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FIRST WORLD: A view of the state-of-the-art residential lifestyle estate apartments that are now ready for occupation at Malkerns. The place, known as Malkerns Square, will be open for public viewing tomorrow. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

SOME CHILDREN FORCED TO SPEND NIGHT IN DAY CARE CENTRE...

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- Delivery truck stuck at border
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A WARM WEEKEND EXPECTED

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

A cool, warm to hot weekend is expected. According to information sourced from Eswatini Meteorological Services, the weekend is expected to start cool becoming warm to hot as it continues. Saturday and Sunday will be the hottest days of the week with temperatures ranging from 10 to 33 Degrees Celsius.

Today	
Mbabane	09/22
Mankayane	10/23
Manzini	15/25
Siteki	11/24
Mhlume	12/27
Big Bend	09/28
Tomorrow	
Mbabane	10/27
Mankayane	11/28
Manzini	13/30
Siteki	12/29
Mhlume	13/31
Big Bend	10/33
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Mbabane	11/26
Mankayane	12/27
Manzini	12/29
Siteki	13/28
Mhlume	14/30
Big Bend	11/32

EMPLOYEES LOCKED

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

...children spent night at day care centre, delivery truck delayed, workers had to work overtime

IT was business unusual for a day care centre as some children had to spend the night after their parents were allegedly locked in at work.

The affected employees are said to work for Africa Chicks; a Poultry and Egg producing company situated at Ngwenya in the Hhohho region.

The incident happened on Wednesday night.

According to sources privy with details to the matter, when employees were about to knock off at 5pm on Wednesday they were told not to leave the farm's premises. It is said that they were told that they should wait for a truck that was expected to deliver some eggs from South Africa. The

arrival of the delivery truck is said to have been expected since morning but when their knock-off time approached without the truck arriving at the farm, the employees thought they could leave because it was not communicated to them whether the truck was still coming or not.

Premises

After being told to remain within the farm's premises, it is alleged that superiors indirectly hinted that if anyone left against the order to remain within the premises would face the music.

Out of fear, the employees are said to have been skeptical about leaving so they stayed.

After 5pm, the premises' gates were locked, meaning no one

could either enter or leave the premises unless authorised to do so. The truck is said to have eventually arrived at 9pm and employees were expected to sort the eggs and leave them in the incubation machine until the next morning.

The about 20 employees are said to have worked under duress until around 11:30pm.

This, according to sources, inconvenienced most of them, especially the females because they had left their children at day care centres with the hope that they would fetch them after work as usual. Although they were transported home after they finished the task, some of the women are said to have failed to fetch their children from the centres because

the company vehicle was only authorised to go on permitted routes, meaning it could only ferry employees to their respective places of abode and not go via the day care centres.

An insider said this was not the first time that employees worked overtime into the night due to delayed deliveries.

The source said in most cases, employees fear speaking out even when inconvenienced.

When contacted for comment, the Managing Director Ross Mackie and Hatchery Manager Mphikeleli Ntshalintshali could not be reached through their cellphones as they rang unanswered. However, Motshane Member of Parliament Robert Magongo confirmed knowl-

E1.2M SPENT ON ONE PATIENT THROUGH PHALALA

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Lobamba

ABOUT E1.2 million was spent on one patient through Phalala Fund.

This was disclosed by Deputy Speaker Phila Buthelezi on Wednesday during the 2019/20 first quarter performance debate for the ministry of health where he called for an audit into the fund.

Buthelezi said value for money was no longer realised in the fund because many people took chances while looting. He said the problem was that an exorbitant amount of E1.2 million

was spent on one patient.

The Matsanjeni North MP explained that in most instances, patients taken for treatment through Phalala Fund suffered from cancer.

"The problem here is that a patient is taken for treatment when the cancer is in the last stages.

Patient

This causes a situation where a patient has minimal chances of survival when going for treatment through this fund. The costs then escalate.

Another problem is that there is a serious lack of controls on the fund, as people help themselves with the money," said the deputy speaker.

Buthelezi said in his constituency, about 80 per cent of patients who went for treatment through the fund ended up dead.

He also called for contributions from people to be done on this fund because government alone could not sustain it. Khubuta MP Musa Mlamuli Mabuza was also of the view that there was a need for Phalala Fund to be sustained another way.

He said the way that Phalala Fund was managed did not help as there were a lot of problems surrounding it.

The legislators said time had come for the fund to be sustained in a way

that would be helpful to Emaswati so that it could continue to do what it was made for.

Commended

The Kubuta MP commended the ministry of health for the improvement shown in the decrease of the number of people going for treatment through Phalala Fund.

This was after Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi highlighted that the numbers were decreasing.

However, she did not quantify the decrease.

DISCLOSED: Deputy Speaker Phila Buthelezi.



E132m owed for ARVs

THE ministry of health has arrears amounting to E132 million in respect of antiretroviral (ARV) drugs.

This was said by Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi on Wednesday during the debate of the 2019/20 first quarter performance debate.

The minister said this showed improvement on the side of the ministry because they owed about E1 billion during the start of the 11th Parliament.

Nkosi said the arrears were due to the fact that the ministry was not able to pay the debts because of cash flow problems experienced.

The ministry now has to settle the bills from the 2019/20 budget and that would create a shortfall in this year's budget.

However, the minister said her ministry was in a process of settling old bills. The ministry had to deal with problems such as having the National Tender Board extend the validity period of the last financial year tenders so as to facilitate payment to suppliers.

Nkosi said the ministry would shortly be finalising the current year's tenders for ARVs, where they had

to negotiate prices for one of the medicines since they were not satisfied with the received offer.

She told MPs that negotiating the tender prices in government required special permission from the National Tender Board.

The process had further delayed the placement of ARV orders, but the ministry hoped to finalise the process soon as to place orders to replenish stock. The minister said all health facilities had reported frequent medicine stock-outs, which affected the management of their patients in a negative way.

While the majority of patients were negatively affected, highly impacted patients were those on psychiatric medication, which stocked out for longer periods, and those patients that took anti-hypertensive treatment.

The main cause for the stock-out was failure to pay suppliers on time due to fiscal challenges facing government.

The minister said most facilities had been negatively affected by the delayed payment and subsequent withdrawal of services by service providers.



OWED: Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi.

These included catering, security, servicing of medical equipment, external referrals, cleaning materials, protective supplies, among others. Some of the most affected facilities in this regard included Mbabane Government Hospital and Nhlangu Health Centre, particularly with regards to catering and security.

The frequent shortage of fuel has also affected the operations of the ministry. Activities of the ministry that required the use of fuel included transportation of medicines, laboratory samples, collection of blood donations, medical waste incineration, conducting outreach, among others.

PHALALA FUND IN E94M ARREARS

AN amount of E94 million is owed by government through Phalala Fund.

Phalala Fund is a facility set up by government so that patients from Eswatini can go and access health services that are not available in the country.

The government pays medical expenses on behalf of Emaswati that need the medical attention.

Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi said in the beginning of the current fiscal year, the min-

istry of health received a budget of E97 million allocated for this fund.

"We are currently sitting at E94 million arrears, which include arrears from the last fiscal year and expenditure incurred in this quarter," Nkosi said.

The minister further said out of only 58 referrals to South Africa, about 78 per cent were related to cancer. This, according to Nkosi, emphasised the need for the country to invest in the local treatment of cancer.

Ministry to subvent over E250m

THE ministry of health is expected to subvent an amount of E251 926 730 to about 19 organisations within the health sector.

The money for the subvention has been allocated for the current 2019/20 fiscal year. The organisations to receive the subvention include RFM Hospital in Manzini and Good Shepherd Hospital in Siteki.

Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi said an amount of E62 722 742 had already been paid to these organisations.

Of the E62 722 742, RFM Hospital received E34 071 134, while Good Shepherd received E20 750 000. Despite the challenges faced by the health ministry, Nkosi promised that her ministry would continue to do all it could to provide quality services to the people of

Eswatini. On a positive note, the five-year funding by PEPFAR (Cop 19) of USD 79 630 000 (about E1 139 505 300) had been approved. These would cater for HIV/AIDS, ARVs for children, and other technical support.

Global Fund had approved USD 3.4 million (about E48 654 000) for the roll-out of the client management information system, which would improve efficiencies across the health sector. An additional USD 700 (about E10 017) for male voluntary circumcision was approved by Global Fund. The ministry of finance had also released the health ministry's medicines' budget to enable the ministry to prepare for vaccines, as well as to pay suppliers to expedite orders.

IN FOR SIX HOURS

edge of the matter.

He said after it was reported to him yesterday morning, he went to engage the authorities at the farm where he was told that the employees were asked to work overtime because the delivery truck was delayed at the border post.

Promised

Even so, Magongo said should he find that these allegations were true; he promised the farm superiors that he would take the matter up because he could not allow Emaswati to suffer at the hands of their employer.

"I won't tolerate such to happen to fellow citizens because it's uncalled for," he said.

He further stated that information he gathered during his visit to the farm was that one of the female employ-



CONFIRMED: Motshane Member of Parliament Robert Magongo.

ees' husband was the one who spread the news that the farm's authorities had forced the employees to work overtime against their wish.

Ratepayers, street vendors give mayor ultimatum

STORIES BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

DISGRUNTLED ratepayers and street vendors have given Mbabane Municipal Council Mayor Sikhumbuzo Dube an ultimatum to deal with their grievances or else they will not stop their demonstrations until Chief Executive Officer Gideon Mhlongo resigns.

This was revealed during the second day of the ratepayers and street vendors picket at the Municipal Council offices yesterday where they listed a number of issues.

They described Mhlongo as stubborn and disrespectful.

Dan Mavuso, who is the Secretary of the Zonal Leaders Association, alleged that Mhlongo has become untouchable which has made him to grow stubborn and disrespectful of his position.

The former Premier League referee said Mhlongo has undermined everyone, including councillors, the mayor and the ratepayers at large.

"Mhlongo is uncooperative, a stiff neck and with him out of the office the Municipal Council can function very well," Mavuso said.

The ratepayers vowed to ensure that Mhlongo was ousted for a fresh blood to take over with immediate effect and if that was not materialising, they will picket outside the Municipal Council's offices until their grievances were attended to. The vendors and ratepayers convened outside the council's offices where they demanded to see the Mayor Dube, whom they said was the right person to hear their grievances.



NOT THIS TIME: Dan Mavuso gestures as he addresses vendors and ratepayers at the Mbabane Municipal Council offices. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

When addressing the mayor, Isaac Masombuka said there was something fishy with the way the council is run.

He said the E150 they are paying for permits was not fair on them, alleging that the mayor was not aware that they were paying so much as street vendors.

"What we knew was that we would pay E50 for a picture and the E50 for the permits but now Mhlongo has increased the money to 150 which we are sure the mayor was not aware of," Masombuka said.

He mentioned that they had earlier negotiated that the permit fee be paid in instalments because the E150 was exorbitant considering the low buying power from customers.

Masombuka went to the extent of ordering the mayor to fire the CEO (Mhlongo) with immediate effect because he was letting the council down.

He even claimed that Mhlongo didn't deserve to be in office because he was once probed by an inquiry led by now High Court Judge Mzwandile Fakudze.

That probe recommended that Mhlongo be removed from the Mbabane Municipal Council and he worked at RSSC. His return to Mbabane was questionable as his charges were dropped and he was reinstated with no conditions, said the protesters.

On another note, Sive Dlamini, who represented the ratepayers, said their welfare was not prioritised by Mhlongo.

He urged the mayor to always listen to the people whom he serves and refuse to be misled by the CEO.

He stated that there is not even a single mayor who in his or her tenure took time to visit the townships and street vendors to see their working conditions and to hear what their challenges were.

wash was operated by 20 young men and the current owner since 2014. It is alleged that the two parties were both given permits to run the carwash jointly but what later happened this year, the 20 young men's contract was terminated, leaving the current owner to operate it.

Dlamini said he hoped the mayor would call an urgent council meeting to address the issues that were raised by the affected parties.

PSPF distances itself from Ex-politicians Association plan

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

IT appears the idea to withdraw the newly-formed Eswatini Former Politicians Association (EFPA) members' pension savings from Members of Parliament and Designated Officers Bearers (MOPADO) may not materialise after-all.

The association, which had its meeting at Caritas in Manzini, resolved to withdraw their savings from MOPADO for the Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF).

PSPF has since distanced itself from the former politicians' issue.

PSPF spokesperson Elkan Makhanya made it clear yesterday that PSPF is not aware of such developments.

Makhanya went on to state that PSPF does have the capacity to manage their pension. However, he indicated that MOPADO is a creature of legislation and so is PSPF. He said any changes on

these pension schemes can only be effected by change of legislation.

"It is therefore not within our powers to direct who administers their pension," Makhanya stated.

Amongst the reasons given by the former politicians was that their money was not safe with MOPADO.

They also stated that they had no confidence on the MOPADO's newly-elected board, as they felt there were certain issues that had to be ironed out with them.

It further emerged during the meeting, according to sources, that PSPF had a better offer than MOPADO.

They said the basic monthly annuities at PSPF was E1 000, compared to MOPADO, where it was E400.

They also said they were informed that PSPF did not have a problem with keeping their money.

However, it has since surfaced that PSPF is in the dark about the issue.

...Call for reinstatement of suspended councillors

RATEPAYERS, street vendors and zone leaders have called for the reinstatement of four suspended councillors with immediate effect.

This was revealed during the picket which was organised by the three affected parties at the Municipal Council offices yesterday.

The picketing, which started on Wednesday, has revealed a litany of problems that the ratepayers and street vendors are facing.

They are calling for the resignation of the Chief Executive Officer Gideon Mhlongo within two months.

Zone Leaders Association Secretary Dan Mavuso said the four councillors need to be reinstated because they did nothing wrong.

He said their suspension

showed

that

there is

a lot of

infighting

within the

Municipal

Council which

has turned to a

power struggle.

Adding,

Mavuso said that

Mhlongo is hero

worshipped and acts

like he is the king of the

country.

"Mhlongo is controlling everyone.

The officers here are all treated like they are Cabinet ministers by Mhlongo and he is superior to them," said Mavuso.

It was also revealed that Mhlongo does not respect Royalty because every time there were national events, he calls meetings which coincide with those national events.

WANTED OUT: Mbabane Municipal Council Chief Executive Officer Gideon Mhlongo.



Urgent Council meet on cards

MUNICIPAL Council of Mbabane Mayor Sikhumbuzo Dube has come out to state that there were still procedural actions that will be taken by the Council regarding the ratepayers and street vendors issue.

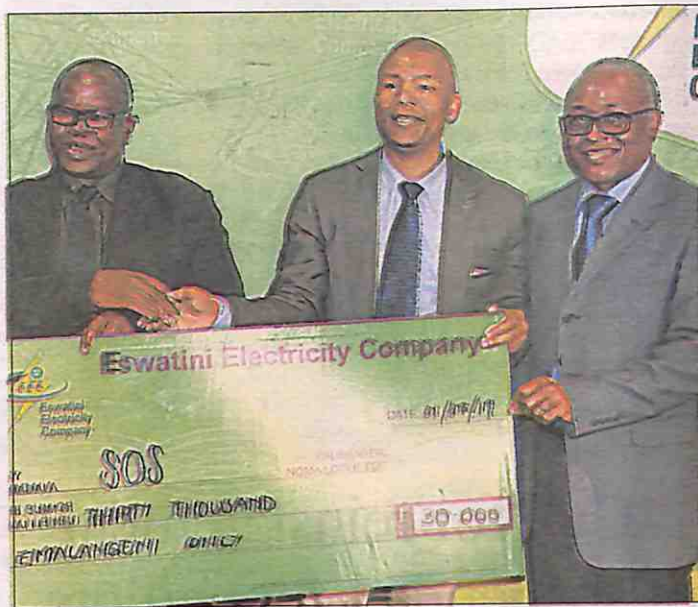
Dube said during an interview that they had accepted the grievances of the parties involved and would come

back with a solid response as soon as possible. Ward Four Councillor Sikhatsi Dlamini said the issue of the carwash was once addressed but nothing concrete was done about it.

It is alleged that Dlamini once moved a motion about the carwash but it was thrown out of the window by the mayor. The publication gathered that the car-



KIND HEART: EEC Managing Director Meshack Kunene poses with some of the beneficiaries and management during the company's donation to different organisations held at the EEC headquarters yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



NEEDY: SOS Village was also part of the beneficiaries.

EEC GIVES OUT E1.1M TO ORGANISATIONS

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

ESWATINI Electricity Company (EEC) has donated over E1 million to 18 organisations as part of the company's corporate social investment (CSI).

The power generating company, through Managing Director Meshack Kunene, presented a donation of E1 133 895.35 to a total number of 18 organisations in the country.

These various organisations are from all spheres of life which include education related initiatives, health, socio-economic development and environment.

Donated

It is worth noting that the donated money was shared by the initiatives but not equally.

Under education, Mpuluzi High was one of the schools that received a hefty donation from the company.

The school received a donation of E108 359.28 for an agricultural laboratory. The MD stated that the money would be used to improve and facilitate an agricultural lab. This lab will be used to develop entrepreneurship

skills among the pupils at the school.

The second school that took a hefty cheque was Ekumeni Primary which received E106 320, which will be used for refurbishment of classrooms in the school. Both schools were represented by the principals.

Non-governmental organisations were not left out as SOS Children's Village received a E30 000 cheque.

EEC Head of Corporate Communications and Marketing Khaya Mavuso stated that the company has actually adopted a house at SOS Children's Village which they look after throughout the year.

LIST OF BENEFICIARIES:

Organisation	Activity	Amount
SOS Children's Village	House	E30 000
Ekumeni Primary School	Class refurbishment	E106 320
Hope House	Annual Support	E40 000
Cheshire Homes	Malolotja Walk	E32 500
Red Cross	Annual Support	E60 000
Junior Achievement	National Competition	E40 000
ENACTUS	National Competition	E65 000
Breast Cancer Network	Annual Walk	E30 000
Mbabane-Mbuluzi Rotary	Sibele Survivor	E160 000
Eco-Lubombo	Magadzavane Hiking	E6 800
Eswatini Sugar Association	Sugarcane growers competition	E60 000
Philani Maswati Charity	Biggest Braai generator	E30 639
Anti-Copper Theft Campaign	National Campaign launch	E40 000
Diabetes Eswatini	Public awareness on diabetes	E40 000
Mpuluzi High School	Agriculture laboratory	E108 359.28
Mhlalane High School	Tuition for needy	E19 277.07

It is worth mentioning that the EEC SOS home houses nine children with some of them studying overseas while others in local tertiary institutions.

Constant visits by EEC staff to this home are made. The top one being the yearly annual Christmas party the company hosts at the home. The Breast Cancer Network was also added in the list of beneficiaries. The E30 000 donation supports the annual walk by the organisation. The company further extended E160 000 to Mbabane-Mbuluzi Rotary Club. The donation is directed to the Sibele Survivor Walk which shall be held on Sunday.

Copper theft cost EEC millions

ESWATINI Electricity Company continues to lose millions of Emalangeni each year due to vandalism and theft of copper.

This was revealed by EEC's Managing Director Meshack Kunene yesterday at the company's head office in Mbabane. "Copper cable theft and vandalism remain a threat to the sustainability of the country's power supply network," he said.

Kunene said they had noticed

an increase in the theft and vandalism of electricity in various parts of the country.

Engage

Therefore, the company has made numerous efforts to engage the community to address and curb the bad behaviour.

Due to the alarming number of copper theft cases, EEC has lost millions in repairs of infrastructure, the managing director added. "This eats a large chunk of our maintenance budget," he said.

budget," he said.

Kunene further stated that the company continues to jerk up its security measures in an effort to curb losses arising from copper theft and to improve general protection of assets.

He disclosed that in the past financial year, 35 per cent of the company's CSI budget was channelled into priority areas and utilised in partnerships with the police to fight the above stated crimes.

Help EEC fight copper theft - beneficiaries

APPRECIATING the sponsorship on behalf of all the organisations, Baphalali Eswatini Red Cross Society Secretary General Danger Nhlabatsi pleaded with everyone who attended the event as well as the country at large to assist EEC fight copper theft.

Nhlabatsi said despite all the millions of money being lost by EEC monthly through copper theft, the company still continued to support organisations as part of its corporate social investment.

He added that Red Cross alone would ensure that all its 5 000 volunteers across the

country are well aware of copper theft.

He added that once they are able to disseminate information, they would be able to assist in curbing the problem.

He thanked EEC for being a reliable and efficient service provider. Nhlabatsi said EEC employees when they are called to attend to electricity faults do not disappoint as they respond within a twinkle of an eye.

He said the company has expanded its services to the most remote areas of the country, thus showing its dedication to ensure that everyone is powered in the country.

He added that Baphalali throughout the years has received close to E1.1 million through various initiatives. He also urged all the organisations to account for the money they received from the power generating company.

He asked all the organisations to submit reports to EEC stating how they spent the money and on behalf of Red Cross, he committed to do so.

He thanked EEC for being a reliable and efficient service provider.

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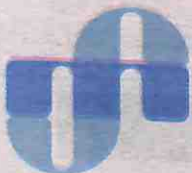
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CORRECTING THE DEFAMATION AND INTENTIONAL MISINFORMATION AGAINST MEDSCHEME ESWATINI

"Cherry picking, suppressing evidence, or the fallacy of incomplete evidence is the act of pointing to individual cases or data that seem to confirm a particular position while ignoring a significant portion of related cases or data that may contradict that position. It is a kind of fallacy of selective attention, the most common example of which is the confirmation bias."

This definition of cherry picking in Wikipedia best describes the article **"How Medscheme tried an E30 million medical aid heist at Swazimed,"** and the accompanying editorial headlined **"Speaking My Mind"** in the July 2019 issue of The Nation Magazine.

Both articles were misleading, defamatory and at best intentional misinformation against Medscheme Administrators Eswatini Limited (Medscheme Eswatini) on a number of counts, particularly the interpretation of the legal dispute that is currently pending before the High Court of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

It is deeply regrettable that Medscheme Eswatini was not afforded an opportunity to set the record straight, a departure from the basic standard of ethical reporting. This omission confirms that The Nation never intended to report in a fair and balanced manner to advance the interests of one particular party in the dispute currently before the High Court.

It is common knowledge that Swazimed and Medscheme Eswatini were engaged in arbitration proceedings. At the conclusion of the arbitration, Medscheme Eswatini prevailed and the award was in its favour. Swazimed's counter-claims were dismissed. Medscheme Eswatini therefore views the lead article published by The Nation as highly defamatory as it alleges that Medscheme Eswatini conducted a "medical aid heist" against Swazimed. The company secured an arbitration award in its favour through lawful means by exercising its contractual right to have the dispute resolved through arbitration.

The parties are currently in further litigation arising from the award because Swazimed has refused to comply with the award, Medscheme has brought a High Court application, in terms of normal procedure under the law, to enforce the award. Swazimed thereafter has lodged an application for the High Court to review and set aside the award.

FOREIGN COMPANY

Whilst it is true that Medscheme Eswatini is a subsidiary of Medscheme Holdings Limited, Medscheme Eswatini is a company that is registered, licenced and domiciled in the Kingdom and has been operating in the Kingdom for 39 years. For the bulk of this period, Medscheme Eswatini was appointed by Swazimed as its administrator, a fund we successfully ran.

The fact that Medscheme Eswatini is a subsidiary of a foreign company is not unique in the Kingdom and there are a number of other subsidiaries of foreign brands that are operating locally. This type of irresponsible writing that characterises *The Nation's* lead article is in fact counterproductive to the country's efforts in attracting FDI.

FACTUAL INACCURACIES

Our Management fees paid by Swazimed have never at any point reached E40 million per annum. Our fees have at all times been at rates as agreed contractually with Swazimed, and were charged for the services we have provided to the Fund.

Medscheme has never refused to negotiate any terms of the agreement. If anything, at some point, Medscheme Eswatini approached Swazimed in a bid to resolve the dispute by way of a mutually agreeable settlement which Swazimed was not interested in, this despite the fact that it would have brought the litigation to an end which would have been in the interests of the parties to the dispute and members of the Fund.

These errors could easily have been avoided had *The Nation* sought to secure our comments before going to print. We can only attribute such inaccuracies in reporting to the deliberate failure of *The Nation* to get our side of the story before publishing the lead article.

DISPUTE CURRENTLY PENDING BEFORE THE HIGH COURT

In his column, the editor also seeks to improperly and impermissibly influence the judges of the High Court to rule in favour of Swazimed by calling on the judiciary "to come to the party". This is not only contempt of court in that it seeks to influence the outcome of a case yet to be decided, but also goes against the *sub-judice* rule which holds that parties cannot comment about a matter pending before Court. This is a flagrant abuse of press freedom.

Implication of Judiciary and Legislature

Without naming them, and without setting out the supporting facts, the lead article states that **"there are also prominent local figures, some of whom are serving in parliament and others are judges who are lining up to bag the riches that could come from this windfall"**.

Medscheme Eswatini views such a statement as highly defamatory to the company as it suggests an improper relationship between the company and these two arms of government. Such a statement is also contemptuous of Court and implies that the judiciary has been captured or is not independent and neutral.

We would like to put it on record that the matter between Medscheme Eswatini and Swazimed is a contractual matter. Medscheme Eswatini exercised its contractual right to refer the dispute to arbitration, as did Swazimed in referring its counter-claims to the same arbitration process. The dispute was decided in favour of Medscheme Eswatini. We are now seeking the enforcement of that award in the High Court.

Medscheme Eswatini believes in the integrity and the independence of the judiciary and we remain confident that this matter will be resolved on the basis of the sound application of legal principles after the Court has considered all the material placed before it.

Medscheme Eswatini

Schaza murder:

'Blood samples were extracted from Schaza's body'

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High Court

AS the trial for murder suspect Sergeant Lucky Obama Matsenjwa continued yesterday morning, the Court was told the blood samples from the late police officer Mduduzi 'Schaza' Matsebula were extracted from his lifeless body.

This was yesterday disclosed by the Prosecution's witness (PW) number 26 Detective Constable Mpendulo Nxumalo when led in evidence by Principal Crown

Counsel Macebo Nxumalo.

The police officer told the Court that he received a call from the late ace detective Solomon Mavuso who asked they proceed to the Mbabane Government hospital mortuary for a postmortem.

Found

The officer told the Court he, together with his colleague Sergeant Sandile Choncho, proceeded to the mortuary as instructed and found Police Pathologist Dr Khomma Reddy already there and as scenes of crime officers, they covered the scene.

"After having conducted the photo shoot, we then requested Dr Reddy to extract blood samples from Matsebula's body which he did before we sealed the samples in police seal bags," this witness said.

From there he, told the Court that he, together with Choncho, proceeded to the Police Headquarters where they kept the samples in a refrigerator ready for the science laboratory for forensic examination.

Schaza blood samples contradiction in pathologist, officer evidence

DURING cross-examination, Advocate Lucas Maziya, who is representing Matsenjwa as instructed by lawyer Siphon Gumed, put it to the scenes of crime officer that what he told the Court was incorrect.

Maziya put it to constable Nxumalo that in fact in his evidence in chief during the ongoing trial, the Pathologist, Dr Reddy, informed the Court that never at any stage were blood samples taken from the body of the deceased during the post-

mortem.

"Officer, would you be surprised that in his evidence in chief before this Court, Dr Reddy told the Court that never at any stage were blood samples of the deceased taken from his body, I put it to you that what you are telling this Court now is incorrect," Maziya said.

Posing for a while, officer Nxumalo replied to the negative as he told the Court that what he said about the blood extraction was correct.

'SCHAZA' FINGERED 'OBAMA' IN SCANDAL - INVESTIGATOR

ANOTHER witness who was led in evidence by the crown was assistant Superintendent Isaac Dlamini who was based at the Hhohho Regional Police Headquarters (RHQ) in 2012.

In his evidence, he told the Court that

he, together with two other officers detectives David Gwebu and Ashmond Shongwe, were assigned to investigate the fingerprints scandal.

Dlamini told the court that during their investigations, one of the suspects

proved to be the accused person Lucky Matsenjwa. He informed the Court that further investigations led them to the late Matsebula (Schaza) who was the one who fingered Matsenjwa hence he was their principal witness in the fin-

gerprints case. "Following our investigations, the late Matsebula fingered Matsenjwa as the main suspects further investigations led to the arrest of three other police officers who are now co-charged with Matsenjwa," detec-

tive Dlamini. He further told the Court that subsequent to that, the four police officers were arrested and charged for contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006. However they were all granted bail by the High Court and he later learnt that Matsenjwa had been arrested at the Ngwenya border for allegedly flouting bail conditions.

Govt accountant in electricity units fraud scam fired, granted E15 000

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High Court

THE second suspect fraudster in the electricity units scam has been admitted to E15 000 bail after filing an urgent application at the High Court yesterday afternoon.

Lindiwe Nkonyane of Ngwenya filed the application following that of her co-accused Thabo Mswane who was also granted E15 000 bail by the same Court on Wednesday.

Represented by Manzini based senior attorney Ben J Simelane of Ben J Simelane and Associates, Nkonyane made her appearance before High Court Judge Titus Mlangeni while the Crown, which indicated that it was not opposed to the bail, was represented by crown counsel Melusi Lukhele. When granting her bail, Judge Mlangeni however ordered that she pay E5 000 in cash and the E10 000 in a form of a surety.

Affidavit

In her founding affidavit filed before Court, she stated that she was called by the Mbabane Police under the Commercial Fraud and Vice Section who advised her to report to the station and she duly did so. However upon her arrival she was advised that she had been charged with the offence of fraud.

She assured the Court that she shall abide by all bail condition as imposed by the Court and shall not interfere with any of the crown witnesses since they are not yet known to her.

She also submitted that as result of the offences she is suspected to have committed, she was dismissed for her employ by Government in April this year and she has been without gainful employment since then.

She told the Court that she is married and resides at her home at Ngwenya with her family including her husband and children.

Judge Mlangeni gave her the normal

● Lindiwe Nkonyane yesterday filed an urgent bail application at High Court as she wants out of jail

bail conditions and that she shall surrender her passport or travel document to the investigating officer and attend all Court remands when ordered to do so.

Nkonyane, who was attached to the Ministry of Public Works and Transport as an accountant, is co-charged with Mswane an Estate Assistant, and according to the charge sheet, they are facing a total of 44 counts of fraud, with offences having been committed between August 2016 and December 2018. According to their charge sheet, Nkonyane and Mswane are said to have acted jointly in furtherance of a common purpose, when they defrauded and misrepresented to Ministry and Public Works and Transport Financial Controller Nikiwe Maphalala that the electricity units which the duo purchased, were to be used for the Ministry of Works' depots. Nkonyane was entrusted with the due care and custody of monies and purchasing of electricity units.

Employed

Mswane, who was employed as an Estate Assistant of the Central Bank of Eswatini, was entrusted with the due care and custody of monies and purchasing of electricity for the Central Bank's properties.

Through their misrepresentation, the duo is said to have induced the Ministry of Public Works and Transport to the actual loss and prejudice to the sum of E772 333 which such units they purchased and used for their personal use or gain for varying premises.

They are said to have committed these offences knowing very well that the said units were not purchased and loaded in the Ministry of Public Works and Transport depots.

No food here, stay home - schools tell pupils

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

SOME primary school pupils in Manzini are already enjoying some time away from school after they were told to remain home due to lack of food.

The pupils are said to have been told by their schools' administrations that they should remain at home because the school no longer had food to feed them. This was communicated to the learners and parents on Wednesday, the day the pupils finished writing their mock examinations.

The early closure means that pupils will have about a week more than the official four-week period they were expected to have as stipulated in the academic calendar. Officially, schools will close on August 9, 2019 and are expected to reopen in September 10, 2019.

One of the schools of this arrangement is Ludzeldze Primary, situated near Matsapha, where parents were informed to keep their

children at home because the school no longer had food to feed them.

The letter that is dated July 31, 2019, states that all pupils from Grades One to Five should not come to school. The letter also notified parents to report to the school for an open-day on August 9, 2019, the official closing day. When sought for comment, the School Principal Joana Zwane confirmed that learners were to remain at home ahead of the official closing date. She also conceded that the main reason for this was that there was no food. Although government delivered the school supply for this term, Zwane said it only sustained them until the beginning of this week.

Under normal circumstances, Zwane said when the food supply was finished, the school would use some of the money paid by government to purchase some to last until the school closed and even to the next term. However, due to that government had not paid the pupils' second term fees, the school does not have enough cash in its coffers to take care of some necessities.

In this regard, the principal said there had been challenges even with the mock examinations since some material was unavailable. "We had to redirect funds that were meant to purchase electricity to buy some material to be used by the learners in the mock exams.

We even credited others because the situation was too bad," she said. Zwane said she hoped teachers would be able to finish marking and preparing reports while using the limited resources that the school has left.

The only pupils in the school are those doing Grades 6 and 7 who are still working on their Home Economics and other school projects. When contacted on the matter, Principal Secretary for the Ministry of Education and Training Dr. Sibongile Mtshali confirmed that there were schools that were still not paid. She attributed this to the financial constraints faced by government. When asked when the schools might be paid, the PS asked not to answer as she was not in control of the situation.

BY DELISA THWALA
Mbabane

THE family of the woman who was shot and killed blank by her estranged husband says they will bury Zanele Manana at Ezulwini tomorrow morning.

The family wondered where the story that their family member will be cremated came from, saying they are going ahead with preparations for the burial.

An informed source of the family said they are not going to listen to anything dictated to them by someone who is in jail.

THE Manana family was left shocked and shaken as they had to relive their pain during the post-mortem yesterday.

"We always read and see these kinds of things in the papers and never thought it will happen to one of our family members and having to watch the doctors tear her up like that. There is definitely no coming back from that," narrated the source.

The post-mortem of Zanele Manana, who was brutally gunned down by her husband

What cremation - Manana family

"We are not taking instructions from someone who brutally murdered our sister; this man does not exist to us and he should let us bury our sister with the dignity and the respect she deserves after killing her like an animal," said the seemingly furious member. The family member also confirmed that they were preparing for the burial of their sister at Ngonini, Ezulwini. "We are going to have a memorial service tomorrow (today) but we are still awaiting to confirm

the time with her church but we are going ahead with everything," confirmed the source. The source also confirmed that the memorial service will be followed by a vigil tonight, which will be then followed by a funeral service and burial tomorrow morning.

The informed source also confirmed that they met as families and discussed everything that needed to be discussed and they are only going forward with everything.

Bullet killed her instantly - post-mortem

on July 21 at their home in Mahwalala was done at Mbabane Government Hospital. The source also added that they were quite happy with the post-mortem results, which they had felt were not needed as they all saw how she lost her life. The post-mortem results are said to have shown that the deceased was shot in the neck with the

bullet piercing through her head which led to instant death which was confirmed on arrival at the Mbabane Government Hospital. It was after the post-mortem that the two families then met at Ngonini to discuss a way forward in terms of burial issues, which was a first meeting between the Simelane and Manana families.

Govt frees SMAWU from ATUSWA

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

AFTER four years of court battles between ATUSWA and SMAWU, the ministry of labour and social security has intervened by ruling that the two unions are separate entities.

Commissioner of Labour Siphosiphiso Tsabedze, together with Principal Secretary in the ministry Thulani Mkhali, ended the confusion among workers and employers in the country pertaining to the question on whether or not the Swaziland Manufacturing and Allied Workers Union had amalgamated to form ATUSWA, something which has also seen the two unions in and out of court for the past three years.

The commissioner and the PS ordered SMAWU's previous national executive committee to return to office up until elections which shall be held in September 2020. The reason the commissioner returned the previous NEC was because the current one was unlawfully in office.

Amalgamation

"The Justice Mtsetfwa-led National Executive Committee which was in office before the purported amalgamation and which won the case in the Industrial Court of Appeal, will take over leadership of SMAWU with immediate effect and will be in office on an interim basis until elections of a new national executive are held in September 2020," he said.

The said national executive committee is comprised of the

following members: Justice Thintitha Mtsetfwa who is the President, Melford Sithole Vice President, Zweli Sihlongonyane Secretary General; Rosemary Hadebe, Vice Secretary General; Donald Mncina, 2nd Vice Secretary General, Alfred Mkhotsane Dlamini Treasurer, Subject Ginindza Vice Treasurer, then trustees who are Faith Msibi, Thabsile Mamba, Zandile Dlamini as well as members Joseph Sibande and Gabsile Mkhonta.

The decision by the ministry was music to SMAWU executive committee during the press conference which was held at the ministry of labour and social security boardroom on Wednesday.

Smiles were return all over their faces as the principal secretary was announcing the news.

Return all SMAWU funds - Commissioner

COMMISSIONER of Labour Siphosiphiso Tsabedze ordered that all funds that were unlawfully withdrawn from SMAWU's old bank account by ATUSWA should be paid back with immediate effect.

"All funds paid unlawfully to ATUSWA by companies with recognition agreements with SMAWU should be paid back to SMAWU by those companies within 30 days from the date hereof," he ordered.

Therefore, the commissioner said, SMAWU shall continue the core purpose for the formation, registration and recognition of trade unions, being the negotiation of improved wages and better terms and con-

ditions of employment should continue without any undue interference or unwarranted external interruptions.

"The interim national executive committee shall carry out all its functions as articulated in the union's constitution with immediate effect and shall cease to exercise such powers subsequent to official elections to be held in September 2020 in terms of the union's constitution," he said.

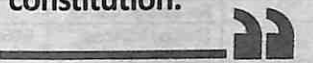
The national executive committee as of Wednesday was tasked to open and operate a bank account whose signatories shall be the officers designated in terms of the union's constitution. It was also tasked

to collect all member subscriptions from all companies with whom the union has recognition agreements.

The national executive committee was also ordered to open an office within two months of getting back to office.



The interim national executive committee shall carry out all its functions as articulated in the union's constitution.



They are just a bunch of losers - MP Marwick

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

LOBAMBA Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo said the former politicians who decided to switch from the Members of Parliament and Designated Officers Bearers (MOPADO) to Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF) were bitter.

Khumalo said he felt the former politicians were just bitter

because they lost the national elections held last year in their respective Tinkhundla.

"I did not cost them the victory but the current crop of credible MPs did," Khumalo said.

The Lobamba Lomdzala MP said seemingly, the former politicians had too much time on their hands to be holding wasteful meetings at Caritas.

"Why always have meetings just to discuss an individual without inviting him? They should

just get a life and move on," he concluded.

MP Khumalo was recently re-elected into the MOPADO board by the current MPs in the House of Assembly about two weeks ago. He outsmarted MPs Lutfu Dlamini (Ndzingeni) Mduduzi Matsebula (Siphocosi), and Princess Phumelele.

MOPADO Chief Executive Officer Comfort Tshabalala elected not to comment on the matter.

Ex-politicians' association now official

THE Eswatini Former Politicians Association is now official.

The organisation has been registered as a non-profit organisation with the Registrar of Companies in the ministry of commerce, industry and trade.

Eswatini Former Politicians Association Secretary Saladin

Magagula said this was among the key issues discussed during the Saturday meeting at Caritas in Manzini.

He said they were currently working on launching the organisation as it was registered last Thursday. They were yet to find a suitable date, time, and venue to launch the organisation.

Magagula emphasised that their organisation was not against anyone.

"We want our organisation to look into the welfare of the former politicians because it is painful to see former politicians living a lives of paupers after their term of office," Magagula said.



ESWATINI DAIRY BOARD

DAIRY CATTLE FARMING COURSE

Dairy Cattle owners, keepers and aspiring individuals are kindly invited to attend a dairy farming training course to be held at the Board's Conference Room at Enguleni House, Manzini. The course will commence on the 6th August 2019 and run for eight (8) weeks. Selected days for training are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week starting at 5:30pm till 7:00pm.

The training is set out to cover the following topics:

Module	
1	Introduction to Dairy Science and Management
2	Requirements and Preparations for Starting a Dairy Project
3	Fodder Production
4	Dairy Cattle Feeding
5	Dairy Cattle Breeding
6	Calf Rearing
7	Clean Milk Production
8	Legal Issues
9	Disease Prevention and Control
10	Business Plan Preparation and Business Management
11	Educational Tour

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FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING BOARD'S OFFICER:

Mr. Mcebo Mnisi (Course Coordinator) 7665 2089

OR CALL THE OFFICE @ 25058262/3
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Eswatini Environment Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: PROPOSED QUARRY SITE IN BIG BEND

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

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

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

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

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

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

*20 days from last week of publication of notice

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BRIEFING: The police officers being briefed at the end of the search.



NEXT TIME: A police officer closes the door of their van at the end of a search for the missing child who disappeared on the way to school around Ezulwini on Tuesday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



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PLANNED POWER OUTAGE NOTIFICATION

Kindly note that there will be power interruptions on our electricity lines due to routine maintenance as per the following schedule;

DAY:	DATE:	MAINTAINANCE BY (DEPOT):	AFFECTED AREAS:	DESCRIPTION OF WORK:	PERIOD:		
Saturday	3 Aug	Elangeni	Emerald Park	ABC Installation	9:00am- 4:00pm		
		Stonehenge	Mobeni KaNdunankhulu, Puma Filling Station, Total Filling Station, Super Spar, Nandos, CashBuild, RiverSide	Maintenance	9:00am-4:00pm		
		Big Bend	Magomba, Makhulusilenge, Mndobandoba, Mpompame	Routine Maintenance	8:00am-4:00pm		
Sunday	4 Aug	Matsapha	Matsapha Industrial Area, Kitwe Hydraulics, Mondelez, Giant Clothing, Maxiprest, Swazi Mahewu, Steel and Wire, Medical Stores, Fletcher	Routine Maintenance	8:30am-4:00pm		
		Elangeni	Lobamba Emahhulubeni, MTN Head Office	ABC Installation and Project	9:00am-4:00pm		
		Stonehenge	Sidvashini Industrial Site and surrounding areas	Project	7:00am-10:00am		
		Big Bend	Crooks Mian Offices and Staff Houses, Matata, Research, Matata Railwa y, Cottona, Batch Farms, Prison, Mahlabaneni	Routine Maintenance	8:00am-4:00pm		
Monday	5 Aug	Stonehenge	Ngwenya Oshoek, Ngwenya MTN	Routine Maintenance	9:00am-4:00pm		
		Hluti	Part of Sivule	Project Construction	10:30am-2:00pm		
		Big Bend	Mpompame, Mndobandoba and Makhulusilenge	Routine Maintenance	10:00am-4:00pm		
Tuesday	6 Aug	Matsapha	Mhlane B, Mathangeni KaNdlandla and surrounding Areas	Routine Maintenance	10:00am-4:00pm		
		Pigg's Peak	Luvunjelweni, Mtjompane, Lubhujini, KaDlomo, Lolubovu, Bulimeni, Maphalalen	Routine Maintenance	9:00am-4:00pm		
		Mhlume	Mfombo Wemphilo Farmers Association, Mangweni Primary School and High School, Mangweni Hammer Mill	Transformer Uprate	9:00am- 4:00pm		
		Sithobela	Partly Nkonjwa	Routine Maintenance	9:00am-5:00pm		
		Mhlume	Mangweni Primary and High School	Transformer Uprate	9:00am-4:00pm		
		Madlangempisi	Bulandzeni Area, Magoga, Madlangubo	Routine Maintenance	9:00am-4:00pm		
		Malkems	Musi Area, Musi Primary School, Musi Clinic, Fonkweni, Phumtse High School, Tentele Primary School, Phondo Inkundla	Closing Span and Routine Maintenance	9:00am-16:00pm		
		Stonehenge	Sidvashini Industrial Site and surrounding areas, Crompton Park, Mvawkweli next to graves, Lower Mangwaneni M4	Project and Routine Maintenance	9:00am-4:00pm		
		Manzini	Timbutini and surrounding areas, Logwazela, Joy Mission and surrounding areas	Transformer Uprating and Routine Maintenance	10:00am-4:00pm		
		Elangeni	Behind Gables, Mantenga Hotel, Mantenga Estate, Mantenga Cultural Village, Swazi Lizkar, Mhlwane, Sijeni	Project	9:00am-4:00pm		
		Nhlangano	Gege, Dudusini, Mfenyana, Eric, Mazembeni, Dudusini MTN	Installation	9:00am-4:00pm		
		Siteki	Sikhuphe area, Njokane, Maphopheni, MTN Sikhuphe, Mbalenhle Primary School	Routine Maintenance	9:00am-4:00pm		
		Big Bend	Bar J, Manyovu	Routine Maintenance	9:00am-4:00pm		
		Wednesday	7 Aug	Pigg's Peak	Hawane	Stringing Additional Conductor and Transformer Uprating	9:00am – 4:00pm
Madlangempisi	Tincatsaveneni, Magengeni			Transformer Uprate	9:00am-4:30pm		
	Madlangempisi Town, MTN, Eswatini Mobile and surrounding areas, Mzaceni, Maguga Primary and High School, Clinic and MTN, Madlangubo, Bulandzeni			Installation of ganged link Isolator	8:00am – 4:45pm		
Manzini	Coates Valley, Moneni and surrounding areas, Zakhele, Two Sticks, Nazarene and surrounding areas			MR3 Line Relocation and Routine Maintenance	10:00am-4:00pm		
Elangeni	Ludzidzini, Mashibhini, Mchaphozini, Nkhanini, Manzana Guest House, Manzana Clinic, Lobamba High School, Lobamba Clinic, Parliament, Somhlolo Stadium			Routine Maintenance	9:00am-4:00pm		
Siteki	KaShoba Enhlabeni, Ejabula, KaShoba Emphakatsini, Endlovini			Closing Span and Additional Wire	9:00am-4:00pm		
Stonehenge	Mobeni Kuyehlela, Old Mobeni, Cooperation, Gobhola, Msunduza, Hlobane, Corinthe, LaMkhize			Routien Maintenance	9:00am-4:00pm		
Big Bend	Gamula			Routine Maintenance	9:00am-4:00pm		
Mhlume	Stan Academy, Vuvulane Farm, RSSC V -South Compound, KaMlomo			Routien Maintenance	8:30am-4:30pm		
Thursday	08 Aug			Matsapha	Kwaluseni Casino, Weigh Bridge, Sibayeni Area, Kwaluseni Area, Kwaluseni OK Foods	Routine Maintenance	9:30am-4:30pm
		Sithobela	Phunga Area - Mphelaphi, Mnumbeleni, Moyeni, Nain Primary School, Nkonono	Routine Maintenance	9:30am – 5:00pm		
		Hluti	Part of Sivule	Project Construction	9:00am-3:00pm		
		Hluti	Osabeni, Mfulamude, Nkandla and surrounding areas	Routine Maintenance	9:00am – 4:00pm		
		Malkems	Lundzi, Mpuluzi	Routine Maintenance	9:00am-4:30pm		
		Manzini	Makholweni and surrounding areas	Connection Service and Routine Maintenance	10:00am-4:00pm		
		Elangeni	Satellite, Mvana, KaBhelinah, Ezulwini Royal Kraal	Maintenance	9:00am-4:00pm		
		Siteki	Tikhuba, Lucaceni, Mambane	Closing Span and Additional Wire	9:00am-4:00pm		
		Stonehenge	Mpolonjeni, Masokeni, KaMihupha, Nhlanganisweni, Nlambade	Routine Maintenance	9:00am-4:00pm		
			Mbuluzi, Mahebedia, Jubukweni	Routine Maintenance	9:00am-4:00pm		
		Big Bend	Bar J, Manyovu	Routine Maintenance	9:00am-4:00pm		
		Friday	9 Aug	Sithobela	Mantini, Jija, Sagula, Nkonjwa	Gang Switch Introduction	10:00am-5:00pm
				Siteki	KaMdodi, Moyeni, Mvelo Township	Transformer Uprate and Additional Wire	9:00am-4:00pm
				Madlangempisi	Buhlebuyeza	Project Construction	9:00am-4:00pm

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Search party fails to find toddler

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

A search party for a toddler who went missing since last week Wednesday came back empty handed on Tuesday as residents and police joined efforts to find the child.

The community of Ezulwini together with the Royal Eswatini Police Service went on a door to door search and combed surrounding forests in a desperate search for the missing child in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

The child, Melusi Emmanuel Tfwala (four) disappeared while he was on his way to school.

Information gathered is that police received information that the child was last seen walking with an unknown woman.

This new information led to community members gathering at Ezulwini Police Post, where they together with the police began an intense search for the missing child.

Over 50 residents, including the parents of the missing child, took part in the search.

Residents expressed their worry that of late there have been many reports of missing children, especially in areas around Mbabane like Mahwalala.

According to police reports, the child who attends Mbeleko Pre-School, was wearing white school shorts, a navy blue T-shirt and black school shoes. It is said he was also carrying a blue spiderman backpack when he went missing.

Lobamba Regional Operations Officer Tibonile Mdziniso, who led the search party, said as the police and the community of Ezulwini they went door-to-door and also combed for nearby forests for the missing child.

Mdziniso revealed that the information at their disposal is that the child was spotted in the company of an unknown woman.

The officer appealed to members of the public to be always vigilant.

She asked the nation to be on the lookout for any suspicious person that will be seen with a child that is not his or hers.

People who have information that can help in solving the case can contact Hhohho Regional Crimes Branch Officer Senior Superintendent Sikhumbuzo Fakudze at 7603 3862 or CID Desk Officer Lobamba at 7604 4178.

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR NATIONAL CONSULTANTS/FIRM

PROJECT TITLE: BUILDING CAPACITY TO ADVANCE NATIONAL ADAPTATION PLAN PROCESS IN ESWATINI

BACKGROUND

Climate Change is a major issue for the Kingdom of Eswatini as it is particularly vulnerable to the increasing frequency and severity of droughts, floods and severe storms, and their impacts on sectors such as agriculture, health, as well as infrastructure. Such climate-related hazards are having increasingly adverse effects on the country and future climate change is likely to further exacerbate the situation. A large proportion of the Eswatini population has a low capacity to adapt to climate change and the predicted impacts are likely to be particularly negative on the rural population because of their high dependence on rain-fed agriculture and natural resource-based livelihoods. Eswatini's capacity to adapt to climate-related hazards needs, therefore, to be developed to limit the negative impacts of climate change and address the country's socioeconomic and developmental challenges effectively.

Decision-making for climate change adaptation in Eswatini requires an integrated and cross-sectoral approach to adequately capture the complexity of interconnected systems. With climate change impacts increasing and becoming widespread, decision makers face the need to take informed decisions on the long-term costs and benefits of investing in different infrastructure projects or policy programmes. Moreover, meaningful decisions can be taken in an arena where different agents provide knowledge of specific domains. As such, decisions of climate change adaptation require research/evidence-based information to substantiate. In this context, the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs (MTEA) is seeking the following national consultant/s to support and develop Eswatini's National Adaptation Plan (NAP).

1.0 Climate Change Economist Expert

a. Objective

Specifically, the objective of the consultancy is to conduct comprehensive economic assessments of adaptation options prioritized and identify information gaps for reliable cost estimation in key sectors. The consultancy will further undertake an economic study to fill the identified gaps including developing business plans and financial models for ecosystem-based adaptation in communities. The consultancy is expected to participate actively in the NAP development process and provide substantive contribution to the development and finalization of the NAP document.

b. Scope of Work

Tasks	Deliverables
Review the National Emergency Response Mitigation and Adaptation Response Plan (NERMAP) and other reports produced on costing adaptation in Eswatini. In the short medium- and long-term perspective, considering the vulnerability assessed in the project. This cost estimation should be conducted on all adaptation options prioritized in the National Adaptation Plans in the project.	Economic assessment
Identify information gaps for a reliable estimation of costs in key sectors for implementing climate change adaptation in the medium- and long-term.	Gap analysis
Undertake a detailed economic study to fill the information gaps and estimate the costs of implementing the adaptation interventions included in the policies, strategies and plans updated under Component 1.	Economic study
Develop business plans and financial models, working closely with the private sector, to demonstrate the financial value of ecosystem goods, products and services generated by EbA to local communities and different sectors.	Draft business plans and financial models

a. Qualifications, Competencies and Experiences

Professional Experience

- Demonstrated expertise in climate adaptation and national adaptation planning (NAP) processes.
- Ability to understand and interpret climate data and models for a diverse audience
- Experience with conducting consultations and the organization of workshops.
- Proven experience in conducting institutional and policy analysis for climate change adaptation planning (traceable records of similar consultancies).
- In-depth understanding of climate change issues, at the international and regional scales, with experience of the current climate change adaptation landscape in Eswatini.
- Excellent understanding of sectoral and national development plan and their links to the climate change and the sustainable development goals (SDG)
- Knowledge of key stakeholders/actors engaged in climate change in Eswatini
- Experience working with a wide range of stakeholders, including senior government officials, development partners, county officials as well as regional organizations.
- Ability to provide training to technical staff from different sectors
- Strong IT literacy and competency.

Academic Qualifications

- Advanced degree (Masters Degree or higher) in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Climate Change Adaptation, Environmental Science, or a related field from a recognised and reputable institution

2.0 Climate Change Database Expert

a. Objective

The primary objective of this consultancy is to establish an information management system and central database for climate information that would be useful to inform current and future adaptation assessments, programmes and projects. The consultancy would also conduct a synthesis to develop a data sharing coordination mechanism.

b. Scope of work

Tasks	Deliverables
Establish a climate change information management system and central database for the collation and dissemination of climate information (including the results of the long-term research programme under the project) to inform future adaptation assessments.	Operational climate information management system and database
Develop and implement a coordination mechanism for improving access to and sharing of data (including procedures for data collection and analysis)	Coordination plan

a. Qualifications, Competencies and Experiences

Professional Experience

- Demonstrated expertise in climate adaptation and national adaptation planning (NAP) processes.
- 2 to 5 years of experience in design, development, and maintenance of database projects.
- Expert knowledge of SQL Server environments for designing and developing databases.
- Knowledge of Microsoft .NET Framework (C#, VB, .NET Core).
- Experience in database maintenance and release operations.
- Experience in cloud environments, preferably Azure.
- SQL Server (Scripting, Indices, Views, Stored Procedures).
- Ability to perform effectively in a team-oriented environment.
- Ability to quickly learn new technologies and business functions.
- Strong analytical skills to determine effective approaches to business solutions.
- Understanding of database best practices and the ability to promote those best practices in the organization.
- Experience working in an Agile or iterative approach to delivery preferred.
- Windows/Web Services

Academic Qualifications

- Advanced degree (Engineers Degree or higher) in Information Technology (IT), Computer Sciences, Database development and management, or a related field from a recognised and reputable institution

3.0 Webmaster Expert

a. Objective

The primary objective of this consultancy is to develop and establish a climate change information system with a structural and logical base to support the implementation of NAP. The expected outcome is that the institutions involved will have a system of indicators on the status of the climate and vulnerability of natural and human systems, as well as the knowledge to include these into an open information platform.

b. Scope of work

Tasks	Deliverables
Develop a climate change information portal to disseminate information on climate change, NAP process and all knowledge information and materials developed during the NAP process.	Operational climate information portal

a. Qualifications, Competencies and Experiences

Professional Experience

- Demonstrated expertise in climate adaptation and national adaptation planning (NAP) processes.
- Ability to understand and interpret climate data and models for a diverse audience
- Experience with conducting consultations and the organization of workshops.
- Proven experience in conducting institutional and policy analysis for climate change adaptation planning (traceable records of similar consultancies).
- In-depth understanding of climate change issues, at the international and regional scales, with experience of the current climate change adaptation landscape in Eswatini.
- Excellent understanding of sectoral and national development plan and their links to the climate change and the sustainable development goals (SDG)
- Knowledge of key stakeholders/actors engaged in climate change in Eswatini
- Experience working with a wide range of stakeholders, including senior government officials, development partners, county officials as well as regional organizations.
- Ability to provide training to technical staff from different sectors
- Strong IT literacy and competency.

Academic Qualifications

- Advanced degree (Masters Degree or higher) in Computer Science, Information Technology, Webmaster, Business Administration, or a related field from a recognised and reputable institution

4.0 Climate Change Adaptation Research Expert

a. Objective

The consultation's main objective is to support develop a school curriculum and school manual to mainstream climate change in educational system in Eswatini and develop a research programme in collaboration with relevant organizations such as UNISWA and/or other government institutions to measure the effectiveness of past, present and future adaptation interventions to inform long-term adaptation planning.

b. Scope of work

Tasks	Deliverables
Review the school curricula and develop an education manual to mainstream climate change into the school curriculum, building on the initial groundwork done under the GEF Project "Adapting Transboundary Water Resources to the Impacts of Climate Change".	Education/training manual
Develop and support a study and research programme in collaboration with relevant organizations such as UNISWA and/or other government institutions to measure the effectiveness of past, present and future adaptation interventions to inform long-term adaptation planning; including integration of Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) approach in the research programme. The study and research programme should focus on the following sectors: i) agriculture; ii) water and iii) biodiversity.	Adaptation Research/study programme
Map responsibilities of key institutions in implementing, maintaining and monitoring relevant projects to inform climate change adaptation planning in the medium- and long-term, including strengthening of existing research team/steering committee.	Stakeholder mapping

a. Qualifications, Competencies and Experiences

Professional Experience

- Substantive experience (minimum of 10 years) conducting research and analysis in the

area of climate change adaptation and at least one other related theme, including sustainable development, sustainable agriculture, natural resource management;

- In-depth understanding of climate change issues, at the international and regional scales, with experience of the current climate change adaptation landscape in Eswatini.
- Strong research programme development and writing skills.
- Knowledge of the national adaptation priorities including agricultural adaptation landscape, including agricultural and/or climate adaptation research organizations
- Proven ability to take initiative and responsibility and deliver high quality results.
- Strong communication skills, willingness to work with teams and ability to produce materials focused on diverse external audiences.
- Excellent inter-personal communication skills, including the ability to encourage collaboration with other programs, international offices, and partners.

Academic Qualifications

- PhD required in agricultural sciences, natural sciences, climate change with a focus on adaptation and agriculture or ecosystems, or relevant environmental science or policy required.

5.0 Climate Modelling, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Expert

a. Objective

The consultation's main objective is to develop climate scenarios for different periods, assess the current and future vulnerabilities and socio-economic impacts of climate change. The work will also involve ranking mapping the impact in all four regions of the country.

b. Scope of work

Tasks	Deliverables
Develop climate scenarios, including temperature and precipitation, for the periods: i) 2018-2022; ii) 2023 -2030; iii) 2031-2063; and iv) 2064-2100, providing details at sub-national level. These periods are in line with the National Development Strategy 2022, the INDC and SDGs, as well as the African Union Agenda 2063.	Climate scenarios
Assess the current and future vulnerability and socio-economic impacts of climate change at national, and sub-national levels based on the: i) reports developed under the project and ii) climate scenarios developed under the project.	Assessment report of current and future impacts of climate change.
Rank and map climate change risks and vulnerabilities for all four regions (digital and hard copy).	Map of prioritized climate change risks and vulnerabilities

a. Qualifications, Competencies and Experiences

Professional Experience

- Demonstrated professional competency in climate change adaptation and climate projection modelling at least for 5 years;
- Proven experience in General circulation model (GCM), Regional Climate Model (RCM) and dynamical downscaled products (such as Cordex and CMIP 5 model) on a low grid spacing Experience in climate change vulnerability and risk assessment;
- Ability to understand and interpret climate data and models for a diverse audience
- Experience with conducting consultations and the organization of workshops.
- A good understanding of the social and economic aspect of vulnerability
- Strong understanding of climate change, risk and vulnerability, and resilience

Academic Qualifications

- PhD education with background study on physical science, meteorology, climatology, or any other relevant area with demonstrated experience in climate analysis and modelling from a reputable institution.

Application

Please submit your applications to the: **National Climate Change Programme Coordinator** following the instructions below in pdf format at climatechange@swazimnet.gov.sz and hand deliver three copies at the Climate Change Unit, Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs (MTEA), Hospital Hill, Television Road, past High Court of Eswatini, at the Reception, clearly marked "Climate Change Economist Expert or Database Expert or Webmaster Expert or Research Expert or Climate Modelling, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Expert Consultancy for the National Adaptation Plan development process in Eswatini" in separate files consisting of:

- An Application letter
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) including reference letters.
- Technical proposal with a clear methodology/approach.
- A financial proposal.

For applications to be reviewed, interested applicants are required to submit their summary applications using the format below.

Tasks	Deliverables	Methodologies/approaches	Number of days needed	Budget
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Reporting

The consultants/firm will report to the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs. The National Coordinator will be the primary contact for the consultants. They will provide an update on a weekly basis with regards to progress and support required.

Scoring Criteria

Candidate will be evaluated using the scoring below;

Criteria	Scores
1- Experience and Cover Letter - explaining the motivation for applying, how the qualifications and skill-set of the candidate are suitable for this work.	10
2- Relevant educational qualifications of the candidate.	20
3- Technical proposal and methodology to carry out the consultancy.	50
4- Financial proposal.	20
TOTAL SCORE	100

Applications should be submitted not later than 9 August 2019. For more information, please contact: (+268) 24046274 / mobile +26876606860.

NB: Women are encouraged to apply

10 judicial officers appointed into new positions

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

DESPITE the infamous Circular No. 3 of 2018 which directed that all vacant posts, including the creation of new ones and promotions across government be frozen, the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) has appointed 10 judicial officers.

According to a government gazette released on July 12, the appointment includes one alternate member of the Industrial Court, four assistant registrars, three acting magistrates and two acting senior magistrates.

The first appointment at the Industrial Court is that of Nkosingphile K Dlamini as an alternate member of the Industrial Court for a period not exceeding three years. This appointment is with effect from May 6.

The second appointment is that of an Assistant Registrar Chakazile Tsabedze with effect from May 7.

Three others who were appointed for the same position of Assistant Registrar were Khanyisile Masilela, Xolile Nkambule

and Gugu Siwela.

Meanwhile, Thulani Dlamini, Chazile Thwala and Jabulani Maphalala were appointed into Acting Magistrates and these positions were for a period from April 10 to August 10.

The Judicial Service Commission also appointed Magistrates Sindisile Zwane and Nonhlanhla Dlamini into Acting Senior Magistrates with effect from April 1 to August 2.

Hiring

The appointments come at a time when government issued a statement last year freezing hiring and promotions due to the current financial situation faced by government.

Then Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Public Service Evert Madlopha announced this to principal secretaries and heads of departments through Establishment Circular No. 3 of 2018.

The circular reads as follows: "Principal secretaries and heads of departments are hereby informed that Cabinet has directed that all vacant posts, including the creation of new posts and promotions across government, be frozen.

This state of affairs has been necessi-



Former PS in the Ministry of Public Service Evert Madlopha.

tated by the current financial situation in the country and the cash flow problems faced by government.

All service commissions and other designated appointing authorities are therefore urged to heed to this directive and ensure that there are no appointments and promotions made against any vacant post.

Ministries and departments are further encouraged to explore other service delivery methods for the provision of services that require the human capital through consultation with the ministry of public service."

The effective date of this circular was marked to be August 1, 2018.

Home affairs employee arrested for fraud

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

CRIMES committed by government employees are seemingly prevalent these days as yet another civil servant has been arrested for fraud.

Zipho Thwala (32) of Sigangeni was arrested and charged with fraud, when he was found to have misrepresented to a home affairs official that an Ethiopian national had crossed into South Africa through Ngwenya Border Gate.

According to his charge sheet, Thwala was found to have, on July 17 at Ngwenya Border Gate, defrauded and misrepresented to immigration officer Alfred Gule that on May 18, one Ethiopian national Belay Darlio Bunero went to South Africa through the Ngwenya exit point.

Thwala is said to have misrepresented that Bunero's passport was stamped with exit stamp number 1817.

This Thwala was said to have done by inducing the ministry of home affairs to the actual loss and prejudice into believing that the said Bunero has been through the Ngwenya Border Gate.

Passport

When Thwala made the misrepresentation, he knew very well that Bunero had not used the passport to go to the Republic of South Africa.

During his appearance before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati on Tuesday, Thwala invoked his right to legal representation, as he had instructed an attorney to represent him in the court proceedings.

Thwala was remanded into custody until August 9, pending his trial set on October 24.

The court granted him bail of E1 000 to gain his liberation until his trial in October.

Over 900 dagga related arrests in three months

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Lobamba

OVER 900 dagga related arrests were recorded by the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) in a period of three months.

These arrests were made during operations which include raids and swoops to curtail crime all over the country.

These statistics are contained in the REPS performance report on recurrent and capital expenditure for the period from April to June. The report revealed that drugs and cannabis (dagga) continued to be a perennial problem in society.

This was illustrated by the fact that, during the period under review, 982 suspects were arrested for being found in possession of the illicit drug consignments without a permit.

Of the above mentioned figure, 816 of the suspects were males whereas 166 were females. It is

worth noting that even minors were involved in the dagga drug trade as eight of the suspects were juveniles.

The potency of the local herb has gotten to the attention of non-locals and also attracts drug traffickers from neighbouring countries as 65 of the suspects were from countries such as South Africa, Mozambique, Lesotho and some from as far as the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania.

Trade

In the fight against the drug trade, farmers were not spared as the police destroyed dagga fields totalling to 226 hectares all around the kingdom.

The police have reportedly seized over 6017 kilograms of cannabis.

Another alarming statistic is that of gender based violence cases as they have increased by 39.3 per cent. During the period under review, 209 cases were recorded against 150 recorded in the same period in 2018.

Ten fresh cases brought before one judicial officer

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

THERE is reportedly a backlog of cases at Siteki Magistrate's Court as there is currently only one judicial officer to deal with both civil and criminal cases.

Principal Magistrate Dumisani Magagula is currently the only judicial officer available at the court. Some officers of the court have expressed concern on the fact that cases are once again piling up due to insufficient staff.

The court has over the past two years been functioning with two judicial officers, being the principal magistrate and Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso.

However, early this year Mavuso was redeployed to Big Bend Magistrate's Court after it was officially opened by



Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala.

On Wednesday, a total of 10 fresh cases were brought before the principal magistrate.

These added to other cases which were for remand, resetting and trial.

Apparently, the principal magistrate is the only judicial officer at the Magistrate's Court who has the prerogative to preside on serious cases such as rape.

According to the law, the principal magistrate is the only one mandated to issue a maximum sentence of 15 years while the senior magistrate cannot exceed 12 years. This, therefore, results in rape cases piling up before the principal magistrate.

Some lawyers expressed their concern on the fact that cases were piling up at the court, resulting to a delay in finalising them.

"We cannot expect one judicial officer to preside in over 10 cases per day," exclaimed a lawyer who had his client's case postponed to a later date.

Meanwhile, the fresh cases which were brought before the court included those of house breaking and theft and assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. Most of the cases were postponed to later dates pending setting of a date of trial.

New pensioners' NEC declares war on govt

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

'TITAWUSHAYANA'

Those are the words that were uttered by the newly-elected pensioners National Executive Council (NEC).

New Chairperson Elliot Mkhathswa, who comes from the Mbabane Branch, promised that as he takes the office he would ensure that everything is back to what is supposed to be during a meeting held last week Thursday.

"I promise to leave no stone unturned, sitotingeeveta tinyoka" he said.

The newly-elected NEC has pledged to lead the PSPF pensioners into a new era that will see a positive change in the obstacles faced by the retirees. It is no secret that pensioners are currently fighting the issue of the categorisation of the

fund.

Another burning issue that pensioners are fighting is the election and subsequent disqualification of Sibongile Mazibuko from the PSPF Board.

The pensioners also complained about the 25 per cent gratuity that needs to be reviewed. Furthermore, they have accused the government of looting the fund's monies and loaning them. Mkhathswa said he would fight every corruption or dodgy business and shenanigans happening in the fund. He promised that he would stick by the rules and laws guiding the fund.

He pleaded for support from his fellow branch members and added that without his local branch's (Mbabane) support he will fail in his duties. "I am still one of you, the position will not change me," he said.

Meanwhile, Secretary General of the

NEC Dominic Nxumalo said first of all as a new committee, they need to ensure that the mandate of the fund is clearly stated. Nxumalo promised that they will not be distant as the previous NEC.

He said their election into office was because God had his eyes on Mbabane branch.

Rebellious

He said they have been perceived as the rebellious branch for a long time yet they just want what they are entitled to as pensioners.

He pleaded with the pensioners to communicate with them whatever they feel is not going well or needs to be changed.

The Mbabane Branch chairperson pleaded with three members of his branch who form the newly-elected NEC not to forget where they come from and not compromise the truth. "Do not com-



NEW BROOM: Pensioners National Executive Council new Chairperson Elliot Mkhathswa.

promise on the truth and God shall be with you," he said. This came just after a day the new council has been elected into office. The election came after the Mbabane branch

moved a petition calling for removal of the NEC which was led by Patrick Bhembe. The previous NEC was in office for five years. The pensioners once accused the previous NEC of being in bed with the Minister of Public Service Christian Ntshangase. These allegations manifested when Sibongile Mazibuko was ousted as a member of the PSPF Board.

The newly-elected NEC members are Chairperson Elliot Mkhathswa, Vice Chairperson Wilson Ginindza, Secretary General Dominic Nxumalo, Vice Secretary General Tholakele Botmah, Treasurer Makhosazana Madondo, PRO Bhantjana Gwebu and member Simon Maziya.

The three who come from the Mbabane Branch are Chairperson Elliot Mkhathswa, Secretary General Dominic Nxumalo and Public Relations Officer Bhantjana Gwebu.

ONE LAPTOP PER CHILD PROGRAMME CAN SORT MANY ILLS

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Ezulwini

MINISTER of Information, Communications and Technology (ICT) Princess Sikhanyiso says by introducing the one-laptop-per-child programme, teenage pregnancy, amongst other societal ills, can be avoided.

She said such a policy had a potential of bringing entertainment for children, adding that it would also help in combating HIV.

The minister said Africans could curb a lot with ICT by bridging the digital divide.

She was speaking on Wednesday at the official closing ceremony of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Digital Consumer Forum 2019 which saw 19 countries in attendance.

The forum is aimed at powering digital Africa through data protection, consumer privacy, trust and security.

The minister said according to a study, one out of four Americans voted to go a month without having sex than without their cellphones.

She said many pastors would secretly opt to live without their Bibles than



ON POINT: Minister of ICT Princess Sikhanyiso addressing the gathering during the closing of the ITU Digital Consumer Forum for Africa 2019 at Royal Villas on Wednesday afternoon. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

to be their phones which indicated that people were cyborgs in nature.

"It is with unequalled honour that I close the session in our beautiful and ecclesiastical Kingdom of Eswatini. I would like to commend ITU for choosing to partner with Eswatini to bring this forum and workshop to our shores. As the ministry of ICT, we have worked together with the ITU on a number of projects at national level

aimed at closing the digital divide and improving the connectedness of all Emaswati.

With the partnership and support of the ITU, Africa will continue to thrive and realise our aspirations," she said. She said the Forum had resulted in increased awareness, capacity building and most importantly, development of the white paper on both the national and regional regulatory con-



WELCOME: ICT Minister Princess Sikhanyiso being welcomed by ESCCOM Deputy Board Chairman Polycarp Dlamini, CEO Mvilawempi Dlamini, EPTC MD Petros Dlamini and ICT PS Maxwell Masuku.

sumer guidelines for the protection of personal data, consumer privacy and trust on telecommunications and financial services.

The minister said the Forum would result in a collaborative outlook on telecommunications and financial services. She said the common goal was to transform African economies into knowledge based economies through the use minds. "As Africans, we have missed the previous industrial epochs, but we will not miss the fourth Industrial Revolution.

We are alive to the fact that ICT is the future hence the ministry's slogan is 'Siyaphambili Nge ICT'. With the help of Artificial Intelligence the Internet

of Things (IoT) and data analytics, it is time for African states, governments and citizens to rise to the occasion and provide what His Majesty King Mswati III describes as 'African solutions to African problems'.

Of course as sovereign States, each country would contextualise its model," she stated.

She said through the strong political leadership from His Majesty, the ICT ministry is committed to the five pillars of transformation outlined by the World Bank: digital infrastructure, digital platforms, digital literacy, digital skills and digital entrepreneurship for a few and improved quality of life for all.



IN NUMBERS: A section of the participants following proceedings during the closing ceremony.

NATIONAL LITERACY ABOVE 90%

MINISTER of ICT Princess Sikhanyiso says Eswatini boasts of a national literacy rate above 90 per cent for both males and females.

She said the country also has 4G network soon to be 5G, Royal Science and Technology Park (RSTP) which had been branded centres of excellence, ongoing STEM education with a par excellence cyber security framework underway.

The minister said through a fund regulated by International Relations Act, credible plans to resolve unemployment could be devised, thereby retaining local talent.

For instance European countries could be engaged for English, Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries to relocate their BPOs and provide jobs in call centres in Africa to prevent an influx of Africa citizens in their countries.

"Together we shall develop new and better ways of connecting businesses large and small with their consumers worldwide. For this reason, government has opted to use ICT as a vehicle and enabler

for socio-economic development as evidenced in the recently launched National Strategic Roadmap. ICT is one of our five key sectors for economic transformation as a sector that anchors them all in our quest for enhanced service delivery," she said. To ensure effective protection of consumer data, the ministry has promulgated comprehensive data protection, cybercrime policies and legislative instruments.

Thanked

She thanked the organising committee for the workshop, management and staff of Eswatini Communications Commission (ESCCOM) for the excellent arrangements for the Forum.

"We thank the interpreters who have breached language barriers as well as fellow Africans, brothers and sisters who have crossed seas to be with us. We declare travelling mercies, hope that you have enjoyed your stay with us and that you will come back for the Reed Dance. But if you are hoping to see me I won't be there," she said.



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E800, 000	E225.00	E800, 000	E533.00
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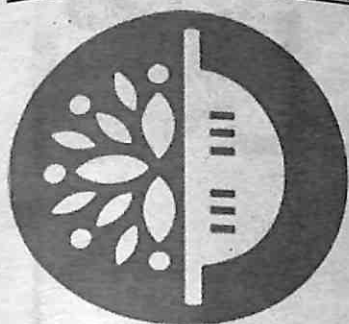
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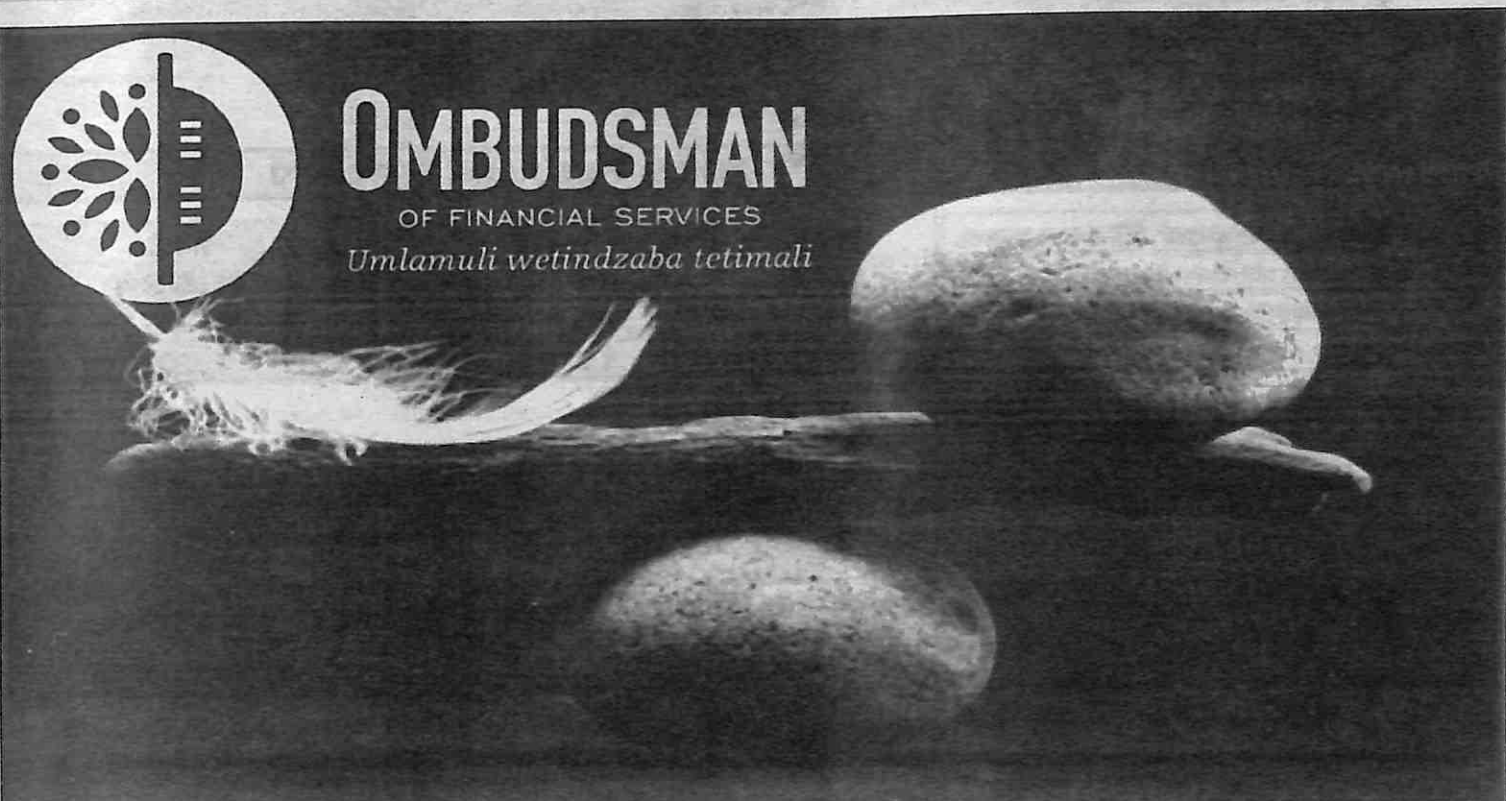
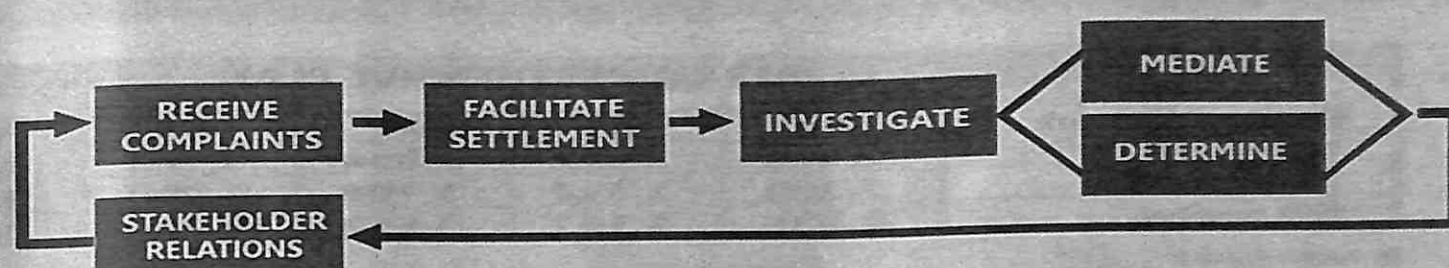
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2019 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Employer Groups	M0	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5
1-20 members	2,483	3,496	3,904	4,104	4,200	4,471
21-499 members	2,359	3,322	3,708	3,899	3,990	4,248
500+ members	2,235	3,147	3,513	3,693	3,780	4,024

Key features of the product:

- E2.5 million per beneficiary in Hospital Fees (for a family of four, that's E10 million cover).
- Travel & Accommodation subsidy.
- Pregnancy - E33,100.
- Cancer Treatment.
- HIV/AIDS.

- Organ Transplants.
- Prostheses.
- Renal dialysis.
- Medication:
 - o Chronic
 - o Acute medication
 - o Pharmacy - Over the counter medication
- Ambulance Services.

- Doctor Consultations.
- Optometry.
- Dentistry.
- We charge a maximum of 3 children but cover all children is more than 3.
- We cover aged biological parents and in-law parents.

2019 FLEXIBLE PLAN

Employer Groups	M0	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5
1-20 members	928	1,307	1,459	1,534	1,570	1,671
21-499 members	882	1,241	1,386	1,457	1,491	1,588
500+ members	835	1,176	1,313	1,380	1,413	1,504

Key features of the product:

- E750k per beneficiary in Hospital Benefits (i.e. for a family of four, that's E3 million cover).
- Travel & Accommodation subsidy.
- Pregnancy - E31,300.
- Cancer treatment.
- HIV/AIDS.

- Renal dialysis.
- Prostheses.
- Chronic medication.
- Ambulance Services.
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- We charge a maximum of 3 children but cover all your children if more than 3.
- We cover aged biological parents and in-law parents.

2019 TERTIARY CARE PLAN

Employer Groups	M0	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5
All	686	966	1,079	1,134	1,160	1,236

Key features of the product:

- Annual Annual Limit - E600 per family.
- Ambulance Services.
- 2 Specialist visits per family per annum subject to (GP referral).
- Safe, Domiciliary.

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- Hospital.
- 2x specialist medical consultation per pregnancy.

2019 PRIMARY CARE PLAN

Employer Groups	M0	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5
All	340	478	534	561	574	611

Key features of the product:

- No Hospitalisation.
- 5 GP visits per beneficiary.
- 2 Doctor Consultations.
- Eye test per beneficiary.

- Pharmacy medication.
- Acute Medication.
- Pathology.
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Employer Groups	P	A	C	Aged Parent
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Old Mutual funeral cover

FUNERAL COVER

Funeral cover or a funeral policy is seldom considered until the time comes to organise a funeral. Purchasing one of the plans we offer means not having to worry about the financial burden such an event can place on family members. Old Mutual Swaziland offers you two options to suit your requirements and your budget. Old Mutual offers three types of funeral products: Care, Standard and Comprehensive.

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- The type of plan that suits you.
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How long does the insurance last for?

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Who will get my Likhandlela Insurance should I pass away?

In the unfortunate event that you should pass away, your beneficiary will receive your Likhandlela Insurance.

Who is a beneficiary?

A beneficiary is the person chosen by the policyholder to claim the insurance money when the policyholder passes away.

How do I nominate a beneficiary?

- Dial *007#
- Select 3 - Pay Bills
- Select 6 - Likhandlela
- Select 2 - My Life Cover
- Follow the prompts

How does a beneficiary submit a claim?

- Dial *007#
- Select 3 - Pay Bills
- Select 6 - Likhandlela
- Select 2 - My Claims
- Follow the prompts

What does a beneficiary need to claim?

The following items need to be presented at Old Mutual Customer Services when making a claim:

- A certified copy of the Death Certificate
- A copy of the beneficiary's ID
- Proof of the relationship to the deceased

How are claims paid?

All approved claims will be paid into the beneficiary's MTN Mobile Money Account.

Why will a claim not be paid?

A claim will not be paid under the following circumstances:

- If the insurance is not active at the time of death.
- If you are not the nominated beneficiary.
- If claim documents are missing.

How long do I have to claim?

In the unfortunate event of the policyholder's death, the beneficiary/claimant has up to a maximum of 12 months to make a claim.

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Over 4 600 registered for Sibebe Survivor

STORIES BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

WITH only a day to go, 4 600 have registered for the 16th edition of the annual Sibebe Survivor Walk.

This was revealed by the Rotary Club of Mbabane Public Relations Officer Hezekiel Mabuza in an interview, where he said this year's event would be bigger and better.

Mabuza said this initiative seeks to raise funds to help the needy people from different communities in the country through various projects.

He said some of the projects the organisation usually does fall under the education, natural resources, health and agriculture sectors.

Participation

"It is through the participation of individuals, families and companies that we are able to give back to needy communities and even this year we are happy that there is huge interest being shown by the public towards the annual event," he said. Mabuza added that some of the projects they have carried out include the renovation of schools in various regions of the country.

He made one example of a project where the organisation is currently building toilets at Ncabaneni Primary.

The PRO highlighted that building of toilets for communities

was the first project of the Rotary Club dating back to 1905. Another school that benefitted from the Rotary Club generosity is Mahlangatja Primary, which had an accessible road network.

The Rotary Club of Mbabane, in collaboration with the ministry of public works and transport, renovated the road leading to the school and that project has been completed.

"Not only that, we have distributed furniture to schools in Hlatikulu, Ngcoseni and Mahlangatsha, where we found that the pupils from these schools were learning under unconducive environments," he added.

Projects

Other projects include the provision of fencing for gardens which are used by communities for both subsistence and commercial purposes.

"We also provide school tanks for water harvesting, and drill boreholes for communities that are in dry areas," Mabuza said.

On another note, Mabuza said some of the projects pursued by the Rotary Club would be showcased during the hiking. He further added that it was going to be great for the organisation to show those who would be in attendance what they are doing for the less privileged in the communities.

"We hope that organisations, sponsors and all individuals will be happy to see that their contributions are indeed channelled to worthy undertakings," he said.

Parking will be provided

THE Public Relations Officer of the Rotary Club of Mbabane Hezekiel Mabuza has assured those who will attend this year's hiking event that parking there would be provided.

Mabuza said this was aimed at reducing the high rate of traffic that could possibly flow to Mbuluzi during the day. Some of the parking spaces will be next to the Central Bank of Eswatini and the Municipal Council of Mbabane offices. "This year we will provide a park and ride around the city of Mbabane and all the participants will be ferried to and from Mbuluzi on buses," Mabuza said.

He said the buses would be ready as early as 0530 hours on Sunday.

Mabuza said for emergencies, they have paramedics as per the norm in recent years.

"For those who will have health related complications during the hiking, we have organised ambulances that will rush them to hospital and this is to avoid fatalities," he said.

Mabuza said water would be provided along the hiking trail on designated stations for the hikers. He then urged the nation to come in their numbers to support the annual event for a good course.

Man assaulted with tomahawk, survives

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man is caught up in a court case which will see go to jail for hacking another with a tomahawk.

A tomahawk is a type of single handed axe resembling a hatchet.

Sifiso Shongwe of Ezulwini area was arrested and charged with assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, after he was alleged to have hacked Vusi Sihlongonyane.

According to his charge sheet, Shongwe was found to have, on May 3 at KaBellinah in Ezulwini, wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally assaulted Sihlongonyane by hacking him with a tomahawk.

Shongwe was hacked several times on the head, back and upper chest, as well as punched with a fist on the left cheek.

The injuries that Sihlongonyane sustained caused him to bleed profusely, to which he was admitted and received treatment at a medical facility.

According to Sihlongonyane's evi-



EXHIBIT: This is the weapon that was allegedly used to assault Vusi Sihlongonyane.

dence in chief, an argument ensued between the two resulting in Shongwe losing his temper, thus committing the offence. When Sihlongonyane was asked to identify the weapon submitted as evidence, he claimed that the one presented in court was different, as it was miss-

ing the sharp allegedly used to injure him.

During his appearance as the prosecution's second witness, Detective Linda Mkhonta of the Lobamba Police Station claimed that he received a file which contained assault charges against Shongwe.

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

OVER 3 000 people benefited from the community mobilisation programme under the ministry of tinkhundla administration and development.

The community mobilisation results to the identification of projects.

Lubombo region had the highest number of beneficiaries with 1 375 followed by Mbabane region with 922 beneficiaries. While Manzini and Shiselweni share the bottom spot with 851 and 726, respectively. According to the 2019/20 quarterly report, the ministry aimed at increasing these numbers by sensitising and mobilising communities to start community projects.

The ministry aimed at encouraging communities to access the available develop-

ment fund.

It also aimed at sensitising and mobilising communities for the construction and development of royal kraal structures.

The first community development project that has seen the highest number of beneficiaries is the training and group capacity building.

In this programme, the ministry held 50 meetings in all four regions of the country. Lubombo Region had the highest number of meetings held which were 19 in total. Lubombo is followed by 12 meetings at Shiselweni region, 11 in the Hhohho region and only eight in the Manzini region.

A total number of 33 Tinkhundla were sensitised. The report stated that in the trainings, community members were

capacitated on various topics.

These topics included the roles and responsibilities of inner councils and development committees, group dynamics, Regional Development Fund, and conflict resolution, amongst others. About 1 156 people benefited under the capacity building meetings.

To ensure that the all chiefdom councils understood their roles, the ministry would continue to conduct trainings for inner councils and chiefdom development committees on their roles and responsibilities, leadership skills and sustainable development.

The ministry also aims to train Tinkhundla councils on project identification, appraisals and prioritisation.

Only 5 chiefdoms have CDPs

ONLY five chiefdoms in the country have developed and launched their Chiefdom Development Plans (CDP).

Four of the development plans were in the Shiselweni region at Lulakeni, Qomintaba, KaPhunga and Buseleni Chiefdoms and one in the Lubombo region at Maphilingo Chiefdom.

The plan itself prioritises optimum land use or a proposed land use plan under the community development opinion. The first chiefdom to launch the plan in

2018 was Ntandozi community.

More communities must be mobilised to establish their CDP.

Plans

The ministry said it would do follow-ups on these plans to ensure proposed projects are implemented. It is also stated that the ministry has deployed community development officers.

These officers ensure that all community projects being implemented are completed within the expected time frame.

They also ensure that the completed and implemented projects are effective, efficient, profitable and sustainable. During these visits, the community needs are identified and appropriate corrective measures applied.

So far out of 76 community projects that are monitored by these officers in 36 constituencies in the country, only 51 are doing well, the report states. Hhohho region has the highest number of projects doing well which equals to 21 projects in 14 constituencies, followed by Lubombo region. Manzini has the least number.

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A woman's wish to feed her six children saw her commit an unthinkable crime, leading to her being arrested for stealing a car radio in Mbabane.

Calisile Magagula was arrested and charged with theft after she was found to have, on Saturday at Reliable General Dealer in Mbabane, stolen a black car radio valued at E800.

WOMAN STEALS CAR RADIO TO SELL FOR FOOD

During her appearance before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati on Monday, Magagula was alongside her brother-in-law Mandla Kunene and was found guilty as per her own plea.

Acquitted

Kunene was acquitted and discharged of the offence after he explained that he only went to town to meet Magagula.

When she was given a chance to mitigate for

a lesser sentence, Magagula claimed that she earned a meagre salary of E600, and it was not enough to maintain her six children.

"A salary of E600 is not enough to sustain my family and I had no choice but to take the radio to sell. I intended to buy maize with the proceeds in order to feed my family. I am unmarried and the fathers of my children are deceased," Magagula stated.

After hearing her mitigation, Magistrate Vilakati warned Magagula to desist from such conduct.

"I understand the circumstances that you are facing; however you still do not have the right to commit a crime, even to feed your children. Desist from such conduct," the magistrate warned.

Magistrate Vilakati then sentenced Magagula to serve five months in a correctional facility, with the option to pay a fine of E500.

"Immediately after I received the file, I called Shongwe to the station to ascertain what had happened. When he arrived, I informed him of his rights, and further questioned him about the incident. We then went to where his hammer mill business was located and that was where he retrieved the assault weapon submitted as an exhibit evidence before the court today," Mkhonta testified.

During cross-examination, Shongwe's attorney questioned Mkhonta on whether the weapon before court was the exact one used during Sihlongonyane's assault.

Responded

Mkhonta responded to the affirmative, emphasising that that was the weapon handed to him by Shongwe.

This, the defence stated, was an untruth, as the complainant had previously testified that the weapon was missing a piece.

In its closing submissions, the prosecution led by Chris Sibandze concluded that the court should find Shongwe guilty as per his own plea.

"His plea of guilt meant that he has aligned himself with the commission of the offence. The prosecution paraded two witnesses whose evidence was not disputed by the defence. The court should consider that a medical report was submitted as evidence which proved commission and injuries sustained by the complainant on the day of the incident," Sibandze stated.

In his counter closing submissions, Shongwe's attorney urged the court to consider the aspect of the case where the complainant failed to identify the weapon used.

"The court should consider that the complainant testified that the weapon used to assault him that day was different to the one submitted as an exhibit before court.

The prosecution failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the weapon presented in court was the one used during the assault," Shongwe's attorney stated.

Shongwe's attorney further stated that his client was provoked by Sihlongonyane.

"Sihlongonyane interacted with my client three times before the altercation. All those times my client made it clear that he did not wish to conduct business with him. Shongwe even chased him out of his mill because he had no interest on what Sihlongonyane had to say," the attorney stated. The court is yet to mete out Shongwe's sentence, as it ordered him to appear before the court on Tuesday for his sentencing.



NO TO VIOLENCE: Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku posing with senators and senior of the DPM's office yesterday during the last day of the gender and development workshop for Women's Parliamentary Caucus, the gender sector and children sector committees. (Pic: Sifiso Dlamini)

TRADITIONAL WAYS PREVENTED ABUSE - SENATORS

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Lobamba

THE nation has abandoned and neglected traditional methods of curbing violence and abuse among communities, it has been observed.

Senators said traditional methods and structures had been effective for generations and the stripping of powers from traditional leaders such as chiefs has contributed to the current scourge of violence occurring among communities.

They recognised the role such structures play in raising awareness of the infamous SODV Act of 2018 provided they were properly capacitated.

Senators insist there is a need to do more-eradicating violence and abuse, especially in the domestic settings of families.

This was outlined during the final day of the gender and development workshop for women's parliamentary caucus, the gender sector and children sector committees held at the Parliament

conference room.

Senator Prince Hlangabeza said the tried and tested traditional methods of addressing violence should not be abolished as they have been used for centuries. He said there was a need to do more in capacitating traditional leaders on the SODV Act and gender based violence as they were normally the ones responsible for maintaining peace and harmony in communities.

Status

Senator Chief Zameya Nhlabatsi said the authority and status of the chiefdom (*Indlunkhulu*) should be reinstated and utilised. "*indlunkhulu* has traditionally been effective in resolving disputes among families and community members. All homesteads are under the authority of the chief and no one has a right to abuse or even threaten to hurt anyone regardless of their relationship," he said.

Senator Alberto Samuels said even though Eswatini was signatory to a number of conventions which instructed the country to align its ways to international methods, the country was renowned worldwide for its unique culture.

"We have a culture that we need to preserve and not throw away in favour of international aid, allowing the world to dictate how we live our lives is unacceptable," he said.

He concurred with the other senators that the issue of violence was a major concern; however, it should be dealt with without compromising the nation's cultural values. Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku acknowledged the crucial role that could be played by chiefs in the fight against violence.

Majority

He said a majority of criminal activities were committed in rural areas which are under the authority of the chief.

He said there was need to capacitate and empower chiefs as they could play a role in resolving disputes in their various communities.

"Cases should be reported to the chiefs and they would then facilitate the intervention of social workers who can be roped in to resolve disputes as that was the case traditionally," said Masuku.

One of the resolutions made by the senators moving forward was to revive the role of *indlunkhulu*.

Bugwadzi lobo - DPM

A number of people have been crying foul over the enactment of the SODV Act as they view it as a hindrance for men to express their romantic interest in women (*kusoma*).

Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku emphasised that the Act did not hinder anyone from proposing love (*kusoma*). "*Kute lovale kusoma*, this is an old traditional method of expressing feelings and if done with respect; no problem," said Masuku.

Masuku said *kusoma* had always been part of the Swati culture and traditionally, men approached women with respect and observed certain unspoken boundaries such as a women's body language and if done properly, this has no problems.

He said people who misquoted the SODV Act and asserted that proposing love to a women was an offence, were simply hiding behind the Act. "*Bugwadzi lobo*," added Masuku.



MY VIEW: Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku.

Man 'steals' emasi, other items fined E400

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE
Eswatini National Court

A 26-year-old man of Nkoyoyo has been fined E300 for stealing bread, emasi and other items.

Mduduzi Magagula unlawfully and purposefully stole items valued at E168.97 which were the property of Khetsiwe Dlamini.

He stole the items at Mantjolo on Monday.

"I plead guilty to the offence, but I did not steal the items as per the charge sheet. I only took the items

from Dlamini's children because her husband owes me E6 300," said Magagula.

Dlamini told the court that Magagula was her in-law and he grabbed the items from her children.

She added that the accused emotionally abused her. Magagula took amongst other things; two loaves of bread, two litres of *emasi*, a 10kg bag of mealie-meal, scones and a six pack of yogurt, all totalling to E168.97.

Dlamini was then sentenced to six months in custody with a fine option of E400.

Govt to construct high school at Luhlangotsini

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

THE ministry of education and training has identified an area where they plan to construct a new high school at Luhlangotsini.

The land, which is located behind Luhlangotsini Primary School, was inspected by the ministry's officials on Wednesday.

"The idea of constructing a high school at Luhlangotsini was brought forward by the community and the ministry of education and training in 2007. However, due to financial constraints, government was slow in identifying a site best suited for such an important project.

In 2015, a site at Luhlangotsini was identified by the ministry, however, the site needed to be approved before plans of construction could begin. In late 2017, a site was identified and on Wednesday officials of the ministry of education visited the site officially."

The details about the school are yet to be made public.

"Currently, government has a lot of issues pertaining to funding, but we are happy to see some sort of progress. The size and name of the school is yet to be announced and facilitators of the project are also waiting for other details before construction can begin."

BUHLENI ROAD SHOW

Pictorial

Buhleni, 27 July 2019



Yam'Nawe
S'phakeme Futsi

Buhleni came alive last weekend as the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup road show was in town. The good people of Buhleni made sure to seize the moment as they came out in throngs to see their favorite football stars. They were also in for a treat as 5 lucky fans won themselves tickets to watch the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup Finals which will be held at Somhlolo National Stadium on the 11th of August 2019, while two others won themselves a trolley dash. This weekend [03 August] we will be

invading the town of Nhlanguano with the best players the PLE has to offer, together with the best in entertainment with the likes of The Police Gospel Messengers, Stingers Jumpers and the crowd favorites Dynamic Groovers. At the road show, fans will get a chance to meet and greet their favorite players, stand a chance to win Charity Cup tickets and also stand a chance to win a trolley dash. Catch us at Zama Zama Complex from 10am tomorrow. See you there...Yam'Nawe!!! S'phakeme Futsi!!!



Stingers Jumpers wowed the crowd with their impressive skills



Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup Ambassador, Sicelo "Junior" Simelane with Royal Leopards PRO, Frank Hurube



"Mr G" (3rd from left) posing with Manzini Wanderers fans during the road show



EPTC and EFA representatives posing with the trolley dash winners



Shongwe N Khuphuka giving away Eswatini Telecom merchandise to his young fans



Sibongile Simelane during the trolley dash, she managed to bag E1300.00 worth of groceries



The winners posing with PLE CDO, Pat Vilakati, EPTC Manzini Regional Manager, Comfort Myeni and EPTC Hhohho Regional Manager, Mpumelelo Zwane



Mangaliso Ndlovu in full sprint during the trolley dash. He managed to bag groceries worth E1200.00



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OVER 15 COMPANIES TO TAKE 40 STALLS AT SUMMIT

BY BAHLE GAMA

OVER 15 companies will exhibit their products and services in the 40 stalls available during the Cold Chain Summit.

This was confirmed by NAMBoard CEO Siphephiso Dlamini during a sponsorships handover at NAMBoard offices yesterday.

He said more companies had shown interest in the summit to be held at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre on August 7-8. These companies include the Swazi Observer, EBIS, Tibiyo TakaNgwane, ESWADE and PrintPak.

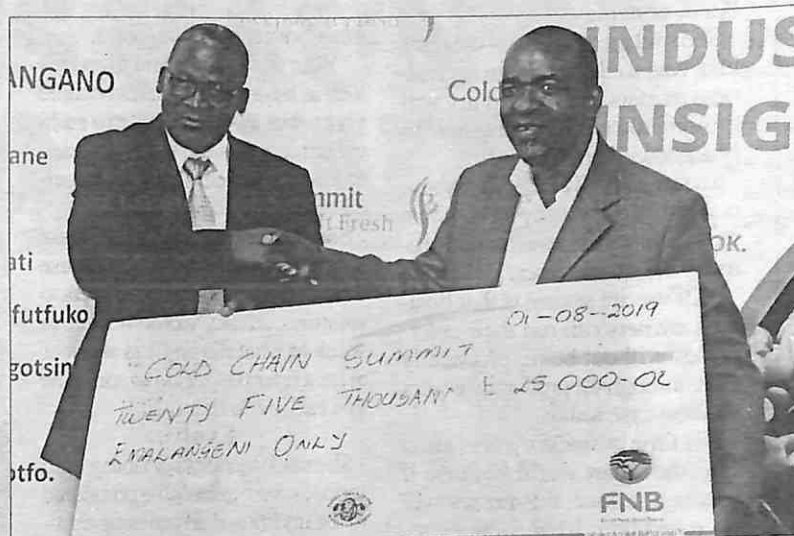
"We are happy to share with you that our program for the summit is ready and that our speakers and exhibitors have confirmed participation."

"We were at the Fresh Connections Summit in Cape Town this week with our main sponsors and they are excited to be coming in this week to share their knowledge with us."

We look forward to receiving insight from industry giants who have been travelling this journey with us," he said.

Dlamini highlighted that one of the main components of the NAMBoard mandate was market

APPRECIATION:
NAMBoard CEO Siphephiso Dlamini receiving a E25 000 replica cheque from Tibiyo TakaNgwane's Musa Mdluli during a sponsorship handover at NAMBoard offices in Manzini yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



SPONSORS

Swazi Observer	Advertising package before, during and after the summit
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EBIS	Free airtime for adverts in both English and Siswati channels
ESWADE	E50 000
Print Pak	To print all literature on Cold-Chain Summit free of charge
Limkokwing	Free video shooting
Nothando Mhlana	Four carry packs of Aquelle drinks

facilitation for both local and export sales. "In case of local sales, we are looking for production growth in the

different parts of the country as well as reduction of spoilage resulting from exposure to harsh weather con-

ditions and inadequacy of cold storage facilities.

"We believe that the summit will contribute greatly towards increasing education and investment in cold chain technology by all players involved in the fresh produce market as we grow this industry," he added.

He also mentioned that they want to see local produce with a longer shelf-life than was the case before, further stating that in the case of exports, they were looking for a robust growth in terms of volume and diversification of products.



MORE SPONSORS:
NAMBoard CEO posing with some of the sponsors of the Cold Chain Summit.

Sustainable strategies required to improve business economic performance

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE business community is rapidly changing and this requires that the Kingdom of Eswatini comes up with sustainable strategies that will improve the business economic performance.

This was said by the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Mangoba Khumalo during the launch of the third international SHERQ summit held at the Royal Swazi convention Centre yesterday.

Khumalo said these strategies should not only be non-profit oriented, but also be cognisant of the need to protect the environment and the society within which we live.

"Improving Eswatini's business environment, as outlined in the Strategic

Roadmap, is crucial to facilitating a private sector-led recovery. My ministry has been tasked with the responsibility of improving the ease of doing business, which is another key component of corporate sustainability.

"However, we are aware that if, as a country, we fail to create an environment that speak to business sustainability; this will all be in vain. This, therefore, puts the responsibility to inculcate a culture of corporate excellence squarely on our shoulders," he said.

The minister pledged that his ministry would do everything in its power to ensure that businesses enjoy operating in the Kingdom of Eswatini, and as such, have introduced a business after-care concept that will ensure business sustainability.

He added that studies have revealed

that sound sustainability lowers the cost of industry capital and results in improved operational performance.

"This forum is, therefore, important in terms of bringing together organisations and experts as well as individuals and captains of industry to embrace sustainability and to ensure that it is embedded in business and life processes."

This calls for cooperation between all stakeholders involved and while government has to set regulation, business must also act responsibly and move towards sustainability.

On the other hand, consumers must also make right choices to encourage the right practices," he continued.

The minister said through collaboration and using innovation, everyone could benefit and ensure a sus-

tainable future for the nation.

He said bio-based technologies would ensure that manufacturing industries produced more sustainable, healthier and affordable foods due to smarter agricultural production, better medicine, sustainable fuel, and the provision of a cleaner environment for all.

"One of our long-term goal as Government is to use innovation and inclusive growth to reposition the Kingdom of Eswatini, particularly important in the advent of the 4th Industrial Revolution."

"The theme of this conference, Corporate Sustainability, covers a broad range of issues affecting business; making it a very important initiative towards ensuring that businesses thrive in all areas," the minister continued.

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VITALS

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First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	1.6%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.25%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E12.80 per litre
Replacement	E12.85 per litre
Diesel	E12.80 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

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Swiss France/SZL	14.2852	14.3299
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3178	1.3348
Australian Dollar/SZL	9.7477	9.7850
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Local HopeMat App getting international recognition

...App downloaded in countries like South Africa, Mozambique, Russia, Taiwan, United Kingdom, Ireland and India

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE HopeMat App has gained international recognition.

This was revealed by the app's founder Celumusa Thusi who said the app was performing well and the response received was overwhelming.

"We are surprised by the number of downloads and international interests in the product," he said.

He said the daily views had increased by 25 per cent due to the new downloads and have reached numbers over 7 000 downloads.

Countries that have downloaded the app include South Africa, Mozambique, Russia, Taiwan, United Kingdom, Ireland and India.

Simplified

He said the HopeMat App was designed as a result of a gap in the market. Technology has simplified services provision and there is a need to embrace it, lest Eswatini is left behind.

"Realising the gap and pushed by the passion to provide a platform that will eventually prove to be a game changer in the not so distant future, spurred my dedication and zeal to work towards finding a solution to this problem," said Thusi.

Thusi then encouraged all skilled people and businesses as well as property owners to register on the platform for free as this would allow the consumers to easily access their services.

Platform

Services found in the app include a business directory, houses to let, taxi services, latest news and vacancies, amongst others.

He said it was high time that Emaswati were provided with a platform that would truly serve their needs like HopeMat envisaged to do by bringing them as consumers/customers/public and service providers to a platform where the exchange of information flows seamlessly.

The list of services in HopeMat consist of; getting a taxi, houses, learner's corner, church, music, vacancies and latest news.

BY NONCEBO DLAMINI

"WE are moving towards a technologically advanced era, hence business owners should be smart in taking decisions that will help in the development of their businesses".

This was said by MTN Eswatini acting Senior Sales Manager Nomfundo Jiyane during an MTN Enterprise Business Unit (EBU) Smart Seminar held at The George Hotel yesterday.

She said the purpose of the seminar was to demonstrate to business owners that the country was moving towards a technologically advanced era.

She said as MTN EBU, they also wanted to showcase products that would help business owners promote their businesses.

"All we are saying is that business owners can run their enterprises without being physically there through the products we want to showcase today.

It is time business owners grow into the smart world because if this is not done, businesses will be overtaken by millennials. Business owners should be willing to change," he said.

Smarter

Explaining why going digital was best for businesses, Jiyane said the changing environment needed smarter, faster, better and stronger means of communication or advertisement that come at a cheaper cost to the company or group.

She said by going digital with MTN, businesses would be availed the platform to advertise their enterprises by getting Business Caller Tunez, aimed at offering alternative advertising channel for businesses.

Jiyane also stated that it would help them reach a bigger audience normally unreachable through

other advertising platforms.

"Your staff, family and friends as well as business associates become your target. With one blast of a multi caller tune, you are likely to reach at least 70 per cent of your targeted base," she added.

She mentioned that the business owners would also be able to use their staff members as promoters to solutions, as they would be able to speak to what the jingle is about or at least refer the person to someone that can sell to them.

Evolve

She said the rates for doing both services were affordable compared to the traditional advertising channels.

She also mentioned that another way businesses would evolve was by using QR (abbreviated for Quick Response) code, which is the trademark for a type of matrix barcode.

She described a barcode as a machine-readable optical label that contains information about the item to which it is attached.

"The country is fast reaching the first world status and people should also invest into something known as the smart home technology status, which refers to information and communication technology (ICT) used at home. "It is a way of making everything you care about interconnected," she said.

MTN ESWATINI HOSTS ENTERPRISE BUSINESS UNIT SMART SEMINAR



ADDRESS: Nomfundo Jiyane addressing the audience during a question and answer session.



QUESTION: One of the business owners poses a question to the panel during the seminar.



ATTENTIVE: Part of the guests following the presentations.



SMART: MTN Eswatini's Mlandvo Mamba making his presentation on the MTN smart home technology.

BUSY WEEKEND TO BOOST TOURISM - ETA

BY SIMON SHABANGU

THE Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) has described the numerous events happening this weekend as good for the country's tourism sector.

The events slated for this weekend are the Standard Bank Lujulu Festival to be held at House on Fire, Tevin Campbell show hosted by Link Med Pharmacy

at Hawane Resort, the Baceth Hardware Music Festival in Manzini and the annual Sibebe Walk at Mbuluzi.

Reservations

ETA CEO Linda Nxumalo said, while some had reservations about one or two of these events, they would nonetheless bring a lot of positives for the tourism sector. She said organisers had extensively advertised their events even outside the country; hence there would be a number of international visitors

coming through to these events.

"Tourism is one dynamic industry that cuts across different sectors which contribute to boosting this industry in different ways. We are excited about all these events happening this weekend and we urge the nation to come out and have fun in the different host areas. While enjoying themselves they must take good care of the tourists and make promote our country so visitors knew more about the beautiful king-

dom and what it has to offer. Events are one initiative we support as an authority because they have the potential to boost the sector.

"There will be a lot of activity, the hotels will be fully booked and the entertainment spots will also be packed, hence establishments will make additions to their staff and create temporal jobs." She said establishments would generate a lot of income during the upcoming events."

BUSY WEEKEND: ETA CEO Linda Nxumalo.



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A YEAR AFTER MNANGAGWA'S ELECTION

OLD WOES HAUNT ZIMBABWE

HARARE - Langton Chiwocha chose Emmerson Mnangagwa among 23 candidates in Zimbabwe's presidential elections a year ago.

Today he says he deeply regrets his choice.

"We had high expectations as many promises were made, but things have turned worse since the elections," Chiwocha told AFP.

"I wish I could take back my vote, or maybe I shouldn't have bothered to vote at all."

Mnangagwa, 76, who took over from long-time autocrat Robert Mugabe, went into the July 30 2018 elections vowing to revive Zimbabwe's sickly economy, end cash shortages, mend fences with former western allies and lure foreign investors.



WOES: Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

Chiwocha, who holds a business studies diploma from a college in the capital Harare, says his hopes have been cruelly dashed. "I graduated in 2012 and I have not had a job. I thought after winning the elections, Mnangagwa would fix the economy and all who had

qualifications would get jobs."

But within months of Mnangagwa's election, the ghosts of Zimbabwe's economic past returned: severe power rationing and shortages of fuel, bread, medicine and other basics.

News24

Third Ebola case detected in DR Congo's Goma

GOMA - A one-year-old girl became the third patient to test positive for Ebola in the densely populated DR Congo city of Goma, local officials said on Wednesday, adding that she was the daughter of the second patient who

died earlier in the week. "I have been informed of another confirmed Ebola case at the Goma Ebola treatment centre," said Aruna Abedi, the chief Ebola coordinator in North Kivu, the worst-hit province since the outbreak began on August 1 last

year. "Vaccination has started at the Kiziba health centre to cut the chain of contamination. Medical staff and those who had contact with the patient, and those who had contact with them, have been prioritised," Abedi told AFP. *AFP*

Rwanda shuts border with Ebola-hit DRC

GOMA - The announcement came just hours after a third case of Ebola was recorded in Goma.

Rwanda has shut its frontier with Ebola-hit Democratic Republic of Congo after a third case of the deadly virus was detected in the border city of Goma, the Congolese presidency said Thursday.

In a statement, it said there had

been a "unilateral decision by the Rwandan authorities" that affected citizens from both countries who had to cross the border as part of their daily life.

Goma, a city of two million people and a major transport hub, shares the border with the Rwandan city of Gisenyi, which has a population of more than 85,000.

Cross-frontier links are intense. Many people have jobs on the other side of the border while others have homes or put their children in schools in the neighbouring city.

"On the basis of a unilateral decision by the Rwandan authorities, Rwandan citizens cannot go to Goma and Congolese cannot leave Gisenyi but are prevented from

going home," the statement said.

"This decision harms a number of Congolese and expatriates who live in Gisenyi but work in Goma."

The announcement came just hours after a third case of Ebola was recorded in Goma, widening the scope of the epidemic on its first anniversary.

Since August 1 2018, 1,803 lives

have been lost in the second-worst outbreak of Ebola on record, according to figures released Wednesday.

Two of the three cases in Goma have died, sparking a race to find people who have had contact with these patients.

Health experts fear outbreaks of contagious diseases in major cities.

In an urban setting, the density of population, anonymity and high mobility make it far harder to isolate patients and trace contacts compared to the countryside.

Citizen

BRIEFS

Leader says will ink peace deal with RENAMO

MAPUTO - Mozambique's president Filipe Nyusi has said he will sign a peace deal on Thursday with Renamo leader Ossufo Momade that will definitively end military hostilities with the former rebel movement-turned-opposition party. Nyusi made the announcement during an address to parliament on Wednesday, adding that the signing will take place at Renamo's remote military base in the Gorongosa mountains in the central region of the southern African country. "Tomorrow I will sign a definitive peace agreement with the Renamo President Ossufo Momade in the Gorongosa Mountain," he said. In the mid-1970s, Renamo fought a brutal 16-year civil war against the Frelimo government. *Reuters*

Bashir trial to begin August 17

KHARTOUM - The trial of ousted Sudanese leader Omar al-Bashir on corruption charges will begin on August 17, his lawyer said, after the ex-president failed to appear in court on Wednesday for the first session.

"Today was the first session of his trial, but the authorities were unable to bring him due to security reasons, so the judge informed us that the trial will now start on August 17," Hashim al-Gaaly told AFP.

The head of Bashir's defence team, Ahmed Ibrahim al-Tahir, said the trial had no "political background".

"It is an absolute criminal case with a baseless accusation."

AFP

Kenya's DusitD2 hotel reopens

NAIROBI - The five-star DusitD2 Hotel in Nairobi will reopen its doors to guests on Thursday, six months after 21 people were killed in an attack on a hotel and office complex by Somalia's al-Shabaab militants.

Nairobi is a major hub for expatriates working in East Africa and in addition to the hotel the complex hosted offices of various international companies. The attack was an echo of a deadly 2013 assault on a Nairobi shopping centre in the same neighbourhood.

At a ceremony on Wednesday ahead of the hotel reopening, an orchestra played and motorcycle outriders accompanied runners led by 800 metre world record holder David Rudisha who carried the hotel's flag. *AFP*

Military rulers to hold transition talks

KHARTOUM - Negotiators from Sudan's ruling military council and main opposition coalition have made progress on the sticking points in discussions on the transition from military rule and are set to hold direct talks within 48 hours, an opposition leader said. The on-off talks on how to run the country after the overthrow of long-time ruler Omar al-Bashir had been halted on Tuesday after the killing of six people at a rally on Monday, at least four of whom were children. But on Wednesday, Khalid Omar, from the opposition Forces for Freedom and Change (FFC) coalition, said their lower-level technical committees isolated the key points of contention in a constitutional declaration that will set the path from military rule. *AFP*

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IEC appoints George Mahlangu as head of new political party funding unit

JOHANNESBURG - The Independent Electoral Commission of SA (IEC) has appointed a new executive to manage its political party funding unit.

The IEC said George Mahlangu, a financial expert, commenced his duties yesterday. "He previously served as chief financial

officer at Gauteng's Department of Health and Department of Local Government, and before that, Mr Mahlangu was chief financial officer at the National Youth Commission.

He joins the IEC from the private sector where he was most recently CEO at a transport company. Mr Mahlangu is a seasoned

financial expert having served as a chief financial officer in the private and public sectors for many years," the IEC said in a statement yesterday.

"He is qualified with both an LLB and a BCompt (Honours) which provide him with an ideal blend of legal and financial knowledge to fill this important new role

as head of the new party funding unit.

He will operate at the level of a deputy chief electoral officer and report directly to the chief electoral officer, Sy Mamabolo."

The IEC is holding public hearings into the new political party funding law in Cape Town. The Act seeks to regulate party fund-

ing and ensure that all political parties disclose private donations to promote transparency.

The Party Funding Bill was passed by Parliament in 2018 and signed into law by President Cyril Ramaphosa earlier this year. The new law requires parties to report their funding to the commission, which would publish the information on a quarterly basis. There is no need for parties to declare donations of R100 000 or less, while an individual's donation to a party is capped at R15 million. **ANA**

ANC urged to fire Zandile Gumede or face wrath of residents

DURBAN - The ANC should fire suspended eThekweni Mayor Zandile Gumede and 62 councillors linked to fraud and corruption within 14 working days or face the wrath of the city's residents.

These are the views of the SACP's eThekweni branch. The comments come after the ANC PEC asked Gumede to take leave of absence after she and 12 co-accused, which include councillors, managers, business owners and companies, were in May charged with criminal offences in connection with R208 million worth of Durban Solid Waste (DSW) tenders.

Some ANC members in the region, including the Women's League, have protested against Gumede's suspension. It is believed Gumede enjoyed the support of the majority of the ANC regional executive committee (REC) members.

Addressing a press briefing in Durban on Wednesday, the communist party's Regional Secretary Phumlani Mthembu said if the ANC, as the SACP's alliance partner, failed to comply with their demands, the party would mobilise communities to force those implicated in corruption to step down.

He revealed that the SACP on Wednesday penned a letter to the ANC's national and provincial executive committee asking them to remove implicated councillors and managers from the council. Mthembu said the councillors were eroding the integrity of the municipality.

"When you have been implicated in corruption, it is better that you resign," he said.

Mthembu accused the now-disbanded ANC REC of having stifled its relations with the SACP in the region by repeatedly snubbing the invitations to discuss challenges facing the municipality.

"As we are in alliance with the ANC we (are) supposed to be discussing the issue of the councillors who must be recalled. We have been calling for the ANC to come to the meetings. Hence we are now writing an open letter to the provincial leadership so that something can be done. If the ANC fails to listen to us, people will have to take action and we are going to mobilise to take action," he said.

He further indicated that under Gumede, the municipality had been captured by the Amadelangokubona Business Forum, which he described as "vigilante tenderpreneurs masquerading as a force of radical economic transformation".

News24

'UTTERLY IRRATIONAL, NOT BASED ON LAW, INCONSISTENT WITH FACTS'

JOHANNESBURG - President Cyril Ramaphosa has told the North Gauteng High Court that Public Protector Busiswe Mkhwebane got so much wrong in her report implicating him, that she even miscalculated the amounts paid into the accounts of the CR17 campaign.

She even "double-counted the same amounts in some instances," he said. Ramaphosa lashed out at Mkhwebane, saying the way she approached her investigation into whether he misled Parliament was "unfortunate and leaves a lot to be desired".

Ramaphosa said in his affidavit filed on Wednesday that Mkhwebane acted irrationally, got the law wrong and acted out of her jurisdiction.



TAKES ACTION: South African President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The president is seeking an urgent review of Mkhwebane's report that found Ramaphosa misled Parliament, violated the executive ethics code and acted inconsistently with his office in relation to a 2017 donation BOSASA boss Gavin Watson made

to his ANC presidential campaign.

Mkhwebane also found prima facie evidence of money laundering in the over R400m in donations made to the CR17 campaign.

Mkhwebane's findings noted that an amount of more than R191m was

deposited into the EFG2 ABSA account between December 2016 and January 2018. During the same period, R190 108 277 was transferred out of the account. Between January 2017 and February 2019 close to R400m was deposited into and withdrawn from the Ria Tenda Trust. "About R335 738.42 was transferred from the account into the Cyril Ramaphosa Foundation between July 20, 2017 and March 26, 2018. Of all the donations for the campaign, records reflect that there were three single largest donations of R30m on March 9 2017: R39 620,000 on September 29 2017 and R51 506,000 on the same date into the EFG2 ABSA account, which came from the same donor." **ANA**

Committee asked to look into Mkhwebane's fitness for office

JOHANNESBURG - The Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services will look into the fitness of the Public Protector.

Chairperson of the committee, Bulelani Magwanishe, confirmed on Wednesday that "the committee has received communication from the office of the speaker regarding a request to look into the fitness of Adv. Busiswe Mkhwebane, Public Protector, to hold office."

Magwanishe, however, said the committee has not had the opportunity to discuss the request. "The committee will discuss the request and map out a way forward at the first possible opportunity when it resumes its work after the parliamentary recess period, provisionally set down for 3 September," Magwanishe said.

"It is only after that the committee would be able to comment further on this matter." **eNCA**



'Alleged Gupta gift ploy to oust Public Protector'

JOHANNESBURG - Some political formations have agreed with Public Protector Busiswe Mkhwebane that the latest allegation linking her to the controversial Gupta family is a malicious attempt to shred her reputation and force her out of office as soon as possible.

On Tuesday night, Mkhwebane's office issued a long and strong-worded statement, when the Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project alleged she received \$5 000 (R70 877) in 2014 from a Hong Kong-based bank, and that it was from the

Guptas. **ANA**

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Barack Obama silent in Democratic nominating contest

WASHINGTON - Former President Barack Obama was not on the Democratic presidential candidate debate stage on Wednesday night, but he was omnipresent as 2020 hopefuls struggled with attacking the legacy of their party's most popular member.

Coming under heavy attack from more liberal, lower-polling candidates, front-runner Joe Biden frequently invoked Obama in his defence, the first black president, for whom he served as No. 2 for eight years.

Obama enjoys vast popularity not just in his party, but among all Americans, including African Americans whose backing is crucial to win the Democratic nomination to take on Republican President Donald Trump in the November 2020 election. A June poll by the think tank Pew found Obama is now considered the best president in the past 100 years. "We've now had about 105 straight months of positive job growth, the longest streak in American history," said Democratic candidate Julian Castro, who was federal housing chief in the Obama administration. "Over 80 months of that was due to President Barack Obama. Thank you, Barack Obama." That left some of Biden's rivals in the Democratic primary contest struggling to find a way to criticise the former vice president and his pledge to continue and enhance Obama's legacy, while also avoiding disparaging the former president. *Reuters*



BANGKOK - US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo yesterday criticised China's actions in Asia after meeting his Chinese counterpart for the first time this year amid political tension between the two countries.

Pompeo spoke out against Chinese "coercion" of Southeast Asian neighbours in disputes over the South China Sea and its dam-building on the Mekong River.

His comments highlighted the U.S. divide with China at a meeting in Bangkok of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). After meeting China's top diplomat, Wang Yi, Pompeo said both countries wanted to improve ties that have soured on issues ranging from trade, US sanctions on Chinese telecoms giant Huawei, Taiwan and the busy South China Sea waterway.

"We are work-



POMPEO CRITICISES CHINA AFTER MEETING TOP DIPLOMAT IN BANGKOK

ing with them on many fronts," Pompeo said. "But we are also very candid about the places we are hoping China will behave in ways that they are not behaving today and we talked about each of those as well."

Earlier, Wang had struck a more conciliatory tone, saying he and Pompeo had discussed ways to promote China-US ties.

"There may be at various times issues and problems between China and the United States, but no matter how many

problems, it is important for both sides to sit down and have face-to-face discussions," Wang said after the meeting of about 30 minutes.

US and Chinese negotiators ended a brief round of trade talks in Shanghai on Wednesday with little sign of progress and agreed to meet again in September, prolonging an uneasy truce in a year-long trade war between the world's two largest economies.

In Bangkok, Pompeo said he had urged regional allies to

speak out against Chinese coercion in the South China Sea and earlier said Chinese dam-building upstream on the Mekong River had caused decade-low water levels in the river's lower basin in Southeast Asia. Both officials are in the Thai capital of Bangkok for security meetings with countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) grouping, on the front line of rivalry between the United States and an increasingly muscular China. *AP*

Boris Johnson visits N. Ireland, heart of Brexit battle

BELFAST - British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Wednesday visited Northern Ireland, the key battleground in Brexit and the focus of increasingly tense rhetoric on both sides of the Irish Sea.

He arrived in Belfast on Tuesday, amid warnings from Irish leaders that his

vow to leave the European Union, with or without a deal, risks breaking up the United Kingdom. Those warnings continued on Wednesday. But during meetings with the province's main political parties, he reiterated his determination to split with the EU.

The prime minister made clear that the UK would be leaving the EU on October 31st come what may, a Downing Street spokesperson said.

After meeting Johnson, Mary

Lou McDonald, the head of Republican Sinn Féin party, said he had "set the compass for a disorderly and a crash Brexit," meaning that there had now to be the opportunity for Northern Ireland to consider joining the Republic. "We've made it clear to him that the extensive planning that he tells us he is carrying out in respect of a crash Brexit has to include the constitutional question," she told the BBC.

AFP

No EU consensus on new IMF chief

PARIS - The European Union has not yet reached a consensus on a candidate to replace Christine Lagarde as head of the International Monetary Fund, the French finance ministry said yesterday.

"At this stage, although some candidates' names gather more support than others, there is not yet a full con-

sensus around one name," the ministry, which is spearheading efforts to find a replacement for France's Lagarde, said. The post of IMF managing director goes to a European by convention while an American heads the World Bank. The post became vacant after Lagarde was tapped by EU leaders to head the European

Central Bank.

Several names, including Spain's Finance Minister Nadia Calvino and former Dutch finance minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem, have been floated as possible successors.

French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire has spoken to "all his colleagues" over the last few days, "in

particular with Olaf Scholz," his German counterpart, his ministry said.

He organised a conference call with his EU counterparts yesterday "to update them on the latest developments following his extensive consultations, and to agree on the process to reach a consensus around one name," it added. *AFP*

BRIEFS

Joe Biden was rivals' favoured target

DETROIT - Democratic front-runner Joe Biden was again the main target of his rivals at the second presidential debate on Wednesday, as many of the nine other candidates on stage took aim at his track record on race, criminal justice, immigration and healthcare.

"Go easy on me, kid," the former vice president told Senator Kamala Harris of California with a smile as they greeted each other on stage before the debate began in Detroit. But neither one had any plans to go easy, and they went after each other in a series of tough exchanges. As the highest-profile candidates on the stage, both of them were also repeatedly targeted by the other candidates.

AP

Osama bin Laden's son is dead

JERUSALEM - Hamza, the son of Al-Qaeda founder Osama bin Laden, is reported to be dead, according to news reports. US President Donald Trump also said he did not want to comment on the matter when he was questioned by reporters at the Oval Office. Hamza, who was dubbed the 'crown prince of Jihad', had a US government \$1 billion bounty on his head and was reported to be emerging as a leader of the Al-Qaeda franchise as he called for attacks on the US and other countries in revenge for the killing of his father by US forces in Pakistan in 2011. US intelligence has received information that he died while three US officials confirmed the death but without providing details of the date or place where the younger bin Laden's life ended. *AFP*

Military exercises still on despite warnings

WASHINGTON - Joint military exercises between the United States and South Korea will go ahead, a Pentagon official said on Wednesday, after missile tests and calls for the drills' cancellation by North Korea. The affirmation of the annual, joint exercises came amid a series of missile launches by North Korea, one of which it called a "solemn warning to the South Korean warmongers" over the planned military drills. But despite Pyongyang's warning that the exercises could also derail further talks with Washington in the long-running diplomatic process over its nuclear and missile programmes, the senior US official said there is "no adjustment or change in plans that we're aware of." *AFP*

US renews waivers for nuclear projects

DUBAI - The United States said on Wednesday it was extending waivers for three civilian nuclear projects in Iran, despite Washington's withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear agreement. "This is a short 90 day extension," said White House National Security Advisor John Bolton, a champion of the hawkish policy towards Tehran. "We are watching those nuclear activities very, very closely, they remain under daily scrutiny," he told Fox Business. The projects include the Bushehr nuclear power plant, the Arak heavy water reactor, which has been modified under the supervision of the international community to render it impossible to produce plutonium for military use, and the Fordow fuel enrichment plant. *AP*

Swazi OBSERVER ENTERTAINMENT

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IT'S HONEY WEEKEND

...Tevin Campbell, Bongo Maffin, Zodwa Wabantu, Holly Rey, DJ Tira, all here this weekend!

COMPILED BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

THIS weekend is packed with a variety of events that cater for everyone.

Starting off the weekend today, make it a point that you attend your favourite show to see your favourite artist. We have the second edition of the Standard Bank Food Luju and Lifestyle Festival and the show promises nothing but good food and great music. We also have the inaugural Baceth Music Festival taking place in Manzini.

Our very own Mr Fill-up will be packing Mogambo once again, so there's no reason not to go out this weekend. With American star Tervin Campbell also making his way to the kingdom, this is definitely one to remember.

All this will be happening as we continue to look for the next Eswatini's raising star with The Spotlight talent search happening in Nhlanguano tomorrow.

There is absolutely no reason to be indoors with all these shows happening, leaving fun lovers spoilt for choice. It is a weekend of fun, good food, good music and good company; so grab a friend or two and enjoy the weekend and most importantly, stay safe.

TONIGHT

Gwalisa Mogambo

Where: Ronde Vu, Esibayeni Lodge
Time: 7pm

Illa Penboy sets to fill up Mogambo again this time he is hosting Amapiano hit makers, Instagram sensation Mbali Wethu and local acts such as Msizi, Popzin, Kangaroo, Lyrikal Busta and many others.

Tickets cost E100 and E150 at the door for general entry and E250 for VIP.

10 Years of DopeDeep

Where: Solani's Shisanyama
Time: 6:30pm

DJ DopeDeep will be celebrating 10 years in the music industry and is inviting his fans to join him. Hosted by TK, Bobo and Dr Shakes, celebrate with the DJ at Solani's. He will be serving you with the hottest



Tevin Campbell.



DJ Tira.



Bongo Maffin.



Holly Rey.



Babes Wodumo.

music tracks alongside Solani's residents DJs. The show, featuring SA's Xavall, Alphonso and Dukesta as well local DJs Zulu D, MBO, Master P, to mention a few, will be a blast. There will also be a live performance by Swiss and Size Killa. Make your way to this entertainment parliament for nothing but the best music. Entry fee is E100.

First Friday

Where: Endibanweni American Corner
Time: 6pm

Join some of Eswatini's best poets

as they recite their life experiences. This week, MoCats, Musa the Poet, Trumpet, B-Sim, Gcobani and KrTc will be serenading the crowd at the First Friday. Grab a friend and go enjoy poetry by the country's best. Entry is free

TOMORROW

Standard Bank Luju Festival

Where: House on Fire
Time: 10am

Catch the second edition of the Standard Bank Luju Festival tomorrow. Go and experience food prepared by some of the world's best

SAVE THE DATE	
MTN iPraise Where: Mavuso Trade Centre When: August 10	Festival Where: Legends Backpackers When: August 31
Let The Past Go Where: Emfuleni Lifestyle When: August 24	MegaSound Picnic Where: Malkern's Country Club When: October 26
Swazi Rally Where: Rider's Ranch When: August 29 The Green Lifestyle	Homebrew Carnival Where: The George Hotel When: September 1

chefs such as Siba Mthongana, Pete Goffe-Wood and young chefs. Also, get to see legendary South African group Bongo Maffin, Holy Rey and Eswatini's very own Amanda Mo, amongst many other artists. Tickets cost E450 for Luju Gardens, E750 for Premium Lounge and E120 for children.

The Spotlight

Where: Evelyn Baring, Nhlanguano
Time: 7am

This week, The Spotlight will take Nhlanguano by storm. If you can sing or/ and rap, head to Evelyn Baring this weekend and stand a chance to perform for the judges. This week, golden boy Sands joins the panel of judges. Entry is free.

Eswatini International Music Festival

Where: Hawane Resort
Time: 12pm

American star Tevin Campbell will be serenading his fans at Hawane Resort.

Join him together with The Rockets, Bhloja, Joedhouse, Dr Victor and many others as they give you a show to remember.

Gates open at 12 noon and the show will commence at 3:30pm.

General tickets cost E350 and E1 000 for VIP.

Baceth Hardware Music Festival

Where: Manzini Club
Time: Noon

Catch Afrotainment stars, DJ Tira, Zodwa Wabantu and Babes Wodumo at this one of a kind festival which will also see Eswatini's very own Ncandweni Christ Ambassadors, Nonhle Mthethwa, DJ Master P, Frans Dlamini, Shiba and the Travellers.

The show will be hosted by the one and only Gedlembane.

Tickets cost E150 for general entry (Presale), E200 at the gate and E300 for VIP (Presale) and E350 at the gate. Children are to pay only E50

SUNDAY

Old Mutual Choral Competition

Where: Esibayeni Lodge
Time: 9am

Make your way to Esibayeni Lodge this weekend and enjoy a range of choral music by the best choirs Eswatini has ever seen.

Symphony honoured to perform at Sibebe

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

AWARD winning songbird Symphony will be performing at the Sibebe Survivor Challenge on Sunday.

The singer will join fellow songstress Nomalungelo and they will be the first ever artists to perform at this event.

Sibebe Survivor is an annually anticipated and very successful fund raising event initiated and managed by the Rotary Club of Mbuluzi Mbabane.

The challenge sees locals hike through trails that wind around the granite outcrop to one of the best views in the country.

The rock rises 350m above the valley of the Mbuluzi River.

The Sibebe Survivor Challenge takes participants on a 13km walk from Mbuluzi Mission via the plateau of the mountain, through varied scenery, to the edge of the dramatic granite outcrop overlooking the valley.

The purpose of Sibebe Survivor Challenge is to raise funds for Rotary-supported projects throughout the Kingdom of Eswatini and beyond. The projects selection is guided by Rotary's six areas of focus, which include peace and conflict prevention and resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water and sanitation and maternal and Child Health, to mention a few.

Speaking to Symphony, she said it was a pleasure for her to be part of the challenge.

"I am pleased to have asked to perform there. I am definitely looking forward to and as per the Symphony tradition, I will show them what a performance is," said the singer.

The event will commence at 7am on Sunday with prize presentation and performances at 11am.



HONOURED: Songbird Symphony.

Little Miss Eswatini pageant here

BY ANDILE DLAMINI

LITTLE Miss Eswatini beauty pageant is back after over a decade.

The pageant was re-launched yesterday at the Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture (ENAC) offices in Manzini.

The pageant, which is a collaboration between Pageants Eswatini and ENAC is targeted at girls aged 9-13 years, has opened its registration for the next two months. Interested parties can call 78033184 to register. Little Miss Eswatini Coordinator Nokuphila Masangane said this pageant was a non-exploitative one.

"We are looking for energetic, spontaneous, confident little girls who possess good verbal and ambassadorial skills," said Masangane.

She mentioned that this pageant was also not just centered around beauty, but to provide young girls with an environment for self-improvement, building self-confidence and enhancing their skills. Contestants will not be allowed to wear make-up or do over the top hairstyles.

The requirements for an entry form includes a parent or guardian's written consent, a certified copy of the child's birth certificate and certified copy of the parent's identification document.

During their year of reign, the young queen and her princesses will be allocated a number of duties that will include

... Contestants will not be allowed to wear make-up or do over the top hairstyles.



BACK: Pageants Eswatini President Catherine Potgieter and Little Miss Eswatini Coordinator Nokuphila Masangane.



supporting and attending to the needs of the needy.

Pageants Eswatini President Catherine Potgieter said that this was a milestone considering the fact that it has been a very long time since this pageant was active. "It's time for new things to happen, and for our children to have this opportunity," said the president.

ENAC CEO Stanley Dlamini said the council was 100 percent behind this ini-

tiative.

"Our policy is to support initiatives that seek to promote the self-esteem of the girl child," Dlamini said.

All Top 12 finalists will receive book hampers and movie vouchers to Movie Zone.

On top of that, the top three will receive tablets, game drive vouchers, crowns, sashes, trophies and decorative pillows engraved with their names.

Comedian Churchboy coming to Eswatini

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

SOUTH African comedian, Churchboy, will be making his debut performance in the country at the Happy Valley Hotel on August 30.

He is billed to perform at the 'Spring Comedy Night'. According to organiser Banele Dlamini, the show will also feature South African comedians and personalities Mathew, Ngozi Yebo and local comedian Ndosh. Dlamini stated that the Spring Comedy Night would be hosted every month end commencing this month. "This will be one not to miss as we will be featuring some of the best



comedians, both locally and in our neighbouring country; South Africa," he said. Speaking to this publication, Churchboy confirmed that it would be his first time performing in the kingdom. He said he was excited and could not wait for his performance. "I'm hoping to be welcomed warmly and I hope I already have fans who watch my videos," he said.

On the other hand, Ndosh stated that he was grateful for the opportunity to have been featured amongst top notch comedians. Simunye 'Church boy' Sikhakhane is well known for his hilarious videos on social media where he imitates pastors of different churches.

S-Tone's Imbizo tops Cape Town charts

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

S-TONE'S newly released song 'Imbizo' featuring Sun El is making waves in Cape Town, South Africa.

The song is currently seating on number 10 on the MFM969 Top 40 charts. The song was released in May. Imbizo; a Zulu word for a gathering, is a jubilant, rhythmic song that is centered on a spirited vocal rendition from S-Tone. Upon the

single's release, industry peers such as Sun-El Musician and Simmy took to social media to congratulate S-Tone on his latest offering. He said it was a great feeling to know that his song was appreciated as far as Cape Town. "I totally didn't expect it, and for 'Imbizo' to be moving up from number 16 on the MFM926 Top 40 to number 10. This is really awesome," said S-Tone. Since "Imbizo" is a SiSwati song, it makes him proud to have the world hear him and vibe to the music he sings in his language.

Eswatini Gospel Music Talent search kicks off on a high

BY ANDILE DLAMINI

THE inaugural Eswatini Gospel Music talent search auditions started off on a high note.

Held at Serendipity Gym in Mbabane last weekend, the first round auditions saw 46 contestants coming through to audition and only nine aspiring musicians made it through the semi finals.

The judges were DT Masina, Sakhile Mthethwa, and SBIS's Lofana Mavuso.

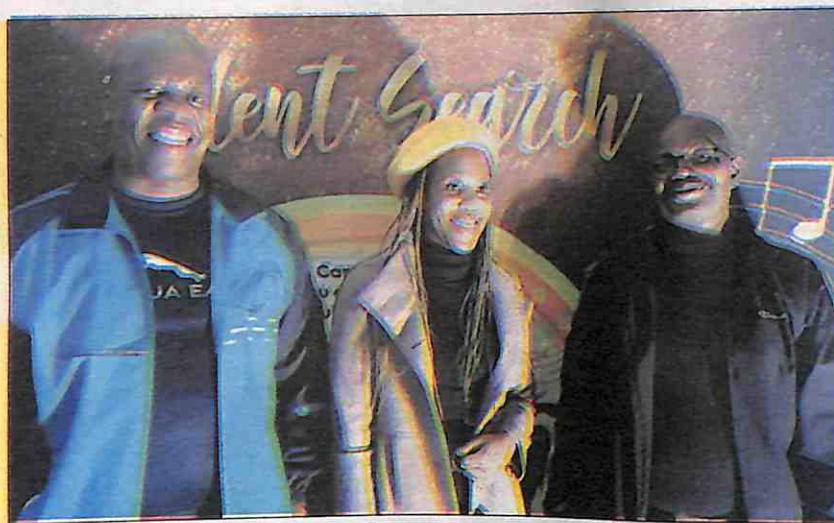
They noted that they were strict as the person who would win should represent

the talent search in the country.

Founder of the talent search, Thulani Mthethwa, said the contestants who did not make it to the semi fanals were not deterred as they took the advice from the judges constructively and that more people were signing up for the auditions.

"After these auditions, we had a great number of contestants who were calling to register with us. As we speak we have close to 300 people who have registered," Mthethwa said.

The next auditions will be held at Bethesda Church, Nhlengano tomorrow. The guest judge for this week will be singer and song writer Judah. Prizes



JUDGES: Judges for the day DT Masina, Sakhile Mthethwa and Lofana Mavuso. Saneliso Matsebula (circled) giving it his best.

to be won by winner will include a recording deal with Bhengu Foundation; an

entity based in South Africa, Eswatini Mobile Smartphone with E 395 pack-

age for the whole year and a one year gym contract with Phela Live Gym.



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NHLANGANO LET'S HAVE FUN - SANDS

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SINGER, songwriter and 'Tigi' hitmaker Sands is excited to be the guest judge at 'The Spotlight' Nhlango leg auditions to be held at Evelyn Baring High School Hall tomorrow.

The singer said making it exhilarating was that Nhlango is his hometown.

"I am basically going home. I unfortunately won't be spending the night because of work commitments later in the evening.

"I am optimistic we will find someone who will compete for the main prize. I come from Nhlango and I know there is a lot of talent there. Popzin, Illa and a couple of other well established talents are from there as well. I can't wait to be blown away," said the singer.

He expressed his delight about the

competition, saying it was a great opportunity for local artists. "This is an answer to many of our prayers. Thank you MTN for this," he said.

Idol

"This is very hard to find but so easy to spot in a crowd," he added.

Besides being a guest judge at the contest, Sands is still busy as an artist. He said he is always writing songs, but what was special was that he just finished recording a new song with his idol Tsepo Tshola, which he

describes as a lifelong dream for him.

"What a moment for me. It's been received very well across all radio stations in South Africa. We are working on a music video with a special storyline.

I am getting heart-warming messages from many of my fans across the world. In fact, I am winning over many new fans.

I feel blessed. The song is out and you can purchase it from all digital platforms. I can't wait to announce

my next move," he continued.

The singer said with his new company Kitsi Music, which is watching this talent search very closely, anything can happen with the winner of the competition.

"Even if we do not collaborate, we are always happy to assist mould new talent," he said.

He also gave advice to aspiring artists that it was all about hard work.

"Hard work is always rewarded. Talent alone will not get you places. Once you succeed, all glory goes to God.

Not any person. Always stay true to yourself, no matter what, always remain original," he said.

Sands also promised to enjoy himself as a judge as he hopes contestants would enjoy themselves as well.

"They will be there because they love music. So let's all have fun," he said.

'Be sure to follow the terms, conditions'

NHLANGANO 'The Spotlight' auditions kick-off at 7am, starting with registration.

Interested contestants are advised to follow the terms and conditions for the competition which include that only Eswatini citizens and permanent residents of the kingdom are allowed to enter for the competition.

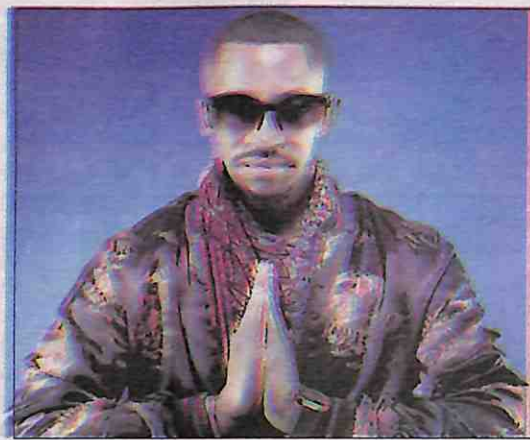
All contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 30 at the time of registration. Entrants under 18 must have a consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Artists are also reminded that by entering for the competition, they agree to the use of their images and videos for advertising, TV screen-

ing and other commercial purposes by MTN Eswatini.

Contestants must be aware that this is a vocal competition and will be judged on their vocal ability.

Only contestants who have applied via *7768# or www.mtnspotlight.com can register on the day of the auditions.



GUEST JUDGE: 'Tigi' hitmaker Sandziso 'Sands' Matsebula.

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International Celebrity News

'I still believe in love, but not with Ntobeko'

DURBAN - Zodwa is sticking by her decision to call off her wedding and vowed to "never go back" to her former bae Ntobeko.

The couple were set to tie the knot this past weekend but cancelled the ceremony at the 11th hour. Zodwa said earlier this week that the wedding is off "for good" and she had broken up with Ntobeko.

Although she was shy to share what caused the split, she hinted that fame had driven a wedge between them and claimed Ntobeko did not "fight" for her.

Ntobeko refused to comment on



NOT WITH HIM: Zodwa Wabantu and Ntobeko.

the couple's relationship and said Zodwa knew the reasons for the split. *Times Live*

'Any man who hits a woman belongs in the pits of hell'

SANDTON - Actress Jessica Nkosi has launched an angry attack on men who abuse their partners, declaring that such men belong "in the pits of hell!"

Jessica made her feelings on the topic known this week when she took to Twitter to slam abusers.

"I don't care. Any man that hits a woman belongs in the pits of hell! How dare you say you love her but hurt her."

Jessica added that these men claimed their love but then turned around and harmed their partners.

"These a**holes hit their wives, girlfriends, the mother of their kids! You declare your love but harm her! The



HELL: Jessica Nkosi.

hell!" *Sowetan Live*

Rihanna shuts down internet with sexy lingerie snaps

HOLLYWOOD - By now, Rihanna has reached that level where she can pretty much bottle her farts and make a fortune in the perfume game, or wear plastic bags and spark a new shoe trend.

So there was little surprise this week when she had the internet trembling with two snaps of her in lingerie.

The star shot up Twitter trends lists and dominated Instagram timelines around the world on Wednesday when she posted a picture of her new Savage x Fenty's tie-dye print lingerie range.

It is available online from R240 to R800.

The range went live yesterday, but thirsty fans will probs need a bit more



SEXY: Rihanna.

time to cool down from the heat Riri brought in the promo snap before rushing to grab the range. *News 24*

R. Kelly calls alleged victims 'disgruntled groupies'

HOLLYWOOD - R. Kelly just filed legal docs blasting his alleged victims, referring to them as "disgruntled groupies."

The singer's docs ask a federal judge to release him before his pending trial. His lawyers say he does not represent a threat, because they claim the allegations against him are bogus. In explaining their position, they say the "groupies sought out Robert's attention, even fought each other for it, voluntarily contacted him, came to his shows, pined to be with him". R. Kelly's lawyer, Douglas Anton, doesn't stop there. He claims in the



VENTS: R. Kelly.

docs the government is trying to paint a picture of a nefarious pattern, but it all amounts to "five disgruntled groupies, not all of which are alleged to be underage." *TMZ*

'Promiscuous' Gigaba a dance floor hit

PRETORIA - A song named after former minister of home affairs Malusi Gigaba is setting the dance floors on fire.

Titled 'Gigaba', the song was done by Pro Monate and was released in June, while the controversial music video that is scoring views on YouTube was released 10 days ago.

Pro Monate, whose real name is Itumeleng Mahlangu, explained that the intention of the song and video was to get people talking and laughing.

He told Sowetan when he went



NEW HIT: Pro Monate.

to the studio, he did not expect an overwhelming response from the public. *Sowetan Live*

'Showing off booty on TV wasn't a stunt'

AUCKLAND PARK - Moonchild has laughed off criticism after she recently lifted her skirt on TV and flashed her booty.

The star shocked many when she appeared on SABC 1's 'Real Goboza' recently and twerked for the show's presenters.

A video clip of the incident went viral on social media, drawing mixed reactions.

Speaking to Tshisa Live, Moonchild said she was just being herself and won't change for those who have a problem with her.

"I don't feel anything that people say. I do what I like and I blocked out the hate. If you choose to focus



NOT A STUNT: Moonchild.

on my personality, when I choose to be myself, it's on you." She said that it was not part of a strategy to get attention or publicity. *Sowetan Live*

Tristan Thompson jumps to Khloe Kardashian's defence

HOLLYWOOD - Tristan Thompson is finally clearing the air about the circumstances under which he met Khloe Kardashian, and he's also defending his other baby mama.

Tristan on Wednesday debunked a report he had reunited with his first baby mama, Jordan Craig. There were reports Tristan, Jordan and their two-year-old son, Prince, recently went on family vacay in Jamaica, making it seem as if they were rekindling an old flame.

Tristan says there's ZERO truth to that, and adds he's spent the last few months preparing for the NBA season, and that's it -- zero summer vacations. As for how the story took off, seems Tristan posting a picture



DEFENDS: Tristan Thompson with Khloe Kardashian.

of Prince on a yacht in Jamaica made some people think he was there, but he's adamant he was not. *TMZ*

'Game of Thrones' author look-alike hits the beach

MIAMI - George R.R. Martin ain't in Westeros anymore -- and with Winter officially having come and gone, it looks like the famed author hopped a dragon to SoCal, emphasis on LOOKS like.

The 'Game of Thrones' scribe was spotted at a beach in sunny Oceanside -- at least that's what we first thought when we saw this photo. Turns out -- this is George's freakin' doppelganger IN THE FLESH!!! Seriously, the resemblance is uncanny. We reached out to George's rep to make sure it was in fact him, and we were told no dice!!! The rep says George was actually in a completely differ-



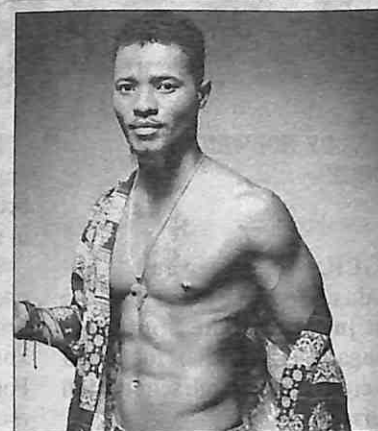
LOOK-ALIKE: George R.R. Martin's look-alike.

ent state. The dude's got a crib in Santa Fe, NM -- so he very likely might've been there with his wife, Parris. *TMZ*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY



NIGHTMARE: Qaphela.

Qaphela's worst nightmare comes true. Fenyang feeds Phumelele's anger. Sgqoko fights back.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



TRICKS: Phindile.

Phindile decides to play Palesa at her own game. Lalage's friendship with Nina starts to unsettle Anja. Morongwa tells Makgomele to look after Veronica while she's away.

Muvhango

TODAY

Susan takes drastic measure to save her son, while Azwindini is not impressed. James and Marang realise that they are a target of someone who is seeking revenge. Vho-Mukondeleli is so pre-occupied by her health obsession, she forgets to do her duties.



NOT IMPRESSED: Azwindini.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Lerato has a plan to deceive Suffocate. Puleng's father arrives with disappointing news and a problem wife. Rene's party goes ahead, in spite of her reluctance.

PLANS: Lerato.



MEME OF THE DAY

Ladies who can eat anything they want and not gain weight, how does it feel to be God's favorite?



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Connect with the stable, grounding energy of the day, Capricorn, but beware that tension may come in the form of fast talk and misinformation. People could be fickle and frantic. Wait for the dust to settle before you pick a road to travel. Impulsive decisions may lead you down paths that aren't the best choice for you now. Relax and try not to think about it too much!



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Any expansive feeling you experience may be rained on today. You could get the feeling that you've lost touch with reality. Make sure you connect with real life, Aquarius, and do a bit of planning to balance your whimsical side. Things that you haven't accounted for might crop up to serve as a reminder that you need to deal with real life.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

Walk to the beat of your own drum, Pisces. If you try to latch on to the smooth-talking, fast-paced information of the day, your voice could get lost in the crowd. But if you plant your feet firmly and try to plan, you might deprive yourself of spontaneous events that prove the most fulfilling. Chart your own course and don't be afraid if no one else follows along.



Aries March 21 – April 19

Connect with the fellow sitting next to you or perhaps the woman behind you in line at the store. He or she could share a piece of wisdom that changes your life forever. Be aware that you also could be that person who changes someone else's life with a single thought or slice of wisdom that you've picked up in your travels. Communication is the key to expanding your world in many ways.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

Your self-esteem may be challenged today by a fast talker or unpleasant situation, Taurus. Don't accept things at first glance. There's a much deeper meaning brewing below the surface, and you'd be foolish not to recognise that. Stick to your guns and stay grounded. Newfangled devices and big promises may not be all they're advertised to be.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

Jump on board the fast train and see how far it takes you, Gemini. You'll be surprised at how far you can go with minimal effort. Your grace and polite social mannerisms will help you navigate quickly to where you need to be. You have the wind at your back today. Make the most of this energy by



aiming for the top and not resting until you get there.

Cancer June 22 – July 22

Flexibility is an important part of today, Cancer. Take a relaxed, laid-back approach. Trying to ram your ideas through isn't the best tactic. Having tunnel vision will restrict you in many ways. Keep an open mind and be receptive to others' ideas and opinions. You have a lot of power readily available. It would be a shame to waste it by lacking the breadth of vision to see all your options.



Leo July 23 – August 22

Things coming at you from all sides are forcing you to make a move, Leo. Don't be pressured into something you don't want to do. A nervous restlessness may urge you to act. Don't let other people boss you around. Secure your position and be strong.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Lock into the practical, grounding force of the day that is not only realistic but also flexible. Attend to details and organise yourself, Virgo. Be aware that you may need to alter your course a bit in order to fit the group dynamic. Try to work with those around you to achieve a common goal. Initiating the help of others is easier than you think as long as you stay focused and motivated.



Libra September 23 – October 23

Today is one of those days in which prosperity is much closer than you think, Libra. You may know what you seek, but it's up to you to take the first step toward going after it. You're probably looking for solid answers to your deep, probing questions. Don't let your inquisitive mind rest until you find answers that ring true for you.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Indecision may leave you helpless at a crossroads today, Scorpio. Others may be just as undecided regarding which way to go. At the same time, you may feel pressured to take immediate action, and you're tired of waiting for others to make the first move. Find the answers in simple solutions. There's more than one correct way. Your choice is always the right one if you believe it to be so.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

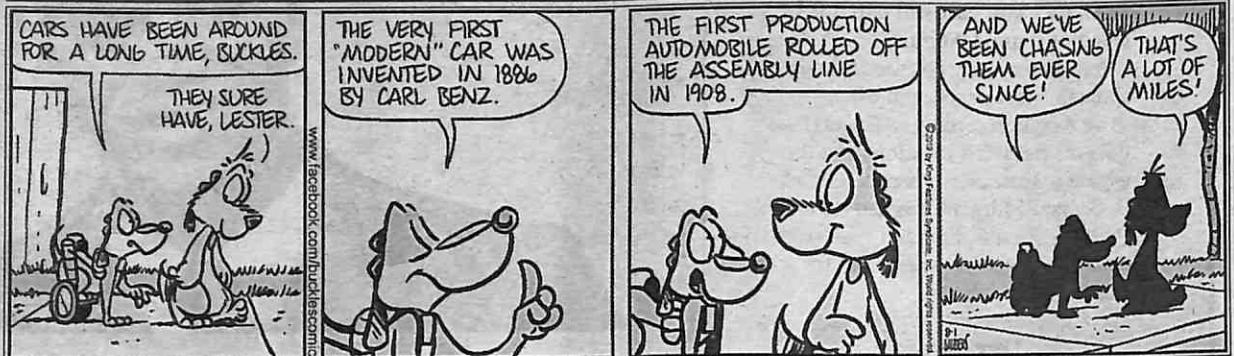
Latch on to the expansiveness that comes when you connect with others in a social arena, Sagittarius. Communication is a key aspect of the day. If you go with the flow you will land exactly where you need to be. Take the adventurous route and skip around from one thing to another.



BABY BLUES



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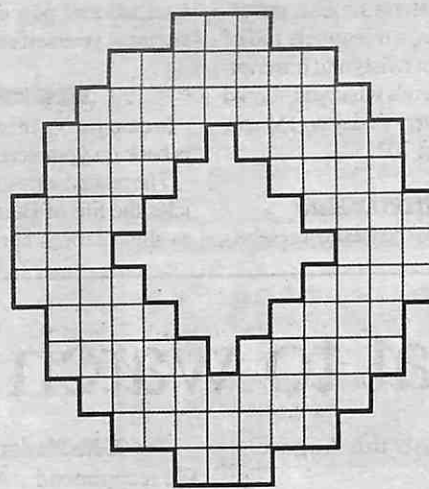


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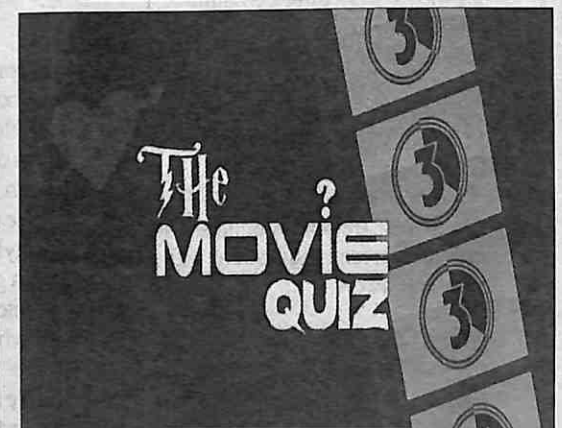
Married millionaire

A 60-year-old millionaire is getting married and throws a big wedding reception. His friends are really amazed and ask him how much he said. "Well," he replied. "I said I was 87!"

Did You Know

1. If weights became invisible, a gym would turn into a slow motion disco.
2. When a pregnant woman takes a bath, she's become a human submarine.
3. The darker it gets, the stronger is your belief in ghosts.
4. A birth certificate could easily be called a baby receipt.

MOVIE QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Yesterday's Quiz

1. In which movie David Bowie appears as Jareth the Goblin King?

Answer:
B. Labyrinth

Today's Movie Quiz

1. What is Mad Max's surname? And who leads the gang that kills his family?

Answers:
A. Rockatansky Toecutter B. James Cameron



M-Net Movies Night Out

IF you missed out on tickets for 'Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw', you can still catch it in cinemas from 2 August.

Here's everything you need to know about this fast-paced spin-off.

Our August screening is 'Angel Has Fallen', the third instalment in the Olympus 'Has Fallen' franchise. Gerard Butler and Morgan Freeman reteam for this action thriller and you have until 18 August to enter here for a chance to win tickets.

World Cinema

From Europe to Africa to the UK to the Middle East, M-Net channel 101's foreign film selection will take you all over the globe.

Eva

Sunday, August 4

Reality and fiction merge in this tense erotic French thriller. A mysterious and intriguing woman crosses the path of a phony playwright, sending both their lives into a spiral.

The Train of Salt and Sugar

Sunday, August 11

A perilous drama about endurance. In war-torn Mozambique, a train of civilian passengers and unruly soldiers must work together when they're attacked by rebels.

The Bookshop

Sunday, August 18

Charming and poignant English drama. In 1959, a young woman arrives in a small East Anglian town and decides to open a bookshop, much to the opposition of the local community.

Doubtful

Sunday, August 25

A redemptive and provocative Israeli drama. Sentenced to community service, a troubled screenwriter teaches a group of juvenile offenders who end up changing his world forever.

Knuckle City

The upcoming South African boxing movie from director Jahmil X.T. Qubeka opened the 40th Durban International Film Festival. Taking home the Best Actor nod at the festival's annual awards was Bongile Mantsai, who plays down-and-out boxer Dudu Nyakama.

What will you be watching this August? Share your thoughts, comments, and recommendations with us on social media.



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GRASSROOTS

Proceed to 'Grassroots' at 19:00, a new local series following the lives of two young men, Asanda and Monwabisi, as they journey to manhood.

The gripping tale zooms in on the boys as they battle to move beyond an all old family feud which now follows them as they leave the Eastern Cape to complete their high school in Johannesburg.

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Follow intriguing story on 'The River', Fridays at 20:00, exclusive to 1Magic.

Stay tuned for the best entertainment on 1Magic, DStv channel 103.

What to watch this August

OUR movie musts this August.

M-Net Movies Premiere

From a hotel with dark secrets to the boxing ring to the deep blue sea, M-Net Movies Premiere has great titles coming your way every Saturday from 20:00 on channel 104.

We recommend: 'A Simple Favour'. A stylish, sassy mystery thriller led with gin-drinking aplomb by a pair of pitch-perfect leads. Find out exactly why you should be watching it here.

We also celebrate Women's Month with four female-centred dramas, every Monday night from 20:00.

We recommend: 'Mary Shelley'. Elle Fanning plays the titular author in a movie which explores the creation of her most famous literary work, 'Frankenstein'.

M-Net Movies Smile

We recommend: 'About Time'. A sweet, time-travelling tale written and directed by Richard Curtis, who also wrote rom-com gems like 'Four Weddings and a Funeral', 'Notting Hill', and 'Love Actually'.

M-Net Movies Action+

Rev up the action with a motor-festival on channel 106 and IRL. You can catch adrenalin-fuelled car chases in 'Need for Speed', 'Baby Driver', and many more titles. Take the experience beyond the screen by entering our competition here for a chance to win tickets to the Festival of Motoring at the Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit.

On the A-list line-up we recommend 'Kong: Skull Island', the latest remake/reboot of the legendary movie ape. Starring MCU mates

Tom Hiddleston, Brie Larson, and Samuel L. Jackson, it's an action-filled thrill ride that entertains from start to finish.

M-Net Movies Action

We recommend: 'Contagion'. If you like thrillers fuelled by spreading viruses, then this one's for you. Driven by an atmosphere of paranoia and a great cast, it's also a must for Steven Soderbergh fans.

There's also a 'Hunger Games' fest (with the first three movies in the quadrilogy) if you're looking for a dose of dystopian YA sci-fi, every Saturday at 20:00 on channel 110.

M-Net Movies All Stars

The Women's Month festivities continue on channel 111 with our 'Divas Festival'. Miley Cyrus, Julia

Roberts, Mandy Moore, Molly Shannon, and Sandra Bullock redefine diva and own it!

For star-studded Sundays, we recommend 'The Aviator', Leonardo DiCaprio's second of many collaborations with director Martin Scorsese. Chronicling the excellencies and eccentricities of Howard Hughes, the film won five of its eleven Academy Award nominations, including Best Supporting Actress for Cate Blanchett, for her portrayal of Katharine Hepburn.

M-Net Movies Zone

We recommend: 'Bowfinger'. A Hollywood satire about Hollywood, it features the comedic gold pairing of Steve Martin and Eddie Murphy. Also, keep an eye out for Robert Downey Jr. as a studio exec.

Iain Glen fans can catch the 'Game of Thrones' and 'Resident Evil' actor in the Jack Taylor series about a cop turned private investigator, every Sunday at 20:00 from 11 August.

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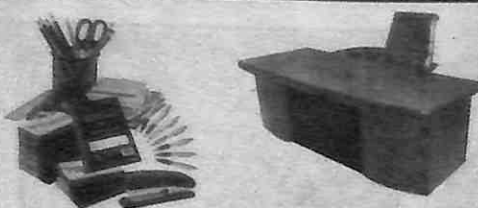
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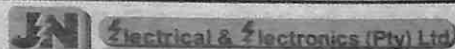
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ulaMthupha



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Samuel Themba Mamba



Funeral: 03/08/2019
Vigil: 02/08/2019
Place: eLwandle

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baSamuel Themba Mamba kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakaMamba Engudzeni, basekhabinina ka Ndlangamandla Emanyandeni nebakaHlophe eMponono ekhakhakhe Kanye nebelibandla lakhe eGwamile Apostolic World Faith Church. Utawufihlwa ekhaya lakhe Elwandle ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 3 August 2019 emvakwemlindzelo kutaba nenkonzo yesikhumbuto Esontfweni Emasekweni Lwandle nga 3:00 entsambama ngaleSihlanu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Sithembiso Mamba indvodzana yakhe egameni lemneni.

Thandiwe Ndandane
Zwane nee Nkambule



Funeral: 04/08/2019
Vigil: 03/08/2019
Place: eKutsimleni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemdeni waThandiwe Ndandane Zwane nee Nkambule lobengu Archbishop wase Gayimashini Church in Zion kutsi akasekho emhlabeni ufihlwa ngelisonfto. Kulindzela ngeMgcibelo inkonzo ingena nga 21hrs ekhaya kakhe eKutsimleni sithesi Emcozini ngase High School. Kwatiswa bakaZwane ekhakhakhe kuMtsambama eMankayane bakaNkambule kuBulunga nakuMaliyaduma nabomake bomjikelu eluve libandla lakhe Gayimashini kubabe Archbishop ZZwane. Iokhipha simemetelo ngumyeni wakhe Archbishop Zephania Zwane.

Annie Nanzeni Makama
nee Mpungose



Funeral: 03/08/2019
Vigil: 02/08/2019
Place: Mbekelweni

Relatives and friends of Mrs Annie Nanzeni Makama nee Mpungose are notified of her death. Memorial service will be held at St Paul's Methodist Church on 02/08/19 from 12 noon. She will be laid to rest on 03/08/19 at her home Mbekelweni, Mpholi after a night Vigil. Announcement by Family.

Victoria Thandiwe Simelane
laSihlongonyane



Funeral: 03/08/2019
Vigil: 02/08/2019

Kwatiswa tihlobo neMndeni taVictoria Thandiwe Simelane laSihlongonyane kutsi akasekho emhlabeni, kwatitiswa nebekhabinina eKutsimleni kaMntfwane Nkosi loMalombo. Utawufihlwa ngeMgobelo mhlaka 3 Ind emvakweMlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMndeni.

Rose Dolly Dlamini
(Gogo Gumedze)



Funeral: 03/08/2019
Place: eMbekelweni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa Rose Dolly Dlamini (Gogo Gumedze) kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ngemgcibelo ekhaya lakhe eMbekelweni ku Bhodo, kwatiswa bakubo eNhlambeni ekhakhakhe eLuyengo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Bheki Dlamini indvodzana yakhe.

Boy Elard Masoko

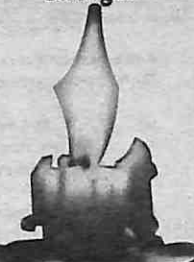


Funeral: 03/08/2019
Vigil: 02/08/2019
Place: Gelekezeni

The Masoko Family is sad to announce the passing of Boy Elard Masoko. Funeral to be held at Ezulwini, Gelekezeni on Saturday 3 August 2019 after a night vigil on Friday. Announcement by his wife on behalf of the Masoko Family.



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JOB 13:15

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Daniel Shigashiga Sifundza



Funeral: 03/08/2019
Vigil: 02/08/2019
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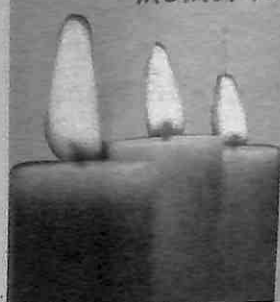
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Dumisani Clement Mbingo



Funeral: 04/08/2019
Vigil: 03/08/2019
Place: eKuzeni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemdeninebangani ba Dumisani Clement Mbingo, kutsi akasekho emhlabeni utawufihlwa ngelisonfto emvakwemlindzelo eKudzeni esibozini mhlaka 04-08-19. Kwatiswa baka Mbingo basemsebentini eRoyal Swazi Airways nebase Sonftweni lakhe COC phansi kwa Bishop G-Gama. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngmndeni.

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RONALDO NO-SHOW LEAVES K LEAGUE FUMING

TURIN - The row between Juventus and South Korea's K League shows no sign of abating as the latter released a statement accusing the Serie A champions of "shamelessness, untruth and deception."

Korean fans have pursued legal action against Juventus for the cost of tickets and 'mental anguish' after Cristiano Ronaldo did not play in a pre-season match between Juve and a K League All-Star team.

Maurizio Sarri put out a strong side which played out an entertaining 3-3 draw, but it is claimed the Portuguese star was contractually obliged to play for at least 45 minutes. He sat the game out due to muscle fatigue after playing against Inter two days previously. There were further issues as the squad arrived to the stadium significantly late, which Juve claimed was due to a flight delay and traffic congestion.

The statement claims that a contract was agreed to ensure Ronaldo would play, and that all precautions would be taken by the club to avoid any timing issues.

It read: "K League cannot help but feel disappointed and cheated by Juventus for its shamelessness."

"Juventus said in its reply that Ronaldo's absence was due to muscle fatigue from previous matches that had forced him to take a rest. If Ronaldo was unable to play, it would be a blatant deception to include Ronaldo as a substitute on the start list. "Also, according to a phone recording between the promoter and an official from



NO-SHOW: Cristiano Ronaldo.

Juventus released in the media, everyone from Juventus, including Ronaldo himself and the Manager Sarri, knew it clearly that Ronaldo was supposed to play. "Yet, Juventus has so far avoided responsibility for Ronaldo's no-show without any explanations.

"Other assertions from Juventus are also filled with untruth and deception."

"K League clearly register our profound indignation and disappointment to Juventus' irresponsible behaviour and manners, and we strongly urge Juventus to offer a sincere apology and explain the reason for Ronaldo's no-show."

Daily Mail

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Candidates who applied for admission to the Post-Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) and other Post-Graduate Programmes, and were not supplementing may, in the interest of time, collect responses to their applications from the Academic Office, Kwaluseni Campus, on Monday 5th August, 2019.

2. Orientation of New Students

The orientation of new undergraduate students will begin on Monday 5th August 2019 at 8.30 am at Kwaluseni Campus.

3. Payment of Tuition, and other Fees

A student, who has not paid all previous semester fees, in full, shall not be allowed to register for the subsequent semester. The fees for any semester must be paid before registration in the following manner:

- A student who is sponsored by Government or by a reputable local or international organization must provide written proof of sponsorship before he/she is allowed to proceed with the registration process. Sponsors will be required to pay the fees in full by 30th November, 2019.
- A self-sponsored student will normally pay the tuition fees in full at registration. A student who is unable to pay fees in full may be allowed to pay the tuition fees in tranches in the following manner:
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- (i) The balance of the first semester fees should be settled by the 30th November 2019.
- (ii) The first installment for the second semester fees (as in (i) above), should be paid by registration in January 2020.
- (iii) The balance of the second semester fees should be settled by the 31st March 2020.

4. Registration

- Registration of students will begin on Monday 5th August, 2019 and end on Friday 9th August, 2019 at the respective campuses (K, L & M).
- Returning students will be expected to register online. Students are encouraged to use their internet enabled devices to register, to avoid congestion in the computer laboratories.
- MBA students are encouraged to register on Monday 5th August 2019 at Kwaluseni to allow for the first Block-Release Session to start on Tuesday 6th August 2019.
- Adult Education students are also expected to register on Monday 5th August 2019 at Kwaluseni.
- Year 1 students will be informed of the registration arrangements during orientation.

5. Commencement of Classes

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Mbabane to Standard Bank Luju Festival	09:30	11:30	13:30	15:30	17:30	19:30	21:30		
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BY JONGILE XUBA

SPORTS - OLD Mutual Eswatini presented the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) with T-shirts worth E12 000 for the Southern African Teachers Organisation (SATO) Games to be played in Lesotho.

This was during a press conference held at Old Mutual offices in Mbabane.

Old Mutual Eswatini Chief Operations Officer (COO) Khetsile Dlamini confirmed the value of the sponsorship and said they were happy to partner with SNAT.

She said they would continue helping the association as this was not the last time.

"We have been in existence in the country for the past decade and SNAT is one of our biggest supporters.

This is why we jumped at the chance to help them anyway we could. We have provided 85 golf T-shirts for the

travelling team which are valued at E12 000," she said.

SNAT Deputy Secretary General (DSG) Simanga Khumalo thanked the company for the generous donation. He said the main purpose of the games was to help teachers from around the region mingle and blow-off steam while keeping healthy.

"We have just finished marking the mock examinations so this trip will help those who were busy to distress and unwind. It is part of our social and welfare policy to have healthy teachers so we are grateful for the sponsorship," he said.

The SATO Games are held annually and cater for all teachers in Southern Africa.

The teachers take part in the different sporting codes including soccer, athletics, and netball, among others.

The three-day tournament starts today. The delegation left the country yesterday evening and is expected back home on Sunday.



NEW THREADS: Old Mutual Eswatini staff and Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) members take a group picture with golf T-shirts sponsored by Old Mutual to SNAT for the Southern Africa Teachers Organisation (SATO) Games which are scheduled for today. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)

LISTENING: Old Mutual Alternate Channels Officer Elvis Dlamini and Chief Financial Officer Nosmilo Simelane following proceedings during the presentation.



ATTENTIVE: SNAT Deputy Secretary General Simanga Khumalo and Treasurer Khumbuzile Sthebe listening to speeches.

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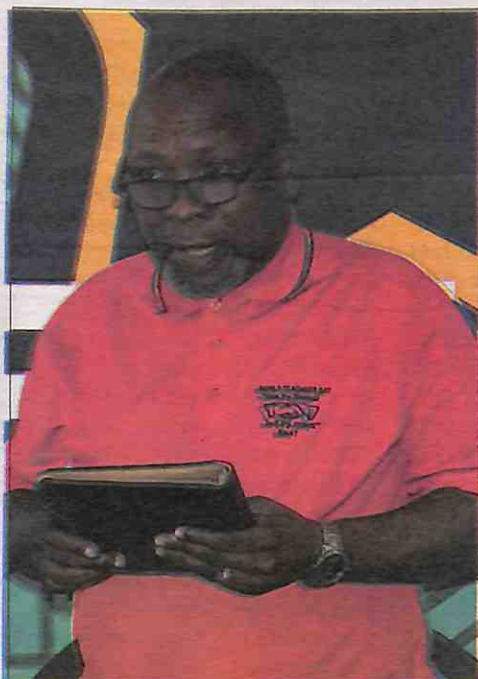
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ALL SMILES: Old Mutual Eswatini Chief Operations Officer Khetsile Dlamini displaying one of the golf-shirts with SNAT Deputy Secretary General Simanga Khumalo.



SPEECH: SNAT's Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini also had something to say.



PRESENT: National Social and Welfare Committee Secretary Lucky Mthombo was also present.



HAPPY TO HELP: Old Mutual Eswatini Chief Operations Officer Khetsile Dlamini addresses the gathering during the presentation.

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● Manchester United are still considering their options over a move for Paulo Dybala, with the Argentina forward, 25, due back at Juventus to discuss his future this week.

(Manchester Evening News)

● Lille president Gerard Lopez confirms that 24-year-old Ivorian winger Nicolas Pepe will be sold to Arsenal for €80m (£73m).

(RMC Sport - in French)

● Napoli are set to bid £60m for Crystal Palace's Ivory Coast winger Wilfried Zaha after losing out on Pepe. (Mail)

● Barcelona want to sell Brazil playmaker Philippe Coutinho, but are concerned they have not received any offers for the 27-year-old. (ESPN)

● Everton are working on a deal to bring Mainz and Ivory Coast midfielder Jean-Philippe Gbamin, 23, to Goodison Park. (Liverpool Echo)

● Arsenal have made a bid to loan 25-year-old Juventus and Italy defender Daniele Rugani for two seasons. (Gazzetta dello Sport, via Sun)

● Captain Laurent Koscielny, 33, remains determined to leave Arsenal this summer despite ongoing talks between the club and defender. (Independent)

● Arsenal are prepared to let German defender Shkodran Mustafi leave this summer, but Roma are yet to make a bid for him despite being linked with the 27-year-old. (Romanews, via Star)

● Bayern Munich sports director Hasan Salihamidzic says Manchester City deserve an apology after manager Niko Kovac stated the Bundesliga champions were set to sign 23-year-old German winger Leroy Sane. (Sport Bild - in German)

● Manchester United are ready to rival Barcelona for Marseille's 17-year-old French forward Isaac Lihadji this summer. (La Provence, via Mail)

● Manchester United have reached an agreement with Monaco over a potential £9m deal for 16-year-old midfielder Hannibal Mejbri. (Mail)

● Aston Villa's pursuit of Brentford's 22-year-old French striker Neal Maupay has been boosted after Sheffield United looked elsewhere. (Birmingham Mail)

● Everton are among a number of clubs keen on signing Chelsea defender Fikayo Tomori, 21, on loan. (Evening Standard)

Sunderland will allow midfielder and captain George Honeyman, 24, to join Hull City instead of losing the academy graduate on a free transfer next summer. (Northern Echo)



BY COLISILE SACOLO

ATHLETICS - ESWATINI elite athlete Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa is back in the country from a two-week training camp in Europe where he featured in a series of races in Germany.

The Royal Eswatini Police Service sprinter returned home on Tuesday afternoon with three medals; one gold medal, silver and bronze which he won during the Leichtathletik Meeting held in Rhede, Germany.

Matsenjwa said he was now focusing in the upcoming All Africa Games to be held at the end of this month (August 19 - 31) in Rabat, Morocco.

"I am happy I have successfully completed the training camp in Europe where I was competing with top international athletes such as Anaso Jobodwane from South Africa. I want to build from this performance and prepare for the 2019 All Africa Games where I want to do well for the country," he said.

The former Manzini Athletics Club runner further thanked REPS,

Eswatini Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (EOCGA) for their continued support to his career.

"I am very grateful to the two organisations and Eswatini Athletics for having faith in me. I will continue working hard for the upcoming races," he said.

Matsenjwa is expected to lead the Eswatini Athletics team to Morocco alongside the likes of Phumlile Ndzinisa, Erikah Seyama, Andile Lusenga and Thandaza Zwane during the multi sports continental assignment.



BACK: Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa.

CM SMILO HLOPHE NEW TOP RATED CHESS PLAYER

BY JONGILE XUBA

CHESS - CANDIDATE Master Smilo Hlophe is the new highest ranked chess player in the country after ousting Fungai Matahwa in the latest ratings released by The Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE) or World Chess Federation.

This was confirmed by ECF tournament Director William Siame, who said Hlophe managed to sur-

pass Matahwa, who had been the top ranked chess player for the past two years.

"Fungai Matahwa was finally ousted by CM Smilo Hlophe as the new top rated Eswatini chess player.

This is according to ratings released by chess mother body (FIDE) for August," he said.

Siame added the tournaments that altered the ratings were the Nhlangu and Ehlanzeni Open which saw Hlophe do well during the compe-

Eswatini top ten chess player rankings

Name	Title	Fed	Rating
1. Smilo Hlophe	c	Swz	1696
2. Fungai Matahwa		swz	1673
3. Mbongeni Mabuza		swz	1636
4. Sikhanyiso Sihlongonyane	c	swz	1636
5. Mpiyakhe Dlamini		swz	1603
6. Wandile Simelane		swz	1552
7. Lunga Mavuso		swz	1546
8. Vuyo Nxumalo		swz	1522
9. Mlindi Dlamini		swz	1494
10. Vusumuzi Benedict Khumalo		swz	1481

titions. CM Hlophe has put a healthy 23 elos buffer with a rating of 1696 whilst Matahwa is on 1673.

MALKERNS RETURN TO ACTION THIS WEEKEND

BY JONGILE XUBA

DARTS - MALKERNS Darts Club will return to action tomorrow in the Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation (ESRIC) E100 000 Darts League after a two-week break.

The games will be played at the Correctional Gymnasium in Matsapha where the current log leaders, who are undefeated, will take on Correctional I

at 4pm.

They will be looking to stretch their winning streak to 32 games. Kilowatts A will take on Luswebhu at 4pm before clashing with Correctional I at 6pm.

After recently winning their first match of the season, Scaras, who are bottom of the log, will be aiming for maximum point.

The other match will see Umjovo face-off with Eco Water at 2pm while ESRIC have a date with Kilowatts B at 6pm.

ESRIC E100 000 DARTS LEAGUE FIXTURES:

2pm		4pm		6pm	
REPS	vs ESRIC	Umilo	vs ESRIC	ESRIC	vs Kilowatts B
Luswebhu	vs RSSC	Ubombo sugar	vs Scaras	Correctional I	vs Kilowatts A
Smesh & Bonz	vs Scaras	Correctional I	vs Malkerns DC	Correctional II	vs Eco water
Umjovo	vs Eco water			Umjovo	vs Railway
Kilowatts B	vs RSSC			Luswebhu	vs Umilo
Railway	vs REPS			RSSC	vs Ubombo Sugar
Smesh & Bonz	vs Eco water				
Correctional II	vs Umjovo				
Luswebhu	vs Kilowatts A				

ESRIC E100 000 DARTS LOG

TEAM	P	W	D	L	LF	LA	LD	PTS
Malkerns DC	31	31	0	0	536	179	357	93
Correctional I	30	28	0	2	458	225	233	84
Kilowatts A	28	23	1	4	436	217	219	70
Eco-Water	29	19	2	8	399	246	153	59
Mbabane CC	31	19	1	11	393	330	63	58
Ubombo Sugar	29	19	0	10	444	237	207	57
Umilo	30	18	0	12	413	299	114	54
Reps	29	18	0	11	392	291	101	54
Luswebhu	28	17	2	9	378	284	94	53
Correctional II	31	15	0	16	381	340	41	45
Kilowatts B	29	12	0	17	321	363	-42	36
Remnants	31	12	0	19	330	398	-68	36
Umjovo	29	9	0	20	267	425	-158	27
RSSC	28	7	0	21	247	395	-148	21
Smesh & Bonz	29	7	0	22	208	433	-225	21
ESRIC	30	4	0	26	114	431	-317	12
Railway	30	3	0	27	198	432	-234	9
Scaras	28	1	0	27	127	472	-345	3

POSE: The Eswatini cadets posing with their coach Sanele Ginindza and Eswatini Taekwondo Federation vice President Sizwe Mabuza during their recent training held at the Fitness zone.

Eswatini cadets squad off to Uzbekistan on Sunday

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

TAEKWONDO - THE Eswatini cadets squad will on Sunday leave the country for Uzbekistan to compete in the 2019 World Cadets Championships.

The five-member squad will be looking to hoist the country flag high during the global junior championships scheduled for August 7-10.

The team comprises of athletes from the Next Generation Academy in the likes of Sivunolesihle Dlamini (-41kg), Kimberly Dlamini (-37kg), Phiwayinkhosi Dlamini (-37kg), Gcinumuzi Nxumalo (-41kg) and

Sihlelelwe Matsebula (-45kg)

Eswatini Taekwondo Federation Secretary Mbongeni Sibandze confirmed the travelling logistics of the trip when reached for comment yesterday.

Leaving

"The team will be leaving the country on Sunday by road to Johannesburg where they will connect a flight to Uzbekistan.

The team will be led by the vice President Sizwe Mabuza and head coach Sanele Ginindza.

"We are confident the team will make the country proud during the championships after spending weeks at training," he said.

The full Eswatini cadets squads:			
Head of delegation:	Sizwe Mabuza	Kimberly Dlamini	(-37kg)
Head coach:	Sanele Ginindza	Phiwayinkhosi Dlamini	(-37kg)
Sivunolesihle Dlamini	(-41kg)	Gcinumuzi Nxumalo	(-41kg)
		Sihlelelwe Matsebula	(-45kg)

Sihlangu nutritionist left out of Angola trip

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – NATIONAL team has travelled to Angola without their full medical team after the squad's nutritionist Mfundo Mabuza was left behind.

A source close to the matter revealed that Mabuza walked out of the squad's camp base at the Eswatini Football Association Technical Centre soon after he was informed that he would not travel to Luanda for the CHAN second round return leg encounter.

Travel

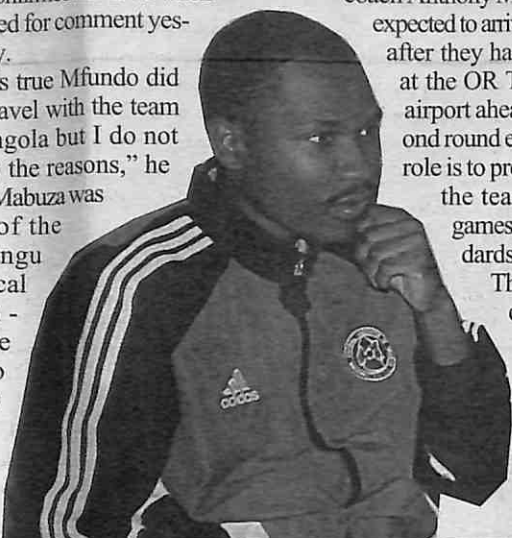
"Mabuza took all his belongings and stormed out after he was told that he would not travel with the squad to Angola despite spending two weeks in camp preparing for the team," the source said. Efforts to get Mabuza proved futile after his cellphone was switched off for the better part of the day. A text message was also sent to Mabuza before going for print. Eswatini

Football Association Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe also confirmed the news when reached for comment yesterday.

"It is true Mfundo did not travel with the team to Angola but I do not know the reasons," he said. Mabuza was part of the Sihlangu medical committee for two years ago during the

era of Dutchman coach Pieter De Jongh and he worked with former interim coach Anthony Mdluli. Sihlangu were expected to arrive last night in Angola after they had connected a flight at the OR Tambo international airport ahead of the crucial second round encounter. Mabuza's role is to prepare the nutrition of the team before and after games as part of FIFA standards.

The match will be officiated by Namibian referees in Shifeleni Shoovalaka, Nehemia, Matheus Kanyanga and Nevonga Matheus.



LEFT OUT: Sihlangu nutritionist Mfundo Mabuza during the squad's recent farewell function. Mabuza has been left out of the delegation that travelled to Angola yesterday morning. (file pic).

Papic says they are looking beyond Angola

STORIES BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – FOLLOWING their 1-all home draw against Angola last weekend, Sihlangu coach Kostadin Papic says they are looking at advancing to the next stage round of the Champions of the Africa Nations (CHAN).

He said this before the team left for Angola for the second round return leg encounter slated for Luanda tomorrow.

"We were obviously disappointed by the first leg result but we have shifted our focus to the return leg where we will fight for nothing other than a win. We have been working on rectifying the mistakes we committed in the first round. I am optimistic the players will come to the party and get the desired result," he said.

Meanwhile, the squad's captain Banele 'Makonese' Dlamini said he was con-



POSE: Sihlangu players and technical bench posing with the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries Madze Bulunga and Eswatini Football Association President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa during their farewell function for a previous international assignment. (File pic)

fident they would do well in the match. "We will be all out for a win. We also need to improve on our finishing which

has been our major downfall in recent matches."

WE NEED TO WORK ON OUR FINISHING - 'RIO'

SOCCER - SIHLANGU youngster Lindani Matsenjwa says they need to improve on their finishing during the CHAN second round return leg match tomorrow.

The Young Buffaloes midfielder strongly believes that the nation's pride can still reach the last qualifying hurdle of the continent's second premier national competition. "I believe we can win

away from home only if we can be able to bury our chances and further remain focused throughout the match. We have the ability to reach the last round of the qualifiers," he said.

Affected

Matsenjwa's teammate Fanelo 'Order' Mamba said they would not be affected by playing away from home.

"We need to score first in order to con-

trol the match and we won't be intimidated by the Angolan crowd. I am one player who does not get intimidated even if I am playing in front of a big crowd," he said.

The nation's pride left the country yesterday morning by road to Johannesburg where they connected a flight at the OR Tambo International Airport to Luanda, Angola.

Lucky reinstated after giving LRFA 24-hour ultimatum

BY MELUSI MLOTSHA

SOCCER – IN a sudden twist of events, Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA) has reinstated Lucky Dlamini to contest for the chairmanship position.

Information gathered is that Dlamini was reinstated on Wednesday night.

This comes after Dlamini gave the LRFA a 24-hour ultimatum to reinstate him or else face legal action. Dlamini, who is a teacher by profession based at Malindza, wrote a letter to the association and argued that he was eligible to stand for the chairmanship position.

"I am eligible to stand for the chairmanship position as I have already served for the mandatory period of four years in the association. In addition to that, I am the chairman of Lubombo Regional Football Coaches

Association and also a member of the Eswatini Football Association Finance Committee," he said.

LRFA General Secretary Sicelo Nene confirmed that they met on Wednesday night and resolved to include Dlamini in the list of candidates.

"The executive met after legal consultations and took a decision to include Dlamini on the list," he said.

The reinstatement means that the LRFA Chairmanship is now a three-horse race between Nichodemus 'Ace' Mashwama, Richard Shongwe and Dlamini.

The LRFA will go to the polls on Sunday at Siphoso Primary School during their Annual General Meeting. The chairmanship position was left vacant by former top flight referee Mangaliso Sihlongonyane, who passed away in June 2018 at Mbabane Government Hospital.

'A can of coke bribe can destroy your career'

BY MELUSI MLOTSHA

SOCCER – ESWATINI Referees Association (ERA) new Secretary General Mbongeni Shongwe has strongly warned local referees against taking bribes.

Speaking at Zakhele Sports Ground during the elections of the region referees committee, Shongwe said most teams were of the belief that referees were easy to bribe. "Don't ever be tempted by teams when executing your duties. It is a known fact that most teams were of the view that we are hungry people. Today, I would like warn you my colleagues that don't be ever tempted as a can of coke bribe costing E10 may destroy your entire career," he said. He further informed the referees about licensing and said it was important for them

to subscribe so they receive their cards for the upcoming season.

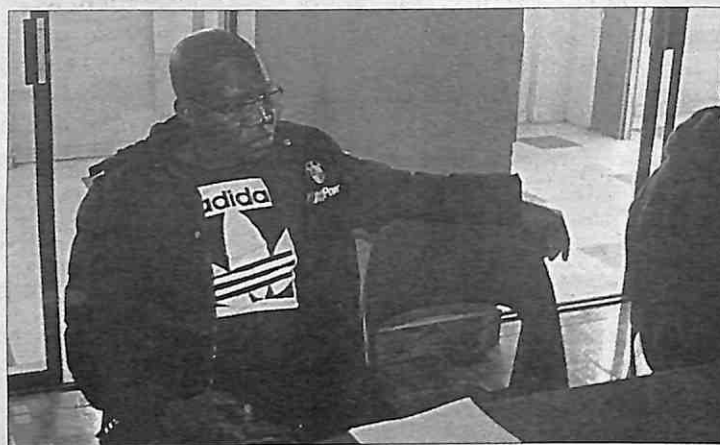
"Subscription for members costs E480. This is part of the FIFA Club licensing and we expect all referees to register even those who officiate in the Super League."

On another note, Shongwe said referees covered 13.4 kilometres in 90 minutes, therefore, they must be always fit to withstand the pressure.

"It's easy to run, so don't be afraid to go for the fitness test and let's also do medical check-ups as it will also help health wise," he said.

Former Premier League top referee Enock Nkambule urged referees to familiarise themselves with the laws of the game. He said the new laws came into effect on June 1.

"Referees must be aware of the amendments before the 2019/20 season begins."



ERA General Secretary Mbongeni Shongwe captured in this file picture.

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – MANZINI Wanderers are on the verge of losing their assistant coach Mthunzi Ginindza to MTN National First Division side Rangers FC.

The Nhlanguano based side is said to have tabled an offer for the nation-

Wanderers' assistant coach linked with Rangers

al Under-20 assistant coach, who joined the hub giants last season.

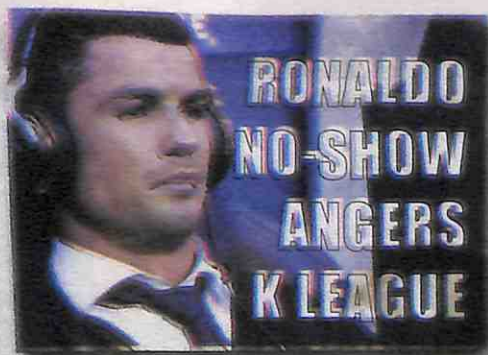
Rangers Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Theminkhosi Hlanze confirmed their interest on Ginindza when contacted yesterday.

"It is true we are still in talks with

Ginindza as we want him to join us ahead of the new campaign. However, we haven't concluded talks yet," he said. Manzini Wanderers Public Relations Officer (PRO) Sandile 'Ntofo' Dlamini could neither agree nor deny the matter when reached.

"I haven't heard anything regarding the matter you are talking about. I can be in a better position to comment once I receive something official," he said. Ginindza said he was still focusing on his current job at Wanderers. "I am still with Wanderers

and we are preparing for the new season," he said. Ginindza joined the 'Weslians' last season to become part of the Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati-led technical bench also comprising of Nsindiso Gama, Bheki Simelane and Christian Thwala.

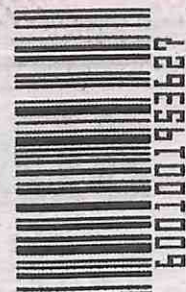


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EPTC Charity Cup draw Tuesday

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – THE wait for the 2019 Eswatini Charity Cup pairings is nearly over as the draw for the annual soccer spectacular will take place on Tuesday at the EPTC

boardroom.

Four teams in defending champion Mbabane Swallows, Mbabane Highlanders, Manzini Wanderers and Royal Leopard will get to know their opponents for the finals of the 18th edition of the tournament scheduled for Somhlolo National Stadium next

Sunday. Leopard made it through to the finals after winning the preliminary games where they beat Sea Birds before brushing aside Mhlume Peacemakers in the second match. Eswatini Posts and Telecommunications Corporate Communications Manager Nqobile Magagula confirmed the

date of the draw yesterday.

"The draw will take place on Tuesday at the boardroom, starting from 9am. We urge teams and stakeholders to attend the event in their numbers. We will also host a roadshow on Saturday (tomorrow) in Nhlanguano where teams will also be present," she said.

Members of the public will have to part with E50 in order to witness the finals of the season opener at Somhlolo.

The 2019 Charity Cup participants:

Mbabane Swallows
Mbabane Highlanders
Manzini Wanderers
Royal Leopard

The winners of this year's edition will pocket E1.1million while runners-up will get E550 000.

Swallows clinched the previous edition after outsmarting rivals Highlanders 2-1 to win their fourth title since the inception of the 'cup of hope' in 2002.

'XAVI' FINALLY JOINS STELLENBOSCH FC

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – GREEN Mamba striker Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo has finally joined Stellenbosch FC on a one-year loan deal.

This comes after the Sihlangu player impressed the ABSA Premiership rookies during his lengthy assessment at the South African side.

Mkhontfo has become the third Liswati to join an SA side this season after the Mbabane Swallows pair of Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa and Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu, who recently joined First Division side Mbombela United.

Green Mamba Chief Executive Officer Thamie Phakathi confirmed the news when contacted yesterday. "It is true the player has joined Stellenbosch on a one season loan deal and we wish him a successful stint at his new team," he said. Efforts to get Stellenbosch coach Steve Barker were futile after his cellphone rang unanswered when called yesterday afternoon.

A text message was also left for Barker which was not responded to by the time of going to print.

The former Royal Leopard player has also played for Congolese giants, AS Vita club, between 2015 and 2017 before joining the Correctional Services side when he returned to the country.

On another note, Phakathi further announced that they would be charging E30 entrance fee to watch their CAF Champions League preliminary tie against ZESCO United scheduled for next Saturday at the Mavuso Sports Centre next weekend.

"We invite the nation to come in their numbers to rally behind the team. We have decided to charge a reasonable fee due to the fact that the EPTC Charity Cup will be playing the following day (August 11). The team is still working hard at training and we are confident we will make the nation proud during this crucial assignment," he said



DEAL: Green Mamba star player Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo.

SITSEBE BEAT MOZAMBIQUE

BY JONGILE XUBA

Mozambique (1)1
Eswatini (0)3

SOCCER – SITSEBE Semhlekezi won their first ever opening match in the Council of Southern Africa Football Associations (COSAFA) Women's after beating Mozambique 3-1 in the Group C fixture.

The game was played at Wolfson Stadium in Port Elizabeth in South Africa yesterday where Sitsebe proved their worth by coming from a goal down to snatch the vital three points.

It took Mozambique three minutes to find a goal through Lucia Moçambique. This was a result of a defensive lapse that saw a Mozambican player go past the defenders before slotting the ball past Nokwanda Mamba between the poles.

Eswatini eventually found their rhythm after 30 minutes, dominating possession but failing to convert their chances. The game went into the break with Mozambique leading 1-0.

Intercept

The second half saw an invigorated Sitsebe come out guns blazing as they found the equaliser in the 53rd minute. Nomvula Sanga latched on a route one pass from the midfield to break away and slot past the opposition keeper. Soon after that, Tengetile Ngcamphalala scored Sitsebe's second in the 56th minute after a defensive error that saw her intercept a poor clearance to put Eswatini in the lead.

Phumzile Dlamini then put the icing on the cake for Sitsebe when she fired a scorcher in the 62nd minute to give Eswatini a two-goal cushion and confidence to see out the game. Mozambique never recovered from the third goal as Sanga and Ngcamphalala combined well to leave their defence in sixes and sevens. Eswatini's Mazwi Dube was awarded the player of the match award after she helped her team to a crucial victory. Eswatini are now second in Group C with three points behind Zimbabwe,

- Mazwi Dube named player of the match
- Next: Sitsebe face Angola



A GEM: Eswatini's Mazwi Dube posing with her player of the match award after her sterling performance against Mozambique at the COSAFA Women's Cup yesterday. (Courtesy pic)

who managed to score more goals after they beat Angola 4-1.

Sitsebe head coach Anthony Mdluli applauded his team's effort and said they used their strengths to win the match.

"We played well and managed the situation well to come from a goal down and score three. We managed the game well and used our pace against them to win," he said.

Mdluli added they were preparing for an unfamiliar opponent next and they were hoping to salvage a point against Angola.

"Having played against Mozambique in the past so it was easier to prepare for the match. We now have a tough task of playing unknown Angola next and we will at least be looking to get a point," he said.

On the other hand, Mozambique coach Claudio Macapa said his team underestimated Sitsebe.

"We did not expect Eswatini to be this tough. We started well and got an early goal but they came strong in the second half. We underestimated our opponents and they punished us for it," he said.