we expected more honesty – communication. Alas, on a sonic perspective, he does reach a new level. Songs to look out for, which are crowd favourites are the title track featuring 'Future'.

Switch also has a very catchy hook, something that will draw a lot of fans in. With this album, he has placed himself in a position in the game where he is amongst the best singers-rappers, and even greats such as LeBron James have given him shout-outs!





# SUNDAYOBSERVER WORLD NEWS

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## WHO revises DRC Ebola risk to 'very high'

**K**INSHASA - The World Health Organisation announced it had revised its Ebola risk assessment in the Democratic Republic of Congo from high to "very high".

The WHO cited transport links and population movements as potential risk factors in offering its latest assessment while stressing that the global risk remained low.

"As the risk of national and regional spread is very high, it is important for neighbouring provinces and countries to enhance surveillance and preparedness activities."

"WHO will continue to work with neighbouring countries and partners to ensure health authorities are alerted and are operationally ready to respond," the body stated.

On Tuesday, the WHO's Deputy Director General for Emergency Preparedness and Response Peter Salama warned that neighbouring Uganda faced an "imminent" Ebola threat following a case in a border town near Lake Albert.

DRC's tenth Ebola outbreak since the first known case in 1976 came on August 1 in a highly restive northeastern region home to a clutch of armed groups near the border with Uganda, Rwanda and South Sudan.

The latest outbreak has killed 101 people, according to a latest WHO tally. **AFP**



Brazil's presidential hopeful  
Jair Bolsonaro.

## Man who attacked presidential hopeful Bolsonaro acted alone

**B**RASILIA - Adelio Bispo de Oliveira, the man who stabbed Brazil's presidential hopeful Jair Bolsonaro on the campaign trail, acted alone in a premeditated political attack, police said on Friday.

"There is no doubt that the motive for Mr Adelio's attack was his political opposition to ideas favoured by candidate Bolsonaro," federal police spokesperson Rodrigo Moraes Fernandes told reporters in Brasilia.

Bolsonaro - a former army captain accused by critics of racism, sexism and homophobia - has been absent from the campaign trail as he recovers in hospital after being stabbed earlier this month. The stabbing was the latest in a series of bizarre twists in the election, from which the most popular candidate - Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva - has been barred as he serves a jail sentence for bribery.

Fernando Haddad has seen his popularity soar since he was officially named by the Workers' Party as the replacement candidate for Lula.

In third place at the moment is centre-left candidate Ciro Gomes. **AFP**



## TSUNAMI HITS BEACH PARTY

### ...Death toll rises in Indonesia tsunami-quake

**P**ALU - Nearly 400 people were killed when a powerful quake sent a tsunami barreling into the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, officials said yesterday, as hospitals struggled to cope with hundreds of injured and rescuers scrambled to reach the stricken region.

The national disaster agency put the official death toll so far at 384, all of them in the tsunami-struck city of Palu, but warned the toll was likely to rise.

Some 540 people were badly injured, it added. In the city -- home to around 350 000 people -- partially covered bodies lay on the ground near the shore, the day after tsunami waves 1.5 metres (five feet) came ashore.

There were also concerns over the whereabouts of hundreds of people preparing for a beach festival that had been due to start on Friday evening, the disaster agency said.

Hospitals were overwhelmed by the influx of injured, with many people being treated in the open air, while other survivors helped to retrieve

the remains of those who died.

One man was seen carrying the muddy corpse of a small child.

The tsunami was triggered by a strong quake that brought down buildings and sent locals fleeing for higher ground as a churning wall of water crashed into Palu, where there were widespread power blackouts.

#### Captured

Dramatic video footage captured from the top floor of a parking ramp in Palu, nearly 80 kilometres (50 miles) from the quake's epicentre, showed waves bring down several buildings and inundate a large mosque.

"I just ran when I saw the waves hitting homes on the coastline," said Palu resident Rusdianto, who like many Indonesians, goes by one name.

The shallow 7.5 magnitude tremor was more powerful than a series of quakes that killed hundreds on the Indonesian island of Lombok in July and August. **AFP**

## Bowing to pressure, Trump agrees to FBI probe of Kavanaugh

**W**ASHINGTON - Reversing course, President Donald Trump bowed to Democrats' demands on Friday for a deeper FBI investigation of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh after Republican Sen. Jeff Flake balked at voting for confirmation without it -- a sudden turn that left Senate approval newly uncertain, amid allegations of sexual assault.

Kavanaugh's nomination had appeared back on track earlier on Friday when he cleared a key hurdle at the Senate Judiciary Committee. But that advance came with an asterisk.

Flake indicated he would take the next steps -- leading to full Senate approval -- only after the further background probe, and there were suggestions that other moderate Republicans might join his revolt.

The abrupt developments gave senators, the White House and millions of Americans following the drama at home, hardly a chance to catch their breath after Thursday's emotional Senate hearing featuring Kavanaugh angrily defending himself and accuser Christine Blasey Ford determinedly insisting he assaulted her when they were teens. Emotions were still running high on Friday,



Brett Kavanaugh.

and protesters confronted senators in the halls.

"The country is being ripped apart here," said Flake. After he took his stance, Republican leaders had little choice but to slow their rush to confirm Kavanaugh, whom they had hoped to have in place shortly after the new court term begins tomorrow.

Trump quietly followed suit, though he had vigorously resisted asking the FBI to probe the allegations of sexual misconduct by Kavanaugh, now being raised by three women. **AP**

## Remove illegal sanctions against Zim - Mnangagwa

**N**EW YORK - Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa has reportedly urged the west to lift sanctions against his country while the United States government continued to set stringent terms for their removal.

According to Daily News, speaking at the United Nations General Assembly in New York this week, Mnangagwa described the ongoing sanctions against his country as "illegal".

Mnangagwa was a former Robert Mugabe enforcer, but he now styled himself as a reformer, saying his country looked forward to playing a role as a "responsible member of the family of nations".

Mnangagwa called for the immediate, unconditional removal of "continued illegal sanctions" as he badly needed foreign investment in Zimbabwe's long-collapsed economy, reported **AP. AFP**

## BRIEFS

### Minister Clark optimistic of Brexit deal

**LONDON** - British Business Secretary Greg Clark said yesterday there were grounds for optimism that Britain would strike a Brexit deal with the European Union days after Prime Minister Theresa May said talks were at an impasse. EU leaders have dismissed May's proposals which many of her own lawmakers have heavily criticised. She has repeatedly said no deal would be better than a bad deal. "Of course we want a deal," Clark told BBC radio. "No one should be under any illusion that the prime minister and our negotiating team are absolutely determined..." **AFP**

### Clashes leave 11 dead

**LAGOS** - A gunfight broke out near the central Nigeria city of Jos, killing 11 people and sparking outbreaks of violence across the city, an army spokesman said on Friday. The violence started late on Thursday evening on the outskirts of Jos, army spokesman Major Umar Adam told **AFP**. "Eleven are confirmed dead and several others injured, I can't say how many," Adam said. "Today (Friday) some youths blocked the road along Rukuba and attacked passers-by," Adam said, adding that "many people were injured". "The situation now is relatively calm. Patrols have been intensified to ensure there is no breakdown of law and order," he added. **AFP**

### Facebook accounts breached

**SAN FRANCISCO** - Facebook announced on Friday that up to 50-million accounts were breached in a security flaw exploited by hackers. The large social network said it learned this week of the attack that allowed hackers to steal "access tokens," the equivalent of digital keys that enable them to access their accounts. "It's clear that attackers exploited a vulnerability in Facebook's code," Vice President of Product Management Guy Rosen said in a blog post. "We've fixed the vulnerability and informed law enforcement." Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg said engineers discovered the breach on Tuesday, and patched it on Thursday night. **AFP**

### Melania Trump heading to Africa

**NEW YORK** - When Melania Trump flies to Africa next week on her first extended international journey without the president, she'll be following in the footsteps of her recent predecessors. First ladies before Mrs. Trump performed numerous roles on their trips to the vast continent, but mostly sought to foster goodwill toward the United States. Some made the trip to check on the status of US assistance programmes or announce new funding. Some played tourists, or brought their children along for the cultural experience. The current first lady leaves tomorrow on a weeklong trip to Ghana, Malawi, Kenya and Egypt, travelling only with members of her staff and a pool of journalists. **AP**

### 'Turbulence in ties threatens US'

**BEIJING** - A key diplomatic and security meeting between China and the United States next month may not take place due to tensions in relations, sources briefed on the matter said, potentially the latest casualty of worsening ties. Beijing and Washington are locked in a spiraling trade war that has seen them level increasingly severe rounds of tariffs on each other's imports. Friction between the world's top two economies is now moving beyond trade, with US President Donald Trump accusing Beijing this week of seeking to interfere in congressional elections, marking what US officials told Reuters was a new phase in an escalating campaign by Washington to put pressure on China. **Reuters**



# UK PRIME MINISTER BACKS JOINT UK - IRELAND SWC BID IN 2030

**L**ONDON - British Prime Minister Theresa May signalled her "full support" on Friday for a potential joint bid by the United Kingdom and Ireland to host the 2030 Soccer World Cup.

May's comments serve up a formidable challenge to a Latin American plan that Argentina agreed with Paraguay and Uruguay in April.

England's fans have been riding a wave of patriotic jubilation since their young team beat the odds to reach the semi-finals of the June-July tournament played in Russia.

But the biggest event in the world's most popular sport is being expanded from 32 to 48 teams starting with the next edition in Qatar in 2022.

The change means that even countries with ample infrastructure may struggle to cope with the weight of pulling off the massively followed competition on their own.

The 2026 tournament was awarded to a 'United' bid; the United States presented with Mexico and Canada.

The rights for the 2030 World Cup are still up for grabs - and the five football associations within the United Kingdom and Ireland have been plotting a joint bid of their own.

May said her support for 2030 stemmed in part from the adulation England received for their performance in Russia. "Following the excitement of this sum-



British Prime Minister Theresa May.

mer's World Cup, the English FA are working together with the FAs of Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Ireland to explore whether there could be a joint bid to host the 2030 World Cup," May said. "The decision on whether to bid is, of course, for the Football Associations to make. But if they decide to go forward, they can count on this government's full support."

England's Russia campaign ended with a 2-1 extra-time loss to Croatia in a game they led until the closing minutes of normal time.

Coach Gareth Southgate thinks the team still have room to grow and should

be setting themselves the target of bringing the World Cup trophy home from Qatar.

How any of the teams perform in 2030 is a matter of pure conjecture because nations will have a new generation of stars by that point.

Yet what is certain is that the cost of staging a World Cup will be substantial - and possibly more than any one country can reasonably afford.

Russia is believed to have spent a record \$13.5 billion.

Much of that money went into giving some of the 11 host cities their biggest makeovers since the Soviet Union's collapse in 1991.

A joint UK-Ireland bid would not have to invest as much in basic infrastructure such as stadiums or airports and hotels.

Yet World Cup costs had been rising even before the 48-team expansion and the governing body FIFA is keen to keep the games economically viable for the hosts.

AFP



Andy Murray.

## 'Very sorry' Murray ends season after suffering ankle injury

**B**EIJING - Former world number one Andy Murray has brought his season to a premature end, pulling out of the China Open in Beijing after reaching the quarter-finals at the Shenzhen Open.

The 31-year-old Briton is battling to regain top form and fitness following hip surgery in January but British media, including the BBC, said that he has suffered a minor ankle problem.

Murray was not included when the China Open draw was made yesterday and also absent was world number three Novak Djokovic, who was offered a wildcard.

The China Open - which begins this weekend - has been hit by several high-profile pull-outs with Rafael Nadal not involved because of injury, Roger Federer saving himself for Shanghai and Serena Williams all absent. Murray, ranked 311 in the world, previously said that Beijing would be his final tournament this season and he is carefully managing his schedule following his operation

in order to get the most out of his creaking body. He was beaten 6-4, 6-4 on Friday in Shenzhen by Spanish veteran Fernando Verdasco, although he defeated world number 11 David Goffin in the last 16 for the best win since his comeback.

Murray, a three-time Grand Slam title winner, will spend the winter working himself back to the sort of fitness levels that saw him capture nine titles in a stellar 2016 campaign, including his second Wimbledon crown and another Olympic gold.

"It was another three matches, which is positive," said Murray after defeat to Verdasco.

"But obviously I want to play better than that, I have higher ambitions than losing in the quarter-finals. I want to try to be better in these events."

"I need to spend more time on the practice court and the gym so that I'm more robust and physically in better shape."

Juan Martin del Potro, the top seed in Beijing, will play Albert Ramos in his opener. AFP

## Hertha stun Bayern for first win in nine years

**B**ERLIN - Hertha Berlin midfielder Ondrej Duda scored his fifth goal in as many league games on Friday as Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich suffered a shock 2-0 away defeat.

Berlin were deservedly 2-0 up at half-time at the sold-out Olympic Stadium in front of 74 669 fans, stunning Bayern thanks to a Vedad Ibisevic penalty before Slovakia's Duda, the league's top-scorer, added a stunning second.

"It's not every day that you get a win over Bayern," said Hertha captain Ibisevic, whose side are now level with Bayern on 13 points at the top of the table.

"The key was that we believed and the guys ran themselves into the ground."

Niko Kovac suffered his first defeat in nine games as Bayern's head coach.

"They shouldn't have happened," he fumed after Bayern made many mistakes, especially in the first half.

"We shouldn't start talking badly about everything now - anyone who knows Bayern knows we won't put up with that". The defeat came at Kovac's old club and at the worst possible time with a Champions League game at home against Ajax looming on Tuesday.

Hertha coach Pal Dardai celebrated his first win over Bayern - the club's first victory against Munich since 2009 and at the 15th attempt. AFP

## CR7 lawyer dismisses rape allegations, threatens German magazine

**M**ILAN - Cristiano Ronaldo's lawyers will reportedly take legal action a German magazine after they published accusations made by an American saying she was raped by the player.

According to Daily Mirror, Ronaldo was on holiday in Las Vegas in 2009 with his cousin and brother-in-law when he met the model.

Reports claim Ronaldo allegedly paid the model £287 000 as an out-of-court settlement, which contracted not to mention her claims.

However, the player's lawyers will now seek legal action against German publication Der Spiegel over the allegations, seeking compensation for moral damages.

Ronaldo's lawyer, Schertz

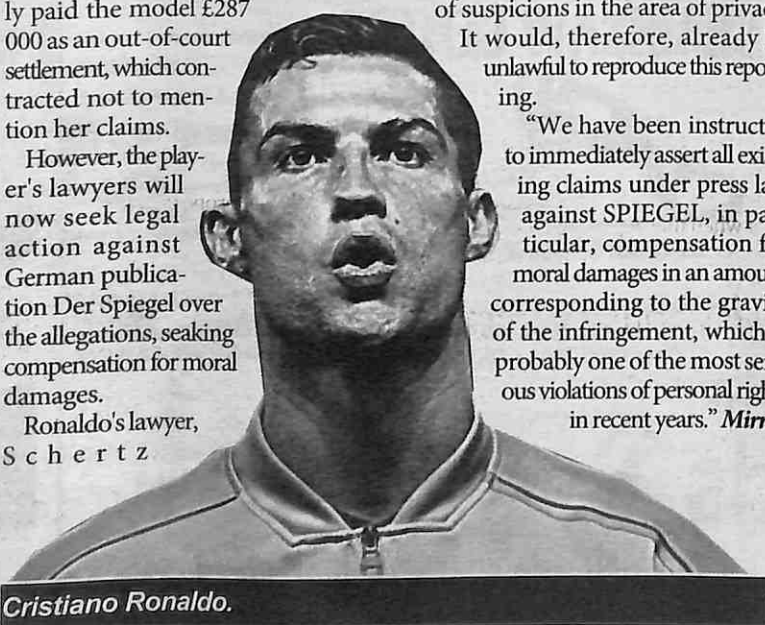
Bergmann Rechtsanwälte, has since issued a statement denying the model's rape claim.

"The reporting in SPIEGEL is blatantly illegal. It violates the personal rights of our client Cristiano Ronaldo in an exceptionally serious way," The statement read, according to Daily Mail.

### Reporting

"This is an inadmissible reporting of suspicions in the area of privacy. It would, therefore, already be unlawful to reproduce this reporting."

"We have been instructed to immediately assert all existing claims under press law against SPIEGEL, in particular, compensation for moral damages in an amount corresponding to the gravity of the infringement, which is probably one of the most serious violations of personal rights in recent years." *Mirror*



Cristiano Ronaldo.

## Europe in command in third Ryder Cup session

**S**AINTE-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES - Rory Mclroy and Sergio Garcia laid the foundations for a dominant start by Europe to yesterday's Ryder Cup morning fourballs as the hosts sought to increase their 5-3 overnight advantage against the United States.

Mclroy, who struggled mightily in Friday's fourballs, looked far more like the four-time major champion as he reeled off four birdies on the front nine alongside Garcia to take a 4-up lead over Brooks Koepka and Tony Finau.

Englishman Paul Casey was equally impressive, if not more so, in the second fourballs, racking up five birdies on the opening six holes as he and Tyrrell Hatton charged 2-up ahead of Dustin Johnson and Rickie Fowler.

Tommy Fleetwood, the first European rookie to win two points on the first day of a Ryder Cup since Garcia in 1999, reprised his

successful partnership with British Open champion Francesco Molinari.

The pair were all square through 10 with Tiger Woods and a misfiring Patrick Reed at the turn, the latter finding the water as well as the gallery on a nightmare front nine for the reigning Masters champion.

The Europeans pulled two clear but Woods clawed a hole back at the 7th, pumping his fist in animated fashion, before levelling the contest with another birdie just after the turn.

Ian Poulter and Jon Rahm were all square with Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas through nine.

Rahm plonked his ball into the water on the first two holes, but Poulter led the fightback with a birdie on seven to put Europe 1-up in the anchor match only for Spieth to answer back on the eighth.

The US have not rallied to win from a first-day deficit since 1999, when they trailed 6-2 at the 'Battle of Brookline' in Massachusetts.

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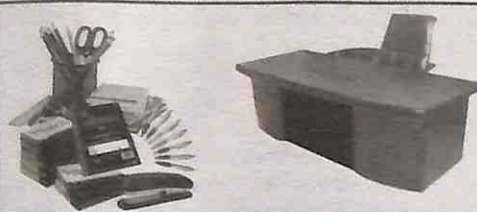
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## Man United face 'big decisions' after Hammer blow

**L**ONDON - Former Manchester United defender Rio Ferdinand said the club faced some "big decisions" over Manager Jose Mourinho's future after a damaging 3-1 loss away to West Ham yesterday.

United's third defeat in seven Premier League games left them eight points behind leaders Liverpool and three adrift of the top four, with Mourinho's men now having played one game more than the teams above them in the table.

"As a footballer your DNA is about hard work and effort," said Ferdinand, now a pundit with BT Sport.

"I didn't see that today," added the former England centre-half, who began his career at West Ham.

"I didn't see them make two or three passes in succession - that's criminal.

"I don't see enough players working hard to say to the manager 'this is my place in the team'. You've got to work hard and grind and Man Utd didn't." And a concerned Ferdinand insisted: "There are some big decisions to be made at United now. There will be conversations at the top level, about the future of the manager and the squad, because the basics are not being done. There has to be something said."

United were behind as early as the fifth minute at the London Stadium when Anderson opened the scoring for West Ham.

Daily Mail



Manchester United Manager Jose Mourinho and midfielder Paul Pogba.

## 'Pogba was never my vice-captain'

**M**ANCHESTER - Manchester United Manager Jose Mourinho has denied that midfielder Paul Pogba, with whom he has reportedly fallen out, was ever his official vice-captain.

Following comments from Pogba which appeared to criticise Mourinho's tactics, the Portuguese manager announced that he was no longer going to captain Manchester United in the absence of regular skipper Antonio Valencia.

A frosty exchange between Mourinho and the French midfielder was filmed during Manchester United training this week. However, the former Chelsea boss has repeatedly played down reports of a falling out between himself and Pogba.

On taking away the captain's armband from the World Cup-winner, the 55-year-old was quoted by Sky Sports as saying: "Paul was not the vice-captain."

"We had Valencia as the captain and then we had a group of players that could be the vice-captain - one day I gave it to David de Gea, I gave it to Ashley Young, to Chris Smalling."

"I first thought about Paul last season, because (he is) a player of a different generation, younger player, the captain of the future."

AP



West Ham stormed to a 3-1 win over an abject Manchester United to pile further pressure on Jose Mourinho. (Goal)

# WEST HAM PILE ON THE MISERY FOR MAN UTD

**L**ONDON - West Ham stormed to a 3-1 win over an abject Manchester United to pile further pressure on Jose Mourinho.

The United manager selected Paul Pogba from the off following a week-long soap opera at Old Trafford but Felipe Anderson gave West Ham an early lead with his first Premier League goal.

Things rarely picked up after that setback as Victor Lindelof deflected in Andriy Yarmolenko's shot to double the advantage for Manuel Pellegrini's team two minutes before half-time.

Marko Arnautovic sealed the points after Marcus Rashford briefly gave the visitors hope, although more uncomfortable questions await Mourinho, who omitted Alexis Sanchez, Jesse Lingard and captain Antonio Valencia from his matchday squad.

A United line-up that looked cautious on paper started in tepid fashion and they were behind in the fifth minute - Anderson's impudent backheel finish coming after Mark Noble released Pablo Zabaleta down the right. The Brazilian's defensive work left a little more to be desired and he left

Arthur Masuaku isolated when Ashley Young roved down the West Ham left, crossing for Romelu Lukaku to head against the post.

Masuaku was a touch fortunate not to be penalised for a shove on Scott McTominay in the area and Mourinho's frustrations were compounded when Yarmolenko's strike took a wicked deflection off Victor Lindelof, leaving David de Gea with no chance.

After the break, substitute Rashford played in Young to deliver another delightful cross that Marouane Fellaini met at the back post - forcing Lukasz Fabianski into the save of the match.

A sliding Arnautovic almost converted Anderson's pass before the home faithful greeted Pogba's withdrawal in the pantomime style.

When play restarted, Rashford cleverly converted from Luke Shaw's corner but Noble picked out the yawning gap between Chris Smalling and McTominay in the United defence and Arnautovic coolly finished the job 16 minutes from time.

Goal

## 'I'd lock myself in my room if I made a mistake'

**L**IVERPOOL - The moment Alisson Becker knew was coming is met with a telling laugh. Liverpool's new goalkeeper has been holding court in a private box overlooking Anfield's pitch, talking about his journey to this exalted position, when the narrative changes.

It is time to discuss Leicester City. Or, more accurately, it is time to discuss the incident when he tried to copy Johan Cruyff in his own penalty area but succeeded only in falling over his feet and giving away a calamitous goal.

These are the occasions when you get an insight into a player's character. For some, it would be off-limits, with all inquisitions batted away.

Alisson, though, is different and over the course of the next five minutes, it becomes apparent the season's highest profile mistake has not left any mark.

"I've locked myself in my room in the past but I don't do that anymore!" he says. "I am more mature today so I deal better with the mistakes than the many times when I locked

myself away and wanted to be alone. But if you look at my history, I'm not somebody who makes many mistakes.

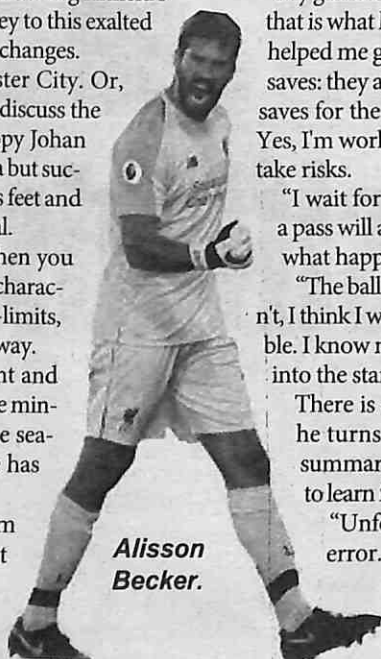
"My game is characterised by consistency and that is what has brought me to Liverpool and helped me grow and develop. I make simple saves: they are not to show off or Hollywood saves for the camera. I like to keep it simple. Yes, I'm working on playing with my feet so I take risks."

"I wait for options, hoping that a space for a pass will appear at the last moment. That's what happened at the Leicester game."

"The ball held up in the grass and, if it hadn't, I think I would have made a successful dribble. I know now I should have kicked the ball into the stands."

There is another smile as, unexpectedly, he turns to philosophy to conclude his summary. "The secret of the wise man is to learn from the errors of others," he says.

"Unfortunately at Leicester, it was my error. I do take some risks and leave it late to play the ball but I'll stop taking these risks in the Premier League because of the different style of play." *Daily Mail*



Alisson Becker.

## Guardiola warns City stars of social media dangers

**M**ANCHESTER - Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola claims the rise of social media is a significant threat to the fragile relationship between managers and players.

Jose Mourinho's strained relations with Paul Pogba at Manchester United came under the spotlight again this week after posts placed on Instagram by the controversial France star.

Across Manchester, Guardiola has his own issues with social media and off-field behaviour after admitting he had to remind Benjamin Mendy of his responsibilities when the City defender arrived late for treatment to an injury last Sunday.

Mendy, who has now missed City's last four games, has a bruised metatarsal in his foot, yet the France international posted photographs of himself late last Saturday at Anthony Joshua's title fight at Wembley in London.

Guardiola confirmed he had no problem with Mendy travelling to London for the bout despite his injury.

But the Spaniard is clearly frustrated by Mendy's absence after he missed nearly all of last season with a cruciate knee ligament injury. "I don't know (when he will return). I think soon, but I don't know," Guardiola said. "When a guy comes here and is injured for seven months or arrives here and plays two or three games and after one month is injured, it's always a problem."

"It's always a problem to be involved in the way we want to play and the meetings and correcting mistakes. That's why it's so important. Hopefully this injury can be the last." *AFP*



Eden Hazard.

## Sarri urges 'genius' Hazard to become world's best

**L**ONDON - Maurizio Sarri has hailed Eden Hazard as a "genius", but the Chelsea manager warned the Belgian star to work with even more intensity if he wants to be the world's best player.

Hazard has already scored six goals in seven Chelsea appearances this season, including Wednesday's sublime solo strike to seal a 2-1 win at Liverpool in the League Cup third round.

The 27-year-old's fine form has seen some pundits rank him alongside Barcelona great Lionel Messi and Juventus forward Cristiano Ronaldo.

But Sarri insists Hazard isn't there yet because he can still add another layer to his game by training with even more desire and drive.

"I think that he is for sure one of the best (players in the world), but I am absolutely convinced that he can improve," Sarri told reporters on Friday. "If he's able to improve during training, maybe he will be able to use and serve at 100 per cent. "Because I think that we have seen only 75, 80 per cent of his potential."

"So I think that if he's able to improve he will be the best in the world." *AFP*



# LATE STUNNER SEES LIVERPOOL DENY CHELSEA

**L**ONDON-Daniel Sturridge came back to haunt his former side with a stunning goal as Liverpool claimed a 1-1 draw at Chelsea last evening.

The Reds were looking to get revenge following Wednesday's defeat in the Carabao Cup, and they were boosted by the return of defender Virgil van Dijk.

The game got off to a lively start at the Bridge, although clear-cut chances were hard to come by in the opening 20 minutes of the first half.

The hosts eventually broke the deadlock in the 26th minute, as the in-form Hazard found the back of the net with a clinical left-footed finish into the bottom corner.

Antonio Rudiger came to Chelsea's rescue after 32 minutes as the German defender pulled off a fine goal-line clearance to deny Mohamed Salah an equaliser.

That proved to be the final chance of the half as the home side went into the break leading by the lone goal.

The second half proved to be a fiery



**Eden Hazard races onto Mateo Kovacic's through ball and fires into the bottom corner beyond the grasp of Alisson.**

affair, with both Hazard and second-half substitute Xherdan Shaqiri squandering big chances for their respective sides.

## Header

Blues defender David Luiz did well to keep the visitors at bay in the 75th minute as he well placed to clear Roberto

Firmino's header off the line as the Reds upped the tempo.

Daniel Sturridge eventually secured a point for the Reds in the 88th minute with a super long-range effort from 25-yards out that left Kepa Arrizabalaga with no chance.

*Daily Mail*



**Raheem Sterling slides in at the far post to convert Leroy Sane's cross into the net.**

## Unbeaten Man City cruise to victory

**M**ANCHESTER-Premier League champions Manchester City maintained their unbeaten run this season with a 2-0 victory over Brighton and Hove Albion yesterday afternoon.

The Citizens battled to break down the high-defensive mechanism, but nearly profited with a cross-cum shot from Leroy Sane though Matthew Ryan palmed the effort back to play on 18 minutes.

After constant knocking, the door finally opened for City as a quick counterattack by Sane played in Raheem Sterling at the far post for an easy tap-in on 29 minutes. The goal changed the complexion of the game, at least for Brighton. Sterling waved through the box to get a shot in, but Ryan quickly

stretched his hand to push for a corner just before haltime. The one-way traffic that ended the first half continued well into the second stanza, as Sane looked to get on the act after a cross out wide, but his looping header bounced into the ground into touch. Soon, a cross from Sane found Aguero who shot straight into the defence before David Silva picked up the pieces to draw a jaw-dropping save of Ryan.

God work from Aguero set up Sterling on the left to play in a low cross for the Argentine to tuck home the second quite comfortably on 63 minutes.

That was the last piece of action for the club's all-time leading goal-scorer, as he made way for Gabriel Jesus.

*Daily Mail*



**Ozil wrapped up victory at the Emirates after striking home first time past Ben Foster in the Watford goal.**

## Late goals see Arsenal win again

**L**ONDON-Arsenal clinched their fifth victory in a row in the Premier League after netting two late goals in a 2-0 win over Watford yesterday afternoon.

Watford started the better of the two teams, pressing the Gunners high up the pitch and making it uncomfortable for them to settle in the match.

Alexandre Lacazette should have opened the scoring for Unai Emery's charges in the 16th minute after winning a ball off a defender but struck wide with only goalkeeper Ben Foster to beat.

Despite dominating possession after 35 minutes, Arsenal were not effective in the last third hardly creating clear chances.

The hosts were forced into a substitution on the stroke of haltime after veteran shot-stopper Petr Cech went down with a hamstring and

was replaced by Bernd Leno.

Arsenal were under pressure in the first ten minutes of the second stanza as the Hornets regained their energy of pressing high up the pitch.

## Breakthrough

Andre Gray had a good opportunity to find the breakthrough for the visitors 20 minutes before time after going through on goal and instead of rounding Leno, he rushed his shot and missed the target.

Arsenal eventually took the lead from fortune circumstances nine minutes before time as Alex Iwobi's cross at the near post took a deflection off Craig Cathcart and sailed into the net at Foster's near post.

Mesut Ozil doubled the lead for the Gunners four minutes later as Lacazette turned provider to pick out the German, who calmly slotted home from six-yards to round off another win. *Daily Mail*

## Barca drop points for the third straight game

**B**ARCELONA-FC Barcelona dropped points for the third straight LaLiga game after they could only manage a 1-1 draw against Athletic Bilbao at the Camp Nou.

The Catalan outfit were pushing for a return to winning ways after recording a draw and a loss in their last two league clashes.

Barca dominated the possession statistics as expected, but it was the away side who looked more likely to score as Raul Garcia and Inaki Williams forced Marc-Andre Ter

Stegen into a couple saves in the opening 20 minutes.

Luis Suarez went close to breaking the deadlock after 26 minutes as the Uruguayan forced Unai Simon into a superb save from 14-yards out after some good work by Arturo Vidal.

However, it was Bilbao who broke the deadlock in the 41st minute through Oscar de Marcos, who was left unmarked at the far post to turn

home Susaeta's cross.

With Barca struggling to carve out chances, Messi was eventually introduced in the 55th minute, taking the place of Vidal.

The woodwork led to Barca's frustration after the hour mark, as Philippe Coutinho rattled the crossbar with a volley, while Suarez failed to profit from the rebound.

The equaliser eventually arrived in the 84th minute as Messi turned provider to pick out Munir El Haddadi, who made no mistake from close range.

Barca pushed for a winning goal in the closing stages, but Bilbao managed to hold on for a vital point.

*Goal*



## Kane double lifts Spurs spirits ahead of Barcelona clash

**L**ONDON-Harry Kane rediscovered his scoring touch just in time to face Barcelona with two goals for Tottenham in a routine 2-0 Premier League victory at bottom club Huddersfield.

The England centre-forward has struggled for goals since returning from the World Cup, scoring just once, from a penalty, in his previous six appearances for club and country.

However, he headed in Kieran Trippier's cross in the 25th minute to set Mauricio Pochettino's side on their way, and then added a penalty nine minutes later, when Florent Hadergionaj was punished for tugging Danny Rose's shirt.

The victory, Tottenham's third in

eight days if the midweek defeat of Watford on penalties in the League Cup is included, suggests they are getting back to form as they prepare to host Barcelona in the Champions League at Wembley on Wednesday.

## Spirits

It will have done much to lift club spirits too, given the hamstring injury suffered during the week by midfielder Dele Alli, who is expected to be out for around four weeks, although Spurs have yet to put a timescale on his return. Christian Eriksen was absent too, with the abdominal injury he sustained during last Saturday's 2-1 win at Brighton, although he is hopeful of facing Barcelona.

In any case, Kane's form, allied to

an impressive attacking performance from Lucas Moura, ensured that the absentees were not missed too much. Huddersfield were warned of the danger in the opening 10 minutes, when Christopher Schindler misjudged the bounce of a Davinson Sanchez clearance, allowing Kane to race clear, but goalkeeper Jonas Lossl held his nerve and blocked with his feet. The home side, who could have been behind even earlier than that had Rose not headed just wide from a Trippier cross, did not heed the lesson and were soon behind. Terence Kongolo managed to hold up Lucas's run, injuring himself in the process, but the Brazilian got to his feet and fed Trippier to cross for Kane to head in. *Goal*



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## MATSAPHA UNITED

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Matsapha United's Sihawu Dlamini challenged by Moneni Pirates' Akhona Sibandze during the MTN Premier League match at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. Pirates won 1-0. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



Pirates scoring their lone and winning goal against United.



Pirates' Nhlanhla Nkosi chasing United's Sandile Magongo.



Pirates' Zombodze Dlamini celebrating his goal.



Moneni Pirates players celebrating their goal scored by Zombodze Dlamini.



Moneni Pirates supporters watching the game.

## MNZ WANDERERS

2 - 0 MALANTI CHIEFS



Manzini Wanderers' Mfanufikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze controls the ball while Malanti Chiefs' Thembumenzi Mayisela tries to mark him during the MTN Premier League game at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. Wanderers won 2-0. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



One of Wanderers' scoring chances against Malanti.



Malanti's Sandile Mazibuko being chased by Wanderers' Funukwendzani Gama and Mfanufikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze.



Wanderers players celebrating their second goal.



A jubilant Wanderers fan.



Mfanufikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze (r) celebrating his goal.



The players waving to the supporters after the game.



# MTN Premier League 2018/19

PREVIEWS

## 'MAMBA', 'BIRDS' IN CRUNCH CLASH

COMPILED BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

Green Mamba vs Mbabane Swallows  
Somhlolo National Stadium, 3.30pm

**S**OCCER – Mbabane Swallows have just hit the 51-games unbeaten run, a record surely envied by any team.

Under the tutelage of Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati, the side has re-written the country's football history books and will today face their toughest test when they clash with on-form Correctional Services side Green Mamba.

'Inyok eluhlazana' as the green and white ensemble is affectionately known, have looked very dangerous under former longtime Midas City Coach Caleb Ngwenya and finished third last season – only behind the very Swallows as well as their security forces counterpart Young Buffaloes. The team have looked stronger with each game and grinds the much needed results. Today, the two teams will face-off in a crunch encounter which some have dubbed an early 'possible league decider'.

One cannot even begin to imagine the battle between speedy Mamba forward Musa Dlamini and Sifiso Mabila and Mcolisi Mkhontfo and tough as nails Gabonian left back Stevy-Guevane Nzembe on the left flank. Midfield maestro Xolani

'Papi' Sikhondze has been dishing out man-of-the-matches performances in midfield alongside Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu, who missed the last encounter due to a red card. The team is likely to welcome striker Sandile Hlatjwako, whose combination with Kola Aladeon can be deadly on their best day.

Having started the league on a good run, Green Mamba will be looking to continue on that note. The team is disciplined and keeps their shape with lanky captain Banele 'Makonase' Dlamini always keeping it in check. This match is expected to keep fans on the edges of their seats. Kick-off is 3:30pm.

### GREEN MAMBA

**Coach:** Caleb Ngwenya

**Captain:** Banele 'Makonase' Dlamini

**Key players:** Njabulo Tfwala, Mcolisi Mkhontfo, Khethokuhle Mkhontfo

**Match winner:** Musa Dlamini.

### SWALLOWS

**Coach:** Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati

**Captain:** Tony 'TT' Tsabedze

**Key players:** Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala, Richard McCreesh, Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko

**Match winner:** Aladeon Kola.

Thabo  
'Koki'  
Vilakati.

## 'Bull', 'Downs to settle football prowess

Mbabane Highlanders vs Manzini Sundowns  
Somhlolo National Stadium, 1.30pm

**M**babane Highlanders and Manzini Sundowns interim coaches both made it clear that they will be all out to entertain the fans in this clash. Both teams have great ball players who can literally do anything with the ball on their feet.

Highlanders are likely to be without the burly Vusumuzi Zungu as he is said to be bereaved and is back at home in South Africa. But the combination of skipper Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze and South African forward Thabiso Mokenkoane is likely to yield the desired results for the side. The black and white side will be looking to collect their second maximum points of the season after playing to a stalemate against army side Young Buffaloes during their previous clash. Sundowns have not started well having won only one out of the three games they have played so far in the season.

The 'Kappa Kappa Boys' have, however, proved to link up well, with the new services of hard-working forward Vusumuzi 'Spoko' Mashaba.

The forward has proved to be a capable replacement for the 'Kappa Kappa Boys' following the departure of lanky goal-poacher Melusi Mkhwanazi to police side Royal Leopard.

It will definitely be an interesting match between the two teams. Kick-off is 1:30pm.

### HIGHLANDERS

**Coach:** Bongani Mhlongo

**Captain:** Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze

**Key players:** Vusumuzi Zungu, Vusi Dlamini, Mthobisi Mngometulu

**Match winner:** Thabiso Mokenkoane.

### SUNDOWNS

**Coach:** Charles Manda

**Captain:** Kingu Pemba

**Key players:** Phumlani Dlamini, Frank Antwi, Ndimiso 'Skhokho' Shongwe

**Match winner:** Vusumuzi 'Spoko' Mashaba.

Kingu  
Pemba.

## Royal Leopard seek to continue perfect run

Mbabane Citizens vs Royal Leopard  
Prince of Wales Ground, 3pm

**C**urrent table-toppers Royal Leopard will visit the capital city this afternoon to face newcomers Mbabane Citizens.

Following back-to-back wins in their opening three matches against Malanti Chiefs, Vovovo and Manzini Wanderers, respectively, Leopard have climbed to the top of the standings and will aim to continue their fine run when the two teams meet at the Prince of Wales Ground.

Focus again will be on goal banger Lungelo Tsabedze, who has scored in all matches – actually five in three games, equating to a super 166 percent scoring ratio. Citizens are yet to record a win in elite football and will banking hopes on home ground advantage in this match.

The Humphrey Mlwane-led charges have looked rather jittery and confused, which has resulted in their losses, and they will have to make sure that they work on that before coming out to face a red-hot Royal Leopard outfit.

### CITIZENS

**Coach:** Humphrey Mlwane

**Key players:** Sabelo 'Nyasa' Sangweni, Ayanda Kunene, Andile Sukati

**Captain:** Sizwe Khumalo

**Match winner:** Craig Abraham.

### ROYAL LEOPARD

**Coach:** Edwin Matsebula

**Captain:** Barry Steenkamp

**Key players:** Junior Magagula, Sifiso Matse, Machawe Dlamini

**Match winner:** Lungelo Tsabedze.

### LOG

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Buffaloes	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1
Sea Birds	3	0	1	2	2	5	-3	1

(Yesterday's games not included)

Caleb  
Ngwenya.

Mxolisi  
Dlamini.

Lungelo  
Tsabedze.



# CITIZENS ROPE IN MBAYA, NDUKU

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**S**OCKER – MTN Premier League rookies Mbabane Citizens have beefed up their technical bench with the services of two former Mbabane Highlanders players Sam Mbaya Katala and Nduku 'Ace' Dlamini.

Katala, who spent the past two seasons at Matsapha United, has been appointed the team's physical trainer while Dlamini replaces Lucky Masuku as goalkeeper coach.

The duo joins the coaching panel led by South African head coach Humphrey Mlwane and Technical Director Wilton 'Jazi' Mamba.

Citizens Chairman Mandla Simelane confirmed the news when reached for comment on the issue.

"Yes, we have roped in the two officials to strengthen our technical bench in order to cope with the high standard of competition in the Premier League.

"We are now looking forward to our



**Mbabane Citizens players take instructions from their coach Humphrey Mlwane in their opening match of the season against Mweni Pirates.**

next match against Leopard where we will be parading a full strength squad," he said. Citizens will welcome current MTN Premier League log leaders Royal

Leopard during their next league outing slated for the Prince of Wales Ground this afternoon. Kick-off time for the counter is 3.30pm

## Manzini delighted to host SAIMSA games

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

**S**PORTS – The Manzini town has expressed its delight with the economic activity brought forth by the Southern Africa Inter-Municipal Sports Association (SAIMSA) games.

This was said by the Manzini Municipal Council Mayor Mxolisi 'Waxola' Mabuza.

"We are very happy to have been chosen as the hosts of the games. They brought so much business to us as a town and the country as a whole. Our

traders' businesses were booming and I'm sure hotels around the country were also filled to the brim. The games were also very competitive, and went well. For the first time ever, there were no protests throughout the games and this proves that our local organising committee worked hard. They were exceptional and we applaud them for a job well done. The games brought us visitors who have confessed that they will be making our country a holiday destination," he said.

Meanwhile, SAIMSA President Sam Rameetse also expressed his excitement on how the games progressed.

"The games were wonderful. Everything was properly planned and we were able to live to our mandate of sharing ideas and also creating friendships amongst the municipalities. As much as sport is competition, we are more on sharing innovative ideas and developing our municipalities. I am proud of this edition and the Kingdom of Eswatini have been such great hosts to us," he said.



**Some participants of the last Zithande spring Boot Camp tour pose after the session held at Manzini Club yesterday.**

## Zithande spring Boot camp tour ends on a high

BY JONGILE XUBA

**ATHLETICS** – The last Zithande spring Boot Camp ended on a high yesterday as over 50 participants took part in the event.

The three hour session was held at the Manzini Club. Interviewed after the event, Zithande coach Nsizwa Thwala said he was happy with the attendance recorded on the day.

"We had a very good group today and I must say that the spring tour was a success. Having started at Mhlume and spreading to other places around

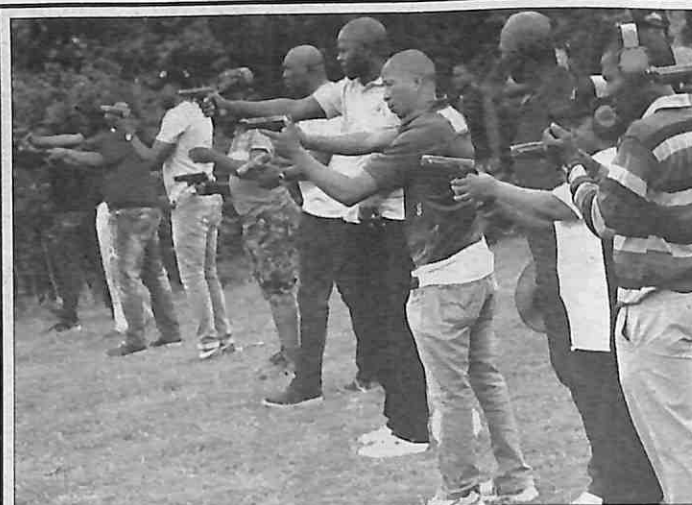
the country, we managed to attract scores of people, some of whom didn't even know what a boot camp is," he said. The coach noted that they would take a break from hosting the boot camps, despite calls from the public to continue with the sessions.

"Having to travel to all the places in the country is challenging financially and we don't have the required funds. But should be able to secure the funds, we will hit the road running," he said.

Thwala asked those interested in continuing with the exercise to visit any branch of the Zithande Athletics Club.

On another note, the coach noted that they would be hosting the annual Simunye Friendship Run on October 20

"We are currently getting ready for the Comrades Marathon. As part of those preparations, will be hosting the Simunye Friendship Run. This will be the fourth instalment of the event which includes a 42km, 21km and 10km races," he said. Thwala said the race was primarily meant to encourage and develop road running and added that other details would be communicated in due course.



**Shooters taking aim before taking a shot. This was during the inaugural Letshego shooting tournament which was held at the Mzimpofo Shooting Range yesterday. (Pics: Sibusiso Dlamini)**

## Impressive turn-up in inaugural Letshego shooting tourney

STORIES BY  
SIBUSISO DLAMINI

**S**HOOTING – Over 30 shooters took part in the inaugural Letshego shooting tournament yesterday.

The tournament, sponsored to a tune of E15 000 by Letshego Financial Services, was held at Mzimpofo Shooting Range. Some of the teams that took part in the event included security forces sides Royal Eswatini Police Service and Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force as well as non-security forces sides Central Bank and the sponsors Letshego, amongst others.

Quizzed on their interest in the

sport, Letshego Financial Service's Head of Consumer Business Gcebile Simelane said the company noticed that the sport was of interest to their clientele.

"Most of our clients participate in the sport. We support the idea of responsible gun-handling just as we advocate for responsible financial handling. We believe it teaches discipline, something that we are also for as well. Today, I was taught how to shoot, so I learnt the safety-precautionary measures, a class we went through before the actual shooting. That opened my eyes and took away the fear I had for guns. I know understand what it means," she said.

## Association wants to include shooting in schools

**S**HOOTING – The Eswatini Rifle Association (ERA) plans to introduce the shooting in schools.

This was revealed by the association's Chairman Siphon Ntjalintjali when interviewed during the Letshego bankrolled shooting tournament held at the Mzimpofo Shooting Range yesterday.

"We are trying to introduce shooting in schools.

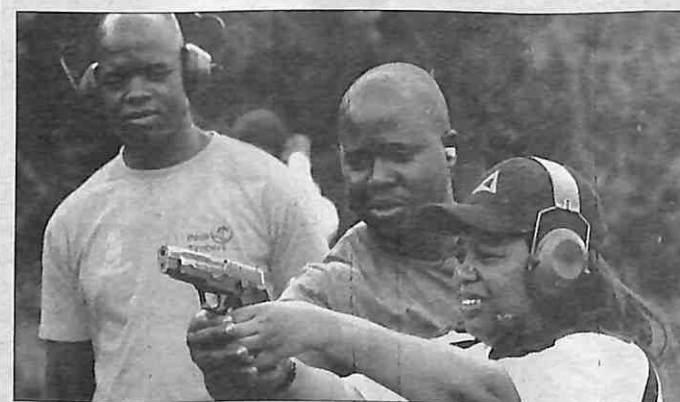
As much as the guns will of course not be the ones that use bullets for safety reasons, we will train them on the techniques, the safety measures and the competitiveness part of it.

This is the only way we will ensure that we have a team representing the Kingdom of Eswatini in the Olympics; we need to work on our

development first. People shouldn't perceive this sport in a bad way, but instead they should embrace it and understand very well what it stands for. Just last year, we had a team travel to Switzerland where we met with the best shooters in the world – I'm talking Olympians, and as much as we didn't match their standard, but they were impressed with what we did, and they now know that there's a country called Eswatini which has good shooters," he said.

In conclusion, the chairman thanked the sponsor for its support.

"Let me take this opportunity and express my utmost gratitude to Letshego. They have shown belief in us and we would like to plead with other companies to also follow suit," he said.



**Eswatini Rifle Association (ERA) Chairman Siphon Ntjalintjali helps Letshego Financial Service's Head of Consumer Business Gcebile Simelane as she prepares to take a shot.**



# FELIX, FIGAREIDO, BIRDS NUNU FOR EGYPT CLASH

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

**S**OCCER – Eswatini internationals Felix Badenhorst and Justice Figareido have received a nod for the team's crunch encounter against Egypt.

Also getting a surprise call-up to the squad to face the Egyptians in a Group J AFCON qualifiers clash in Egypt on October 12 is Mbabane Swallows youngster Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala, Royal Leopard duo of Lungelo Tsabedze and Sifiso Matse.

Meanwhile, Polokwane City midfielder Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze, who was the only international called up for the clash against Tunisia last month, has been left out of the squad to be led by coach Anthony Mdluli, alongside Leopard's attacking midfielder Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo and Swallows defender Sifiso Mabila.

Also making a comeback to the squad are Swallows duo Richard McCreesh, who got his maiden call-

up ahead of the clash against Tunisia and captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze, who missed the clash due to an injury. Eswatini Football Association Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe said in a statement yesterday that the 25-member squad was expected to report for camp at the EFA Technical Centre in Lobamba this evening. On another note, Radebe announced that the association's President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa and CEO Frederick Mngomezulu would travel to Cairo, Egypt, to attend the CAF Extraordinary Assembly.

## The full squad:

### Goalkeepers

Sandanezwe Mathabela (Swallows), Nhlanhla Gwebu (Buffaloes), Phephisani Msibi (Leopard)

### Defenders

Siboniso Mamba (Buffaloes), Banele Dlamini (Green Mamba), Sifiso Nkambule (Leopard), Wandile Maseko (Buffaloes), Machawe Dlamini (Leopard), Lindo Mkhonta (Buffaloes),

Sihlangu Mkhwanazi (Buffaloes).

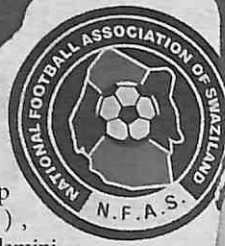
### Midfielders

Felix Badenhorst (Mbombela United), Richard McCreesh (Swallows), Mxolisi Mkhontfo (Green Mamba), Siboniso Ngwenya (Buffaloes), Sifiso Matse (Leopard), Sabelo Gamedze (Highlanders), Tony Tsabedze (Mbabane Swallows), Sizolwethu Shabalala (Swallows), Sandile Gamedze (Buffaloes).

### Strikers

Barry Steenkamp (Leopard), Phiwayinkhosi Dlamini (Buffaloes), Mthunzi Mkhontfo (Green Mamba), Justice Figareido (Maritzburg United), Lungelo Tsabedze (Leopard), Fanelo Mamba (Buffaloes).

**Mbabane Swallows youngster Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala.**



## Bufs brush aside resistant Vovovo 2-1

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

Young Buffaloes (1)2  
Vovovo (0)1

**S**OCCER – Experience is the best teacher and the adage rang true for army side Young Buffaloes as they brushed aside a resistant Vovovo yesterday.

It was goals from Buffaloes experienced pair of Wandile 'Skosh' Shabangu and striker Ndoda Mthethwa in each half that saw the side record a 2-1 victory at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

The two veteran players scored on each half to brush aside the resistant Motshane based side during an MTN Premier League match.

The last season MTN Premier League runners-up had to dig deep into their

reserve of courage though to record their second league victory as the winless opposition gave them a tough time.

Buffaloes were first to find the back of the net as early as 19 minutes into the match through the diminutive playmaker Shabangu, who tapped home a Ndoda Mthethwa free kick from the right corner. The free kick was awarded after a foul on Allie Matse by Vovovo defender Siphosethu Mabilisa. Vovovo couldn't provide a swift response from the opener as they struggled to break the resolute Buffaloes defence. 'Skosh' nearly completed a double a minute before the breather when his rasping shot was timely saved by goalkeeper Mncedisi Dlamini. The match took a swing in the second stanza as Vovovo levelled

matters a minute into restart through Congolese winger Roger Tshimanga. The pint-sized player connected a Mancoba Tsabedze well taken cross to beat goalkeeper Nhlanhla Gwebu hands down. The goal brought joy to the group of Vovovo supporters who were occupying the left hand side of the main grand stand. Vovovo were then reduced to 10 men seven minutes into second half after anchorman Sekwa Tekwa was sent off by referee Thokozani Dlamini following a rough foul on 'Skosh' Shabangu.

Buffaloes made good use of the numerical advantage as Ndoda Mthethwa scored the winner with only 15 minutes before fulltime. The ex-Manzini Wanderers striker dazzled his way past the opposition defenders before unleashing a powerful

ground shot past the diving Mncedisi Dlamini at Vovovo goals.

The goal earned a rude welcome for new Vovovo coach Gcina 'Magiyan' Dlamini, who watched his side suffer their second league loss.

### THE TEAMS

#### Vovovo

Machawe Dlamini, Machawe Khulumanga, Siphosethu, Thandolwethu, Sifiso, Tekwa, Roger (Mxolisi Tsabedze), Leon (Boateng), Sabela (Muzi), Mavimbela, Mncedisi Dlamini.

#### Buffaloes

Nhlanhla, Linda, Wandile, Sihlangu, Siboniso, Dumisani, Allie (Mpendulo), Lindani (Ndumiso), Ndoda (Sanele), Wandile, Fanelo.

## 'Sea Robbers' scrape past Matsapha United

BY SABELO GWEBU

Pirates..... (0)1  
Matsapha..... (0)0

**S**OCCER – Moneni Pirates had to sweat blood to get maximum points as they scrapped past Matsapha United in an MTN League encounter played at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday afternoon.

It was Matsapha's first game away from their fortress Nsukuwansuku Stadium and their third defeat of the campaign. Ernest Mavuso, the Matsapha coach, led his side against his former employers and it was evident they were not going to give Pirates a win on a silver platter. Sandile Magongo cleared from the goal line after 20 minutes a powerful Siboniso 'Rocco' Malambe header. Matsapha goalkeeper Innocent Adja was forced to make a double save in the half hour mark, first denying Menzi 'Magawugawu' Simelane and then Akhona Sibandze on the follow-up as the teams went for the breather with no goals to show for. Six minutes after resumption, Clement Sibandze, who has scored two goals for Matsapha this season, broke on the left but his shot with his weaker left foot sailed inches over Siyabonga Zwane's crossbar. Pirates' captain Menzi 'Magawugawu' Simelane thought he had finally broke the ice but his flashy attempt was pushed for a corner by Adja. From the resultant corner kick taken by Senzo Shongwe, a signing from Manzini Sundowns, Zombodze Dlamini flicked home on the near post to win it for Pirates after 70 minutes.

A minute later, it could have been two but Mphucuko 'Smoothies' Dlamini failed to skip over an advancing Adja as the visitors finally cleared their lines. In a search for a late equaliser, Siyabonga was forced to a double save, first denying a stinging Clement shot and Leonard Ahiadekey on the follow-up to sum-up Matsapha's frustrating afternoon.

### TEAMS

**Pirates:** Siyabonga, Thabo, Mthunzi, Samkelo, 'Magawugawu', 'Rocco', Senzo, Zombodze (Bonkhe), Nkosi, Akhona ('Shumi'), 'Smoothies'.

**Matsapha:** Adja, Dino, Vukile, Clement, Sihawu, 'Mzo' (Mcebo), Sifiso, Mabelesa, Hlanze, Leonard, Sandile

## Sea Birds get first league victory

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

Sea Birds (0)2  
Tambuti (0)1

**S**OCCER – MTN Premier League returnees Manzini Sea Birds recorded their first victory in the elite league after thrashing Tambuti 2-1.

Sea Birds had to wait until the second half to get the better of the Lubombo based side during the gruelling affair played at the Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

The first half of the encounter was nothing to write home about as the sides failed to create meaningful chances, leaving the two goalkeepers Lindani Mthethwa and Ncedo Mamba no different from holidaying in the field.

Sea Birds striker Bhekumuzi Mamba saw his goal being ruled offside in the 15th minute by referee Mbongiseni Fakudze in what was the only real chance of the opening half. The second half, however, saw the teams up their game and but it was the host side that took the lead 10 minutes into resumption. It was through the impressive Muzi Tsabedze who tapped in a well-played Darren 'Dazza' Christie shot following a good run on the right flank. Sea Birds were on cloud nine as the marauding Bhekumuzi Mamba doubled the scoreline eight minutes later with a rasping volley outside the box, giving the opposition goalkeeper Ncedo Mamba no chance. The second goal brought Tambuti out of their slumber, as they pulled one back in the 64th minute with a sublime strike from Simanga Dlamini outside the box.

The Lubombo based side tried to force a comeback but were unfortunate not to find the back of the net. Sea Birds made sure to protect the lead until the final whistle, a feat that condemned Tambuti to their second defeat of the new campaign.

## FASH-IONABLE WANDERERS CRUISE

BY SABELO GWEBU

Wanderers..... (0)2  
Malanti..... (0)0

**S**OCCER – You cannot keep a good man down.

After everything had been said in a public spat between respected South African coach Mlungisi 'Professor' Ngubane and striker Mfan'fikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze, he had the perfect response – proving he remains a good footballer after all.

After being kept silent for the most periods of yesterday's MTN League encounter at Mavuso Sports Centre by Malanti's central defence pairing of Thembumenzi 'Djemba' Mayisela and Sithembiso 'Kia' Simelane, 'Fash' needed just one sneak at goal to win it for his new team Manzini Wanderers on his debut. With a cracker from just outside the box, the former Mbombela

United and Mbabane Highlanders striker unleashed a shot after 79 minutes to beat Colani Mngometulu at the visitors poles, to not only double Wanderers advantage but to help the hub giants win their second match of the MTN League campaign. Exciting winger Mike Dombo had put Wanderers ahead just nine minutes after resumption as he chipped to an empty net after Colani had pushed back to play a difficult ball on the bounce from a short corner. A minute later, Wanderers should have got their second but Njabulo Magongo failed to keep his attempt on target with a goal beckoning. Later on, 'Fash' released Dombo but the Congolese shot over with Colani to beat.

Malanti offered little going forward but showed glimpses of being a good team with loads of work needed in the final third. After yesterday's results, Wanderers move to sixth place with six points.



**Mfan'fikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze celebrating with the team's supporters after the match. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)**

### TEAMS

**Wanderers:** Igidimba, 'Tjovitjo', Menzi, Sihle, Makhosi, 'Spider', Funukwenzani, Njabulo (Mcebo), 'Fash', 'Junior' (Djembe), Dombo

(Phila).

**Malanti:** Colani, Mnisi, Jere, 'Kia', 'Djemba', Xolani (Thokozani), 'Lion', 'Ntolo', Katinji, Senzo ('Zinyo'), Langwe.



## RESULTS

<b>MTN League</b>			
Wanderers	2	Malanti	0
Pirates	1	Matsapha Utd	0
Buffaloes	2	Vovovo	1
Sea Birds	2	Tambuti	1
<b>MTN National First Division</b>			
Hub Sundowns	0	Red Lions	0
Miling	0	Seven Dreams	2
Tycoons	1	Rangers	1
City Warriors	0	Black Swallows	1
Madlenya	1	Mbabane City	0

## FIXTURES

<b>MTN Premier League</b>			
Somhlolo National Stadium			
Highlanders	vs	M. Sundowns	1.30pm
Green Mamba	vs	Swallows	3.30pm
Prince of Wales Ground			
Mbabane Citizens	vs	Leopard	3.30pm
<b>MTN National First Division</b>			
mbankulu Stadium			
Callies	vs	Tinyosi	1.30pm

## LOG

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Vovovo	4	0	2	2	3	5	-2	2		
Citizens	3	0	2	1	2	5	-3	2		

## CT City clinch first ever MTN8 title

**D**URBAN - Cape Town City have won their first-ever MTN8 title after defeating defending champions SuperSport United 4-1 on penalties yesterday evening.

Fagrie Lakay almost got the lead for Matsatsantsa in the ninth minute with a great chance inside the box but struck his effort over the bar.

The Citizens were absorbing the pressure in the first quarter of an hour, looking to catch United on counter-attacks with the pace of Craig Martin.

Evans Rusike almost grabbed the lead for Matsatsantsa on the half-hour mark with a powerful low strike inside the box, but City shot-stopper Leeuwenburgh made a great save.

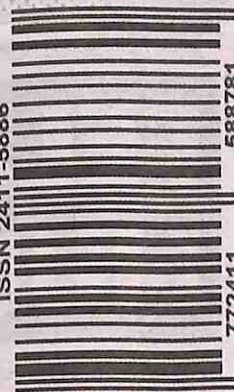
The match was swinging from end to end as Thabo Nodada nearly snatched the opener for City two minutes later following a counter-attack, but his strike hit the post.

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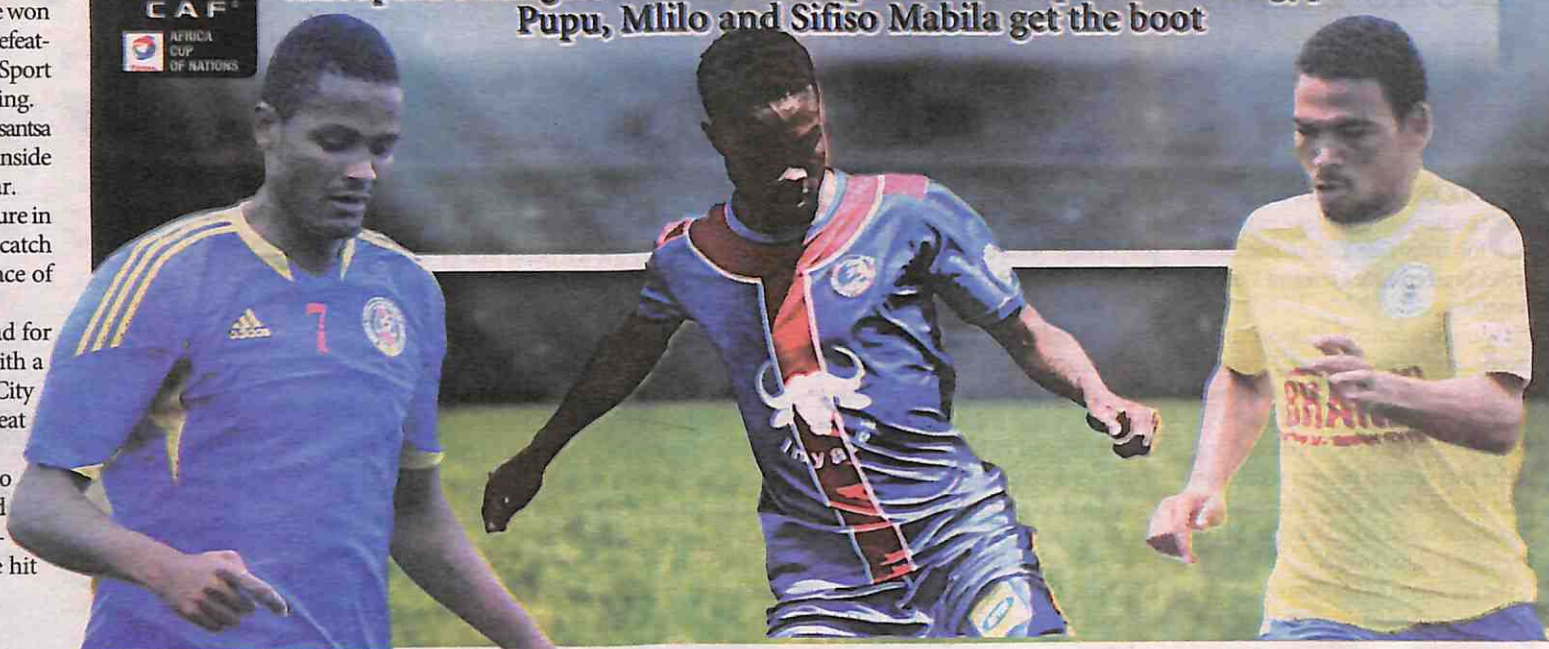
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## BADENHORST, FIGAREIDO, NUNU GET SIHLANGU CALL UP

...Leopard's Lungelo Tsabedze also part of the squad to face Egypt while Pupu, Mlilo and Sifiso Mabila get the boot



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