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**WARM WELCOME:** His Majesty King Mswati III with the visiting Botswana President Mokgweetsi Masisi and his wife joined by other delegates during a courtesy call at the Buhleni Royal Residence yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu) **STORY ON PAGE 4**

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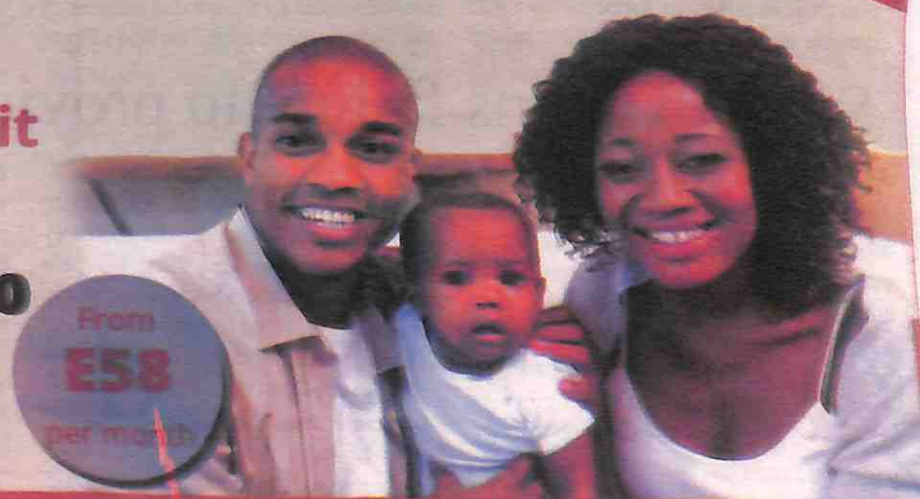
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## 2 killed in Mehlwabovu horrific accident

BY STARKSKY MKHONTA  
Nhlalanga

**TWO men were killed in a horrific road accident yesterday morning along the Mehlwabovu road, MR 9 at the Yith'Abantu Highway.**

It is said police found compressed dagga, weighing almost 50kg in the boot of the car which the two were travelling in.

The street value of this high grade could rake between E300 000 to E500 000.

The Mazda sedan the two men were travelling in was involved in a head on collision with another vehicle, a Ford Ranger, which had four occupants. However, the four were lucky to escape

unhurt, although the owner of the Ranger, who was a passenger, sustained serious injuries and is currently hospitalised.

The horrific accident is believed to have occurred just after 5am yesterday.

The sedan, it is said, was travelling from the Manzini direction while the Ford Ranger was from the Hlatikulu direction.

### Collision

The collision happened at the sharp bend of the notorious Mehlwabovu road, when both vehicles collided with such an impact that led to both vehicles swinging and twisting before being flung out of the road.

The two who were killed are from an area known as Sigcineni under Mahlangatsha constituency.

Their vehicle was a complete write-

off and it proved an impossible mission to retrieve their bodies from the wreckage. It was during this period that police noticed that there was a dagga consignment in the boot of the car.

The owner of the car works in the Free State mines in South Africa.

According to sources, the Ford Ranger was from Ntshanini, where the owner had driven to fetch one of the passengers, believed to be employed by him as a domestic worker.

Police mouthpiece Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that there was a head-on collision along the MR9 Road near Mehlwabovu, which resulted in two occupants of a sedan being killed on the spot, while occupants of the Ford Ranger all survived.

Supt Vilakati confirmed that com-



**FATAL:** The front view of the Ford Ranger which was involved in an accident with a sedan where two people died on the spot.

pressed dagga weighing over 49kg was found in the boot of the sedan. "It's true, compressed dagga weigh-

ing over 49kg was found in the sedan. We are continuing with the investigations," said Supt Vilakati.

## Cabinet's E3 million directive irks PAC

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI  
Lobamba

**THE Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) MP Phila Buthelezi has slammed Cabinet for issuing a directive that E3 million be handed to three non-governmental organisations.**

The chairperson said this showed that Cabinet was now running the Executive through directives, even in the absence of instruments that would enable them to effect transactions that involved huge amounts of money.

This transpired during yesterday's sitting, where the finance ministry appeared before the PAC and represented by the PS Bheki Bhembe.

The ministry of finance deposited E3 million into the ministry of commerce, industry and trade and further directed the commerce ministry to give the E3 million to three non-government organisations (NGOs).

The commerce ministry was to give E2 million to Eswatini Beverages to implement the KickStart programme. Junior Achievement and Enactus received E500 000 each. This was done without a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the said organisations and the government. Buthelezi said he now understood why the country found itself in this dire economic situation. He told Bhembe and other officials in the House that there was no way the economy could survive under such circumstances, where

### Civil servant gets over E1m car

**A civil servant benefitted from government's generosity during the 2018/19 financial year.**

This was after an order was issued to the effect that this unidentified civil servant be bought a car worth over E1 million.

This was said yesterday when the ministry of finance appeared before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in the House of Assembly. The name of the civil servant has not been revealed, as the matter is still to be audited by

the auditor general (AG).

Details surrounding the person who issued the directive were also not revealed.

PAC Chairperson Phila Buthelezi told Ministry of Finance PS Bheki Bhembe that he was aware of such a matter as he was also informed about such a development.

He said more details would be revealed after Auditor General (AG) Timothy Matsebula had compiled his report for 2019.



**WHY?: PAC Chairperson Phila Buthelezi.**

directives could be issued just out of nowhere.

Bhembe said it was true that the money was deposited by them to the account of the commerce ministry. This was a direc-

tive from Cabinet, which was issued after the ministries had presented a budget to Cabinet.

He said this procedure was normal because Cabinet was allowed to make some changes in the budget, as it was part of the formulation of the budget.

He further said the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Principal Secretary (PS) Siboniso Nkambule was the one who was supposed to ensure all instruments were in place before the money was transferred to the NGOs. He made an example of Ministry of Agriculture PS Bongani Masuku, whom he said also encountered a similar situation, but never wanted to transfer the money to another organisation without proper documentation. Bhembe told the PAC that such duties were delegated to all the principal secretaries because they trusted one another.

## Revenue offices reject Rands

**THE civil servants working in government revenue offices are reported to be rejecting South African Rands as a form of payment.**

This transpired yesterday during the ministry of finance's appearance before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). The revenue officers are said to be rejecting notes of the South African Rands and Emaswati were made to run helter-skelter, looking for Emalangeni so that their payments could be accepted by the revenue officers.

PAC Chairperson Phila Buthelezi wondered why such a thing was happening, because the Rand notes were allowed to circulate in the country.

He made an example of the Road Transportation Board (RTB) offices in Mbabane, saying Emaswati were made to look for Emalangeni notes before they could access services in those offices.

Buthelezi further urged the ministry of finance to consider the working hours of the revenue offices, saying 3pm was not a good time at which the offices could close. He said he understood that in other instances, the offices closed to services the people who had formed lines inside the offices, so that by 5pm, they would have finished so that they could close for business.

However, Buthelezi was of the view that 4pm would still be suitable for the revenue officers because they could still meet their target of finishing at 5pm.

He said the revenue offices were very important, because they generated revenue for government. It did not make sense to allow Emaswati to go back with the money they had

to pay because officers wanted to close.

Manzini Region MP Busisiwe Mavimbela expressed concern about the poor level of customer care at the revenue offices and other government offices. She said the officers were rude and did not know how to treat customers, who brought money into government, through services rendered by the government. She called on government authorities to ensure that government was run like business entities, which gave quality services and raked in profits at the end of the day.

### Investigate

In response, Accountant General (AG) Dumsile Ngwenya promised to investigate the rejection of South African Rands, because according to her knowledge, they accepted the Rand notes, but they did not accept the South African coins. The AG is the one in charge of the revenue offices, as her office is responsible for collecting government money.

She said they still experienced challenges in the revenue offices. The challenges included the long queues and the occasional internet break-down, which affected their service delivery. She further stated that they could not move away from closing at 3pm because they had to balance their accounts at the end of each business day. Another challenge was the safety of the revenue officers.

The officers dealt with money on a daily basis, so they were targets of criminals, who would want the money. It was better for them to close while people were still around town, running their errands.

## Lost govt assets should be reported - PAC

**LOST government assets should be reported to the losses committee by the principal secretaries.**

This was said by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), which was advising Ministry of Finance PS Bheki Bhembe on how money belonging to government could be saved. Lobamba MP Alan Stewart said reporting of lost or damaged properties was important because it

impacted on government's decision on how money was to be used.

He further said this was important because it would alleviate tendencies of other government officials, who took government cars with them to keep them at home. Stewart said it was important for government to save money and use it where necessary, like implementing the Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA).

## SRA explains failure to provide documents

**THE Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA) says the failure to provide documents to supports the E330 million outstanding revenue was because of miscommunication.**

The miscommunication was between the SRA and Auditor General (AG) Timothy Matsebula.

This was said by SRA Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela yesterday when he appeared before the PAC. Masilela said the AG had asked for the documents from the side of the accountant general

(AG).

If the auditor general had approached the SRA, he would have understood why the documents were not there. Masilela said their accounts as SRA were very busy and the details of their clients would change on a regular basis. Another challenge was that they would not be in a position to disclose details about their clients (especially those who owed taxes) to other parties because that was against their policy.

Masilela further said the auditor general was free to access their documents. In

fact, SRA specifically asked to be audited by the auditor general so that he could understand how SRA worked and how the AG could access their information.

The AG raised a concern over lack of supporting documents of E332 535 660, which was declared as recovered from SRA by the accountant general as at March 31, 2017. The recovered amount was said to be partial payment of accumulated outstanding revenue amounting to E3 519 802 140, leaving a balance of E3 187 266 480.



# ROT IN JAIL!

...Dad jailed 32 years for raping his 2 daughters

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

**A kombi driver has been sentenced to 32 years for raping his two daughters.**

\*Sabelo (32) from Mbekelweni was taken to task on allegations that he sexually violated his two daughters; \*Sakhi (11) and Noma (12). The rape is said to have started in 2014 up until 2017 for the youngest daughter while the eldest was last abused in 2015.

The two minors informed Manzini Principal Magistrate David Khumalo, who presided over the matter, that their father started abusing them while their step-mother was sleeping in one of the rooms of the house they shared in Ngwane Park.

The youngest survivor, Sakhi, recalled that one night back in 2014 her father returned from work and entered the room that she, Noma and their half-brother shared. Sakhi said the accused first moved their half-brother who was about five years at the time, from the bed that they slept on before he ordered her to remove her underwear.

Sakhi said Sabelo would rape her and when she cried she would order her to keep quiet.

After the encounter, it was alleged that Sabelo would first go to the bathroom to clean himself up before proceeding to the bedroom that he shared with his partner.

According to the minor, the accused would occasionally rape her at any time of the day, sometimes when her step-mother was at work.

In addition, it was alleged that before committing the offence, Sabelo would send his eldest daughter, Noma, to the shops before sexually violating Sakhi.

As if that was not enough, it was alleged that Sabelo would tell his youngest daughter to come up with an excuse to return home while on

their way to school with Noma. Upon her return, Sakhi said her father would lock the door and repeatedly rape her before giving her E5. She alleged that Sabelo would advise her not to tell anyone about her ordeal.

At one instance, the children's step-mother allegedly caught the accused red-handed and they were involved in a bad quarrel.

Although she was afraid, Sakhi reportedly informed her sister Noma about her ordeal only for Noma to tell her that she had also suffered the same at the hands of their father. Still, Noma advised her sibling not to tell anyone because of the fear that their predicament would become public knowledge.

## Abuse

Narrating her side of the story, Noma further informed the court that her father started abusing her in 2014, and that the instances were almost the same as her sister's.

"He told me that he was raping me because he wanted to take away bad omens such as poor performance at school," Noma informed the court.

She said although the abuse later stopped in 2015, she would still witness her father raping Sakhi, especially during the night.

It was in 2017 that the two minors decided to walk from Ngwane Park to Matsapha where their biological mother resided. They are said to have reported their predicament to her and further told her that they no longer wanted to return to live with their father.

Sabelo was sentenced to 15 years without an option of a fine for the rape of each of his daughters. An additional two years without an option of a fine was issued for a charge where he allegedly escaped from custody after being arrested.

*\*Names withheld to protect identity of minors.*

## Minister, portfolio committees tour ICT parastatals

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Mbabane

**THE Minister of Information, Communication and Technology Princess Sikhanyiso yesterday noted a need for local content broadcasting.**

The minister spoke during her tour of the different government parastatals under her ministry. She was accompanied by portfolio committee members from both the Senate and House of Assembly.

The ICT minister toured Eswatini Communications Commission (ESCCOM), Eswatini Television Authority (ETVA) and Eswatini Broadcasting and Information Services (EBIS). The minister said over 80 per cent is generated externally, hence the need for an inventory and the challenges expressed were an excuse not a reason for not delivering local content. This will also create jobs as most youth is not employed. People will be empowered and empower others in the long run.

The ICT minister said most Emaswati are financially challenged and partnership with relevant stakeholders could help towards achieving digital migrations and content produced in Eswatini. She made an example of how she once recorded a state-of-the-art music video in ETVA studios. However, the minister commended EBIS for promoting Eswatini's culture and what the country is about. She was also impressed with the young women at the TV station, encouraging them to benefit from working with the CEO Bongani Dlamini,



**WE NEED MORE: Minister of ICT Princess Sikhanyiso delivering her speech during the tour. Looking on are Portfolio committee members Senators Tsandzisile, Mike Temple, MP Macford Sibandze, ETVA Board Chairperson Carol Ngcobo, CEO Bongani 'S'goko' Dlamini and ICT PS Maxwell Masuku. (Pic: Nokuzola Thwala)**

who has vast experience.

"A certain ambassador said the problem with this nation is that we build infrastructure first before starting the business. By the time the business has to operate, running costs are way above because of loans."

## Populace

She said through the same technology used by local stations, content can be created with limited penetration though due to the lesser populace.

The minister also commended ESCCOM for a job well done, noting that the commission was not even 10 years old. She said she patiently awaits the time when the commission will be operating from its own building.

She mentioned the need for cyber security and intellectual property as important, saying that many people own certain creations but do not get the money for the work. She said through VELA registration, they would know the exact

number of people that use service providers.

"Sir Richard Branson says 'train people well enough so that they can live and treat them well enough so they don't want to leave'," the minister said, reminding management at ESCCOM that workers welfare is important.

ESCCOM Chief Executive (CE) Mvilawempi Dlamini said as a commission, their key focus areas are making sure that the environment is conducive for competition such that the customers get the best deal.

He added that their work entails regulating and licensing all services in the telecommunications industry.

"We manage frequency spectrum, facilitate development of different sectors, including e-Commerce, protect rights of service consumers, manage competition and regulate prices. ESCCOM ensures compliance with licensing activities," Dlamini said.

## 'Minister relevant for ministry'

**ESWATINI Television Authority (ETVA) Board Chairperson Carol Ngcobo said ICT Minister Princess Sikhanyiso was relevant and right person for the position bestowed by His Majesty the King on her.**

This is because the minister had specialised in this field.

Ngcobo was thanking the minister for touring the parastatals, saying the minister would share her expertise in improving the ministry.

"We are sure that your enlightenment will transcend to broadcasting stations speeding up His Majesty's vision 2022. As a youthful minister, we are certain that you will look into youth employment. We are happy that you will see first-hand the challenges faced by us as we carry out

our duties," she said.

ICT ministry portfolio committee Chairperson Manzini North MP Macford Sibandze echoed Ngcobo, saying the minister oozed optimism. He was confident that the minister will deal with issues as long as the relevant officials divulge everything to her. "The minister radiates energy as she is still young, energetic and innovative. We request cooperation from you. SABC has overtaken us but they learnt from us as SABC is post-1994. We have all the academic and intellect here as broadcasters have trained in different countries of the world. So let us work towards matching or even be better as we have deep seated industry knowledge," Sibandze said.

## Senator Temple wants stations commercialised

**CHAIRPERSON of the ICT portfolio committee in the Senate, Senator Mike Temple wants the broadcasting stations to be commercialised.**

He urged that they should have a vision for the industry so the stations must be in profit making groups.

He promised that as a portfolio committee, they would help where possible towards achieving this. Senator Temple said commercialising these parastatals would bring more income as they will be able to charge more even for adverts.

"Right now you all have the lowest advertising rates. If this comes to pass then you will be able to be at par with the market rates and make your own profits which will enable you to take care of some expenses."

The portfolio committee is here to help you," the senator said.

## Challenges in the broadcasting stations

**BOTH ETVA and EBIS representatives freely expressed challenges faced when doing their work.**

ETVA Board Chairperson Carol Ngcobo said there is a need for the minister to take note of the fact that the board is still incomplete.

She also said their employees need to further their studies so as to keep up with the growing technology changes.

"To see and feel is better than being told. We are happy that you are here and you will see for yourself the challenges faced. You will see the current situation and with the advice from the portfolio committees determine what we need for digital immigration to be implemented. Normally when a visi-

tor is coming, dirt is swept under the mat but we will bear it all," Ngcobo said.

EBIS Director Martin Dlamini said they faced a number of challenges as a station which was almost 50 years old. Dlamini said their engineering department cannot reach some areas of the country because the equipment is old.

## Wish

Dlamini also expressed his wish for the station to be considered as an essential service.

He requested that government come to their rescue.

News Editor at ETVA Setsabile Sibisi said they had the same challenges when it came to equipment. She said it has

become obsolete such that they fail to interphase with the studio.

MP said the biggest global investment in any organisation is moral of the staff. He said most expensive technological equipment can be bought but if the staff morale is very low, it would be pointless as it would be abused.

ICT Minister Princess Sikhanyiso encouraged businesses to start projects on renewable energy as it would help generate electricity for the transmitters that are currently not working.

She also encouraged MPs to pass laws that would be investor friendly; saying that as much as there should be scrutiny but the requirements become too much at times.



**READY: Women carry some firewood on their way back home in readiness for the winter season at Siphocosini yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)**





**WARM WELCOME:** His Majesty King Mswati III shakes hands with the visiting Botswana President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi during a courtesy call at the Buhleni Royal Residence yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

# BOTSWANA PRESIDENT IN THE COUNTRY

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

**BOTSWANA** President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi met His Majesty King Mswati III at the Buhleni Royal Residence yesterday.

President Dr Masisi landed in the country yesterday through the Matsapha International Airport.

He was welcomed by the Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini, Minister of Foreign Affairs Thuli Dladla, Liqoqo Chairperson Paul Dlamini, Prince Lonkhokhela, Prince Hlangusempi, Ambassador of Eswatini to South Africa Dumisile Sukati and many more.

He then proceeded to Buhleni Royal Residence, where he met the King, the Queen Mother and Emakhosikati for discussions.

Accompanying the president in his private visit to the country is his wife, Neo Masisi, their children and the president's siblings Ramogotsi, Thulaganyo, Boitumelo and Karabo and his brother-in-law, Derrick Hlanze.

Upon reaching Buhleni Royal Residence,



**ROYAL POSE:** His Majesty the King, the Botswana president and the first lady pose for the cameras.

he met His Majesty for a photo shoot where he later met with the Queen Mother and Emakhosikati for private talks.

The president is expected to be in the

country for the weekend. Dr Masisi's visit comes after Mauritania President Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz was in the country on a working trip last week.



**LOMANGCEVEZA:** Her Majesty the Indlovukazi poses with the president and the first lady during a courtesy call at the Buhleni Royal Residence.



**SIGODLO:** Emakhosikati were also there to meet the visiting president.



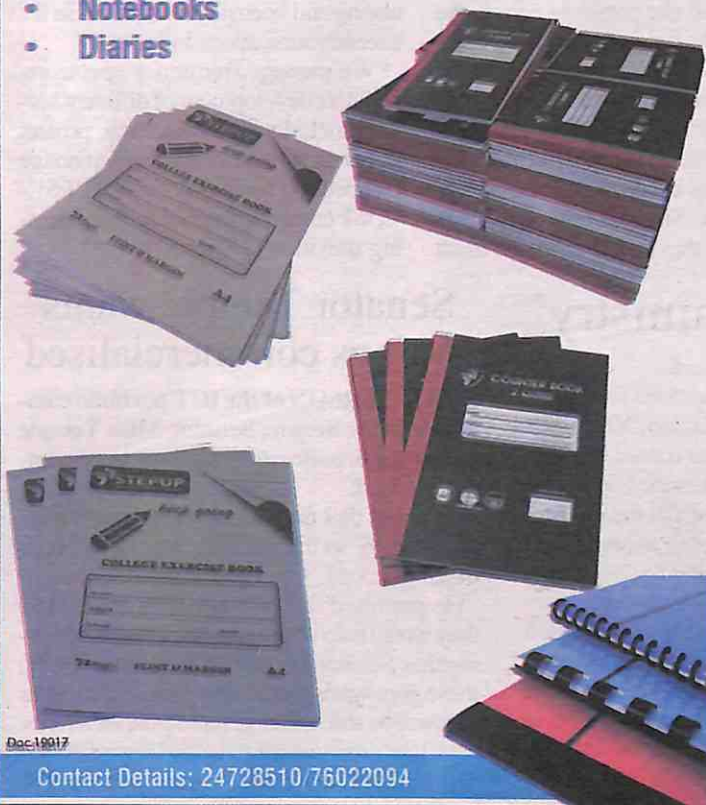
**WELCOME:** Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini shakes hands with the Botswana President Dr Mokgweetsi Masisi upon his arrival at the Matsapha International Airport yesterday.

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## SUNNY WEEKEND AHEAD

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

**A warm, sunny weekend with morning rain showers is predicted.**

According to information sourced from the Swaziland Meteorological Services, the weekend is expected to be sunny and warm.

However, temperatures are expected to drop on Sunday as morning

showers are expected in the Highveld. Today, clear sunny skies are expected. Temperatures are expected to start from 13 degrees Celsius in the Highveld rising to 33 degrees Celsius in the Lowveld, thus making today very hot.

### Expected

Tomorrow, morning fog is expected on higher grounds in the morning otherwise sunny and hot in the Lowveld.

### Today

Mbabane  
13/27

### Tomorrow

Mbabane  
13/26

### Sunday

Mbabane  
12/22

Maximum temperatures are expected to slightly drop from today's temperatures. The highest temperature in Mbabane is expected to be at 26

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degrees Celsius while the Lowveld is expected to reach a maximum temperature of 32 degrees Celsius. On Sunday, morning showers are expect-

ed on the Highveld while cloudy in the Lowveld. As the day progresses, clear skies are expected and warm temperatures are expected.

## BUY ME AN AUDI Q7 - PASTOR TELLS CHURCH

BY SIZWE DLAMINI  
Pigg's Peak

**ZIMBABWEAN Pastor Moses Chiyangwa who banned miniskirts, at his new church in Pigg's Peak now wants his congregation to buy him an Audi Q7 worth E1.2 million.**

Chiyangwa, who came to the Kingdom of Eswatini in 2008, opened his new church, Christ is Life Ministries behind the First National Bank (FNB) building early in April.

After opening the church, Chiyangwa, who currently drives a Honda Fit,

said on Sunday nothing was impossible with God so he believed that he should receive the Audi from his congregation. "I am sick and tired of seeing pastors and great men of God living in poverty. This is not God's plan. If you read your Bible, it says that God will supply all your needs according to all His riches in glory.

This means that if you are a true believer in God, you will receive his blessings in the form of super natural favour and great riches. But you must have faith and that is why I am declaring that this congregation will buy me an Audi Q7 in the not too distant future," he said. Chiyangwa



added that tithing would unlock all God's blessings. "God has literally dared Christians to try and test Him on the practise of tithing. In the Bible, it reads that God said to the men of the world try me and test me on tithing to see if I won't open up the gates of

heaven and fill your lives with wealth and blessing.

It is these verses that make me to believe in God.

There is nothing wrong with the congregation buying me a new car because other pastors the world over

receive great things like private jets and expensive cars through the tithes and offerings offered by their congregation.

I expect the same things from my congregation who are growing in numbers daily," he added.

Meanwhile, Eswatini Council of Churches General Secretary Reverend Zwelithini Shabalala said Chiyangwa and his church were not part of their members.

Also Pastor Melusi Dlamini, acting Deputy Chairperson at the League of Churches of Eswatini, said Chiyangwa was not affiliated with their church body.



**LISTENING: USA Ambassador to Eswatini Lisa Peterson flanked by Eswatini Editors Forum Chairman Mbongeni Mbingo and Secretary General Jabu Matsebula during the event.**

## 'Online news difficult to navigate in Eswatini

BY SABELO MAJOLA  
Mbabane

**NEWSPAPERS will be a thing of the past, especially for the generation that is internet oriented.**

This was expressed by the United States of America Ambassador to Eswatini Lisa Peterson during a World Press Freedom Day event organised by the Eswatini Editors Forum.

The ambassador said that currently, people are having difficulties navigating the Kingdom of Eswatini's online presence.

The event was held at the Mountain Inn Hotel yesterday.

Peterson made an example of the difficulty in accessing archived stories from the country's print media, using this to outline how the media needs to stay relevant to the generation that is internet savvy. She said it was hard to find archived stories presently.

"The coming generation is very keen on the internet and they want to read news through their screens. It is the responsibility of every media house to ensure that articles are archived well online so that the next generation will have easy access and be well informed on issues that are occurring in the current times," she said.

Peterson said many countries have online version of newspapers or broadcast their news online and were accessible.

Meanwhile, Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) Second Secretary David Lin shared the same sentiments, stating that the young generation, particularly in the rural areas, depended on the internet to be updated on current issues.

He emphasised the need for an improved online

presence for the mainstream media.

Peterson also spoke about the impact of the withdrawal of the country's eligibility for benefits under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) in January 2015. AGOA is a preferential trade programme that offers duty free access to the US market for products from eligible countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. Eswatini had been given until May 15 2014 to conform to its international agreements on labour and human rights, but failed to do so. However, current US President Donald Trump restored trade benefits to the country in December 2017.

She said companies like Ngwenya Glass continued to import their goods to the US even after the country had been withdrawn from AGOA, but they had to pay the duty and it was impacting greatly on their returns. But now that the trade benefits were restored, companies have more in terms of returns.

The US ambassador further advised the media to report positively on the gains the country has made, instead of insisting on the one narrative, highlighting the Public Order Act of 2017 as a significant improvement for the country.

"It doesn't feel like people have moved from 2015. Seemingly we are still stuck in previous occurrences, particularly that saw journalists facing time in prison for certain articles. As journalists, we need to step out of the talk about self-censorship.

The media has to be outgoing and it has to be adventurous, but that is not the case in the country. As journalists, it should not be about publishing the paper in order to sell but it must be publishing for the interest of readers, therefore, publishing the whole story with details," she said.



**ATTENTIVE: Journalists and other attendants of the pre-World Press Freedom Day event.**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) has a mission to foster price and financial stability conducive to the economic development of Eswatini. The vision of the Bank is to be a stable price and self-regulating financial system based on very strict Values. The Bank request service providers to respond to the following Request for Proposal (RFP).

CATEGORY	RFP TYPE	REFERENCE
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Computer Equipment	RFP	CBE COMPUTER ICT RFP_04-2019_1

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Secretary, Tender Committee  
Tender Name & Reference

Central Bank of Eswatini, Mahlokohla Street, Mbabane, Eswatini

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



## 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 7th May 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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U.S. Embassy, Eswatini

## HUBERT H. HUMPHREY SCHOLARSHIPS 2020-2021

The Embassy of the United States of America is pleased to announce the opening of competition for the 2020-2021 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowships.

The Humphrey Fellowship Program brings accomplished mid-level professionals from around the world to the United States for a year of study and professional development. Fellowships are awarded competitively to candidates with excellent academic and professional qualifications as well as a commitment to public service. Fellowships are available in such fields as: Law and Human Rights, Trafficking in Persons Policy and Prevention, Economic Development, HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention, Journalism, Education, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Public Administration, Environmental Management and Public Health. **The Humphrey Fellowship is a non-degree program.**

Candidates should be Swazi citizens between the ages of 30 and 50. Applicants must hold an undergraduate degree (4 years of university), and have five years of substantial professional experience, demonstrated leadership, as well as be proficient in English.

Interested candidates **must** attend one of three briefings:

Monday, May 6 - U.S. Embassy Ezulwini @ 12:30pm

Tuesday, May 7 - American Corner at Endibanweni, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the National Library in Mbabane @13:00

Friday, May 10 - American Corner at Endibanweni, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the National Library in Mbabane @13:00

**You will need a photo ID to gain entry to the embassy premises. Space is limited at the briefings therefore an RSVP is essential.**

Please RSVP via email to [MartinsSC@state.gov](mailto:MartinsSC@state.gov)

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# Serial rapist ripped my private parts - victim

STORIES BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
High Court

**A girl who was allegedly raped by the Mozambican man who stands accused of raping 17 teenage girls has detailed in court how her perpetrator ripped her private parts.**

The Mozambican serial rapist allegedly raped the girls within the capital city.

The survivor said she was raped by the suspect, through both her private parts, leaving them ripped in the process.

Carlos Nhabome yesterday appeared before Judge Mbutfo Mamba for his trial at the High Court, where all his 17 counts of rape were put to him by Principal Crown Counsel Lomvula Hlophe.

According to the indictment, the accused person committed the offences in a thick forest near The Clinic, as he lured some of his victims to believe that a nurse

allegedly employed at The Clinic was looking for a maid, who would baby-sit her baby. One of the complainants was yesterday led in evidence by Hlophe, and she gave a heart-breaking detail on how the monster repeatedly raped her.

### Accused

According to \*Sonto, she had gone to Pick n Pay to purchase some groceries when the accused touched her on her back, and stopped her, asking if she was school going or not. She told the court that in response, she told the accused that she was not school-going and that is when the accused informed her that a certain nurse at The Clinic was desirous of hiring a main, who would baby-sit her baby, and that they should proceed to the nurse. The unsuspecting Sonto, eager to secure the job, agreed to go to the nurse and when they reached The Clinic, the cunning suspect changed tune,

and claimed the nurse had knocked off duty for the day and that they should proceed to her house.

Using what he called a short-cut to the nurse's place of abode, the suspect led the 17-year-old Sonto to a thick forest near The Clinic, and once they were in the pockets of the forest, he produced a knife grabbed her, strangled her and threatened to kill her if she dare made noise and further ordered her to strip her clothes off before proceeding to rape her repeatedly.

After the ordeal, the suspect left the scene and Sonto paved her way to a nearby homestead, where she sought help and related her ordeal before the police were called and she was taken to the Mbabane Government Hospital for medical examination. She told the Court that after some days, she spotted the suspect at Sidvashini, and immediately alerted members of the public before police were called.

**APPEARING in person, Carlos Nhabome, who stands accused of allegedly raping the 17 teenage girls, pleaded not guilty to all 17 counts.**

When the charges were put to him by Principal Crown Counsel Lomvula Hlophe, Carlos, who preferred to use his native language, pleaded not guilty.

Interpreter Mandlanzi did the translation from Siswati to Shangaan, likewise from Shangaan to Siswati, and as the accused stood in the accused dock, he would indicate that he pleads not guilty to each of the counts read to him.

Dressed in a cream white

## He pleads not guilty to all 17 counts of rape

shirt and khaki jacket, the suspect, who at times wore a smile, told the court that he understood each and every count that was read to him.

In all the 17 counts, he is alleged to have raped the girls, whose ages range between 11, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 19, with the eldest aged 20 within the capital city.

Some of the girls were preyed on while at the Mbabane Bus Rank, and lured into believing

that he wanted them to assist him in carrying his wife's bag, which had clothes for their newly-born baby at The Clinic, and that he would pay them for carrying the bags for him.

Some of the girls were made to believe that they would secure employment, and one of the girls was ordered to take a bath in a river after the rape ordeal, but she refused and ran to a nearby homestead, where she sought help.

## Serial rape suspect fails to cross examine survivor, matter postponed

**THE serial rape suspect Carlos Nhabome yesterday failed to cross-examine the first complainant in the matter, forcing the court to postpone the trial.**

This, after the first complainant \*Sonto had impressively gave an account of what happened on day and how she positively identified the accused person. After she had given evidence, Judge Mbutfo Mamba informed the suspect that it was now his turn to cross-examine the witness, and a tongue-tied Carlos requested the court to give him more time to prepare for the cross-examination. Judge Mamba then postponed the matter to a later date, and indicated that the matter is allocated six days for all the witnesses to be paraded by the Crown. During cross-examination, the suspect was expect-



**PRESIDING: Judge Mbutfo Mamba.**

ed to pose questions to the complainant on what she had told the court, while led in evidence by the Crown.

Judge Mamba had indicated to him that during cross-examination, he should ask question based on what the complainant had said in court.

## 57 witnesses to be paraded by the Crown

**ACCORDING to the indictment, the Crown is expected to parade a total of 57 witnesses and the matter has been allocated six days.**

Amongst these witnesses are the 17 survivors, investigating officers, doctors, security guards and parents of the survivors, amongst others.

All these witnesses are to give detailed evidence on what transpired during the different occasions and their roles played in as far as the matter is concerned.

Yesterday, most of the witnesses had crammed the court waiting for their turn to be led in evidence, however, they were informed that the matter has since been postponed.

*\*Not her real name*



BY SIZWE DLAMINI

Pigg's Peak

# I WAS SODOMISED, INFECTED WITH HIV IN JAIL - EX-INMATE

AN ex-convict who was sentenced and convicted for assaulting his girlfriend has claimed that he was sodomised and infected with HIV by another inmate.

He claimed he was sodomised twice at His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) in Matsapha.

The alleged rape incidents occurred in November 2018 while the inmates were sharing a cell.

The rape survivor who showed this publication his positive HIV test results, claimed that his alleged rapist was an older and more violent inmate who was also arrested for the brutal assault of his younger brother in April 2018.

The rape ex-convict said the rapist had approached him countless times for sex, adding that he would sometimes touch his buttocks while other inmates laughed.

"At the time of my arrest, I was unemployed and I found out that my girlfriend was cheating on me with an Asian shop owner at Bulandzeni. I was arrested and sentenced to 20 months in a correctional facility if I



HERE: The Pigg's Peak correctional facility where an inmate claims to have been raped and infected with HIV by another violent inmate. (Pic: Sizwe Dlamini)

failed to pay a fine of E2 500. After my sentencing my extended family promised to raise the money quickly on my behalf. After a few interviews with correctional facility officers, I

was sent to a cell with two other inmates at the Pigg's Peak correctional facility," he said. He said while in the cell, his cellmates would talk about enjoying sodomy with other convicted prisoners.

"I arrived in the cell and spent two weeks while an older more violent inmate tried to discuss sodomy with me. A week after my arrival, the third inmate managed to pay his fine and he was removed from our cell. This is when I was stuck with the older inmate. During this time of seclusion at night, the first rape occurred," he said.

The rape survivor added that the rapist told him to remain silent during the rape ordeal to avoid drawing attention from other inmates.

"The second rape occurred a week after the first one. In both incidents, the perpetrator did not use a condom. I was then released as my grandmother paid my fine, I began going to church and I took an HIV test yesterday. To my shock I found out that I am now HIV positive," he added.

Meanwhile, HMCS Public Relations Officer Gugulethu Dlamini said the

rape survivor should report the incident to the police so that the rapist who is now a free man could be re-arrested for rape.

"The laws on rape are well documented so anybody who claims to have been raped while at the correctional facility should report that to the police as soon as possible.

## Inmates

Correctional officers first interview all new inmates before assigning them to a cell with other inmates. Sometimes we will allow inmates who committed assaults to share cells with inmates who committed murder.

The reason is because assault sometimes leads to murder so the two inmates might have a common understanding. We also conduct mental evaluations on all inmates before placing them in the minimum security cells. The rape survivor should report the matter," she said.

## Security guards vandalise employer's property

STORIES BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

### IT is war!

This was declared by Swaziland Amalgamated Trade Unions (SATU) Secretary General Frank Mncina on behalf of Guard Alert security guards.

This was during a protest action at Guard Alert Security Services premises in Manzini yesterday morning. While at it, the agitated security guards vandalised the company's gate which they found locked.

This was before they spilled garbage all over the premises to demonstrate their anger.

When addressing the employees, Mncina said war was first declared by the company when it refused to reinstate two shop stewards whom he said were unfairly dismissed from work.

Misconduct charges were levelled against the two guards but they were not called to a disciplinary hearing. This, according to SATU, was aimed at victimising the shop stewards and further oust the union. The unconditional reinstatement of the shop stewards was demanded by SATU in a petition that was delivered to the company's officials on April 16. Also contained in the same petition was that another shop steward was to attend a disciplinary hearing for allegedly absenting himself from work. In April, the said employee had gone to hospital

and he produced genuine sick sheets to prove that he had consulted with health practitioners on the day he was away from work.

In yesterday's protest, the aim was to prevent a disciplinary hearing of the same employee that was scheduled for 9:30am.

Mncina informed the employees that after the petition was delivered in April, the agreement between the company officials and the union was that they would meet to discuss the issues on the following day. However, at the last minute, Mncina said the Guard Alert officials postponed the meeting. At a later stage, Mncina said a response to the petition was sent to the union through an email and it stated that the dismissed guards will not be recalled.

### Decampaign

"This means we are going to decampaign the company and if needs be, we shall see to it that it shuts down," he said much to the agreement of the employees. As part of the decampaigning tactics, Mncina said all Guard Alert clients would be urged not to renew the company's contracts.

"The irrational manager asked what would happen to the guards when the company is closed." Answering this, Mncina said the guards' employment should be the least of Guard Alert managers' concern because the only people who would suffer from the closure of the company would be those in top management.



PROTESTERS: A section of the security guards who were protesting in song and dance. (Pic: Bongive Dlamini)

GUARD Alert Security Services has filed an urgent application interdicting the Swaziland Amalgamated Trade Unions (SATU) and its members from disrupting operations at the company's premises in five locations around Eswatini.

The security company has

## Guard Alert runs to court

premises in Mbabane, Manzini, Matsapha, Nhlanguano and Pigg's Peak. The union and its members were also restricted from congregating or picketing at any of the company's premises.

SATU and employees were further interdicted from interfering or obstructing access and impeding free movement of people and traffic to and from the company's premises.

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### HRH2030 Eswatini Activity Short Term Human Resources for Health Policy Advisor

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HRH2030 will provide local support to the Eswatini Ministry of Public Service (MoPS) for HRH transition planning for sustained epidemic control through an embedded HRH transition advisor. The advisor will work in coordination with both with the MoPS and Ministry of Health (MOH) to assist in the development and implementation of an HRH Transition Plan for PEPFAR-funded workers. The Advisor's activities will provide the necessary information for the MOH, MoPS, the National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS, PEPFAR, and other stakeholders to have a comprehensive understanding of workers required to sustain HIV services, and how PEPFAR and donor-funded cadres that are determined to be continually required can be successfully transitioned.

#### Responsibilities:

- Liaise with relevant government officials and partners, and the USAID Mission, on a continuous basis to ensure awareness, coordination, buy-in, and cooperation for the successful planning and implementation of HRH transition activities, using Country Operational Plan 2019 (COP19).
- Identify key policy areas and fiscal limitations that pose barriers to the absorption of PEPFAR-funded workers and inform the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini's (GKoE) ability to absorb required HRH
- Work with the GKoE to develop an HRH transition model and plan.
- Provide on-site technical, organizational development, and operational support to existing coordination agencies responsible for HRH transition in the Eswatini MOH.
- Assist with the identification of organizational capacity development and technical assistance needs to improve the management and leadership capacity and efficiency of the HRH Technical Working Group.
- Initiate implementation with outlined benchmarks and indicators for robust monitoring through December 2019.
- Plan activities that will facilitate the assessment of strengths and capacities, and to address gaps in data utilization for transition of HRH for colleagues working on transition in the MOH.
- Communicate regularly with appropriate government counterparts to coordinate and manage country activities. Provide updates, identify gaps and highlight success stories that can be shared to inform stakeholders nationally and regionally.
- Prepare progress reports to USAID and the MOH as required
- Other tasks and duties, as assigned.

#### Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in public health, public administration, health economics or a related field required. Graduate degree in a health-related field preferred.
- A minimum of 5 -10 years progressive work experience in human resources development in the public sector developing human resources systems.
- Practical experience working effectively in an advisory capacity and demonstrated ability to engage with government health agencies and ministries, multilateral health agencies, and national and international nongovernmental organizations.
- Experience engaging with senior stakeholders at MOPS and other ministries, including the Prime Ministers office.
- Demonstrated understanding of the GKoE government hiring systems at policy level.
- Knowledge and familiarity with PEPFAR programming HIV coordination in Eswatini
- Demonstrated experience working with data generated by Eswatini ministries, including financial and human resource data, and strong ability to explain data and its implications to non-technical audiences
- Work authorization for Eswatini at time of hire.

**Application Instructions:** To apply for this position, kindly send your cover letter and resume to [hrheswatini@chemonics.com](mailto:hrheswatini@chemonics.com). No telephone inquiries please. Finalists will be contacted.



# Workers Day commemoration



TUCOSWA President Quinton Dlamini delivering his speech during the Workers Day held at King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium in Nhlanguano on Wednesday. (R) AM HERE: Ministry of Labour and Social Security PS Thulani Mkhaliphi represented the minister at the event. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



IN NUMBERS: The close to 10 000 workers who gathered at the stadium during the May Day celebrations.

Minister

Makhosi Vilakati

## Minister of labour and social security statement

Once again the Kingdom of Eswatini joins the world in celebrating the World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2019, held annually on the 28th of April. The ILO World Day focuses international attention on the magnitude of the global problem of death, disease and injuries arising out of work and how promoting and creating a safety and health culture can help to prevent this tragedy. Occupational accidents and work-related diseases have a major impact on individuals and their families economically, physically and their emotional well-being in the short and long-term. The World Day promotes the creation of a preventative safety and health culture involving all stakeholders. Eswatini has a robust legislative framework addressing Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) issues. All work establishments are required to adhere to the safety and health standards prescribed in the legislation. The ministry of labour

and social security carries out regular inspections in all establishments to give advice, and to monitor and enforce compliance. One of the basic requirements is that all workplaces must have safety and health policies and must establish safety and health committees. Compliance is at varying degrees in the different sectors. The ministry has set up a tripartite technical committee of experts on Occupational Safety and Health to advise the minister on all OSH issues. This committee has started developing sector based OSH regulations. With the support of the Construction Industry Council, this committee has finalised development of the construction industry OSH regulations. The intention is to continue developing other regulations to finally cover all sectors, especially the high risk sectors. The theme for this year's OSH Day is 'Occupational Safety and Health and the Future of Work'.

The theme is meant to sensitise workplaces on the changing nature of work particularly in the context of automation and the 4th Industrial revolution and how work places should adapt to new forms of work. Automation at the workplaces bring risks which may lead to accidents, particularly if operators of new equipment are not well trained. The ministry encourages businesses to train workers on all changes which have a bearing on OSH. We are, therefore, as a ministry taking this opportunity to encourage all workplaces irrespective of size to use the coming week to launch their OSH policies and for those who do not have, to develop the policies and sensitise all workers on OSH issues. This call is to all workplaces both public and private. Our office is available to guide workplaces on developing such policies. Kindly assist in protecting workplaces as they are at the forefront in our drive to attain Vision 2022.



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2. Members are advised that the change in the administration of their health insurance products shall NOT result in changes in the value of their covers or the cost of same (premiums paid) as a result of this change. United Health Insurance shall continue to fulfil, fully the obligations that UGI-Health had committed to its clients. Thus, policy holders shall continue making payments, continue being covered and all claims shall continue to be paid out.
3. In accordance and in compliance with the Insurance Act of Section 56, we hereby request UGI – Health clients who have reservations and concerns about this move to contact the UGI – Health offices at Dups Mall, Manzini to register their concerns or make written representations to the FSRA within 25 days of the publication. Clients can also send an email to [info@united.co.sz](mailto:info@united.co.sz) submitting their feedback, and or call +2508 6001.
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## VACANCY

### SENIOR MANAGER INTERNAL AUDIT

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#### Purpose of the Job

The incumbent will report to the Group Managing Director and the Risk, Finance and Audit Committee Chairman. Mainly responsible for annual audit planning; providing assurance on controls; enforcing adherence to policies and procedures throughout the company and its subsidiaries. The incumbent is expected to add value by helping the organisation accomplish its objectives through a systematic, disciplined approach in evaluating and causing improvement and effectiveness of internal controls and governance processes.

#### Key Duties & Responsibilities

- Audit Planning**
  - Develop and administer an annual internal audit plan in line with the Company's Risk Management framework and present to the Risk, Finance & Audit Committee for their approval.
- Evaluating adequacy of internal controls and compliance to controls, policies and procedures**
  - Plan and oversee audits of operations' general controls to assess adequacy of controls and compliance with all the controls, policies and procedures.
  - Develop and maintain Internal Audit Procedures to ensure best practice and that the audits address specific areas of risk management.
  - Perform tests to assess the adequacy of controls and also evaluate significance of audit findings.
  - Respond to ad hoc requests to address control issues on new business processes, policies and procedures, and provide consultative services to management.

#### Reporting

- Report findings to the Risk, Finance and Audit

Committee highlighting any areas of concern and the resultant action plan.

- Contribute to continuous improvement of the company's internal control systems, policies and procedures and recommend changes as necessary.

#### Conducting Follow-Up Audits

- Follow up of all audit issues raised by internal and external audit
- Agree action plan necessary to implement the audit recommendations with the relevant departments.

#### Qualifications

Bachelor of Commerce Degree in Accounting or equivalent qualification obtained from a reputable tertiary institution and must have successfully completed articles. Should be a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors. A Certified Internal Auditor designation will be an added advantage. At least 5 years experience in a leadership role within an internal audit environment.

#### Key Competences (Skills)

- Strategic thinking ability.
- Report writing skills.
- High level of integrity
- Innovative thinker
- Analytical skills.
- High level of interpersonal skills.

#### Key Performance Areas (KPA's)

- Formulation of effective annual audit plans.
- Evaluating adequacy of internal controls and to controls, policies and procedures
- Compile Risk, Finance and Audit Committee Reports
- Provide leadership to Internal Audit Team.

#### Remuneration

The company will offer remuneration commensurate to the position.

#### Deadline

Applications should be sent **only** by email to [recruitment@fincorp.co.sz](mailto:recruitment@fincorp.co.sz) marked "Application: Senior Manager Internal Audit" addressed to The Group Managing Director, FINCOP, P.O. Box 6099, Mbabane not later than 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

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## World Day for Safety and Health at Work



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**READY:** Minister of Justice Pholile Shakantu poses with the newly-appointed EBC commissioners after the swearing-in ceremony held at the EBC offices on Monday. From left are Head of Secretariat Richard Phungwayo, Chief Mawandla Gamedze, Winnie Magagula, Prince Mhlabuhlangene, Dr Njabu Dlamini, Princess Bong'menzi and PS Lorraine Hlophe. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

# EBC APPOINTED MEMBERS SWORN-IN

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Lobamba

THE newly-appointed members of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) were on Monday sworn-in at the EBC offices at Nkhanini.

Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Pholile Shakantu thanked Their Majesties for appointing the Commission. She said taking of oath meant that the members are now officially members of the EBC.

The minister also appreciated the re-appointment of Princess Nkosing'menzi as she has been with EBC for three terms so the other commissioners would benefit from her experience.

"EBC is not only about elections, there is more as there is always a build up to the elections and post elections whereby a report has to be compiled.

"We also help in neighbouring countries when they need observers as part of their electoral process. We wish you well as you execute your duties. As a ministry we commit ourselves to supporting you in all your work," she said.



**HANDSHAKE:** Minister Shakantu shaking hands with member Winnie Magagula, while EBC Chairman Prince Mhlabuhlangene and Dr Dlamini look on.

The commissioners pledged to be faithful and pay true allegiance to Their Majesties in accordance with the law.

Speaking on behalf of EBC, the Chairperson of the commission Prince Mhlabuhlangene said they were honoured to be appointed into EBC and assured the minister that they would work with

diligence.

"All the members of the commission come from different working backgrounds, so we will use and share our experience for the betterment of our work in this office. We also have minister who was in this office previously. Bayethe! Wena WaPhakathi," he said.

## Members of the EBC

Prince Mhlabuhlangene – Chairperson  
Winnie Magagula – Deputy Chairperson

Princess Nkosing'menzi – Commissioner  
Chief Mawandla – Commissioner  
Dr. Njabu Dlamini – Commissioner

## MAN RAPES MINOR, FLEES

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A young man's one minute decision to commit the unthinkable, saw him facing the wrath of the law.

When 14 year old Phumlile\* (not her real name) approached Mbongiseni Khumalo, who she trusted enough to call him her uncle, she did not know that he would violate her in the most traumatic manner.

It is said during the recent Easter holidays, Phumlile's aunt and legal guardian left for the Good Friday services in South Africa, leaving her behind with older nephews and nieces. As they resided in a compound without electricity, it was the norm that they would charge their phones at Khumalo's house.

On the day in question, Phumlile went to Khumalo's house to fetch her phone, which she had left charging overnight.

When she arrived, Khumalo invited her into his house to look for the said phone, which he said was still in the charger.

As she entered, Khumalo allegedly closed and locked the door behind her, with the intention to violate the young girl.

Khumalo is then said to have raped her, without the thought to protect his victim from HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections. After Khumalo was done committing this offence, he is said to have locked the victim in his house and fled the scene.

This narrative was submitted by the victim's aunt on Tuesday on behalf of her niece, who appeared before the Mbabane Magistrate's Court during Khumalo's trial. Khumalo pleaded guilty to contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act, when he raped the minor with no conscience.

In his cross examination of the witness, Khumalo claimed that he was in a sexual relationship with the victim and denied any assault, although he pleaded guilty to the crime.

The trial will continue on June 18.

## UN commends govt for strong commitment to health services

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI  
Kwaluseni

THE United Nations has commended government for its strong commitment to health services.

Government was hailed during the launch of the ninth African Vaccination Week held at Kwaluseni Inkhundla on Tuesday.

Speaking during the event, World Health Organisation (WHO) Representative Dr. Cornelia Atsytor said the ninth anniversary of the African Vaccination Week aimed at taking stock of the importance of the vaccination programmes in the African region in combating life-threatening diseases, especially amongst children and the whole global community.

It would also highlight the important role vaccination played in strengthening the health system.

Atsytor said the African Vaccination Week is a time to engage all members of society, including governments, political leaders, civil society and the private sector in giving high priority to vaccination.

On behalf of the UN, Dr Atsytor commended His Majesty King Mswati III and government for the strong commitment to health.

She said this goes to health in general and immunisation. Dr Atsytor said government had been in the forefront in the continuous financial commitment towards the purchase of all the needed childhood vaccines.



**KODAK MOMENT:** Some of the children who attended the event posing with delegates from the ministry of health and representatives from World Health Organisation.

She said this is a feat that a few African countries were able to achieve. The WHO representative said this commitment would contribute towards the achievement of universal health coverage (UHC) in Eswatini.

Dr Atsytor said well-funded immunisation programmes were key to realising UHC target because they provide communities with the world's most cost-effective disease prevention tool and at the same time ensuring that the population could access other basic services in addition to immunisation when in contact with health facilities.

The WHO representative said although tried, tested, and safe vaccines are available, one in five children in Africa still do not receive all the necessary and basic vaccines.

She said this state of affairs predisposed unvaccinated children to diseases such as measles that can prove fatal or cause disability such as blindness.

Dr Atsytor said every year, vaccine-preventable diseases killed more than half a million children under five years of age in Africa, representing approximately more than half of the total deaths in the world, and yet it is shown that every dollar invested in vaccination yields approximately US\$41, which is equivalent to E586.91 in economic and social benefits.

The WHO representative said smallpox, one of the disfiguring diseases known to man, was eradicated through vaccination, providing huge savings and ending untold suffering and misery and likewise, the world is now on the verge

of eradication polio in spite of several challenges.

Dr Atsytor said declining vaccination coverage remained one of the major challenges in Eswatini. She said in 2018 about 6 000 children in Eswatini were not reached to be vaccinated.

She said there was need, therefore, to step up efforts in reaching all children with life-saving vaccines.

The WHO representative made a call on all stakeholders: government, development partners, including the UN, private organisations, political leaders, civil society organisations, community leaders and parents to increase all efforts to ensure that no child is left behind, unimmunised in Eswatini.





# IN THE HIGH COURT OF ESWATINI



Contested Civil Roll Before The Hon. Justice M. Mamba  
3rd May 2019  
Court 'B'

Case No.	Parties	Attorney/s
1. 1706/17	Wilson Babazi Dlamini vs Eric Dlamini	VZ Dlamini Mlangeni & Co.
2. 1702/18	Musa Vazamafa Langwenya vs Ombudsman Of The Financial Services & 3 Others	Motsa Mavuso Waring Att.
3. 1598/17	Weille Masuku vs Mlungisi C. Simelane	Mkhwanazi Khumalo Ngcamphalala
4. 1007/18	Intelligence Security Services vs Edward Nxumalo & 2 Others	Xaba Mahvunga Simelane Mshali
5. 402/18	Dambuzza Lukhele vs Lungile Lukhele	S.B Shongwe Att. S.M. Kubheka

Uncontested Civil Roll Before The Hon. Justice N.J. Hlophe  
3rd May 2019  
Court 'C'

1. 172/19	Satellite Investments (Pty)Ltd vs Mshali	Simelane Mr Matata (Pty)Ltd
2. 628/19	Muzi Patson Dlamini vs The Commissioner Of The Correctional Services & Another	Mkhwanazi Att. T.R. Maseko
3. 326/18	Sifiso Shongwe vs Zakhele Hlophe	T.R. Maseko
4. 1535/17	Arb Electrical Wholesalers vs Corban Electrical & Electronics (Pty)Ltd	Henwood
5. 258/19	Dlamini Khumbuzo D vs Thulani Makama & 2 Others	Henwood
6. 364/19	Simanga Wonder Mahlalela vs Simelane	Mbuso E. Minister of Home Affairs & 2 others
7. 554/19	Ligagu Investments T/A Get Bucks Swd vs Att.	Magagula The Commissioner of police & 2 others
8. 1045/18	Mandla Matse & Another vs The Commissioner of police & 2 others	Sa Motsa
9. 1753/18	Dynamic Distributors Ltd vs Manzini General Suppliers	Currie- Wright
10. 858/18	Swd Development & Savings Bank vs Induvundwane Yangindzi	Vz Dlamini Investments Ltd & Another
11. 353/17	Lusa Investments Ltd vs Minister Of Education & Training & another	Robinson Bertram
12. 347/19	Indlelo Investments T/A Amandla Amandla Financial Services vs Mtfombeni Investments Ltd & 2 others	Simelane Mshali
13. 665/19	Mngometulu Nqobile Xolile vs Nontundo Portia Mathonsi & 3 others	Robinson
14. 1860/04	Terror Maziya vs DPP & another	Robinson
15. 141/17	Fortune Nxumalo vs Gcinaphi Susan Dlamini & 2 others	Robinson
16. 1315/15	Manzini City Council vs The Labour Commissioner N.O. & 2 others	Mm Sibandze

CONTESTED BAILS BEFORE THE HON. JUSTICE T.DLAMINI

3RD MAY 2019

COURT 'F'

Case No	Accused	Centre	Attorney
131/19	Mduduzi Nkomo	Remand	L. Dlamini In Person
125/19	Njabulo S. Shabangu	Remand	L. Dlamini In Person
36/19	Sipho A. Shabangu	Remand	B. Ngwenya In Person
285/15	Abdul Mohammed	Remand	T. Mamba In Person
145/19	Mfanasibili Mfanimpela Gama	Sidwashini	S. Gama In Person
466/18	Sibusiso Dlamini	Big Bend	S. Gama In Person
247/17	Wandile Xolani Ferreira	Remand	S. Gama In Person
150/19	Mpendulo Mpeshe Bhembe	Nhlangano	S. Gama In Person
147/19	Mxolisi Xolani Masina	Big Bend	L. Dlamini In Person
89/19	Mzamo Maziya Mndeni Fakudze	Remand	T. Mamba In Person
291/18	Vusi Ndlovu	Remand	T. Mamba M.V. Dlamini
65/19	Caroline Lydia Kyara	Mawelawela	B. Ngwenya In Person
119/19	Gcina Wandile Andy Kunene	Sidwashini	T. Mamba In Person
123/19	Sanele Sandile Simelane	Remand	S. Gama In Person
111/19	Sibusiso Gamedze	Nhlangano	T. Mamba In Person
78/19	Ntombifuthi Simelane	Big Bend	T. Mamba In Person

17. 456/19	Makhosokhe Sibandze vs Eswatini Electricity Co.	Musa Motsa Att.
18. 1583/13	Cary Boy Carvalho vs RSSC & another	Cj Littler
19. 1616/18	Advanced Product Technology Ltd vs Zanash Investments Ltd	Waring
20. 126/19	Mbabane Quarry Ltd vs T & S Enterprises Ltd	Waring
21. 497/19	Select Management Services vs Lungile Siyaya	SV Mdladla
22. 232/12	Nicholus Shabangu vs Dumsani Vilakati	SV Mdladla
23. 267/19	Select Management Services vs Siphiwe Florence Hlophe	SV Mdladla
24. 635/19	Bongani Simelani vs The Swazi Observer (Pty)Ltd	BS Dlamini

Defaults Judgements Before The Hon Justice N. Maseko  
3rd May 2019  
Court 'H'

1. 602/19	Eswatini National Provident Fund Board vs Sipecell Management Agencies & another	Waring
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2. 575/19	Buy And Save Supermakert vs Manikela Grocery Ltd	SV Mdladla
3. 650/19	AG Thomas (Pty) Ltd vs Heptagon Civils Ltd	Waring
4. 634/19	Star Paint Swd vs Corban Hardware Ltd	PM Dlamini
5. 310/19	Select Magement Services (Pty)Ltd vs Richard Jabulani Zulu	SV Mdladla
6. 284/19	Select Magement Services (Pty)Ltd vs Mantfombi Temangweni Zwane	SV Mdladla
7. 291/19	Select Magement Services (Pty)Ltd vs Mongile Busayiphi Dlamini	SV Mdladla
8. 652/19	Southern Trading Co vs Real Ocean Restaurant Investments	Robinson
9. 590/19	Mandla Maziya vs Triomf Swaziland	Mj Hillary
10. 583/19	Sithembiso Sizwe Masika vs Thanda Handzebe	Mabila
11. 610/19	Mix Solutions Ltd vs Heptagon Civils Ltd	Currie Wright

Uncontested Bails Before The Hon. Justice N. Maseko

3rd May 2019

Court 'H'

Nhlangano

89/19	Mbongiseni Bafana Front Dlamini
168/19	Sifiso Dledle Dlamini
158/19	Sifiso Oupa Manyisa
158/19	Sifiso Bonginkosi Zulu
158/19	Celucolo Dlamini
157/19	Mondi Menzi Manana
169/19	Siphamandla N. Mamba
170/19	Mpendulo M. Bhembe
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Pigg's Peak

195/18	Ngabisa Mdluli
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148/18	Sandile Nsimbini
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Remand

260/17	Mthokozisi T.K Makhanya
260/17	Siyabonya Nomvetha Motsa
260/17	Sicelo Teddy Motsa

Matsapha

148/19	Mfundo Gift Vilakati
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12. 536/19	Select Management Services vs Sandile Simon Mahlalela	SV Mdladla
13. 258/19	Sweet Micro Finance (Pty) Ltd vs Bambanani Ngetfutuko Ngcosa	Dlamini Kunene
14. 253/19	Sweet Micro Finance (Pty) Ltd vs Letsumnotfo Eveni	Dlamini Kunene
15. 255/19	Sweet Micro Finance (Pty) Ltd vs Letsumnotfo Eveni	Dlamini Kunene
16. 254/19	Sweet Micro Finance (Pty) Ltd vs Sincengimphilo Support Group	Dlamini Kunene
17. 257/19	Sweet Micro Finance (Pty) Ltd vs Eastern And Southern Africa	Dlamini Kunene Small Scale Farmers
18. 662/19	Standard Bank Swd vs Nelsiwe Sibongile Shongwe	TI Dlamini

Rule 45 (13) (i) Before The Hon Justice N.Maseko  
3rd May 2019  
Court 'H'

1. 1989/13	Andrew Rugongo vs Sibongile Ngwenya	Ben J. Simelane
2. 1847/16	Indlelo Investments T/A Amandla vs Everbuild Investments & 2 Others	Robinson
3. 1774/17	Nedbank Swd Limited	Robinson
4. 280/19	SWD Development & Savings Bank vs Masuku Impulsive Investments	Robinson
5. 752/17	Southern Trading Co. Ltd vs Alternative Investments Ltd & Another	Robinson

## POLICE NEED NEW LIBRARY

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

THE Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) has requested a new library.

This was conveyed by the officers' representative, Inspector Mazwi Mngomezulu during a graduation event for 24 others, who had undertaken the middle management skills course.

The event was held at the Matsapha Police Academy on Tuesday.

The course, that was attended by officers in the ranks of inspector and assistant superintendent, addressed

a number of subjects, such as management computer studies and police related subjects, like the newly-introduced intelligence policing, which is the cornerstone of new policing.

Aim

The aim of the course was to capacitate the middle management officers with skills that would enable them to effectively help implement government's strategic roadmap, which includes resuscitating the country's economy.

In order to achieve this, the REPS is expected to make the environment peaceful and conducive for businesses to thrive.

This requires that officers become more robust in crime deterring mechanisms, while also ensuring that the resources at their disposal are used as cost-effectively as possible.

Standard

According to Inspector Mngomezulu, the availability of the library would enhance the standard of the academy, as it has also been aligned with a local university.

He said the course was aimed at capacitating officers in middle management with skills

"It is within the REPS, especially the middle management that the country's economy can improve through



our combined efforts of a crime-free and investor-friendly environment. The police cannot provide this without the necessary skills and training," he said.

The officers further appreciated that the course did not only sharpen individuals' minds, but has also contributed immensely in having a strong foundation for the entire organisation, as it strives to uplift the eco-

nomie situation of the country.

Making his remarks, the Senior Deputy National Commissioner, Sula Dlamini, said there was a need for speed in attending to reported incidents if the service was to be worth its salt.

Dlamini reminded the officers that the most important aspect of their responsibilities was ensuring that their units functioned in a coordinated manner.

"We, therefore, look forward to you going back and making a difference so that we are geared-up to rally behind government's espoused vision. The success of growth and development of the country hinges on tackling crime, which scares away investors," he said.



# Macmillan spends E850 000 in support of culture

BY OBSERVER REPORTER  
Mbabane

MACMILLAN Education Eswatini has spent E850 000 in support of the annual Eswatini Schools Culture competition in the past three years.

This year's competition was the fourth edition.

The company, which celebrates a 40-year milestone this year as government's partner in education, officially handed over a E250 000 cheque to Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries Bulunga last week in a culture-themed ceremony held at the Swazi National High School.

Macmillan Sales and Marketing Manager Simanga Shabangu represented the Chief Executive Officer, Busisiwe Simelane at the event.

Minister Bulunga commended Macmillan for its commitment to balanced education, through both academic work and culture, and reiterated government's commitment to creating an enabling environment, within which performing arts would be promoted as an integral component of culture.

He said this would be done through facilitating the enactment of appropriate legislation to protect copyrights and all intellectual property rights of artists' modern and tradi-



**HANDSHAKE:** Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries Bulunga receives the E250 000 replica cheque from Macmillan's Simanga Shabangu while other dignitaries look on. (Pics: Courtesy)

tional music, dance and other areas in performing arts.

## Partnership

The partnership between Macmillan and the schools culture association dates back to 2016, where the national publishing company donated E150 000.

In 2017, Macmillan increased its sponsor-

ship to E200 000; and, as if determined to beat its own record, the company upped its support to E250 000, which it maintained this year.

The money will be spent as prize money for winners.

The minister appreciated the event's displays and put up a smile at the day's activities, especially the boys' *sibhaca* dance.

He congratulated and thanked Macmillan and all their partners for ensuring that the initiative lived to see yet another year.

## Challenges

He said despite the many challenges that the publishing company had faced, it remained resilient in producing, safeguarding, maintaining and re-creating the intangible cultural heritage elements imbedded in cultural performing arts, and thus improving the culture performances in the national ceremonies and national competitions, notably the legendary Ingwenyama Cup.

"The Schools Culture Competitions is a key event in the ministry's calendar and continues to play a significant role as a resource for cultural, social, economic, political and spiritual development in our communities and country.

It is in this regard that I wish to urge all other stakeholders to partner with Macmillan in educating Eswatini," said the minister.

He said Eswatini was blessed with a rich culture, which must be cherished and preserved for the benefit of Eswatini through cultural events.

"The country is also a signatory to the UNESCO Conventions on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (2005) and the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003), both of which were ratified in 2011.

"The Eswatini Schools Culture Competitions underscores the significant role culture and drama plays in recognising and appreciating cultural diversity, as a common heritage of all Eswatini.

"If well branded, our rich cultural diversity increases the range of choices for recreation while giving us an opportunity to promote local, regional and international cultural tourism.

It is for this reason that this heritage should be treasured, conserved and safeguarded for the good of all our communities," said Bulunga.

He said culture competitions were also a true manifestation of government's commitment towards promoting democracy, tolerance, social justice and mutual respect between people and cultures.

## Competition

He said he was glad to note that this year's competitions would see an improved number of participants compared to last year.

"It is my hope that, in future, we will open up this competition so that it becomes a major cultural exchange event and a carnival that will boost local and international cultural tourism," said the minister.

He reminded the gathering that His Majesty King Mswati III spoke passionately about extending the reach of the Ingwenyama Cup to other SADC countries.

One of the objectives of this year's schools competition was to commemorate, recognise and celebrate 40 years of this Macmillan-Government partnership.

"We are here today because of Macmillan's outstanding support. We read and write because of Macmillan.

"Today we sing and dance because of Macmillan.

I am glad to note that this competition has, over the years, nurtured the talents that were developed in schools and colleges and that many of the present arts and culture artists in the country today are products of this competition and continue to draw their melodies from this event," said the minister.



**CULTURE:** Eswatini Schools Culture Competition officials following the proceedings, while members of the public watch from behind.

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UN Resident Coordinators' System (RCS) in Eswatini is pleased to share details of the below vacancy announcements. Full details of the job descriptions can be viewed at the links below.

## 1. (Re-advertisement) Development Coordination Officer, Partnerships and Development Finance NOC

Post Title:	Development Coordination Officer, Partnerships and Development Finance
Post Level:	NOC
Vacancy type:	Fixed Term Appointment
Initial duration of the assignment:	Initial duration of 1 year with a possibility of extension
Duty Station:	Mbabane, Eswatini
Application deadline:	13 May 2019
Applications to be submitted :	<a href="https://jobs.partneragencies.net/erecruitjobs.html?jobOpeningId=23092&amp;hrs.io.pst.seq=1&amp;hrs.site.id=2">https://jobs.partneragencies.net/erecruitjobs.html?jobOpeningId=23092&amp;hrs.io.pst.seq=1&amp;hrs.site.id=2</a>

**NB:** "Candidates who applied initially need not re-apply"

## 2. Development Coordination Officer, Economist - NOC

Post Title:	Development Coordination Officer/Economist
Post Level:	NOC
Vacancy type:	Fixed Term Appointment
Initial duration of the assignment:	Initial duration of 1 year with a possibility of extension
Duty Station:	Mbabane, Eswatini
Application deadline:	14 May 2019
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# Soldier rejects E30 000, arrests suspect alleged dagga dealer

STORIES BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
High Court

A member of the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) lived up to his oath when he refused to take a E30 000 bribe from an alleged dagga dealer, who wanted to evade arrest.

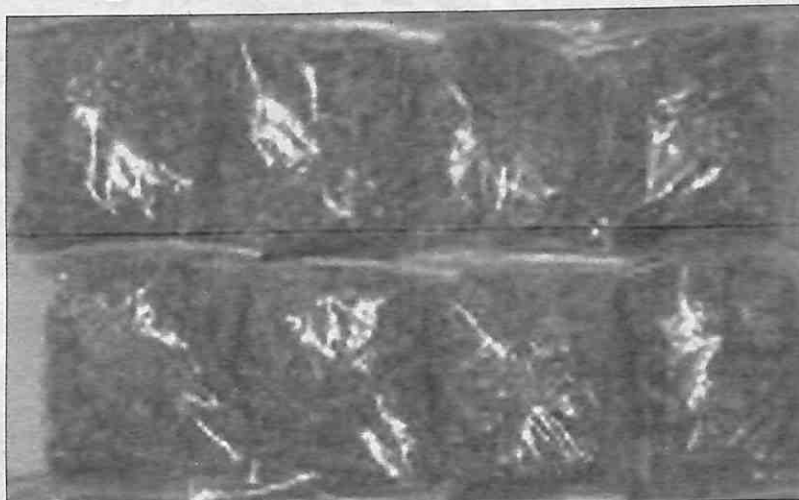
The soldier was keeping guard of a car which had been apprehended along the borderline when the dagga dealer Mthokozisi Nzima approached him and requested that he (soldier) should allow him to take the dagga that was inside, before the police could arrive and offered him the E30 000 bribe.

## Arrested

However, upon turning down the bribe, Nzima drove off in another car before the police subsequently arrested him.

This is contained in an urgent application that was yesterday filed by the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), seeking an order for preservation of property, a three-bedroom house, VW Amarok and a Toyota Hilux belonging to Nzima, pending a forfeiture application.

Motivating the application in her affidavit, filed in the application that was before Judge Maxine Langwenya yesterday, Principal Crown Counsel Elsie Matsebula submitted that the property in question is proceeds of unlawful activity scheduled under the Prevention of Organised Crime Act (POCA) of 2018. She submitted that the property was pur-



chased using proceeds of unlawful activities, and that same is under the possession of Nzima, an adult Liswati of Mkhitsini area in the Shiselweni region.

Relating events that culminated to the present application, she submitted that on April 13, 2019 members of the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) received information about a motor vehicle conveying dagga, travelling towards the borderline, and the police promptly contacted soldiers manning the border line to assist in searching for the vehicle, a VW Amarok grey in colour.

Upon spotting soldiers manning the borderline, the occupants of the vehicle abandoned the car at a certain homestead. "Whilst the soldiers were waiting for the arrival of the police, Nzima approached the soldier who was keeping guard of the vehicle, while driving

another vehicle, the Toyota Hilux, and introduced himself as the owner of the VW and offered the E30 000 bribe if he allowed him to remove the dagga before the arrival of the police, which the soldier refused to take," she submitted.

Upon realising that the soldier was not giving in to his bribe, he quickly left the scene while the police rushed there.



Whilst the soldiers were waiting for the arrival of the police, Nzima approached the soldier who was keeping guard of the vehicle



ALSO filing a confirmatory affidavit was the investigating, Officer Detective Mandla Khumalo, who submitted that Mthokozisi Nzima is a well-known dagga dealer.

In his car, 364 kg of the illegal herb and E10 760 was found and seized by the police upon searching the vehicle.

Khumalo, from the Nhlengano Drug Unit, confirmed the affidavit of the principal crown counsel in as far as it related to the evidence revealed by the investigators in the matter.

## Nzima a well-known dealer, 364kg dagga, E10 000 cash seized - cops

He submitted that the vehicles in question are known to be those of Nzima, who is a well-known dagga dealer, and that while they were pursuing the VW Amarok together with detective Jabulani Mhlanga, they received information that the vehicle had been abandoned at a certain unknown homestead.

When the vehicle was found and searched, about five huge bags packed

with dagga were found upon peeping through the windows, more dagga was seen since the doors were locked.

The vehicle was later towed to the police station and Nzima was called through his mobile phone and ordered to provide keys to the vehicle, as the police were intending breaking in and that is when two boys quickly came and provided the car keys which they claimed were spare keys.

## Asian shop owner releases more camera footage to police

BY SIZWE DLAMINI  
Pigg's Peak

OWNERS of the Swaziland Electronic Shop have released new camera footage of two criminals captured stealing cellphones and other items worth E77 500 to the police.

The initial surveillance footage was first released to the police on Sunday morning, two hours after criminals managed to break into the Well Pharmacy and the neighbouring electronic shop.

However, the new secondary footage was released to the police on Wednesday.

In the original footage, a single main camera was used, which partially concealed the criminal's faces.

However, the second footage that was recorded on another camera exposed the criminals' faces fully.

Businessman and owner of the electronic shop Adnan Butt said

the camera footage would help the police make an arrest.

"I am hopeful that the new footage will help the police arrest the criminals. It is very unfortunate that such crime happens. No business person deserves to be put through so much stress.

## Criminals

"These criminals stole all my cellphone stock worth about E60 000. In addition to that, they took other items from both my shop and the pharmacy that is located next door. It is important to mention that my shop has also suffered structural damage, because the criminals entered through the wall next door and then broke through my ceiling," he said.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that the surveillance footage was released to the police to aid ongoing investigations.

## Flea market in Matsapha today

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

GEAR-up Matsapha businesspeople, here's your chance to make money.

For the first time in the history of the Matsapha Town Council, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) will get a promotion not to be missed on a flea market day that is billed for today. The event is expected to kick-off at 0900 hours till late.

This was announced by the council's Environment and Public Health Manager, Sabelo Masuku, during a press briefing on Tuesday. Masuku said this initiative is a build-up to an upcoming Manzini Day that will be in June.

Masuku added that council's engagement in such an activity that is aimed at promoting SMEs in the region which is derived from invitations that it should participate in mini-shows prior to the much-anticipated Manzini Day.

As a result, he said the council had been working around the clock with leaders from four constituencies in the Manzini region so that entrepre-

neurs would ensure that their wares were exhibited on the day.

The four constituencies are Manzini North, Manzini South, Ludzeldudze and Kwaluseni.

Explaining the choice of date for the event, Masuku said the space owned by the Council in Matsapha was known to be busy and good for business especially on Fridays hence exhibitors are assured that business would be booming on the day.

"We invite all entrepreneurs to come showcase their wares on the day, as they will make money and network with others," he said.

The more good news for interested entrepreneurs is that exhibition space will be free of charge.

Furthermore, on the day, there are said to be financial providers who will impart knowledge with the businesspeople on services that might be of use to the growth of their businesses.

That is not all, as exhibitors will also participate in competitions, whose prizes include free courses that may be undertaken by the winners to further acquire knowledge that they would use to grow and sustain their businesses.

## CMAC wants review of law that bypasses them

BY COLISILE SACOLO  
Bhunya

THE Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC) wants Parliament to look into the law which allows concerned parties to bypass them and head straight to the Industrial Court. The law was passed by the previous Parliament.

CMAC Executive Director Nathi Gumede, speaking at the Federation of Swaziland Trade Unions (FESWATU) May Day on Wednesday at Bhunya Stadium, said workers must pray that Parliament amends the Industrial Relations Act 2000, to give CMAC power to do two things in the interest of the right of the workers.

According to the director, the enforcement powers to have sheriffs collect

amounts that employers agree to pay at conciliation and compulsory arbitration for small claims that employers deprived of the power to frustrate workers by refusing to arbitration.

"Over 80 per cent of the matters that are not resolved at conciliation are currently settled in the Industrial Court simply because workers do not have the money to have their matter taken to court by lawyers.

The minister noted that even if the matters are attended to in court, sometimes there are instances whereby the employee loses the court case, of which that particular person will not gain anything if he or she was supposed to be paid by a certain company," he said.

Gumede highlighted that arbitration could be a solution since workers would not pay as much as they have to pay when

taking their matters to court.

He noted that employees get confused and stressed concerning this situation, adding that some of them lose their jobs because they have not won their cases. When some get back to work, there would be tension between the employer and the employee, and that will completely ruin the working relationship.



"Over 80 per cent of the matters that are not resolved at conciliation are currently settled in the industrial court simply



## AN IDLE MIND...



DANGER: A young boy plays dangerously whiling away time as schools are closed. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



# MENTALLY ILL SOLDIER'S SALARY ARREARS CLAIM REFERRED TO LABOUR COURTS

STORIES BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
High Court

SHE was absent without leave (AWOL) from the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) and alleged she was undergoing treatment at the psychiatric hospital, and for that a soldier's E330 000 salary arrears claim has been referred to labour courts.

This effectively means that the soldier is at liberty of approaching the Conciliation Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC) and the Industrial Court of Eswatini which deals with labour related matters.

The soldier Nkosingiphile Shongwe, who is based at the Phocweni Army Barracks, had filed an application at the High Court where she was seeking an order that the UEDF, which had been cited as the first respondent, be ordered to pay her the arrear salary for the months of January 2012 to March 2015 in the total sum of E329 271.09 within a period of 21 days.

The application was opposed by



BEFORE HER: Principal Judge Qinisile Mabuza.

the army on grounds that Shongwe went AWOL within this period but failed to substantiate her allegations that she was being attended to at the mental institution.

Although her mental condition is known within the army authorities as she has been in and out of the mental institution, the army argued that on the said dates, her whereabouts were not known. Handing judgment in the matter

on Tuesday was Principal Judge Qinisile Mabuza who made no order on the substantive claim and noted that the applicant (Shongwe) has not taken the court into confidence by informing it where she was as she failed to show proof of where she was between the said period.

Judge Mabuza wondered as to where she was and what was she doing during this period and if she

was indeed ill during this period.

The judge further noted that Shongwe did not file any medical proof to that effect.

"How then can this court order that she be paid for this period? She resurfaced in January 2013 and after a day or two disappeared again until April 2015 when she resumed work. Because the applicant's services were not terminated, the appropriate forum for claiming payment of her salary arrears is the fora of labour matters.

The first respondent will provide proof of the days she was absent; in the circumstances I make no order on the substantive claim," Justice Mabuza ordered.

Judge Mabuza further noted that the then army commander Sobantu Dlamini had clarified in his affidavit that the applicant's services were not terminated but only her salary was stopped because of absenteeism, adding she was never charged for absencing herself.

Having noted this, Justice Mabuza was of the view that the court is not competent to grant the prayer sought by Shongwe in her notice of motion in the application.

## Army superiors wanted her to retire on medical grounds

AN opinion that the applicant (Shongwe) should retire on medical grounds had been raised by one of her superiors.

In her papers filed before court, Shongwe had submitted that on or about 2005, she was recruited by the first respondent (UEDF) and became a private soldier within six months of training and thereafter was stationed at Phocweni Army Barracks where she was attached to the Royal Guard.

She stated that during the year 2008, she fell ill and was admitted for treatment at the National Psychiatric Hospital under the care of Dr Charum but was later discharged.

From 2008, she averred that she would be in and out of the mental hospital and during this time she was paid a full salary. However, when she fell again in 2012, her supervisor Major Ndlangamandla was of the opinion that she should retire on medical grounds and was sent back to the psychiatric hospital for re-evaluation for that purpose.

### However

However, Dr Charum wrote a letter to her superiors stating that she was on treatment and should be allowed to come for review on a monthly basis. The doctor did not recommend retirement on medical grounds.

Judge Mabuza noted that the first respondent (UEDF), represented by the former army commander (Sobantu), did not deny the above background as set out by the applicant.

Dlamini, in his affidavit, had further stated that after the psychiatric evaluation, the doctor recommended that since the applicant was still young, retirement would exacerbate her mental illness and recommended that she be retained but given light duties. She was accordingly given light duties, hence she is still under the employ of the army at the Phocweni Clinic.

## 'Salary should not have been unilaterally stopped without due process'

IN her further analysis in the judgment, Judge Mabuza noted that something was definitely wrong with the applicant that warranted putting into effect retirement proceedings on medical grounds but not to unilaterally stop her salary without due process.

Justice Mabuza observed that

in her evidence, the applicant stated that she resumed work in April 2015 and to her shock and disbelief her pay slip reflected she was entitled to net pay of E0.00.

### Deductions

Judge Mabuza said it is important to note that the deductions for absenteeism span over the 28 months the applicant says she was

not paid and that the respondents cannot, therefore, be heard to say her claim has prescribed.

### Stopped

The army commander in his affidavit had denied that the applicant's salary was stopped while she was sick but admitted that the salary was stopped due to the applicant's absence but does not

specifically state why it was deducted and why her pay slip reflected E0.00.

### Claimed

She had claimed E329 271.09 in respect of the salary arrears but the army commander in his response said there are no arrears due to her as the money deducted was because of absenteeism.

## Applicant would at times run away from senior officers when fetched at home - UEDF

IN her judgement, Justice Mabuza further noted that evidence brought before court was to the effect that when the applicant's superiors tried to fetch the applicant from her parental homestead, she would run away from them and the senior officers would return to camp

### empty handed.

According to a confirmatory affidavit filed by Lieutenant Gugu Zwane in support of that of the army commander, the applicant's salary was indeed stopped because of her long absence without reporting.

The court also noted that Lieutenant

Thobile Ndwandwe also confirmed that the applicant absented herself for several months without reporting her whereabouts and the reasons of her absence.

### Informed

Both Lieutenants had informed the court that sometimes they would

proceed to applicant's home in search for her but upon seeing them approaching, applicant would run away.

### Observed

Justice Mabuza observed that it is clear from the evidence outlined that the applicant was ill, that her superiors knew her condition with rec-

ommendations that she retire on medical grounds and further that her erratic behaviour in absencing herself from work, running away upon seeing her superiors or even when her mother and brothers brought her to work whereupon she would disappear after a day or two.

## IT'S ABOUT HELPING WHERE YOU CAN - BENNETT

BY SIZWE DLAMINI  
Pigg's Peak

BUSSINESSMAN Walter Bennet renovated the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court guard house last week.

The aforementioned guard house is located at the entrance of the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court.

The recently renovated structure is only nine years old and was built along with the rest of the Magistrate's Court in late 2010.

Before its renovation last Thursday, the guard house had broken windows, a dysfunctional toilet, structural damage caused by rainwater

### ...after renovating government's guard house

as well as broken door locks.

After seeing the state of the dilapidation, Bennett could not disclose how much money he used to renovate the structure.

However, he confirmed that he rehabilitated the structure with his own money.

"I saw the state of the structure and decided to help.

I commissioned one of my staff to record the total cost of repairing the damage, I then purchased all the necessary material needed for the renovations. My staff members renovated the structure in just a couple of days," he said.



RENOVATED: The guard house at the entrance of the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court.







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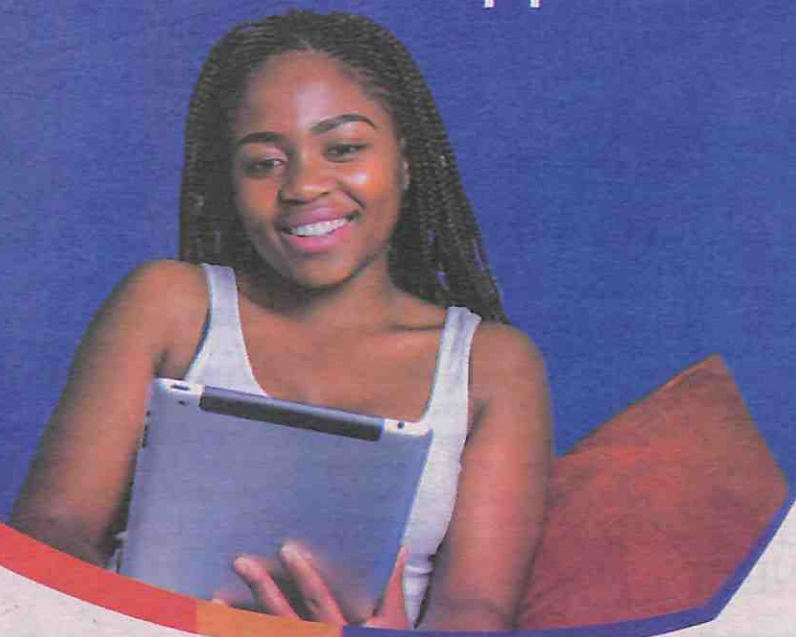
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# BUSINESS UPDATE

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## 2019/20 revenue set to reach E18.9 billion

STORIES BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THE country's revenue for the 2019/20 financial year is projected to reach E18.9 billion, marking an increase of about 17 per cent.

The increase is as a result of the proposed revenue policies that are envisaged to be implemented during the 2019/20 fiscal year.

This was revealed by Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) Governor Majozi Sithole during his presentation of the Annual Monetary Policy Statement at the Happy Valley Hotel yesterday.

He said while SACU receipts remained a relatively large contributor to government revenue, currently contributing 34 per cent of total revenue, SACU contributions to total revenue were on a downward trend as VAT and PAYE improve.



CBE Governor Majozi Sithole.

He said the increase in revenue would come from improvements in SRA domestic collections and the implementation of the new revenue

austerity measures.

He added that the preliminary figures for the period ending February 2019 indicate that total public debt stood at E16.1 billion, an equivalent of 26.2 per cent of GDP.

He said this represented an increase of 42.5 per cent when compared to the opening position of E11.3 billion for the 2018/19 fiscal year.

"The increase in debt was mainly driven by the financing needs of government. During the period under review, domestic debt increased by 60.5 per cent from E6.1 billion to E9.8 billion.

"On the other hand, external debt increased by about 21 per cent from E5.2 billion to E6.3 billion.

This increase takes into account payments made to active loans, drawdowns made on project loans as well as valuation changes."

## ...CBE working around the clock to improve reserves

CENTRAL Bank of Eswatini (CBE) Governor Majozi Sithole has assured the nation that they are working around the clock to improve the country's declining official gross reserves.

Making his presentation of the Annual Monetary Policy Statement at the Happy Valley Hotel yesterday, Sithole said the institution came up with a number of strategies to improve the declining reserves.

"The issue of reserves is a serious one and we are doing all we can to get them up again.

"We have, amongst other strategies, submitted some regulations to Parliament and are also conducting investigation and consultations with other international institutions.

"The reserves also rely on the rand, hence the need for us to monitor its flow," he said.



According to the statement, the gross official reserves declined by 31.2 per cent over the year ended March 2019 to reach E4.6 billion,

compared to a high of E6.6 billion in March 2018.

The fall in reserves was largely attributed to lower SACU receipts during the 2018/19 fiscal year at

E5.8 billion compared to E7.1 billion during the 2017/18 fiscal year.

Accordingly, the reserves were enough to cover 2.0 months of imports, lower than 3.2 months recorded the previous year.

At this level, the import cover was below the internationally recommended level of three months.

It further mentioned that short to medium-term prospects for a turnaround in the reserves were positive as government's cash flow challenges may ease somewhat as SACU receipts for the 2019/2020 fiscal year are estimated to increase slightly.

Coupled with fiscal consolidation measures and the implementation of initiatives by the bank to boost the country's reserves, the position is expected to be better for 2019/20.

## WE'LL REDUCE BLACK TAX - MAIMANE

DA leader Mmusi Maimane says if black professionals don't put their faith in his party during next week's polls, they risk "exacerbating" the issue of black tax.

Black tax is a term coined to define financial support to extended family within black communities.

Maimane insists the DA, which is the largest opposition party in the country, is the only real alternative that can help revive South Africa's ailing economy and build a capable state.

While some young professionals remain undecided about who to vote for, others believe it can never be the DA, due to its historical background and a deep belief that the party does not put black communities and their struggles at the fore-

front.

Maimane, who hails from Dobsonville, Soweto, told News24 in an interview ahead of the May general elections that he could relate to the black tax issue.

"If we don't have this vision of putting a job in every home, of building a capable state then this issue of black tax will be exacerbated even more, as more people join the ranks of unemployment," said Maimane.

In giving his observations to this continued stance against his party, Maimane said he did not believe some professionals had a proper look at the work the DA has done in the government and in fighting corruption.

"I also have great sympathy for

many professionals who find themselves in centres of work they come in and they say: 'Actually, at this place of work I am overlooked because of our historical injustices,' or 'I've got a PA of a different race, who earns more money than me yet I am much more professional than

them,'" said Maimane.

"I think as the DA we've been misunderstood in believing that what we've got to do is build places that are diverse. We've got to ensure we build this dream of one South Africa for all," he said, adding that there was a need to address inequality, and inequality borne out of race.

The DA leader said he believed both professionals and ordinary South Africans were receiving his party's message well and realising this was the only way to grow the country's economy.

He said many were starting to rethink their own views of the opposition party and starting to see it as an organisation that could take their hopes and aspirations forward. *Daily Sun*

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Swiss France/SZL	14.1551	14.2015
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3392	1.3554
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.1117	10.1497
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.7175	10.7515
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# GOVT REDUCES PUBLIC DEBT TO E2 BILLION

**REDUCES:**  
Minister of  
Finance Neal  
Rijkenberg.

STORIES BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**MINISTER of Finance Neal Rijkenberg says government has taken great strides in reducing the country's E3.5 billion in unpaid bills.**

Responding to questions posed during the presentation of the Annual Monetary Policy Statement by Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) Governor Majozi Sithole at the Happy Valley Hotel yesterday, the minister said government had put in place a number of initiatives to reduce the E3.5 billion unpaid bills, which contributes to depleting the reserves.

"We were E3.5 billion in arrears, but government has managed to reduce the debt by E1.5 billion taking it to E2 billion.

"Clearing these arrears will also help us as a country in building our reserves," he said.

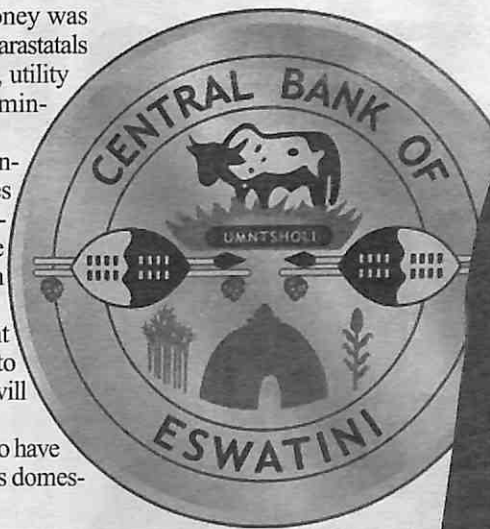
*...Minister says cleared debt will have positive impact on gross reserves*

The minister explained that the money was being kept in many sectors, including parastatals that he said were failing to pay taxes, utility companies, as well as government ministries.

"We have a situation of invoices languishing in the drawers and ministries are the main culprits in that. We currently have a clean-up process to ensure strong diligence in budget spending in all the ministries.

"Ministries found to have overspent in budgeting will be seriously taken to task and we are quite positive that this will be effectively done," he said.

The minister added that this would also have a positive impact in the country's gross domestic product ratio.



## Stop overcharging government - Majozi

**CENTRAL Bank of Eswatini (CBE) Governor Majozi has appealed to the corporate sector to desist from overcharging government.**

The governor stated this during the Annual Monetary Policy Statement held at the Happy Valley Hotel yesterday, saying it was essential for the country's procurement system to be monitored as compa-

nies tended to charge government ridiculous prices. "We tend to overcharge government even for small things and that is not helping you. We need to have our procurement system controlled so we can avoid such corrupt processes. "When it comes to corruption, most of us think government when even the private sector is corrupt," he said. On another note, Sithole

called for the need of lifestyle audits in the country, and that this would help the country fight corruption. "Some of us are rich, but our assets don't translate to the taxes we pay hence the need for these lifestyle audits. "Let us pay our taxes and also support these institutions fighting corruption, as well as government," he said.

## Tourism minister urges African countries to stop competing

BY SIMON SHABANGU

**MINISTER of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati says it is high time African countries stop competing but complement each other.**

Speaking during the official opening of the Africa Travel Indaba at Durban ICC yesterday, the minister said it was time for the African countries to realise that the time for competing among each other was over.

The minister is leading a delegation of over 20 local industry players who are co-exhibiting in the under the Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) stand.

He said he was hoping for a profitable experience during the three-day event. He said they were anticipating a good working trip, as they will together with the ETA team, have a number of meetings with industry stakeholders and government officials with a view to clinch deals to bring tourists to Eswatini.

"The number of buyers present here gives one hope that our industry will be able to have good meetings that will bring good business and at the same time, increase the number of tourists in the country," he said.

Minister Vilakati said he was also impressed with the number of locals attending the Indaba, stating that this was an indication that the industry was taking tourism seriously and want to market themselves to the world out there. "I am impressed with the numbers and urge all the industry players to consider partaking in such initiatives in future because this is a fertile hunting ground for them.

"Under this one roof, you get to meet the big guns in the tourism sector and to promote your business" he added.

Vilakati further welcomed his SA counterpart Derek Hanekom, who visited the Eswatini stall and was briefed about the country's tourism



**SHOWCASING:** Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati, his South African counterpart, Derek Hanekom and the entourage at the Kingdom of Eswatini stand during the tour of stalls at the Africa Travel Indaba held at Durban ICC. The show started on a high note after the official opening by the SA minister.



**ATTENTIVE:** Minister Vilakati and the local delegation with other dignitaries at the official opening of the Indaba. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

landscape by ETA CEO Linda Nxumalo and Marketing Manager Bongani Dlamini.



**South Africa's Minister Derek Hanekom flanked by Minister Moses Vilakati and KZN MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs Sihle Zikalala.**

The stall was a hive of activity on the first day as the local exhibitors started off with the series

of meetings which were pre-arranged mainly with international tour operators.



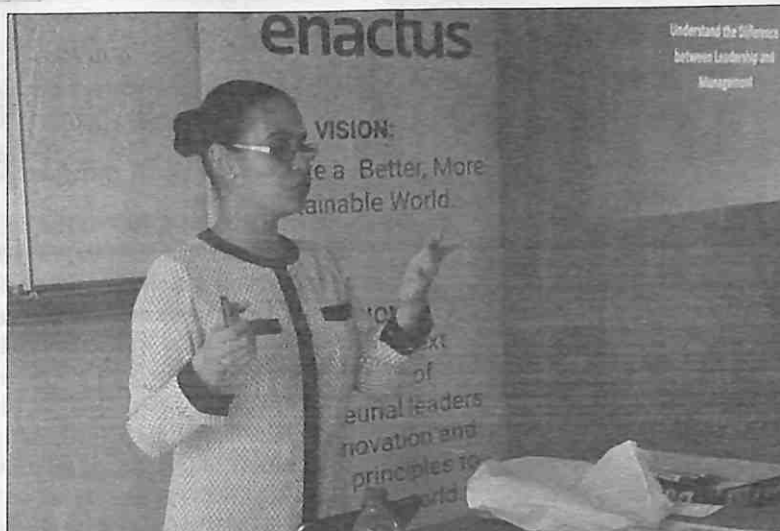
# Kushamiri partners with ENACTUS in ground-breaking training

BY BAHLE GAMA

ENACTUS Eswatini partnered with Kushamiri Human Capital and Wellness Consultancy in hosting a successful leadership development training for its members.

The two-day training was held at VOCTIM. Kushamiri is a leading local woman owned consultancy that specialises in bolstering human capital through training and development, executive coaching and gaining insight on individuals through psychometric assessments.

Each team represented the various higher education institutions in the country namely: Eswatini Nazarene University (ESANU) Education and Health Faculties, Eswatini College of Technology (ECOT), University of Eswatini (Mbabane, Luyengo and Kwaluseni campuses), Limkokwing University of Creative Technology



**Khushamiri Director of Industrial Psychology Carla Dos Santos stressing a point during her presentation.**  
(Courtesy pics)

(LUCT), Gwamile Vocational Training Institute Matsapha (VOCTIM) as well as Ngwane Park Youth and Training Centre (NPYTC).

All ENACTUS teams across participating institutions were expected to initiate entrepreneurial ideas and business solutions with passion and innovation for sustainable impact to beneficiary communities. To catalyse the process, students, academic and business leaders will collaborate to create a better world through their projects.

ENACTUS Country Director Wonderboy Khumalo highlighted that the ENACTUS model emphasised team-oriented events that created a sense of accountability and motivation for teams to continually improve the quality of their projects. "This approach also provided an opportunity for collaboration and best-practice sharing, further strengthening the value of the learning experience and the overall effectiveness of the programme," he said.

Meanwhile, Zothile Mabusela, Kushamiri Director of Human Capital Development, said it was fundamental

for entrepreneurship programmes to be more intentional about developing leaders.

She noted that too often entrepreneurs were consumed by their business ideas and took the issue of leadership for granted, which was almost 100 per cent about managing people. "Initiating great concepts and creating a strategic vision won't get entrepreneurs very far if the rest of the team isn't willing to follow the leader or if individuals don't appreciate their responsibilities and contributions to the team," she said.

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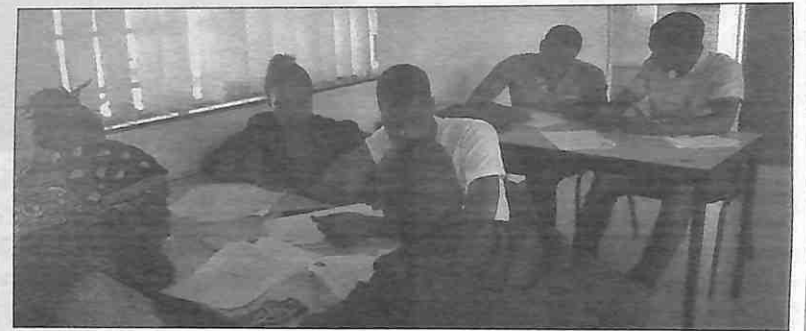
Her sentiments were supported by Carla Dos Santos, Director of Industrial Psychology. She emphasised that managing an entrepreneurial project required solid leadership and not all these skills were obvious to entrepreneurs.

She said the training was an opportunity for probing teamwork dynamics and utilising psychometric assessments to sharpen the team's leadership capabilities.

The Kushamiri training addressed topics such as leadership (personal leadership style and impact on others), differences between management and leadership, emotional intelligence, managing change as well as communication, among others.



**ALSO THERE:** Participants posing after the leadership development training held at VOCTIM.



**DISCUSSION:** The participants in a discussion during the event.

## HOPEMAT FOR HOUSEHUNTING TERTIARY STUDENTS

BY BAHLE GAMA

TWO former Limkokwing University of Creative Technology (LUCT) student have teamed up to develop an Android application that will help house hunting students find accommodation easily called Hopemat.

Co-founder of the App, Sibusiso Magagula said he and his partner Celumusa Dube developed this App to assist tertiary students mostly.

### Targeted

He said the App targets individuals from 16 years old and above. He said this could be students or anyone looking for property to rent or buy. He said the App was downloadable for Android users on Google Play and was intended at bridging the gap between consumers and service providers in various aspects. "More often than not, you will never see one room houses to let in the print media yet these are the very ones highly sought by the students. In most instances, they have to even pay a finder's fee.

"Now, with the introduction and use of the Hopemat App, users will directly interact with the property owner without an agent who then charges exorbitant finders fees.

He further stated that they decided to start with houses because they felt there was a glaring gap that needed to be addressed.



"We foresee a great uptake of the App because in reality and based on our vision, it will integrate a different number of services.

"At the moment we are on the ground consolidating data and accuracy is a big concern to us," he added.

### Inspiration

He said, for inspiration, they hoped to be part of the listing of Jumia, an online trading platform backed by MTN with over four million registered users listing in the New York Stock Exchange.

He assured the public that the App conformed to security needs so users should be comfortable enough to download and create their profile where they will indicate what they are looking for and at what range.

## BUSINESS NEWS EXTRA

# Process of co-determination could re-energise Eskom

**JOHANNESBURG** - Could meaningful trade union participation within the framework of co-determination at Eskom be the key to again transforming it into the top energy utility in the world?

In the mid-1980s, Eskom was renovated by a revolution which transformed it to become one of the top electricity utilities in the world.

I visited former executive director Dr George Lindeque at his home to learn how then-trade unionists such as Gwede Mantashe and Frans

Baleni and executive directors Dr John Maree and Dr Ian McRae used the Eskom Unfolding Vision (EUV) to change the utility into a company with high autonomy that surpassed generating demands during peak times to double the international norm of 15 per cent. The momentum of EUV continued in the 2000s when Thulani Gcabashe replaced Allen Morgan as chief executive. In 2001, Eskom was named Power Company of the Year at the Financial Times Global Energy awards in New York. *News24*

## Bonitas appoints Callakoppen as new principal officer

**JOHANNESBURG** - Bonitas medical fund yesterday announced the appointment of a new principal officer, Lee Callakoppen from 1 May.

The principal officer influences the activities of a medical scheme, for instance, in the way it purchases services and contracts with service providers. Callakoppen, who has a Masters in Human Resources Management, has been involved with Medscheme and the AfroCentric Group in various functions over the past decade.

He also spent time managing the Medscheme international operation and was appointed as head of Bonitas' business unit in June 2017. He succeeds Gerhard van Emmenis who was appointed principal officer in July 2017.

Callakoppen said he was in full support of a universal healthcare system, which aligns to Bonitas' mission to make quality healthcare more affordable and more accessible.

"I have a good team working alongside me and we hope to keep the fund sustainable and offer our members access to benefits and services of the highest standard," Callakoppen said.

He said the team would look at finding opportunities to further grow Bonitas, including not only retaining existing membership base but attracting younger and healthier members to ensure the sustainability of the scheme.

"The scheme has strengthened its financial position considerably. I look forward to building on the solid foundation that has been laid," he said. *News24*



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## SA Scene

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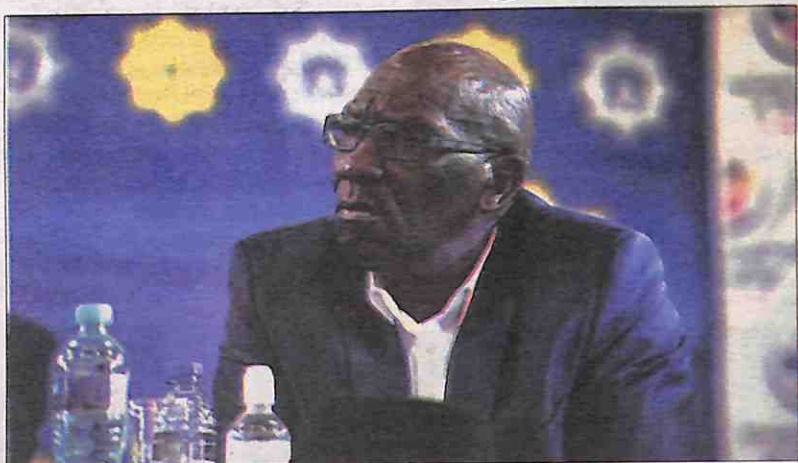
# Massive security forces deployment ahead of May 8

**JOHANNESBURG - Minister Bheki Cele says security forces are already taking charge in the volatile areas to eliminate the risks on voting day.**

Police Minister Bheki Cele yesterday outlined a massive deployment of state security machinery and officers, particularly to the 'hotspot' provinces of KwaZulu-Natal and North West, as a pre-stabilisation mechanism ahead of the May 8 general elections in South Africa.

Cele told journalists in Pretoria yesterday: "We wish all South Africans well as they exercise their constitutional right to vote for the party of their choice in the sixth general election. Two provinces have been mentioned as high risk – that is North West and KZN KwaZulu-Natal. Already, there has been a pre-deployment there ... we have sent some platoons and sections in those specific areas trying to make sure there is a pre-stabilisation in those hotspot areas."

He was flanked by other ministers



**SAFETY FIRST: Police Minister Bheki Cele.**

from government's Justice, Crime Prevention and Security (JCPS) Cluster – State Security Minister Dipuo Letsatsi-Duba and Home Affairs Minister Siyabonga Cwele. National Police Commissioner Khehla Sitole was also in attendance. Cele said the security forces were already taking charge in the volatile areas to eliminate the risks

on voting day. "Already, we are on the ground with the forces. Platoons and sections have been sent in those areas. There are more in KZN and the North West. We have 3 000 reservists and five other groupings that are waiting to be deployed where it could be necessary on that particular day. *African News Agency*

## 'Stop spoiling ministers with freebies while workers suffer'

**JOHANNESBURG - If the EFF was government, ministers would be carrying lunchboxes to work, even if it contains mopane worms.**

This was said by EFF leader Julius Malema during the party's Workers' Day rally in Alexandra, in northern Johannesburg, on Wednesday.

Malema said it makes no sense that ministers eat state-sponsored food at Cabinet meetings and work events while workers elsewhere carry lunchboxes. According to the EFF leader, this was waste of money, including the bloated Cabinet and ministers' state-sponsored cars and houses. Malema said the EFF would end this waste and the special treatment of ministers who earn salaries but have their entire livelihoods funded by the state.

"These ministers are working, so let them buy their own houses and own cars. Someone says 'but it is only for five years' and I say to that let us have a state-owned bank which will have a special bond for ministers. Let us not spoil these people," said Malema.

"Why are ordinary workers going to work carrying lunchboxes but

ministers get state-funded catering where they work. This must end, these people must also carry lunchboxes, even if it contains mopane worms it is none of our business.

"Why should there be state-funded for ministers and MPs when they earn food from home to eat there in Parliament because they are workers like everyone else."

Malema said the Cabinet is currently bloated. He then pointed out departments he believes should close shop completely and be merged

with those that have a similar function.

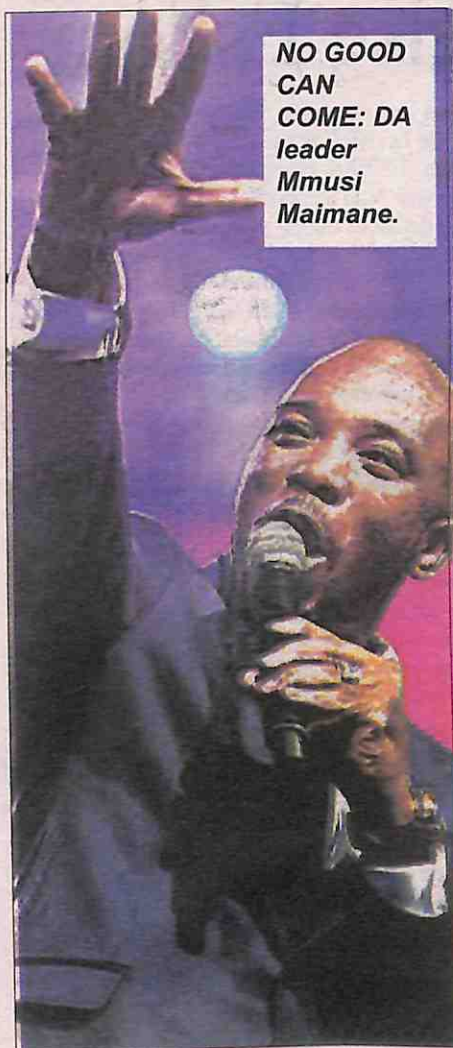
Malema said the department of communications and telecommunications must cease to exist and be incorporated into the presidency. Moreover, Malema

believes the department of science and technology should be put together with that of higher education and training, while sport and recreations should be merged with arts and culture.

"So we must close science and technology and send Naledi Pandor straight to an old-age home because there will be one department called higher education," said Malema.

*Timeslive*

## 'Something inherently dangerous about ANC, EFF coalition'



**CAPE TOWN - DA leader Mmusi Maimane says no good can come from a coalition between the EFF and the ANC and insists that the EFF must be investigated in connection with claims that the party benefited from the collapse of VBS Mutual Bank.**

Maimane made the comments during an interview with News24, during which he defended his party's posters, which urged voters to keep the ANC and EFF out of the Western Cape.

The DA currently enjoys majority control of the province and is seeking a fresh mandate, despite a series of political blunders and controversies over the past year, including a clash between the party and former Cape Town mayor Patricia de Lille over her role in both the party and the city. "I do

think there would be something inherently dangerous about a coalition between the ANC and EFF. Once you get to those issues (the VBS allegations), then the amendment of the Constitution around Section 25 becomes possible, which is equally dangerous from where I sit," Maimane said.

"We are in an election here! Therefore, I must maximise how many voters turn up and must make them aware of the worries and the dangers that could come on board," he said, as he defended his party's position. The DA leader seemed to struggle to explain why the EFF, which is in a working partnership with his party, deserved to be kept out of the Western Cape but remained good enough to work with in two of Gauteng's metros - Johannesburg

and Tshwane.

He said he believed the EFF needed to be investigated for 'strong' allegations that its leaders and the party received money from VBS bank.

"What must we do? Say it's the EFF - I must remain hush hush and keep quiet? No! there is a principle here and it must be applied across (the board), and if there were allegations of corruption against the DA, they must also be investigated," said Maimane. "You're either principled or not principled. Principle is this, no matter what the arrangement is, if you are corrupt, you are corrupt and we must stand up. It doesn't matter who it is," the leader of South Africa's largest opposition party continued.

*News24*

## EFF is party trusted the most - IPSOS

**Cape Town - It's the battle of the polls, as early indicators try to get a heads-up on who will ultimately end up as the victor after the May 8 general elections.**

According to a new poll by global market researcher IPSOS, the EFF is the party trusted the most.

The EFF scored 93 per cent on the trust barometer, while the ANC and DA's numbers have dwindled to 85 per cent and 87 per cent. "This clearly shows that the ANC is no longer a dominant electoral force, but despite their support shrinking, they will remain in power.

"Young people are the bulk of the EFF's support because they like the radicalism and populism of the party," said Dr Ntsikelelo Breakfast from the school of Security and Africa Studies at Stellenbosch University.

He said many people believed that the EFF could bring change quickly. "Political parties have suffered massive blows over the year. The DA in the Western Cape suffered a

blow of how they treated Patricia de Lille, and it portrayed a party that used a coloured woman for votes," Breakfast said. Trust in the EFF has grown substantially over the years. In November 2017 it had 81 per cent while the ANC had 72 per cent and the DA 87 per cent. Political analyst Ralph Mathekga said: "This has a lot to do with the EFF's showing in Parliament. *Timeslive*

## No end in sight to rising petrol price pain

**JOHANNESBURG - Analysts have warned of further fuel price increases in coming months**

Crude oil reached its highest level since November, after the US decided to end a sanctions waiver on Iranian oil imports. The price rose to more than US\$70 (about R1,011) a barrel compared with US\$54.11 (about R782) at the start of the year. The inland price of 95 unleaded petrol is now R16.67 and 93 unleaded is R16.50. At the coast, the prices are R16.03 for 95 unleaded and R16.07 for 93 unleaded. It's the fifth straight increase in fuel prices in 2019 and the second-highest fuel price on record, after prices peaked at R17.08 in October 2018.

Analysts have warned that the rising price of Brent crude oil and the weaker exchange rate will lead to further fuel price increases in coming months. *TMG Digital*



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**The Bible is a sacred, purposeful, universal book with information that you can't find anywhere else. It is a Book from God, it is accurate, full of good advice, life-changing, and is inspired of God, as 2 Timothy 3:16 elaborates. It is a product of divine inspiration, a record of the relationship between God and humans and it gives us helpful principles to apply when we have problems."**

BIBLE Society of Eswatini hosted two very successful and historic dialogues; one being for parliamentarians and the other one for journalists.

Guest speaker during the dialogue which also incorporated pastors, was SABC's TV and radio veteran reporter, Chriselda Lewis. Today we bring you

# Journalists challenged during dialogue

...media should be playing a very positive and major role in the development of the country

pointers captured on the night with the theme: 'Integrity in Reporting through the Bible Lens'.

● As media, you should be playing a very positive and major role in the development of the country. It is either that or you play a negative role

● As Bible Society of Eswatini, we are saying you could be on the negative side, but through the Word of God, lets journey together into the positive side and ensure that you report accurately and be clean in reporting

● Right now the greatest challenge is corruption, people want to buy their way out of true information, we are depending on journalists to report with accuracy.

● If you don't tell us the story, where are you taking the country to?

● Let us apply ethics and integrity in our reporting.

● Speak out freely and not sweep things under the carpet.

● Every being has a desire to do good, and that's where the Bible Society of Eswatini comes in. Even those who are in the forefront of corruption desire to do good. As the Bible Society we believe that the Bible speaks to every sector and we wouldn't be where we are, had it not been for it, we would be a better nation/Africa.

● What is happening in this field, journalists are partly to blame, because some of them do take money, some do not write about those who bring them envelopes, they don't verify things, they take things of social media, they do not give people the right to reply and simply print/broadcast.

● If journalists would really uphold the values of the Bible, we would be seeing a lot of positive things across the country, across Africa.

● There seems to be a big general mistrust for journalists (continent wise)

● Journalism at this point is under siege, -across the globe.

● Journalists have to do their jobs under difficult circumstances: some have to support agents of white monopoly capital, they are called corrupt, and the issue of brown envelopes

● What kind of journalists are we if we cannot hold politicians put by you and me, into account?

● You never cease to be a journalist, it follows you all the time.

● Sometimes scribes are looked down upon based on their vocation, yet they hold a very integral part in society, don't allow society to write you off because you didn't show up when it mattered the most.

● Words are powerful, either written or spoken. Words have landed many

people in trouble, while words can still melt the most of difficult hearts, thus one has to be reminded of the reality that words, messages are powerful tools.

● Whatever we do, we must apply ourselves well, for future generations to pick the right message.

● Great assignments can come to a halt because of a message that has been sent across. It is not everyone who can be deep, sensitive and sensible enough to discern between what is right and what is wrong, therefore it is very important to check what we say.

● A message whether written or spoken, creates a manner of expectation. it makes people see something or blinds them from seeing something.

● The grooming of the writer influ-

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ences what you read (when you read the book of John- an evangelist, it is written differently from what was written by Luke- a doctor, though they all wrote about Jesus). Who you are will influence on what you will write about and how you will report about it.

● We do not only read about what has been reported, but we see who you are.

● God looks at the heart, the sincerity, the passion, the authentic ethical value.

● Needed is reporting in truth, passionately, wisely, with focus, purposefully, with love, respect, honour, integrity, promoting truth and justice, seeking social uplifting and wisdom.

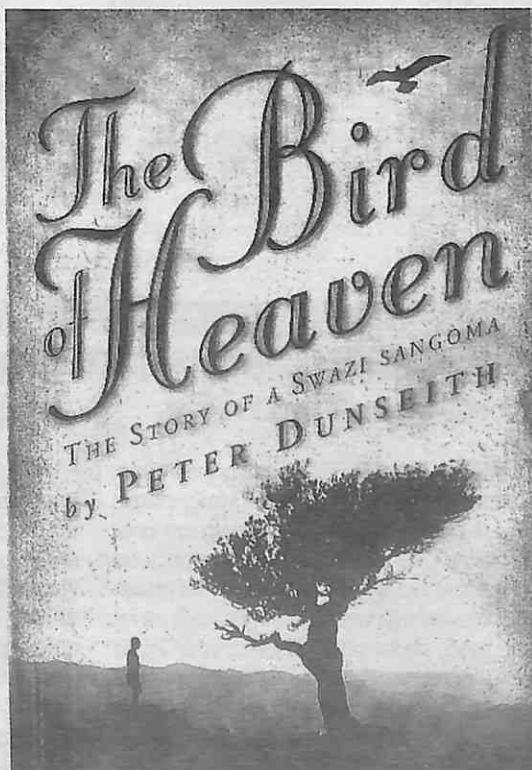
● In everything we do, may we purpose to build-up a great nation, also knowing that Eswatini is a small country, when you hit someone in Lavumisa with a stone, before you even reach Manzini, a relative would have called you. We are all related one way or the other, and we need each other

**NOTE: As a journalist there are times when your profession is challenged, but it depends "who are you with"- David was with God when he said though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil.**

## MBABANE NATIONAL LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW - BY BONGANI MKHONTA

**THE BIRD OF HEAVEN: THE STORY OF A SWAZI SANGOMA - BY PETER DUNSEITH: ES 808.0673 DUN**

The book eloquently recounts the story of a young sangoma who gets chosen by the ancestors to oppose the witchcraft that threatens the Swazi nation. Mandla must find the muti bag that contains his spiritual inheritance. Then he must capture a bird of heaven and use its power to destroy the forces of darkness. But the umtsakatsi (wizard) and his fiendish friends will do anything to stop him. When Mandla participates in the ancient ritual of the Incwala, he faces a number of tests and challenges, leading to his final confrontation with the wizard in the arena of the Royal Kraal.



**THE HISTORY OF EMASWATI IN SOUTH AFRICA - BY JSM MATSEBULA..ET AL: ES 968.8702 MAT**

This history book seeks to give an in-depth account of how and why large numbers of Emaswati are to be found living in the whole of South Africa and beyond. The book also aims at broadening an important aspect of tourism which is cultural tourism by including Emaswati with their unique vibrant indigenous culture. By focusing on the history of bakaDlamini, a royal dynasty that spans from before the 15th century to date, the book seeks to raise awareness on how Emaswati in South Africa got their identity as an old and established nation.





# Focus on Africa News

## Continental News

### Another data price hike shock for Zimbabweans

**HARARE**- Mobile data price increases in Zimbabwe are a blow to start-up companies, media outlets and ordinary users, with a third mobile company now hiking its rates.

Government-owned Net One with a subscriber base of just over three million in early April hiked its charges after getting approval from the Postal and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe. Telecel, another mobile operator in Zimbabwe, followed suit.

However, a shock for many came this week when Econet, with 11.4 million subscribers, effected a 150 per cent hike. Already, according to a report by Cable - an organisation that tracks mobile and broadband services globally - Zimbabwe's data is more expensive than all countries in sub-Saharan Africa with a gigabyte costing more than \$70.

"It's bad for many businesses that rely on digital marketing and newspaper companies that have



**TOO BAD:** Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

employed digital strategies in a fast-paced information communication world. The world is now digital, new business models are platform based, but high data charges limit access to the plat-

forms," said Harare social media expert John Mokwetsi.

The internet has been useful in the country's social fabric. Just recently, various groups used social media to crowdsource funds to

help Cyclone Idai victims in Chimanmani in March. For the politically conscious, the hike is a direct attack on their freedom to access information at a time when they feel mainstream media products are compromised.

"I belong to a political group where we discuss how the economy should be fixed but at this rate, we will have less people going online," said Tendai Ncube, who identified himself as a Zanu-PF supporter. Ncube added that it's bad enough for him in the capital city, but it could be worse for rural folk, where the majority of Zimbabweans reside. "I work for a living but my grandmother or cousins who rely on me for data will have to scale down. This means they will not have access to news as much as they had in recent times," he added.

But just like other business entities that rely on foreign currency, mobile operators feel the pinch as the local ZWL is losing ground against major currencies. *Timeslive*

### Oil and govt workers freed in Nigeria

**ABUJA** - Two Shell oil and four government emergency workers kidnapped in Nigeria's restive oil-rich south in two separate attacks last week have been freed, police said Wednesday.

The Royal Dutch Shell oil workers, whose nationalities were not released, were abducted on Thursday in Nigeria's southern Rivers state, the latest in a long line of attacks in a region where kidnapping for ransom is rife.

In that attack, gunmen ambushed their convoy by opening fire at the guards to stop the vehicles, killing two policemen.

The Shell workers were freed six days later on Tuesday, said Rivers State police spokesperson, Nnamdi Omoni.

"The two oil workers who were abducted by a gang of hoodlums last week have both been rescued from their abductors," Nnamdi said Wednesday. Their rescue was "facilitated by the gallant efforts" of the police tactical team, Nnamdi said, but gave no further details.

In a separate case, four government workers from Nigeria's National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), three men and a woman, were also freed, NEMA regional chief Walson Brandon said.

"They have been released and we are now in the hospital with them for medical attention," Brandon said. They were freed on Wednesday, a week after being abducted. A fifth NEMA staff member was shot in the leg during the attack, as he ran to successfully evade capture.

*Reuters*

### Holiday isle left in ruins by Cyclone Kenneth

**MAPUTO**-From the air, Ibo Island on the Quirimbas Archipelago off Mozambique's north-east coast, was speckled with flattened homes and water-logged farmland, testament to the destructive force of Cyclone Kenneth.

The popular tourist destination had gone without large-scale food aid since the cyclone struck six days ago, and the human cost of the disaster was only now being revealed.

"On the day, it was a terrible thing to live through because it was so strong," said 50-year-old islander Armando Watela, as he cleared up the damage. The storm tore off his roof and punched a door-sized hole in his front wall.

"We couldn't have imagined it would be so strong," he added.

"Some people stayed at home, others went to stay at the fort for shelter, others went around looking for a safe place. Almost everybody lost their belongings. "My pregnant daughter was in a room when the walls started to fall in, so we took the whole family to the fort." His daughter gave birth two days after the cyclone struck and is now recovering in a clinic on the island.

But 7,000 people were trapped in an increasingly desperate situation until World Food Programme helicopters reached the island on Wednesday.

The UN had described the challenges

of reaching areas like Ibo after the cyclone — the first to hit Mozambique's north in the modern era — as 'incredibly difficult'.

The island can only be reached by air or boat — a sometimes perilous sea crossing as it is also vulnerable to the elements. And according to initial estimates, 90 per cent of structures there have been damaged. On Wednesday, some residents tended to their mangled or missing roofs, while others sat quietly as a 4X4 delivered packages of high-calorie biscuits. "If somebody hasn't lost everything, he's a lucky guy because no one has escaped," said a motorcycle taxi driver who declined to give his name.



Abdala Moto, who has an extended family of 16, told AFP: "Everything fell and now we are staying in a neighbour's house while we are trying to

rebuild our own." Cyclone Kenneth killed at least 41 people and destroyed thousands of homes across northern Mozambique. *AFP*

## BRIEFS

### Umar kidnapped by gunmen

**ABUJA** - Alhaji Musa Umar, the husband of Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari's niece, has been kidnapped by four gunmen in the president's hometown of Daura in Katsina State in northern Nigeria. The Nigerian Guardian reported yesterday that the home of Umar was stormed on Wednesday night by the kidnappers who shot into the air after Umar had just returned from praying at the local mosque and was sitting in front of his house with some guests. Umar is married to the daughter of the president's sister. *ANA*

### Soldier kills 3, commits suicide

**NAIROBI** - A Kenya Defence Forces soldier has committed suicide after first shooting dead three relatives at Jua Kali area in Eldoret, while another Kenyan man has been remanded after murdering his girlfriend by stabbing her 23 times during several days of violence between family members and intimates, the East African reported. The soldier drove nearly 200 km from Gilgil, Nakuru County, to Eldoret. After reaching his family's home in the early hours of Tuesday morning he opened fire on his two uncles and a woman who lives in the homestead before turning the gun on himself. *African News Agency*

### Congo Ebola cases hit record

**EASTERN CONGO** - The woman spent more than a week at home sick before family members tried to take her to an Ebola treatment centre in eastern Congo. Before the motorcycle could reach the facility, it was too late. Her crumpled body rested against the driver's back as he worriedly made phone calls, witnesses said. Health experts are expressing growing alarm about the number of people sickened with the Ebola virus who are never reaching treatment centres, allowing the disease to spread to caregivers and countless others. *AP*

### Govt maximises gains on resources

**UGANDA** - A new policy will see Uganda maximise the gains from its natural resources. To achieve efficiency and ensure equitable and transparent management of mineral revenues, Kampala will automatically own shares in every mining company granted a lease, according to a new policy approved by the Cabinet this month. Uganda's Mining and Minerals Policy 2018 also makes value addition mandatory. It is aimed at helping the country achieve maximum economic gains from its natural resources. *All Africa*



# Focus on World News

## Global News

### Venezuela's uprising attempt sputters

**CARACAS** - Venezuelans heeded opposition leader Juan Guaidó's call to fill streets around the nation Wednesday but security forces showed no sign of answering his cry for a widespread military uprising, instead dispersing crowds with tear gas as the political crisis threatened to deepen.

Thousands cheered Guaidó in Caracas, as he rolled up his sleeves and called on Venezuelans to remain out in force and prepare for a general strike, a day after his bold attempt to spark a mass

military defection against President Nicolas Maduro failed to tilt the balance of power.

"It's totally clear now the usurper has lost," Guaidó proclaimed, a declaration belied by events on the ground.

Across town at the Carlota air-base near where Guaidó made his plea a day earlier for a revolt, intense clashes raged between protesters and troops loyal to Maduro, making clear the standoff would drag on. There and elsewhere, state security forces launched tear gas and fired rubber bullets while

bands of mostly young men armed with makeshift shields threw rocks and set a motorcycle ablaze.

"I don't want to say it was a disaster, but it wasn't a success," said Marilina Carillo, who was standing in a crowd of anti-government protesters blowing horns and whistles. Opposition leaders hoped Guaidó's risky move would stir a string of high-ranking defections and shake Maduro's grip on power. But only the chief of Venezuela's feared intelligence agency broke ranks, while most others stood steadfast. Some analysts predicted that would make Maduro more emboldened. **AFP**



**ALL SET:** King Maha Vajiralongkorn and Queen Suthida.

### THAILAND SET FOR CORONATION OF KING

**THAILAND** - Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn will be crowned this weekend in a pageantry-laden ceremony flecked by Hindu and Buddhist ritual, as Rama X furthers his primacy over one of the world's richest monarchies and a kingdom beset by ulcerous political divides.

The May 4-6 coronation comes more than two years after Vajiralongkorn ascended the throne at the death of his father Bhumibol Adulyadej. Bhumibol reigned over seven tumultuous decades and was revered by Thais as a symbol of unity in a politically chaotic country. His fiercely private 66-year-old son Rama X of the

Chakri dynasty is less well-known by his subjects, and makes frequent trips overseas. On Saturday at the auspicious hour of 10:09 am the public will be given a rare window into the heart of Thai power as blanket television coverage of the three-day coronation begins.

It will start with King Vajiralongkorn's 'purification' by water drawn from ponds and rivers followed by a presentation of holy water by the top Buddhist patriarch and Chief Brahmin.

Then, as he sits underneath an ornate nine-tiered umbrella inside the Grand Palace, will be handed the diamond-encrusted Great Crown of Victory and issue his first royal command. **Timeslive**

### Brexit deal could be in sight

**LONDON** - Theresa May and her arch-political rival Jeremy Corbyn are both signalling they may be edging closer to a Brexit deal after a month of talks between their teams that seemed to be going nowhere.

Both the UK government and the main opposition Labour Party talked up the prospects for a

the days ahead. The prime minister is aiming to wrap up the talks next week, either with agreement or without one.

On Wednesday, May signaled she could move on one of her key red lines and allow the UK to sign up to some kind of permanent customs union with the EU. The pound strengthened.

"There is a greater commonality in terms of some of the benefits of a customs union that we've already identified between ourselves and the official opposition," May told a parliamentary committee. "Looking at the balance of these issues is part of the discussion.

Can we come to an agreement on that? I hope we will be able to." May invited Corbyn to work on a cross-party deal last month in a desperate attempt to get an agreement, after the blueprint she negotiated with the European Union was rejected for a third time by Parliament.

With local elections taking place on Thursday, the talks have been low-key this week, but the government is planning one more big meeting on May 7 or 8 to decide whether a consensus with Labour is possible.

For May, the key to any compromise on a customs union is likely to be whether both sides can agree to call it something else. **Bloomberg**

compromise plan and will hold more negotiations in

### Nearly 800 000 evacuated in India ahead of storm

**INDIA** - Nearly 800 000 people in India's eastern coastal districts have been evacuated ahead of the expected arrival of a major cyclone packing winds of up to 200km/h, officials said yesterday.

Tropical Cyclone Fani, brewing in the Bay of Bengal some 450km offshore and moving westwards, is expected to make landfall today afternoon near the Hindu holy town of Puri. A state relief department

official told AFP news agency that 780 000 people were moved to safer places overnight from at least 13 districts of Odisha state that will bear the brunt of the powerful cyclone.

"More people are being moved to safer places," an official from the department told AFP yesterday.

Some 1 000 shelters in schools and government buildings have been set up to accommodate more than a million people. **AFP**

### BRIEFS

#### Services cancelled over bomb fears

**SRI LANKA** - Sri Lanka's Roman Catholic Church said it had cancelled plans to resume on Sunday services because of fears of fresh bomb attacks. A spokesperson for Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith said yesterday the Church received 'specific information of two possible attacks against churches,' and it was decided to call off the May 5 mass. "On the advice of the security forces, we have decided not to have Sunday masses in any of the churches," the spokesperson told AFP. The church had planned to resume public services for the first time since the Easter Sunday attacks that killed 257 people. **AFP**

#### Shooter kills 2, wounds 4 at university

**CHARLOTTE** - The University of North Carolina in Charlotte lifted a campus lockdown on Wednesday morning, a day after a gunman killed two people and wounded four on the school's last day of classes for the semester. Police in Charlotte charged UNC Charlotte student Trystan Andrew Terrell, 22, with two counts of murder and four of attempted murder. Three of the four people he wounded were in a critical condition. They offered no hints as to the suspect's motive and did not identify the victims. **Reuters**

#### Selfie-crazy teens crushed by train

**INDIA** - Three teenagers were killed while taking selfies on a railway track in India, the country which researchers say has the worst record for selfie-related deaths. A fourth youth managed to jump to safety before the accident in Panipat city in the northern state of Haryana, a police officer told AFP Wednesday. "The victims were busy taking selfies and when they saw a train approaching they jumped to a second track without realising another train was coming on that," M. S. Dabas told AFP. "One of them saved his life as he jumped on the other side of the track." **AFP**

#### Politician charged after donkey ride

**INDIA** - Indian police charged a would-be election candidate with animal cruelty Wednesday after he rode a donkey to file his application for the national ballot. Mani Bhushan Sharma, a perennial long-shot candidate, filed his nomination papers on Monday followed by a short donkey ride outside the local election office in Jehanabad town, eastern Bihar state. "We have filed a case under prevention of cruelty to animals against the politician," Shree Maneesh, Jehanabad police chief, told AFP. **AFP**



# Observer Entertainment

New Reviews Star Signs Celebrity Watch Cartoons

## CHEERS TO FIRST WEEKEND OF MAY!

COMPILED BY AYANDA DLAMINI

### TONIGHT

#### Mr & Miss UNISWA Crowning

Where: Kwaluseni Campus

Time: 6pm

UNISWA will be crowning their fairest of the all tonight. Put your dancing shoes on for the after party as Nomalungelo, Supa CDQ, DJ Culolam, Drum Rhythm and Popzin will be the entertainers for the night. Entry fee is E25 for students and E35 for non-students.

#### Acoustic Night with Khole

Where: Mandela's Restaurant

Time: 6pm

Eswatini's very own songbird Khole will be handling this month's Acoustic Night. It's free entry for music fanatics.

#### Nomi Fall Winter 2019 brand launch

Where: Bahle Art Gallery

Time: 6pm

Nomi clothing brand will be launching its fall/ winter collection women's wear. The dress code is smart casual.

#### The Ultimate Ladies Night

Where: Havana Lounge

Time: 7pm

This week's Ultimate Ladies Night will be headlined by DJs Toxik, Bisto and Washington. The dress code is strictly smart casual. Entry is free.

#### Karaoke Night

Where: Eswatini Theatre Club

Time: 5pm

It's on tonight at the Theatre Club. Music lovers will get a free glass of buganu. Also, there are prizes to be won by contestants who will take to the stage. Entry is free.

#### Friday Hangout With Tilungu

Where: Solani's Shisanyama

Time: 2pm

Amapiano will be the order of the day as local spinner Tilungu takes the stage tonight at Solani's. He will be supported by Solani's resident DJs such as Bloss, Dope Deep, Ayacity, Culolam and M'Eugie, to mention a few. Entry fee is E40 after 10pm.

### TOMORROW

#### Gospel Meets Jazz

Where: Sibane Hotel

Time: 6pm

Are you a jazz or gospel fanatic? Well, this is a perfect show to attend. Lined up artists for the night include Judah, Thapelo Mkateng, Zwile Bhembe and Putuma Tiso. Entry fee is E250.

#### All Black Party

Where: Havana Lounge

### SAVE THE DATE

#### MTN Bushfire 2019

WHERE: Mandela's, Malkerns

WHEN: May 24-26

#### Swazi Mobile Festival Xplosion

Where: Dwaleni Farm Lodge

When: July 27

#### The Epic Gig

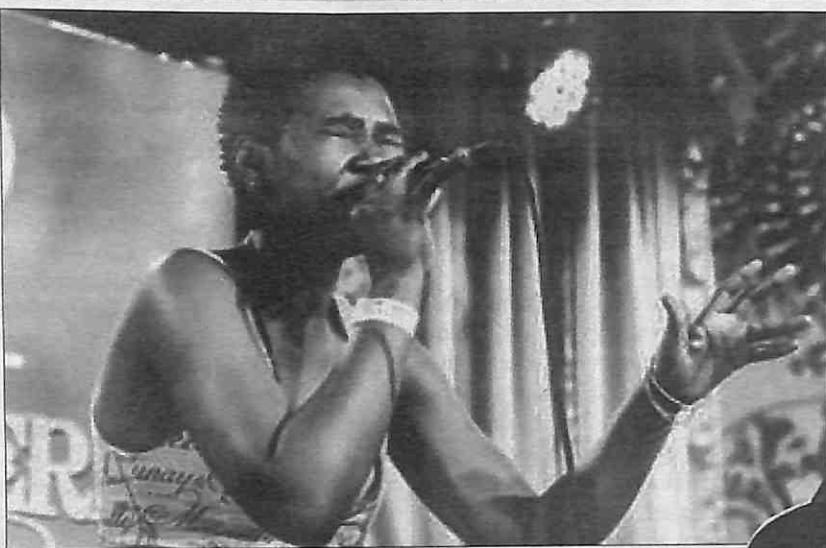
WHERE: Mavuso Trade Centre

WHEN: June 29

#### Standard Bank Luju Festival

WHERE: Mandela's, Malkerns

WHEN: August 3



Time: 7pm

Get your all black outfit ready for tomorrow, its going down at Havanna Lounge. DJ Toxik, Bisto and Washington Soul will be on the turntables. Entry is free.

#### Reverend Shiba and Travellers relaunch brand

Where: Prince Mfanyana Hall in Manzini

Time: 6pm to 6am

Popular gospel music group, Reverend Vusie Shiba and Travellers will be relaunching their brand under the theme 'Yuka Chawe Ulwe' revival and fundraising show.

The event also incorporates launching of a tent crusade for Reverend Shiba's outreach ministry.

Admission is E60 per head whilst VIPs part with E100.

Groups that are lined up to perform are; Police Gospel Messengers, Ndawonye Christ Worshippers, Frans Dlamini, Apostle Maculuvu, Insali KaJehova, Zaga, Pastor T Myeni, Mancoba Dlamini, Nonhle Mthethwa, Phetsile Masilela,

Sicelimphilo Zwane and Make Simelane. Tickets are available from Mgavuzza, Sdeez, Voice of the Church, Ocean Basket, Longrich stall at Bhunu Mall, accredited ticket agents as well as churches.



## Festival Xplosion promises an explosive event

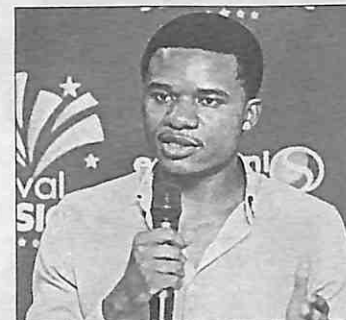
BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

ESWATINI Mobile Festival Xplosion organisers have said they are working around the clock to give the ultimate experience to people who will attend the festival.

The event festival will be held

on July 27 at Dwaleni Farm Lodge.

According to



**MAIN MAN : Msimisi Dlamini delivering his speech.**

brains behind the festival Msimisi Dlamini, Fireworks for Africa is a professional fireworks and pyrotechnics company that has been in operation since 1996 in South Africa.

"The company has made presentations displaying 6 580 different types of fireworks effects in countries within Africa, Australia, Europe, North America and Asia.

"Countries such as Botswana, Canada, Democratic Republic of Congo, France, Germany, Ghana, Italy, Namibia, Philippines, Portugal, Seychelles, Spain, and Kenya," Dlamini said.

#### Fireworks

He said the fireworks make a big part of the event, hence he made sure he brought one of the biggest fireworks company to assist in making this day as big as he had always imagined it to be.

Dlamini stated that people should expect a great concert as Festival Xplosion would be fun, mingling and making friends while creating a platform for local acts to be recognised both locally and on internationally. Dlamini stated that the event would start from 2pm.

Fireworks display will happen at 8pm. "We have also gone the extra mile in our food and lifestyle experience.

"We will have five distinct cuisines. Firstly, we will have Chinese, Portuguese and Indian cuisines. These services will be sourced from outside the country," he said.



# MRS ESWATINI COMMITTEE BACK TO DRAWING BOARD

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

MRS Eswatini committee is refusing to give up on the pageant even after admitting to have received few applicants.

The committee has decided to go back to the drawing board to ensure that the pageant is accepted by married women. Contacted, Pageant Eswatini President Catherine Potgieter said it was unfortunate that a few women were interested in the pageant.

"We understand that the pageant was something totally different from what they are used to, so they may have been scared to enter the competition. "We met as the committee and we decided to go back to the drawing board and see what we can change so that people embrace the pageant," she said.

Potgieter also said they will never cancel the pageant because they believe that the

country needs something of this sort.

She said, however, the pageant would be revised by the committee and hopefully re-launch it.

According to Mrs Eswatini Coordinator Mncedisi Hussein, the pageant could not take off due to fewer contestants.

## Crippled

"There is currently nothing happening regarding the pageant. The number of contestants that entered crippled the pageant," said Hussein.

Hussein also revealed that they have not abandoned the idea yet as they feel it is relevant.

"We cannot cancel the entire pageant because we believe it can continue next year, hoping that more women would have joined," he said.

He also said if the pageant continues into the following year, the few that applied will not re-apply but would have to confirm that they are still available and interested in the pageant then they would add them to the list.

COMMENT-  
ED: Mrs  
Eswatini  
Coordinator  
Mncedisi  
Hussein.



## M-TRIGGERSON ON 'FOR ME LADY' MUSIC VIDEO

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

REGGAE and dancehall star M-Triggerson has opened up about shooting his first music video as an independent artist.

The artist shot his video under his record label SillahMusic.

He said shooting the video was eye-opening as he learned a lot during the entire process.

"The song dropped last week and it is a dancehall track. It is a simple song about a girl," he laughed.

He said what made shooting the video special was the fact that he had a lot of assistance from the people he was working with.

"The song was directed by Kwenu, Simphiwe Mbele was our photographer while we had models from Gold Empire and they were dressed

by Baby Juice," said the artist.

The artist also said he does not regret leaving G-Stars because his record label is doing well.

"I am very happy for the work I have done so far since I parted ways with G-stars. My new family SillahMusic is constantly helping me grow and reminding me each day why I need to work harder," he said.

He said he was not sure about getting new management as for now he is doing just fine solo.

The artist revealed that he would be dropping his album later this month. He promised that the album will not let his fans down as he worked very hard to put it together.

"I promised myself that I will not let my supporters down because they have been with me since the beginning but this time around I am bringing gold," he said.

## SA artist 'Gavisto' looking to work with local artists

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

ALL the way from Mpumalanga, South Africa, kwaito star Gavisto wants to work with local artists in growing his brand in the country.

The kwaito star started his music career in 2006 where he was with band but decided to go solo in 2010.

The artist is currently in the country promoting his single 'Baby shower'.

He said the song was released last year in March but started gaining momentum early this year.

"I decided to continue promoting this track because people seem to be warming up to it," he said.

In Eswatini, the artist said he wanted to meet local artists and hopefully collaborate with some of them.

## Penetrate

"My visit to Eswatini is simply to grow my brand and meet local artists. I would like to collaborate with them in order to make friends and be able to penetrate the industry in the kingdom as well," he said.

His song has been nominated in the BFM Awards and he is cur-



LOOKING FOR ARTISTS: SA kwaito star Gavisto.

rently working on an album.

The song also has a video that he shot just after it started gaining momentum.

## Gig

He also said he was looking forward to meet the crowd in Eswatini, especially during his first gig in the country.

"I am performing for the first time in the country at the 'All Black Shandis' on Saturday (tomorrow) and I really hope the people will receive my music well," he said.

## Mandisa to drop 'Love Fiends' music video

BY DELISA THWALA

SULTRY singer Mandisa Mamba will be dropping a music video for her song 'Love Fiends'.

The music video is expected to drop this month. This was revealed by the singer's Manager Tandzile Dlamini. Visuals for the music video are already circulating on the internet, especially on the singers' social media platforms; Instagram and Facebook. According to Dlamini, the song is basically about a girl who wants to see her lover, who should come over.

Dlamini promised to deliver only the highest quality with the video, hence the collaborations with the best producers. Cinematographer in this project is renowned photographer Shaka Makhanya.

The video will be produced by Mozaik The Producer and will be shot at Emfuleni Lifestyle located in Ezulwini. Mamba is a diverse singer and songwriter who has been active since 2016 and has achieved major success. In only a year of entering the music industry, Mamba was nominated best RnB artist at the MTN SWAMA Awards 2017. She was listed as one of the artists to watch in 2018 by Glam Africa Magazine and named a legendary performer by MTN Eswatini.







# Celebville

International Celebrity News

## Has Adele moved on after divorce?

**HOLLYWOOD** - After confirming that Adele and husband Simon Konecki would be splitting, not only have the couple signed the divorce agreement in record time, but the singer has reportedly moved on.

Daily Mail reports the couple's friends have known for a while that the marriage was over and it came as no surprise when the divorce was finalised.

It was then rumoured that Adele was spotted kissing another man in New York.

But if you think the singer is about to confirm a new romance, think again. Remember how she kept it a secret that she got married and had had a child.



**MOVED ON: Adele.**

About the mystery guy, The Sun reported that 'they're getting to know each other better but Adele is by no means looking for anything serious'. Either way, there's a lot of writing material for the singer - #NewAlbumLoading.

Daily Mail

## Ice Cube thinks Odom will be player of the year

**LAS VEGAS** - Ice Cube sees big things in store for Lamar Odom, telling TMZ Sports he thinks LO will return to glory in the BIG3 league this season.

Hours before the 2019 BIG3 Draft kicks off in Las Vegas, Cube was raving about the huge stars he's locked up for the upcoming season most notably Lamar Odom.

As previously reported, Odom has been training hard in hopes of playing pro basketball again.

We're told he's looking pretty good in the gym.

Now it's time to see if a BIG3 team still believes in Odom when the draft goes live at 7 PM PT.

"A lot of people counted him out,



**OPINION: Ice Cube.**

but not us," Cube said. "I think he's gonna be our comeback player of the year."

TMZ

## Papa Penny on Julius Malema

**SOWETO** - Papa Penny is still fuming after EFF leader Julius Malema allegedly mocked the reality star's 'lack of education' during one of his rallies, telling Tshisa Live that he wants Julius to return to the place where he made the remarks and issue a formal apology to him.

Papa Penny took to social media earlier this week to confront the politician about his remarks.

"Why do you tell people that I am not educated? Because you went and fake your education and you adopted the western language, you think you're clever? You think all South Africans went to school? When I was born (there was) no school.

"You don't know my history.



**FUMING: Papa Penny.**

Leadership like you that laughs at people because they didn't go to school, I'm not like you."

Julius replied with a brief statement and laughing emojis, but as the video went viral, he apparently inboxed Papa Penny to try fix the situation.

Times Live

## Skolopad unfazed by Twitter trolls

**DURBAN** - While she may have decided to take a break from bombarding our TL with nudes as her alter ego Skolopad, musician Nonhlanhla Qwabe has still got tongues wagging on her Twitter page with her recent 'pornographic' tweets.

While some of her fans have indulged her, some have slammed her for the raunchy and overly sexy topics she tweets about these days.

Speaking to Tshisa Live, Skolopad said she didn't expect people to notice or catch feels because these days she's a 'nobody'.

"Hao. I'm just being playful and keeping the few fans I have enter-



**UNFAZED: Nonhlanhla Qwabe.**

tained. I don't see anything wrong with that, especially, since I don't consider myself a celebrity anyway. People can't say I'm nobody and then turn around and say I mustn't say certain things because I'm a celeb," Skolopad said.

Times Live

## Drake's got shoutout, BTS padkos, Cardi B

**NEW YORK** - The annual Billboard Music Awards, held in Las Vegas on Wednesday night, had tongues wagging after several stars acted all kinds of crazy.

It was lituation up at the MGM Grand Garden Arena, with some of the biggest names in world music showing up and showing off.

Here are just three moments from the ceremony that gave us life:

Drake was the night's big winner, walking away with 12 awards, including Top Male Artist, Top Billboard 200 Artist, Top Hot 100 Artist and



**TROPHIES: Cardi B.**

Top Artist (overall).

But his finest moment came when he accepted the Top Billboard 200 Album Award.

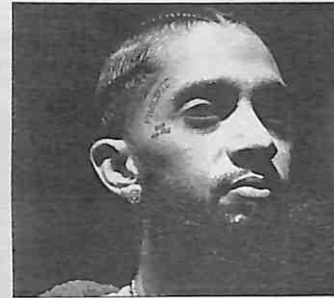
TMZ

## Hussle's memorial is going away

**NEW YORK** - Nipsey Hussle's team is putting the kibosh on the late rapper's memorial, because people trying to pay their respects were being hounded by bootleggers and grifters trying to make a buck off his death.

Sources close to the slain Crenshaw rapper tell TMZ, the memorial outside his Marathon Clothing store is going away, principally because it was becoming a chaotic scene where hustlers roamed the street, turning what was supposed to be a solemn tribute into a circus.

As you know, Nipsey was gunned down in the parking lot outside his store, and the lot was transformed into a makeshift memorial, with



**THE LATE: Nipsey Hussle.**

fans leaving flowers, pictures, notes, trinkets and loads of candles. Sources close to Nipsey tell us the whole thing reeked of disrespect, and they felt like he was not being properly honoured, so they're closing up shop.

TMZ

## Somizi offers support to Caster Semenya

**PRETORIA** - Hours before the verdict in the case between the IAAF and Caster Semenya was given, close friend Somizi called her his woman crush on Wednesday and said that he was proud to know her.

"Caster, your name says it all. You touch it, it gets castrated."

Somizi wished his pal luck but said that at the same time it was sad that he had to wish her luck for 'being you'.

"Nobody has to give you permission to be you. Let's not beat about: It's because you are a black woman." The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) on Wednesday upheld the IAAF proposal that athletes with differences of sexual development (DSDs)



**SUPPORT: Somizi.**

had to take medication to lower their testosterone levels to compete as females. The move has resulted in widespread condemnation across the globe, with many calling it sexist and discriminatory.

Times Live

## Itumeleng Khune pokes fun at haters

**JOHANNESBURG** - Itumeleng Khune remains defiant in the face of hate about his supposed new relationship, poking fun at haters by saying they have 'defeated' him.

Itu dominated chatter on social media after posting a picture with a mystery woman. Fans were immediately up in arms, as many thought the footballer was still in a relationship with Sbahle Mpisane.

Even though their split was never confirmed by the couple, all images

of them together have been deleted from his Instagram page. Replying to a follow at the time, Itu said 'yeah' when the person said they hoped Sbahle managed to move on.

Itu's love life remains a big focus, with insiders telling Tshisa Live that his notifications are blowing up - mostly about the women in his life.

But Itu is having none of it, issuing two messages about the comments.

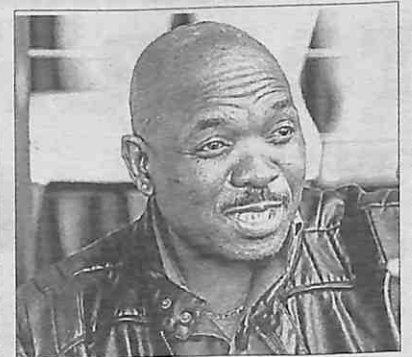
Sowetan Live



## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



**NOT HAPPY: Judas.**

Mandla surprises S'bu with a great honour. Qaphela's actions the previous day have made him 'famous' and Judas is not at all happy about it. Despite Blade's concerns, Mkabayi walks straight into major trouble.



TODAY



**GOET BACK: Nina.**

Despite her denials, her husband's affair is clearly tearing Lalage apart. Nina's plan to get back at Lincoln through his son is put into action. Hot-headed Sibiba tells all who'll listen he'll be the next Mayor of HD.



TODAY



**DANGER: James.**

Mpho wakes up unknowingly in Mulimis's hut. James and Marang's relationship is like a dagger in Moliehi's heart. Tenda's jealousy takes a front seat, when he sees Sundani flirting with another man.



TODAY



**NEW ENEMY: Suffo.**

Suffo gets a new enemy at the investment club. Keabetswe and Lefa fear they will be kicked out. Jafta discovers that he is dead.



## PICTURE OF THE DAY

Show me your six pack



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Confusion might get in the way of anything you hope to accomplish today, Capricorn. You may feel like you're walking around in a daze, uncertain of your actions. Try to stay focused and be your usual practical, objective self. It might not come as easily for you as it usually does, but you can do it. Have some coffee and make a list of what needs to be done. Sometimes that's all it takes.



Something you feel you desperately need right now is missing, Cancer, and it's very well-hidden. You may search the house for it and drive yourself crazy in the process. Do you really need it that badly? If so, sit for a moment and try to collect your thoughts. If you can't, leave it for now. You may find it by chance or through a sudden insight. Relax and hang in there!



## Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Spiritual and metaphysical concepts may seem murky to you today, Aquarius. Ideas that friends accept as matters of course might feel strange. Don't get into an argument. Ask about books, websites, or magazines that you can consult for more input and, hopefully, clarity. Find out about future lectures on the subject. It should all come together eventually. You just need to be patient!



## Leo July 23 – August 22

Don't listen to gossip today, Leo. Any rumours that are spreading are likely to be based on false assumptions and totally outside the realm of reality. Yet someone who loves to talk is very convincing! Take anything you hear that you can't immediately verify with a grain of salt, if not the whole shaker. There's definitely something weird going on. Avoid it!



## Pisces February 19 – March 20

A strange, bothersome feeling could plague you today, Pisces, as if you can't remember something you need to do. Don't drive yourself crazy over this. Chances are you haven't forgotten anything but had a rather irritating dream. If you can't seem to shake the idea, try asking your subconscious to pull up the dream. Write it down. Once you know what it's all about, you will probably feel free again.



## Virgo August 23 – September 22

A luxury you've been craving could seem very tempting today, Virgo. Make sure you're really ready, willing, and able to spend the money to get it. Think about it carefully before whipping out your credit card. Do you really want it that much? Is the expense feasible right now? If so, go for it. Luxuries aren't always a waste of money. They can do wonders for your self-esteem!



## Aries March 21 – April 1

Is a romantic partner having trouble communicating with family, Aries? If so, be prepared to hear about it today. Be a good listener. Your understanding and objectivity will be greatly appreciated. Your beloved probably isn't seeing the real facts and needs an outside party to point this out. However, avoid the temptation to patronize. You could end up in the same doghouse!



## Libra September 23 – October 23

Emotional turmoil may overwhelm your usual objectivity and good sense today, Libra. Family problems could weigh on your mind, as communication between you and family members may be lacking. You might not feel in touch with what's going on. Try to encourage them to talk to you. If they won't, move on. Sometimes people want to deal with their troubles on their own. It's their choice.



## Taurus April 20 – May 20

Listen carefully when you receive instructions today, Taurus. Your mind may not be as sharp as usual. If you aren't careful, you could get on the wrong track and end up having to start all over again. Don't be too shy or ashamed to ask questions. It's always better to ask a question than make an unnecessary error. Proceed slowly and methodically and you will get through the day!



## Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Your imagination should fly high today, Scorpio. Whether you're into writing, music, or dance, make the most of your creative inspiration. If you don't, your ideas may vanish as soon as they appear. If you're too busy, at least make time to jot down your insights and any possibilities for developing them. Then you will have a record you can return to at a future date.



## Gemini May 21 – June 21

A heightened sense of idealised romance could hit you today, Gemini. If you aren't currently involved, beware! That wonderful new person you've just met may have a well-hidden side. If you're currently involved, expect a simultaneous high from romantic exhilaration and insecurity that maybe your beloved doesn't love you anymore.



## Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Doubts about a friend may plague you today, Sagittarius. Did this person borrow money? Promise to do you a favour? Can you depend on this person? The best way to judge is by their track record. If they've been undependable in the past, chances are they might be again.



## Cancer June 22 – July 22

## BABY BLUES



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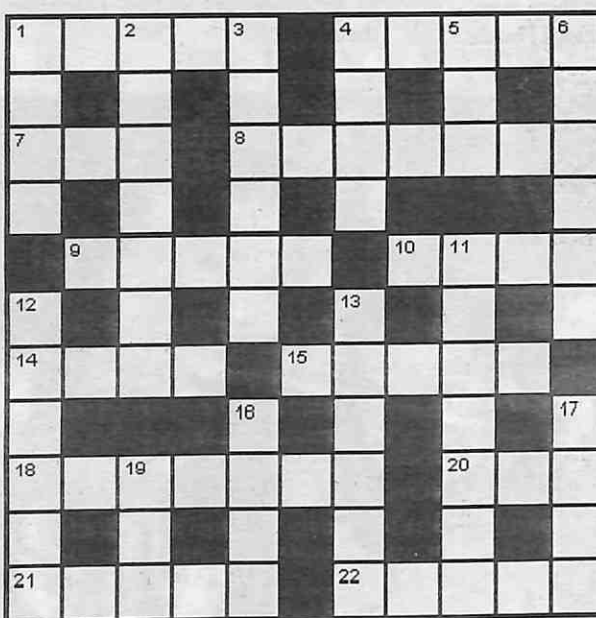


## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## PUZZLE CHOICE

## Quick Crossword



## DOWN

1. FESTIVAL (4)
2. AMAZING (7)
3. SECOND SIGN OF THE ZODIAC (6)
4. LOCATION (4)
5. TYPE OF TREE (3)
6. SUBTRACT (6)
11. SECURITY DEVICE (7)
12. RECLUSE (6)
13. PART OF THE EYE (6)
16. DISCOVER (4)
17. NOT IN ACTION (4)
19. SHORT SLEEP (3)

## ACROSS

1. BANQUET (5)
4. VELOCITY (5)
7. GOLFING ACCESSORY (3)
8. WILD (7)
9. FAKE (5)
10. LONG NARRATIVE POEM (4)
14. FENCING SWORD (4)
15. TEMPERAMENTAL (5)
18. LARGE IMPOSING HOUSE (7)
20. PECULIAR (3)
21. LUKEWARM (5)
22. PART OF THE LEG (5)

## LOL

Laughing at Loud

## Mom on Social media

A mom texts, "Hi! Son, what does IDK, LY, & TTYL mean?" He texts back, "I Don't Know, Love You, and Talk To You Later." The mom texts him, "It's ok, don't worry about it. I'll ask your sister, love you too."

## DID YOU KNOW?

## DID YOU KNOW

1. Apple launched a clothing line in 1986. It was described as a "train wreck" by others.
2. In Japan, crooked teeth are considered cute and attractive.
3. A Swedish woman lost her wedding ring, and found it 16 years later - growing on a carrot in her garden.
4. Donald duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants.



## MOVIE QUIZ

## Yesterday's Quiz

1. Which electronic band composed all the music for Tron: Legacy in 2010?  
B Daft Punk

## Today's Quiz

1. Who plays corrupt sheriff Hank Quinlan in Orson Welles's Touch of Evil (1958)?  
A. Smith plays himself  
B. Welles plays himself





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# Newzroom Afrika to add diversity to MultiChoice platforms

**MULTICHOICE Group (MCG) is proud to announce that it has added Newzroom Afrika to its portfolio of news channels.**

The channel founded by Thokozani Nkosi and Thabile Ngwato, will complement the existing local and international news channels currently available on DStv, joining the likes of CNN, BBC, Sky News, Al Jazeera, eNCA and SABC.

Newzroom Afrika is live on DStv channel number 405 and available to DStv Premium, Compact Plus, Compact, Family, Access and EasyView customers. The channel will be simulcast (SD/HD) and available 24/7.

In addition to the traditional DStv linear platform, Newzroom Afrika will also be available via streaming on smartphone, tablet or desktop, through DStv Now.

According to Yolisa Phahle, CEO of General Entertainment, "the addition of Newzroom Afrika will increase the diversity of voices and perspectives in South Africa's news media space.

Their vision and entrepreneurial out-



look has the potential to grow news viewership through its commitment to consumer centric, objective analysis and a strong digital focus". Newzroom Afrika promises a fresh take on news coverage, with credible and leading voices who will deliver the day's top stories.

The talent line-up features experienced news professionals from the industry. In addition, Newzroom Afrika will provide a platform for new talent to develop both in front of and behind the camera.

The company will be supported by an experienced and respected management team and editorial board. "We are proud of how quickly Newzroom has progressed and wish them everything of the best," concluded Phahle.

## Promise and Thapelo's love story - OPW

**FOOD is always the way to a man's heart - this time braai meat is the start of it all!**

Promise (29) and Thapelo (31) met five years ago, when Promise was going to braai meat with her father. She says he caught her eye immediately, but she had to play it cool until he asked for her number. "It was like he was reading my mind," says Promise.

Thapelo left the shop unattended and offered to braai the meat for her, he told other customers that he was still dealing with a special customer. He was taken by her beauty!

Not even her father could get in the way of young love, as he recalls the day this happened. "What can you say? Young people are like that!" he recalls with a laugh.

Promise loves that Thapelo is humble, understanding and she loves him for that. Thapelo feels blessed that he had someone to help him during his seizures as it was a difficult time for him.

When she fell pregnant in her final year of university, her father was disappointed, but he was encouraged when Promise finished school. After that, the Randwezi family paid Promise's bride price and they got married at Home Affairs.

It's always been a dream of hers to get married on her birthday and now that baby number two is on the way, Promise couldn't think of a more perfect time!

Mr and Mrs Randwezi have three things on their wishlist: the décor, rings and food! Join us in the South of Johannesburg as they celebrate their love!



We walk you down memory lane, to see how they did it best!

Food fasting is always a fun activity whe the caterer prepares a seven colours experience! Serving the best of venda cuisine. The bride opted for a menu that consisted of pap, samp, chicken, stew and vegetables such as tuna cabbage and beetroot.

Mr and Mrs Ranwedzi loved the food and it seemed like our very own Nomsa gave the nod of approval.

The next thing the bride wanted on lock was her wedding ring! She loved the silver steerling and

diamond cut ring the minute she saw it and we must admit, it's stunning! Now everyone will be able to see she is taken.

The Venda-inspired wedding meant that the decor would follow suite. She found Lungile on Facebook after seeing pictures of her excellent work and she definitely came to the party!

The brief was modern traditional and the yellow and green pattern made everything pop!

Twitter absolutely loved the husbands excitement and the love shared between these two, this definitely was their perfect wedding!

Tune into Our Perfect Wedding to share in more Mzansi couples' love stories on Mzansi Magic, DStv channel 161.



## Real Housewives of Atlanta S11 brings NEW frenemies!

**THERE are new faces in town!**

The highly-anticipated 11th season of the Real Housewives of Atlanta finally is here.

Viewers of the most popular edition of the housewives' franchise will

delight in knowing this season's cast shake-up brings just the right dose of drama, new frenemies and relentless shade. This season finds the gorgeous Eva Marcelle with her very own peach! The former America's Next Top

Model winner invites the cameras to chronicle bits of her sparkling life, as she navigates Atlanta. As you'll soon find out, there's far more than the said sparkle. The 34-year-old beauty adds a refreshing spark to the screen as she

showcases her awe-inspiring relationship with husband Michael Sterling.

They are set to get hitched this season. The couple were also looking forward to the birth of their first baby together during the filming of the sea-

son. Speaking of weddings and pregnancies, Porsha Williams takes us through her journey to motherhood this season. Leaving behind the blues from her first marriage to Kordell Williams, the bubbly media personality takes things to the next level with her fiancé, Dennis McKinley.

Nene and Greg Leakes are going through trying times, and they too have kept the doors opened into some of their struggles. Greg Leakes's health is a major theme this season, as his battle with cancer continues to change the dynamics in their daily life and relationship.

Nene rose eyebrows when she took to Twitter to get frank about how tough it is to be in her situation. There's love in Cynthia's life! The former model, who's been toying around with the idea of dating ever since she separated from Peter, trades up with new beau. She's been seeing news anchor Mike Hill, with whom she's said to be "smitten."

Catch the girls do what we love seeing them do Mondays to Thursday at 18:00 on 1Magic, DStv channel 103. Join the conversation on our social media platforms using #1Magic and #RHOA



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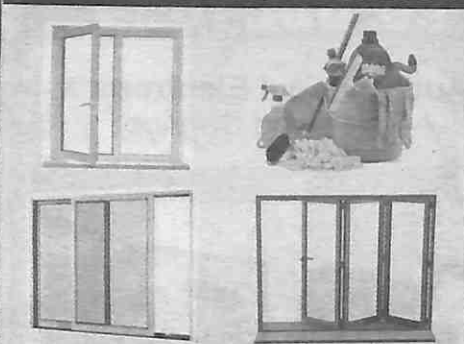
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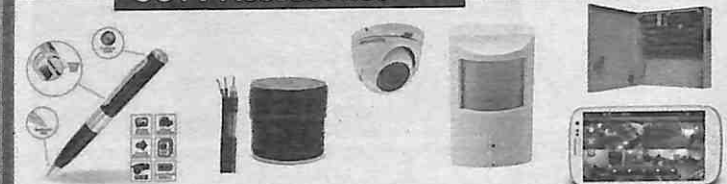
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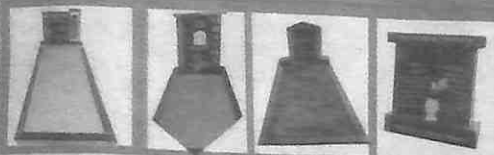


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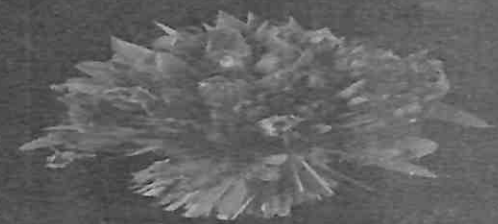
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# Semenya made to suffer - Indian gender-row sprinter

**NEW DELHI** - Indian gender-row sprinter Dutee Chand yesterday said Caster Semenya's court defeat over testosterone rules was "wrong", but backed the Olympic 800m champion to overcome the potentially far-reaching ruling.

Chand, who fought and won a long battle over her own hyperandrogenism, or elevated levels of male sex hormones, said she felt sorry for the South African star, whose career has been plagued by controversy.

"This is wrong. I feel sad for her, she has been made to suffer like me," Chand, 23, told AFP.

Chand, who was subjected to humiliating gender-testing as a teenager, was finally cleared to compete last year after winning a court appeal against International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) regulations.

Chand successfully challenged the IAAF's stance on hyperandrogenism, prompting the world governing body to change its rules to target only middle-distance events, arguing these were most affected by elevated testosterone.

But on Wednesday, the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne dismissed Semenya's appeal against the IAAF measures, triggering an angry response in South Africa.

The decision means that women with elevated testosterone will have to take



**IRATE:** Indian gender-row sprinter Dutee Chand and Caster Semenya.

suppressive treatment if they wish to compete as females in certain events.

To defend her 800m title at the IAAF World Championships in September, Semenya, 28, will now have to take medication, probably including birth control pills. She is now weighing up an appeal.

Chand, who won 100m and 200m silver at last year's Asian Games, her first major event since returning to competition, was hopeful that Semenya's legal team will find a way to succeed.

"It was my legal team that handled her case. The team that fought my case, I handed them over to Caster Semenya," Chand said. "I think she and her team

will find a way out. She is an Olympic medallist and her country is behind her."

The CAS ruling raised several concerns about the IAAF regulations, calling them "discriminatory" and questioning their implementation, as well as the lack of evidence proving an advantage from higher testosterone levels.

"See this (the condition) is natural. To increase and decrease testosterone is not in our hand. Now medical scientists can guide her," said Chand.

"But she is not poor like me and is well known with a lot of money and resources," said Chand, who was born in rural poverty. **AFP**



**READY:** Banyana Banyana players during their training for the friendly match.

## Banyana Banyana ready, set for US friendly match

**JOHANNESBURG** - Bambanani Mbane is convinced that Banyana Banyana's friendly match against World Champions US will be suitable to measure their readiness for the FIFA Women's World Cup in France from June 7-July 7.

South Africa, who are in Group B with China, Germany and Spain, have been hard at work in their preparations, opening the year with friendlies against Netherlands and Sweden in the Cyprus Cup, before recently meeting fellow first time World Cup finalists Jamaica. They face world No. 1 US on May 12 at Levi Stadium in Santa Clara. "Playing against the US will be a great addition to our preparations. So far, we know where we are but this encounter will determine how ready we are for the World Cup," Mbane

said at Banyana's camp base at the University of Johannesburg, Soweto Campus, this week.

"We'll open our first campaign in the World Cup against Spain, and I think they have a similar style of play as the US. So, this will give us a chance to prove that we are not going to the World Cup to add numbers." The 28-year-old played a sterling role in the heart of defence in last year's Africa Women's Cup of Nations as they qualified for the World Cup.

"It is not my first time playing against the US. But playing against them while we are going to the World Cup is a great deal as that gives me a great sense of motivation," Mbane said. "My initial dream as a footballer was to play at the World Cup, and now that's drawing closer." **The Star**

## FIFA ready to discuss concussion substitutions

**ZURICH** - FIFA is open to having discussions about temporary substitutions if players suffer serious head injuries in matches, its medical committee Head Michel D'Hooghe has told the Times newspaper.

Tottenham Hotspur defender Jan Vertonghen tried to play on following a head clash in Tuesday's Champions League semi-final first leg defeat by Ajax Amsterdam before going off, prompting brain injury charity Headway to call for changes to the rules.

"Introducing substitutes specifically for concussion is a possibility and something worth discussing," D'Hooghe told The Times.

"But if you bring a player off for 10 minutes and they are then reintroduced without warming up properly, it's more likely to lead to muscle injuries... there are problems with that too."

In addition to temporary substitutions, Headway called for "independent

doctors with expertise in concussion" to take the final call on whether a player is fit to continue.

However, D'Hooghe believes it would be difficult for independent doctors to assess players.

"The advice from FIFA and UEFA is clear. At every occasion and before every tournament we tell the doctors that they must follow the protocols," he added.

"The team doctors must be responsible for their own players. They know the players and are in a better position to assess whether they have been unconscious, or are in danger."

Vertonghen underwent further assessment on Wednesday and tests would continue for the next few days, Tottenham said.

"We shall also be seeking independent advice and Jan is due to see a neurologist who specialises in elite athletes tomorrow. The player has reported no ill-effects today," the club said on their website. **AFP**

## Tiger Woods accepts Trump's invitation

**WASHINGTON** - Tiger Woods is set to visit the White House for a congratulatory reception with President Donald Trump following his victory at the Masters, according to reports in the USA.

Woods earned a stunning one-stroke victory at Augusta last month to earn his 15th major championship, his first Masters win since 2005 and his first major victory since the 2008 US Open.

He has played with keen golfer Trump in the past, with the US president posing for a picture with Woods and Jack Nicklaus on course, which was posted to his Twitter account in February.

According to Fox News, Woods will visit Trump at the White House in Washington DC next Monday for a reception.

Trump tweeted his support for Woods during the final round of the Masters on April 14, as the 43-year-old shot a two-under-par 70 to claim a historic victory following years of injuries and personal problems.

... to the White House to celebrate his Masters victory just months after the pair played a round in Florida with Jack Nicklaus

The president described Woods as a "great champion", and promised to honour him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Woods' reported White House visit could cause controversy, as several athletes have refused to meet with the president previously. Stephen Curry said he would refuse to attend the traditional presidential welcome for NBA champions after the Golden State Warriors won the 2017 championship. Trump responded by revoking Curry's invite via Twitter, despite no official communication having been made at that point.

Philadelphia Eagles also pulled out of meeting Trump at the last minute following their victory at the 2018 Super Bowl.

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**INVITED:** Tiger Woods is set to visit the White House for a congratulatory reception with Donald Trump months after the pair played a round in Florida with Jack Nicklaus.

## Ronaldo sends message to former teammate Casillas

**TURIN** - Cristiano Ronaldo has joined the hundreds of well-wishers who have sent messages of support to Iker Casillas after the World Cup-winning goalkeeper suffered a heart attack.

Ronaldo and Casillas were team mates at Real Madrid between 2009 and 2015, winning the Champions League in 2014 and La Liga in 2012.

Casillas, 37, suffered the medical emergency while training with current club Porto on Wednesday morning. He was rushed to CUF Porto Hospital for treatment, where he is currently recovering.

### Posted

The goalkeeper, who captained Spain to 2010 World Cup glory, was seen giving a thumbs up from his hospital bed in a photo posted to his Twitter account on Wednesday evening.

"All under control here, a big scare but everything is intact. Thank you very much for the messages and affection," he wrote alongside the image.

Thousands of fans and players sent messages of support to Casillas, with Juventus forward Ronaldo joining in the tributes with a post on Instagram.

It shows Ronaldo and Casillas posing together in Real Madrid gear during their days as colleagues at the Bernabeu. **AFP**



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# Messi showing Barcelona the way

**BARCELONA** - Lionel Messi has shown many different faces during his spell-binding career but in Barcelona's win over Liverpool on Wednesday, the dominant one was of a leader.

Barca were not at their best at Camp Nou, instead made to sweat and suffer against a Liverpool side that were just as dangerous in the first half and then dominant for at least a 20-minute period in the second.

But when his team were struggling, Messi delivered, two goals in seven minutes turning a disappointing night into a disastrous one for Liverpool and leaving Barcelona with one foot in the Champions League final.

"In these moments, he is unstoppable," Jurgen Klopp said. "I knew before that he was a world-class player and I saw it again. I am not surprised."

"I am always surprised," said Ernesto Valverde. "I don't know how he does it. In the end, 3-0 seemed harsh, lacking the away goal Liverpool deserved and requiring now a comeback in the second leg at Anfield that would surely rival the 2005 miracle in Istanbul."

Mohamed Salah and Sadio Mane terrorised

Barca's defence, the latter perhaps even the game's stand-out player during a breathless opening 45 minutes, in which both teams might have scored two or three.

But while Liverpool's deadly duo have an impressive 50 goals between them this season, Suarez and Messi have 75, their knack of finding, creating and converting chances unparalleled and, in this first leg, decisive. Between Mane firing over from eight yards and Salah hammering the post, Messi tapped into an open net and arced a free-kick, past the right hand of Alisson and into the top corner.

It was his second goal on the night and 600th for Barcelona, after 683 games, 14 years to the day since his first. He now has 12 goals in this season's Champions League, only two short of his best in 2012. "He's a fantastic player, it's obvious," Virgil van Dijk said. "I think the hard part is that when we attack, he is waiting somewhere, in the corner or anywhere, you can never switch off."

It was also the 100th time he had worn the captain's armband for his club and in some ways, this season has ushered in another cycle of Messi. From dribbler, to scorer, to creator, Messi, at 31, is now Barcelona's leader too.

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## Liverpool have no time to lick wounds after Barcelona defeat

**MADRID** - Liverpool have no time to fret over their chastening Champions League defeat at the hands of Barcelona as they scramble to prevent their season from fizzling out without any silverware to show for it.

After the hammer blow of two late Lionel Messi goals at the Camp Nou, which gave Barcelona a 3-0 win in the first leg of the semi-final, Jurgen Klopp's men must raise themselves for the challenge of Newcastle in the Premier League tomorrow.

Despite already posting a club record points tally of 91 with two games remaining, a Liverpool defeat would give Manchester City the chance to retain the title at home to Leicester on Monday.

"They don't have to think about the next game against Barcelona, now we play Newcastle," said Klopp after Wednesday's defeat in Spain.

"That's all our focus. We go to the hotel, have a proper sleep, get up in the morning, fly home and then prepare for Newcastle."

"Whatever happens, these boys, I couldn't be more proud of them."

There was plenty for Klopp to be proud about in Catalonia despite a first defeat in 20 games.

Liverpool had more possession and shots on goal as they pressed and penned the Spanish champions back, particularly after Luis Suarez had come back to haunt his former club with the opening goal in the 26th minute.

"I can work really well with this game. I will use this game to show the boys what is possible," added Klopp.

"It was brave performance that

was very passionate, very lively and in a lot of moments creative and direct.

"There will be a moment when I can convince the boys again how important this game was for us for our development because I really think it was the best away game we played in the Champions League. That's a very important message for us, not for the world outside."

However, while Sadio Mane and Mohamed Salah missed huge chances, the magic of Messi swung the tie heavily in Barca's favour.

If Messi's first goal 15 minutes from time was opportunistic, his second was out of this world.

The Argentine's 600th goal for Barcelona was fired into the top corner with unerring accuracy from a long-range free-kick.

"In these moments he's unstoppable," admitted Klopp.

A second leg at fortress Anfield is still to come, but ending a 29-year wait to win the Premier League was always Liverpool's primary target for the season.

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## Pochettino accepts blame for 'sloppy' Spurs

**LONDON** - Tottenham Manager Mauricio Pochettino admitted he was at fault as Ajax closed in on a first Champions League final for 23 years thanks to Donny van de Beek's early goal to win the first leg of their semi-final 1-0 on Tuesday.

Van de Beek's opener on 15 minutes was just reward for the Dutch side's first-half dominance as Tottenham badly missed the presence of the injured Harry Kane and suspended Son Heung-min.

Tottenham improved after the break despite another injury blow as Jan Vertonghen had to be helped down the tunnel after a sickening head knock, but lacked the inspiration needed

to get back on level terms without their two top scorers.

"Watching now of course I can accept it was a mistake the shape we used. But there were not too many options," said Pochettino.

"I am not happy, but our lack of energy from the beginning made our game difficult. We were a little sloppy."

Ajax had shown they are not fazed on the road despite the tender age of many of their squad by shocking Real Madrid and Juventus away to reach the

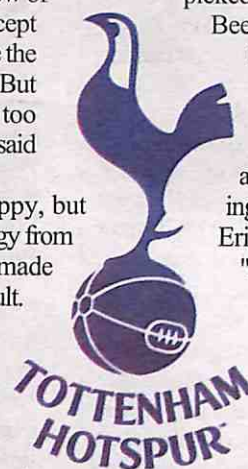
last four and started confidently.

Hakim Ziyech's through ball picked out midfielder Van de Beek who took his time to leave Hugo Lloris prone before slotting into the bottom corner.

"I think it was an amazing evening, an amazing result," said Ajax coach Erik ten Hag.

"In the beginning we were very strong, we were completely dominating the game and we made a fantastic goal."

Lloris kept his side in the game 10 minutes later from another Van de Beek effort as Ajax threatened to run riot. AFP







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# FERDINAND IN TALKS WITH MAN U

**LONDON** - Former club stalwart Rio Ferdinand has met Manchester United Executive Vice-Chairman Ed Woodward to discuss becoming the club's sporting director.

United's American owners, the Glazer family, have been keen to get the former England defender on board since his retirement four years ago, but personal circumstances made that unworkable.

However, the timing could now be right.

United are restructuring, and want someone to oversee transfer strategy and talks, while being in tune with the manager.

Woodward has identified Ferdinand, given his United links and business experience.

The 40-year-old played more than 300 games for United, winning six titles and the Champions League. **AFP**



## Wolves ready to swoop Man United defender - report

**LONDON** - Wolverhampton Wanderers are reported to be lining up a swoop for Manchester United defender Victor Lindelof at the end of the season.

The Sweden international has spent the last two seasons with United, but after failing to live up to his £31 million price tag, could be on the move at the end of the season.

United boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is said to be in the hunt to sign two new central defenders and that could result in Lindelof moving on, with Wolves keeping a

close eye on the situation.

Wolves could be looking at a potential Europa League campaign next season as they attempt to finish the season in seventh place in the Premier League, but even if they miss out, Nuno Espirito Santo is targeting quality additions.

The 24-year-old, who can play at right-back or in central defence, would certainly be that, and a switch to Molineux could be on the cards when the transfer window re-opens.

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## Spurs defender Vertonghen to see neurologist

**LONDON** - Tottenham Hotspur have confirmed Jan Vertonghen is to see a neurologist yesterday after suffering a worrying head injury against Ajax in the Champions League.

The 32-year-old Belgium international had to be helped from the pitch during Tuesday evening's 1-0 Champions League semi-final, first-leg defeat after initially being allowed to play on following lengthy treatment.

Spurs insisted on Wednesday evening that Vertonghen had not lost consciousness after colliding with team-mate Toby Alderweireld as the pair challenged for a high ball, and while they confirmed he had suffered no ill-effects in the 24 hours since, he is to be assessed by a specialist. A statement on the club's official website said: "Jan Vertonghen has undergone further assessment today after sus-

taining a head injury in last night's Champions League semi-final first leg against Ajax. He also suffered a small cut to his nose that was bleeding heavily.

"The Belgium defender was assessed on the pitch yesterday immediately after the incident with our medical team strictly following Football Association concussion guidelines.

"Following testing he was judged to be alert and answered all questions correctly and lucidly, deeming him fit to return to the field of play. "All available video footage was relayed to our on-pitch medical team and they were able to confirm that he had suffered no loss of consciousness. "Jan was immediately withdrawn as a result of the player informing medical staff that symptoms were developing suddenly and that he no longer felt stable standing up."

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## EVERTON TO PLAY FRIENDLY IN KENYA

**LONDON** - English Premier League side Everton will travel to Kenya in July for a friendly against local champions Kariobangi Sharks, officials said yesterday.

Everton will play Kariobangi, the 2019 title holders of East Africa's biggest football tournament, the SportPesa Cup, in Nairobi on July 7.

Ronald Karauri, the Chief Executive of Everton sponsor SportPesa, said Kariobangi would put up a fight after coming out victorious in a number of local competitions in recent months.

"These boys have all it takes to host Everton for this historic match. It will be a record-making match as well as a much-needed catalyst to boost careers in local football as well as sports development in the country," he said in a statement.

Everton became the first Premier League club to ever play in East Africa when they visited Tanzania in July 2017



**IT'S A GOAL: Everton's Brazilian striker Richarlison (C) celebrates scoring his team's first goal during an English Premier League match.**

to face Kenyan side Gor Mahia.

The visitors won 2-1 in that friendly sponsored by betting company SportPesa, which is the official sponsor of both Everton and Gor Mahia.

The Kenyan side travelled to Liverpool

in November 2018 to face Everton again, where they lost 4-0 at Goodison Park.

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## Sredojevic, Billiat, Musonda claim ABSA awards

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates coach Milutin Sredojevic has been named the ABSA Premiership Coach of the Month, while Mwape Musonda from Black Leopards won the ABSA Premiership Player of the Month award for March/April.

Both the Serbian-born coach and the Zambian forward returned to the stage at the Premier Soccer League offices for the coveted monthly individual awards, for the second time during this thrilling 2018/19 ABSA Premiership season.

The Buccaneers played six matches during the period of March 1 – April 24, and Sredojevic guided them to four wins and two draws, collecting 14 points out of a possible 18. The ABSA Premiership title-chasing side grabbed home wins over Leopards, Free State Stars respectively, beat Bidvest Wits and Maritzburg United away and drew with Mamelodi Sundowns during that period.

The judging panel praised Sredojevic for instilling a winning culture within the team, tightening the defence and also having shaped Pirates well in these latter stages of the season to have his team's short-term objectives tailored to win the league title. His colleagues; Josef Vukusic of Polokwane City and SuperSport United coach Kaitano Tembo, were praised for an impressive run of results with their respective teams.

Musonda, the on-form Black Leopards forward scored a hat-trick in his side's come-from-behind victory over Chippa United and then also scored in three successive matches during the March/April period. He has largely been superb in front of goal despite his side's inconsistent run of results, scoring six goals in Leopard's four games during this time.

Thanks to his efforts, Black Leopards sit just above the relegation zone with only a couple of matches left to play until the end of the ABSA Premiership 2018/2019 campaign. Musonda, who was the top goal scorer in the National First Division last season, has opened a huge gap atop the ABSA Premiership top scorers' chart with 14 goals to his name.

Other players who were in contention for the award included Mxolisi Maphu of SuperSport United and the Polokwane City pair of Mohammed Anas and George Chigova.

Sredojevic and Musonda will each receive R5 000 from ABSA, proud sponsors of the Milutin Sredojevic & Khama Billiat Premiership. ABSA congratulates both the coach and player on winning their respective accolades for March/April.

### Equalise

Meanwhile, Kaizer Chiefs' Khama Biliat took home the ABSA Premiership Goal of the Month award for March. The Zimbabwean attacker scored a curling scintillating goal from 25-yards to equalise for Amakhosi in their 1-1 draw against SuperSport United in early March. He also takes home R5 000 for his effort.

The goal by Biliat was voted for by fans who picked their favourite via the Premier Soccer League (PSL) website. Each ABSA Premiership Goal of the month will be on the list of goals that fans can vote for as the ABSA-lutely Awesome Goal of the Season at the end of the season awards.

Voting for the Goal of the Month for April opened on April 29, on the PSL website and will close at midnight on Wednesday. Football supporters can go to [www.psl.co.za](http://www.psl.co.za) and cast their votes. All the shortlisted goals are available on the PSL website for public voting.

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## 'DOWNS OFFER FREE ENTRY TO CAF SEMIS

JOHANNESBURG - In a bid to create an intimidating atmosphere at Lucas Moripe Stadium for their CAF Champions League second leg semi-final against Wydad Casablanca tomorrow, Mamelodi Sundowns have announced that fans wearing yellow will be allowed free entrance into the venue.

Kickoff is at 3pm.

The Brazilians take on the Moroccan giants trailing 2-1 from the first leg that was played in Rabat last weekend.

But coach Pitso Mosimane's charges have their fate firmly in their hands and can reach the final if they put the visitors to the sword after scoring an away goal in Morocco.

"We are fighting but it is very difficult to go to Rabat and Cairo," said Mosimane about their biggest game of the season.

"We are hanging in there and we believe that Sundowns will score on Saturday.

"It is going to be a very difficult match but there is always a goal in Atteridgeville.

"Wydad is a team that is capable of scoring a goal away from home.

"The fact that they are capable of scoring away from home is my only issue and I hope that we keep them quiet."



FREE ENTRY: Mamelodi Sundowns players and fans deliver an impromptu celebration choreography after a win. (AFP)

Sundowns beat Wydad 2-1 in Atteridgeville in January in the group stages with midfielder Themba Zwane scoring a brace and Mosimane will be hoping that they score more on Saturday. As part of the excitement for the match,

Sundowns have lined up entertainment to be provided by Kwesha, Dr Malinga, Team Mosha, DJ Maphorisa and DJ Sumbody, who will start performing from 1pm.

Times Live

## LEAGUE OR NOT - FAVRE GIVEN JOB GUARANTEE

BERLIN - Borussia Dortmund coach Lucien Favre will remain in his job next season regardless of whether or not Dortmund win the Bundesliga title this month, the club's sporting director Michael Zorc has said.

"We will definitely go into the new season with Lucien Favre, whether we win the league or not," Zorc told Kicker magazine yesterday.

Dortmund are two points behind Bayern Munich in the Bundesliga title race with three games to go, having held a nine-point lead over their rivals back in December.

After recent humiliating defeats to both Bayern and local rivals Schalke, many had questioned whether Favre had what it took to lead Dortmund to their first title since 2012. Bild, the German tabloid, asserted that Favre should leave if

he didn't win the league.

Yet Zorc insisted that Favre had the full backing of the club, and even said he was confident that the Swiss coach would extend his current contract beyond 2020.

"We have a very good relationship of trust, and we will hold contract talks," said the Dortmund sporting director.

The club hierarchy rebuked Favre after he declared the title race over

following defeat to Schalke last weekend. "We will never give up hope and we will fight to the end, that is part of our DNA," Dortmund players' director Sebastian Kehl told Kicker on Thursday.

Dortmund face a tough trip to Werder Bremen this Saturday, before playing Fortuna Dueseldorf and Borussia Moenchengladbach in their last two games.

Sport24

## Baxter reveals preparations for Africa Cup of Nations

JOHANNESBURG - Stuart Baxter has laid out his road-map for Bafana Bafana's preparations for the Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt in June and July.

Baxter plans a squad of fringe players, and players with a chance of selection, to participate in the COSAFA Cup in Durban as an effective trial in early June.

Concurrently, assembling in Johannesburg just after that, will be

an 18-man squad of the core of his team – including Mamelodi Sundowns' players, who might arrive late if they reach the CAF Champions League final on May 31, and late-arriving European-based players.

### Friendly

Baxter will initially train the COSAFA team, then leave them in the hands of assistant-coach Molefi Ntseki, and depart to take over the Joburg squad, who will play a friendly in Gauteng.

The two streams will amalgamate into a final squad after the COSAFA Cup and travel to Dubai, which is apparently mildly hotter than Egypt's mid-summer, for heat acclimatisa-

tion and a friendly against Ghana.

Baxter said SA's COSAFA squad will comprise 'some new faces, some with past experience who we have already invested some international time in'.

### Tried

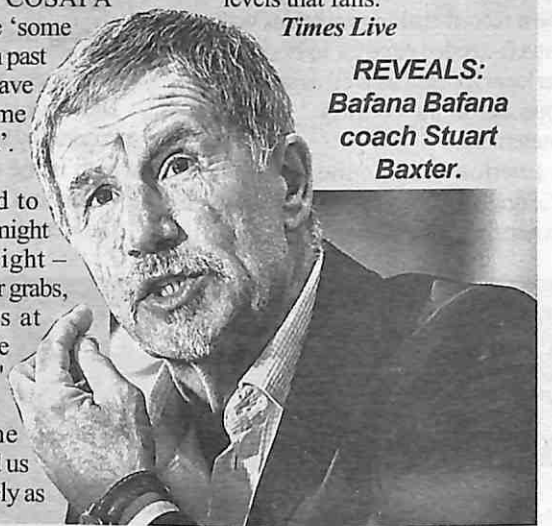
"And we've tried to leave 10 – though it might be only seven or eight – AFCON places up for grabs, so that the players at COSAFA know there are places available," he said.

"There were some quarters who wanted us to use COSAFA solely as

preparation for AFCON. On many levels that fails."

Times Live

REVEALS:  
Bafana Bafana  
coach Stuart  
Baxter.



## Solskjaer blasts Martial for lack of effort at training

MANCHESTER - Ole Gunnar Solskjaer turned on Anthony Martial over his attitude following Manchester United's draw with Chelsea on Sunday.

The United manager vented his anger at Martial in front of the players in the dressing room after leaving the Frenchman on the bench at Old Trafford.

Fans criticised the 23-year-old forward on social media yesterday after he was filmed watching his team-

mates in the warm-up, holding his hands behind his back and standing with one foot on a ball, while they went through a series of drills.

Martial has been complaining of a bad back, but it is understood Solskjaer was unhappy with the player's blatant lack of effort.

He decided to send on Alexis Sanchez rather than Martial as a replacement for Marcus Rashford in the 65th minute.

There have been concerns over

Martial's attitude since he signed a five-year contract at the end of January.

Having been a regular starter since Solskjaer took over in December, the former Monaco man is now firmly out of favour.

### Frustration

Jose Mourinho's frustration with Martial was such that he wanted to sell him last summer, and Solskjaer has become exasperated by the player's approach.

The dressing-room incident took

some of the focus away from goalkeeper David de Gea, whose latest error gifted Chelsea an equaliser.

Solskjaer is expected to stand by De Gea for the remaining two games and teammates have been rallying round the Spaniard.

Romelu Lukaku said: "I don't think we should discredit him and suddenly say he is a bad goalkeeper – he has saved us many times this season. We are here to support him."

Daily Mail



# Weekend Sports Fixtures

Compiled by Jongile Xuba

**Eswatini Bank Finals****Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium****Ladies**

Young Buffaloes	vs	Manzini Wanderers	10am
<b>Under-20</b>			
Manzini Sundowns	vs	Tambuti FC	12pm
<b>Seniors</b>			
Royal Leopard	vs	Young Buffaloes	3pm

**MTN Premier League****Tomorrow at King Sobhuza II Stadium**

Tambuti FC	vs	Vovovo FC	3pm
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**ENNA Pre-season Netball Tournament****Tomorrow at Olympia Africa Centre****Women**

Correctional	vs	UEDF	9:30am
REPS	vs	Mbabane Raiders	9:30am

**Men**

Phoenix	vs	Vixens	10:30am
REPS	vs	Correctional	11:30am

**Hub Hardware Mzimba Juniors League E5 000****Tomorrow at Hhukwini Sports Ground**

Sundowns	vs	Utd Bombers	8am
Monaco	vs	Arsenal	9am
Amacabane	vs	Rhinos	10am
Rhumba Stars	vs	Top Centre	11am
Green Sea	vs	Bush Bucks	12noon

**Tomorrow at Nsukumbili Sports Ground**

Timbungulu	vs	N Cosmos	9am
Kasiko	vs	Swallows	10am
All Stars	vs	Young Chiefs	11am

**Milky Max Mbabane Juniors League E10 000****Tomorrow at Supply Centre Sports Ground – U13**

M Fighters	vs	Habbana	8am
Real Tec	vs	Dark City	9am
Mphalati	vs	Umbelebele	10am
Swallows	vs	Freestyle	11am
Imbumbé	vs	Supersport	12noon
Matsholo	vs	Hurricane	1pm

**Milky Max Peak Pigg's Juniors League E10 000****Tomorrow at Malanda Sports Ground – U13**

Mangwaneni	vs	Peak City	8am (Replay)
City Stars	vs	Academy	9am
Black Swallows	vs	Nkomazi	10am
Citizens	vs	Magwaneni	11am
Malanda	vs	Peak City	12noon
Young Stars	vs	Black Swallows	1pm
Mhlatane	vs	Nkomanzi	2pm

**Mandla Mahewu Mbabane Juniors League E7 500****Tomorrow at United Sports Ground – U15**

Mphalati	vs	Habbana	8am
Magwaneni	vs	White City	9am (U13)
Hurricane	vs	Magwaneni	10am
Swallows	vs	The Wailers	11am
Amawele	vs	Real Tec	12noon
M Fighters	vs	Supersport	1pm

**Furniture Warehouse Mbabane Juniors League E15 000****Tomorrow at Police Sports Ground U20**

Freestyle	vs	Sidwashini	8am (U17)
Zulwini Aces	vs	Aces United	9am
M Classic	vs	Free Style	10am

**Furniture Warehouse Mbabane Juniors League E15 000****Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground U20**

The Wailers	vs	Mvakwelitje	8:00am (U17)
Veni Cosmos	vs	Imbumbé	9:00am
Sidwashini	vs	Matsholo	10:00am
M Fighters	vs	Sivutsa	11:30am

**Tomorrow at Msunduza Sports Ground – U20**

Umbelebele	vs	Ebuka Stars	8:00am
Mphalati	vs	Red Stars	9:00am
Wizards	vs	Interstars	10:00am
Hurricane	vs	Umbelebele	11:00am

**Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League E77 000****Southern zone****Tomorrow at Veni Sports Ground**

Wizards	vs	Kupheleni	1:30pm
PMT	vs	Burning Spear	3:30pm

**Tomorrow at POW Sports Ground**

Sibovini	vs	Community	3:30pm
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**Tomorrow at Maphalaleni Sports Ground**

Billy Ocean	vs	Shooting Stars	3:30pm
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**Northern Zone****Tomorrow at Fontotje Sports Ground**

N. Swallows	vs	Mvuma	1:30pm
Horo Spinners	vs	Msahweni	3:30pm

**Tomorrow at Ngonini Sports Ground**

Manchester	vs	Sigodlo	3:30pm
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**Tomorrow at Nfonjeni Sports Ground**

M. Arsenal	vs	Pachanga	1:30pm
Vultures	vs	Khanjana	3:30pm

**Sunday at Fontotje Sports Ground**

Kappa Kappa	vs	Machibini	11am
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**South Star Mzimba League E65 000****Tomorrow at Hhukwini Sports Ground**

Africa Stars	vs	Bombers	1:30pm
Top Centre	vs	Highlanders	3:30pm

**Tomorrow at Mzimba Sports Ground**

Driekoppies	vs	Barcelona	1:30pm
Sibuyeni	vs	Blk. Mashuba	3:30pm

**Tomorrow at Nsukumbili Sports Ground**

All Stars	vs	Rhinos	1:30pm
Swallows	vs	Rangers	3:30pm

**Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League E70 000****Tomorrow at Msunduza Sports Ground**

Classic	vs	Veni Cosmos	1:15pm
Corporation	vs	Amawele	3:15pm

**Tomorrow at Sdvwashini Sports Ground**

Interstars	vs	Sidwashini	1:15pm
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**Sunday at Msunduza Sports Ground**

Mbabane Arsenal	vs	Sandla	11am
Mbabane Celtics	vs	Pot O Gold	1pm
Mvakwelitje	vs	Real Tec	3pm

**Sunday at Sdvwashini Sports Ground**

Pine valley	vs	Supersport	1pm
Double Action	vs	White City	3pm

**B. Division****Tomorrow at Police Sports Ground**

Mangwaneni	vs	FC Vaal	1:15pm
Hurricane	vs	Junction Stars	3:15pm

**Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground**

Mpolonjeni	vs	Free Style	1:15pm
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**Buy Cash Pigg's Peak League E50 000****Sunday at Malanda Sports Ground**

Mangwaneni	vs	Phophonyane	11am
Bush Bucks	vs	Citizens	1pm
White Killers	vs	19 Celtics	3pm

**Sunday at LaZwane Sports Ground**

Rise & Shine	vs	Thuluzobona	11am
Hotspurs	vs	Darkies Utd	1pm
Maguga	vs	Peak City	3pm

**Sunday at Plantations Sports Ground**

Mhlatane	vs	Supersport	3pm
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**Pots Construction Sigangeni League E30 000****Tomorrow at Sigangeni Sports Ground**

Y. Fighters	vs	Villa Sport	1pm
Manz. Celtics	vs	U. Eagles	3pm

**Tomorrow at Ntsetse Sports Ground**

Total XI	vs	Kangaroo	1pm
Ntsetse Flyers	vs	Sigangeni	3pm

**Tomorrow at Sibovini Sports Ground**

Mighty Chiefs	vs	L. Nationals	1pm
Real United	vs	Real Touch	3pm

**Futis Nkhaba League E30 000****Tomorrow at Motshane Sports Ground**

Real Rovers	vs	Super Stars	1pm
Lubhedze	vs	Nkoyoyo	3pm

**Tomorrow at Majotini Sports Ground**

Atletico	vs	Barcelona	1pm
Dribbling Stars	vs	Mhl. Celtics	3pm

**Sunday at Motshane Sports Ground**

Crocodiles	vs	Bafana	11am
Manyisa	vs	Nkoyoyo Jnr	1pm
Kasi Xi	vs	Ngwenya	3pm

**Sunday at Majotini Sports Ground**

Fast Movers	vs	Majotini	2:30pm
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**Tee & Jay Lobamba League E90 000****Tomorrow at Elangeni Sports Ground**

Power Stars	vs	L. Wanderers	12pm
Fast Reaction	vs	L. Sunrise	2pm

**Shebes Ntabinempisi League E50 000****Tomorrow at Ntamakuphila Sports Ground**

Special Killers	vs	Hungry Lions	3pm
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**Tomorrow at Mkhuzweni Sports Ground**

Manchester Utd	vs	Fontotje	1pm
Russian Bombers	vs	City Cosmos	3pm

**Sunday at Fontotje Sports Ground**

Buhleni Aces	vs	Super Stars	9am
Seven Stars	vs	Y. Professional	11am

**Mahombe Arsenal vs City Stars**

Mahombe Arsenal	vs	City Stars	1pm
SkomBoyzz	vs	Golden Arrows	3pm

**Bhulane Resorts Ndzinzeni League E50 000****Bulandzeni Stream****Tomorrow at Bulandzeni Sports Ground**

Winners Park	vs	Sweet Banana	11am
Celtics	vs	Professionals	1pm
Super Stars	vs	Liverpool	3pm

**Sunday at Bulandzeni Sports Ground**

Roman Utd	vs	White city	11am
Chiefs	vs	Mp. Aces	1pm
Arsenal	vs	Rebels	3pm

**Dabulamanzi Civil Works & Irrigation Manzini Super League****Sunday at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground**

Royal Swallows	vs	Nsuka United	3pm
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**Sunday at Old Trade Fair Sports Ground**

Sisonkhe	vs	Ludzeludze Killers	3pm
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**Sunday at Golden Sports Ground**

Stumbo's XI	vs	Ludzeludze Brothers	3pm
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**Sunday at Mkhuzweni Sports Ground**

Moyeni United	vs	Timbutini	3pm
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**Sunday at Mankayane Sports Ground**

Young Warriors	vs	Mhlaleni United	2pm
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**Sunday at Nkhundleni Sports Ground**

Luve Cosmos	vs	Villa Stars	3pm
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**Sunday at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground**

Bad Boys	vs	Boyane Young Aces	3pm
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**Manzini Promotion League****Tomorrow at Zakhele 1 Sports Ground**

Manzini United	vs	Two Sticks Comrades	1:30 pm
Young Tigers	vs	Home Sparrows	3:15 pm

**Tomorrow at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground**

Superstars	vs	Combine Stars	1:30 pm
FC North	vs	Green Way	3:15 pm

**Sunday at Zakhele 1 Sports Ground**

African Chiefs	vs	Kholwane F. Birds	1pm
The Bones	vs	Fairview Chiefs	3pm

**Tomorrow at Zakhele 2 Sports Ground**

Wonderful Touch	vs	Siboniso Selwandle	1pm
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**OK Foods Kwaluseni Promotion League****Tomorrow at Ludzeludze Sports Ground**

Sihohhweni Amaita	vs	FC Logoba	3:15 pm
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**Tomorrow at Zombodze Sports Ground**

Zama United	vs	Fashion International	3:15 pm
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**Sunday at TB Centre 1 Sports Ground**

Kwaluseni Rebels	vs	Nsenga Comrades	11am
Mhlane United	vs	Ntunja Arsenal	1pm

**Sunday at Zombodze Sports Ground**

Goweni Trompies	vs	Sacrament	1pm
Zombodze United	vs	Kwaluseni United	3pm

**Sunday at Ludzeludze Sports Ground**

Real Professionals	vs	Dark City	1pm
Lozitha Spurs	vs	Supersport	3pm

**OK Foods Kwaluseni First Division League****Tomorrow at Phowe Sports Ground**

Nsenga Shagari XI	vs	Bafana Bafana	1:30 pm
Gum Valley	vs	FC Matsapha Town	2pm

**Tomorrow at TB Centre 2 Sports Ground**

Umtfunti	vs	Ngonini United	2pm
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**Tomorrow at Ludzeludze Sports Ground**

Boyane United	vs	Ludzeludze Celtics	1:30 pm
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**Tomorrow at Zombodze Sports Ground**

Mhlaleni Superstars	vs	Giant Clockwork	1:30 pm
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**Sunday at TB Centre 2 Sports Ground**

Ngonini United	vs	Ludzeludze Celtics	1pm
Swazi Wire	vs	Matsapha Town	3pm

**Sunday at Zombodze Sports Ground**

Ludzidzi	vs	Manila Stars	9am
Zero Boys	vs	Mahashulane	11am

**Sunday at Ludzeludze Sports Ground**

Ludzeludze Kicks	vs	AFC Heroes	11am
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**S & S Malkerns Promotion League****Tomorrow at Golden Sports Ground**

Vickery Nomads	vs	Golden Arrows	1:30 pm
Swazi Can United	vs	Don Don	3:15 pm

**Tomorrow at Khlang'ile Sports Ground</**



# DU'S CORNER

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

## SOLO INJE CUP FINALS:



## THE CLOSER TO THE BONE, THE SWEETER THE MEAT!

**T**HIS column will start by extending warm words of gratitude and appreciation to our valued sponsor EswatiniBank, for the massive support towards the development of local football.

This is without doubt a bank like no other, a bank with a good heart because in these trying economic conditions worldwide, most companies and businesses tend to turn their backs when approached for sponsorships. EswatiniBank is very different because they are not only involved in sponsoring football, but they also support other essential local competitions, like choral music.

We really do appreciate the support they are showing towards EswatiniBank Cup, a tournament that is divided into three categories. Even regional teams from as low as the Super League get a chance to test their skills against the top teams in the country, and this is what makes the tournament a favourite into local football followers.

Besides the main tournament, there are also categories for women and the Under-20s under the same EswatiniBank Cup umbrella.

This makes it a very complete tournament, which provides great platform for local football followers to enjoy watching the game. It does not end there, because champions of this tournament in the main category get a ticket to represent the country in the CAF Confederation Cup. After sweating blood from the preliminary round to the finals, only two teams, Young Buffaloes and Royal Leopard, remain.

These two will have all the reasons to put 110 per cent effort because the over E1 million prize money incentive is just too massive to let go that easily. Winners of this tournament are guaranteed millionaires and you can expect sparks to fly on Sunday.

I have been assured by the tournament's Management Committee (MC) Chairman Dr Comfort Shongwe that all our supporters who will make it to the stadium on Sunday will not only attend in big numbers, but they will behave well as well.

Yes, we have an opportunity as a football

● Somhlolo National Stadium is no doubt the place to be on Sunday where the EswatiniBank Cup finals will be the centre of attraction with over E1 million incentives for the champions

country to make history by attending more than we did before, which will make the sponsor very happy indeed.

### BUFFALOES VS LEOPARD (SENIORS' TOURNAMENT)

Some have already dubbed this final 'the armed forces derby' and expect fireworks from these two on-form teams at the moment. Those who follow local football would agree that based on current form, Leopard and Buffaloes deserve to be in the final.

They have been too hot to handle and have set the Premier League alight with consistent performances this season.

This final provides them with a chance to prove who is the best and the Somhlolo National Stadium artificial turf will suffer the most when these giants clash head-on. The million-Dollar question is; who will have the last laugh?

It is too close a match to make that call, but one thing for sure is that there is very little separating these two teams. This promises to be a nail-biting final never to be missed!

### MANZINI SUNDOWNS VS TAMBUTI (UNDER-20s FINAL)

We are very proud of these two teams for defying all odds and reaching the final of this tournament, which was not easy at all. They seem to be the finest of the teams in their category at the moment and doing so well this season.

We can only wish them all the best, as they prepare for the final showdown on Sunday and encourage them to practise fair play. We have realised that Tambuti are in this stage for the first time and it is only fair that we congratulate them for achieving this feat.

On the other hand, Sundowns are in the final for the second time in this tournament and this shows that they are a team with a purpose. We wish both teams the best of luck and may the best one win!

### WANDERERS VS BUFFALOES (WOMEN'S FINAL)

This is a historic final, because it pits the strongest teams in local women's football at the moment. There is no doubt that we will get the best football from these two teams and spicing up this encounter are reports that there will be visitors from outside the borders of this country to watch it. This should be a huge motivation for the two teams and the ball is in their court not to disappoint those watching, by giving their best in the field of play.

### SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE SUPPORTERS: COME ONE, COME ALL!

The presence of local football supporters in these games cannot be over-emphasised. The games will never be complete without them and once again on behalf of the Premier League of Eswatini (PLE), National Football Association (FA), sponsor and the football fraternity at large, we would like to invite all football lovers to what will be a great football spectacle on Sunday. Let us fill the stadium to the brim and make this a day not to forget.

We appreciated the good support in Nhlanguano during the semi-finals at King Sobhuza II Stadium, but we expect even bigger numbers at the country's only Mecca. It would be nice to see supporters from all the premier league clubs at the stadium because at the end of it all, it should not really matter that your team was knocked out of this competition but let us all ensure that football is the winner at the end.

I am looking forward to seeing supporters, not just from the finalists but even from teams such as Highlanders, Swallows, Wanderers and the rest. This would show the entire world that people of this country are very passionate about the game.

Let us all go to Somhlolo *bekunene* and above everything, tolerance and discipline should

take the leading role from our supporters. We always discourage hooligans in the game and we do not expect to see those kind of people at the stadium.

### ESWATINIBANK STAFF DESERVE BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE

They normally do not get enough credit for the effort that they put everyday just to ensure that this tournament is a success, and we thank them today for the utmost commitment they always show in this tournament.

We are aware that some of them even sacrifice their off days just to be at the stadium on match days, which comes as a huge motivation for us as football officials.

Such dedication will no doubt come a long way in making this tournament the biggest in the country. Special thanks are extended to the marketing department of this bank, where the likes of Phešeya Vilakati and Lindiwe Shongwe have done incredibly well in terms of supporting these games. The marketing guys make our jobs much easier and we truly appreciate their efforts. Thank you very much!

### LOCAL MEDIA DARLING TO OUR FOOTBALL

Without the media, I am sure our football will not be as marketable as it is now, and as football people, we need to pay tribute to all sports journalists and the entire media houses personnel for the love they continue to show towards the local game.

The good work they do for the local game cannot be quantified because it is massive. Once again, they have outdone themselves in marketing the EswatiniBank Cup games this year and we say thank you very much. Your good work is what will take local football to higher levels, because what you report to the public is what will bring more sponsors to the local game.

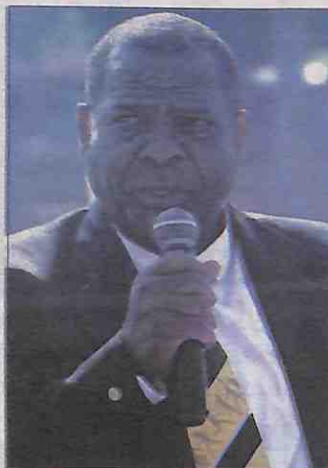
We can only say keep up the good work!



# 2019 COSSASA GAMES GRAND OPENING



**POSE:** COSSASA Executive members and sports officials posing with the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga during the grand opening of the 2019 COSSASA Games at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)



**REMARKS:** COSSASA President Solly Duiker making his remarks.



**PROUDLY ESWATINI:** Members of Team Eswatini displaying the country's flag.



**UMMISO:** Elangeni High School pupils provided cultural flair on the day.



**GIFTS:** COSSASA President Duiker (c) presenting gifts to Minister Bulunga (r) and Manzini Mayor Mxolisi Mabuza.



**LET THE GAMES BEGIN:** Athletes from some of the participating countries.



**ZIMBABWE:** Team Zimbabwe captured during the parade.



**LEFT - PARTICIPATING:** An Elangeni High School pupil hoisting Team Namibia's name.

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■ Tottenham midfielder Christian Eriksen, 27, has verbally agreed to join Real Madrid. (AS)

■ Manchester United have stepped up their pursuit of two Portuguese players - 19-year-old Benfica forward Joao Felix and Sporting Lisbon midfielder Bruno Fernandes, 24. (London Evening Standard)



■ Manchester City midfielder Bernardo Silva has urged his club to sign Benfica's Portugal forward Joao Felix, 19, who is a target for Manchester United. (Metro)

■ Former Manchester United defender Rio Ferdinand has held lengthy talks with the Old Trafford club about their restructuring and has impressed executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward as he considers contenders for the technical director role. (Manchester Evening News)

■ Arsenal and Germany midfielder Mesut Ozil, 30, insists he is happy at the club and wants to stay at the Emirates next season. (Sky Sports)

■ Chelsea's Belgium Under-21 midfielder Charly Musonda, 22, is hopeful of a return on loan to Dutch side Vitesse next season. (Inside Futbol)



■ Manchester United are ready to give 21-year-old England U-21 defender Axel Tuanzebe, who is on loan at Aston Villa, a chance to prove he can break into the first team at Old Trafford. (Mail)

■ Crystal Palace chairman and co-owner Steve Parish has assured fans he 'won't rest' until a new Main Stand, which will increase the capacity of Selhurst Park from 26 000 to more than 34 000, is built. (London Evening Standard)

■ Valencia's 28-year-old former Arsenal defender Gabriel Paulista, who is set to face his old club in the Europa League semi-finals, insists he has 'nothing to prove' to the Gunners. (Independent)

■ A statue celebrating Everton's 'Holy Trinity' - the celebrated midfield trio of Alan Ball, Howard Kendall and Colin Harvey - will be officially unveiled before the club's final home game of the 2018-19 season yesterday. (Liverpool Echo)



■ Barcelona and Argentina striker Lionel Messi, 31, has urged fans not to whistle his Brazilian team-mate Philippe Coutinho, 26, calling it 'ugly'. (Marca)



**DIGNITARIES:** COSSASA Executive members and sports officials posing with the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga during the grand opening of the 2019 COSSASA Games at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)

## Duiker commends Eswatini for prioritising schools sports

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**ATHLETICS - THE Confederation of Southern African Schools Sports Associations (COSSASA) President Solly Duiker has commended the Government of Eswatini for investing in schools sports.**

Duiker said this when making his remarks during the grand opening of the 19th edition of the COSSASA Games held at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. "We would like

to thank the Government of Eswatini for committing itself in schools sports by hosting these games.

"This shows that the country has a lot of passion towards developing future sports stars at a tender age and we further commend the good work that has been done by the local organising committee," he said.

The Namibia-born administrator further urged all the five participating countries to display high level of professionalism throughout the games. "COSSASA advo-

cates for fair-play and integrity and we hope to see that for the entire duration of the games.

"We are looking forward to fruitful and healthy competition among the youngsters," he said.

### Grateful

Meanwhile, Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga thanked COSSASA for allowing the country to host this year's edition.

"We are very grateful to be granted the hosting rights as a country and we hope you will enjoy your

stay in the country. We are also confident Team Eswatini will do well during the games and further unearth new talent for the country.

"We are also worried about the decreasing number of athletes at high school level, and we hope to address the issue soon in the country," he said.

Also making his remark, was Manzini City Council Mayor Mxolisi Mabuza, who said they were happy to host the games in the city and urged the visiting teams to enjoy their stay in the country.

## Players well conditioned during pre-season - MC chairperson

BY JONGILE XUBA

**NETBALL - ESWATINI National Netball Association (ENNA) Management Committee Chairperson Charles Magagula says the pre-season tournament, which ends tomorrow, has helped get elite league teams back into shape.**

The tournament, which started last month, featured teams from the elite league as they are preparing for the upcoming season.

The chairperson said the competition went well, and he was confident teams were able to gauge their gained fitness, as well as improve their level of play.

"The competition ends tomorrow, where we will be crowning the various winners.

"We saw a couple of teams improve during the competition, which is what we wanted," he said.

The tournament will be played at OlympAfrica Courts in Lobamba,

with the ladies semi-finals and the men's final group games being played.

Games are set to start at 9:30am with ladies action and it will be Correctional taking on Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) in a forces derby, with Royal Eswatini Police (REPS) against Raiders at the same time.

The men's category will see Phoenix taking on Vixens at 10:30am, while REPS face Correctional in the second match, which starts at 11:30am.

Magagula said they expected teams to attend the prize presentation, where they would also give updates after the tournament.

### TOMORROW AT OLYMPAFRICA CENTRE

<b>Women</b>			
Correctional	vs	UEDF	9:30am
REPS	vs	Mba Raiders	9:30am
<b>Men</b>			
Phoenix	vs	Vixens	10:30am
REPS	vs	Correctional	11:30am

## PHAYO WINS 2nd JUNIOR'S NOMADS COMPETITION

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**GOLF - TOP young golfer Phayo Dhlamini scored a total of 70 /67 nett points to win the second edition of the Eswatini Nomads junior competition.**

The national team player outclassed fellow A Division players to the title during the competition held at the Mbabane Club on Monday.

Dhlamini was followed by the last edition winner Mfundo Nxumalo, who came second with 84/80 nett points.

Qiniso Mkhonta completed the podium finish with 86/80 points.

The other winners of the day were Sinehemba Mhlana, who won the B Division with 30 points ahead of the second placed Naye Mkhaphi at 26 points.

Local development coach Meshack

### COMPETITION CATEGORIES

#### A DIVISION

1. Phayo Dhlamini for winning the overall gross on score of 70 gross / net 67
2. Mfundo Nxumalo 84 gross/ 80 nett
3. Qiniso Mkhonta 86/80
4. Lindzwe Gamendze 88/74
5. Sibusiso Maphalala 91/73
6. Melizwe Mkhize 96/78
7. Sinabo Maphalala 100/81
8. Sophie Mhlana 102/78
9. Mphilo Nxumalo 112/91

#### B DIVISION

1. Sinehemba Mhlana 30 points
2. Naye Mkhaphi (26)
3. Sisekelo Masuku (22)
4. Mongi Masuku (22)
5. Thando Masilela (22)
6. Lwandise Shongwe (21)
7. S Gamendze 20
8. Phwa Dlamini (11)
9. Z Mabuza (11)

#### GIRLS DIVISION

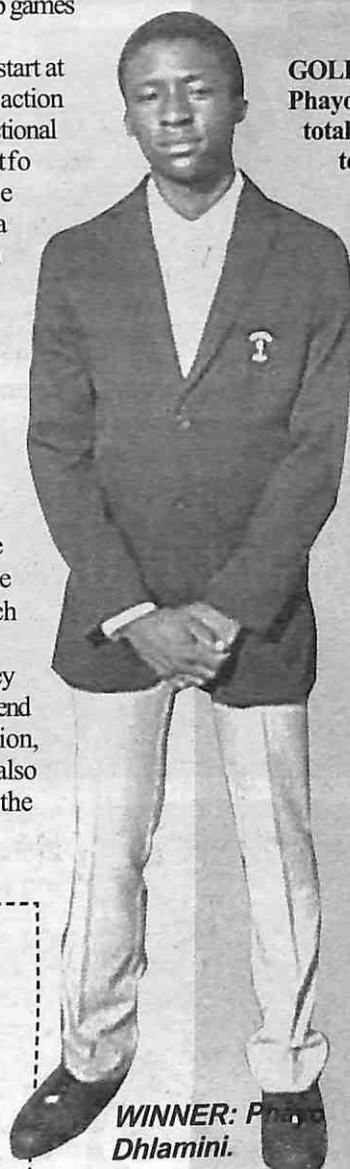
1. Vuyiswa Dlamini (26)
2. Vikelwe Magagula (18)
3. Sima Tfwala (9)
4. Ahano (8)
5. Nomkhosi Dlamini (8)
6. Kaylah Zwane (7)
7. Chanele Groening (6)
8. Esabel Dlobo (4)
9. Silungelwe Dlamini (3)

#### 9 HOLE TOURNAMENT

1. Busakahle Dlamini (9)
2. Sethu Hlatjwayo (8)
3. Nkosenhle Dladla (6)
4. Jr Dlamini (5)
5. Tinaye Bukutu 4
6. Sinenkhosi Dlamini (3)
7. Panashe Bukutu (2)
8. Liam Dlobo (1)

Zwane congratulated all the winners of the day for their achievement.

"We would to thank Eswatini Nomads for their continuous support to the competition and parents for their assistance in the games," he said.



**WINNER: Phayo Dhlamini.**



# Save us from relegation - 'Koki' told!

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER - MANZINI** Wanderers independent executive Director Mehluli Nhlengetfwa has since tasked the team's technical bench to save the team from relegation.

The South Africa-based businessman is said to have told the coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati technical bench to steer the hub giants out of the drop zone during his meeting with the five-member panel on Wednesday afternoon.

The Wanderers' technical bench comprises head coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati, Nsindiso Gama (first assistant coach), Mthunzi Ginindza (second assistant coach), Christian Thwala (physical trainer) and Bheki Simelane (goal-keeper coach).

**SAVE: Manzini Wanderers coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.**

Nhlengetfwa told the coaches to win the remaining two games in the MTN Premier League, where he further pledged his full support to the team coaches ahead of the upcoming crunch clashes against Matsapha United and Mbabane Highlanders.

The maroon and white giants are mathematically not safe from relegation, as they are languishing at position 12 with 24 points after 24 matches of the ongoing campaign.

Nhlengetfwa confirmed his meeting with the technical bench when contacted yesterday.

"It is true we met with the technical bench, and I told them that we can pull together and win the remaining two league games," he said.

Vilakati joined the crowd-pulling side in December from capital city giants Mbabane Swallows, where he replaced veteran coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe.

## Musa extends lead in MTN goal-scorers' charts

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER - GREEN** Mamba striker Musa Dlamini has extended his tally to 15 goals in the MTN Premier League goal-scorers charts.

The reigning MTN Premier League first round best player increased his goals during their resounding 5-1 victory over Mbabane Citizens last weekend at the Tambankulu Stadium.

Dlamini's rival Sandile Gamedze of Young Buffaloes is second with 12 goals.

Both Green Mamba and Young Buffaloes are left with three games before the end of the current campaign.

The league top goal-scorer will take home E12 000 at the end of the season.

**TOP: Green Mamba striker Musa Dlamini.**

### MTN Premier League scorers' chart:

Name	(Team)	Goals
Musa Dlamini	(Green Mamba)	15
Sandile Gamedze	(Young Buffaloes)	12
Thabiso Mokenkoane	(Highlanders)	9
Lungelo Tsabedze	(Leopard)	8
Phiwa Dlamini	(Buffaloes)	8
Ndoda Mthethwa	(Buffaloes)	7
Muzi Tsabedze	(Sea Birds)	7
Binwill Katini	(Malanti)	7
Tony Tsabedze	(Swallows)	7
Bhekumuzi Mamba	(Sea Birds)	6
Mcolisi Mkhontfo	(Green Mamba)	6
Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo	(Green Mamba)	5
Vusumuzi Zungu	(Highlanders)	5
Barry Steenkamp	(R Leopard)	5
Sandile Mazibuko	(Malanti Chiefs)	4
Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze	(Highlanders)	4
Ugochukwu Ohakwe	(Wanderers)	4
Linda Nkambule	(Green Mamba)	3
Mfan'fikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze	(Wanderers)	3
Kingu Pemba	(Sundowns)	3
Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala	(Swallows)	3
Muzi 'Mzoro' Dlamini	(Leopard)	3
Melusi 'Melo' Mkhwanazi	(Leopard)	2
Johnson Menshah	(Wanderers)	2
Mthobisi Mngometulu	(Highlanders)	2
Mohammed Sabella	(Vovovo)	2
Vusumuzi 'Spoko' Mashaba	(Sundowns)	2
Junior Magagula	(Leopard)	2
Wandile Nhleko	(Sea Birds)	2
Fanelo 'Order' Mamba	(Buffaloes)	2
Lwazi Mamba	(Pirates)	3
Mphucuko Dlamini	(Pirates)	2
Fanelo Tsabedze	(Leopard)	2
Lindelwa Dlodlu	(Leopard)	2
Sifiso Maseko	(Wanderers)	2
Clement Sibandze	(Matsapha)	1
Roy Mamba	(Tambuti)	1
Mancoba Vilakati	(Citizens)	1

## Three-horse race for Swazi Trac Super League title

STORIES BY JONGILE XUBA

**SOCCER - THE** Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League title race has reached its climax, as three teams are still in contention for the championship, which carries a ticket to the MTN National First Division.

Leaders Illovo FC, second-placed Rail United and Ubombo Flyers remain the three teams on course of winning the championship at the end of the season.

Currently, Illovo have 67 points in 30 games, while United, who have two games pending, are at 61 points. Flyers, who have one game in hand, are at 60 points.

Although Flyers have a mathematical chance of winning it, the real battle is between Illovo and Rail United

when considering that the latter could catch up with the leaders should they collect maximum points in the 'pending' games.

For Flyers, theirs is a bit more complex because they have to win all their games and also pray that their fellow contenders crumble in all their remaining games, something which is obviously beyond their control. Interestingly, Illovo FC have to win one game to reach 70 points and eliminate Flyers from the race as the latter could only manage to reach 69 points if they win all their remaining games.

Illovo and United, who demonstrated consistency throughout the campaign, are surely bringing the race to an intriguing photo-finish come end of the season.

Other than the fact that Illovo are six points clear on top, there is nothing

much that separates the two sides. Rail United have a superior goal difference, with 42 goals against Illovo's 41. Both sides have been defeated three times and drew seven times. United have scored 59 goals, while Illovo have visited the net 58 times and they have both conceded 17 goals. With the head-to-head rule a determining factor in case of a tie, no team have advantage in this aspect, as they have played a stalemate in the first and second round meetings.

In the opposite side of the table Mkhweli All Stars are rooted in the basement with 11 points in 29 games, and relegation is now inevitable for them when considering the number of teams to be chopped against the position they could possibly occupy even if they win all their remaining games.

### THE FULL FIXTURE:

TONIGHT			
Mayaluka Stadium			
Mkhweli All Stars	vs Samampela	7pm	
Ntengenyane	vs Sikhalo	9pm	
TOMORROW			
Lavundlamanti Sports Ground			
Mauritius	vs Rail United	3pm	
Malahleni Sports Ground			
Bhelebane	vs Crookes United	1pm	
Malahleni UTD	vs Ubombo Flyers	3pm	
Mayaluka Stadium			
CPL	vs M Peacemakers	1pm	
Illovo	vs Shewula Arsenal	3pm	

United visit Mauritius FC at Lavundlamanti Sports Ground. Ubombo Flyers have a date with Malahleni

United at Mpaka in a double header, which also features Bhelebane Sundowns against Crookes United earlier on.

## ...Interesting fixtures in Swazi Trac League this weekend

**SOCCER - THE** beat goes on in Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League this weekend, as seven games have been lined-up in various venues across the region.

According to week 31 fixtures released by Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA) Secretary General Sicelo Nene, leaders Illovo FC face a tricky clash against Shewula Arsenal at Mayaluka Stadium tomorrow while on the same day, second-placed Rail

### Malandalahle Community Hall.

The Pigg's Peak side will be reviewing their historical season after gaining promotion to Premier League with only two games before the end of the ongoing campaign.

The club's Chairman, Charles Matsebula, urged the entire Swallows

family to attend the meeting without fail.

"We invite all stakeholders to an important meeting to start at 7:30am at the Malandalahle Community Hall. We will be delivering all reports of the team and our plan for next season. We urge every Black Swallows per-

son to attend," he said.

Matsebula further stated that they were still to review the performance of their technical bench comprising of head coach George Madira and assistant coach Zwelibandzi 'Botsotso' Khoza.

"We are quite happy with the input of the two coaches this season and we are still to sit down and discuss a way forward with them. We also need to set up our two development teams to

compete in the Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) Under-17 and Reserve League, respectively, next season. We also want to start our next pre-season early in June," he said. Black Swallows are expected to host their end-of-year and an award ceremony on 25 May at venue yet to be announced. The uncrowned National First Division champions and first round kings will wrap up their campaign against Tinyosi FC.

## Black Swallows meeting on Sunday

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER - MTN** National First Division champions Black Swallows have since summoned their supporters to a mass meeting scheduled for Sunday morning at the

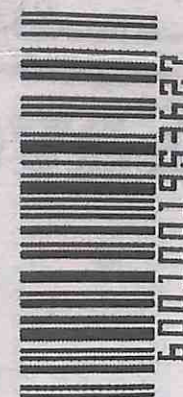


FIXTURES			
ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE			
21:00	Everton	vs	Burnley
ITALY SERIE A			
20:30	Juventus	vs	Torino
BUNDESLIGA			
20:30	Mainz 05	vs	RB Leipzig

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## Zungu quits 'Landers!

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER – MBABANE** Highlanders mid-field maestro Vusumuzi Zungu has reportedly ended his second stint with the capital city giants.

The South African player is said to have returned home, as he is currently serving a two-month unpaid notice after excusing himself from the team's activities last month.

A source close to the matter revealed that the player was now waiting to make his next move after falling out of favour with Highlanders.

"The player is currently in South Africa, where he is waiting to end his contract with Highlanders and make his next move. He couldn't agree on personal terms with Highlanders, hence he decided to go back home.

"He will decide on his future in June, where he is likely to join a new team for next season. I can tell you now that he will not be playing for Highlanders next season," the source said.

Highlanders Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Thulani Khumalo said he was yet to be briefed about the matter when reached for comment yesterday.

"I haven't received anything regarding the matter you are talking about and, therefore, it would be folly for me to comment until I get a formal briefing. All I know is that he is still a Highlanders player," he said.

### Previously

Attempts were made to get the player, but his cellphone was on voicemail mode when also tried yesterday.

Zungu was in his second stint with Highlanders after previously donning the black and white jersey during the 2015/16 season during the era of former managing director Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane.

The former Jomo Cosmos and Matsapha United player was one of the seasoned performers for the 'Black Bull', as he helped the team reach the finals of the 2019 SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup.



## FAREWELL PAPY

BY JONGILE XUBA

● Late player described as a true football professional, and a lovely fella

**SOCCER – A special farewell memorial service for the deceased Malanti Chiefs player Papy Faty was held at the Mbabane Burial Society chapel yesterday, where his former team's players had gone to pay their final respect to the player, whose remains are expected to be transported to his native country any time from now.**

Club captain Siyabonga Nkambule and coach Raymond Dlamini made emotional remarks after the team was given a chance to view their colleague's body for one last time.

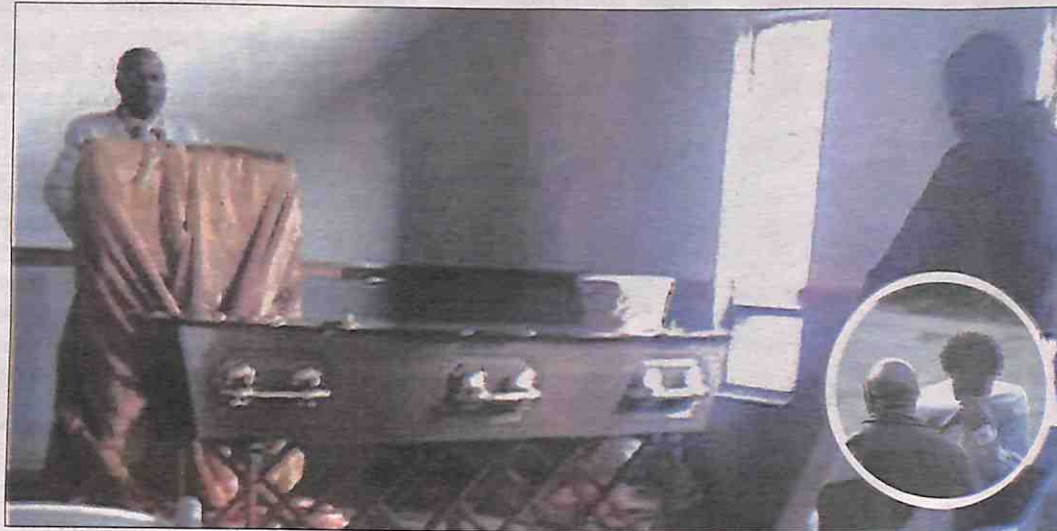
Speaking during the service, the skipper said the former Bidvest Wits and Burundi international never spoke ill of the Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) despite having graced international stages before playing for Malanti.

"Papy was a phenomenal character on and off the pitch, and I have learnt a lot from him as a captain. He never complained about work and what I really liked about him was his humility. Despite being an international star, Papy never treated our league like it was less important. He always played each game with dedication and really loved football," he said.

Nkambule added that he was still haunted by the last message he received from Papy, and that his untimely death had left a huge void in the club, which might be difficult to fill.

### Collapsed

"The last time I communicated with Papy was via a text message, where he was asking me where we would meet after the fateful game, where he eventually collapsed and died. I never replied that text and I still can't because I don't know where I will meet him after this incident, but I hope it's heaven. Papy was one of a kind, who can never



**GOODBYE:** The late Burundi and Malanti Chiefs player Papy Faty's casket on display during a special memorial service for held at Mbabane Burial Society yesterday. **INSET - TOO MUCH TO BEAR:** Malanti Chiefs player Sifiso Makhubu sheds tears after leaving the service as he is consoled by the team doctor.

(Pics: Jongile Xuba)



**SOMBRE MOOD:** Malanti Chiefs players leaving the Mbabane Burial Society in a sombre mood.

be replaced, and may his soul rest in eternal peace," he said, holding back tears.

Meanwhile, the club coach Ray Dlamini said Faty brought a new dimension and professionalism to the club and his death was a huge loss to the club, supporters and the local community.

"Papy was a true professional, who always dedicated himself 100 per cent in everything he did. He led by example, from being the first one in and the last one to leave the training ground. He was a workaholic and a good example to other foreign players. He fought hard to be part of the first 11. He will be

missed by the community, as he also had a good heart, donating to the less privileged, and the needy. He was a world class of his own," he said.

### Clearance

Dlamini said they were grateful to have had a player of Papy's calibre in the team, even though it was just for a short time. On another note, Malanti Public Relations Officer Lungile Dube said they were waiting for an expatriate clearance form, after which Faty's body will be transported to OR Tambo International Airport, where a connecting flight to his homeland will be waiting. The delegation will leave with two club officials, who are yet to be confirmed.

"We are still waiting for the clearance form and we hope it will be here by tomorrow (today). After that, we are hoping to send two club officials to accompany the body, where it will be received by the Burundi Football Association officials," she said.

## PSL players, legends for Ngwempisi Charity Festival

BY JONGILE XUBA

**SOCCER – PREMEIR Soccer League (PSL) stars in the likes of Mamelodi Sundowns' Andile Jali and Orlando Pirates' Thamsanqa Gabuza have confirmed their participation in the Ngwempisi Inkhundla Charity Soccer Festival, slated for next month (June 8).**

This was revealed on Wednesday during a press briefing at Legends Backpackers Lodge by Ngwempisi Member of Parliament (MP) and organizer of the festival Mthandeni Dube.

The MP said said preparations for the event were at an advanced stage as a number of the SA stars and legends had already confirmed their participation.

He said the players would interact

with the local youth and have life skills talks with them after the game.

"The invited guests will feature during an exhibition game and have youth talks after."

### Preparing

He thanked one of the organisers Zama Tsabedze for his contribution in preparing for the event.

"We invite members of the public from all corners of the country to come

### SOME OF THE CONFIRMED PLAYERS:

Andile Jali	- Mamelodi Sundowns	Kingston Nkhatha	- Kaizer Chiefs
Aubrey Ngoma	- Mamelodi Sundowns	Moketi Tsotetsi	- Kaizer Chiefs
Thamsanqa Gabuza	- Orlando Pirates	Vincent Kobola	- Cape Town City
Lucky Lekgwati	- Orlando Pirates	Tshegofatso Mashego	- Free State Stars
Lizo Mjempu	- Orlando Pirates	Lebohlang Mokoena	- Maccabi FC
Thulasizwe Mbuyane	- Orlando Pirates	Mico Nxumalo	- Manzini Wanderers
Hleza Mofedi	- Orlando Pirates	Mboya Katala	- Mbabane Highlanders
Junior Khanye	- Kaizer Chiefs	Darren Christie	- Manzini Sea Birds

meet their idols. I would like to thank the local organising committee for their

hard work and Zama Tsabedze for helping us get the PSL stars."