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Prince Majaha fits a feather on gospel artist Nothando Hlophe's head during the Reed Dance Ceremony at Ludzidzini Royal Residence Arena yesterday. This was during the last day of the ceremony, which ended on a high note. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

TRUCK DRIVERS WARN ON ECONOMIC CRISIS

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Warm first week of Spring

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

INFORMATION sourced from Accuweather services shows a warm first week of spring accompanied by light rains as the week progresses.

Throughout the week interchanging weather patterns are predicted. Extended hours of sunrise are expected

ed as sunrise will be at 0607 hours, while sunset will be at 1743 hours. Today it will be sunny and hot in the Lowveld.

Tomorrow, it will be sunny and warm in most parts of the country while cloudy patches are predicted at places.

On Thursday, It will be cool and warm in the Lowveld, clouds are expected at places. Afternoon light thunder showers are predicted.

TODAY

Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
13/26	14/27	14/29	3/28	5/30	11/31

TOMORROW

Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
12/27	13/28	15/30	14/29	16/31	12/32

THURSDAY

Mbabane	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
10/24	11/25	13/27	12/26	14/28	10/29

E130 000 hidden in car boot stolen

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Manzini

A 63-year-old man learnt the hard way that hiding money in a spare wheel is definitely not the safest place to keep money.

This is after the money kept in the spare wheel was stolen by unknown people. Information gathered is that the 63-year-old man had kept about E130 000 in the car boot.

Chief Police Information and

Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident.

She said Simunye police were investigating theft from a motor vehicle case, whereby on Friday a 63-year-old man of Mpolonjeni discovered that his motor vehicle, a Nissan March was broken into and a sum of E130 000 was stolen which was hidden under a spare wheel in the car boot while at Simunye Plaza.

Vilakati said investigations are still ongoing.

SUPERVISOR DEFRAUDS ESWATINI MOBILE E12 000

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A 23-year-old former Eswatini Mobile supervisor was arrested for swindling his employer of a sum of E12 036.

Thobeka Kunene of Ngwane Park appeared before Manzini Senior Magistrate Simangele Mbatha on Friday on charges of theft.

Kunene's superior Sibusiso Dumisani Gwebu, who is employed as a Retail Manager by Eswatini Mobile, told the court that Kunene had sent a cash deposit slip via WhatsApp to his supervisor; one Nozipho Kunene.

The deposit slip is said to have reflected that the cash deposit was done on June 5, 2019. However, the account that the money had been deposited into could not be established by the supervisor, hence she called Gwebu to inform him of the anomaly. The supervisor is said to have told Gwebu that she could not verify the authenticity of the slip because the printing on it was faint.

Kunene's supervisor's efforts to find the bank deposit book that Kunene had used also proved futile as it was nowhere in the store. It is said that she was then advised to call Kunene in so that he could show them where he had placed the bank deposit book.

Worth noting is that when Kunene sent the deposit slip, he had already left his job at Eswatini Mobile Experience Centre at Bhunu Mall where he was employed as a supervisor. The basis of him leaving his job could not be ascertained. As part of his duties, Kunene was expected to receive all monies from cashiers, bank it and prepare financial reports. He is said to

have misused his authority to steal the money from his employer.

After being called in by his superior, Kunene is said to have taken two days before he showed up and he also could not find the deposit book he presumably used. To make matters worse, Gwebu said the E12 036 that was collected from the Bhunu Mall shop did not reflect in the bank statements. Since this was suspicious, Gwebu said the police were then roped in. When Kunene was given an opportunity to state his defence before the court, he opted not to say anything. This was construed by the court as admission of guilt. The magistrate also mentioned that remaining silent meant that the money was never recovered as he had used it as his own.

"It's a pity that the court is left in the dark about the challenges you faced that resulted to you committing this offence. Still, with your actions, the other employees will be watched with a hawk's eye and the employer will have to come up with measures to prevent such happening in the future," the magistrate said.

"You were lucky to be caught the first time you committed the offence because if it were not the case, you might have continued stealing until you stole even a bigger amount of money," she continued.

In mitigation, Kunene told the court that it was a mistake for him to allow his financial challenges control his decisions. He pleaded for leniency from the magistrate when meting out his sentence, as he was a new father with a new-born baby who is dependent on him.

Kunene was sentenced to two years imprisonment with an option of E6 000 fine.

OVER 10 000 WATCH

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Ludzidzini

Throngs of people joined Their Majesties in watching the Reed Dance main day at Ludzidzini Royal Residence yesterday.

This cultural showcase drew a large crowd of more than 10 000 who were from all four corners of the world in the Southern African Development Community (SADC), Africa and other continents.

Emakhosikati, Emazinyane, members of the Royal family, His Majesty the King's guests from different countries, country representatives and other dignitaries who included cabinet ministers, Members of Parliament, members of different councils and top government officials were also present to witness a beautiful afternoon of our cultural activity.

Imbali, who turned up in their numbers for the event, were a marvel to watch as they danced before Their Majesties led by Imbali national leader



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III sharing a light moment with African Development Bank President Dr Akinwumi Adesina who was a guest while Her Majesty the Indlovukazi looks on.

Nonduduzo Zubuko and Imbali regiment leader Princess Temaswati, both of who performed beautiful dances to thrill the spectators.

The Imbali chanted; "Siyimbali yema Swati sichakazile, sitayincoba iAIDS," which can be translated to "we are the pride of Eswatini nation, we are blo-

soming and we will conquer AIDS", among many of the songs they performed on the day.

Maidens from the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS), His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS), and Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) were a force to be reckoned

Prince Majaha fits 'ligwalagwala' on Nothando

THIS year's Umhlanga Reed Dance proved to be historic when Lizinyane Prince Majaha fitted a feather on Nothando Hlophe's head.

Hlophe is a gospel artist of 'Khulu-l'ugcobo' and 'Yebo' fame.

Prince Majaha is His Majesty King Mswati III's third born son and first born to Inkhosikati LaMotsa.

As Libutfo leader Princess Temaswati danced to songs 'ngeke ngisale sakha live', 'tekatakho ndabazewe', she was joined by maidens from Engabezweni Royal Residence and Hlophe who had earlier on raised speculations following her adorning red feathers 'emagwalagwala' which are known to be worn by Royalty at events.

There was already abuzz on the day following her appearance during Sunday's activities where she spotted emagwalagwala.

As Princess Temaswati was still dancing, Emazinyane had to come and do what is called kudlalisela. There was abuzz around the arena as Emazinyane approached the maidens, as Prince Majaha went straight towards Hlophe, who was next to the princess dancing beautifully.

Before dancing next to her, Prince Majaha stood before her and Hlophe blushed shyly. They exchanged a few words chatting and smiling at each other momentarily.

The prince then decorated her head with a red feather, adding to the ones she was already wearing before continuing to dance next to her.

Almost everyone at the arena stood up to see and experience the historic event. There was ululation and whistles after Prince Majaha fitted the ligwalagwala on Hlophe's head.

It should be noted that a similar occurrence happened two years ago when



NOMSHADO SIYAWEMUKELA: Prince Majaha fits a feather on gospel artist Nothando Hlophe during the Reed Dance at the Ludzidzini Royal Residence arena yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

Inkhasatana Princess Sikhanyiso was libutfo leader. As she was dancing in the arena Mpumalanga House of Traditional Leaders (MHTL) Chief Hhoyi II giyaed before her and fitted a feather on her head, which raised many speculations then as well.

Completing

From Sunday afternoon when maidens delivered the reed before Their Majesties, Nothando Hlophe was already spotting the red feathers completing her traditional regalia.

Some people referred to her as a special maiden as the reason behind her

wearing the red feathers.

"We were discussing with the people sitting around what this could mean. You just don't wear emagwalagwala, if you are not a Dlamini of Royal blood then you are seen wearing people are bound to make assumptions," said Sozabile Dlamini from Ntandozi.

At the end of a beautiful afternoon, Imbali indvuna announced that there was a token from the King. "Lalela mbali, Inkhosi isiphe tinkunzi. Inkhosi iphekile," she said as the proceedings concluded, much to the screams and shouts of 'Bayethe!'

SWATI HOME A HIVE OF ACTIVITIES

THE Swati home at Ludzidzini Royal Residence was a hive of activity with tourists flocking and asking questions on the traditional set-up.

As the day progressed, the tourists

increased in numbers wearing Swati kanga. These were from America, China, Italy, South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Lesotho. Eswatini Tourism Authority Chief Executive Officer Linda Nxumalo

said they were expecting this as tourists love the traditional regalia, culture and the whole purpose of the event the Umhlanga Reed Dance which they found to be amazing.

HISTORIC UMHLANGA



IN DANCE: Emazinyane Tebukhosi, Sibahle and Ezwe dancing up a storm before the throngs of people present.

with as they danced uniformly displaying their skills to different songs.

They entered the arena *bahlehla bakha umkhumbi* before Indvuna Zubuko started a song 'munikeni lihawu lakhe atodlalisela'. The King moved with *lacwebetelako* doing the *giya* dance as *adlalisela* before the different maidens.

As per custom, His Majesty the King joined in the activity, much

to the excitement of the maidens. His Majesty moved around the throngs of maidens who danced, singing 'livi lekutjelwa boBabe', 'Mswati utsi ayihlome nalonyaka', 'ngivile ngebemanga kutsi Inkosi iseLudzidzini' and many more.

Emakhosikati LaMatsebula, LaMotsa, LaNgangaza, LaMahlangu, LaMahlangu, LaMagongo, LaNtentesa, LaNkambule, LaFogiyane

and LaMashwama joined in the arena dancing alongside the maidens.

Followed

Indvuna yeMbali Nonduduzo Zubuko did the *giya* dance to the song 'live lakho Ngwenyama libusa ngetinkhundla' and 'ngivile ngebemanga kutsi Inkosi ise Ludzidzini'.

Zubuko was followed by Bhamasakhe, the Indvuna of young maidens Bongiwe 'Vivane'

Hlshwako who made an impact at a young age. She danced beautifully to 'ngikhumbul'eMantenga lonemanti', 'basizonda live lonkhe' and 'sawubona gogo, sawubona salukazi'.

Inkhosatana yeLudzidzini Princess Sibahle danced to 'akunasangoma kulelive'. Libutfo lembali leader Princess Temaswati danced to 'sukumani tive tonkhe', 'ulikhambi lemhlaba wonkhe kuMalaleveva', 'sive nenhlaba nemazulu ayamvu-uma okandaba', 'asaliwa ngetikhali' and 'kudzinwa kubeketela'.

Danced

South African maidens also joined in on the fun. The maidens who were present were from different provinces including Gauteng, Kwa-Zulu Natal and Mpumalanga where some of Emaswati chiefs have royal kraals. They were from Johannesburg, Standerton, Ermelo, Volkrust, Glenmore, Pongola, Dume, Enkhaba lendzala and Mjindini to name a few.

They jointly danced and sang 'mkabayi kaJama', 'elethu lelizwe', 'buphi buntombi bakho busele emobeni' dressed in their native traditional regalia.

Emaswati from across the border were joined by Princesses and danced to 'akeniphume nibukele bugabazi balembali'.

GENERATIONS' JACK MABASO EXCITES FANS

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Ludzidzini

THE arrival of Generations Actor Vusi Kunene did not go unnoticed yesterday.

Emaswati were all over the actor, who plays the role of the notorious Jack Mabaso in the South African popular soapie Generations. Kunene arrived at about 3:30pm at Ludzidzini arena to watch the young maidens showcasing their traditional dancing skills.

Among those that took pictures with Kunene were Lubombo Regional Administrator (RA) Themba Msibi.

Kunene spent much of his time having a conversation with Border Restoration Committee member Mandla Dlamini.

Speaking to this publication, Kunene said he was in the country for business purposes. He then got an opportunity to be part of Umhlanga, after he was invited to be there. He said it was his first time to attend the event and was impressed at the way in which Emaswati preserved their culture.

Kunene said he had been in the country several times and each time he arrived, he would receive a very warm welcome from Emaswati. Kunene is expected to go back home today.



NDLOVUKAZI:
Generations Actor Vusi Kunene greets Indlovukazi.

LEFT -
Emazinyane pose for the lenses.



KZN girls travel 10 hours for Umhlanga

GIRLS from KwaZulu Natal (KZN) in South Africa had to travel for 10 hours from that country just to be part of Umhlanga.

The girls are from a place called Dume, which is situated in KZN. They departed from that place on

Thursday last week and arrived in this country the following day. The maidens took part in the event until Sunday afternoon, where they had to return home to continue with their matric examinations.

The maidens were under the

guidance of three women, who were also tasked to take care of them and protect them.

The women comprised Lindiwe Zwane, Nonhlanhla Thabede, and Esther Zikode. They said their authorities had sent them to be part of the event.

They said they had a King from a Dlamini household back in KZN and the King had roots in Eswatini. They said the Royal family from Eswatini also attended events they would have in KZN.

She said they liked culture and the children had to be taken care of because they would be the ones building strong families in the future.

Truck drivers warn of economic crisis

BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

TRUCKS from Eswatini are now warning Emaswati about a looming economic crisis.

Trucks from Eswatini have been stuck at border posts shared with South Africa for the past five days now.

The reason for this unfortunate incident is as a result of the drivers, who now fear for their lives in South Africa.

Speaking yesterday to this publication, one of the truck drivers said many of the trucks were stuck at Ngwenya and the situation was the same in other border gates shared with South Africa.

Vusi Ngozo said this was likely to affect the whole country, if government did not act swiftly to engage the government of South Africa about this issue. He said the problem was that they were being killed as truck drivers in South Africa, hence they were now stuck at the border gates.

Wondered

Ngozo wondered why the government of this country allowed trucks from South Africa to enter into this country. He said this was unfortunate because the country would now find itself having to import its products, yet no exports were going out.

He said companies like Conco Limited in Matsapha were also affected by this. "A truck from Conco is also stuck at Ngwenya Border Post, as we speak. The products are rotting in the trucks and this means the companies will lose money," Ngozo said.

The driver further stated that in South Africa, they attacked any truck driver that drove a foreign registered truck.

He said some of the trucks affected in this matter carried sugar, timber products, food, loin skins among other products. He said such products had to be transported within a certain time frame from a point of production to the market.

Situation

He further warned of a situation where the country would find itself with no fuel to transport goods and people.

"Fuel is imported from South Africa and trucks from Southern Star were the ones that imported fuel from South Africa. The problem now is how these trucks are going fetch the fuel from that country to Eswatini," he said.

He said if South Africa did not allow trucks to enter into their country, Eswatini should also do the same.

Otherwise the two governments should engage one another and come up with a lasting solution to the problem.

The problem of truck drivers seems to be far from being over, as it was already one of the topical issues by last year.

The truck drivers have reportedly come under severe attack in South Africa, as South Africans are said to be of the view that the truck drivers took away their jobs from them. The South Africans are said to have resorted to attack trucks with foreign registration.

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UMHLANGA MAIN DAY



SPECTACULAR: The Reed Dance Ceremony ended on a high note with thousands of Imbali coming from all over the country and beyond borders dancing before Their Majesties, the nation and the world at Ludzidzini Royal Residence yesterday. This marked the last day of the ceremony, which started about a week back. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



GREETINGS: South African actor Vusi Kunene, well-known as Jack Mabaso in his acting career meets His Majesty King Mswati III while the ADB president looks on.



JOVIAL: Princess Temaswati in a jubilant mood as she showcases her dance skills.



FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS: Princess Adelaide joined by the special guests as they watch Imbali.



IN SONG: Emakhosikati appreciate Princess Sibahle, who led Imbali from Ludzidzini.



TALENTED: Indvuna Nonduduzo 'Zuzu' Zubuko shows off her dancing skills as she led the Imbali.



PRESENT: Diplomats also came through to witness the ceremony.



SHINING: The Umhlanga ceremony continues to attract even Imbali from outside the country as maidens from Ntuzuma in KZN also came through to be part of the ceremony.



MOVES: Princess Tebukhosi shows off what she has to offer during the dance session.

UMHLANGA MAIN DAY



ROYAL GUEST: His Majesty King Mswati III with African Development Bank President Dr. Akinwumi Adesina during the main day of the Reed Dance Ceremony at Ludzidzini dancing arena yesterday. Princes Sicalo and Lindani (R) doing kudlalisela for Imbali. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



TINTFOMBI: Princess Temaswati (c) leads Imbali from Ngabezweni Royal Residence as they pass their Majesties.



IN FULL SWING: Imbali showcasing their talent.



NIYASIVA: Imbali from His Majesty's Correctional Services displaying their talent.



THRONGS: Thousands of people came to witness the annual event.

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Mother of 8 advised to stop having more kids

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

"I'd advice that you stop having any more children."

These were words by Manzini Senior Magistrate Simangele Mbatha to a 38-year-old mother of eight; Philile Nkambule of Stoneboy in Ngwane Park.

The magistrate said this before meting out sentencing for Nkambule who was arrested for neglecting her 10-month-old twins.

The crime was committed on June 12, where Nkambule left the minors unattended while she went to Manzini Bus Rank to sell sausages. Evidence brought before court suggested that the twins were crying without anyone attending to them and after social welfare workers were anonymously tipped by concerned neighbours, it is said the twins were found on a bed alone. The house they were in is also said to have been filthy and not fit for children occupation. Also found at the scene, according to a social welfare worker who provided evidence, were two feeding bottles filled with tea.

When responding to this, Nkambule said the children's formula had run out and that she hoped to buy some on her way home from selling the sausages in town. She told the court that she had left the tea for the twins for them to drink while she was away.

In this regard, the magistrate said Nkambule should have prepared them thin porridge with which was way more affordable than the formula milk instead of the tea. Further, it was brought before court that Nkambule was not

a first time client at the social welfare department as back in 2017, one of her other children was also taken away from her and was placed at a safer place after she neglected him in the same fashion she did with the twins.

Magistrate Mbatha said although she was fully cognisant of the fact that having children was one's choice, she also thought it would be best if Nkambule stopped having them so that she could have more time and energy to look after the ones she already has. The magistrate said before she could raise her children with the motherly love they deserved, Nkambule needed psychological assistance first in order for her to deal with her problems. "Once you've learnt to forgive and love yourself, then you surely can take good care of your children. For now, it looks like your children come second in your life and your first priority is what you want for yourself," the court said.

The magistrate said this after Nkambule had told her that her eight children had different fathers because she was an impatient woman who could up and leave once the relationship stopped serving her.

In her mitigation, Nkambule asked that the court be lenient so that she could return home to her children whom she asked for permission to see at least twice a month. She asked that the father of the twins should not be allowed to see them because he was the one responsible for her behaviour.

Nkambule said this was more so because he only provided formula milk until they were only four months, yet he knew that she was unemployed and could not afford to buy the milk. She was sentenced to two years imprisonment with an option of E5 000 fine.

IMPORT CAR DEALERS

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Manzini

IN the wake of the trucking strike action which has grounded the movement of trucks across Eswatini and South Africa, dealers of import cars in the country have reportedly suffered a major blow.

Trucks make it across the border on a daily basis ferrying cars and car parts from Durban to the dealerships especially around Manzini, Matsapha and Mbabane.

Over the past two days, these dealerships have felt the effects of the strike action taking place in South Africa. This is because according to some dealers they are now unable to ferry cars and car parts from the Durban port to Eswatini in fear of having their cars damaged by angry protesters.

By yesterday reports were to the effect that three trucks had been damaged since Sunday afternoon.

It is suspected that the damages are linked to the national truck strike. According to information released by the South African Police

Service (SAPS) in the first incident, a truck en route to Johannesburg from Coega was forced to stop on the N2 at Olifantskop Pass at 15:00 on Sunday.

The SAPS stated that three suspects used a silver VW Polo to block the road and caused the truck to stop. They then set the truck alight by throwing flammable objects at it. It is said the driver escaped unharmed, however the truck was severely damaged. A case of malicious damage to property was opened at Paterson Police Station.

At 0300 hours, the police said a truck turning at the R335 off-ramp on the N2 towards Markman was shot at by an unknown suspect. "The windows of the truck was damaged however the driver managed to drive the truck to safety."

A case of attempted murder was opened at Swartkops Police Station," the statement read. Again at 0500 hours according to SAPS another trucking incident happened at on R335 where unknown suspects threw stones at a truck.

The windscreen of the truck was damaged in the process but the driver managed to drive to safety. A case of malicious damages to prop-

SNAT blasts govt for tertiary strike, truck drivers

STORIES BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Manzini

THE Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) says government has failed tertiary students and truck drivers working in South Africa.

In a four-page statement, SNAT said it had learnt, with utter shock and dismay, of government's failure to address two pertinent issues that have a potential to plunge Eswatini into a cliff.

SNAT Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini said these two issues included tertiary students' grievances and the xenophobic attacks on Emaswati who drive trucks between South Africa and Eswatini.

Dlamini said the litany of issues raised by students in tertiary institutions were, in actual fact, supposed to be raised by parents (guardians) since they shall certainly impact on parents in a negative way, should the Mandvulo-led Cabinet implement them in their current form.

The demands included awarding scholarship to all admitted students in tertiary institutions, increase of all allowances in line with the sky-high Cost of Living, stopping the proposed



BLASTS: SNAT Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini.

monthly disbursement of allowances through mobile money or e-Mali, timely release of all allowances due to the scholars and full involvement of students in major decisions that will affect them.

He stated that it escaped one's logical reasoning why a government that had adopted the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, would now seek to defeat Goal No.4 - a goal that remains instrumental in ensuring that the country is set on the correct trajectory to make it a truly developmental state by 2030.

Dlamini said in any case, education remained a fundamental and constitutional right of every Liswati.

"Clearly, CoLA affects every living local, including our children, and it is high time that the allowances they receive be ones that will make them cope with the escalating cost of goods and services in the market."

Dlamini said proposing to disburse the allowances on a monthly basis would create unnecessary stress and frustration to students.



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Property Owners of immovable properties in the Manzini urban area and residents of the same are, hereby notified that the Municipal Council of Manzini has appointed **GS Chiyanda Property Consultants** to prepare the Council's General Valuation Roll for the Financial Year 2019/2020.

Council has issued to the valuer an identification card and a letter introducing him/her to enter at all reasonable hours into and upon any land or building within the Manzini urban area. Where necessary the valuer will take photos of developed properties outside only.

In terms of Section 14(3), A valuer may require the owner or any person in occupation or charge of any immovable property to furnish him with information upon all matters, which may be necessary to enable him correctly to value such property, including the names of the owner and occupier thereof and any other necessary particulars.

Furthermore, in terms of the Rating Act section 14(4) it is an offence to:

- makes a statement to a valuer knowing it is false;
- refuses or fails to answer any question put to him or comply with any reasonable requirements made by the valuer in exercise of his functions;
- Willingly obstructs the valuer in any way from exercising the power conferred on Him/her.

Lungile P. Dlamini
Town Clerk/CEO



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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that we intend applying for a certified copy of Deed of Transfer No. 712/2007 and registered on the 19th day of September, 2007 made in favour of:

ZODWA PAULET DLAMINI
(Born NXUMALO on the 10th day of May, 1972)
ID No. 3260-01-9046865
(Since Deceased)

In respect of the undermentioned property:

CERTAIN: Portion 1 of Lot No. 1265 situate at Ngwane Park Township in the District of Manzini, Eswatini;

MEASURING: 1153 (One One Five Three) square metres;

ANY person having an objection to the issue of such copy by the Registrar is hereby request to lodge such objection in writing with the Registrar of Deeds, Mbabane within (3) three weeks from date of last publication of this notice.

DATED AT MANZINI ON THIS THE 26th DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.

ZONKE MAGAGULA & CO.
APPLICANT'S ATTORNEYS
2nd Floor, Bhunu Mall
Nkoseluhla Street
P. O. BOX 590
MANZINI

SUFFER MAJOR BLOW AS TRUCKS GROUNDED

...SA trucking Industry strike affecting local car business



erty was opened. Meanwhile, the strike has been ongoing, police indicated that they were able to arrest 20 people in connection with the incidents of violence.

According to a media statement released by SAPS the Provincial Commissioner

for KwaZulu-Natal, Lieutenant General Khombinkosi Julia welcomed the arrest of 20 individuals in connection with incidents related to protests within the trucking industry.

"Police operations have been intensified along major routes and known

hotspots within the province and we are on high alert for those that are resorting to acts of criminality and claim to be protesting. We shall have no mercy for those that break the laws of this country," he said.

The police stated that on Sunday, at 1400 hours, the road to the Richards Bay Harbour was blocked by 11 trucks. Police responded instantly and managed to locate the drivers of the vehicles. About 11 suspects were arrested and detained at Richards Bay SAPS for public violence and obstruction of traffic.

The SAPS reported that on Sunday, at 2140 hours, four suspects were arrested for possession of an unlicensed firearm with 15 rounds of ammunition. It is said the suspects were also found in possession of three bottles containing petrol; seven cell phones and a pair of gloves. Police indicted that they also seized the vehicle that the suspects were travelling in.

Again yesterday police reported that

Protest areas according to Mkhulisi

Silverton

Albany truck drivers still protesting in silverton. Road closed and tyres burning in Watloo road.

Gauteng...JHB

M2 past Denver roads blocked by busses. Please avoid the area.

Gauteng - Primrose

Malvern and Primrose CBD. Protest action. Burning tyres

and looting. Please be careful and avoid at all costs

Jhb South - Turfontein

Avoid Turfontein, Hay St, Turf Club St, they have closed these roads, burning fires across the roads, you can't get through at all.

Gauteng - Germiston, Angelo

Guys please avoid by all means Angelo route towards Germiston. The locals are fighting with the Nigerian and foreign nationals. Avoid the area.

at 0124 hours, five suspects were arrested at Estcourt near the Shell Ultra City. The vehicle that they were travelling in according to police was positively identified in a case where a truck was set alight.

The suspects were found in possession of receptacles containing petrol. They were detained at

Estcourt SAPS for attempted murder and malicious damage to property. Eswatini Drivers Association's Sikhumbuzo Mkhulisi warned Emaswati driving in South Africa to be always on the lookout when travelling in certain areas of South Africa. Mkhulisi provided a list of areas hit hard by the protests.

SILENCE OF GOVT ON TRUCK DRIVERS WORRYING

SNAT has expressed its concern on the manner in which government is handling the case of Emaswati who earn a living through driving trucks between the Republic of South Africa and Eswatini.

SNAT Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini said truck drivers have been

in serious life threatening situations in the recent past and as SNAT they have it in authority that the campaign to have them killed in South Africa is escalating daily.

Worrying

"What is worrying is not actually the way our neighbours treat our col-

leagues, but it is the quietness of government and its continued failure to intervene in this impasse-burying its head in the sand," SNAT stated.

The union continued to point out that this is not new, but up until now, nothing concrete has been done to save both the lives and jobs of truck

drivers.

Timeously

Dlamini said as SNAT they felt that all demands by tertiary students as genuine, thus should be timeously addressed by all stakeholders including the ministry of labour and social security, colleges and universities

instead of the medieval stunts exhibited of late.

Dlamini said government should cease to cower away from grabbing the bull by its horns on the truck drivers issue by ceasing to conceal itself under the sovereignty card.

"Bilateral talks between South Africa and Eswatini must immediately ensue to end this madness."

General Manager Finance and Administration

A parastatal in the Kingdom of Eswatini invites all suitable candidates who meet the criteria below to submit applications for the highly esteemed position of General Manager Finance and Administration of the organisation.

MAIN PURPOSE

The GM Finance and Administration is necessitated to improve Finance, IT and HR functions as business enablers as well as provide strategic leadership that will ensure that the necessary resources and infrastructure are in place to achieve operational objectives.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manage financial performance and investments to achieve the organisation's mandate
- Prepare annual budgets as well as relevant Board and Management reports
- Develop and implement relevant policies to improve the organisation's operations
- Ensure the organisation's compliance with relevant statutory laws and regulations
- Supervise preparations for the external audit
- Develop and administer HR policies that will optimize staff performance
- Manage the organisation's IT needs and ensure that they are aligned to strategy
- Optimally manage the organisation's assets and ensure that all assets are accounted for
- Develop and monitor the implementation of an effective Procurement policy
- Keep abreast with financial, economic, social and political industry trends

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor's Degree in Commerce, Business Administration or Accounting
- Professional Accounting qualification (e.g. ACCA/CIMA/CA) or Masters in Finance or Business Administration
- Minimum of eight (8) years' management experience in Finance and Accounting
- Exposure to IFRS, Human Resource Management and Procurement systems

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES

- Strategic agility and understanding of management accounting and financial systems
- Proven administration, communication, interpersonal and time management skills

A detailed CV and certified copies of certificates should accompany applications which clearly state the position applied for.

Applications should be received on or before **8 September 2019** and must be addressed to:

The Recruitment Manager
KPMG Advisory Swaziland (Pty) Ltd
Umkhwa House, Lot 195
Kal Grant Street, Mbabane
Email: recruitment@kpmg.co.sz



Late applications shall not be accepted. All applications will be acknowledged. Should you not receive further correspondence within one month of the closing date, please consider your application to be unsuccessful.

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General Management: to ensure the profitable operating of the affiliate

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- Lead the local team, adhering to company policies and procedures to achieve its commercial and financial objectives, and its long-term profitable development
- Provide accurate and frequent reporting to External Relations and Risk Manager

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- To ensure all business opportunities are identified and seized in order to develop the company's profitability and market share

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- To be Total's representative in Eswatini
- To report accurately on all activities to the Board
- To ensure the company maintains good relationships with third party stakeholders, particularly public authorities
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QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

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For more information or to apply please email:
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UMHLANGA 2019



SIGODLO: Princess Temaswati joined by Emazinyane and Imbali from the Royal family while they lead Imbali from Ngabezweni as they proceed to deliver the reed on Sunday.



APPRECIATING: His Majesty appreciates Emazinyane and Imbali from the Royal family.

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LEADERS: Indvuna Nonduduzo 'Zuzu' Zubuko leads the way in song and dance.



DANCING: Bhamsakhe Indvuna Vivane shows her dance skills.

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How to apply for FNB KEAP

- Send "**Khutsala**" via Whatsapp to 7623 5691
- Receive an **Information Pack** and **link** to an Online Form
- Complete **Online Form**
- Complete **12-month cashflow projection** (Template in the Info Pack)
- Submit your **2-minute Video** Recorded Pitch (Guide in the Info Pack)

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For more information contact FNB KEAP Administrator Catalyze:
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E-mail: info@catalyzeswaziland.org





FOCUS on DD cases



Piet Retief man not spared

A man from Piet Retief who had come to attend the Umhlanga festival was also among the many South Africans who were nabbed for driving while under the influence of alcohol on Sunday.

Nkosinathi Nhlabatsi was nabbed with an alcohol reading of 0.78mg/l. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge. He informed the court that he had taken enough sleep and was ready to drive. The accused pleaded for leniency saying he was still a student at one of the institutions in Piet Retief where he is residing. He was sentenced into a year imprisonment with a fine option of E1 500.

South African asking for directions gets nabbed for DD

A South African who stopped near traffic officers to ask for directions ended up being arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Mkhwanazi Xolani appeared before Manzini Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini on Sunday after being arrested on August 31, near Ndlunganye area. His breath specimen read 0.99mg/l on the breathalyser test. He pleaded guilty to the offence.

Mitigating

When mitigating, the accused informed the court that he had just left the place where he was booked at Sidvokodvo.

He said he saw police officers and decided to stop to ask for directions and that is when he was arrested for driving while under the influence of liquor.

The accused informed the court that he was a mineworker. He was sentenced into a year imprisonment with a fine option of E1 500.

THESE ARE SOME DRUNK MOTORISTS WHO APPEARED IN COURT ON SUNDAY:

Name	Alcohol content	Sentence
Nomsa Ndzimandze	1.51mg/l	E1 600 or 16 months
Simphiwe Matsebula	1.51mg/l	E1 600 or 16 months
Thulani Magagula	1.35mg/l	E1 600 or 16 months
Sekwanele Dlamini	0.95mg/l	E1 500 or 15 months
Ngoebo Sibandze	0.81 mg/l	E1 500 or 15 months
Thembela Dlamini	0.67 mg/l	E1 200 or 1 year
Sicelo Mkhwanazi	0.62mg/l	E1 200 or 1 year

MAGISTRATE ATTENDS TO 12 DRUNK MOTORISTS ON SUNDAY

DESPITE the long weekend, Mbabane residents seemed to have been well behaved this weekend, as very few appeared before the Mbabane Magistrate's Court for drink-driving cases on Sunday morning.

Only 12 accused appeared before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati. Most of these drivers were nabbed in the early hours of Sunday morning, while others

were apprehended in the late hours of Saturday evening.

They were charged with contravening Section 91(1) as read with Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Act 6 of 2007.

Two South African nationals were arrested at Extension 3 in Mbabane, after they were found to have contravened the Road Traffic Act.

William Fakudze (54) of Likazi was found to have been driving his Ford Ranger while under the influence of alcohol.

Reading

When a breathalyser test was conducted on him by police officers, Fakudze was found to have a blood alcohol content reading of 0.47mg/l.

He was subsequently sentenced to

pay a fine of E1 000, and in default of payment, serve 10 months in prison.

On the other hand, Sifiso Khumalo of Nhlazatje pleaded with the court to be lenient in his sentence, as he wished to return to the country again, soon.

"Your Worship, I enjoyed my weekend in the Kingdom and I would like the chance to return again soon. I am already missing out on the activities

taking place in the country because I am here, please release me so I can go back to being a tourist," Khumalo pleaded.

After hearing his mitigation, Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati sentenced Khumalo to pay a fine of E1 200 and in default of payment, serve 12 months in a correctional facility.

STORIES BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Manzini

SOUTH Africans who had visited the country with the aim of watching Imbali during the Umhlanga Reed Dance returned home disappointed after spending the night behind bars as they were nabbed for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

The worst part according to some of the drink-driving offenders was that they were intentionally targeted by the police because they were South Africans.

This was revealed by one drink-driver offender who appeared in court over the weekend. Oscar Nkosi, a South African employed in the mines appeared before Manzini



Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini on Sunday. Nkosi was arrested on August 31, while driving his foreign registered car near Lihaga

Centre in Manzini.

A breathalyser test conducted on him read 0.82mg/l.

Nkosi was also slapped with a

There is nothing wrong with kushinga – Magistrate

A drink-driver was informed by the court that there was absolutely nothing wrong with *kushinga*, but the problem was drinking alcohol and getting behind the wheel.

Bukhosibethu Ginindza appeared before the court for driving while under the influence of alcohol. His breath specimen read 0.53mg/l.

He pleaded guilty to the charge he was slapped with. He informed the court that he had visitors who came from outside the country and they

bought him alcohol so he could not leave them. The accused informed the court that he was unemployed and was being taken care of by his wife.

Intoxicated

Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini who was presiding over the matter informed the accused person that there was absolutely nothing wrong with *kushinga* but it was driving while intoxicated that was a problem.

OR Tambo employee nabbed for DD

AN employee of OR Tambo airport was nabbed for drink driving over the weekend.

Mduduzi Mthembu was arrested near Lusushwana on Sunday and he appeared before Manzini Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini. His breath specimen read 0.64mg/l.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charge he was slapped with. In mitigation he pleaded for leniency saying he is employed at OR Tambo International Airport.

He was sentenced into a year

imprisonment with a fine option of E1 500. Meanwhile, in the same court a South African who had come to visit the kingdom with the purpose of attending Umhlanga Reed Dance was nabbed for driving while intoxicated.

Sleeping

Ndlovu Selby informed the court that his sober driver disappeared on him while he was sleeping inside his car. He was sentenced to a year imprisonment with a fine option of E1 500.

WINE IS MY PROBLEM – DD ACCUSED

STORIES BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man has pinned wine as his biggest struggle, and which led to his arrest for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

This was revealed by 37-year old Innocent Magagula of Dvokolwako before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.

Magagula had been arrested and charged with contravening the Road Traffic Act on Saturday evening. During his appearance before the court on Sunday, he was found to have the second highest blood alcohol content reading.

Magagula explained that he apologised for his actions, admitting that he was addicted to drinking wine.

Lady with the highest alcohol content

A 40-year-old woman got more than she bargained for when she was arrested and spent a night in jail, after being caught driving under the influence of alcohol in Mbabane.

Appearing before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati, Nomsa Ndzimandze of Malkems cited her experience behind bars as 'terrible' and appalling.

"Your Worship, if I had known how cold, smelly and overall disgusting jail was, I would have thought twice before getting behind the

"Your Worship, drinking wine is my weakness and it is very difficult to stop drinking it. I apologise for my actions and I hope I will be able to act respon-

sibly next time," Magagula promised. According to his charge sheet, Magagula was found to have been driving under the influence of alcohol at Masakhane

wheel while under the influence of alcohol. I promise never to commit this offence again, as I have truly learnt my lesson," Ndzimandze said. The only woman to be charged for drink-driving at Extension 3 with a blood alcohol content of 1.51mg/l, Ndzimandze was charged and found guilty of driving under the influence of alcohol. She was sentenced to pay a fine of E1 600 or in default of payment, serve 16 months in prison.

Magagula promised. According to his charge sheet, Magagula was found to have been driving under the influence of alcohol at Masakhane

on Saturday evening, while driving his VW Polo sedan. When a breathalyser test was conducted on him by police officers, Magagula was found to have a blood alcohol content reading of 1.35mg/l.

Struggling

Magistrate Vilakati advised Magagula against drinking and driving while his family was struggling to make ends meet.

"Magagula, wine will make you poor. The fine you are going to pay for driving while under the influence of alcohol is enough to buy your family's groceries, electricity and even petrol. Is it even worth it? I can bet that you did not even spend more than E200 to buy the wine," the magistrate cautioned.

After receiving this harsh warning, Magagula was sentenced to pay a fine of E1 600 and in default of payment, serve 16 months in a correctional facility.



FOCUS on DD cases

OF BAD ATTITUDE

licence was in his room the police told him that South Africans had an attitude and they were going to teach him a lesson.

Committing

Nkosi said the police told him that they did not want explanations as he would explain everything in court. The accused was informed by the magistrate that according to the law, a person who refusing to follow any instruction from a police officer was committing an offence. Nkosi was then sentenced to a year imprisonment for driving while under the influence of alcohol with a fine option of E2 000. For stopping his



vehicle in the middle of the road, it was E300 or three months imprisonment, for not possessing a licence, he was cau-

tioned and discharged. For resisting arrest, he was fined E800 or six months imprisonment.

However, the magistrate exercised leniency and set the sentences to run concurrently which meant Nkosi had to pay E2 000 to gain his freedom.

MC Mogkwali was arrested by Sidvokodvo police.

He made his court appearance on Sunday before Magistrate Mthokozisi Dlamini. His breath specimen according to court records read 0.86mg/l.

The accused pleaded guilty as charged. He was sentenced into a year imprisonment with a fine option of E1 500.

'SOUTH AFRICAN FRIENDS BOUGHT ME BOOZE'

IT would seem a lot of Emaswati who were nabbed for DD over the weekend were sponging off liquor from their South African friends who were in the country to attend to the many activities which were

taking place.

One drink-driver offender who was way over the limit informed the court that he was sponging off from his friends from South Africa.

Mpumelelo Simonn Hlatjwako was

nabbed driving a truck at Bhunya.

His alcohol reading was 1.10mg/l which was way above the legal limit of 0.38mg/l. The accused was sentenced into a year imprisonment with a fine option of E2 000.

Sidvokodvo teacher asks for fingerprints not to be taken

A teacher who is practicing at Sidvokodvo Primary School had her plea of not having her fingerprints taken turned down by the court on Sunday.

The accused Pholisile Magongo was arrested for refusing to take a breathalyser test and for making a u-turn upon spotting police. The accused pleaded not guilty for refusing to take a breathalyser test. She said she took the test about three times and it had no readings or recordings.

She informed the court that she had never even taken alcohol in her life. She said when making the U-turn she had not spotted the police but received a call from her brother who wanted a lift.

The accused was sentenced into five months imprisonment with a fine option of E500. She



SOME OF THOSE WHO APPEARED IN COURT YESTERDAY

Oscar Nkosi - E2 000/1-yr in prison
Bukhosibethu Ginindza - E1 500/1-yr in prison
Dlamini Elias - E2 000/1-yr in prison
Mpumelelo Hlatjwako - E2 000/1-yr in prison
MC Mogkwali - E1 500/1-yr in prison
Mkwanazi Colani - E1 500/1-yr in prison
Nhlathla Dlamini - E2 000/1-yr in prison
Mduduzi Mthembu - E1 500/1-yr in prison
Ndlovu Selby - E1 500/1-yr in prison
Thando Peter Makhanya - E1 000/1-yr in prison

asked for her fingerprints not to be taken as she was still to submit her papers at the Teaching Service Commission. However that request was rejected by the court.

OPT OUT NOTICE

You may be eligible to claim compensation if you are currently or have been a GOLD MINERWORKER in South Africa, at any time after 12 March 1965, and have been exposed to silica dust or you have contracted silicosis or tuberculosis ("TB") OR you are A DEPENDANT (for example, the wife, child or life partner) of such a gold mineworker who has since passed away, PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AS IT MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS.

THE SETTLEMENT

On 3 May 2018, six mining companies - African Rainbow Minerals, Anglo American SA, AngloGold Ashanti, Gold Fields, Harmony and Sibanye-Stillwater and some of their affiliates ("the participating gold mining companies") reached a conditional settlement to pay compensation to eligible gold mineworkers and the dependants of such mineworkers who have passed away. The proposed settlement will settle the claims against the participating gold mining companies arising from the class action that was initiated before the High Court for:

- the harm and loss suffered by mineworkers who contracted silicosis and/or TB during their work on certain gold mines in South Africa, and
- the harm and loss suffered by the dependants of mineworkers who died of these diseases.

The settlement was approved by the High Court in Johannesburg on 26 July 2019.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT?

You are a class member, and will be included in the settlement, if you meet all the requirements of any of the four classes:

Class 1:	All people:
	1. who as at the date when the settlement agreement comes into force, have undertaken risk work. In terms of the settlement agreement, risk work means "risk work" as defined in the Occupational Diseases in Mines and Works Act, 1973 or any of the following work:
	(i) work in the underground workings of a gold mine;
	(ii) work in a laundry where clothing of underground mineworkers is washed;
	(iii) work on a slimes dam of a gold mine;
	(iv) work in an assay laboratory of a gold mine where the composition of gold bearing ore is analysed, and where the mass of respirable dust from personal sampling is determined;
	(v) work in a metallurgical plant of a gold mine, including crushing, milling, transporting and smelting of ore; and
	(vi) work at conveyor belt operations which are undertaken to convey broken rock from the underground operations of a gold mine to surface;
	2. who on or before the date when the settlement agreement comes into force, have contracted silicosis or have been exposed to silica dust;
	3. who undertake or have undertaken risk work on one or more of the mines listed in Annexure A of this notice after 12 March 1965; and
	4. who did not settle their claims in previously finalised settlements with Anglo American South Africa Limited and AngloGold Ashanti Limited on 14 March 2016 and Anglo American South Africa Limited on 19 September 2013, respectively.
Class 2:	The dependants of any of the persons in Class 1 above who are deceased as at the date when the settlement agreement comes into force.

Class 3:	All people:
	1. who as at the date when the settlement agreement comes into force have undertaken risk work;
	2. who on, before or after the date when the settlement agreement will come into force have contracted Tuberculosis; and
	3. who undertake or have undertaken risk work, after 12 March 1965, on one or more of the gold mines listed in Annexure A of this notice.
Class 4:	The dependants of any of the persons in Class 3 above who are deceased as at the date when the settlement agreement comes into force.

WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF THE SETTLEMENT?

The settlement is not yet in force because some of its conditions have not yet been met. If the conditions are met, the participating gold mining companies will establish a fund, called the TSHAMISO TRUST.

If the settlement agreement comes into force:

- The participating gold mining companies will pay agreed contributions to the Tshamiso Trust and the process of paying compensation can start.
- All class members can submit a claim to the Tshamiso Trust for monetary compensation, except for those class members who opt out of the settlement.
- Details of how to submit a claim to the Tshamiso Trust will be published in the media and on the website www.silicosissettlement.co.za.
- The Tshamiso Trust will pay compensation to eligible claimants. An eligible claimant is a person who is a member of any of the classes and who meets the requirements of the Tshamiso Trust to receive monetary compensation.
- Class members must submit a completed claim form to the Tshamiso Trust and may have to undergo a medical examination to determine if they are eligible claimants.

Once the settlement agreement is in force, eligible claimants will be entitled to receive a once-off payment of between R10 000 and R250 000, depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease. In certain exceptional circumstances, this amount may be increased to up to R500 000.

The full terms of the final settlement as well as the Court's decision approving the settlement are available at www.silicosissettlement.co.za or can be obtained from the Class Lawyers (contact details below).

YOU DO NOT NEED TO PAY ANYONE TO ASSIST YOU TO MAKE YOUR CLAIM

WHAT MUST I DO TO REMAIN PART OF THE SETTLEMENT?

IF YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER AND YOU WISH TO BE PART OF THE SETTLEMENT, NO ACTION IS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

While you do not have to do anything to participate in the settlement, if you wish to send your contact details expressing your interest in participating, you may do so by completing an information form or registering your interest at this website www.silicosissettlement.co.za.

OPTING OUT OF THE SETTLEMENT

IF YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER, THE SETTLEMENT IS AUTOMATICALLY BINDING ON YOU UNLESS YOU TAKE STEPS TO OPT OUT. If you do not want to be part of the settlement, or you want the right to pursue your claim individually in court, then you must take steps to opt out of the settlement.

To opt out of the settlement, you must COMPLETE AND SIGN EITHER FORM A; FORM B; FORM C OR FORM D (WHICHEVER APPLIES TO YOU) AND DELIVER IT, TOGETHER WITH THE REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (MARKED FOR THE ATTENTION OF "SILICOSIS SETTLEMENT"), TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR SNG Grant Thornton before 24 November 2019.

The form must be signed before a commissioner of oaths. Every police station in South Africa has a commissioner of oaths.

TO OPT OUT, DELIVER YOUR OPT-OUT FORM AND THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS BY HAND OR BY FAX OR BY EMAIL USING THE FOLLOWING DETAILS: SNG Grant Thornton
Address for hand delivery: 20 Morris Street East, Woodmead, Johannesburg 2191
Fax number: +27 11 234 0933

Address for delivery by email: silicosissettlement@sng.gt.com

You cannot opt out by phone but you can call the numbers below for more information on opting out.

Each class member seeking to opt out must fill out and sign a separate opt out form.

If you deliver an opt-out form, the Independent Auditor may contact you for further information.

THE OPT-OUT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT www.silicosissettlement.co.za OR THEY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CLASS LAWYERS OR THE CLASS LAWYERS WILL DIRECT YOU TO THE NEAREST PLACE WHERE YOU CAN FIND THE OPT-OUT FORMS (CONTACT DETAILS BELOW).

* PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU COMPLETE THE CORRECT OPT-OUT FORM. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD, USE THE INFORMATION SERVICES BELOW.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CLAIMS PROCESS, THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND OPTING OUT:

- Visit www.silicosissettlement.co.za;
- Call the toll-free Call Centre at 0801 000 240 or 0800 110 110. The Call Centre will operate at no cost to persons calling from within South Africa;
- Send a "please call me" to the following number 072 557 8077 or 079 835 7179.

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Annexure A:

Participating mines

SA Land
Daggalontain
East Daggalontain
Elandsrand
Elandsrand (also called Elandsraai)
Kusalethu
Western Holdings (1,2,3,4,6,7) (ARMGold)
Matlabong (Western Holdings other 4 shafts)
Kudu, Nyala, Sable, Eland which were former
Freddies and Free State
Geduld shafts)
Sasipilas 2,3
Sasipilas 4,5
(Masimong) (FreeGold 3)
Free State Geduld

Free State Cons
FreeGold 2 and 4
Freddies 7 and 9 (to
Kades Barnea cc,
Pamodzi, Target mine)
FreeGold 2, 4
(Tshepong, Phakisa)
President Brand
President Steyn
Steyn 1,2 (to Kades
Barnea, Pamodzi,
Bambanani)
Steyn 3,4 (FreeGold 1,
then Bambanani)
Brand 1, 2, 3, 5
(Steyn 5 to 8)
HJ Joel / Joel
Western Reefs (merged
with Vaal Reefs)
Vaal Reefs (1,3,4,5,6,7)
Vaal Reefs 2
Vaal Reefs 8 (Great
Noligwa)

Vaal Reefs 9 (Kopanang)
Vaal Reefs 10 (Teu
Lekoa)
Vaal Reefs 11
(Moab Khotsong)
Western Deep Levels
Mponeng
(South Mine WDL 1)
Tau Tona
(East Mine WDL 3)
Savuka
(West Mine WDL 2)
St Helena
Evander (incl Kinross,
Leslie, Bracken and
Winkelhaak mines)
Randfontein Estates
Doomkop
Cooke 1, 2 and 3
(Rand Uranium)
Cooke 4 (Zwelinzi)
Unisel
Harmony mine

Merriespruit
Hartebeestfontein
Lorane
(Shafts 1,2 and 3)
Zandpan
Virginia mine
Village Main Reef
Western Areas
(to South Deep)
South Deep
Beatrix (including Oryx)
Oryx (to Beatrix)
Driefontein (including
East Driefontein,
West Driefontein and
Driefontein Cons)
Kloof (including
Leesdroom from 1 Jan
1993, Libanon and
Venterspos)
St Helena (Beisa section)

UMHLANGA 2019



ALL OUR: Imbali showing off their dance skills before the King and thousands of tourists present.

DANCING: Princess Temaswati dances up a storm before the nation after delivering the reed at the Ludzidzini Royal Residence arena on Sunday. The throngs of Imbali continued to dance before multitudes who came from all over the world to witness the spectacular ceremony. The ceremony ended on a high note yesterday evening. (Pics: Simon Shabangu).



IN NUMBERS: A section of the throngs of the Imbali who came through to deliver the reed.



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HRH Princess Sabsile

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Kutawuba nenkonzo yesikhumbuto ngemgcibelo mhlaka **07-09-2019** kaLozitha High School, nga **10.00 AM**, kuyalindzelwa entsambama emphakatsini Ekukhulumeni. Bese uyafihlwa mhlaka **08-09-2019** ngelisiko leBesutfu.

Simemetelo sikhishwa yindvuna Mvutjana Maseko egameni leNdlunkhulu.



NEW ROYAL: Gospel Artist Nothando Hlophe seen wearing Emagwalagwala at the ceremony.

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BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Lobamba

MAGASA Foundation from South Africa has donated T-shirts and sanitary towels to Imbali Foundation.

Magasa Foundation through its representatives handed out the merchandise towels first on Wednesday before the regiment was commissioned by His Majesty King Mswati III to cut the reed.

Diana Ndlovu, who is the Founder of Magasa Foundation, said they were pleased to be part of the society that has come out for the girl child. She said their donation to Imbali was a way of showing their undying love for the Swati culture.

Ndlovu said the annual Reed Dance needs support from all sectors of society for it to gain the respect and prominence it deserves.

"We are happy to have provided for the needs of the girls and I would like to encourage the girls to focus on their education as this will pave way to their bright future," Ndlovu said.

The donation, which was done on Saturday, was graced by local comedian Gedlembane.

It started with a roadshow at Lobamba, where the foundation had organised entertainment which comprised drama performed by pupils from Mbabane Central High School.

The foundation hopes out to officially launch Eswatini MAGASA Foundation in November, which would look to help and raise awareness to under-privileged girls in the country. Receiving the donation on behalf of Imbali was Indvuna yeMbalu Nonduduzo Zubuko who passed the regiment's sincere thanks to Magasa Foundation. Zubuko, said the donation meant a lot to the regiment. She said the donation would help the girl-child a lot because some of the girls do not afford to purchase sanitary towels.

Zubuko said girls should not abandon the God-given culture which was a unifying force and it sets Eswatini well above others in terms of culture conservation.

On that note, Sindi Dlamini who was among the girls who received the donation thanked the foundation for its generous gesture, saying it would make a difference in their lives and encourage the girls to take care of themselves.

Ntombiyenkhozi Mngometulu said she was thankful to the Magasa Foundation for provid-

Magasa Foundation donates to Imbali



THANK YOU: Indvuna yeMbalu Nonduduzo Zubuko in a conversation with Magasa Foundation, founder Diana Ndlovu after receiving the T-shirts and sanitary towels that were donated to Imbali.

ing them with toiletries that they normally lack. "I hope they will continue with their work as there

are other disadvantaged girls everywhere," she said.

Parliamentarians in CPA Zanzibar conference

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

ESWATINI has joined the rest of the world in the 50th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Africa Region Conference, in Zanzibar, Tanzania.

Chairperson of Eswatini CPA Lutfo Dlamini yesterday joined the throngs of African leaders in the opening of the 50th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Africa Region Conference.

Other members of the CPA are Senator Cleopas Dlamini, Ubombo Regional MP Lorraine Nxumalo and Musa Mabuza. The 50th CPA conference is themed 'E-PARLIAMENT: Seamless Platform for Facilitating Democracy.' Yesterday was the official opening.

During the conference, members of Parliament will be discussing several issues around the theme.

Delegates

The first topic that these delegates will discuss is parliamentary affairs. Under this topic, the delegates will look into the use of ICT in strengthening public involvement in the legislative process.

Second on the programme, the delegates will look into social affairs. This is where they will look into the use of social media in enhancing Parliamentarians' constituency engagements. In addition, the delegates will look into Gender Affairs topic which will look into Empowerment of women and strategies to enable women's participation in decision making. Further, these delegates would look into youth affairs mainly implementation of youth policies as a tool to combat migration.



DELAEGATES: Eswatini delegates including Parliament Clerk Mpendulo Ngcamphalala MP Musa Mabuza and Chairperson of CPA Eswatini MP Lutfo Dlamini.

Economic Affairs Topic whereby they will look into enhancing ICT use in providing life changing solutions in rural communities. Worth noting is that this is one of the topics that Eswatini had a huge input at. They will look into political affairs, whereby they will briefly indulge on the role of technology in developing democratic practices.

Proposed

The Assistant Regional Secretary, Saidi Yakubu presented proposed theme and topics for the 50th Annual Region Conference. The 50th conference and workshop will officially be closed tomorrow by an Annual General and Resolutions Committee Meeting.

The Sub-Regional Workshops CWP regional

sensitisation workshop is held twice a year. The CWP Steering Committee approved for the first sensitisation workshop was held in Arusha, Tanzania from April 18 to 21, 2019. CPA Africa Region will continue working with other CPA Africa region's traditional allies such as India and the Caribbean with a view to fostering mutual co-operation in areas of interest. CPA Regional Secretariat will also continue engaging other Inter-parliamentary bodies in and outside the Region in areas of mutual interest, such as Westminster Foundation for Democracy, SADC Parliamentary Forum, Inter-parliamentary Union, Pan African Parliament, Economic Community of West Africa States and the East African Legislative Assembly.

99 MOTORISTS ARRESTED FOR DD

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

About 99 motorists were arrested over the long weekend for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

The Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) recorded an increase of eight cases from last week's 91 cases of drunken and driving. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati urged Emaswati and motorists at large to avoid driving under the influence of alcohol. She said these numbers were likely to increase with more arrests made yesterday. She said the police aimed to see people safe on the roads and reaching their destinations alive. Vilakati said traffic police officers were all over the country's roads ensuring safety of the people as they are using the road.

She explained that these motorists have made appearances before magistrates in all corners of the country. She emphasised that the legal alcohol content remains 0.38 mg/l. She stated that this is stipulated in Section 91 (1) of the Road Traffic Act as read with section 122 of the road same Act of 2007.

Leave your lover - principal magistrate to abusive man

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A Mozambican man charged with contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018, was warned by the court to leave his lover after he informed the court that he was also being abused.

"Your Worship, Maziya has displayed abusive traits for a long time, where she would lift her hands to hit me. I reported this abuse to the police station, however my case was never taken seriously and I would be turned back several times," Mtshali stated.

Robert Mtshali revealed this during his appearance before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi last Thursday, where he stood accused of assaulting his lover, Khumbuzile Maziya.

According to his charge sheet, Mtshali was arrested and charged with contravening the SODV Act of 2018 when he was said to have, on August 27 at Mpolonjeni area, assaulted his girlfriend with open hands and fists.

Explained

This Mtshali was said to have done several times on Maziya's head and face, thus contravening the Act. While mitigating, Mtshali explained that Maziya did not take care of their three children, as she refused to buy them food.

"I plead with the court to allow me to take them into my custody so that I can take care of them. I run a business as a welder and I make good money from it, something which can go towards catering for my children's needs," he pleaded.

Before meting out sentence, Principal Magistrate Nhlabatsi advised Mtshali to separate from Maziya, as it was clear that they were involved in an unhealthy relationship. Mtshali responded that he was only with her because he wanted to create a family environment for his children, however he admitted that several attempts at mediation by police officers have proved futile. After hearing this, Principal Magistrate Nhlabatsi sentenced Mtshali to pay a fine of E5 000 and in default of payment, serve two years in a correctional facility. Mtshali was further informed that E3 000 of his fine, and one year sentence was suspended for a period of three years.

Man arrested for stealing King's cow

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Mankini

A man was arrested for being found in possession of meat of a stolen cow belonging to the King.

Sanele Nkomonye of Ngculwini was arrested by Mliba police under the anti-stock theft department after he was found with packed portions of the meat.

Nkomonye was arrested by the police who followed leads pertaining to the theft of the King's cow that was stolen while grazing at a farm near Luve.

Police are said to have received a tip off about two men who were stealing from the King on Monday evening.

With this information, a reliable source said the police acted promptly and went to the suspects' home. Indeed, it is said

that at around midnight the police found a group of men roasting meat at the home-stand. However, upon noticing the officers of the law, the two suspects are said to have fled and evaded being engaged by the police. The men who were roasting the meat one of them was identified as one of the suspect cousin and the other was unidentified but it is said he knew of the plot to steal the cow.

Invited

After it was stolen, the unidentified man is said to have been invited over by the two suspects who said they had already slaughtered it. For the love of meat, the man is said to have heeded the invitation. Likewise, Nkomonye, who resides at Ngculwini is also said to have been informed about the meat galore at Mliba.

Since he was related to one of the suspects, Nkomonye is said to have been

given permission by his mother to use a family vehicle to ferry some of the meat from Mliba to Ngculwini.

He allegedly took the cow's four legs back to Ngculwini. He is said to have also informed the police about the whereabouts of the portioned meat.

It is said 40 meat portions, a bucket full of cow offal and two rib cages were found in a neighbour's freezer where they had asked to store them, supposedly, before they could be sold.

The Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident. She said Nkomonye and the unidentified man were taken in for questioning and Nkomonye was arrested and charged. Nkomonye is expected to appear in court today.

Stolen herd of cattle found slaughtered in Mozambique

STORIES BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

AT a time when stock theft was said to have declined over the past few months, farmers around Lugongolweni have been hit hard again, with a herd of 14 cattle reported stolen in one day.

According to Lugongolweni community police, the herd was stolen early last week.

It has been reported that the stolen cattle were taken from three homesteads around Lugongolweni.

Report

For the first few days, the owners of the cattle did not report the cattle as stolen as they believed that they could be somewhere in the bushes.

It was only a week later that they believed that the cattle could have been stolen. Community police leader Kaizer Mathonsi said they then received a call from some residents of Sitatweni who reported that they had found some cowhides in the forests.

Sitatweni is one of the Mozambican communities which

are situated close to the border which separates the two countries.

Upon receiving this report, some farmers and the community police went to that country to make an inspection of the cowhides. Mathonsi said it was confirmed that the slaughtered cattle were from Eswatini, identified with the ear tags. "At least nine were positively identified as that of Eswatini," said Mathonsi.

Recovered

About six other cattle were said to have not been recovered yet. Mathonsi said they then reported the matter to the police with the intent to recover the rest of the stolen cattle.

It is recalled that the local government entered a bilateral agreement with their Mozambican counterparts with regards to stock theft. The bilateral agreement is to the effect that the local police and that of Mozambique will work cooperatively in eradicating stock theft. The agreement is said to have worked effectively over the past three years as some cattle rustlers were reported to have been arrested and convicted in that country.

MAN HELD FOR POSSESSION OF 7KG DAGGA

A man of Maphungwane appeared before the Magistrate's Court after he was arrested and charged for dagga possession.

The illegal herb he was nabbed with weighed seven kilogrammes. Simphiwe Matsenjwa (28) faced a charge of contravening the Pharmacy Act. He was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully possessed the said amount of dagga, a habit forming drug.

The accused person was said to have been arrested while on his way to meet a buyer at Siteki.

During his appearance before the court, the accused person was informed of his right to legal representation. He elected to conduct his own defence in the matter. The accused person was however not asked to plead to the charge as the crown indicated that it intends to lead evidence to prove commission of the offence. He successfully filed an application

to be admitted to bail which was granted at E2 000. The matter was ordered to return to court next week Thursday for commencement of trial. Meanwhile in another matter, Samkelo Mazibuko faced a charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. He was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully assaulted Bongiswa Dlamini by stabbing him once on the shoulder with a knife.

Accused

When the charge sheet was read to him, the accused person pleaded guilty to the charge.

The crown presented a medical report as evidence before the court. When asked if he had any objections, the accused person did not object to the medical report. He was therefore found guilty by the court on account of his own plea. He was accordingly sentenced to a year in a correctional facility with an option to pay E2 000 fine.



Princess Adelaide discusses the festivities guest Queen Shebah Debra who was with some of the dignitaries.

Eswatini workers' rights ratings decline

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

ESWATINI has declined in ratings in terms of the guarantee of workers' rights, the International Trade Union Confederation has revealed.

According to the sixth edition of the ITUC Global Index, Eswatini is among the worst countries when it comes the guarantee of rights of workers.

Eswatini with Iraq, Sierra Leone, Thailand and Vietnam have seen all their ratings worsen in 2019 to category five (no guarantee of rights) with attacks on workers' rights.

ITUC pointed out that the breakdown of social contract between workers, governments and businesses had seen a number of

countries excluding workers from the right to establish or join a union increase from 92 in 2018 to 107 in 2019.

Increase

The report further states that all regions in the world had an increase in the exclusion of workers with the greatest increase occurring in Europe.

The 10 worst countries for workers this year include Algeria, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe, Turkey, Colombia, Brazil, Saudi Arabia and the Philippines.

ITUC rated Eswatini as a country that had an increase of no rights guarantee of workers.

Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) Secretary General Mduduzi

Gina said the ratings by the ITUC were a clear sign that a lot still needed to be done to achieve the rights of workers in the country. He said efforts to rekindle

workers' rights were very slow more especially the legislative part.

Gina made reference to the Employment Act of 2000, which he said was still being reviewed and slowing down the many efforts by trade unions to advocate for rights of workers.

Refusing

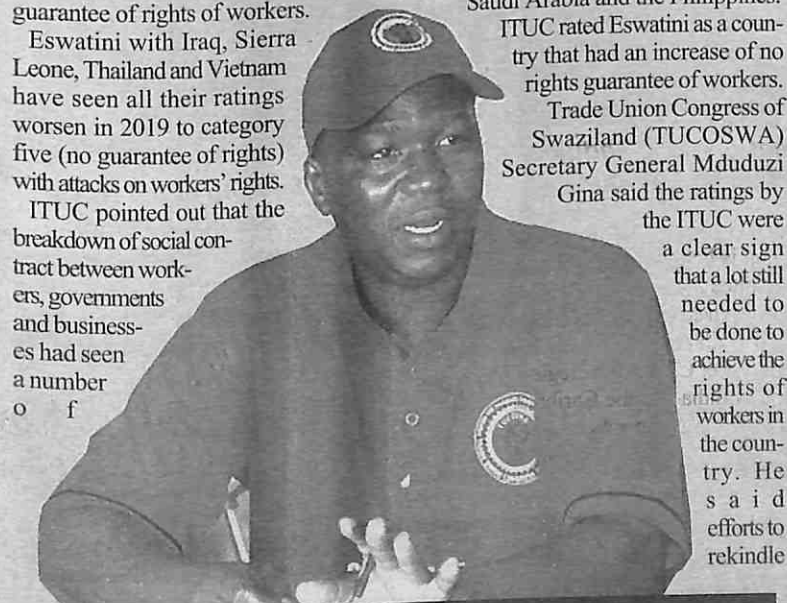
In another case Gina said some companies still refuse to recognise trade unions despite the clear evidence that they have sufficient membership and more so trade unions have a certification of recognition from CMAC.

"As we are speaking there are eight companies that are refusing to recognise trade unions despite all the necessary requirements being met," Gina said.

The SG said one of the things that could have led Eswatini to get this rating might have been the rife intimidation of union officials.

He made reference with the case of SNAT President who got his 2015 case brought back to the spotlight by law enforcers. He also cited that other union officials were being victimised for agreeing to be interviewed by the media.

Gina said as much as the ratings by the ITUC were not good, the country would not be affected as much as the statistics were released by the International Labour Organisation. He said if it was ILO it was going to paint a very bad picture as this organisation is a United Nations Agency.



RATINGS: Trade Union Congress of Swaziland Secretary General Mduduzi Gina.



KING TOURS TRADE FAIR 2019 STALLS



WE CONNECT: Eswatini Mobile CEO Jeff Penberton briefs His Majesty at their pavillion during the tour of different exhibitors at Eswatini International Trade Fair 2019 on Saturday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



EVERYWHERE YOU GO: His Majesty being welcomed by Acting MTN Chief Executive Officer Sibusiso Nhleko at their stand.



CALL FOR QUALITY AWARD ENTRIES - 2019

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade is proud to announce the opening of entries to the much awaited Eswatini Annual Quality Awards for 2019. This is the third year of implementation of these awards. Entries are open on **1st August 2019** and will close on **30th September 2019, at 12 noon**.

The aim of the National Annual Quality Awards (NAQA) is to foster business excellence through the sustained application of productivity and quality principles in large, small and medium scale organizations in Eswatini. Furthermore, the competition can be used as a tool to provide structured and robust criteria upon which organizations carefully assess their quality achievements and successes as well as identify areas that need improvement. Last year the awards were handed over to deserving recipients.

Please take note entries to all categories of the Eswatini Quality Awards competition will close on **30 September 2019**. Participation is free.

The winners of the Eswatini Quality Awards will qualify to submit entries into the SADC Annual Quality Awards for 2019. We look forward to your participation in the 2019 Quality Awards.

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Entry Forms may be obtained from the:

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Eswatini Quality Awards

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BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III welcomed by Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza and Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo.



COMMUNICATIONS: Eswatini Post and Telecommunications Corporation MD Petros Dlamini and Corporate Affairs Manager Nqobile Magagula share a light moment with His Majesty.



COP-SHOP: The King at the Royal Eswatini Police Service pavillion.



EMANTI EMPOMPI: His Majesty meets Eswatini Water Services Corporation staffers at their stand.

KING TOURS ESWATINI TRADE FAIR 2019 EXHIBITORS



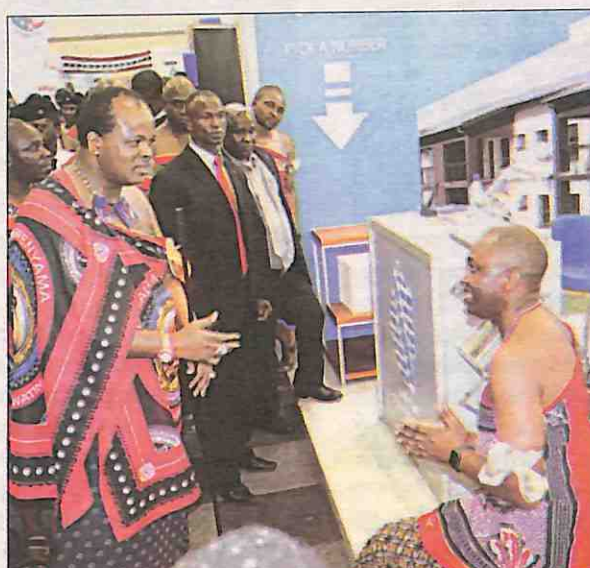
THE BANK WITH A HEART: EswatiniBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele welcomes His Majesty at their stand while other staff members look on.



WITH DUE RESPECT: Bongani Magagula from the ministry of agriculture explains something to His Majesty.



THE HOST TOWN: Manzini City Council Mayor Jabu Shiba briefs His Majesty at their stand.



BAYETHE: Eswatini Housing Board CEO Mduduzi Dlamini listens to His Majesty.



WENA WAPHAKATHI: ESRIC General Manager Zama Ngcobo and Marketing Manager Sizwe Shongwe brief His Majesty at their stand.



IMMIGRATION: Home Affairs Minister Princess Lindiwe briefs His Majesty at the ministry's stand.



ORDER: His Majesty King Mswati III issues instructions to Eswatini Communications Commission (ESCCOM) Chairman Themba Khumalo, Vice Chairman Polycarp Dlamini and Universal Director Mbongeni Mtshali.



YOUR MAJESTY: His Majesty King Mswati III at Eswatini Medical Christian University stand.



MONEY: His Majesty at the Central Bank of Eswatini stand during the tour where he was welcomed by Governor Majozi Sithole.



CREATING WEALTH FOR YOU: His Majesty at the Swaziland Building Society stand.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 3

1939 - British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, in a radio broadcast, announced that Britain and France had declared war on Germany. Germany had invaded Poland on September 1.

1943 - Italy was invaded by the Allied forces during World War II.

1951 - 'Search for Tomorrow' debuted on CBS-TV.

1954 - 'The Lone Ranger' was heard on radio for the final time after 2 956 episodes over a period of 21 years.

1966 - The television series 'The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet' ended after 14 years.

1967 - The TV game show 'What's My Line?' broadcast its final episode. The show aired over 17 years on CBS.

1967 - Nguyen Van Thieu was elected president of South Vietnam under a new constitution.

1967 - In Sweden, motorists stopped driving on the left side of the road and began driving on the right side.

1976 - The US spacecraft Viking 2 landed on Mars. The unmanned spacecraft took the first close-up, color photos of the planet's surface.

1981 - David Brinkley left NBC News after 38 years to join with ABC.

1981 - Egypt arrested more than 1 500 opponents of the government.

1984 - Bruce Sutter (St. Louis Cardinals) set a National League record by earning his 38th save of the season.

1986 - Peat Marwick International and Klynveld Main Goerdeler of the Netherlands agreed to merge and form the world's largest accounting firm.

1989 - The US began shipping military aircraft and weapons, worth US\$65 million, to Columbia in its fight against drug lords.

1994 - Russia and China announced that they would no longer be targeting nuclear missiles or using force against each other.

1999 - Mario Lemieux's ownership group officially took over the National Hockey League's Pittsburgh Penguins. Lemieux became the first player in the modern era of sports to buy the team he had once played for.

2013 - Hunters in Mississippi caught a 727-pound alligator.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Charlie Sheen (TV actor) - September 3, 1965 (age 54 years old)



August Alsina (R&B Singer) - September 3, 1992 (27 years old)



WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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WARRANT TO SEARCH FOR, SEIZE TAINTED PROPERTY



74. (1) For the purposes of this section and section 75 "tainted property" means—

(a) the instrumentality of an offence referred to in the Schedule; or
(b) the proceeds of an offence referred to in the Schedule.

(2) Any court which, on an application in writing made on oath or affirmation, is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that there is in or on any site, vehicle, vessel or aircraft any tainted property, may issue a search warrant in respect of that tainted property.

(3) An application for a warrant under subsection (2) may be made by the Director of Public Prosecutions or by an authorised member of the police force.

(4) A court shall not issue a warrant under subsection (2) unless the application contains, or the applicant otherwise supplies to the court, information which the court requires concerning the grounds on which the warrant is sought.

(5) A warrant may be issued under subsection (2) in relation to tainted property whether or not a person has been charged with the commission of the relevant offence, but where a charge has not been laid in respect of that offence at the time when the application for the warrant is made, the court shall not issue a warrant unless it is satisfied that a charge will be laid in respect of the offence within 48 hours of the issue of the warrant.

(6) Every warrant issued under subsection (2) shall be in the prescribed form.

(7) A warrant issued under subsection (2) shall be directed to a specific member of the police force, to a specific group of members of the police specified in the warrant, or generally to any member of the police force.

(8) A warrant issued under subsection (2) is subject to any conditions which the court may specify in the warrant.

Powers conferred by warrant

75. (1) Subject to any conditions specified in the warrant, every warrant issued under section 74 authorises the member of the police executing the warrant to—

(a) enter and search the site, premises, building, vehicle, vessel, train or aircraft specified in the warrant at any time by day or night during the currency of the warrant;

(b) use such assistants as may be reasonable in the circumstances for the purpose of the entry and search;

(c) use such force as is reasonable in the circumstances for the purpose of effecting entry, and for breaking open anything in or on the place to be searched; and
(d) search for and seize any property of the kind described in the warrant that the person executing the warrant believes on reasonable grounds to be tainted property.

(2) Every person called on to assist any member of the police executing a warrant of this Act has the powers described in subsection (1)(c) and (d).

(3) If a member of the police, in the course of executing a warrant finds any property the member believes, on reasonable grounds, to be—

(a) tainted property in respect of an offence other than the offence specified in the warrant; or

(b) tainted property in relation to any offence specified in the warrant, although not of a kind specified in the warrant, the warrant is sufficient authority to seize that property if the member of the police believes on reasonable grounds that seizure is necessary to prevent loss, destruction or concealment of the property.

(4) This section, in so far as it authorises the interference with the right of a person's right to privacy of the person and home as guaranteed section 14 of the Constitution, is enacted on the authority of that section.

Request for information

76. (1) An authorised police officer may request any person employed in or associated with

an agency, office or ministry or statutory body to furnish the police office free of charge and within a period specified in that request, with all information that may reasonably be required for any investigation in terms of this Act and that person shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law which prohibits or precludes the person—

(a) from disclosing any information relating to the activities, affairs or business of any other person; or

(b) from permitting any person to have access to any registers, records or other documents, or electronic data which have a bearing on those activities, affairs or business, furnish that police with that information and permit that police to have access to any registers, records, documents, and electronic data, which may contain the information.

(2) If a person from whom the authorised police has requested information in terms of subsection (1) fails to provide that information within the specified period, the Director of Public Prosecutions may request a judge or magistrate to require the attendance of that person before that judge or magistrate, or any other judge or magistrate for examination by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

(3) Subsection (1) shall not be construed as prohibiting any Minister by whom or any other Ministerial or institutional authority by which, or under the control of whom or which, any law referred to in that subsection is administered, or any board, institution or body established by or under any such law, from mak-

ing any practical and reasonable procedural arrangements with regard to the furnishing of the information or the granting of the access contemplated in that subsection and according to which the information or access shall be furnished or granted or with regard to any reasonable safeguards which that minister, authority, board, institution, body or person, subject to subsection (4), requires to maintain the confidentiality of the information, registers, records, documents or electronic data.

(4) A person shall not, without the written permission of the Director of Public Prosecutions, disclose to any other person any confidential information, registers, records, documents or electronic data which came to the knowledge of that person in the performance of the functions of that person in terms of this Act and relating to the activities, affairs or business of any other person, except—

(a) for the purpose of performing functions in terms of this Act;

(b) in the course of adducing evidence in any criminal proceedings or proceedings in terms of this Act; or

(c) when required to do so by an order of a court of law.

(5) A person who—

(a) without lawful or reasonable excuse, fails to appear before a judge or magistrate in terms of subsection (2) or refuses or fails to give the information referred to in that subsection; or

(b) contravenes subsection (4), commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding four hundred thousand Emalangeni or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twenty years or to both.

Sharing of information

77. Notwithstanding the Income Tax Order, Order 21 of 1975, or its successor, and with regard to any other secrecy provision in similar legislation, whenever any investigation is instituted in terms of this Act, including an investigation into any offence referred to in the Schedule and an investigation into the property, financial activities, affairs or business of any person, the Minister responsible for finance or any official designated by the Minister for this purpose shall be notified of that investigation with a view to mutual co-operation and the sharing of information.

Black South Africans explain who they voted for

THE election affirmed the pattern of ANC decline, with its worst electoral performance to date.

The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), founded in July 2013 by expelled former ANC Youth League President, Julius Malema, and which describes itself as a far-left political party, saw growth in its support. Meanwhile the official opposition, the Democratic Alliance (DA), a broadly liberal party, saw a decline in support.

BUT WHO VOTED FOR THESE PARTIES AND WHY?

To answer this question, the Centre for Social Change at the University of Johannesburg surveyed over 5 000 voters in an exit poll on the day of the election. Twenty three sites across eight of South Africa's nine provinces were surveyed, with most sites concentrated in Gauteng, the economic hub of the country. The survey focused primarily on townships and informal settlements, whose residents are mostly poor and black; 91 per cent of respondents were black African, and 22 per cent lived in informal dwellings or shacks.

Similar surveys were also conducted on the day of the 2014 national and provincial elections and the 2016 local government election.

The survey asked a range of demographic questions – such as age, gender, race, ethnicity and employment status – as well as



questions about participation in protests, and who respondents voted for and why.

The survey sample was not nationally representative. But, the areas chosen provide a crucial insight into the historic heartlands of support for the governing ANC.

WHO VOTES FOR WHAT PARTY?

The survey asked about all political parties but we concentrated our analysis on the three largest political parties: the ANC, the DA and the EFF.

As the ANC continues to experience declining electoral support, our survey provides some understanding of the patterns that lie beneath deepening electoral competition in South Africa. Age, gender, ethnicity, receipt of government benefits, and participation in protest were all found to significantly correlate with voters' choices of different parties.

Our analysis shows that the ANC

and the DA secured their greatest support among older voters, while the EFF secured the greatest support among younger voters, as one might expect.

In line with our previous surveys, we found that women were more likely than men to vote for the ANC. Nearly two-thirds of women (64 per cent) voted for the ANC, compared to only 55 per cent of men.

Nearly half of all DA voters surveyed had full time jobs compared to about a third of ANC and EFF voters.

The data also revealed interesting ethnic differences. IsiXhosa speakers were most likely to vote for the ANC while Sepedi speakers were most likely to vote for the EFF.

In previous surveys, we found that the ANC, then under the leadership of President Jacob Zuma, drew particularly strong support

from isiZulu speakers. But in this round of the survey, we observed that while support for the ANC was still strong among isiZulu speakers, they were also the most likely to vote for opposition parties beyond the EFF and DA.

The findings also reveal that those who had reported taking part in some form of protest action over the last five years were more likely to vote for opposition parties.

WHY DO PEOPLE VOTE?

The survey included a series of six questions that asked respondents to rate the reasons that they came to vote by 'a lot', 'a bit' or 'not at all.' The two most influential reasons were 'because it is my responsibility to vote' and 'to improve the economy,' with 90 per cent and 87 per cent of respondents, respectively, saying that these factors influenced them 'a lot.' *The Conversation*

Mokonyane is proof that Ramaphosa cannot unite ANC, beat corruption

AN ANC veteran who supports President Cyril Ramaphosa but is growing tired of the slow pace of the Thuma Mina project, recently told me something that made a whole lot of sense.

"The president cannot afford unity. Who do we want to unify with? The crooks? Unity for its own sake is untenable. We can't have unity between the corrupt and the anti-corrupt."

The veteran made the case for Ramaphosa to step up the pace of getting rid of corrupt comrades in the ANC and elevating the "good" ones to crucial positions. If he drags his feet, Ramaphosa will 'paralyse good people.'

Since the ANC's Nasrec conference in December 2017, the lie has been peddled that unity will be good for the party and by extension, the country. The 'logic,' if you can call it that, behind the unity rhetoric was that the ANC would tear itself apart if it continues with bruising leadership battles between two factions, and that it was a good thing that the top six officials ended up being from both the Ramaphosa and



Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma camps.

This is, of course, nonsense. Anyone who supports Ramaphosa and believes that he is the right man for the moment to steer South Africa back onto a path of order and economic growth will agree that he needed all the support he could get to back his cause.

The fact that Ace Magashule, the former premier of the Free State who is implicated in a litany of corruption scandals, is running Luthuli House as the secretary general of the ANC, is a major

headache for Ramaphosa.

Let's take Bosasa boss Gavin Watson's death as a case in point. On the one hand, Ramaphosa has rejuvenated the National Prosecuting Authority under Advocate Shamila Batohi to fast-track cases like the delayed Bosasa prosecution and other cases that implicate ANC politicians and backers.

My understanding is that Watson would have been added as an accused in the corruption case against several former Bosasa executives in the coming weeks.

On the other hand, the ANC, through its press statement sent out after Watson's tragic death last week and through Mokonyane's eulogy at his memorial service on Friday, elevates Watson to a national hero. Mokonyane is back at Luthuli House, after Ramaphosa dropped her from his Cabinet and she declined to go back to Parliament.

With Ramaphosa allies, Senzo Mchunu and Zizi Kodwa, gone from the ANC headquarters after their deployment to the executive, the president's support network in the top echelons of the party has been seriously diminished.

His deputy, David Mabuza, and ANC Chairperson Gwede Mantase, as mineral resources minister, have also been assigned executive duties.

Magashule, who is shamelessly undermining Ramaphosa's leadership whenever he gets an opportunity, has brought back Mokonyane and Malusi Gigaba, another Ramaphosa casualty, to bulk up Luthuli House. Between Magashule, his deputy, Jessie Duarte, Mokonyane and Gigaba, Ramaphosa is risking losing control over the party he leads. *News24*

Wit and Wisdom

"Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently."

— Maya Angelou

"No matter how much suffering you went through, you never wanted to let go of those memories."

— haruki murakami

"Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."

— Roy T Bennett

"Though nobody can go back and make a new beginning... Anyone can start over and make a new ending."

— Chico Xavier

"Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create."

— Roy T Bennett

"Only the dead have seen the end of war."

— Plato

"Take responsibility of your own happiness, never put it in other people's hands."

— Roy T Bennett

"The trouble is if you don't spend your life yourself, other people spend it for you."

— Peter Shaffer

"Happiness is not the absence of problems, it's the ability to deal with them."

— Steve Maraboli

"So it's true, when all is said and done, grief is the price we pay for love."

— EA Bucchianeri

"Hiding how you really feel and trying to make everyone happy doesn't make you nice, it just makes you a liar."

— Jenny O'Connell

"Friends are the family you choose"

— Jess C Scott

"Smile more. Smiling can make you and others happy."

— Roy T. Bennett

"I don't care what you say to me. I care what you share with me."

— Santosh Kalwar

"You cannot change anyone, but you can be the reason someone changes."

— Roy T. Bennett

"I don't think anyone ever gets over anything in life; they merely get used to it."

— Douglas Coupland

"How hurtful it can be to deny one's true self and live a life of lies just to appease others."

— June Ahern

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.50%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	1.6%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.25%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E12.80 per litre
Replacement	E12.85 per litre
Diesel	E12.80 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 30 AUG 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	15.2397	15.2897
British Pound/SZL	18.5528	18.6137
Japanese Yen/SZL	6.9648	6.9870
Swiss France/SZL	15.4045	15.4488
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3700	1.3852
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.2380	10.2747
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.4524	11.4865
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.8185	16.8737
Gold	1,523.5140	
Oil	60.68	

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AfDB INVESTS OVER E9BN IN ESWATINI

STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA

THE African Development Bank (AfDB) has invested over E9 billion (\$590 million) in the country in various projects.

AfDB President Dr. Akinwumi Adesina during a press conference held at the Royal Villas yesterday said the current portfolio is over E33.5 billion (\$238 million) covering various sectors especially water and sanitation, energy, infrastructure and agriculture.

He said Eswatini has had 45 years of development partnership with the bank and it is a partnership that has produced significant results.

"Over 11 000 hectares of land have been irrigated, supporting about 3 000 farmers of which 41 per cent are women.

Impacts

"Farmer companies have been formed, producing sugarcane. I was amazed with the impacts: jobs have been created, wealth creation is visible.

"The project has impacted 20 479 people who have benefited from the project, including over 11 673 men and 8 806 women," he said.

Adesina said the farmer-managed businesses were working successfully as 40 out of the 55 sugarcane farmer business companies had paid back their loans fully and the rest were on track.

Households with regular income had risen from nine per cent to 20 per cent. Employment has risen



Q&A: AfDB President Dr. Akinwumi Adesina and Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg at yesterday's press briefing. (Pic: Bahle Gama)

from 46 per cent to 71 per cent.

"When farmers are rich enough to hire their own managers that is great success. I saw the African Development Bank at work as we travelled on the Mbabane to Manzini road that's funded by the bank to the tune of \$48 million.

We are upgrading this road with another \$30 million for the Manzini-Mbabane Interchange that'll further ease transport," he added.

Support

He added that the bank's support of \$24 million to the FINCORP helped provide much needed finance for small and medium sized enterprises and their support of \$23 million for the Ezulwini Water Supply

and Sewerage had helped to provide much needed water and sanitation.

"Just last year, the bank approved the Manzini Regional Water Supply and Sanitation project for \$50 million. All these projects contribute to the goal of Eswatini to drive inclusive growth. However, challenges exist that we must continue to work together to resolve," he said.

He said on Sunday he traveled to see Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project II, which was supported with \$61 million by the African Development Bank.

"The project is amazing and is transforming lives," he added.

ESWATINI HAS BIG AMBITIONS

AfDB President Dr. Akinwumi Adesina says Eswatini has big ambitions - as it should.

He said African countries must never think small.

"Though a small nation, Eswatini must do big things," he said.

He said one of those big things was to turn the nation into an industrial hub for manufacturing, ICT and agribusiness. That's why the AfDB has been highly supportive of the National Development Plan (2019-2022).

"The Bank is looking forward with you. We will be developing together, our new Country Development Strategy that'll run from 2019-2023.

The bank has already lined up a pipeline of projects worth \$528 million.

I am especially keen to have the bank support the development of Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones across the country, to help the Eswatini to develop world class food and agribusiness processing

PROJECT	AMOUNT
Mbabane-Manzini road	E734 160 000
Fincorp	E367 080 000
Ezulwini Water Supply and Sewerage	E351 785 000
Manzini Regional Water Supply and Sanitation project	E764 750 000

capacity, create wealth and jobs, and transform its rural economies to zones of economic prosperity," he said.

He added that the bank would be supporting the Eswatini railway project that'll help with regional integration and competitiveness.

Studies

"To help provide more electricity, the bank is supporting the feasibility studies for the 94MW Ngwempisi Hydro Power plant. That'll further make the country bright!

There's no doubt that the future for Eswatini is bright. For this nation must shine. It must shine like a star in the middle of the night. It must be all it can be. For it is destined to

be a great nation.

You can be sure that the African Development Bank will be there with you all the way," he said.

He further disclosed that the AfDB has impacted greatly the Southern Africa region having provided over \$13 billion to support SADC countries. And every dollar invested by the SADC region in the bank has leveraged \$19 for the region. With more support, the bank will do even more to accelerate the development of Eswatini and the rest of the SADC region.

"I wish to therefore, thank His Majesty, King Mswati III, the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance and the government of Eswatini for the support for the General Capital Increase for the African Development Bank.

You can count on the African Development Bank. You can count on me as its President to continue to strongly support Eswatini," he said.

Bank to continue supporting Eswatini, mostly private sectors

AfDB will continue supporting Eswatini until the first world status is attained.

AfDB President Dr. Akinwumi Adesina said the biggest challenge was to grow the economy faster and contain budget deficits.

"There is a lot to be done. Growth is very low, with a GDP growth of 1.1 per cent in 2019, down from 1.8 per cent in 2018.

"Greater efforts are needed to diversify the product and export base of the economy, expand manufacturing, boost tourism and service sectors and reduce volatility from over-reliance on SACU receipts," he said.

He added that the bank welcomed, has and would continue to strongly support efforts of the government on fiscal consolidation and public financial management further stating that the aim is to drive growth as there is need to also significantly improve private sector investments.

"AfDB will strongly support more private sector financing in the country. The bank just held a business opportunity seminar with Business Eswatini in May 2019, to explore how to provide more support," he said.

Strong

He said strong public debt management would continue to be needed.

While external debt is not a problem and is sustainable, standing only at 27.8 per cent domestic debt has risen substantially, now accounting for 62 per cent of total debt, most of this from payment arrears.

"I'd like to commend the government for its commitment to clear arrears by the end of 2019 a bold move.

"Equally important is the need to significantly reduce the very high recurrent expenditure as share of total budget at 75 per cent and boost greater capital expenditures to ramp up growth.

"There's need to address structural challenges on the economy, especially high levels of poverty, unemployment especially for the youth. The African Development Bank will continue to strongly support Eswatini government's efforts to build strong macroeconomic and fiscal environments to drive faster paced growth," he added.

AfDB TO OPEN OFFICE IN ESWATINI

BY BAHLE GAMA

...will also mobilise \$3 billion for women enterprises

THE African Development Bank will soon be opening an office of the bank in Eswatini.

AfDB President Dr. Akinwumi Adesina made this revelation during a press conference held at the Royal Villas in Ezulwini yesterday.

He said currently the bank has a regional office in Pretoria, South Africa.

"We have since discovered that we need to be close by and provide real time support on the ground. We look to the future and we are content that there is quite a lot we are going to do in Eswatini, hence we will have a very strong office presence," he said.

"You can count on me as its president to continue to strongly support Eswatini. And you can be sure that



BRANCH: AfDB President Dr. Akinwumi Adesina.

there'll soon be an office of the bank right here in Eswatini!"

He further disclosed that the bank would be launching programmes to provide access to finance and economic opportunities for women in Eswatini.

The name of the programme is called Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) and is intended to ensure to reduce the risk of lending by banks and all financial institutions to women enterprises in the country.

"The bank will mobilise US\$3 billion for the businesses of women in this country. The African Development Bank will also strongly support efforts to expand jobs for the youth as well," he said. He stated that the unemployment rate in the country is too high, which is worrying hence they



as a bank will provide financial assistance to businesses run by young people in the country.

"We will be supporting businesses by young people in three areas, agriculture as a business, ICT sector and SMEs," he added.

He further disclosed that the bank has a programme for the youth called Enable Youth in Agriculture, which is a programme directed at training young people to see agriculture as a business and deem it as 'cool'.

"The programme will also support these young people to have access to finance, set up and run their businesses," he said. He added that by 2030 the size of food and agribusiness in Africa will be at US\$1 trillion.

Future of sugar industry threatened

BY SIFISO DLAMINI

WITH the future of the sugar industry looking gloomy, there is an increasing need to redefine the thinking.

This was mentioned by Ubombo Sugar Ltd Managing Director Oswald Mangwenzi during the Federation of SADC Sugar Producers (FSSP) Conference held at Royal Swazi Convention Centre on Wednesday.

Mangwenzi said there was a need to change the perception from being a sugar industry to a sugar cane industry.

He mentioned that for the sugar industry to be able to thrive, there was a need for diversification, creating partnerships and need to find more sustainability by diversifying into more products that could be produced from the cane crop.

He said establishing more partnerships was key in ensuring the industry remained successful moving forward.

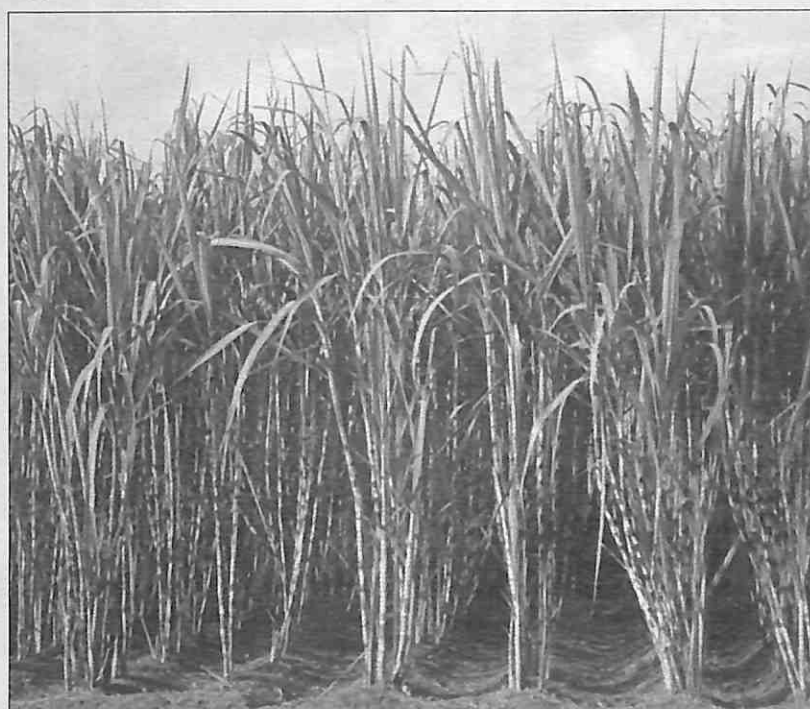
He added that there was a need to ensure that the industry was still around for years to come.

Trix Trikam from the South African Sugar Association said radical change in the sugar industry was normal. He said global sugar markets were basically what government policies made them to be.

He noted recently there has been a global decline in consumption of sugar and sugar products.

Sugar has been growing by two per cent for a number of years, and as of late there has been a decline which prompted for more radical thinking. He added that the sugar cane crop was one of the agricultural crops that were critical and important for any developing country. He said sugar cane was a development crop that dealt with empowering people in rural areas.

He said Africa still remained an opportunity as there was still consumption of sugar in Africa. He said this can be a blessing as well as a curse; it was a blessing in the sense that the African conti-



nent was still developing which offered an opportunity for markets. He added this could also be a curse as the development within the continent was still slow.

"The intra trade in Africa was slow as the markets were flooded by products from countries such as Brazil and the local products were being left behind, something needs to be done and there was a need to be faster and the new Africa trade needed to be finalised soon in order to have more trade within the African continent instead of relying too much on imported products," he said.

Products

He stated there were many other products that could be made from sugar cane and there was a need to diversify and take advantage of the markets for other products besides sugar. He added that there was also a need for sugar to survive and he believed in Africa there was a possibility for sugar to survive.

Devesh Dukhira from the Mauritius Sugar Syndicate said as sugar producers, there was a need to be more competitive and get the maximum value

from the crop. He said there was a need to exploit all that could be derived from the cane crop.

Instance

He said in Mauritius for instance, the sugar cane by products such as molasses and ethanol represented about 20 per cent of the country's revenue. He added that there was a growing demand for sugar in Africa that could always be supplied and what was important and needed was political support.

"As sugar producers we need to use our diplomatic skills at government level to protect the African market from distorted prices," he said.

He mentioned within the SADC region there was no distorted prices within the different industries that existed within the region, if there were any distorted prices, was imported price distortion caused by allowing sugar from outside the region to get into market.

He added it was a priority to protect the local market and need to promote trade within SADC and promote competitiveness within the producers in the region.

Gordhan's private office gets R20m

JOHANNESBURG - A total amount of R20.7m has been budgeted for the private office of Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan for the 2019/20 financial year.

The majority of the budget is allocated towards remuneration of his staff.

In a written reply to a question from member of Parliament Adrian Roos, about the costs of his private office, Gordhan shared details of the qualifications of the 12 people working directly for him and their job titles.

Of the R20.7m budgeted for Gordhan's office, R16.5m is allocated towards salaries.

A private secretary and an assistant private secretary, a media liaison officer, administrative secretary, receptionist, two drivers or messengers and a food service aid are among those employed in Gordhan's office. The minister did not indicate how much each employee earned.

In a separate reply to DA MP Baxolile Nodada, another minister within the economic portfolio, Minister of Small Business Development Lindiwe Zulu shared details on the budget of her private office and that of the deputy minister, which collectively totals R15.8m.

The minister has 10 employees in her office, while Deputy Minister Cassel Mathale has five employees.

Fin24 previously reported that Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula's private office has a budget of R22.7m.

The minister's 13 staff members were budgeted to receive a total remuneration of R9.3m. Similarly, Home Affairs Minister Aaron Motsoaledi's budget totals R22.8m. Motsoaledi's staff have

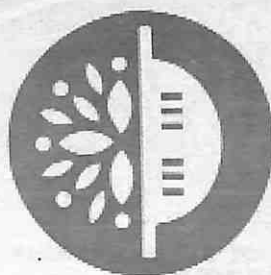


BOOST: Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan.

a budgeted remuneration of R13.25m.

So far it appears Minister in the Presidency Jackson Mthembu's and Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries Barbara Creecy's private offices have the biggest budgets. Each of their budgets total more than R30m.

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OMBUDSDAY

**FREE
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FOR ALL**

THE Office of the Ombudsman of Financial Services (the Ombudsman) joins the Kingdom of Eswatini in celebrating the 2019 Umhlanga Reed Dance by taking a moment to reflect upon our role when considering the girl child, as part of our mission to achieve inclusive public education about good practice in the non-bank financial services industry.

Acknowledging that financial inclusion is a key factor for sustainable economic growth and development in Eswatini, the Ombudsman exists to resolve non-bank financial services disputes, free of charge, in a fair and accessible way for all. 'For all' in our tag line means all citizens of Eswatini, including the girl child.

THE GLOBAL GENDER GAP

The Global Gender Gap Index is 'a framework for capturing the magnitude of gender-based disparities and tracking their progress over time,' with respect to Economic Participation and Opportunity, Educational Attainment, Health and Survival and Political Empowerment (The Global Gender Gap Report 2018). The score is measured on a scale of 0-1, where a number close to 1 indicates that the gender gap is relatively narrow, meaning gender-based inequalities are low.

According to the 2018 World Economic Forum statistics, the Kingdom of Eswatini is ranked 80 out of 149 countries, with an overall score of 0.694. This indicates the strides that have been taken to reduce the inequalities between men and women in Eswatini. This is an ongoing effort that we need to continue as part of the development and prosperity of our nation. This is not only significant for women who are economically active, but it is also significant to consider the gap that exists for young girls, specifically relating to matters of financial inclusion.

CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE

Article 20 of our Constitution, states that "All persons are equal before and under the law in all spheres of political, economic, social and cultural life..." and should not be discriminated against based on gender, birth, age and other factors. However, studies show that children in Eswatini are more vulnerable socially, economically and otherwise, particularly amongst girls and young women. So, what can we do to curb this vulnerability of girls and young women in the country? Our mandate as a public service organisation is to uphold the Constitution in relation to our operational duties. Therefore, the Ombudsman considers children of all genders equal when investigating complaints; applying the law and making decisions.

OMBUDSMAN: TOWARDS INCLUSION

Earlier this year, the Ombudsman reported on a stakeholder engagement with Umlhuma Women and Youth Foundation, which 'strives to become a solution of improved lives to widows, youth, the girl child and the disabled and victims of Gender Based Violence.' This is a community-based project and we viewed engaging with Umlhuma as a strategic partnership, developed with the aim of further promoting financial inclusion and inclusive growth through consumer education and pub-

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPLAINTS AND THE GIRL CHILD



lic awareness for vulnerable groups in our society, such as girl children. We are also looking forward to participating in the Money Matters Student Workshop where we will be afforded the opportunity to educate the country's future leaders of all genders, to not only teach them about what we do, but to also help them understand how they are included in one of our key objectives of being accessible to all of our stakeholders.

As a part of our consumer education and stakeholder engagement efforts, we observe that 53 per cent of the complaints lodged at the Ombudsman have been brought by women.

FINANCIAL INCLUSION IN THE RETIREMENT FUNDS SPACE

The Ombudsman, being established under Section 74(1) of the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) Act, 2010, receives, investigates and resolves complaints against financial services providers (FSPs) that are regulated by the FSRA. We work towards promoting a level playing field between non-bank FSPs and their customers by resolving complaints

about retirement funds, insurance, medical aid schemes and funds, investments and savings and/or credit. An example of the inclusion of the girl child in the non-bank financial services industry can be illustrated through the law relating to retirement fund benefits.

The Retirement Funds Act of 2005 specifically recognises/includes children to be considered amongst those who receive pension benefits when it defines a dependant as a child of the member and shall include a posthumous child, an adopted child and an illegitimate child... Therefore, if, for instance, the Ombudsman receives a retirement fund complaint relating to the pay-out of a deceased member's pension benefit, all the children of the deceased are legally entitled to be considered for a share of the benefit. Although this law does not discriminate or favour the gender of a child, it is important to highlight the existence of the law for the benefit of girl children – whom we can identify here as a vulnerable group.

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The above is only one example of the sce-

narios where the Ombudsman is empowered to resolve disputes.

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A group of young women, likely from Swaziland, are participating in the Umhlanga ceremony. They are dressed in traditional, colorful patterned dresses and are carrying large, tall bundles of reeds or grass. The women are walking in a line, and the background shows more reeds and a clear sky. The overall scene is vibrant and captures a significant cultural event.

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SELULIWE VILAKATI

The beauty of Umhlanga is its non-exclusionary nature. It doesn't matter if you're a young maiden, or you have had more life experience; so long as you are still Imbali, Umhlanga is for you.

Imbali Leader Nonduduzo Zubuko, who has served in this role for 8 years, emphasized this, saying, "kute lonjani, sonkhe siyafanana la. Kute loncono kuna lomunye

There is an old adage that says: "cynicism is the refuge of cowards." Based on the unfettered optimism I witnessed at the Reed Dance, Swazi girls are the bravest heroes in the world. There was nary a hair of cynicism around – excitement and jubilation was the order of the day. Anyone harbouring doubts about Umhlanga should attend once, to see how beautiful the Reed Dance is.

The beauty of the Swazi culture is on

display during Umhlanga – from the dances to the language. SiSwati is a language of poetry more than prose, and the songs were littered with idioms that required one to think and mull them over.

A popular new song had the lyrics:

*"Tsine sabehlula ngeTinkhundla
Sibong'Ingwenyama yeMaswati
Netinkhundla tisibuko seMaswati
Sangena ngato ku2022
Sakubona sabehlula ngeTinkhundla
Sibon'Ingwenyama yeMaswati
Netinkhundla tisibuko seMaswati
Lobucili benu Mhlab'uhlangene
Sakubona sabehlula ngeTinkhundla
Sibong'Ingwenyama yeMaswati
Netinkhundla tisibuko seMaswati
Lobucili benu Mangisi
Sakubona sabehlula ngeTinkhundla
Sibong'Ingwenyama yeMaswati
Netinkhundla tisibuko seMaswati"*

The history of the Swazi people is a very rich one, and though the nation has faced adversity, it has triumphed sever-

It's In The Music

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Music is said to be the most connecting form of communication, that transcends the limitations of language and social prejudice.

This can be felt at the Reed Dance as the sound of over ninety thousand young women fills the atmosphere with song.

Song Writing

As a song writer myself, I was curious about the process of song writing and the distribution of the songs. Besides the known catalogue of songs that have been used for over seventy years, each year Umcambi (composer) is selected to come up with songs.

The lyrics are a social reflection of the world and the times. Upon completion and approval by the Royal house, the songs go through an interesting distribution process.

They are broadcasted on radio, television and sang at "Imimemo" (swazi social gathering). The girls gather in their respective Tinkhunda to come up with songs as well and to teach each other songs they will want to parade with. Each year they are given a unifying theme that guides them.

The melodies are typically the same, but the lyrics change to tell the girls stories. Songs like "Bayosala betiteka bodvwana, s'yawabonga emakhos 'etfu", express their collective aspirations.

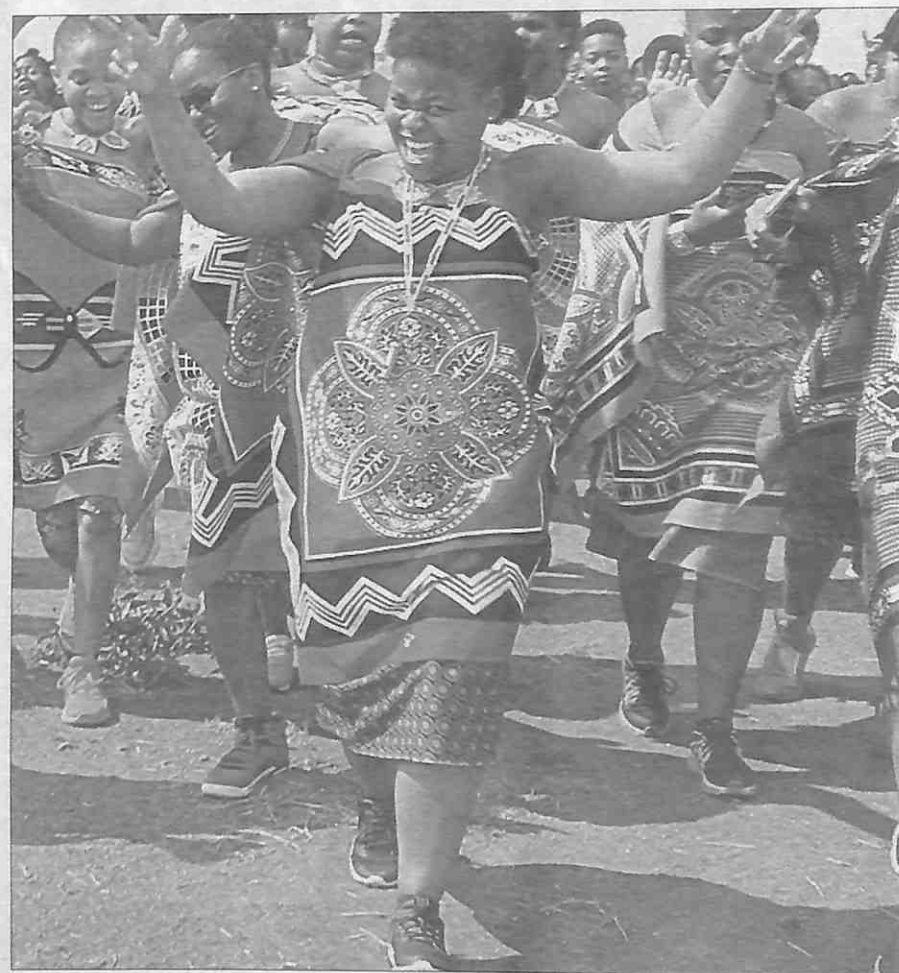


Dance

Now if you know me well, you know I am not much of a dancer, but I do try. I've come to accept that dancing requires rhythm and counting techniques that only a few are born with. It's easy to get lost in the music and forget to count your steps at the Reed

dance, but the most impressive sight is seeing the synchronized movement when the girls showcase their routines.

Now, it's easy to assume that you can just join in on the action, but the girls spend weeks before hand practicing and learning the songs they derive for the Reed Dance.



So, if you're like me, born with two left feet, you know to sit in the arena on the last day and savor the action from the sidelines. I had promised myself not to expose my challenged dance techniques, but I had to write about the complex foot work that some of these songs have. My standard dance

moves are on a "one, two, three, four" count; my latest Umhlanga experience introduced me to a "one, two, three and half step" technique, that was so complicated an old man offered to teach me.

Rhythm

The initial impression of over nine-

Kuhlehla

As someone who spent years working in events management, I am no stranger to the tedious work required to successfully organize an event of this magnitude. Though it has been simplified over the years as institutions have it down to a formula. I was curious about the grand organization of an event of this extent.

The Eswatini Reed Dance has been running for over seventy years and the number of attendees grows every year. So how do they do it?

Mobilization

Under the Royal office, Umhlanga has a team dedicated to organizing it efficiently. The arrangements start months before hand. If you are in events organization, you know the process is simplified with a set date. You start counting from the date and work the

planning backwards. Umhlanga never has a set date. Each year the country waits for the Kings call and the dates are set. You almost have to appreciate this style of organization as it requires disciplined planning and sound communication.

I discovered the most interesting resource mobilization in Eswatini. Umhlanga is run strictly by the Royal house, despite it being fully funded every year, the people come to offer

support in the most communal process called "Kuhlehla". Kuhlehla is when people come to offer support to the King, though not limited to The Reed Dance, the help comes in different forms. I was fascinated by the support required and offered during the Reed Dance.

From companies to people, the support almost makes the organization unified. From cattle that feeds the girls; to fleets of transportation that assist in

transporting the girl, people come together to show homage to the Royal family.

Understanding the Support

Now if you understand resource mobilization, you know one needs to write presentations and go out to find help. Yet during national events like Umhlanga, the people understand the nations needs and come to offer their support. News of the event is run on all media platforms, where the people are made awe

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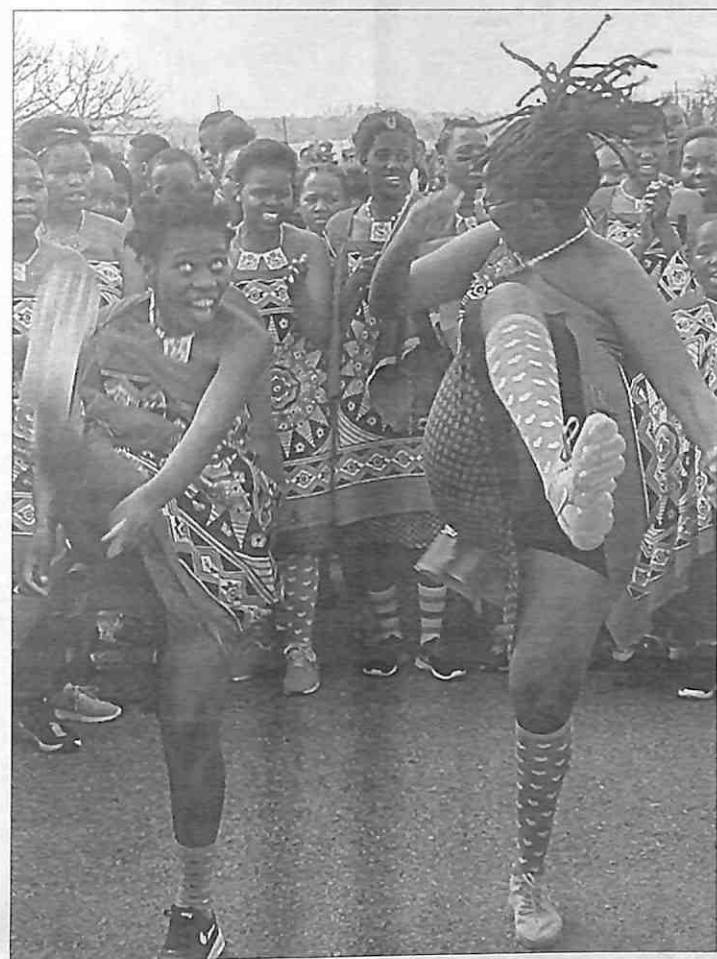
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al times over. Imbali are looking onward to 2022, and expressing support for His Majesty's vision.

Imbali are the leaders of the future, and shall be the custodians of His Majesty's vision. The commitment they have to culture – composing songs, learning the dances, and attending practice sessions – shows that they are preparing themselves for future commitments.

Imbali have been exemplary representatives of their families and communities at this year's reed dance. As Princess Temaswati said during the cutting of the reed, maidens were told what behavior was expected of them, and reminded them to remember His Majesty's instructions.

Princess Sakhizwe encouraged Imbali to take pride in their youth and vitality, saying, "Imbali ayitigcabhe ngebugabazi bayo." The Princess spoke extensively at Mpisi Farm, emphasizing the importance of the Reed Dance as a point of pride for all Emaswati. Imbali heeded her words, and reveled in participating in this most important traditional ceremony.



ty thousand girls dancing can be intimidating, but our cultural music and dance have a very relaxed rhythmic pattern, that is very contagious. Umhlanga is danced to with a fusion of Ummiso and Ingadla. Ummiso is more low foot work and arm movements, where

as ingadla is more leg work and seeing how high one can kick one's leg in the air. The overall rhythm of the Reed dance is one of pride, the foot hits the ground hard whether the girls are dancing Ummiso or Ingadla, celebrating in dance and in song their pride to be Swazi.

of events to come.

Supporting with Pride

When I had an interview with the girls about coming to the Reed Dance, they expressed their pride and referred to attending as "kuhlehla eNkhosini", paying homage to the Royal house, by cutting the reed that builds royal houses through-out the Kingdom.

The feeling of doing for the nation with pride fascinated me, as it could be felt through-out the event. From companies offering services and

financial support; to old women volunteering their help, Eswatini seemed united in the process of organizing national events.

Eswatini is blessed to still have custodians of its culture. The cultural events would parish if not kept, the people understand and appreciate that through "Kuhlehla Enkhosini". Paying homage to the Royal house that keeps the traditions of old, and joining in communal activities that unify the nation.

UMHLANGA: OUR BIGGEST ATTRACTION

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

The Reed Dance is one of Eswatini's biggest tourist attractions. Over the course of the week, thousands of tourists around the world come to Eswatini to witness the beauty that ceremony portrays.

Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati first welcomed all visitors in the Kingdom and wished them a happy stay. "Umhlanga is our pride as Emaswati where we take pride in our young maidens and see them celebrate being young women. So we invite visitors to be proud of this beautiful culture and they should see the beauty that is our culture."

Eswatini Tourism Authority CEO Linda Nxumalo also spoke highly of the event as one of Eswatini's tourists attractions.

This culturally rich and unique annual event pulls thousands of Swazis and tourists to witness and take part in the festivities.



Eswatini Tourism Authority CEO Linda Nxumalo.

The ceremony is a centuries-old tradition where the Kingdom's unmarried and childless females gather in groups and head out along riverbanks to cut and collect tall reeds, bind them and

return to Ludzidzini, the Royal Homestead in Lobamba. It is here they present their newly cut reeds to the Queen Mother to protect her residence.

Celebrations of song and dance then take place with a massive spectacle of colour.

"We are very fortunate as a country to have a cultural event that allows for so many tourists. This we do not promote tourism but we also take our culture to the world. As ETA we are also happy to be proud of the event and have the opportunity to welcome thousands of people to witness our beautiful unique culture."

Swazis welcome tourists with a smile and love to teach others of their way of life. In a modern world and under western influence, it's easy for cultural traditions to fade – but not in Eswatini. Many are still yet to discover Eswatini's culture, and events like the Umhlanga Reed Dance offer a perfect insight into what makes Swaziland such a remarkable country.



Some of the tourists who have been drawn to this year's Umhlanga Ceremony.

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

IT'S SIMPLY FOR LOVE

It may be confusing many people, especially those that do not understand the reason behind this ceremony, why so many maidens every year attend the Reed Dance.

Some have their own ideas of what happens during the ceremony and have decided they would never attend the Reed Dance. Not to blame or judge any of them because I was one of them. At 23 I this year attended for the first time and it made me realise one thing; I regret not attending when I was younger.

The joy and smiles that are plastered on those maidens when they dance and sing in front of the King are to die for. When you ask most of them why they attend the ceremony without fail you realise it is simply because of the love of their culture.

Many have tried to fault this ceremony but these young women feel their best during the eight days that the ceremony lasts. "I can be myself around here. I meet other girls and all of a sudden I gain confidence to be the person that I really am," said Thobile Matse, one of the maidens who have attended the reed dance for the past seven years.

Eswatini without Umhlanga is just not Eswatini. This culture goes back in the day of our grate-grandparents and will go on for future generations. It is quite amazing how the reed dance is still relevant to this date.

In as much as not all maidens in the country attend but the majority make it a point that they attend at least once in their lifetime. Eswatini's personalities also attend the reed dance. The ceremony is also attended by popular stars from other countries especially from South Africa.

The relevancy of this festival grows each year and with the help of social media it is quite obvious that it will continue to encourage other young people to come to the event.

Most people who have never attended the festival may think it is out of fashion to attend but the maidens that do make sure to keep it relevant and still preserve its cultural values. For instance, weaves and make up were banned, this was to ensure that maidens accept themselves the way they are and be proud of their natural beauty. That is one of the many things that keep this festival grounded in the roots of the

country.

Talking to most maidens during the cutting of the reed they said the reason this was still relevant was because they loved it so much.

"If you love something, you never let it stay out of touch or let it be irrelevant. I am this year cutting the reed for the 11th time and the reason I keep coming back is simply because I love it," said Noxolo Tfwala from kaNdinda.

Tfwala said she also loved the fact that the King cares about everyone that comes to the reed dance. "He does not only say it but shows it, he makes sure we are protected by deploying forces to guard us throughout the night and ambulances to ensure our health is taken care of at all times, why wouldn't you come back," said Tfwala.

Listening to comments from the maidens it is even clearer to me that they simply loved their King and culture.

My entire experience of Umhlanga proved to me just how much it was important to love culture. Some may think traditions are archaic and no longer relevant, and that they are unnecessary during these modern times. Perhaps for some, they aren't; but for Swazi maidens, exploring cultural heritage offers a robust variety of benefits.

Culture gives people a connection to certain social values, beliefs, religions and customs. It also allows them to identify with others of similar mindsets and backgrounds. The maidens were not shy to say they enjoy the Umhlanga experience because it helps them understand life better.

"I love coming to the reed dance because I meet more young girls that are like me, young girls that relate to what I go through and we get time to talk about life and other things that I am not usually able to talk about with my parents back home," said Noncedo Ndlangamandla from Gege.

This proves that cultural heritage can provide an automatic sense of unity and belonging within a group and allows people to better understand previous generations and the history of where they come from.



SWAGAA STANDS WITH MAIDENS AGAINST ABUSE

BY SELULIWE VILAKATI

The Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) has launched a drive to register maidens for their anti-abuse hotline.

Speaking from their desk at Engabezweni, SWAGAA Project Manager Gcinaphi Ndlovu noted that the Reed Dance is an opportunity to connect with girls on a large scale.

The sad truth is a number of girls

have seen abuse, or even experienced it first hand. Statistics say that you are more likely to be abused by someone you know, thus making it difficult to report, particularly if it is a parent or guardian. This week may very well be the only time afflicted maidens can reach out to someone, without undue influence.

The SWAGAA offices are located in Manzini, which is not easily accessible to all maidens. As the leading organization against Gender Based

Violence in the Kingdom, they have been seeking ways to reach girls from all the corners.

A major challenge for SWAGAA is a lot of the girls do not have mobile phones, thus signing them up becomes difficult. Nevertheless, they have managed to register at least 400 maidens at Engabezweni Royal Residence.

The outreach project provides girls an avenue to report abuse anonymously. They register using their mobile numbers, then add a pseudonym to pro-

tect their identity.

Gcinaphi Ndlovu, registering a maiden at Engabezweni, explained that they can add a name that no one else could associate them with, to protect maidens from any retribution arising from reporting abuse. They can also choose whether or not to share other details, such as their birthdays or the region they reside in.

SWAGAA hopes that this will help to encourage maidens to report abuse, as the vast majority of abuses go unre-

ported.

According to the CDC, 1 in 3 Swazi girls is a victim of abuse. That means up to 30,000 at the Reed Dance have been abused in their lifetimes. Unfortunately, the vast majority of abuses go unreported.

By allowing maidens to report anonymously, SWAGAA is hoping this will provide them with the security to tell their truth.

This protection of identity is to also prevent secondary victimization, which according to SWAGAA is "when social service providers display behaviours or attitudes that are insensitive

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to the experiences of the victim." Unfortunately, the inability of some social service providers to provide adequate care to people reporting abuse discourages them from seeking justice. Thus, maidens can now be assured they will be protected from re-traumatiza-

tion. Girls are advised that SWAGAA provides counseling services, to help them process their traumas; more importantly, if they are still in danger, SWAGAA will also help them find safe shelter. For victims of sexual abuse, they are also given dignity packs, which

include sanitary towels/pads, underwear, toiletries, and fresh clothing. At their stand Engabezweni, girls were also advised about what to do if they are victims of sexual abuse: avoid showering, using the restroom or changing their clothes.

WHEN THE YOUNG RESPOND

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

It is amazing how many maidens respond to the King's summon, but what makes it more beautiful is when the young maidens respond.

Throughout the ceremony it is amazing to see young maidens from the ages of 3 to 9 attend the reed dance with so much joy on their faces. I met a group of four children aged 5 to 10. Nelisiwe Sekwanele Ngenya, Ntsikayezwe Motsa and Vuyolwethu Nhlebeza had just received their package from the king which included a jacket, food and a t-shirt.

The four little girls said they love coming to the reed dance

since it was the only event they enjoyed. "I love the gifts that we get from the King," said 10 year old Sekwanele.

She also said it was not her first time coming to cut the reed as she had done it two times before. "I come here because all my sisters come every year and I wanted to see what they enjoy so much about the ceremony because they always come back with fun and exciting stories," said 6 year old Ntsikayezwe.

The young girls come to the reed dance because their older siblings came but also found something they loved about the festival.

They also get the opportunity to cut the reed at a place suitable for them. They are also well taken care of and are also led by younger princesses.

Most of these young girls enjoy walking to where they cut the reed and back. "It is fun, we get to sing with other children and have fun," she said. "I now see what our siblings rave about and I am also going to come back every year."

The way these children respect the ceremony proves that the reed dance also instills values in children. Some of the values the young maidens are taught here are the only values they will ever learn from adults.

There are older women who attend the reed dance with the maidens and their duty is not only to guard the maidens but to also instill important life lessons and it shows when talking to the maidens.

There are many benefits for raising children in a respectful manner.

They're less likely to do destructive things, the benefits of teaching the value of respect early include children who are happier, more successful, and have healthier relationships.

Are unselfish, considerate, caring, and generous.

This also means the country is raising powerful women who will be more than capable to lead the different ministries the country has.



INDEPENDENCE AND RESPECT

BY NOMALUNGELO DLADLA

The history of Umhlanga hinges greatly on the empowerment of the girl child. When King Sobhuza II started the Reed dance, it was mainly to have the Princesses lead an exemplary life of being an independent.

PRESERVATION OF SELF

Umcwashi, from which Umhlanga was adapted, is a beaded tassel worn

by all girls in the country at the Royal houses command. Curious to understand why it was so necessary I had a conversation with one of the male leaders and organizers of the event Invuna

How many Umhlanga Reed Dances have you seen in your lifetime?

Well one could easily refer to be as the moving histor

Why was it so necessary to empower the girl child?

The girl child grows into woman, woman mothers the nation. If the country is to be strong, close attention must be paid to her up-bringing. The Royal house has always understood this, even before the world felt the need to protect and educate the girl child.

Our Kings have always been raised by the strongest women, and those

women are to be thanked for the continued celebration of the Umhlanga Reed Dance.

What are the general hopes for the girl child who attends?

It is essential that all the girls understand the processes of growth and the steps that make a woman great. We here at the Reed Dance want to imprint on the girls the values of growing into self with respect.

Education is an important part of being free, and we want that for the girls. The Bible states that the woman must submit to the man, but true submission is not from a place of need, but true contentment and acceptance. The kind of values we want for the girls make them submit in marriage because of love.

Why is the chastity of the female so important to the growth process

How to get ready for Umhlanga - Tips for 2020

SELULIWE VILAKATI

With the Reed Dance over, maidens are already looking forward to next year's.

After quering several members of imbali, this list of advice to make sure one is adequately prepared to cut the reed was drawn up.

1. Attend the practice sessions (kulandza Ingoma).

This is where maidens are taught songs and the appropriate behavior expected of them. It also provides an opportunity to meet the girls one will be traveling with, and build bonds before the trip.

2. Make sure imvunulo is right.

Purchase any traditional attire ahead of schedule, because the very limited number of hawkers who sell it charge 'tourist friendly' prices. Moreover, there is a larger variety to choose from if you buy it beforehand. Wash your emahiya and tidvashi to remove starch, and make sure they are pressed right.

3. Know your Indvuna (by name, and by telephone number).

The Indvuna are well trained to keep an eye on maidens. Nevertheless, it is possible to get lost during the fun. Finding your contingent is virtually impossible if you lose them, so always be aware of where your leader is.

4. Travel with any medication you may need.

While the walk is long, but not particularly treacherous, it would still do well to carry medication for asthma, sinusitis and other common ailments. There are medical personnel on hand, however sometimes your specific prescription is tailor made to you and it would be more convenient.

5. Have emergency toiletries

Maidens should pack sanitary

towels/pads with them. Whether you have never had your period, or the Reed Dance does not coincide with your cycle, it is advisable to pack this essentials in case "Aunty" comes out of the blue.

6. Carry warm clothes for the night Batsi litijji aliweva emakhatu but Mphisi Farm can get chilly.

This year's Reed Dance was warmer than yesteryears, but temperatures drop at night.

Once there..

1. Don't treat your stomach as a dustbin.

The excitement of being away from home and restrictions means a lot of girls want to go wild and eat everything on display. Medical personnel said they were inundated with complaints about stomach aches and nausea. To keep from falling ill, make sure to eat healthily. Their Majesties provide enough healthy food, but maidens may want to buy snacks. Make sure to eat real food before chips and other junk food.

2. Stay in the camp.

Imbali's behaviour continues to be exemplary. While Umhlanga weekend is often abound with temptations to abscond from camp, with the Green Life Festival, Eswatini Rally, and Home Brew Festival all falling on the same weekend, it is important to stay there. It is not only safer, but it also maintains the good reputation of you and your chieftom. Their Majesties emphasised the importance of respect and good behaviour.

3. Follow instructions

The Umhlanga Ceremony is a tightly run ship; it has to be, with 90 000 young girls participating. To ensure yours and everyone else's safety, listen to what you are told. The people giving instructions have done this before, and they have heard whatever complaints you may have. The system they have is one that works.



Reed Dance: Crown

BY SELULIWE VILAKATI

The Reed Dance is the Crown Jewel of Eswatini's traditional ceremonies. Every year, tens of thousands of maidens congregate at Ludzidzini Royal Residence to register, yet even though it is held annually, there are still many girls and young women who are yet to participate.

Many young women have said they are afraid that they are too old, or that they are unable to dance.

Indvuna yeMbali, Nonduduzo Zubuko encouraged maidens who may be feeling nervous over their perceived inability to dance to participate in the Reed Dance, regardless. "Umkhosi wenu lona Mbali, kute lichuma. Yonkhe Imbali ayiphume itjengise bugabhazi bayo. Noma ngawushaya ngesencele, nawuseNkhosini yakho, kute lotakutjela kutsi ulibhimbi. Libhimbi nguweni ekhaya lobukelako."

The Imbali Leader was encouraging maidens to participate, because the Reed Dance is the only traditional ceremony that is exclusively theirs. It is their chance to come and revel in their youth and vitality. For those who fear their dancing skills aren't up to scratch, there is no shame, as long as you are part of the regiment taking part. The only shame is being a maiden sitting at home.

Indvuna Nonduduzo also addressed the mis-

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of the girl?

Well, men and women don't suffer the same consequences upon engaging in sex, that's just a known fact of life. Men can continue to exist with no traces of the act, while women must carry into being a human that they must then mother.

This process, a blessing, is beautiful but it must not be rushed. Rushing into womanhood as a girl robs the girl child of her youth.

It is also another known truth, that humans are generally the most productive in their youth, that truth rings true for the girl child too.

In her youth she can inspire, innovate, cultivate and do many great

things. This festival aims to remind her of her strength.

How is this message emphasized today?

With the world watching and trying to find flaws in the festival, its hard to communicate our values the old fashion way.

The generic feeling though is kept alive, the girls are told about abstinence from when they leave home. We also have a number of Organizations that come to offer support, like SWAGAA (Eswatini Action Group Against Abuse), these organizations help us communicate our core values in modern terms.

Jewel of Eswatini's traditions

conception that someone may be too old to cut the reed.

"*Nawusese yintfombi, ute umnyaka.*" Maidens, whether they may be young or mature, have a place among the regiments, for as long as they remain maidens, however old they may be. According to Indvuna, only once a young man asks the maiden's father for her hand in marriage does she then stop being eligible for the reed dance. Even at the age of 50, a maiden is still a maiden. Indvuna Nonduduzo drew from her own experiences, saying she has been Imbali Leader for eight years, and has never felt old even once.

The fun and camaraderie that the Reed Dance evokes in maidens every year is why they keep coming back.

Indvuna yeMbali spoke about how a maiden need only participate once to fall in love with Umhlanga. She says, "*kuyangenana. Utsi ungakucala, kute nalokutjelako, weva nje Indvuna imemeta, uve lolusinga lengekhasi.*" Thandeka Ngcobo, who was attending her first Umhlanga, shared that sentiment. "I am coming back next year," she said.

Having just cut the reed for the first

time, 15-year old Thandeka said that she decided to come because she felt pride in her virginity.

When queried, most maidens said their favourite part of the week was kugeca, or the cutting of the reed, and kushuca, which is the walk back to Ludzidzini from Mphisi Fam. Zandile Madonsela, who was dancing her 8th Umhlanga, said her favourite part was the cutting of the reed.

"When we get into the mud, some people would be afraid to get dirty, but we like doing it because we love our King."

Testament to this love of their Sovereign is how no inclement weather can prevent the multitudes of Imbali from participating in the Reed Dance. Others said they enjoyed the walk back to Ludzidzini because of the singing in unison, as well as the dance breaks whenever Imbali rest along the route. From ingadla to the popular voshu, Imbali have fun showcasing their best moves in a safe environment.

Indvuna encouraged first time participants to bring their friends next year, because no one should feel left out of this most special experience.



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I WAS BORN FOR THIS -ZUZU

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

Eight years in and Nonduduzo Zubuko still has the same level of passion and drive for being 'indvuna yembali' she had when she was appointed by King Mswati III back in 2011.

Speaking to Zubuko during the first day of the Umhlanga Reed Dance, she was excited and willing to share her life story.

The way she commands the maidens proves just how confident she is. Zubuko oozes confidence and always has a smile plastered on her face which makes every maiden feel comfortable talking to her. As she goes about her duties during the Reed Dance, she walks with her head high and her voice strong and commanding, no wonder she was chosen to lead the maidens of Eswatini.

Catching up with her during the ceremony at Engabezweni Royal Residence she explains how her journey has been over the years. She says she has realised she was born for the position.

Chose

"It was clear for me that I was born for this when I chose to lead Imbali. I never prayed for this position or even dreamt about it so much so that I cried when I was appointed because I did

not understand why the King chose me out of all the maidens that are there."

Zubuko reveals that she then took a step back and looked at the way she was brought up by



Nonduduzo Zubuko.

her grandmother and understood why she had to be the one for the job.

"Even after accepting the fact that I was chosen, it was still not easy for me to fully comprehend the reason behind my appointment. Coming from a poor family and having to work with different people I felt I did not fit in but because of God's grace I was able to execute my duties."

She quoted the bible saying when David was chosen to fight Goliath, he was chosen and had to do the job. "In everything that I do I remind myself that I was chosen and think of why I was chosen. It's all the grace of God. I remember after crying I said to God if this is your will then who am I to refuse. No journey is easy but if you have God by your side it becomes easy."

She narrated what she has learned through her journey as the leader. "This position has taught me that it is important to love what you do, respect and know that it is important to respond when you are being summoned, be resourceful."

When talking about her duties and role as a leader she refers to her mother and grandmother's teachings and values.

"My grandmother sort of molded me for this. She made me fall in love with our culture from a really young age. She would host dancing competitions for her grandchildren and the winner would get the best maize cob roasted by her. As children we appreciated such moments because they are the moments that taught us a number of things. I am proud to say that I can dance because my grandmother taught us."

She shares that her mother taught her that people are the same. "Understanding that people are the same helped me treat people the same. I never look at people differently, when I conduct my duties as Indvuna I take everyone as people of the King. That makes everyone feel comfortable to interact with me."

Seeing her go about her duties throughout the ceremony, Zuzu does everything with respect. When she talks to the maidens she approaches them with love and respect. She admits to have taken that trait from her mother.

"My mom always took care of me even though she did not live with me on a full time basis, she made sure I felt love at all times so loving the next person comes easy for me."

Respects

"The world is quite a small place and you might need someone you treated badly in the future so it is always important to be aware of the way you treat people, make it a point that you treat people the way you would like to be treated." Zubuko also expressed how much she respects being summoned by the King. "Responding when 'emakhosi' summon you does not only teach you respect but it also molds you into something great. It also makes you a strong person, imagine when the King thinks someone to send and then he thinks of you, it is an absolute honour."

'Zuzu' is also proud of the fact she gets to lead thousands of maidens in this journey and said she was looking forward to the final day where they get to present what they have to the King.

Her confidence comes from within. She acknowledged her upbringing, admitting that if it was not for the way she was brought up she would not have been able to lead the maidens with the confidence that she does now.

"Being indvuna yetintfombi has taught me a number of things.

These young women have also impacted on my life in a way that I can explain. It may seem that they look up to me but I also look up to them. Every day of the ceremony I learn a new lesson from someone I would never have thought would teach me something."

"It is not every day that you get to impact on people's lives and it is not every day that you get to lead so many beautiful and strong young women, so every day I wake up and ask guidance from God because it is not easy. I am also grateful to be given the opportunity to do this and for so many years it has become part of my life, I cannot imagine not doing it anymore."

"I can never be thankful and not mention how grateful I am to King Mswati III for trusting me with this position and every day I work hard to ensure that I fulfill his purpose, Bayethe Wena Waphakathi."

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Emazinyane Ntsandweni and Lomabheka joined by young maidens from the Royal Family as they lead throngs of little Imbali. The young libutfo from kaLangolotjeni was marching back to Ludzidzini after the cutting of the reed. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



Also present was SA Actor Hamilton Dlamini and his wife joined by local actor Ncaba Tsela



The Imbali walking under the cover of darkness which they seemed to enjoy.

Princess Lomathemba, Minister Lizzie Nkosi, Senate President Lindiwe Dlamini and Minister Pholile Shakantu were also present to witness the commissioning of imbali.



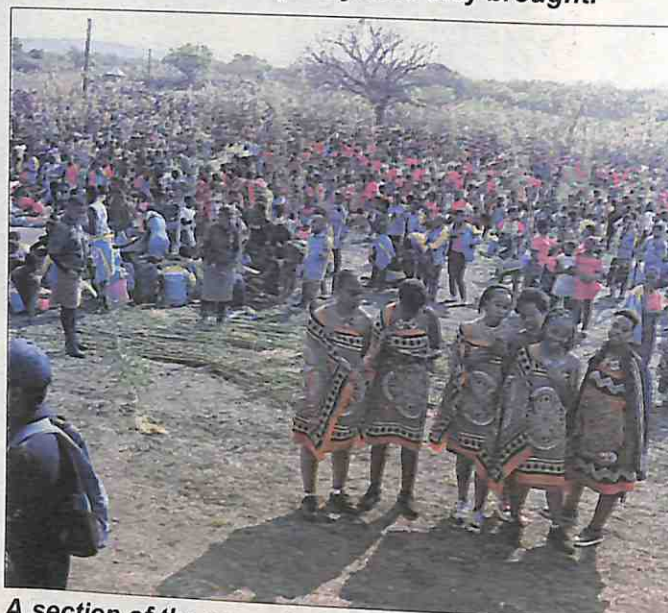
Sgcebhe, Statanyiswa and Sjabuliso discussing the way forward after the cutting.



Imbali from Red Cross in a jubilant mood as they march back with the quality reed they brought.



Imbali from His Majesty's Correctional Services in high spirit as they were 'unleashed' to the cutting of the reed.



A section of the many Imbali who came through to cut the reed.

Focus on World News

Global News

Israel is making the case for war in public

JERUSALEM - Israel's military went on a propaganda offensive against Iran and Hezbollah using social media to drastically increase tensions with neighbouring Lebanon hours after Benjamin Netanyahu warned the nation's enemies, in Arabic, to 'watch it.'

The Israeli prime minister was on the campaign trail ahead of elections scheduled for September 17. But the barrage of agitprop by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) represented a dramatic shift towards a warning of outright war.

The casus belli, Israel says, is Iran's efforts to modernise Hezbollah's Lebanon-based arsenal of what Israel says is more than 100 000 rockets into precision-guided missiles.

Since the ill-fated Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 2006, during which the IDF lost nearly 120 troops and scores of civilians and about 270 Hezbollah fighters and 50 Lebanese soldiers and police died, there's been an understanding between the two enemies that neither would do anything that could spark a return to all-out conflict. Both sides have, until now anyway, recognized a degree of



WAR: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction) in that scenario.

But Israel has now named three senior Iranian officers, two brigadier generals and a colonel, whom the IDF said were in charge of the missile programme for Hezbollah in Lebanon. It also pointedly observed that the leader of the group, the Iranian Quds Force, was in the country 'with his family.'

The names and faces of the three men appear in one IDF video that alleges the weapons facilities are

being deliberately built in civilian areas using locals as human shields against potential Israeli attack.

Another video says that Hezbollah could soon have the capability to fly a missile onto an Israeli address as simply as if it was using the popular Waze navigation app. The propaganda clip even uses an animation of the app itself to drive its point home. Ironically, the video doesn't note that Waze was invented by an Israeli company.

CNN

Students boycott classes after weekend of violence

HONG KONG - Thousands of Hong Kong university and school students swapped classes for democracy demonstrations yesterday, the latest act of defiance in an anti-government movement that has plunged the Chinese-ruled city into its biggest political crisis in decades.

The boycott follows a weekend marred by some of the worst violence since unrest escalated more than three months ago, with protesters burning barricades and throwing petrol bombs, and police retaliating with water cannon, tear gas and batons.

Riot police yesterday patrolled the subway, known as the MTR, where some of the most violent clashes have erupted.

Hundreds of students gathered outside the Chinese University of Hong Kong, one of the city's largest, taking turns to make speeches from a stage with a black backdrop embossed with 'Students in Unity Boycott for our City.'

"I come here just to tell others that even after summer holidays end we are not back to our normal life, we should continue to fight for Hong Kong," said one 19-year-old student who asked to

be identified as just Chan.

"These protests awaken me to care more about the society and care for the voiceless."

On the first day of the new school year, secondary students were seen singing, chanting and forming human chains, some wearing hard hats and masks.

Many primary schools were closed because of a typhoon warning.

Matthew Cheung, Hong Kong government chief secretary, told reporters that schools were no place for protests.

Reuters

Environment, poverty, corruption on agenda for Pope's Africa trip

VATICAN CITY - Pope Francis leaves tomorrow for Africa, where poverty, the environment, foreign exploitation of resources and corruption are expected to be high on his agenda as he visits the continent where Catholicism is growing fast.

He will spend most of the 4-10 September trip in Mozambique and Madagascar and briefly visit Mauritius at the end.

Fires in the Amazon have given new urgency to the pope's calls to protect the environment, tackle climate change and promote sustainable development.

Aides say the trip, his second trip to sub-Saharan Africa, is a key opportunity to renew appeals enshrined in his 2015 encyclical

'Laudato Si' on environmental protection.

Rampant deforestation has plagued Mozambique and Madagascar. Deforestation, along with soil erosion, made Mozambique more vulnerable when two cyclones hit the country this year.

According to the World Bank, Mozambique has lost 8 million hectares of forest, about the size of Portugal, since the 1970s.

"Here in Mozambique we like to say that not even our wood is ours because the Chinese are taking it all away, said Costantino Bogaio, head of the Comboni religious order in Mozambique. "The earth is ours and we have to protect it more."

EWN

UK's Johnson threatens to purge lawmakers from party

LONDON - British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has threatened to purge any lawmaker in his party who votes against the government on Brexit in a dramatic escalation of tensions ahead of a crucial week at Westminster.

A senior source in the whips office, responsible for party enforcement, said any Conservative lawmaker who votes against the government this week would be thrown out of the parliamentary party and banned from standing for the Conservatives in the next election.

"The whips are telling Conservative MPs (members of Parliament) today a very simple message - if they fail to vote with the government on Tuesday they will be destroying the government's negotiating position and handing control of Parliament to Jeremy Corbyn," the source said.

"Any Conservative MP who does this will have the whip withdrawn



THREATENS: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

and will not stand as Conservative candidates in an election."

The battle for Brexit will enter the endgame this week when opposition lawmakers from all parties seek to either change the law, or the government, in their drive to block what they say would be an economically damaging no-deal Brexit. Reuters

BRIEFS

Tunisia unveils 26 candidates for Sept

TUNIS - Tunisia's electoral body has announced 26 candidates out of 96 who are eligible for the September 15 presidential election. Thus 70 candidates were disqualified from contesting in the polls. "As long as there is no legal decision that prevents someone from running in the presidential elections, they have the right to do so. And we have 26 candidates who enjoy all their rights to run for president. Their names have been added to the primary list. We announced today that they are definitely candidates for the presidential election," Nabil Baffoun, Head of the Electoral Commission told a press conference on Saturday.

AFP

Negotiations still ongoing for a final govt

KHARTOUM - Consultations are continuing on Sunday in Sudan to reach the formation of the government, four days after the date initially planned for the announcement of this new cabinet, which should mark one of the main stages of the post-Bashir transition. Inaugurated on August 21, Prime Minister Abdallah Hamdok was to announce the composition of his government tomorrow and this Sunday was to be the occasion for the first meeting with the Sovereign Council, a civilian-majority body but headed by a military officer who must supervise the transition.

AFP

Airstrikes kill over 100

SANAA - Yemen is reeling from what has been described as the deadliest attack so far this year after multiple airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition hit a detention center run by the country's Houthi rebels, killing at least 100 people and wounding dozens.

The center in southwestern Dhamar province had around 170 detainees. The Red Cross said 40 wounded were being treated for injuries while the rest were presumed dead.

Franz Rauchenstein, the head of the Red Cross delegation in Yemen, suggested that the death toll could be higher. He visited the site of Sunday's attack, saying relatively few detainees survived.

AP

Argentina imposes currency controls

BUENOS AIRES - Argentina has imposed currency controls in an attempt to stabilise markets as the country faces a deepening financial crisis.

The government will restrict foreign currency purchases following a sharp drop in the value of the peso.

Firms will have to seek central bank permission to sell pesos to buy foreign currency and to make transfers abroad.

Argentina is also seeking to defer debt payments to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to deal with the crisis.

AP

Focus on SA Scene

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Bathabile's support of Mkhwebane shows ANC deeply divided

JOHANNESBURG - A political analyst says the decision by the ANC Women's League President, Bathabile Dlamini, to show support for under-fire Public Protector Advocate Busisiwe Mkhwebane, while some within the ruling party want her gone, is a sign that the ANC is deeply divided.

Durban-based independent analyst Thabani Khumalo says it's a farce that the party was ever united, adding that there are two main factions that have people helping their cause.

He said most of Mkhwebane's decisions have helped one of the factions, which includes Dlamini, hence the latter's decision to show up in Mpumalanga on Friday to attend a prayer service organised for the Public Protector.



SUPPORTIVE: ANC Women's League President Bathabile Dlamini.

"If (President Cyril) Ramaphosa was actively responding to the ongoing fight back campaign we would be seeing fire versus fire. There is no unity here and people must not be deceived," Khumalo said.

He said Dlamini's support further underlined the divisions within the

ruling party as it came days the National Assembly changed rules to enable it to remove the sitting Public Protector unhindered.

As a result of that, the ANC which enjoys majority powers in the assembly, will remove her.

Political Bureau

Liquidator issues 'termination' notice to Bosasa youth centres

JOHANNESBURG - The future of the children at 10 Bosasa youth development centres across the country hangs in the balance after liquidators for the company, now known as African Global Operations (AGO), sent notice to stop rendering services by the end of October.

The centres house youth who have severe behavioural challenges and/or are in conflict with the law.

A letter was sent to the centres on August 8, titled: "Notice of termination of the service level agreements - and termination of employment." The national social development department, however, said it was waiting for a redrafted version of the letter that cited adequate reasons for the 'termination.'

In the August 8 letter, liquidator Ralph Lutchman said: "The fact that we have been operating while in liquidation has placed a tremendous strain on the business operations and staff morale has been significantly impacted."

He added this had caused the liquidators to reconsider the 'commercial viability of the current security and secure care operations' with-

in the centres.

Lutchman informed staff their last day would be on October 31.

"We urge you to continue your normal duties in a professional matter until the service is terminated."

The letter raises questions about what will happen to the children at the centres.

The centres listed in the letter are: Mogale and Lesideng child and youth care centres (Gauteng); Polokwane and Mavembe child and youth care centres (Limpopo); Rustenberg, Matlosana and Mafikeng child and youth care centres (North West); Horizon and Clanwilliam child and youth care centres (Western Cape); and Springbok and De Aar child and youth care centres (Northern Cape).

According to the Bosasa website, Mogale was the first and largest secure care centre to be privately managed in South Africa when it opened outside Krugersdorp in 1995.

"During that time, the government recognised the need for young offenders to be relocated from adult-occupied correctional facilities and cells to safer environments," the website stated. *Citizen*

Gavin Watson will take secrets to the grave

JOHANNESBURG - The death of African Global Solutions chief executive Gavin Watson, 71, has raised many questions, but to those in the struggle, he and his Eastern Cape family were pathfinders who turned their back on apartheid.

Gavin, was one of the four Watson brothers - Valence, Ronnie and Daniel, popularly known as Cheeky - grew up on a Somerset East farm in the Eastern Cape.

Their father, according to Wikipedia, was a lay preacher who preached racial equality during apartheid.

Gavin, the eldest of the brothers, met his death on Monday morning when the vehicle he was travelling in plunged into a bridge pillar near the OR Tambo International Airport.

He had apparently used the company's Toyota Corolla for the weekend after his BMW X5 experienced mechanical problems.

He died on the eve of a South African Revenue Service tax inquiry into African Global Solutions, formerly known as Bosasa, with Times Select revealing Watson 'funnelled' as much as half a billion rand into a Jersey tax haven offshore.

His family has since appointed a forensic engineering and accident reconstruction expert Konrad Lotter to investigate the crash.

Gavin's death has obviously sparked speculation and there is a



RIP: Gavin Watson.

general view that he may have taken many of his company's tax secrets to the grave.

This week, Port Elizabeth activists remembered Gavin and his family for their role in the liberation struggle.

They told how the family sparked controversy in the 1980s when leadership in the mass democratic movement, United Democratic Front (UDF) was divided on whether a consumer boycott should apply to their businesses.

Businessman and anti-apartheid activist Mkhushi Jack said the Watsons were a unit that was exemplary. "They continued to subscribe to strong family values as the foundation of any society to start with," Jack said.

Political Bureau

Moloto plans to remove newly-elected PAC president

JOHANNESBURG - The outcome of the PAC national elective conference where Mzwanele Nyhontso was elected party's president was an 'illegal gathering.'

This was the view of PAC president Narius Moloto, who was not part of the elective conference which was held in Bloemfontein over the weekend.

Moloto was reacting to the outcome of the Bloemfontein conference and said his faction was planning to recall Nyhontso as the party's sole representative in parliament.

tative in parliament.

He said they are planning to replace Nyhontso with Bennet Joko his deputy president.

Reelection

Last weekend, newly elected PAC secretary general Apa Pooe made similar allegations against Moloko following his reelection as PAC president, saying the conference which elected Moloko was 'illegal.'

The bickering between two PAC factions look set to end up in court in a bid

to resolve the legal squabbles which has bedevilled the PAC of Robert Sobukwe over the years.

Pooe said Moloto had defied an order of the North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria instructing Moloto to refrain from holding an elective conference under the banner of the PAC.

He said Moloto and his supporters ignored the court order and "decided to hold a get-together in which they elected themselves into positions."

Political Bureau

RAMAPHOSA TASKS SIU WITH PRASA PROBE

JOHANNESBURG - The awarding of tenders for security services and forensic services will form part of an investigation by the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) into the affairs of Passenger Rail Agency of SA (PRASA).

This emerged in a schedule published in the Government Gazette published on Friday by Justice and Correctional Services Minister Ronald Lamola.

Lamola said the contracts and payments that would come under scrutiny include those that were not cost-effective, not in line with circulars issued by the National Treasury as well as unauthorised, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

The schedule came after President Cyril Ramaphosa authorised the SIU to conduct a probe into the affairs of Prasa. In a proclamation published on Friday, Ramaphosa said allegations have been made in respect of the affairs



of the Prasa. "I deem it necessary that the said allegations should be investigated and civil proceedings emanating from such investigation should be adjudicated upon," he said.

The investigations will cover the period between January 2010 until or after

the proclamation was published.

Ramaphosa said the SIU investigation would examine allegations of serious maladministration and unlawful conduct by the state-owned entity's (SOE) employees.

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SWAZI RALLY ENDS ON A HIGH NOTE

STORIES BY AYANDA DLAMINI

THE 26th Annual Swazi Rally which started on Friday at Sidvokodvo Riders Ranch ended on a high note on Sunday.

The event which attracted not only Emaswati but bikers from countries such as Zimbabwe, South Africa, Namibia, Mozambique was attended by over 10 000 adrenaline devotees who mostly arrived on Friday and Saturday to celebrate 26 years of this fun filled game. The rally was hallowed by different

settings this year; the stretch tent saw the matured crowd mostly from South Africa being serenaded with deep house music and by dancers.

Stage

The main stage catered for all the revellers, this is where the main acts of the weekend performed. DJ Zinhle served bikers with perfect music to activate the weekend mood on Friday.

Thebigzill, DJ Zinhle, DJ MBO, Lady Cream, Xtra Luv, Master P, Zulu D, Speech Umlangeni, ID, Mkey, and The Trendsetters were amongst the acts of weekend and the served good tunes for the vibe.



WINNER: South African biker Cally Ramohlale won a new bike worth E 300 000. This was during the draw conducted by biker Richard Green, Swazi Rally Directors Carlos and Sonia Paiva on Saturday at Riders Ranch.

JHB biker wins new bike worth E300 000

SOUTH African biker Cally Ramohlale is this year's lucky winner.

Ramohlale won a new bike worth E300 000.

Last year the winner was Veli Ginindza.

Excited

"I'm so excited and I will have a good time with this new beast. I'm definitely coming next year," he said. The draw was done by a South African biker Richard Green, Swazi Rally Directors Carlos and Sonia Paiva.

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'Swazi Rally will always be the best'

Its been 26 years since the Pavia family gave birth to this matured baby; Swazi Rally, which has been dubbed the best bikers' gathering in Africa attracting bikers from different parts of the world.

Speaking to some of the bikers at the rally on the wee hours of Sunday, they all affirmed that the Swazi Rally was the best bikers' rally in Africa.

"You know what, I've attended six rallies in Africa. One in Lesotho, one in Pretoria

and one in Mozambique. All I can say is this the best. From the activities to the ambience of the whole venue, it offers a first class rally," said Themba Mohlolog from Botswana who was attending the rally for the fifth time. Menziwa from South Africa echoed Mohlolog's words, "This is the best rally. I tell you. The bikers around can attest to that. I've been attending the Swazi Rally for the past 15 years now," said the South African biker.



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The Kingdom of Eswatini, joined the COMESA Fund through signing, ratification and contribution to the Fund an amount of \$300,000. This allowed the country to participate in the COMESA Adjustment Facility (CAF) which is one of the windows under the COMESA Fund. The CAF, funded by the Regional Integration Support Mechanism (RISM) by the European Union, makes available financial support to COMESA Member States to enable them to make the necessary fiscal, economic and social adjustments that inherently accompany the implementation of regional integration commitments. This support includes broad adjustment cost mitigation which arises from the implementation of policies and programmes relating to trade liberalization reforms and regional integration efforts that are in consonance with the COMESA integration agenda. It also allows for investment in projects that have the potential for enhancing the trade capacities.

Eswatini has been a participating member of the COMESA Fund and through it the COMESA Adjustment Facility (CAF) since 2012. With its membership, the country has already managed to secure a total of €2,164,047 against its Regional Integration and Implementation Support Programme (RIIP), and against the implementation of commitments stated under the RIIP through the 4th, 5th and 7th call.

Following positive assessment, the country has received additional funding which amounts to Euro 1,185,899 for both the 7th and 8th Call. The funds are to be applied to areas of intervention that build on projects that have been undertaken previous funding in the CAF. Such areas include strengthening of quality infrastructure which will improve the capacity of producers, exporters and regulators for market access purposes. The Government of Eswatini is strengthening the National Quality Infrastructure Institutions to be able to provide the necessary support to industry to produce competitive goods and services. There are two perspectives on quality issues: one is from the side of industry, which mainly looks at standards and certifications to comply with requirements of demanding clients and/or gain access to more lucrative markets; on the other side there are service providers and support institutions of the National Quality System (NQS) or Quality Infrastructure (QI).

Tenderers are therefore invited from suitably qualified, firms, individuals and other private or public economic operators to bid for any of the following contracts that would be implemented in the Kingdom of Eswatini:

- I. Develop proposal to the Ministry of Education on the inclusion of Quality Issues i.e. Quality Assurance, Accreditation, Technical Regulations and Metrology in the Secondary School curriculum and conduct training to the education sector and relevant stakeholders on the proposed inclusion.
- II. Handholding exercise of Implementation of Quality Management Systems.
- III. Handholding exercise to laboratories on the implementation of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standard.
- IV. Training on TBT and SPS Regulators and Legislators on Good Regulatory Practise.
- V. Handholding Exercise to inspection bodies on the implementation of ISO/IEC 17020 Standard.

Interested individuals and firms must submit their:

- I. Updated CV or profile
- II. Cover letter detailing their understanding of the task and highlighting experience and references.
- III. Copies of academic or incorporation certificates and or registration certificates.
- IV. Applicants must specify clearly the contract being applied for.
- V. Documents must be delivered to the address below:

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade
Between Deputy Prime Minister's Office and Swazi Bank
Gwamile Street
P.O. Box 451, Mbabane, Eswatini
Tel: +268 2404089

- VI. Terms of reference will be available for collection at the above mentioned address.
- VII. For more information kindly you can email:
gcinilezaza@gmail.com and copy sandrankuna260@gmail.com
- VIII. The deadline for submission is Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 16:45 pm and tender opening session shall be held on Thursday 26th September 9.00 am.

HOMEBREW CELEBRATES PURE LOCAL MUSIC

STORIES BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

...Cold breeze fails to dampen the spirit of festival goers

A celebration of Eswatini music is the best way to describe the first ever Homebrew Music Carnival.

Held at The George Hotel on Sunday afternoon, the carnival saw a 100 per cent local line-up.

Adding to celebrating local music, the theme was traditionally inspired outfits and artists went all out to stick to it. Artists also dished out their best performances for the crowd.

Taking the crowd back in time were Nomalungelo and KrTC, who rendered 'Gwayimane' for the audience.

Performed

Nomalungelo continued to serenade the crowd with songs such as 'Imiyalo' and many others. The singer also performed one of the songs in her upcoming album titled 'Water me' 'Deeper'.

Before Nomalungelo took to the stage, Mozaik also brought the house down with his rendition of 'Gijima'.

He rendered most songs from his



MUSIC: Fun lovers dance to the local music rendered by acts during the inaugural Homebrew Music Carnival which was held at The George Hotel on Sunday. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini and Nokwanda Sibandze)

album 'Nowhere'.

The crowd was so excited that they

ran to the front of the stage as soon as he mounted the stage.

His former band mate KrTC performed after him rendering some of

his songs including 'Black Superman'. KrTC surprised the crowd when he brought singer Denzel on stage as they performed a song together.

Denzel was also one of the singers that thrilled the audience with his vocal skills. He and Judah went all out with their performances giving the crowd enjoyable performances.

Judah rendered 'Buya sitsandzane' and the crowd could not get enough of the song as they screamed for an encore.

Hits

The crowd was also treated to a range of music genres by different spinners. DJ Master P took the crowd back with his old skool music and also catered for the younger generation with current hits.

Playing deep house was DJ Misto-soul. DJ Mix-mash went all new skool playing amapiano hits for the crowd. Songs that got the crowd dancing were 'Iskhathi' by Kwiish SA and many others.

Warming the stage for the singers was Zoe Genesis, who turned the stage up with her energetic performance. Zoe was followed by King Terry and then Son of Eswatini, who made the crowd laugh when reciting his poems.

The poet had back tracks for all his poems which the crowd appreciated with a round of whistles and applause.



THAT ONE: Revellers gesture to DJ Master P's set.



WOZA: Socialite Gcie and her friend Zanele Magongo dance the night away.



ALSO THERE: Linda Hlatshwayo captured with Khanyi Ngwenya at the festival.



LEFT - SUPER-STARS: DJ Wicked, Mandisa and King Terry upon their arrival.

RIGHT - LUNGS OUT: Nomalugelo belts it out with Zwile during her performance at the fest.

The S-Cubed Project steals the show

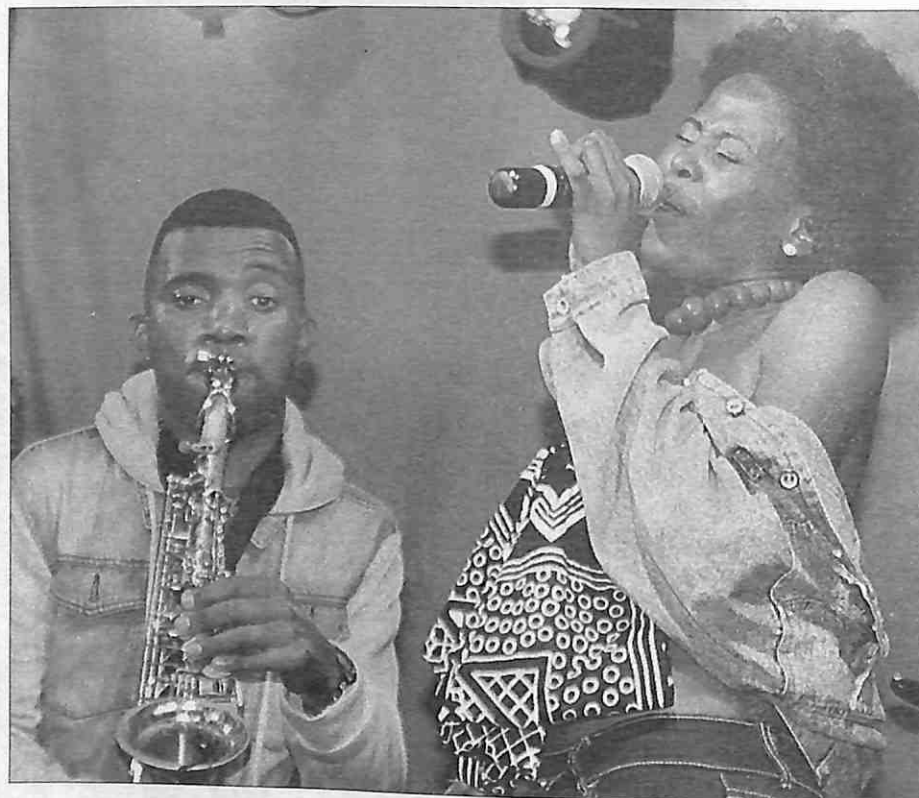
THE five-piece band known as S-Cubed stole the hearts of many at the show.

The band includes Sizwe on the drums, Zwile on saxophone, Sibz on guitar, NKO on piano and Sihle on bass. The band played for most

of the artists on the line-up. The artists were also stunned by the skills the band had as they would stand aside and let the band play on their own. Zwile and Sibz would occasionally go to the front of the stage and play for the crowd

screaming and yearning for more.

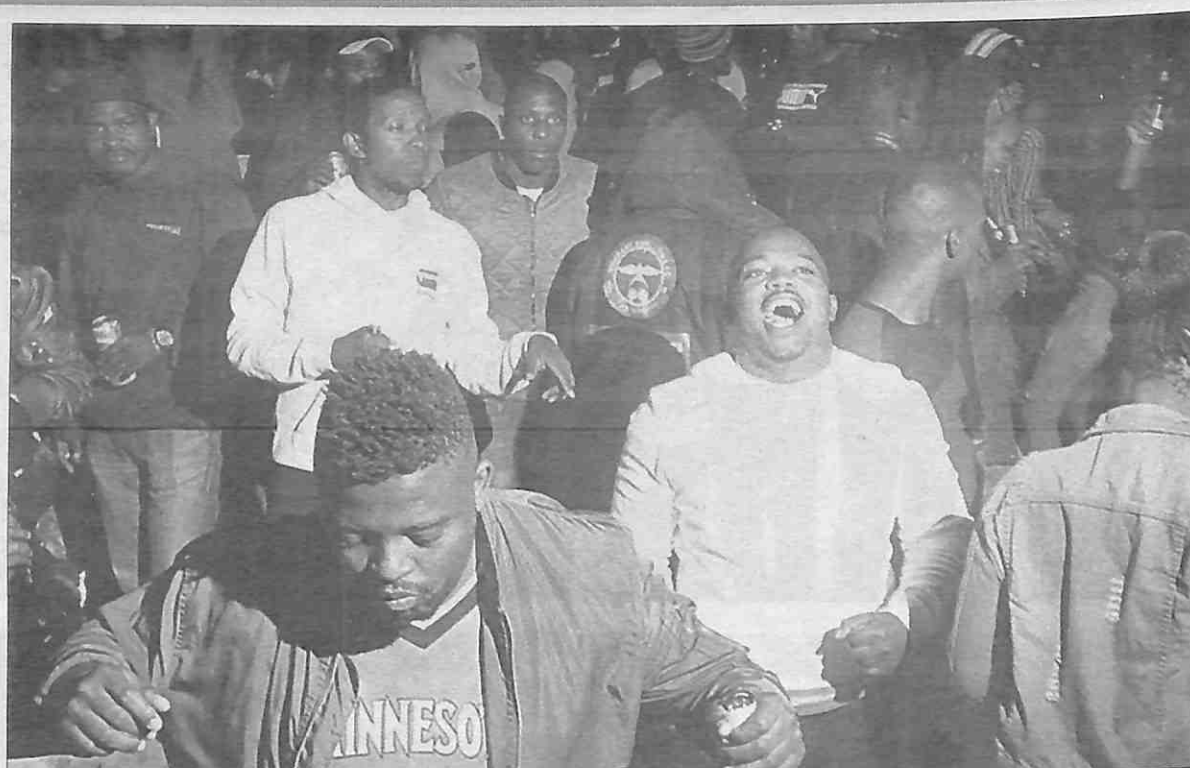
The band is also known for playing for most artists in the country, including Denzel, Nondumiso Nhleko, KrTC, Mozaik, Nomalungelo and many more.





LEGENDARY: Christos preparing to set the turntables of fire with his music selection.

RIGHT - IN DANCE: Deep house heads dance to Christo's music offering.



DJ CHRISTOS DELIVERS ANOTHER 'MAGIC SESSION'

BY VUYILE DLAMINI

DEEP house lovers were pleased with iconic hit maker DJ Christo's deep house music selection, during the Spring Deluxe show at Ekhayeni Chillaz on Sunday.

The show dubbed 'Ekasi Magic', was nothing short of spectacular.

Local spinners showed off their musical prowess as they set the turntables alight, in preparation for the deep house magician.

'Ekasi Magic Spring Deluxe' featured the likes of local veteran hip hop DJ Wicked Crooks, X-Stacy, Waar Was Jy and Twanas, who kept revellers entertained throughout the cold night with stellar music selections.

Journey

Ekhayeni Chillaz' resident DJ Maye Le Muso took fun lovers on a musical journey with songs such as 'Square Up' by Jimpster, and DJ Christos' own rendition of Ralf Gum's 'Complicated'.

Taking over the turntables from resident DJ Maye Le Muso, Christos started off his fiery set with a selection from various local and international producers and artists.

Although minor sound glitches almost spoiled the mood, deep house lovers were not fazed as they carried on having fun.

During an interview, Christos

revealed that he had last been in the country early this year and missed EmaSwati's energy during his shows.

"I am humbled by the love and support from my fans. This show was like a homecoming, as the kingdom has always welcomed my music with open arms. I hope that I can come back soon, as I really enjoyed the show tonight," he said.

Excited

Deep house head, Similo Ngwenya said she was excited to be at the show as Christos was a stalwart in the deep house music industry.

"I am just here to have fun with my friends, and appreciate deep house music. It feels great to be in a space with just deep house lovers," Ngwenya exclaimed.

Ngwenya's sentiments were shared by Mbongeni Bhembe, who failed to control himself when Christos played Quentin Harris and Margaret Grace's, 'My Joy'.

Unquestionable

Christos Katsaitis, popularly known as DJ Christos, has been in the house music scene since early 1990s.

He is well respected and his influence on DJ's that have come after him is unquestionable, being one of the principal idols mentioned by all upcoming deep house producers and DJs.



DISHING TUNES: Ekhayeni Chillaz resident DJ Maye Le Muso making sure deep house lovers got what they came for.



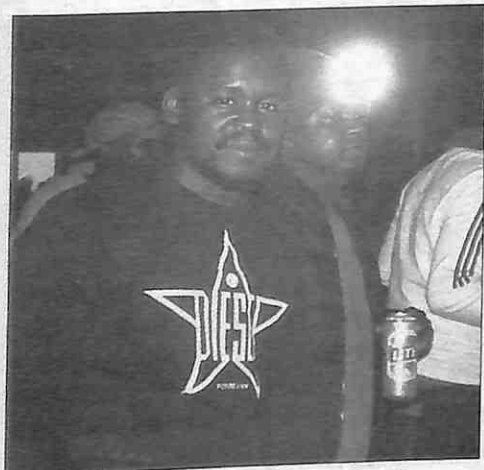
SOUNDS GOOD: Christos and Karly B look on as resident DJ Maye Le Muso prepares to hand over the turntables to the legendary DJ.



THAT'S THE ONE: Revellers showing appreciation as Christos played his first song during his fiery set.



CONVERSING: DJs Christos and Crooks having a light moment upon Christos' arrival.



APPRECIATIVE: Lungisani Khumalo seen enjoying himself.



DEEP HOUSE HEADS: Mbongeni Bhembe and Similo Ngwenya were spotted at the event.



MESMERISING: Crooks kept the revellers on their toes during his set.



CAST: The 'Losing Lerato' cast poses upon arrival Mandla Gaduka, Papa Jerry, Kagiso Modupe, Tshimollo Modupe, Semela Telboi and Florence Moghatsi. The Movie premiere was held at Ezulwini The Gables Movie Zone.
(Pics: Delisa Thwala)



FANS: Kagiso was interactive with his fans throughout the day.

'Losing Lerato' premieres in Eswatini

STORIES BY DELISA THWALA

SOUTH African actor Kagiso Modupe on Saturday premiered his baby 'Losing Lerato' at The Movie Zone.

The Gables came alive as the film premiere saw South African actors gracing the event.

Kagiso said the reason he decided to bring the film to the country was because he wanted to share his story

with Emaswati, as it was dedicated to his late mother-in-law who was Liswati. "My mother-in-law was the best human ever in my life, we were so close and we did everything together. That woman meant a lot to me and this movie pays her tribute," said Modupe. He also added that he wanted to start a foundation in Nhlanguano that would seek to celebrate her mother-in-law.

One of the cast members Mandla Gaduka, who is popularly known for

his role on Generations as 'Choppa,' was also popular with the crowd. He said it was his second time in the country and he loved the Kingdom.

"Today I got to experience the love and kindness of Eswatini and just get to take the awesomeness that is this beautiful country," expressed Gaduka. He also applauded his fellow mate Kagiso on such a great movie and the other amazing cast members, who included legendary actors and actresses.



POSE : Kagiso with a fan Nomcebo taking a selfie.



FAMILY: Kagiso Modupe and his family pose.



RED CARPET: Nomcebo Manhose took advantage of the red carpet to pose.



TEAM: The team waits for the meet and greet session.



ENJOYED: Lelo Dlamini said she enjoyed the movie.



HAPPY: Sandile Malinga, Gina Khumalo and Simphiwe Parkim said they liked the movie.

PREMIERE WAS SOLD OUT

JUST before noon, the movie's showing was sold out.

The organising team of the film's premiere placed a placard on the display screen, indicating that the show had been sold out and the viewers would have to wait for the next show.

This saw a number of people settling for a different movie and leave the place detached with the experience.

One dejected fan said they have to wait for the next show

"I cannot believe this. Now I have to wait for the next movie show. I'm so hurt, I was looking forward to this one", shared Nomvula Dlamini.



SOLD OUT : The movie was sold out before its premiere and people were told to wait for the next show.



EMOTIONAL : This woman was emotional after the movie showing.

TOO MUCH FUN AT SWAZI RALLY



KOKOTA QUEEN: DJ Zinhle thrills her fans with her Kokota sounds. She was the headlining act at the 26th Eswatini Rally held at the Riders Ranch on Friday. (Pics: Phetsile Mamba)



WATCHING: Revellers watch as Miss Swazi Rally was being chosen.



MISS SWAZI RALLY: Jane Horsley was crowned as Miss Swazi Rally 2019.



PERFORMS: The KZN Band Qadasi Mashinga during their performance.



DANCING: Revellers dance as DJ Zinhle performs.



BIKER LOVER: A Biker lover playing with his bike as the show went on.

WASHA: This lady was having the best of moments with her sleek dance moves.



HERE FOR A GOOD TIME: Pearl and Nokwanda seen having a good time.



CROWD: Crowd taking pictures of DJ Zinhle.



BRING FIRE: The Fire and Ice band on stage.



Celebville

International Celebrity News

Prayers for Hart as actor survives horror car crash

HOLLYWOOD - Social media was flooded with prayers and well-wishes yesterday after it emerged that Kevin Hart and two others were involved in a horror car crash in California on Sunday that left him with 'major back injuries.'

According to CNN, Kevin Hart's driver, Jared Black, was driving the star's 1970 Plymouth Barracuda when he lost control and the vehicle veered off the road and rolled down an embankment, leaving two



Kevin Hart.

of the three people in the car trapped. TMZ reported that the driver was 'found pinned in his seat under the crushed roof,' along with a female passenger, and emergency services had to saw off the roof to free them.

Kevin apparently left the scene and went to his nearby residence to get medical attention before being taken to a medical facility for his injuries. **TMZ**

Washington's actual hair could fetch up to \$50k at auction

HOLLYWOOD - George Washington's real-life hair is hitting the auction block and the people selling it think it'll go for tens of thousands of dollars, can't lie, that's nuts.

That's right, the first President of these United States is having a thick lock of what's been presented as his actual hair sold at auction next month though RR's online auction house -

- which we're told is expected to fetch upwards of US\$50k, maybe more. Sources tell us this particu-



George Washington.

lar lock of white hair -- measuring in at 4 inches -- was cut by one of George's relatives while he was serving as Prez in 1790. It was memorialized with a handwritten "letter of provenance" (like a certificate of authenticity) in 1889 as it was passed to different parties, including the man who introduced caramel candy to America.

RR Auction The letter reads, in part, "This lock of hair was cut from the head of George Washington, about the year 1790, by a relative of his. **TMZ**

Arthur claims to have suffered depression during assault trial

DURBAN - Arthur Mafokate has broken his silence following the Midrand Magistrates Court's judgment last week to acquit him of assault charges.

The charges were brought against him by his former girlfriend Busisiwe 'Cici' Twala in 2017 after an altercation between them allegedly turned violent.

The ruling brought to an end a two-year long trial and speaking to Sunday World recently, Arthur said the matter had affected him 'in a big way.' He explained that he stopped



CLAIMS: Arthur Mafokate.

releasing, performing and producing music during the trial, and lost "big contracts worth millions".

He said he was embarrassed and humiliated when he was removed from the boards of Moshito and S A M R O because of the case and was unable to contest to become treasurer-general of C C I F S A

(Cultural and Creative Industries Federation of South Africa).

Times Live

'Zodwa came after me'

DURBAN - Skolopad has cleared the air on her relationship with former rival Zodwa Wabantu.

The pair had a 'beef' for months when they first broke into the spotlight two years ago and have often thrown shade at each other.

Updating Carpo about her relationship with Zodwa on his Sharayray reality show, Skolopad said the pair 'are not the same' She also claimed that



CLEARED: Skolopad.

she broke into the industry before Zodwa did.

"I first appeared at the Metro FM awards in February and she later appeared after me at Durban July. People think that me and her are the same because I wore a yellow dress and she wore a black dress."

Skolopad explained that she had no beef with Zodwa and they had settled their differences. **Times Live**

R. Kelly's alleged sex slaves hustling to raise legal funds for him

NEW YORK - Joycelyn Savage and Azriel Clary have a mas-

ter plan to help get R. Kelly the powerhouse defence team he says he needs, but it's still a work in progress. Sources close to Kelly's girlfriends/alleged sex slaves tell TMZ, they're joining forces to help Kelly scrounge up the funds to hire the attorney who got Michael Jackson acquit-



TRIO: Joycelyn Savage, R Kelly and Azriel Clary.

ted in his child molestation trial - Tom Mesereau.

We're told the ladies have a couple potential projects in the works that could land them a big payday -- including a book deal -- and their plan is to put that money toward the Mesereau fun, along with Kelly's general defence fund.

Sources say Joycelyn and Azriel have just hired reps who are reaching out to media outlets to score some paid interviews. **TMZ**

Keller's sexy beach day with her dog

NEW YORK - Model Tiffany Keller is serving up the ulti-

mate combo, smoking hot bikini pics with a puppy!

Tiffany took her pups -- and her pooch -- to the beach, setting up shop in some sexy swimwear, just steps away from the world famous Santa Monica Pier, and these images are sure to make your tongue wag! Bonus points for the dog name, Tiffany, she's dubbed her furry friend here Johnny Drama, and doggone it, this just keeps getting better and better!



DOGGY: Tiffany Keller.

Tiffany's a force in the modeling world, she's walked the runway at Miami Swim Week for Beach Bunny Swim and Prey Swim, and she's been featured in Galore Magazine and modeled for Windsor Store, solid resume, for sure.

Easy to see why Fat Joe and Chris Brown wanted her in their hit music video, 'Another Round, Tiffany's a straight-up dime!'

Check out the gallery, and cross your fingers she lets the dogs out! **TMZ**

Phelo Bala & Moshe Ndiki are engaged

PRETORIA - There's a celebratory mood in the air as one of Mzansi's most loved celeb couples, Moshe Ndiki and Phelo Bala, have announced that they're getting married.

Phelo popped the question on Sunday night and the pair took to social media to announce the good news to fans. Moshe shared a snap of him holding a champopo glass, showing off his engagement ring on



Moshe Ndiki and Phelo Bala.

Phelo also posted a snap of them at the lookout spot at Northcliff Hill in Johannesburg where he had planned a surprise picnic for the pair.

Phelo surprised Moshe by filling their room with rose petals and a frame filled with pictures of them.

The pair have been slaying Mzansi for several months with their loved-up snaps and cute tributes to each other.

Sowetan Live

Nandi Madida and KO say 'we do' to duet

PRETORIA - Singer Nandi Madida and rapper KO

have reconnected on a new ballad, Say U Will, recreating the magic of its predecessor Skhanda Love.

It's been five years since the pair got us seeking 'gangster love' with the mid-tempo groovy jam.

While the last time it took a lot of convincing from Madida's musician husband Zakes Bantwini to get her



DUET: Nandi Madida and rapper KO.

on board, this time it was the opposite.

"With music it's like taking a deep dive," says Madida.

"The first collaboration happened because my now husband was working at Sony and KO spoke to him that he wanted me on the track."

"I was sceptical because at the time KO had just dropped Cara Cara and changed the hip-hop game."

Times Live

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



SURPRISE: S'khaleni.

Fezile stages a daring cover-up to prevent Mkabayi from finding out the truth about recent events. The fight between the Zungu wives threatens the entire family business. Meanwhile, S'khaleni comes up with his own unexpected business idea.



TODAY



FALLOUT: Wendy.

The fallout from the rock fall ensues. Wendy gives Morongwa some long overdue advice. Anja mistakenly thinks she sees Obakeng and Olivia sharing an intimate moment.



TODAY

Kgosi may have been found and Vhakoma is keen to protect him. Muzi is caught for his dealings and Seretse is onto him. The cleaning company at MMC is sloppy and this causes a serious mess.



Seretse.



TODAY

Jamaica lies to Blossom about the man in his life. He seeks counsel from Bash. Khulekani wants to see Jamaica, but Jamaica gives him an ultimatum. Sabelo and Sindiswa reconnect. Mzi offers to invest in RedHub, just to get close to Pearl.



LIAR: Jamaica.

MEME OF THE DAY

I'll be online and still not reply back, this is my phone hao

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Things are apt to remain quite orderly for you, Capricorn. Even though your heart may want to soar into the clouds, you'll find that there's a stable side to the equation that's working to keep things in perspective. You might want to consider making a greater commitment to someone you love. You're of a sound and solid mind to do so now.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

The engagements in your social calendar are likely stacking up to the point of absurdity, Aquarius. Make sure you schedule some time for yourself somewhere in there. Today you're choosy about your companions. Feel free to say no to people you'd simply rather not see.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

Just because your heart is feeling extra generous now doesn't mean that you need to send flowers to everyone you know, Pisces. On a day like this you should channel all your incredible love and affection to one special person. Help him or her feel like an important part of your life.



Aries March 21 – April 19

You may be confused by your heart, Aries. It may be extremely frustrating when you can't keep a tight rein on your emotions. This internal conflict is a signal that there's a lesson to learn. Perhaps your heart knows something that your conscious mind hasn't yet realized.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

Your mind gives you a great deal of security, Taurus, which allows you to explore other worlds. You have your satellite outpost operating smoothly, and you can now take trips into the frontier knowing that you have a secure facility to fall back on. Find new ways to bring love into your life.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

This is a good time to get more serious about your art, Gemini. You were probably born with talent, but perhaps you don't treat it with as much respect as someone endowed with only a fraction of your natural ability. Look at your tools realistically and know that you have the power to accomplish a great deal when you put your creative nature into high gear.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

Don't assume that the person you're trying to reach is getting your messages, Cancer. Perhaps you've been waiting for a reply, thinking that this person has blown you off. Maybe this person doesn't understand the question you're trying to ask.



Leo July 23 – August 22

Something unusual could put a smile on your face today, Virgo. Look for beauty and love in the simplest things. If you can't see it, then work on adjusting your attitude. Your inner state is likely what needs to be fixed, not the world around you. If you can shift to a light, understanding mood, you'll receive the laughter and romance that are sure to brighten your day.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

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Libra September 23 – October 23

It's time to step up to the plate and take responsibility for the things you want to have happen, Libra. It's one thing to talk about great visions and dreams, but the bottom line is that they'll continue to remain abstract concepts unless you work to develop them into something solid and tangible. Test this theory for yourself today.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

The warm, loving feeling that you've been happily nurturing is calling for a bit of practicality in order to make your romantic life work out the way you want it to. Remember that less is more, Scorpio. Having love and romance in your life doesn't necessarily mean that you have to be best friends with every person you meet.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

You might feel a bit reserved when it comes to issues of love and romance, Sagittarius. Other people might consider this rather strange when they see that suddenly your courageous forward motion comes to a dramatic halt. Don't feel like you need to make excuses for the way you feel.



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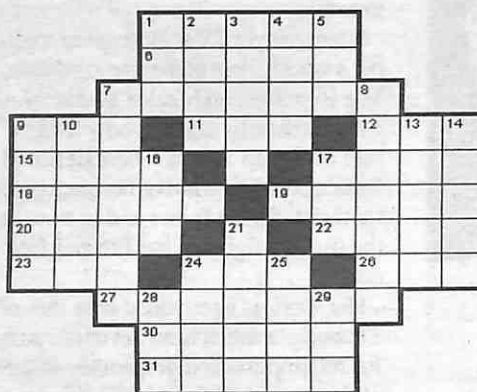
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PUZZLE CHOICE

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Can you fit the words correctly into the grid?



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- One of the senses (5)

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Laughing Out Loud

STANDING AT THE ATM

Saw a lad standing on one leg at an ATM. Confused, I asked

him what he was doing? He was just checking his balance.

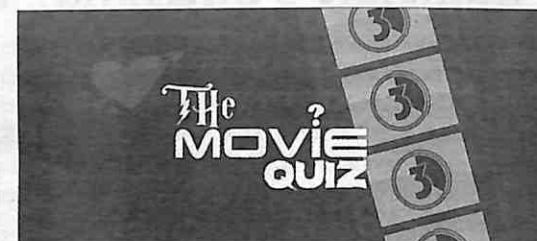
DID YOU KNOW

1. Before he became president, Abraham Lincoln was wrestling champion of his county in Illinois.

3. Ironically, the only member of ZZ Top without a beard has the last name Beard.

2. Female bats give birth while hanging upside down, catching the baby in their wings as it drops.

4. Sweden is so efficient, only one percent of its garbage ends up in a landfill.

MOVIE QUIZ
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Friday's Quiz

1. What year was the song "My Heart Will Go On" from Titanic released?
Answers: A. 1997

Today's Movie Quiz

1. Which 1997 film stars Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, and John Malkovich?
Answers: A. Con Air B. Brave Boy



DStv
Feel every moment

NEWS



Serious star-power from Top 17 Group B - Idols SA

GROUP B were nothing but amazing as they gave their all in the hopes of securing a Top 10 spot!

Last week, Group A of the Top 17 set the scene for what is going to be a tough competition with their rousing performances. But this week, Group B showed that they too were ready to move the audience and get them moving with their pipes.

This week's contestants gave everyone a taste of what to expect in tonight's show with their group performance of Cassper Nyovest's Move For Me.

Continuing on the theme of Trending, this week's contestants gave performances to be proud of, with the judges giving them overall positive feedback. An excellent performance by Umlazi KwaZulu-Natal's Sneziey Msomi proved it is no mistake she has come this far with her spiritual performance of SbuNoah's Getsemane. The judges were emphatic in their feedback – she belonged to the stage. Randall Abrahams said her voice was on point, while Unathi Nkayi said she could visualise her in the Top 10. Somizi Mhlongo said her song choice was possibly the smartest song choice in the history of Idols. So confident was he of her performance, that he bet that if she did not make Top 10, he would shave off



his hair and appear on the show topless.

Representing the guys, Capetonian Craig Jordaan's rendition of Sam Smith's Dancing With A Stranger earned him a "whoo shem" from Somizi. But it was this year's youngest contestant and Telkom pop-up auditions discovery from Port Elizabeth, Micayla Oelofse, who made history with a hatrick of "whoo shems", led by none other than Randall himself. Her performance, said Somizi, was perfection. "You are a pop star!" he said, while Unathi commended her song choice, saying she had now showed she was a versatile performer.

This year's oldest contestant, 30-year-old Innocentia Msibi from Stilfontein in the North West province,

closed off the show with a powerful performance of Alessia Cara's Scars To Your Beautiful. Unathi said she loved watching her evolve through the competition, likening her to a butterfly emerging out of its cocoon, while Somizi called her performance memorable. Randall remarked that he was interested to see what the votes would like next week after such excellent performances.

It is now in the hands of the voters, who now have to decide which contestants will go home and which contestants will continue on their quest to become the next Mzansi Idol. Five contestants from Group A and four contestants from Group B with the highest number of votes from their respective weeks will

secure their spots in the top 10, while one contestant with the highest number of votes from either week will complete the Top 10 as a wildcard entry. The results will be announced in next week's show.

The much-anticipated Idols Season 15 live shows has begun! This year, we are embarking on an exciting new set-up for live show attendance. This means that complimentary tickets can no longer be issued. The live shows are still open to public and tickets are available for sale at Webtickets. We thank you for your support through the years, and look forward to sharing many exhilarating high notes with you during Idols Season 15!

Tonight's Top 17 Group B performers and their songs

Sneziey Msomi: Getsemane – SbuNoah

Nqobile Gumede: Love Theory – Kirk Franklin

Luyolo Yiba: Just Say You Won't Let Go – James Arthur

Zia Fielies: Better – Khalid

Treasure Mngadi: The Middle – Zedd, featuring Grey

Craig Jordaan: Dancing With A Stranger – Sam Smith and Normani

Micayla Oelofse: New Rules – Dua Lipa

Innocentia Sibi: Scars To Your Beautiful – Alessia Cara



Phumelele's dilemma - Isibaya

HOW will she strike a balance between her family and her dreams?

How did Phumelele find herself in this position though? Just the other day, she and Fenyang were "just friends" and now there's questions and uncertainty.

We can't say we're surprised though. The two have been getting quite close over the past few weeks and everyone around them seems a little concerned about this.

The two dated way back when they were younger. Fasttrack to date, Phumelele is married to the very same man Fenyang is representing in court, while Fenyang has relationship issues with the mother of his child.

Phumelele has found herself in a

tough position because while she loves and values her family and what it stands for, she also wants to explore the woman she's always dreamed of becoming. Here are the differences between her husband, Mpiyakhe and Fenyang:

Mpiyakhe:

He's her husband, the father of her children. He's very rigid. Believes in the traditional ways of doing things, especially when it comes to family matters.

Fenyang:

He's an old flame, a big dreamer just like Phumelele. He sees her potential and encourages her to be the woman she's always dreamed of being since she was a little girl.

Building a mini nation: The making of The Republic

MZANSI Magic's hit show was a labour of love and the work of TV greats!

Sunday night TV is incomplete without a weekly dose of the riveting drama, The Republic, on Mzansi Magic.

The brilliantly crafted show tells the tale of South Africa's first fictional female president who has been betrayed by those closest to her and is now in the biggest fight for her life and freedom.

Her story is intertwined with that of Thabang, a fallen hero out of the path for redemption and desperately struggling to save the love of his life from the evil forces looking to topple the nation.

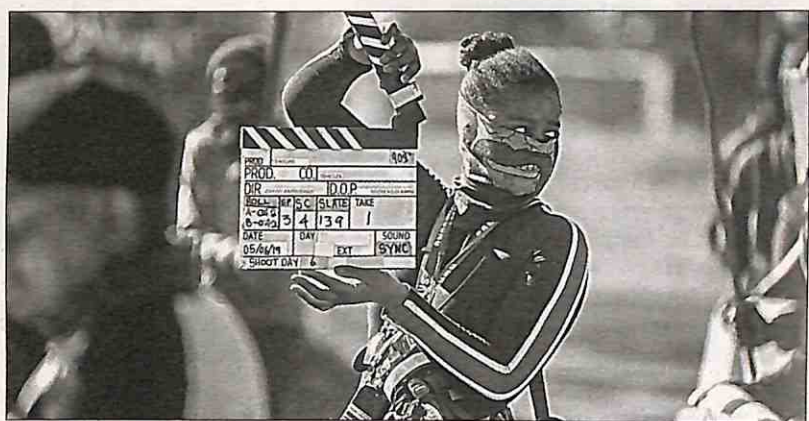
The Republic is truly a work of art yet what's even more astounding is the sheer level of work that went into crafting the master piece. So we curiosity burning on our minds, we decided to take a deeper look into the making of the drama series and see just how Mzansi's latest TV sensation was created.

LOCATION, LOCATION

The Republic as shot over 10 weeks in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

The scenes in Soshanguve were all shot in Kliptown, Rockville and Crown as these locations were not only incredibly film friendly but also very cinematic in terms of texture and life at every turn.

The entire cast of extras, including



'The Dogs', the protestors and additional cast, were local residents from these areas.

For The Union Buildings scenes, The Republic was shot at the Pretoria Palace of Justice and Franz Hoenig Haus in Modderfontein. These locations offered a similar feel to the Sir Herbert Baker designed Union Buildings.

ARTISTIC DIRECTION

Ever noticed the intense camera movements and artistry of The Republic? That's because the show was shot predominantly on a single camera, the Hollywood favourite Alexa Mini, and the camerawork was predominantly hand-held.

The creative decision allowed the director to create a style that added to the tension of the 'one-day' storyline and allowed the film to crew to keep

up with the show's fast pace.

IMPROVISE AND STRATEGISE

Due to strict laws that don't allow for the use of South African Police personnel or their uniforms, The Republic created their own fictional task force. To give it more 'muscle power', the crew roped in the riot ready artillery of Interactive Securities. Their heavy duty vehicles and riot gear gave The Republic's task force the perfect battle-ready look.

WORK OF ART

The Republic was pulled off by a crew of around 40 talented individuals and was directed by Johnny Barbuzano and Rea Rangaka, with the Director of Production being Ntobeko Dlamini. It truly is a marvel to behold the work this spectacular team pulled off and makes one appreciate the drama even more.

Catch The Republic every Sunday at 20:00 on Mzansi Magic, DStv 161.

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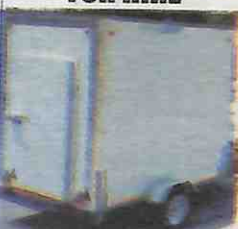
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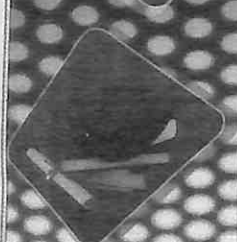
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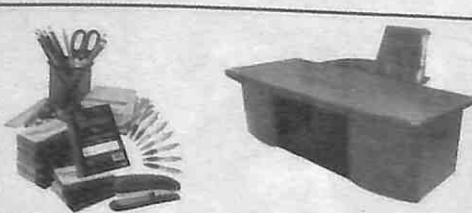
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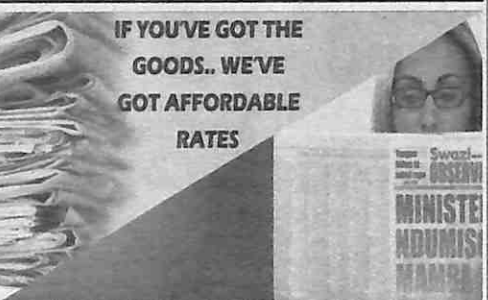
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MKHITARYAN LANDS IN ITALY

ROME - Henrikh Mkhitaryan has landed in Italy as he gets set for a medical that will complete his last-ditch loan move from Arsenal to Roma.

The Armenian midfielder, who has largely been a disappointing signing from Manchester United, touched down at Fiumicino Airport at around 10am and swiftly held up a Roma scarf for fans and photographers.

Mkhitaryan is set to seal a season-long loan deal, with Roma having an option to buy him at the end of the season.

The Serie A outfit will pay a loan fee as well as covering the 30-year-old's wages for the duration of the loan.

He has struggled for form since joining the Gunners from Manchester United in an exchange deal with Alexis Sanchez - who has already departed for Inter Milan this summer.

Mkhitaryan came off the bench in Arsenal's 2-2 draw with north London rivals Tottenham on Sunday but now looks ready to leave the Emirates Stadium. *Daily Mail*

Hernandez ends stay with West Ham

LONDON - Javier Hernandez has completed a deadline day move to La Liga outfit Sevilla from West Ham.

The Mexican striker transfer ends a two-year stay with the Hammers, during which he scored 17 goals in 63 appearances.

David Gold confirmed the news by posting a comical picture of the striker on Twitter, alongside the caption: 'Good morning. I can confirm that Javier Hernandez's transfer to Spanish La Liga club Sevilla has been completed for an undisclosed fee. Good luck Javier.'

Hernandez signed off his stay with West Ham by netting in his final appearance against Brighton in the Premier League at the Amex Stadium, which ended in a 1-1 draw.



The 31-year-old did not feature in West Ham's 2-0 win in the Premier League over Norwich on Saturday.

Hernandez had handed in his transfer request at West Ham as he looked to force through a move to the Spanish team. *Daily Mail*



Pep, Klopp, Pochettino shortlisted for FIFA gong

LONDON - Liverpool Manager Jurgen Klopp, Manchester City Manager Pep Guardiola and Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino make up the three-man shortlist in the men's coach category in the FIFA awards.

The news was announced yesterday morning following spectacular sea-

sons with their respective clubs last season.

Klopp won the Champions League with Liverpool by beating Tottenham in Madrid after Mauricio Pochettino guided Spurs to their first ever final.


Meanwhile, Guardiola led City to back-to-back Premier League titles last season as they pipped Liverpool

after amassing a staggering 98 points.

It means a complete sweep for the Premier League following a fantastic season for English clubs in Europe.

And it is expected that Guardiola and Klopp will fight for the title once again this season after emphatic starts to their new Premier League campaigns.


Daily Mail




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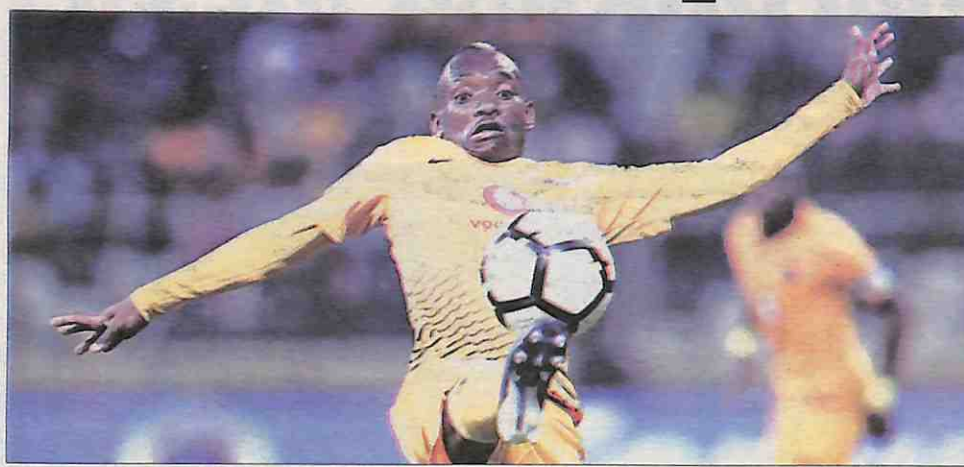


Chiefs send out Billiat update

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs have issued a statement regarding Khama Billiat today, suggesting that there's no chance of him moving on from the club anytime soon.

Billiat was back in Ernst Middelburg's side towards the end of last month after missing the first couple of games due to injury, and started the last game against Cape Town City as they came from behind to beat them 2-1 and retain their place on top of the ABSA Premiership table. The victory, however, was not without cost it seems, with the club now revealing that Billiat - a man who has been heavily linked with a sensational return to Mamelodi Sundowns - sustained a pelvic injury that could keep him out of action.

Chiefs have been very insistent regarding the Zimbabwean's future as they insisted that he would not be sold to Masandawana (or anyone else), and their latest statement on Deadline Day seems to suggest that their standpoint has not changed.



A statement on the club's official website read, "Billiat got a knock to his right pelvic bone during the Amakhosi's 2-1 win in their away ABSA Premiership encounter that took place last Tuesday against Cape Town City, he has had a scan done and it is unclear how long he needs to recover

at this stage."

While it hasn't been stated today, Billiat's injury also likely means that the attacker will be withdrawn from the Zimbabwe squad for their World Cup qualifier with Somalia.

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NEW DEAL ON THE CARDS FOR YEYE?

JOHANNESBURG - Reneilwe 'Yeye' Letsholonyane is expected to sign a deal with a new club as he looks to further his career.

Following his exit from SuperSport United at the expiry of his contract at the end of last season, Letsholonyane has recently been seen training with the Lions of the North under coach Owen da Gama.

Indications from sources close to the Gauteng club is that the 37-year-old dreadlocked midfielder has impressed the coach with his work-rate in training.

"Highlands Park is considering offering Yeye a contract. The player has done well in training and the club is keen on signing him," said the source.

The Lions of the North played to a 0-0 draw with Polokwane City in the first leg of their MTN8 semi-final match at the Old Peter Mokaba Stadium at the weekend.

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Bafana coach confirms two assistants

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana coach Molefi Ntseki has confirmed his two assistants for the national team's upcoming match.

It has since been revealed that both assistant coaches are from PSL clubs, Kaizer Chiefs and Mamelodi Sundowns.

After he was first put in charge as Bafana coach in the interim, following Stuart Baxter's resignation, Ntseki has officially been named as head coach on a permanent basis, as confirmed by the South African Football Association this past weekend.

With Bafana set for a match against Zambia on September 07 in what will be Ntseki's first in charge, the coach has confirmed that Chiefs' MultiChoice Diski Challenge team coach Arthur Zwane and Trott Moloto from Sundowns will be assisting him in preparing for the clash.

"Arthur Zwane and Trott Moloto will be assisting me for the Zambia game while I finalize my Technical Team," said Ntseki, as tweeted on Bafana's official Twitter account.

Meanwhile, it has been confirmed on SAFA's official Twitter account that Bafana are scheduled to leave on Thursday for their friendly match against Zambia at Lusaka's Independence Heroes Stadium on Saturday. Laduma



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Ronaldo, van Dijk and Messi for FIFA's Best Man Award

ZURICH - FIFA have unveiled its three-man shortlist for the 2019 Best Men's Player award - with Cristiano Ronaldo, Virgil van Dijk and Lionel Messi all competing for the top prize.

The European superstars will battle it out to win the prestigious gong, currently held by Real Madrid's Luka Modric, in a ceremony held in Milan on September 23. All three names were recognised for their formidable achievements at both the front and rear of the pitch throughout the last year. The trio are also set to contest in the final three of the Balon d'Or award, which is to be announced later this year - and van Dijk remains the current favourite.

● CRISTIANO RONALDO

It comes as no surprise that Juventus' Portuguese star has been nominated. His 21 goal haul in Serie A last season helped the Italian giants retain the title for an eighth successive season.

After opting to move from Real Madrid at the start of the last campaign, the mercurial forward played a crucial role in Juventus' battle for silverware across several fronts.

He also excelled on the international stage, having lifted the UEFA Nations League with Portugal in June.

Ronaldo's competitive streak and hunger for improvement has seen the 34-year-old remain at the pinnacle of the sport and continue to prove a menace for defences all across the continent.

● VIRGIL VAN DIJK

The towering Dutchman was voted PFA Player



THE BEST: Virgil van Dijk, Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo are nominated for FIFA's Best Men's Player award.

of the Year for last season, and also claimed the same title from UEFA for his heroics throughout Liverpool's Champions League winning campaign.

Jürgen Klopp's side had shipped just 22 goals and finished in second spot at the end of a breathless Premier League title race.

Van Dijk's confidence and assured nature, no matter the situation, helped settle a notoriously shaky Reds defence - and countless elite strikers had failed to dribble beyond the 28-year-old across a 65-game run.

His reign as the world's most expensive defender was brought to an end after Harry Maguire's

switch to Manchester United, but van Dijk continues to be Europe's most feared centre half.

● LIONEL MESSI

The diminutive Argentine had netted a superb 51 goals in 50 games for Barcelona last season, confirming his credentials as one of, if not the very best in the world.

Ernesto Valverde's men had clinched the La Liga, Spanish Super Cup and Copa del Rey titles, largely due to Messi's unrivalled ability to ghost through defences and convert countless chances.

Daily Mail

Juventus in last-ditch swoop for Ivan Rakitic

TURIN - Barcelona and Juventus are reportedly locked in negotiations over a swap deal involving out of favour stars Ivan Rakitic and Emre Can.

Croatia midfielder Rakitic is struggling for match action under Ernesto Valverde at the Nou Camp, with Juventus's Can also in a similar predicament under new boss Maurizio Sarri.

According to SPORT, the two clubs are attempting to complete the deal before the European transfer window slams shut on Monday evening.

Rakitic had been offered to French giants Paris Saint-Germain in an audacious move to secure the return of Neymar, although Juventus were also believed to hold a keen interest in the former Sevilla midfielder.

The Italian side's willingness to secure Rakitic's signature has lasted throughout the summer, although they have as yet been unable to strike a final agreement on a deal.

But after discovering that the Croatian's potential move to the French capital had failed to materialise, contact was re-initiated with Barcelona during the course of the weekend.

Reports in Italy state that Juventus would be open to offloading several names from their midfield roster to force through the deal - although ex-Liverpool man Can is believed to top that list.

Negotiations between the two European powerhouses will also be made easier as Can is admired by the Barcelona hierarchy. *Daily Mail*

Pochettino admits Spurs are struggling

LONDON - Mauricio Pochettino has admitted that this is the 'worst period after five years in Tottenham'.

Pochettino has been managing a difficult situation at Spurs as a number of his group have been unsettled while the prospect of a move to Europe was still a possibility.

The Premier League season is well under way, but the futures of Christian Eriksen, Toby Alderweireld, Jan Vertonghen, Danny Rose, Victor Wanyama and Serge Aurier have been in doubt.

But the transfer window closed at 5pm yesterday and Pochettino, who is not expecting any departures, is looking forward to be able to work with a settled squad.

Transfer

"Tuesday, we party. Finish the transfer window after tomorrow, I think Tuesday we are going to make a big party and celebrate," he said.

"Because I think it was my worst period after five years in Tottenham."

"I was a little bit worried about the situation, because we knew very well what was going on."

"I am optimistic, happy, what is most important is to all be on the same page, with the club."

"After the first 20, 25 minutes it was very good at the beginning. That second goal gave us difficult moments but the players worked very well to recover the result for us and our fans. "We created a very good atmosphere. The game was amazing for the football but for us it's not enough."

Daily Mail

NEYMAR 'WAS SO DESPERATE TO REJOIN BARCA THIS SUMMER'

PARIS - Neymar was so desperate to leave Paris Saint-Germain for Barcelona that he offered to pay £17.7million to help finance sensational return, according to reports.

The Brazil international was searching for a route out of Paris this summer after struggling both on and off the pitch since his world-record £198million move to from Barcelona in 2017.

Offered

And according to Sky Sports, the 27-year-old was so eager to re-join Barcelona that he offered to contribute big money towards any deal. Barcelona and their arch rivals Real Madrid were both looking to acquire his services this summer but they fell short of PSG's asking price.

The Ligue 1 giants played hardball and refused to lower their demands despite the forward want-

ing to leave.

But despite failing to secure a dream move back to La Liga, Neymar is reportedly committed to PSG for the season ahead.

He is expected to play for Brazil in a friendly against Colombia on Saturday despite his lack of first team action this season.

Tite's side face Peru in another exhibition match on Wednesday August 11, with Neymar planning to get his club career back on track after the international break.

Dail Mail

All Blacks back on top of World Rugby rankings

CAPE TOWN - Wales' short reign at the top of the World Rugby rankings is over after their 11-match winning home run came to an end with Saturday's 22-17 defeat to Ireland at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff.

According to the World Rugby website, with one-and-a-half rating points deducted from their total because of the loss, Wales now find themselves down in fourth position in the rankings with New Zealand, Ireland and England the sides to profit.

The All Blacks regain their position at the top of the rankings that they had held for an unbroken 509-week period prior to Wales' 13-6 victory over England back on August 14, while Ireland, for whom Jacob Stockdale shone with a brace of first half tries, move up to second with the gap between the two

teams just a fraction over half a point.

England will go into their final Rugby World Cup 2019 warm-up against Italy at St James' Park in Newcastle on Friday ranked third.

Scotland negotiated what appeared to be a difficult assignment away to Georgia, winning 44-10 at the Dinamo Arena in Tbilisi.

Scored

Rory Hutchinson scored two of the Scots' five tries on an historical night when they became the first tier one nation to play a Test in Georgia. The victory improved Scotland's rating to 81.00 points and they remain in seventh.

The Springboks remain fifth ahead of their final World Cup warm-up against hosts Japan on Friday (12:15 SA time).

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Rangers 'on verge of completing £7m permanent deal for Liverpool youngster Ryan Kent'

LONDON - Rangers are closing in on a permanent £7million deal for Liverpool youngster Ryan Kent, according to reports.

The 22-year-old forward played for the Scottish outfit on loan last season under Liverpool legend and former captain Steven Gerrard as they looked to close the gap on Celtic.

And according to reports in England, Rangers are close to agreeing a permanent deal for Kent, with personal terms and a medical to be finalised once an agreement is made.

Gerrard is eager to bring him back to the Ibrox after impressing last season on loan, where he scored six goals and laid on six assists in the Scottish Premiership.

During his time in Scotland, Kent became a fan favourite as he made 43 appearances for Rangers. If he was to remain at Anfield, he would see very limited game-time under Jürgen Klopp as they go in search for the Premier League title. *Daily Mail*

DEAL DONE:
Liverpool youngster
Ryan Kent.

NOVAK DJOKOVIC OUT OF US OPEN

WIMBLEDON - Novak Djokovic's US Open title defence came to an end after he was forced to retire injured when trailing by two sets to Stan Wawrinka.

The crowd on Arthur Ashe were stunned when the world No 1 approached Wawrinka and embraced him with the scores 6-4 7-5 2-1.

Djokovic had struggled with a left shoulder injury all week, although it was not apparent during the opening two sets with Wawrinka reprising the sort of form which made him the champion in 2016.

Dropping

But the Serb took a medical time-out after dropping the second set, and two games into the third he decided enough was enough, which sparked boos from the Flushing Meadows crowd.

It means Wawrinka will face fifth seed Daniil Medvedev in the quarter-finals, while the draw has opened up for Roger Federer, who was in imperious form against David Goffin and had been expected to run into Djokovic in the last four.

"I'm sorry for the crowd. Obviously they came to see a full match, and just wasn't to be," Djokovic said. "I mean, a lot of people didn't know what's hap-



INJURED: Novak Djokovic has been in excellent form over the last 12 months.

pening, so you cannot blame them." He explained he had been "taking different stuff to kill the pain instantly. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. The pain was constant for weeks now."

Djokovic had won 36 of his past 37

Grand Slam matches, and four of the last five major titles, in one of the most dominant stretches this sport has seen.

That had pushed his Slam trophy total to 16, moving within four of Federer's record 20, and within two of Rafael Nadal's 18. *Sky Sports*

'Inter Milan striker says football is going backwards on racism'

MILAN - Romelu Lukaku has demanded immediate further action be taken to tackle racism in football and says 'we're going backwards' with the issue.

The striker was subjected to monkey chants from the crowd during Inter Milan's 2-1 Serie A win over Cagliari on Sunday.

The chants could be heard before and after the striker scored a penalty to win the game in the 72nd minute before he looked towards the Cagliari supporters.

Moise Kean, Blaise Matuidi and Sulley Muntari have all suffered similar abuse when playing against the Sardinian club.

Cagliari escaped punishment following the abuse to Kean after the Italian Football Federation ruled the chants had 'limited relevance and perception'.

Players

"Many players in the last month have suffered from racial abuse. I did yesterday too," Lukaku said in an Instagram post yesterday.

"Football is a game to be enjoyed by everyone and we shouldn't accept any

form of discrimination that will put our game in shame.

"I hope the football federations all over the world react strongly on all cases of discrimination!"

"Social media platforms (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook) need to work better as well with football clubs because every day you see at least a racist comment under a post of a person of colour."

Action

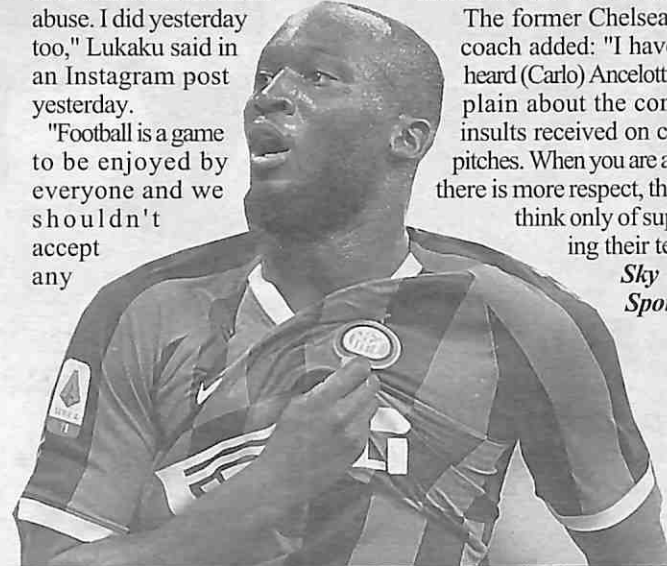
"We've been saying it for years and still no action."

"Ladies and gentlemen it's 2019. Instead of going forward we're going backwards and I think as players we need (to) unify and make a statement on this matter to keep this game clean and enjoyable for everyone."

"Inter boss Antonio Conte said after the game: 'I really didn't hear anything from the bench. However, it is true that in general in Italy more education is needed.'"

The former Chelsea head coach added: "I have also heard (Carlo) Ancelotti complain about the constant insults received on certain pitches. When you are abroad there is more respect, the fans think only of supporting their team."

Sky Sports



RACISM BACK: Romelu Lukaku.

SA 'A' surrender series after falling to India for 3rd time in a row

CAPE TOWN - South Africa 'A' lost the 3rd unofficial ODI against India 'A' in Thiruvananthapuram yesterday in another match that was shortened because of a delayed start due to wet weather.

Rain has delayed the start in all three matches so far in the series, with yesterday's match shortened to 30 overs per side.

Win

South Africa needed to win to stay alive in the series having lost the first two matches, but it was the hosts who emerged as 4-wicket winners to take an unassailable 3-0 lead in the five-match series.

Having won the toss, SA 'A' captain Temba Bavuma opted to

bat first and the visitors scored 207/8 from their allotted 30 overs.

Heinrich Klaasen top-scored with a blistering 44 (21) while there were other contributions from opener Janneman Malan (37 off 33) and Matthew Breetzke (36 off 34).

Defence

The South African defence was off to the best possible start when Proteas speedster Anrich Nortje (2/24 in 5) picked up two quick wickets, but a knock of 81 (59) from Indian skipper Manish Pandey is what ultimately got his side over the line. The 4th ODI will take place at the same venue tomorrow.

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SCORES IN BRIEF:

SA 'A' 207/8 in 30 (Klaasen 44, Malan 37, Breetzke 36)
India 'A' 208/6 in 27.5 (Pandya 81, Nortje 2/41, Linde 2/41)
India 'A' won by 4 wickets
India 'A' lead the 5-match series 3-0

Van Niekerk joins Semenya in missing world championships

CAPE TOWN - World record holder Wayde van Niekerk will not defend his 400m title at the IAAF World Championships in Doha, Qatar later this month, but the sprint sensation and his management team remain confident that he will make a return to the track.

Van Niekerk, who picked up a serious knee injury in late 2017, had returned to training after undergoing surgery, but faced another minor setback earlier this year and his comeback was delayed further for precautionary reasons.

Having undergone additional rehabilitation at the Aspetar Sports Medicine Hospital in Doha, Van Niekerk was back at his European base in Gemona, Italy this week where he had been given the go ahead by coach Ans Botha to resume training.

"I'm still positive and I'm just taking things day by day, respecting all the calls made by the doctor and respecting my body," said Van Niekerk, a two-time world champion and Olympic gold medallist over the 400m distance.

"For me it's just about listening to my body and taking it from there."

"My main goal is to look after my body and when the opportunity comes, I'll take it."

"For now I'm not rushing myself or putting pressure on myself. I'm extremely happy and at peace with where I am."

His doctor, Louis Holtzhausen, also remained confident that Van Niekerk would be able to make his highly anticipated return to racing down the line, with the latest rehabilitation process yielding promising results.

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Solskjaer is 'frustrated' with Rashford, Martial

MANCHESTER - Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is growing increasingly irritated with Marcus Rashford and Anthony Martial's inability to score scruffy goals, according to reports.

United were held to a 1-1 draw at Southampton after being punished by the Saints for not putting their chances away at St Mary's on Saturday in the Premier League.

Frustrated

And according to the Athletic, Solskjaer is becoming frustrated with his main two front men for their lack of killer instinct. Rashford failed to get on the scoresheet on the weekend as United dropped more points for the third week in succession, while Martial sat the game out through injury. The Athletic claim that Solskjaer has been putting his strikers through training drills, which are focused on

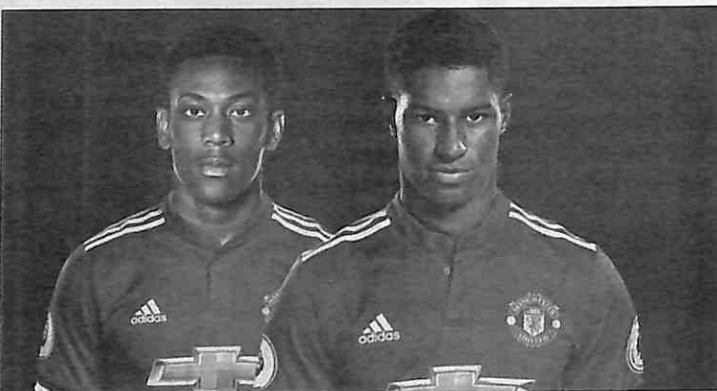
poaching goals. The Red Devils manager will be desperate for his strike force to drastically improve when they take on Leicester at home in the Premier League after the international break.

United have just got rid of two of their biggest attacking names in Alexis Sanchez and Romelu Lukaku, sending both to Inter Milan.

Lukaku has joined permanently and already has two goals in two Serie A matches, and although Sanchez's move is a loan he appears to have no future at Old Trafford.

The Chilean didn't appear for United at the start of the season, and suffered a torrid season-and-a-half in the north west following his move from Arsenal.

Sanchez scored just five goals in 45 matches for the Red Devils, earning a massive £560 000 per week in wages. *Daily Mail*



NOT PERFORMING WELL: Marcus Rashford and Anthony Martial

SIHLANGU FAREWELL FUNCTION TO DJIBOUTI



NATION'S PRIDE: Eswatini Football Association President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa, EFA executive member Sonnyboy Mabuza and Sihlangu head coach Kostadin Papic captured with Sihlangu players during the squad farewell function to Djibouti held at the EFA Technical Centre on Sunday afternoon. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)



PRESENT: EFA President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa, executive member Sonnyboy Mabuza and head coach Kostadin Papic following proceedings during the farewell function.



FOLLOWING: Sihlangu assistant coach Velekhaya Mtsetfwa, doctor Sabelo Mbuyisa and EFA executive Sikhumbuzo Dlamini.



THINKING: Royal Leopard defender Machawe Dlamini and Mbombela United player Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu.



STARS: Sihlangu vice captain Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst and midfielder Menzi Sithole.



PLAYERS: Polokwane City midfielder Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze seated next to youngsters Bonginkhosi Dlamini and Lindani Matsenjwa.



ATTENTIVE: Defenders Siboniso Mamba, captain Banele Makonese' Dlamini and South Africa based Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa.



PRESENT: Sihlangu goalkeeper coach Sipho 'Shilton' Dube and physical trainer Dennis 'Dernmark' Fakudze listen to speeches.



RELAX: Melusi Dlamini, Sandanezwe Mathabela, Sifiso Matse and Phephisani Msibi were also present.

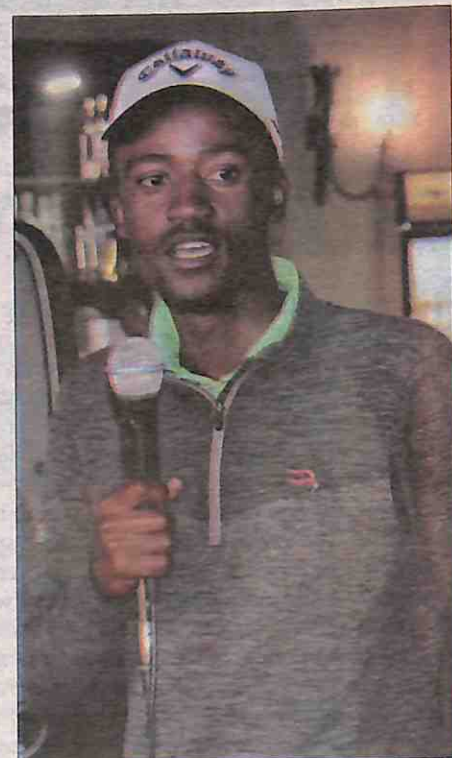
NKONYENI GOLF OPEN @ NKONYENI



STILL THE CHAMP: Mandla Dlamini receives his trophy from Robert Shiba for finishing first during the Nkonyeni Open which was held at Nkonyeni on Sunday. MJ successfully defended his Nkonyeni championship after winning it last year. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)



TROPHY: Nkonyeni Open B Division champion Welcome Mhlanga receives his trophy and prize from Shiba after he finished with 168 gross.



HONOURED: Mandla 'MJ' Dlamini makes his remarks after winning the competition.



ALL SMILES: Sifiso Vilane was the runner up in the A Division with 145 gross



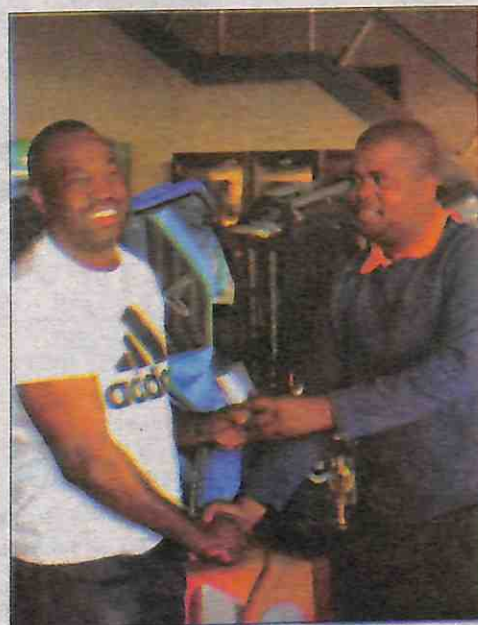
WELL DONE: Sibusiso Ndzabandzaba receives his prize for Nearest to the Pin 11.



RUNNER-UP: Manzini Golf Club Treasurer Eerfaan Dada was the runner-up in the B Division tournament.



DISPLAY: Dudley Venner displays his third place B Division prize after he scored 173 gross.



JOVIAL: Valentine Maziya in a jovial mood as he accepts his Closest To The Pin 18 during the presentation.

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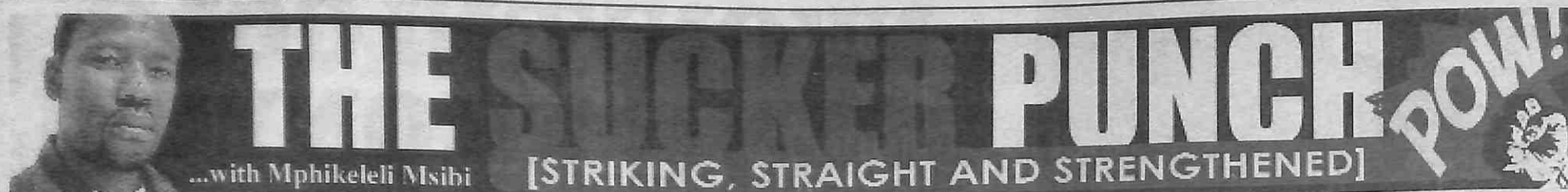
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The meandering PLE CEO sideshow drama must end

AT the weekend we woke up to a fresh addition to the showboating, unnecessarily meandering and never ending Premier League of Eswatini Chief Executive Officer attention seeking drama involving our elite league and several characters over the last decade.

Just when we thought our former high profile international referee, Simanga Nhleko was settling well into the office, like a lightning bolt from the blue the news of his exit was confirmed leaving us with more questions than answers.

What bemused most of us was the reason given for this exit: "contractual provisions disagreement" between the two parties and like really wasn't it a clumsy exposure of a glaring constitutional delinquency.

We surely await the PLE board of governors to raise a red flag over such constitutional delinquency which more than possible could add a court room episode.

To many they may be forgiven to feel the post is being used to either settle old scores, agenda setting, cronies rewarding or all the above three added together more than moving our league, which once rose to 14 in the continental stands, to the next level.

Unnecessary

It is now tumultuous and messy PLE CEO's office if anything degenerating into an unnecessary sideshow stealing away the on field excitement, mileage on the terraces that could cost the game of sponsorship packages.

Will Nhleko add to a litany of ex-CEO court litigation? This is the big question against any grain of hope judging by the nature, nurture and texture – this is a marathon discussion for another day or forum.

The Premier League of Eswatini heartbeat top post – the Chief Executive Officer – has had its fair share, a share

ranging from advertisement, interviews, hiring, unveiling, suspension, termination, restructuring and everything in between.

From time immemorial for what many football pundits who thought the premierships nerve centre officer was to bring football development, awash sponsorships, smooth running and every positive expectations associated with it, sadly our league has not known constitutional peace.

In some common cases the errors or is it the eras that thereof have unnecessarily found spillage rapturous and gratuitously stinking in our busy courts, yes stinking as the court cases have literally washed the football league's dirty linen in public.

For many that may not be in the know how here are some of the notable cases littering the hot potato office that seemingly and endlessly becoming the biggest administrative sideshow beyond the intended soccer field thrills, spills and everything in between.

Disowned

Remember how the Premier League of Eswatini openly disowned an affidavit submitted by the then resigned CEO Sydney Simelane in 2010 in the play offs saga involving Hellenic merely a year after the Vulindlela Kunene episode of court drama.

In a sudden twist of events in 2009, embattled Premier League of Eswatini CEO Vuli Kunene had withdrawn his application against his employers from the Industrial Court after deciding to pull out the matter, which had sought an urgent certificate, even before it was registered before the Industrial Court.

The withdrawal came after the PLE had filed opposing affidavits to the one filed by Kunene following the suspension of the entire staff at the office including the office administrator

Ncamsile Mkhonta and accountant Sonnyboy Dlamini to allow a probe on the Top Lotto ticket scandal.

Kunene argued in his affidavit that the suspension was unconstitutional and in contravention of the labour laws of the country in that he was never afforded any hearing nor was he charged for any misconduct.

And eventually Kunene exited the office and in came Simelane who didn't last long.

Error

As that episode entered Zwelonke 'Sport' Dlamini's era which the esteemed PLE Board of Governors felt it was an error a couple of months down the line giving birth to another protracted court room episode.

In what became an interesting legal showdown between the PLE and 'Sport', the latter's lawyers appealed his contract termination for his last appointment as Development Officer and Dlamini took his case to the Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC) and coincidentally the current chairman Peter 'Touch' Magagula was the acting CEO.

The PLE had re-deployed Dlamini (Sport) to the position of Development Officer after he was replaced as CEO by shortest serving Nqobile Magagula, now with Eswatini Posts and Telecommunication Corporation.

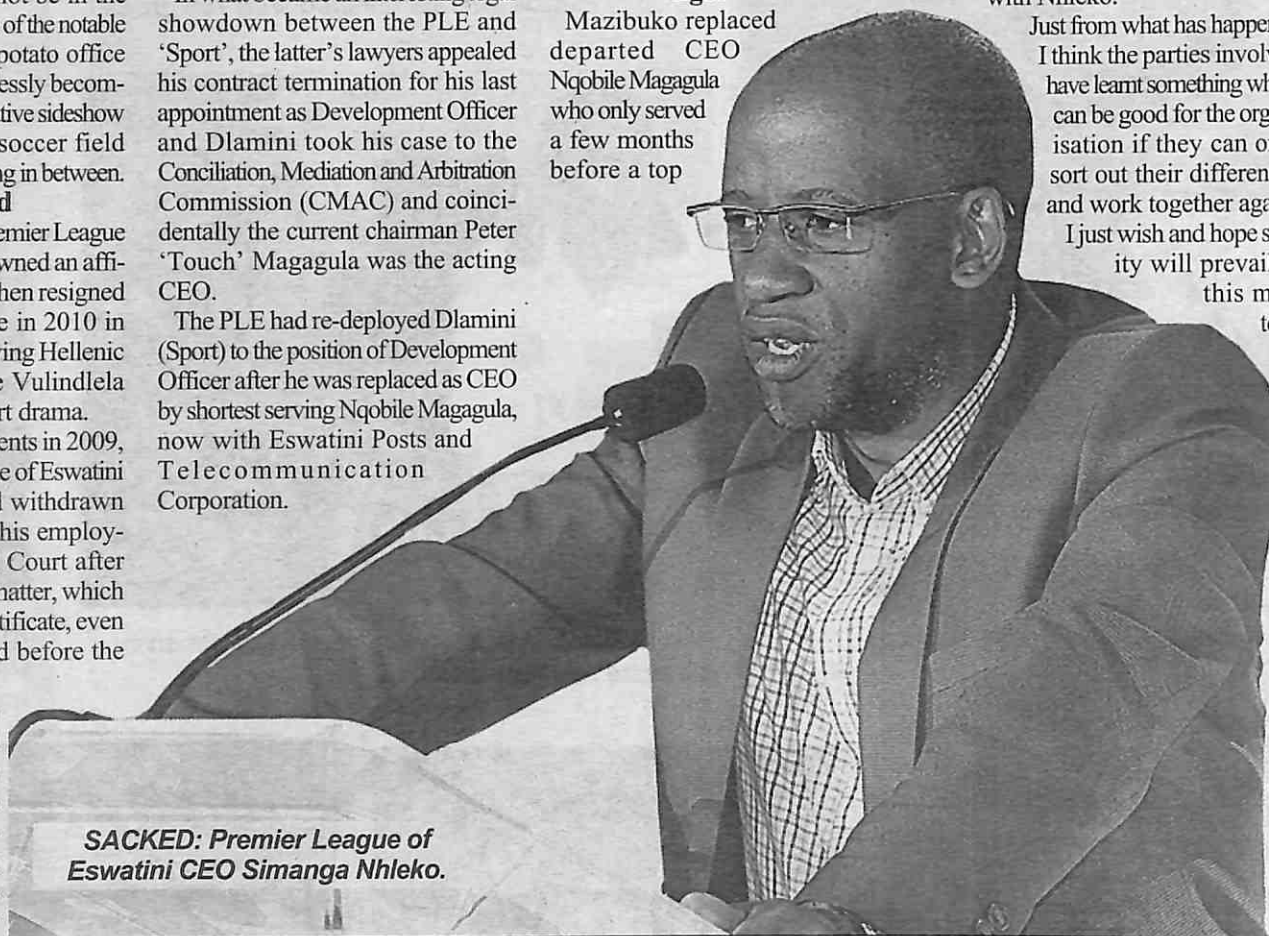
Dlamini was discontent about the salary offer and the condition he would also report to office administrator Ncamsile Mkhonta, arguing that this was demotion to a junior position but he later stripped of the job offer.

And the search for the new CEO which was in motion eventually landed at Nqobile Magagula whose reign was as short as a sneeze and we all thought we had seen enough of the never ending and meandering episodes of drama surrounding the office.

In 2013, the PLE got their man in former Tennis Association President John Mazibuko who was appointed the organisation's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Egos

Mazibuko replaced departed CEO Nqobile Magagula who only served a few months before a top



post at Eswatini Telecom where she works now. Magagula had joined the PLS as Brand Manager, a position that Mazibuko will also double-up as while CEO and had replaced 'Sport'.

Somehow for the serenity to the end of this drama, egos must be put into the trash cans of the game and forgotten for good, self-fulfilling agendas must not be given manoeuvring and manipulating room remember even meandering rivers end into big oceans and seas which for our game has to be absolute development.

Consider

Before I say a lot of history that you might even miss the point, here I just think the PLE should just sit down and consider recalling Simanga Nhleko. This can only be good for the association as we know that Nhleko is a football person through and through. I think they can still reach a common ground and reverse the decision.

In all honesty and for the interest of the football, I think they just need to sit down and sort their differences with Nhleko.

Just from what has happened I think the parties involved have learnt something which can be good for the organisation if they can only sort out their differences and work together again. I just wish and hope sanity will prevail in this matter.



I FEEL FOR ALLEN MABUZA

THE case involving Mbabane Highlanders, Pigg's Peak Black Swallows and players Allen Mabuza is taking too long to resolve and I seriously wonder why.

The player should be playing football just like all the other players seeing that it's the new season but that is not the case as he is involved in contractual disputes between the two teams.

I sense foul play here, it could be that someone is just not being honest, either way something is just not

right.

I did not understand why the Players' Status Committee would clear the player to Highlanders when the matter was still at the High Court over the player's suspension.

Suspended

I do not want to say much on this matter since it's still at the High Court.

When the player is supposed to play for Black Swallows, he is suspended but when he has to play for Highlanders he is not suspended.

The assumption was that the play-

er belongs to Black Swallows, having played for them in the previous season but Highlanders say he is very much their player.

Dispute

From what transpired during the case is that there is a contract dispute between the two parties.

Like I said, I do not want to say much about this case least I am charged for contempt of court, but from where I am sitting it looks like the Players' Status Committee wants the player to play for Mbabane Highlanders.

However, I think both teams without the Players' Status Committee involved can reach a common ground.

Matter

The player should just be allowed to play where his heart is.

Let us not frustrate players just because we can 'doctor' contracts, it's wrong and the players should also know where they are getting themselves into when they happen to really sign certain contracts.

I smell a 'rotten rat' in this matter but I know the truth will reveal itself and those on the wrong will be left with an egg on the face.

I rest my case.

BOGANDAGANDA SIGN EX-MARITZBURG DEFENDER

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER – AMBITIOUS side Mhlume Peacemakers have completed the signing of former ABSA Premiership Maritzburg centre-back Reginald 'De Clark' Mzolo.

The South Africa-born player is said to have already started training with 'Bogandaganda' after he was registered last week.

A source close to the player revealed that the player was likely to feature for the team in the next coming MTN Premier League match.

"Everything has been concluded

between the two parties and the player will get his work permit before the FIFA break ends," said the source.

Confirmed

Mhlume Peacemakers Communications Officer Bheka Magagula confirmed the news when contacted yesterday afternoon.

He said they were happy to have a

player of Mzolo's calibre and were hopeful he would add value to the club.

"It is true we have signed De Clark on a two-year renewable contract. We are hopeful he will bring his experience to the club as we want to win at least one of the trophies at stake this season," he said.

Magagula also mentioned that Royal Leopard strong defender Siboniso 'Rocco' Malambe had also joined them for the 2019/20 season. The Mhlume based outfit is sitting on position four in the MTN Premier League log.

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'Eswatini coaches dominating'

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER – THE Eswatini Football Coaches Association (EFCA) has noted that local coaches are dominating in winning trophies than their expatriate counterparts.

Speaking on Sunday during the EFCA Annual General Meeting held at Sigwaca House, General Secretary Musa Mamba acknowledged that the Eswatini coaches won all trophies that were at stake last season.

"It is good to announce that we can see great improvement in the standard of coaching in the country. This is manifested by the tournaments where local coaches are winning in the elite leagues,

he said. Mamba also highlighted that they had challenges as expatriate coaches were still failing to mix with Eswatini in whatever they were doing.

"Our expatriate friends in the profession are still failing to mix with Eswatini in whatever we are doing, and this indicate that they are not part of us. In future, the membership will need to take a dire decision."

He added that coaches were still failing to subscribe in time, while others pass unpalatable remarks when reminded. He said some coaches, who are coaching at the highest level were still without coaching licenses.

"We had a fairly good year as there were no disciplinary cases, and this is a sign of growth from us. However, the only un-

coming conduct that we had was the issue of one coach, who coached two teams in Eswatini and outside the country. We could not deal with that one as his team played hide and seek about the issue but we are happy he was disciplined by his native country," he said.

Meanwhile, EFCA Chairman Anthony Mdluli explained that they had reached an agreement with EPTC and MTN to create platforms where coaches and the public would vote for best coach in the Premier League, National First Division, Super League and Women Football.

He urged coaches and football supporters to continue to vote.

He also highlighted that the association also targeted at raising funds to acquire land to build a coaches centre.

...EFCA targets 300 coaches in 2019/20 season

SOCCER - THE EFCA is targeting to have not less than 300 coaches registered in the 2019/20 season.

This was disclosed on Sunday during their AGM.

General Secretary Musa Mamba said in the past season they had 70 coaches, who were paid-up members which was lower than the 2017/18 season as it was

an elective year. "In this past year we saw prominent coaches failing to pay their subscriptions, thus added to the decrease in membership," he said.

Mamba mentioned that as coaches they had an obligation of taking the association to the next level.

He said the association was not a political field where they needed to show their

political strengths and mock the weaknesses of others but they needed to assist one another and move forward.

"Let us all be professional and stop belittling one another. May I also take this opportunity to thank coach Pastor Mbazo 'Zembe' Gamedze for being handy for the whole year in so many ways to the coaches," he said.

'MJ' defends Nkonyeni Open title

BY JONGILE XUBA

GOLF - LAST year's Nkonyeni Golf Open winner Mandla 'MJ' Dlamini defended his title successfully during the annual competition played at Nkonyeni Golf Course on Sunday afternoon.

The competition had a field of 48 golfers on the day competing in two divisions and MJ scored an impressive 144 gross after 36 holes, earning himself back to back Nkonyeni titles. Runner-up Sifiso Vilane came very close scoring 145 while Jacobus Pienaar came in third with 148 gross. The B Division was won by Welcome Mhlanga, who finished on 168 gross followed by Manzini Golf Club Treasurer Eerfaan Dada with 172 gross. Dudley Venner came in third winning 173 gross to round up the top finishers of the B Division. Novelty prizes were also awarded on the day with Marc Paeps getting the AM Nett score on 69. Jacobus Pienaar had the Best PM Nett

with 72 as Eerfaan Dada was Best Overall Nett with 144.

Nkonyeni Open Director of Golf Frans Strauss thanked all the participants for taking part in the competition and thanked the main sponsor Galp Eswatini.

"We had an impressive field of participants during this year's edition and we thank all of them for taking the time to play.

We also would like to thank our sponsors Galp for making yet another competition a reality," he said. Strauss further congratulated the winners and urged the participants to return for next year's edition.

Champion Mandla 'MJ' Dlamini said he was happy to have won another title and he thanked his parents for all the support.

"My parents support me in any way possible whether financial or emotional and I am grateful because I wouldn't be able to play without their support. The competition was a bit tough this year, but I am glad I managed to defend my title," he said.

NKONYENI OPEN RESULTS:

A Division		
Mandla MJ Dlamini	-	144 gross
Sifiso Vilane	-	145 gross
Jacobus Pienaar	-	148 gross
B Division		
Welcome Mhlanga	-	168 gross
Eerfaan Dada	-	172 gross
Dudley Venner	-	173 gross
Novelties		

Best AM Nett: Marc Paeps	-	69
Best PM Nett: Jacobus Pienaar	-	72
Best Overall Nett: Eerfaan Dada	-	144
Closest to the Pin 2	-	Bambo Kunene
Pin 7	-	Henry Aimeincho
Pin 9	-	Sifiso Tshaka Mota
Pin 11	-	Sibusiso Ndzabandzaba
Pin 18	-	Valentine Maziya

BY JONGILE XUBA

KARATE - ESWATINI Ashihara team performed very well at the annual Rooibos Karate Open Championships as Sensei Abdul Khaaliq Dlamini brought home four medals from his division.

The competition was held at the Kathy Johnson Service Centre in Clanwillian, South Africa over the past weekend. Due to financial constraints, the team only managed to send Dlamini, who left on Friday to compete with over 250 athletes from around Southern Africa and beyond. Dlamini came home with the Sabaki Challenge/Full-Contact knockdown championship, Semi-contact gold medal, Ashihara Kata silver medal and the Traditional Kata/WKF silver medal.

Dlamini said the competition was tough as it had caught the eye of international fighters over the years. He said the Eswatini Ashihara would now be focusing on the black belt grading to be held later this year. "We are hoping to have three of our brown belts Mazwe Zwane, Mangaliso Mbukwane and Phila Dlamini promoted to 1st Dan. The black belts grading will be held in Cape Town, South Africa at the Ashihara Karate International Headquarters from December 5-10," he said.

ESWATINI ASHIHARA SHINES AT ROOIBOS KARATE OPEN



CHAMPION: Eswatini Ashihara's Abdul Khaaliq Dlamini (centre) with the champion's trophy after winning the Sabaki Challenge/Full-Contact Knockdown division during the Rooibos Karate Open Championships held at Clanwillian South Africa over the past weekend. (Courtesy pic)

Sensei Abdul Khaaliq Dlamini's podium placing:

1. Sabaki Challenge/Full-Contact Knockdown	-	Champion (Trophy)
2. Semi-Contact	-	First Place Gold Medal
3. Ashihara Kata	-	Second Place Silver Medal
4. Traditional Kata/WKF	-	Third Place Silver Medal

Top Classic face-off with Blue Birds in Hub Hardware U-17 Maphalaleni finals

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER – IT has now come to two teams where Top Classic will face-off with Blue Birds in Hub Hardware U17 Maphalaleni finals.

Top Classic managed to beat Lunkanka Highlanders 5-2 on aggregate.

They played to a 1-1 draw in the first leg before winning 4-1 in the second leg played on Sunday at Jubukweni Sports Ground.

Top Classic will play against Blue Birds, who topped the Maphalaleni Stream.

This was confirmed by HFRA Development Officer Sibonangaye Dlamini, who said this promised to be an entertaining final.

The tournament is sponsored by Hub Hardware to the tune of E28 000 which is equally distributed to five regions with E3 000 allocated to Champ of the Champs.

Dlamini said this was an interest-

ing tournament and credit must be given to all the league secretaries as administration of the league was never easy, especially at the junior level.

"Finals of the tournament will be on September 14 at Ararati Sport Ground and we are looking forward to a great game.

"We also thank the sponsor Hub Hardware for the assistance they have given to us.

"We have achieved a lot of things because of the sponsorship we are getting from them. I can tell you most of the young players that they had no birth certificates but through this tournament they now have. The standard of football has also improved in the sense that most players have attracted senior teams to come and watch our games," he said.

Dlamini said it was an achievement now that Maphalaleni had stream champions and they needed to fight for glory and win the cup so that they qualify for the Champ of Champs on September 28.

LATEST FOOTBALL TRANSFERS

● Mauro Icardi and his agent wife Wanda Nara were seen arriving at Paris Saint-Germain ahead of sealing his loan move from Inter Milan. The striker has been frozen out at Inter and was told he could leave this summer. Icardi initially had his heart set on Juventus and rejected a number of other offers from Napoli and Monaco. However, the Argentine is now on the verge of finally completing his exit after being convinced by Nara to make the move to France. *Daily Mail*

● Paris Saint-Germain and Real Madrid worked in tandem on transfer deadline day as the two clubs exchanged goalkeepers. Keylor Navas arrived in Paris to sign a four-year deal with the Ligue 1 champions while Frenchman Alphonse Areola headed in the other direction on a one-year loan. Navas has been a regular at Real Madrid since joining the club in 2014 and went on to win three Champions League titles having gone on to be the club's No 1 after Iker Casillas departed. But the 32-year-old insists he is 'really excited' about a new challenge in France. *Daily Mail*

● Bobby Duncan has completed his move to Fiorentina from Liverpool after putting pen to paper on a three-year deal. The Liverpool youngster was pictured arriving at Fiorentina with Saif Rubie ahead of putting the finishing touches to his £1.8million move to the Serie A outfit. Champions League winners Liverpool gave the 18-year-old striker permission to discuss personal terms and undergo a medical with the Italian side ahead of yesterday's European transfer deadline. Duncan took to Twitter to express his gratitude towards his former club for their role in his development as a player so far. *Daily Mail*

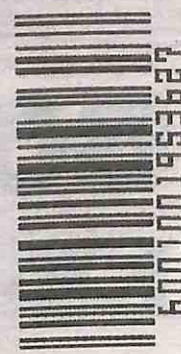
● Roma have signed Arsenal midfielder Henrikh Mkhitaryan on a season-long loan deal. The Italian club will pay a loan fee and the 30-year-old's wages, but there is no option or obligation to buy the Armenian international. Mkhitaryan joined the Gunners from Manchester United in January 2018 in a swap deal involving Chile forward Alexis Sanchez. He has scored nine goals in 59 appearances for Arsenal. Mkhitaryan featured as a second-half substitute in Sunday's 2-2 north London derby draw with Tottenham, but has been allowed to join the Italian capital side. *Daily Mail*

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Sihlangu jets out, but...

'PUPU', 'D4D', 'FIGA' LEFT OUT

STORIES BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – THE country's international pair of Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze and Justice Figareido have been left out of the Sihlangu top 18 team that travelled to Djibouti for the 2022 FIFA World Cup preliminary round qualifier slated for the Hasan Galoud Stadium tomorrow. The Polokwane City and Mbombela United stars were among the players who were left behind for the trip to the North East African state. Also missing in the trip was captain Banele 'Makonese' Dlamini, striker Allen Mabuza and Bonginkhosi Dlamini, were who left behind to prepare for the return leg under the guidance of assistant coach Velekhaya Mthethwa. The former National Under-17 coach Mthethwa also missed out in the trip after being mandated to monitor the remaining players by Papić. Papić confirmed that some of the players would not be part of the trip to Djibouti during the squad's farewell function held at the Eswatini Football Association Technical Centre on Sunday. "We are only taking two international players to Djibouti in Felix Badenhorst and Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa. The remaining players will be at training under the watchful eye of my assistant Velekhaya Mthethwa, who is also not travelling with the team," he said. The Serbian mentor further stated that he was confident that his team would perform well during the assignment against Djibouti. "We are confident the team will come to the party

- Internationals left behind alongside Banele 'Makonese' Dlamini
- Assistant coach Velekhaya Mthethwa also misses trip to North Africa



GO WELL: Eswatini Football Association President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa, EFA Executive Member Sonnyboy Mabuza and Sihlangu head coach Kostadin Papić posing with Sihlangu players during the squad's farewell function to Djibouti held at the EFA Technical Centre on Sunday afternoon. (Pic: Sibusiso Masilela)

and deliver the results in Djibouti since our main aim is to reach the highest stage of the competition. We will do our level best to ensure that we get the desired results in Djibouti and possibly reach the group stages of the qualifiers," he said. Meanwhile, the squad's captain Felix 'Fela'

Badenhorst said they would work hard to win the match. "I am confident we will qualify for the World Cup, only if we keep working hard and take every game seriously, starting against Djibouti. We will give it our best shot during the preliminary round," he said.

...EFA throws its full weight behind Papić

SOCCER – THE Eswatini Football Association has passed its vote of confidence on Sihlangu head coach Kostadin Papić.

This was revealed by the association's President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa, who said they were happy with the contribution of the Serbian mentor towards the progress of the senior male's national team. Mthethwa was speaking during Sihlangu's farewell function to Djibouti for the 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifier match.

"We are quite happy with the contribution of the coach in the team and we will certainly offer him a new contract. We are still to discuss personal terms with the coach.

"Our aim is to see the national team doing well in the international scenes in order to market the country to the

whole world. Go out there and make the nation proud in Djibouti and we are confident you will advance to the next round of the qualifiers," he said.

The former Orlando Pirates coach Papić currently has a one-year contract with the national football mother body, which will come to an end in December. Meanwhile, Mthethwa also announced that the squad's head of delegation to Djibouti is EFA executive member Sonnyboy Mabuza.

The nation's pride left the county by road on Sunday afternoon, where they were to connect a flight to Djibouti via Ethiopia yesterday morning at the OR Tambo International Airport. The team is expected to return home on Saturday morning to prepare for the return match to be played next Tuesday at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

The full Sihlangu list to Djibouti:

1. Msithi Phephisan (Royal Leopards)
2. Dlamini Melusi (Royal Leopards)
3. Tsabedze Fanelo (Royal Leopards)
4. Matse Sifiso (Royal Leopards)
5. Dlamini Machawe (Royal Leopards)
6. Mathabela Sandanezwe (Mbabane Swallows)
7. Ndaba Ndumiso (Mbabane Swallows)
8. Ndzabandzaba Siboniso (Mbabane Swallows)
9. Mkhonta Lindo (Young Buffaloes)
10. Mamba Siboniso (Young Buffaloes)
11. Shabangu Wandile (Young Buffaloes)
12. Matsenjwa Lindani (Mbabane Highlanders)
13. Mamba Fanelo (Young Buffaloes)
14. Sithole Menzi (Mbabane Highlanders)
15. Magagula Junior (Royal Leopards)
16. Ndzinisa Sabelo (Mbombela United)
17. Badenhorst Felix (Mbombela United)
18. Ngwenya Siboniso (Young Buffaloes)

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