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HELPING HAND: Baphalali Eswatini Red Cross Society representative Thandiwe Dlamini showing the Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini, DPM Themba Masuku and Minister of Tinkhundla David Ngcamphalala clothes and food items donated towards the #HelpMoza campaign. (Pic: Lucky Simelane) **STORY ON PAGE 4**

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Senator Mphatfwa now at PSB

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Lobamba

SENATORS yesterday elected Senator Prince Mphatfwa to represent the upper chamber at the Parliamentary Service Board (PSB).

Prince Mphatfwa was elected ahead of Senators Princess Ntfombiyenkosi and Isaac Magagula. Prince Mphatfwa's election came after Senator Cleopas Dlamini moved that Prince Mphatfwa be automatically elected into the board.

Senator Cleopas reminded Senate that they had nominated three senators in December last year.

"The senators we nominated included Senator Prince Mphatfwa, Senator (Isaac) Magagula, and Senator Princess Ntfombiyenkosi. I propose that we elect Senator Prince Mphatfwa to represent Senate at PSB," Senator Cleopas said.

The senators agreed with the proposal of Senator Cleopas and voted for Senator Prince Mphatfwa. The senators did this in accordance with Section 4 (5) of the Parliamentary Service Act, Act No. 6 of 2015. The existence of the PSB is also provided for in Section 131 of the Constitution.

The Legislature, acting jointly with His Majesty King Mswati III has already filled six of the positions of the PSB.

The remaining vacancy is yet to be filled on a date yet to be announced. It shall be filled by a Joint House Committee.

Two former legislators are contesting for that position. They include former Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Hlobisile Ndlovu together with former Senator Menjeni Mahlalela. Ndlovu was nominated by the House of Assembly in December last year, while Mahlalela was nominated by Senate in the same month.

The House of Assembly automatically elected Mhlume MP Victor Malambe to represent the House at the PSB in December last year. Eswatini Water Services Corporation Managing Director (MD) Jabulile



SELECTED: Chief Mphatfwa.

Mashwama was appointed by His Majesty the King to be part of the board in February this year.

The PSB is responsible for the proper and effective administration of Parliament, according to Section 131 (3) of the Constitution. The seven positions of the PSB include the Senate President and Speaker, who preside over the PSB on rotational basis.

Other members include two current legislators from both the House and Senate and one former legislator.

The sixth person to be a member is the Clerk to Parliament, who becomes an ex-officio member of the board. The seventh is the person appointed by the King.

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Cyclone Idai: First consignment goes Monday

THE first consignment to help cyclone victims in Mozambique is supposed to go on Monday.

This was said by Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Themba Masuku. He said this yesterday at Senate when responding to calls from senators to help the victims of the cyclone in Mozambique. Masuku said the money that was already donated by Emaswati towards this cause was now about E250 000.

He further told the senators that the first consignment would be transferred to Mozambique on Monday. He said his office was already getting the consignment ready now so that by Monday, it was ready to go.

The DPM said people should deposit their offerings in police stations, Tinkhundla centres or Baphalali Eswatini Red Cross Society. He further urged people not to forget bringing pots and dishes because it was highly possible that such items also vanished when the cyclone struck.

"We keep learning as we do this job. We have been emphasising on mobilising money and clothes for this cause. We forgot that we also need to give pots to the people because they will need the pots to cook the food we are donating," Masuku said.

He further praised Senator Tony Sibandze for raising a motion calling on senators to also contribute in helping Cyclone Idai victims.

Sibandze had pleaded with his colleagues to also be counted amongst those who forwarded assistance to the people of Mozambique.

He raised a concern on the fact that



WE CAN'T MISS OUT: Mbabane Swallows Football Club led by General Manager Sandile Zwane donated clothes and blankets towards the #HelpMoza Campaign. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

government did not provide a clear explanation on how senators were supposed to help in this situation. He then said chiefs were seen responding to His Majesty's call to mobilise resources and people in their areas to help the Mozambicans. Sibandze further stated that it was time for senators to put something on the table and put a time frame in which this was to be done.

Senator Chief Ngalonghulu Mabuza seconded Sibandze and said senators should do this wholeheartedly.

"The gifts we give should show that they are coming from senators, who are regarded as the senior citizens of the country. We must not do this haphaz-

ardly. We should put our minds and hearts into this and help save the lives of the people of that country," Mabuza said.

The senators finally agreed that they would donate and ensure that their items were among those that would be moved on Monday to Mozambique. The DPM also told the senators that the consignment to go on Monday would not be the last one. People should continue donating as other consignments would go on dates to be announced in due course.

He hinted that the situation could be back to normal after six months.

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Senators worry about corruption rate

SENATORS expressed concern at the rate in which corruption was prevalent in the country.

The senators raised this concern yesterday when Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg tabled Loan Bills before the senators. One of them was that of a water project that would be taking place in the Manzini region and the other one was that of the Manzini Golf Course Interchange Project.

Both loans are to be secured from the African Development Bank (AfDB). For the water project Loan Bill, Minister Rijkenberg was supposed to be authorised to raise a loan not exceeding E720 million, while for the golf course project, he was supposed to be authorised to raise not more than USD30 020 000 (about E428 million).

Senator Alberto Samuels urged the minister to ensure that corruption was prevented at all costs when these loans are made. He said what was the problem was that corruption made it possible for projects not to be finished. He urged the minister to ensure that these



CONCERNED: Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg and Senator Moi Moi Masilela.

projects were finished.

Senator Moi Moi Masilela wanted to know why another loan was secured when other projects were not finished. He said the road from Mbadlane to Sikhuphe was not finished yet another loan for the golf course was now being secured. He said such acts should not be allowed because they were dangerous for the country.

In response, Minister Rijkenberg assured the senators that corruption would be prevented this time around. He said the



other projects were not finished because some problems came along the way yet some of these problems were not envisaged.

He said these loans were from AfDB and loans from the African Bank had a track record of being successful. He said the AfDB usually deployed experts at sites where projects were taking place. The role of the experts was to ensure that such loans were used for what they were intended for, hence projects under this bank hardly failed.

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'BUSINESSMAN WAS KILLED FOR HIS E100 000'

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

SUSPICIONS are rife that the late Asian businessman, who was found dead with a gashing head wound in his apartment at Park View Heights in Mbabane last Friday, was killed for his E100 000.

This money was owed to the deceased by one of his countrymen.

Some of the deceased's countrymen are refuting allegations that their countryman's alleged murder may have been a robbery gone wrong.

One of his countrymen, who owns a business in Manzini, alleged that the murderer may have been closer to the deceased than suspected. The businessman said Saruare Hossain was someone who was always willing to help others.

This sentiment was also shared among his employees. One of his employees who works as a cashier in his supermarket noted that he was friendly and sociable, adding that Hossain was more like a father to his employees.

His countryman alleged that in his view, Hossain was killed by one of his close friends who allegedly owed him money amounting to E100 000, as he was known to be kind and gave out loans to those desperate for financial assistance.

...Saruare Hossain's countryman alleged that in his view, Hossain was killed by one of his close friends who allegedly owed him money amounting to E100 000, as he was known to be kind and gave out loans to those desperate for financial assistance



DEAD: Saruare Hossain's corpse being taken out of Park View Heights last Friday.

He offered that his suspicions were that one of Hossain's close friends who were indebted to the deceased was probably unable to pay him so they may have opted to kill him or have him killed instead. They alleged that the people claiming to have been closest to the deceased were giving inaccurate information to the police in an attempt to recuse themselves from investigations.

They said since his close friends were alleging that he may have been killed by a local, why were they not providing the police with plausible leads as to who they suspect.

They also claimed that the close friend, who said they called Hossain on his mobile phone on Friday morning and he did not answer, allegedly misinformed the public as they were informed by the late businessman's brother-in-law that his mobile phone had been off since Thursday night at around 2300 hours.

In actual fact, the friend was contacted by Hossain's brother-in-law on the Friday morning to inquire about his whereabouts as he had not answered his phone the previous night, they said.

Deputy Police Information and Communications Officer (DPICO) Inspector Nosipho Mnguni said they still did not have a breakthrough with the case and investigations were ongoing. She stated that on Saturday, a post-mortem was conducted on the deceased's body and they were still waiting for the results.

Bangladeshi community worried over Hossain's estate

THE Bangladeshi community desperately wants to ensure the late businessman's estate ends up in its rightful place with his family back home.

One of his countrymen who

wanted to remain anonymous said Hossain is survived by two children and his wife who are back in his home country in Bangladesh.

"Our biggest worry as his countrymen and as any human

being, is the wellbeing of his family back home. We hope there would be a way to recover all the money he was owed in order to be able to send it back to his family as he was a breadwinner," he said.

They stated that they hoped after the investigations are completed and their countryman is able to be buried in his home country, his family would be able to reap all the benefits of his hard work.

Govt to introduce surveys to test service delivery at ministries

BY SABELO MAJOLA
Mbabane

GOVERNMENT employees will now be put under test to determine the service delivery handed to the nation at the different ministries.

The exercise will be introduced once government has gathered enough funding to implement it and it is aimed at measuring how effective service delivery is to the nation at government service points.

This was revealed by Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini during his tour of the ministry of home affairs yesterday.

Dlamini was welcomed by Home Affairs Minister Princess Lindiwe and Principal Secretary Anthony Masilela before addressing the ministry's staff then proceeding to a tour of the offices inside the ministry.

"As government, we are not a profit making organisation but our profit is

giving efficient service to the satisfaction of the nation.

However, what you can't measure, you cannot manage and it is for that reason that we would introduce surveys that will measure the service delivery at different ministries so that we are in a position to determine areas that need more focus and improvement for the benefit of the nation," he said.

Innovation

Dlamini said the move should be complemented by innovation and digitising services at the ministries. He made an example about services that require one to stand in long exhaustive queues, which he said should be a thing of the past.

"We are blessed to have a leader who is visionary and development oriented in His Majesty King Mswati III whose 2022 vision is possible when we innovate, digitalise and apply a high level of professionalism so that the nation that we serve can benefit. Integration

and collaboration within and among the ministries are also key elements we encourage and advocate for," he added.

Dlamini also highlighted that government has finalised the country's strategic roadmap and it has also been blessed by the King. It would thereafter be disseminated to the ministries in due course.

Hope

The PM also brought a glimpse of hope to the employees by revealing to them that staff welfare was government's priority and by April 2020, government should be able pay salary increments and the Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA).

"My ambition in my duration as head of government is to have salary adjustments annually from the beginning of the 2020 financial year going forward. For now, the situation is worse than it was in 2010 but we anticipate things to turn out for the better in the mentioned period," he said.

Senator Cleopas wins again at Supreme Court

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
Supreme Court

SENATOR Cleopas Dlamini, who successfully obtained a final decree of divorce against his former wife Cynthia Simelane, yesterday was also victorious in an appeal application filed by her at the Supreme Court.

This after the Supreme Court struck off the roll Simelane's appeal in which she was challenging the judgment of the High Court which ruled in the former Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF) Chief Executive Officer, now senator.

When the matter was supposed to be heard, it appeared that the applicant's (Cynthia) lawyers had not put their house in order as some papers were not properly filed with the two applications for condonation also not filed according to the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Supreme Court Judge Phesheya Dlamini, who was sitting with Judges Jacobus Annandale and Acting Judge Sabelo Matsebula, expressed concern in the matter the application was brought before court and wondered how the two condonation applications could have been dealt with as the first one had not even been ventilated before court.

It also transpired that the record of proceedings from the court a quo filed by the applicant was not complete. After both parties had made their brief submissions, Judge Annandale issued an order that the matter be struck off the court's roll.

"The court had been tasked to determine this appeal which cannot be determined with the papers filed before which are not void to prospects of success. The court cannot proceed with hearing the appeal proceedings; it is also of note that the matter has been in and out of court. The appeal is hereby struck off the roll and is not



WINS: Senator Cleopas Dlamini.

to be reinstated without leave of court," Justice Annandale pronounced.

The applicant (Simelane) was represented by lawyer Sikhumbuzo Simelane of Simelane, Mshali Attorneys while Dlamini was represented by lawyer Fezile Ndlovu in the matter.

Senator Dlamini was last year granted a final decree of divorce between him and his estranged wife Cynthia and they have been embroiled in a court battle since 2006.

The final decree of divorce was issued by Judge Cyril Maphanga after Cynthia reportedly failed to restore conjugal rights as previously ordered by the court.

Dlamini had instituted divorce proceedings against his wife because, among other things, she practiced religious beliefs obsessively and intolerably and another major source of disquiet was that Cynthia became extremely preoccupied and would neglect her duties due to her heavy engagement in church activities which often entailed frequent church services even during the course of the week and weekends, being away from home to attend prayer meetings for days.

Dlamini had submitted in his evidence that what really led to the marital difficulties was the radical transformation in the attitude and personality of Cynthia which he described in court as being obsessive and overzealous.

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PM thanks nation for over E250 000 donations to Idai victims

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

OVER E250 000 has been raised by Emaswati to assist Cyclone Idai victims in Mozambique.

Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini applauded locals who responded to the #HelpMoza campaign.

Yesterday, the premier was at Mbabane West Inkhundla together with Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku, Minister of Tinkhundla and Development David Ngcamphalala and other stakeholders of #HelpMoza to receive the current donations towards the campaign. Stakeholders present included Baphalali Eswatini Red Cross Society, National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA), Eswatini Tourism Authority, Mbabane Swallows Football Club, United Holdings and Eswatini Sugar Association. All these stakeholders presented their donations before the PM and DPM. The PM applauded Their Majesties for involving Emaswati in helping Cyclone Idai victims. He also thanked the nation at large for taking part in the initiative since it was officially launched last Monday.

Dlamini said the donated items that were displayed all over the yard of the inkhundla were proof enough that the nation took #HelpMoza campaign seriously. He noted that almost 90 per cent of Beira city in Mozambique has been badly affected by Cyclone Idai.

"I am very positive that the donated items I am seeing today are proof that the nation went all out to help Mozambicans,"



ARRIVAL: Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini flanked by DPM Themba Masuku and Minister of Tinkhundla David Ngcamphalala upon arrival at Mbabane West Inkhundla during the presentation of food items, clothes and many more for victims affected by Cyclone Idai in Mozambique. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

Malawi, Zim write to Eswatini

MALAWI and Zimbabwe have approached Eswatini for help as they have also been affected by Cyclone Idai.

The recent cyclone did not only affect Mozambique, but Malawi and Zimbabwe. The two countries have since written letters to Eswatini asking for help.

He said. The PM said through the donations, it showed that Emaswati still have caring hearts and are generous people. He thanked everyone that contributed.

Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini said government is currently looking at how they could assist these two countries as they pleaded for help.

Updated

Dlamini said the nation would be updated in no time on how Malawi and Zimbabwe could be assisted.

Dlamini encouraged the nation to continue donating towards #HelpMoza. He also applauded Red Cross and the DPM's office for mobilising the nation.



THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE: Eswatini Tourism Authority CEO Linda Nxumalo showing the PM items donated by the organisation and staff members.

'Continue dropping off donation in designated places'

BAPHALALI Eswatini Red Cross Society Communications Officer Simanga Ngcamphalala has urged Emaswati to continue donating to Cyclone Idai victims.

The locals would continue assisting through bringing donated material to the drop-off points in some major towns. In Mbabane, there is Gazebo Shop at Mbabane Mall. In Manzini, they are located at Somhlolo Park while in Nhlengano

they have a Gazebo at Shoprite parking. Ngcamphalala said those who wanted to donate could even use regional Red Cross offices.

He said funds could be deposited at First National Bank (FNB) account number 57710019384.

For further information, the nation can contact the deputy prime minister's office disaster department at 2404 8107 and Baphalali Eswatini Red Cross Society at 2404 2532.

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Clothing and blankets
10, 50kg bags of maize



HERE IS IT: Baphalali Eswatini Red Cross representative Thandiwe Dlamini showing the PM, DPM and minister clothes and food items donated by the nation.



LET'S ALL HELP: Eswatini Sugar Association Commercial Director Sharon de Sousa and Finance Director Banele Nyamane presenting E100 000 to the PM. (R) IN IT TOO: United Health Insurance's Nellie de Sousa and Marcel Fortune presenting E25 000.



SODV sends three men to jail for 18 years

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

AT least three men were yesterday sent to the correctional facility after they were found guilty of contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 2018.

The accused persons were appearing on separate cases where each of them was charged with having engaged in forceful sexual intercourse.

Mxolisi Mahlalela (22) of Lomahasha was first to enter the accused's dock before Principal Magistrate Dumisani Magagula.

He was alleged to have wrongfully and unlawfully had sexual intercourse with a minor child without her consent.

The charge was accompanied with aggravating factors which included that

the accused inflicted a lifetime trauma on the complainant. When the charge sheet was read to the accused, he pleaded guilty.

A statement of agreed facts between the accused person and the crown was presented as evidence before the court. The accused mitigated by asking the court to be lenient when passing sentence. He stated that he felt ashamed of himself after committing such a crime upon a minor child.

Committed

Meanwhile, Mlamuli Ntjagase (20) was charged with contravening Section 3 of the SODV Act 15 of 2018. He was said to have committed an unlawful act by having sexual intercourse with a minor aged below 18, and without her consent.

Ntjagase pleaded guilty to the charge while conducting his own defence. A doctor's report was presented as evi-

dence before the court. In mitigation, the accused said he was also in the dark on how he committed the offence.

He asked the court to be lenient when passing sentence, saying he believed he was possessed when he committed the offence.

Charge

On another matter, Mduduzi Silindza also faced a charge of contravening the SODV Act. He was said to have committed a sexual act upon a woman without her consent. Silindza pleaded guilty to the charge.

His plea was also accepted by the crown and presented a statement of agreed facts on the matter.

All three accused persons were accordingly found guilty by the court. Each of them was subsequently sentenced to 18 years in a correctional facility without an option of a fine.

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NOT FOR SALE: Minister of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe displaying the special lihiya that retailers are forbidden from producing and selling.

BY SABELO MAJOLA
Mbabane

Princess Lindiwe's warning on special Lihiya

HOME Affairs Minister Princess Lindiwe yesterday unveiled a special lihiya.

The wonderfully designed lihiya was announced to be a special one, which she said should not be

distributed willy-nilly.

The princess warned that anyone who would be seen producing and selling the special royal lihiya would feel the might of the law.

The black and yellow lihiya which resembles

what appears to be buganu tree was displayed by the minister as she warned would be sellers that the consequences of selling the lihiya would be too much to bear.

"This is the royal lihiya that only the royalty has

the right to distribute. If one is found to be selling it, there would be consequences," she said while displaying it. Lutsango are among the very few who were handed the special lihiya by the head of state.

More on Forbes Africa special:

Eswatini a jewel in Africa

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

ESWATINI is a jewel in Africa with cultural pride and a proud history of peace and stability.

This was depicted in the Minister of Tourism Moses Vilakati's reaction for the positive exposure of Eswatini on Forbes Africa Magazine which has set the tone for the nation to reach new heights and materialising set goals.

Vilakati stated that the encore that unites the Emaswati was the 400 years of peace and prosperity the country has enjoyed under the Monarchy rule. This is what set the nation apart from other African nations.

He said this exposure opened a wide door for the country to prosper moving

forward.

"It should be the duty of all Emaswati to market themselves and ensure that the peace and stability the nation is renowned for remains intact," said the minister.

Principal Secretary of Tourism Emmanuel Dlamini said the change in name sparked a lot of interest and gave the country an identity as people were drawn more to discovering more about Eswatini as a kingdom.

"The change in name depicts the country in a new light and would no longer be misidentified as Switzerland like it previously happened," he mentioned.

As depicted from Forbes Africa, Eswatini is a small nation with a lot of potential and empowering itself by reclaiming its name, rooting itself in its rich heritage and ensuring its ambitious National Development Strategy (NDS) catapults

it towards a first-rate future.

As the nation moves closer to 2022, a lot of positives can be drawn in relation to the country's purpose, vision and aspirations.

The nation is unique in the sense that cultural values are aligned with future aspirations and goals.

Moving

EswatiniBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele said: "we are moving towards the objective of being a developed state which line with the technological world. "This is depicted by the heavy investment placed by the government in infrastructure development such as the ongoing revamping of the MR3 Highway, building of trade and touristic routes such as railway tracks as well as the now fully operational King Mswati III International Airport," he noted.

A private sector oriented nation

"I am bringing a private sector mindset into how government works".

This was stated by Minister of Commerce Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo who said he would like the country to be in the top 10 countries in Africa as well as top three in the SADC region in the ease of doing business. He stated that there was a need to focus on the issue of registering new businesses as well as providing a digital platform to re-engineer the process and ensure that it is a one stop shop for investors. Khumalo added that as a ministry they were working on border issues and the aim was to ensure that the country's two main borders were operating for 24 hours a day which would change the speed at which the nation imports as well as exports. He added that there was a need to think globally.

Reason to appreciate positive publicity

POSITIVE publicity can attract investment and lead to economic recovery.

"As as a state, we have all the reason to appreciate positive publicity about Eswatini as the Forbes Africa magazine has carried out." This was outlined by Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane in reaction to the positive depiction of the country in the magazine.

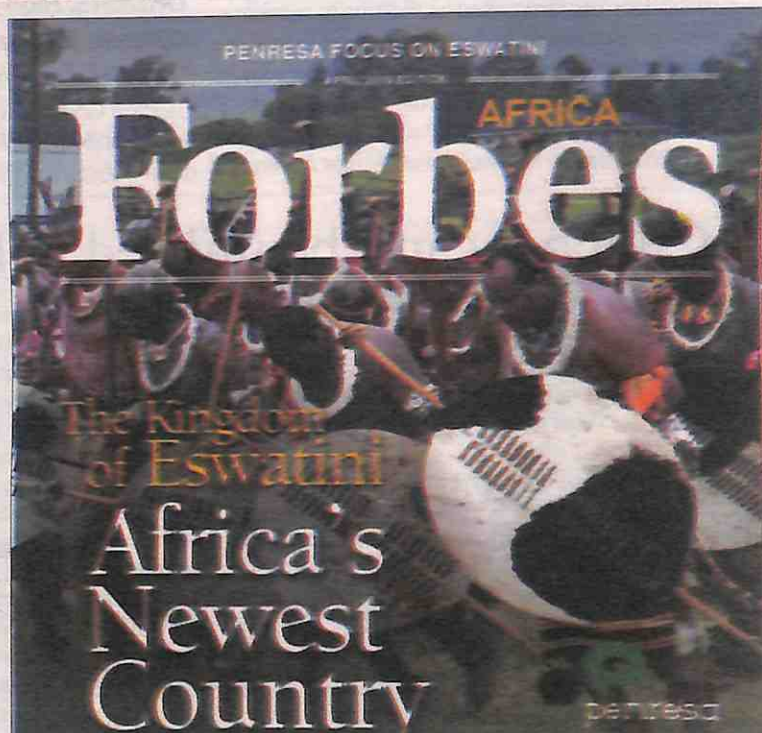
He mentioned his temptation to believe that this was the country's moment of image enhancement and was in reason as recently BBC reported very positively about Eswatini, particularly the cultural evolution and diplomatic relations with particular countries. "I was one of the sources BBC and Forbes interviewed. Forbes interviewed a number of sources and this was not to say we had turned the

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bad publicity come already, no country had." He stated that the country should continue to strive to have every ministry tick through the ministerial communications officers.

"We shall ask all ministers' principal secretaries to work closely with them as they strive to pool information to the public as they serve the nation. This is not to say the nation's crisis had gone to sleep."



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Aviation Company obtains order to attach E4m chopper

STORIES BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High Court

IN one of the rare Court applications to be heard by the High Court of Eswatini, an aviation company has filed an urgent application seeking an order that a helicopter belonging to Namibia CC trading as HELWORX (Pty) Ltd be attached and restricted or interdicted from flying out of the country.

Further, the Matsapha Airport based company KIMULIMULI (Pty) Ltd is also seeking an order that the person of a Namibian helicopter company HELIWORX be attached and that he be restrained or interdicted from leaving the Kingdom of Eswatini until the matter is finalised.

High Court Principal Judge Qinisile Mabuza yesterday granted the orders in terms of the prayers sought by the applicant (KIMULIMULI) and a rule nisi was issued calling upon the respondents to show cause why the prayers sought by the applicant should not be made final.

The court further ordered that the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) whose commissioner has been cited as the fourth respondent in the matter, is duly authorised to assist the Deputy Sheriff in executing the orders and preserve peace and that the rule nisi was returnable on April 12, 2019.

Represented by Mbabane based Senior Attorney

...restricting it from flying out of Eswatini



ORDERS: High Court Principal Judge Qinisile Mabuza.

Sidumo Mdladla of SV Mdladla and Associates, Glenton Combes who is the co-director of the applicant (KIMULIMULI) in his founding affidavit submitted that he is a Kenyan, British

male and authorised to institute the present action by a resolution passed by directors of the Matsapha based aviation company.

Registered

"The applicant (KIMULIMULI) is a company duly registered and incorporated in terms of the company laws of the Kingdom of Eswatini having its principal place of business at Matsapha International Airport," Combes submitted.

The first respondent according to Combes is HELIWORX Aviation Services Namibia t/a HELIWORX, a company based in Namibia and the second respondent was Silver Falcon t/a 288 (Pty) Ltd, a company based in the Republic of South Africa.

He stated that the third respondent was Gary Fox, a male businessman currently in Namibia and occasionally resident in South Africa and the director and shareholder of the first and second respondents. He submitted that KIMULIMULI was an aviation company providing services regulated by the Eswatini Civil Aviation Authority and the company had relations with other companies in South Africa and that it provided aircraft services including inter-alia crop spraying, charter or wildlife herding, capture and other wildlife conservation related work.

The application was filed on an ex-parte basis according to Rule 6 (4) of the Rules of the High Court.

HELIWORX' Aviation's Gary Fox approached us - Combes

IN his affidavit, Combes of the Matsapha Airport based company stated to be able to effectively offer these services when the third respondent (Gary Fox) approached them (KIMULIMULI) for purposes of purchasing his aircraft, they thought it prudent to purchase it.

This they did to the extent that they agreed to purchase the aircraft from the Gary Fox and Silver Falcon.

The aircraft in question is an Augusta Bell 206 helicopter registered V5 further stating that the Fox is an individual who is well acquainted with the aviation industry adding that he (Combes) is a partner to Leon Mellet who is a director and shareholder of the applicant (KIMULIMULI) and that they were quite aware of Fox's experience and advised that he (Fox) owns aircrafts both in Namibia and South Africa.

He submitted that when Fox approached them for the purchase of the aircraft they met and negotiated the deal and eventually agreed on a sale with an agreement of sale prepared by both parties and in terms of the agreement, amongst other things was that Silver Falcon would sell the helicopter to them, one Allison Rolls -Royce 250-c 20b engine and that all equipment, accessories and parts belonging to, installed in or appurtenant to such aircraft or engine and the aircraft document would be part of the sale.

"It was further a term of agreement that the first respondent would sell, grant transfer and deliver all rights, title and interest in and to the aircraft to the applicant dated December, 2017 in respect of the aircraft to have and to hold it forever," he stated.

The parties according to Combes further agreed in particular Silver Falcon through its Director Fox that the helicopter was free and clear of any lien and that the purchase shall defend such title forever.

The agreement was signed and executed on December 17, 2017 and the helicopter was bought for an amount of \$285 000 and the applicant made full payment to Silver Falcon and Fox wrote a letter acknowledging payment.

Chopper can't be utilised in Eswatini unregistered - Combes

AFTER the helicopter had been paid for in full, Combes submitted in his affidavit that it was expected that HELIFORX Aviation Services or any of its associated companies through Gary Fox, was to utilize it for its business for 300 hours.

He submitted that it was a tacit term that Gary Fox and Silver Falcon would deliver the invoice to the applicant for purposes of importing the helicopter into the Kingdom of Eswatini and to further register same with the Eswatini Civil Aviation Authority. Combes submitted that the chopper was flown into Eswatini at the Matsapha International Airport but was unable to be utilised due to the

applicant's agreement with ESWACAA and Fox that the helicopter would be imported and registered in the Kingdom within six months as per the international laws, but it could not be registered without the invoice.

"The applicant through my partner Leon Mellet and I approached the third respondent (Fox) on separate occasions requesting him to provide us with the invoice but without any success," combes submitted.

He informed the court that on or about March 5, 2019 his partner (Mellet) once again approached Fox as he was in the Kingdom of Eswatini and requested that he provide them with the invoice

but Fox's response was to the effect that he would issue the invoice through HELIWORX Aviation Services Namibia. This request was turned down as they requested the proper invoice would have to be issued by Silver Falcon as per the sale agreement.

He submitted that there was no legal reason given by the respondents for the refusal to issue the invoice and that as indicated the applicant still cannot register the helicopter without the invoice and that the applicant has further approached the Eswatini Revenue Authority (ERA) which stated that the invoice is material for the purposes of Value Added Tax (VAT) account.

Workplace wellness help curb suicides

BY COLISILE SACOLO
Mbabane

COMPANIES and institutions should strengthen their workplace wellness programmes, as it will help in early identification of a problem for a timely response.

Men Engage Network Chairperson Andrew Moyo responding to the death of Eswatini Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC) employee Sifiso Mpapane, said wellness programmes in the workplace benefit employees.

Mpapane is believed to have committed suicide on Sunday by electrocuting himself, after strangling his eight-year-old son and drowning him in a bathtub due to supposed marital problems. Moyo said wellness programmes would be of great benefit to companies or institutions in many ways as employees would be able to voice out their concerns.

"I encourage men to unlearn the culture of silence in the midst of problems as that worsens the situation. They are a lot of places where men can seek help other than ending their lives prematurely and it is unfortunate that as men we have for a long



They must take it upon themselves to try and intervene to resolve the issues because in all reported cases there is information that people knew about problems and they only spoke when it is too late



time held on to the culture of not speaking out," he said.

Moyo also encouraged families not to ignore signs of misunderstanding between partners and any members of the family.

"They must take it upon themselves to try and intervene to resolve the issues because in all reported cases we have found that people knew but only spoke out when it was too late," he added. The chairperson said issues where families fear to intervene they must involve other bodies that could be of assistance at community or national levels, these could include NGOs, and churches as some are very active on peace building.

DANGEROUS JUMPS ON HIGH WAY



ILLEGAL: A jaywalker jumps over barriers at MR3 Highway at Sidwashini yesterday. This should be avoided at all costs as it could end fatal. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Man hacks mom's lover

...Simemo Dlamini is said to have then blindly hacked Ndumiso with a bush knife several times all over the body, with Ndumiso sustaining numerous lacerations on his head, neck and body

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man's anguish over the death of his father drove him to hack a man suspected to be his mother's new lover for visiting her at her matrimonial home.

Simemo Dlamini was still mourning the death of his father when he found out that his mother's alleged lover spent a night at the home his father built.

Dlamini was shocked and angered about the blatant disrespect for his father's home as his mother's alleged lover, Ndumiso Dlamini spent the night with her.

Enraged, Simemo confronted his mother's lover, who insisted that he was there by invitation and the young man had no right to question his presence in the home.

Dlamini is said to have then blindly hacked Ndumiso with a bush knife several times all over the body, with Ndumiso sustaining numerous lacerations on his head, neck and body.

Dlamini is said to have grabbed Ndumiso's cellphone valued at E800 and smashed its screen in anger after which he seized his wallet, which had E1 300 cash.

This was revealed by the accused,

who was testifying before the Mbabane Magistrate's Court yesterday, after he was arrested for common assault, theft and damage of property belonging to Ndumiso Dlamini.

During mitigation, Simemo pleaded with the court to grant him a lighter sentence, as he had been honest when relating his version of events, and he was prepared to compensate Dlamini E1 300 and the E800 for the cellphone he damaged.

Guilty

Presiding over the case was Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati, who found Simemo guilty as per his own plea.

Before passing judgement, Magistrate Vilakati acknowledged that Simemo was honest and that he was willing to compensate the complainant.

Magistrate Vilakati cautioned the accused about conducting himself in a violent manner and to always respect his elders, even though they were in the wrong.

He was sentenced to pay a fine of E2 000 for the assault charge, E1 300 (which was the amount of money in the complainant's wallet) and E800, which was the value of the cellphone belonging to the complainant.



MISSING: Nduduzo Sifundza (25) from Mvakwelitje. (C) WANTED: Ntokozo Mawubongwe Malinga (26) of Mbikwakhe wanted for theft of vehicle. (R) WANTED: Thulani Macdonald Nkambule.

Cops report man (25) missing, looking for 2 for crimes

BY SABELO MAJOLA
Mbabane

HARDLY a moth after two girls from Nkwilini Primary School were reported missing and later found dead, another person has been reported missing in the same corridor.

This time, it is Nduduzo Sifundza (25) from Mvakwelitje who has been reported missing by the police.

Mvakwelitje is just over a kilometre from the capital city in the same route leading up to Mahwalala where the two girls were found.

It has been over two months since Sifundza disappeared as he was last seen on January 22, wearing a black reebok T-shirt, black jeans and maroon sneakers.

He was carrying a bag with clothes. Police are seeking public assistance in finding Sifundza and anyone with information can contact Hhohho RCBO Sikhumbuzo Fakudze at 7603 3862 or Desk Officer Derick Makhanya at 7608 9712 or Constable Nathi Nhlengethwa at 7692 2501 or dial 999/9999 for emergency.

Meanwhile, police are also looking for Ntokozo Mawubongwe Malinga

aged 26 of Mbikwakhe. The latter is wanted for the theft of a motor vehicle which he committed on March 25, 2018 at Timele Bar situated in Msunduzi. Anyone with information that may lead to the arrest of the suspect can contact Hhohho RCBO Sikhumbuzo Fakudze at 7603 3862 or in-charge Lukhozi Thabo Hlophe at 7605 3042 or D/Constable Mandla Malaza at 7652 1449 or dial 999/9999 for emergency. Police are also looking for Thulani Macdonald Nkambule aged 30. He is wanted for fraud and for more information, the nation can contact Insp. Nosipho Mnguni at 7606 4173 or 7615 9055.



PRESIDING: Magistrate Sifiso Nhlabatsi.

After the rain...



MUDDY BRIDGE: A woman having some difficulties as she tries to negotiate her way crossing a muddy bridge at Ezulwini yesterday. Most of the gravel roads were left in a terrible state by the ongoing rains. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Man screams frame after arrest for contravening SODV

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High Court

A 34-year-old man, who has been arrested for contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act (SODV), claims he has been framed in the whole matter.

He alleges that the father of the complainant is getting back at him for reporting him to the police on dagga death threats he (father's complainant) uttered at him. Sibusiso Manji Sikhondze has filed an urgent application at the

High Court where he is seeking an order to be granted bail pending finalisation of his matter. However, his bail application is opposed by the Crown which filed a notice of intention to oppose yesterday morning.

The matter was before Principal Judge Qinisile Mabuza yesterday and it was postponed to tomorrow for arguments by both parties.

According to the charge sheet, Sikhondze is accused of contravening the act in that he allegedly had unlawful sexual intercourse with the minor girl (13) who is incapable of

consenting to sexual intercourse.

Represented by Mbabane based lawyer Noncedo Ndlangamandla of Mabila Attorneys in Association with N Ndlangamandla, Sikhondze in his affidavit submitted that he is innocent of the charges preferred against him.

Offence

He alleged that he never committed the offence, but what transpired is that he, together with father of the complainant, do not get along after continued accusations by the complainant's father that he (Sikhondze) is stealing his dagga.

According to Sikhondze, this went on to the extent that the complainant's father issued death threats at him and seeing that the threats were intensifying, he (Sikhondze) reported the issue to the police.

The police are then said to have approached the complainant's father at his home where they indeed found and destroyed dagga fields and the relationship between him and the complainant's father soured even more.

"On the day of the alleged incident, I was with the mother of my children and it was getting dark when we met

complainant's father along the way home. I assume that is when he devised the plan to make the unfortunate allegations against me; I have never had any sexual relationship with his daughter," Sikhondze submitted.

He further told the court that at the police station he even asked the complainant in front of the police where the incident happened and she responded by saying it was in his (Sikhondze's) house, however, he alleged that when he asked him to give the police a brief description of the set up in his house, she allegedly failed to do so.

PAC shocked by **filth** at AG's offices

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

YESTERDAY, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) toured the auditor general's (AG's) offices, only to be 'welcomed' by filth.

The offices of the AG are situated at the Deeds Office, just next to the offices of the ministry of education and training in Mbabane.

Abandoned

The situation in those offices is so dire such that other offices were abandoned because they were considered not fit for human occupation.

Some office floors were covered in water, which exposed the wiring to excessive moisture as a result some offices had no power, thus some officers in that building were forced to work in the dark as there was no power. Some workers in the building have blamed all this chaos on the poor plumbing system in the building.

Hazard

They said it made the whole building a health hazard because even not so clean water from the toilet in upper storeys descends onto some offices located at the base of the building.

The workers said the situation had been going on for a long time and they found it difficult to continue working under such conditions.

"The roofs are leaking and we experience leaking during rainy days. Our offices are full of buckets that are for



OPEN SPACE:
The ceiling was also at a dilapidated state.

FRESH AIR:
Cooldrink bottles (circled) are used to keep windows open.



containing the water when it rains. Have you ever seen a situation like that in an office occupied by professionals?" enquired one officer in the Deeds Office.

Vanishing

The information stored in the building is also in danger of just vanishing into thin air. The store room, where most of the information was kept, was dark yesterday.

Paper files were found scattered, yet important information is on them, it was as if the people responsible for

storing information just did not care. Other officers and MPs were heard asking when the e-government was going to be implemented if information was still stored in this way.

Conditions

The PAC was told by some of the officials in the building that working under such conditions was not safe at all, as they also feared for their lives.

They stated that they wished for the conditions to be improved so that they could work freely and be more productive.

E3m for AG offices rentals

HOWEVER the filth, government parts with about E3 million for rent.

The MPs and the officials agreed that the workers in the filthy offices could not be allowed to continue working there. They reached this agreement during the private meeting they held in the conference room of the Deeds Office.

PAC Chairperson Phila Buthelezi stated that government was expected to commit at least E2 million or E3 million to rent some offices for the staff members in the Deeds Offices. Buthelezi stated, however, that Cabinet would be consulted on the matter and they expected a report by April 17.

"On April 17, 2019, the team of principal secretaries should update Parliament on the progress made," Buthelezi said.

He further said they expected all workers who worked in the building to be out of that building by April 24, which is seven days after April 17. What also concerned Buthelezi was the fact that files were also scattered all over the place in the offices, with some already wet. He was of the view that the files had to be kept in a safe place.

Urged

Buthelezi urged Ministry of Finance Principal Secretary (PS) Bheki Bhembe to ensure that this process was successful because many lives were at stake.

He said it could be true that the government had not budgeted for the renovation of the offices and the rentals. But the lives of the workers had to be saved also and the E3 million would not be too much.

The tour was led by Auditor General (AG) Sipho Matsebula and some officials from the ministry of finance. Members of the PAC were led by Deputy Speaker Phila Buthelezi, who is the Chairperson.

Included

Other MPs who were there included Busisiwe Mavimbela (Manzini Region MP), Lorraine Nxumalo, (Lubombo Regional MP), Musa Kunene (Gege), Sibusiso Nxumalo (Madlange-

mphisi), Mduzuzi Magagula (Dvokodweni), Bigboy Mamba (Ngudzeni) and others.

Among the Principal Secretaries (PSs) present were Evarit Madlopha (Public Service), Bheki Bhembe (Finance), Makhosini Mndawe (Public Works and Transport), and Clifford Mamba (Housing and Urban Development).

After the tour of the offices, the PAC and the officials convened a closed meeting which lasted for about an hour.



VACANCY: ASSISTANT REGISTRAR I

Applications are invited from suitable candidates for appointment to fill the above mentioned vacant position tenable in the Judiciary.

Duties

1. Responsible for the smooth operation of the civil and criminal registry.
2. Ensuring that systems and processes meet service expectations for registration of all Court process
3. Interpreting and keeping proper record of court proceedings;
4. Registration of summons, subpoenas, warrants and other Court proceedings;
5. Interpret and implement policies as well as draft reports
6. Performing any other duties assigned by the Registrar.

Qualifications

The candidates must be in possession of an LLB/ BA Law Degree.

Salary

The basic salary is on Grade C5: E167, 543 rising up to E188, 572 per annum

Superannuation

The successful candidate will become a member of the Public Service Pension Fund (which is a contributory) after completion of two years probationary service.

Applications

Applications should be forwarded to the Secretary, Judicial Service Commission. Applications must be accompanied by the candidate's Curriculum Vitae and certified copies of the required qualifications. The candidate who does not possess the required qualifications should not apply as the applications will not be considered.

Closing date: 5th April 2019

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VACANCY: ASSISTANT REGISTRAR II

Applications are invited from suitable candidates for appointment to fill the above mentioned vacant position tenable in the Judiciary.

Duties

1. Management and supervision of the operations of the civil and criminal registry
2. Ensuring that systems and processes meet service expectations for registration of all Court process
3. Interpreting and keeping proper record of court proceedings;
4. Registration of summons, subpoenas, warrants and other Court proceedings;
5. Interpret and implement policies as well as draft reports
6. Performing any other duties assigned by the Registrar.

Qualifications

The candidates must be in possession of an LLB/ BA Law Degree.

Salary

The basic salary is on Grade C3: E115, 520 rising up to E130, 020 per annum

Superannuation

The successful candidate will become a member of the Public Service Pension Fund (which is a contributory) after completion of two years probationary service.

Applications

Applications should be forwarded to the Secretary, Judicial Service Commission. Applications must be accompanied by the candidate's Curriculum Vitae and the required qualifications should not apply as the applications will not be considered.

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Imvukuzane Construction Consultant awards ECOT students

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

TWO Eswatini College of Technology (ECOT) students went home with cash prizes following their participation in designing a logo for Imvukuzane Indigenous Construction Consultant.

Mazwi Dlamini and Mbongiseni Bhembe who are both students from the faculty of building and civil engineering took part in a logo designing competition that was hosted by Imvukuzane Indigenous Construction Consultant.

Yesterday the company presented Bhembe with E1 000 for designing the winning logo. Mazwi Dlamini came second and went home with E500.

Imvukuzane Interim Committee Vice Chairperson Wandile Hlatshwako together with the Vice Secretary Bongani Magagula awarded the two ECOT students for their designs.

He said they saw it fit to engage ECOT students as part of their turnaround strategy. One of the consultancy's mandates was to design a logo that would present the now and the future.

A total number of four students entered the competition, however, only two were



REMARKS: Imvukuzane Indigenous Construction Consultant Interim Committee Vice Chairperson Wandile Hlatshwako speaking during the awarding ceremony at Eswatini College of Technology (ECOT). (R) APPRECIATION: Eswatini College of Technology Head of Department of the Faculty of Building and Civil Engineering Vusumuzi Simelane making his remarks. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

announced winners.

Both students had designed three logos each.

"We had to pick the best logo out of six well designed logos," he said.

He added that his organisation saw it fit to engage ECOT students so that they establish themselves in the construction business as their work would be seen and

used in the industry. He assured everyone that attended the awarding event that the winning logo was evaluated by the construction industry wizards.

Hlatshwako said the formation of Imvukuzane was brought about when they realised that the local construction industry was dominated by foreigners.

"It is about time Emaswati show that



CONGRATS: Head of Department of the Faculty of Building and Civil Engineering Vusumuzi Simelane presenting E1 000 to Mbongiseni Bhembe.



WELL DONE: Second place winner Mazwi Dlamini being presented with E500 by Vice Secretary Bongani Magagula.

they dominate the construction industry as there are a lot of qualified people in the construction industry. It is about time they take the driver's seat," he said.

The award event was attended by students from the faculty of building and civil engineering, lectures and Imvukuzane Indigenous Construction

Consultant's interim committee.

On that note, Vusumuzi Simelane the head of department of the faculty of Building and Civil Engineering thanked Imvukuzane for partnering with ECOT.

He applauded the company for not forgetting its roots as the directors were former students of the faculty.

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'CANNABIS ASSOCIATION FAILING TO AVAIL ITSELF'

BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

THE Eswatini Cannabis Association is supposed to iron out a few issues concerning its registration.

Registrar of Companies Msebe Malinga shedding light on why the association was allegedly struggling to register with them, said Eswatini Cannabis Association knew the truth about the matter.

Knew

He said Association's administrator Trevor Shongwe knew exactly what he was supposed to do to be registered.

"Let Shongwe tell you the truth about this matter because ever since they applied to be registered, we have been calling them to our offices so that they could tell us what their intention with their association is," Malinga said.

The registrar said people should be mindful of the fact that it was not automatic to register companies in the country. He said it was their duty to register companies knowing fully well what

their intention was. Malinga said cannabis was still unlawful in the country, hence it was imperative for them to engage with the founding members of the association.

He said they did not want to be in a situation whereby they register an organisation that would then turn out to cause complications.

Suprise

Malinga said he was surprised why Shongwe spoke as if the registrar was the one that was making it difficult for the organisation to be registered.

The truth, according to Malinga, was that his office was ready to engage with the founding members of the association about the intentions of the association.

Shongwe's cell number, at the time of writing this report, was not available for comment on the matter.

The association interim's chairperson Saladin Magagula was surprised when contacted on the matter. He said he had heard this for the first time as they were never informed of such a thing at any stage since they applied to be registered.

“

Let Shongwe tell you the truth about this matter because ever since they applied to be registered, we have been calling them to our offices so that they could tell us what their intention with their association is

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Magagula mentioned that the Registration of Companies Act of 2009 was clear on this matter. He said they were not anonymous and their contact details were clearly written on their application papers.

The former MP said they did not receive any formally written letter to the effect that there were issues that they needed to sort out with the registrar. Maybe that was the reason why he found himself hearing about this for the first time. "You might find that all of these things were verbally communicated," Magagula said.

WOMEN AT WORK...



WOMAN POWER: Female employees working on a sewer pipe at Matsapha Industrial Site yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

40% of crops lost through late harvesting

BY NOMY NYANDZENI
Mbabane

ESWATINI loses 40 per cent of ready crops yearly due to late harvesting.

This was disclosed by the Director of Agriculture and Extension Nelson Mavuso yesterday when encouraging farmers to start harvesting early before maize gets spoiled.

Mavuso noted that government was doing everything possible to feed the people and that farmers must work with it in making sure that they do not lose ready crops due to late harvesting.

"Farmers must be aware that the harvesting season is almost here, harvesting at the right time is very essential in order to prevent crop losses," he said.

Noted

He noted that the goal of good harvesting was to maximise crop yield and minimise any crop losses and quality deterioration.

Mavuso stated that delaying in harvesting ready crops could lead to crops being effected by field animals, plant diseases, insect pests or certain weather conditions. He mentioned that timely harvesting ensured good crop quality and market value.

"However, harvesting too early or too late can result in a larger percentage of immature crops and lower yields," he stated.

Meanwhile, he mentioned that Emaswati had enough land to farm. He added that even people who live in townships could practice urban agriculture by using flower pots to farm vegetables which could be very helpful to them since they would save money for buying vegetables such as spinach. He said if people could engage in urban farming they could improve their state of health because some people cannot afford buying vegetables.

Mbabane Govt doctors aggrieved

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

MBABANE Government Hospital doctors are aggrieved that they will not be paid for overtime.

An impeccable source alleged that on Monday they were informed that all interning doctors at the hospital will no longer be paid for working overtime even if required to.

It was alleged that there was a directive from cabinet which informed management to implement a new working system in an attempt to cut down on remuneration costs.

Doctors

The source said there were normally four doctors on call, but they would be reduced to just one doctor on call per day.

They alleged that they requested the instructions to be formalised in writing instead of the verbal directive. The source said they were still waiting for the changes to be communicated to them in the form of a memo, and by the time of compiling this report yesterday they were still waiting for the memo.

"Earlier this year the ministry announced that there was a shortage of doctors and other supporting staff, and they promised to hire more personnel. This did not come as a shock when they informed us because we were already understaffed and forced to work for long hours on end.

The cutting of the overtime and reduction of staff on call is tanta-

mount to lead to insufficient service delivery," alleged the source. Another source stated that the only people who would not be affected by the changes were the nurses and the maternity staff, presumably due to their union affiliation.

"We feel we are being victimised by management as we are not affiliated with any union, we already work long hours for instance we previously worked post calls, where we would be on duty for 24 hours and also be expected to be on call for 12 hours after meaning we would be on standby in case of an emergency," they mentioned.

The sources also mentioned that the casualty officer who normally was expected to stay on call will now knock off at 1700 hours. This will mean that the interning doctors will be expected to take over the duties at the casualty department which would increase the workload of the doctors without the monetary benefits expected.

Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula said he could neither confirm nor deny the matter; however he mentioned that they had a contingency plan in case they were confronted with an influx of patients at the hospital while they were understaffed.

Deputy Director of Clinical Services Dr Velephi Okello said she had no authority to comment on the matter and said the Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula should be sought for comment.

Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi could not be reached for comment.

Minister Moses bound for Cape Town tourism meeting

NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

MINISTER of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati is expected to be one of the key speakers at the official launch for the African Tourism Board.

The African Tourism Board launch has been scheduled for April 11, 2019 at the World Market Africa in Cape Town, South Africa. The minister said being part of a global network will benefit the country's tourism industry a lot. He said this shows that by 2022 the country will indeed amongst the top ten tourism destinations in Africa.

"We are really looking forward to be part of the official launch as well as the benefits that come with being part of a renowned tourism board," he said.

Accompanying the minister would be Eswatini Tourism Authority Chief Executive Officer Linda Nxumalo. This follows shortly after Eswatini has joined the African Tourism Board.

The African Tourism Board is active in promoting the African continent as one destination in the United States, Israel and India.

Also invited as speakers in the

board's launch were public relations and marketing experts from these three countries which are regarded as source markets.

The African Tourism Board was formed in 2018 for acting as a catalyst for responsible development of travel and tourism to, from the African region.

It is now internationally acclaimed.

The African Tourism Board is part of the International Coalition of Tourism Partners (ICTP) thus making Eswatini part of the global network of tourism.

It provides aligned advocacy, insightful research, and innovative events to its members. In partnership with private and public sector members, African Tourism Board (ATB) enhances the sustainable growth, value, and quality of travel and tourism to-from-and-within Africa.

The association further provides leadership and counsel on an individual and collective basis to its member organisations. The Association is expanding on opportunities for marketing, public relations, investments, branding, promoting and establishing niche markets.

"I foresee a brighter future in the tourism industry of our country," said the minister.

Help trickling in for 'mkhulu' with rare skin condition

BY NONCCEBO DLAMINI
Mbabane

AFTER recent newspaper reports of an elderly man from Mtsambama who suffers from a rare and undiagnosed skin condition, members of the public have reacted positively to the request for assistance.

Nkwene Charity Organisation recently extended a plea for help to the nation for Mkhulu Absalom Khumalo who urgently needs food and clothing.

The organisation's Vice Secretary Mbuso Sibandze said since crying out to the public for help, they have received assistance from a South African who donated E500. Sibandze said with that money, Mkhulu Khumalo was taken to Mbabane Clinic for check-ups.

He stated that they also received E200 in cash from a generous citizen. Sibandze said they have been receiving calls from people who were willing to assist Mkhulu with *timbita*, saying that was the only solution to his

condition. Others suggested that the old man be taken to pastors for prayers. Sibandze added that the organisation was still seeking for more donations for Khumalo's operation which is E300 000 according to the Mbabane Clinic doctor who diagnosed him. Sibandze stated that if people were interested in lending a helping hand, they can contact Thobile Simelane on 781 36180 or Mbuso Sibandze on 7636 7388.



THANK YOU: Mkhulu Khumalo has been suffering from this skin condition for over 40 years.

Sebenta registers 2 000 Emaswati for Grade One yearly

BY COLISILE SACOLO
Mbabane

OVER 2 000 Emaswati register for Grade One at Sebenta National Institute every year.

This was disclosed by Director of Sebenta Tibekile Manana when speaking during the Eswatini Broadcasting and Information Services' (EBIS) *Letishisako* programme yesterday morning.

Manana said the number of Emaswati that register for Grade

One was increasing every year, adding that the number is not only increasing in rural areas but also in the urban areas.

She said it is very important that every Liswati should be able to read, write and count.

Manana said if the country was serious in improving the literacy rate, this meant every Liswati should be able to write at least a paragraph in both English and Siswati.

"If someone is not capable to read and write, he/she is being left behind in many things so we are encouraging Emaswati to come and register for the lessons that we offer at Sebenta.

Therefore we want everyone to be functional, which means that if you know how to read and write you can do everything that you want to do as opposed to asking someone to help you," she said.

Manana said Sebenta was founded in 1960 of which the number of Emaswati enrolling with the institution should have declined but instead they are growing in big numbers.

"This means there are a lot of people who are not engaging themselves to learn and they need to come out and engage themselves for a better future," she said.

Manana said Sebenta had three different categories of learning which includes basic literacy where one is able to read, write

and count in SiSwati.

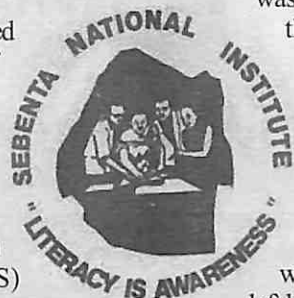
They also have basic English, whereby one is enabled to speak and write in English.

There is a post basic where everyone is able to write a small paragraph in both English and SiSwati.

Manana said there would soon be formal upper primary education which includes Grades Six and Seven.

"We encourage Emaswati who cannot read and to register in their communities. We offer our services in all the regions around the country," she added.

This means there are a lot of people who are not engaging themselves to learn and they need to come out and engage themselves for a better future



'Do away with roosters in suburbs'

BY NOMY NYANDZENI
Mbabane

MANZINI townships residents are frustrated because some tenants who reside at Ngwane Park and Fairview have roosters in their residences.

A source disclosed that the number of tenants that are keeping roosters at Ngwane Park and Fairview is increasing.

It is said some residents are no longer comfortable staying in their township because roosters are loud and they do not give one hearty wake up call, but instead crow anytime they want to express their importance, which is often.

Those affected claimed they are also unable to grow flowers in their yard because roosters would destroy them during the day while they are at work and also make the place dirty. Moreover, roosters could be aggressive, could injure adults and children by jumping or pecking at them.

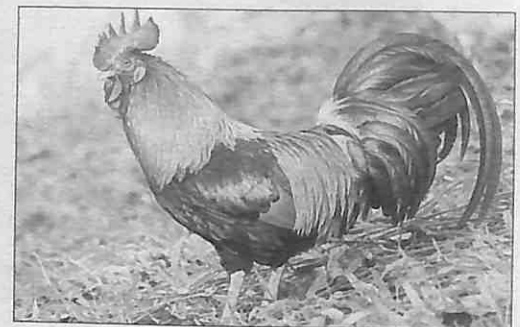
However, the Municipal Council of Manzini Public Relations Officer Mathokoza Thwala noted that residents of Manzini townships who are keeping roosters in their residences must get rid of them.

Thwala said roosters make noise in the still of the night and that irritates neighbours who are enjoying their sleep.

"Residents are only allowed to keep not more than 10 hens and not even one rooster, even then, the hens must not be allowed to move out of the residence," he stated.

He urged landlords to educate their tenants about the rules of the city.

Keeping goats, cows, and donkeys is not allowed in the city. He also emphasised that the city council is not expecting to see anyone living in any of the townships owning a kraal, noting that a few years ago the council demolished about two or three kraals.



Tourism curriculum might be introduced in schools

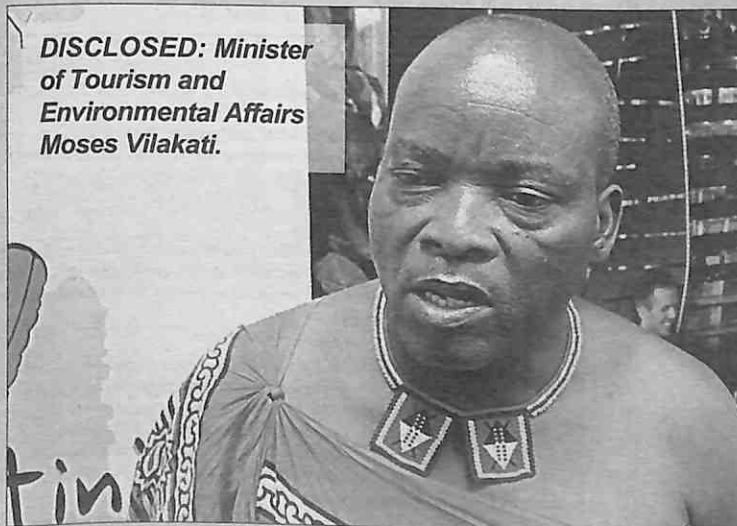
BY NOMY NYANDZENI
Mbabane

THE ministry of tourism and environmental affairs, in collaboration with that of education and training, will work towards increasing tourism content in the school curriculum.

This was disclosed by the Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati when senators debated the 2018/2019 annual performance and the 2019/2020 budget estimates for the ministry of tourism.

Vilakati was responding to a question posed by Senator Chief Mvimbi Matse who wanted to know what the ministry was doing to encourage

DISCLOSED: Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati.



tourism in rural areas and to sensitise rural communities on hospitality and treatment of tourists, especially during national events.

The minister said in the past, the ministry undertook customer service

training for all front line staff that happen to be in contact with visitors.

These include border officials, petrol attendants and other industry front-line staff.

This activity played a key role in equipping service providers in the tourism supply chain with service excellence skills.

However, he noted that funding has not been sufficient to maintain this key activity. As such, training has been limited to tourism product owners. The minister appreciated the importance of extending the customer service excellence to the entire nation who in one way or another become hosts to international visitors.

Vilakati said tourism education played a major role in preparing pupils

to gain professional and practical skills required by the tourism industry.

He said increasing the tourism content in schools would allow pupils to know more about tourism and that would add to the national income of the country. Moreover, he stated that tourism had enormous potential to create jobs and thus combat widespread unemployment in the country. He said tourism played a quintessential role in the socio-cultural integration of a country, while domestic tourism encourages intermingling of members of different communities. "Tourism is a huge source of encouragement to cottage industries associated with textiles and local handcrafts, thus so increasing the tourism content will ensure that pupils enter the tourism industry in full appreciation of the need to be courteous towards visitors," he said.

MP Thandi Nxumalo's thanksgiving



IN ATTENDANCE: A section of the residents who came through to celebrate with their Member of Parliament.

THANK YOU: Manzini South Member of Parliament Thandi Nxumalo addressing residents during her thanksgiving ceremony at Moneni on Saturday. (R) **SUPPORT:** Members of Parliament from various constituencies also joined the throngs of people who came through to support one of their own. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

TENDER NOTICE

PROPOSED NEW CBE EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE (BANFEL HOUSE) TENDER NO: CBE 001/2019

The Central Bank Eswatini (CBE) hereby invites from locally registered building contractors registered with the Construction Industry Council (CIC) Category B1 & B2 for the above project. Only firms that can demonstrate that they have previous experience and capacity to implement similar projects will be considered.

Tenderers should submit the following:

- Complete set of tender documents.
- Company profile with CV's of key personnel.
- Valid Tax Clearance Certificate.
- Valid Trading License.
- Valid CIC Registration Certificate.
- Company audited annual financial statements for the past 3 years or since inception.
- Proof of workmen's compensation.
- Original receipt of purchase of tender document.
- Current and past work load (past 3-5 years).
- Names and contact details of at least three (3) recent reference customers

Tender documents are available for collection from the CBE - Imfembe Building from 5th April 2019, upon payment of E1000.00 non-refundable amount.

Account Name: CBE Collections
Bank: Central Bank of Eswatini
Branch Code: 549 - 905
Account Number: 100008000019

Submissions shall be hand delivered in a sealed enveloped at CBE Reception in Head Office and address as follows:

The Secretary, Tender Committee
The Central Bank of Eswatini
P.O. Box 546
Mbabane
Mahlokohla Street, Mbabane Eswatini


Compulsory site inspection will be at 11h00 hours on Thursday 11th April 2019, at Plot R629, Mantsholo road, above Galp filling station. The deadline for submission of bids is 12:00 hours on Tuesday the 30th April 2019.

**Failure to attend the compulsory site inspection shall result in automatic disqualification from the tender process
**CBE does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender!
**CBE does not bind itself to award the tender!
**CBE will disqualify contractors not registered in accordance with The Construction Industry Council, Act No. 14 of 2013

All tender queries are to be sent direct to the Client The Secretary, Tender Committee, EMAIL ONLY, supplychain@centralbank.org.sz

www.centralbank.org.sz





MATSAPHA Municipality
Corner Police College & Airport Road
P.O. Box 1790 Matsapha, Swaziland

**NOTICE OF RATES ASSESSMENT FOR THE PERIOD
1st APRIL 2019 - 31st MARCH 2020**

TYPE OF USE	YEAR	DEVELOPED LAND	IMPROVEMENT ON LAND	VACANT LAND
a) Family Residence	2019-2020	1.09%	0.39%	2.78%
b) Commercial Residence	2019-2020	2.06%	0.58%	2.78%
c) Staff Houses	2019-2020	2.06%	0.58%	2.78%
d) Industrial Properties	2019-2020	1.39%	0.70%	3.34%
e) Business Area	2019-2020	1.39%	0.70%	3.34%
f) Agricultural Land	2019-2020	0.31%	0.22%	0.39%
g) Small Holdings	2019-2020	0.58%	0.50%	1.0%
h) Government	2019-2020	2.56%	0.89%	3.34%

Rates Due Date

- The rates are due and payable on the 30th April 2019 and rates bills (assessments) shall be mailed to property owners before this date.
- Section 30 of the Rating Act of 1995 provides for a penalty at the rate of 15% per annum to be charged for each month or part of a month on rates remaining unpaid after the elapse of two (2) months from the date on which the rates become due and payable.

Payment by Installments

- The Rating Act of 1995 permits payments of rates by installments. Ratepayers who wish to take advantage of this facility must contact the Town Treasurer as soon as they receive their rates notices.
- No request to enter into an agreement for installments shall be entertained after the 30th of June 2019.


Notification of Addresses


- The attention of all property owners in the Matsapha urban area is drawn to Section 37 (4) and (5) of the Rating Act which reads as follows: "The owner/ owners of any immovable property shown in the valuation roll shall notify the local authority of their postal address within two weeks of acquiring such property and, thereafter, within two weeks of any change of their postal address".
- An owner who fails to comply with subsection (4) shall be guilty of an offence.


Please Note

All property owners who by the 26th of April 2019 would have failed to furnish the Council with their postal addresses where their bills should be sent will have their names and the rates balances published on the local newspaper.

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ESWATINI HOSTS THE 2019 IDM INTERCAMPUS GAMES

Over 200 students from Botswana and 100 from Lesotho were in country to join the Eswatini students for the intercampus games 26-28 March 2019.

The games kicked off with an exciting march from Mahhala to IDM campus alongside His Majesty's Correctional Services band and drum majorettes from Swazi National displaying superb skills.

The spirits were very high and the excitement infectious for this year's instalment of the games. Eswatini campus won the netball, volleyball men and basketball. The overall winners of the games were the defending champions the Botswana campus which was in high spirits during the closing ceremony.

SRC members of Eswatini hosted entertainment sessions such as talent shows, cultural showcase and

Mr and Miss IDM BLE to keep the students entertained during the evenings of the games. Miss IDM was won by a Lesotho national Alice Lintle and the Mr IDM BLE title was taken by Eswatini's Thabiso Hlanze. The two won R2000 each and a cellular phone each courtesy of Eswatini Mobile.

IDM Eswatini Marketing Manager Nontobeko Sibiya said, "The theme for this year's games was "Twe!"

which is a Siswati term used to signal the start of a race. We added more sporting programmes this year such as athletics, darts, ladies soccer and chess which we have not had in the past.

We appreciate our sponsors Family tree, Dixies and Eswatini mobile for the support rendered as we hosted our counterparts this year."



Executive members of SIMPA and IDM along with Director of Sports from the Ministry of Sports



HMCS band marching alongside Swazi National Drummajorettes



IDM Regional Director Richard Malikongwa presents token of appreciation to Director of Sports



Students from all three countries gather for the opening ceremony



Miss IDM contenders strut their stuff onstage



Team Eswatini's netball team celebrate at the closing ceremony



Eswatini campus basket ball team



Lesotho campus students parade with their country flag



Beauty pageant Winners

BRO TRAINS 41 COUNSELLORS

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

ABOUT 41 counsellors have been empowered to spread the message and spirit of Brothers Reaching Out (BRO) to their clubs in their respective communities.

Boys Reaching Out (BRO) Eswatini convened for a new and all counsellor training at Institute of Development Management (IDM) over the past weekend.

About 16 new and 25 experienced counsellors from all four regions of Eswatini convened to discuss some of the issues the country faces.

The new counsellors were taken through an intensive day long training to acclimate them to BRO culture and teach them facilitation skills.

Following the new counsellor training, more experienced BRO counsellors came in to submit about HIV, gender equality

and gender based violence.

HIV testing was provided by PSI and an informative session about the newly enacted Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act was facilitated by Kwakha Indvodza.

BRO Eswatini Director James Wayne said though the country had made great strides in its fight against HIV there was still much work to be done.

Fact

According to the SHIMS data which was released in 2017, young men lag behind their opposite gendered peers in knowing their status and adhering to HIV medication.

"One striking statistic that was discussed at our training is the fact that only 45 per cent of HIV positive men aged 20-24 know that they are HIV positive. This statistic inspired the club counsellors to get tested for HIV themselves and in turn, encourage the boys in their clubs to be tested as well," he said.

The training concluded with counsellors practicing their facilitation skills, learning new and engaging games, and receiving BRO T-shirts, awards, and certificates for a job well done.

Empowering

Boys Reaching Out (BRO) is a US Peace Corps Volunteer initiative aimed at empowering local male youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to plan for their futures, realise gender equality and mitigate HIV transmission. BRO does this by helping Peace Corps and local volunteers to create clubs where male youth meet once a month or more to discuss male-focused issues and to role-model positive behaviour.

BRO is giving young men an opportunity to discover their voice and define for themselves what it is to be a man.

The BRO Eswatini initiative has proved popular in rural communities across the Kingdom with 60 active clubs established since 2014.



TEAM BUILDING: BRO counsellors participating in a team building exercise called connections. Counsellors were able to see how we all connect and that we could work together to bring about change in the community.

GOAT STEALING SYNDICATE NABBED

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

WHILE goat theft in the Lubombo region persists, five men have appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso facing six counts of stock theft and money laundering.

The accused persons namely; Mayibongwe Dlamini, Nkhululeko Dlamini, Sanele Ntshangase, Mbongwa Dlamini and Mlungisi Dlamini are said to have acted in furtherance of a common purpose in the commission of the offences.

They are accused of stealing 33 goats on different occasions.

Witnesses who presented evidence in court on Tuesday said vehicles were used to transport the goats.

Described

One of the witnesses told the court that he managed to identify a motor vehicle which came to his home in the middle of the night where three goats ended up being stolen from the kraal.

Of note is that the motor vehicle, as described by the witness, matched another vehicle which was owned by an Asian national working in

one of the shops in Siteki. The witness, Nhlanhla Matsebula of KaLanga said he jumped out of bed and did an inspection around his compound after hearing the sound of a motor vehicle approaching his homestead.

He said however, the vehicle stopped a few metres away from the homestead, before making a U-turn.

Matter

In the morning, he realised that three goats were missing from the kraal. A similar version was shared by the second witness in the matter.

The evidence which was presented by the witnesses tally with information which has become common knowledge amongst livestock farmers. The information is to the effect that a syndicate was stealing goats and selling them to Asian nationals.

Meanwhile, the third accused person also faced a charge of contravening Section 4 of the Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (Prevention) Act of 2011.

The accused person was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully kept money amounting to E22 650, while knowing that it was money made from the illegal sale of goats. The matter returns to court on May 14, 2019.



DAMS STILL FULL

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

WATER levels at Lubovane and Hawane dams are full to capacity following the rain that were experienced from last week.

This was confirmed by the acting director for water affairs department Edward Mswane and Emelda Magagula Senior Water Engineer under the ministry of natural resources.

This is because the dams, Lubovane, which draws water from the Mhlathuzane River and Great Usuthu River have recorded storage capacities of 100 per cent while Hawane in the Hhohho region is currently at 100 per cent.

Magagula said with the rainfalls currently experienced in the country

it is highly possible that their capacity would increase even further.

Maguga Dam located in the Komati River Basin is currently standing at 99.5 per cent while, Mnjoli in the Mbuluzi River basin is currently at a capacity of 90 per cent. Lophoblo dam in the Hhohho region is currently at a carrying capacity of 94 per cent.

Capacity

Magagula said it is too early to state that water stored at these dams could last the whole year.

"Even though the dams are in full capacity, it is however still early to judge if this water will last the country to the next year," she said.

Despite the high carrying capacity of the dams, people are still encouraged to save water and practice water harvesting.

MAN GETS E15 000 IN CAR THEFT CASE

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A 34-year-old man of Mbabane has been arrested for the theft of a motor vehicle.

Sandziso Tsabedze was arrested by the police in March 4, 2019.

According to the charge sheet, Tsabedze, who originates from Mangwaneni area, was charged with contravening Section 3(1) of the theft of Motor Vehicle Act 16 of 1991.

He is alleged to have on or upon February, 2019 at or near Ezulwini, wrongfully, unlawfully and with intent stole a Honda Fit which was white in colour and registered as NSD 420 AL, valued at E50 000.

He appeared before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi.

Representing the crown was prosecuting Counsel Lomkhosi Dlamini who did not oppose the bail set at E15 000.

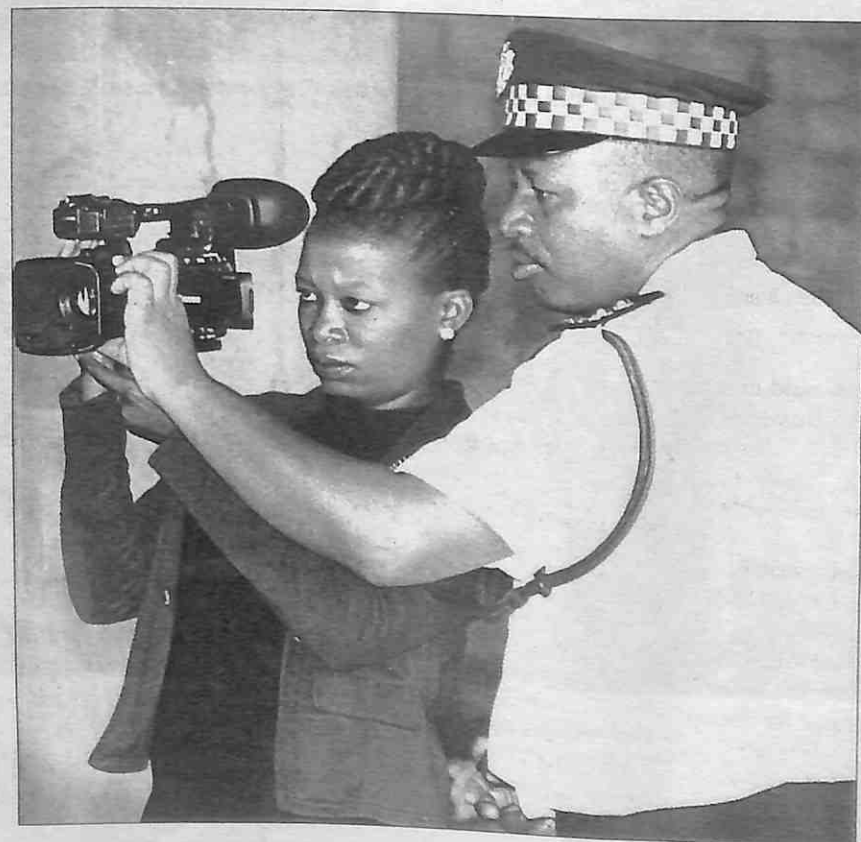
Surities

The court granted him bail to the amount of E15 000, however, he was ordered to pay E3 000 cash and the rest shall be in a form of sureties.

He submitted that during his arrest, he co-operated well with the arresting officers from the first day he was investigated as he personally approached the police and during the discussion of the matter he was subsequently charged and arrested for car theft.

His matter will continue on May, 9 2019.

LIKE THIS...



TRAINING: An intern from Limkokwing University being shown how to use a camcorder by a police officer from the ERPS media office yesterday. Many of the students are undergoing the job shadowing exercise. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Evangelical Church appeals to members for contributions

BY STARKY MKHONTA
Nhlalanga

EVANGELICAL Church (EC) national leadership has challenged its members to forward donations for the victims of Cyclone Idai.

Evangelical Church National Chairman Reverend Jabulani Msane said brethren must adhere to the call by the country's

leaders to donate to the victims. He said it was important for churches to be in the forefront in such situations, adding that Evangelical Church had an obligation to assist, especially where lives were lost. Rev Msane was part of the dignitaries who graced the official opening of the Hlatikulu Evangelical Church, a branch headed by Pastor Moses Simelane.

Guest of honour during the ceremony held on Saturday was Senate President

Pastor Lindiwe Dlamini.

Reverend Msane said there were Evangelical Church branches in Mozambique and, therefore, local branches had to support brethren there.

He urged the leaders of the branches in the country to 'preach' the message to their members as it was also an appeal made by the country's authorities that Emaswati should lend a helping hand to the neighbouring country.

"It's urgent and I call upon the leaders of the EC branches to make sure that we all contribute."

Contributions

"We are already behind as we should have long forwarded our contributions by now. Let me request that at least by next week (Sunday), our churches would have made the contributions and there would be a task team within our church which

will be responsible for taking the donations to the relevant offices," said Msane. He said the people of Mozambique also need prayer as what befell them was a catastrophe that would haunt them for many years to come.

"Lives were lost and the country is now in turmoil. They need material support and on top of that they also need our prayer."

Caritas calls for donations for Idai victims

BY OBSERVER REPORTER
Mbabane

THE Bishop of the Diocese of Manzini José Luis Gerardo Ponce de León has encouraged members and locals to donate towards helping Cyclone Idai victims.

He said as the church is known to defend the poor, they were appealing to church members and the nation at large to lend a helping hand to assist Idai victims.

"Caritas has a primary mission through our church to serve, accompany and defend the poor."

"There is immediate relief and support needed following the natural disaster Cyclone Idai that has devastated our brothers and sisters in neighbouring Mozambique. This is an invitation for us not only to remember but also to accompany our neighbours and aid them with recovery and healing over time. We have seen that aid is coming from all corners of the world to assist during this time of crisis."

He added that given the country's proximity to Mozambique, he encouraged members for their support.

The bishop said locals and church members could donate cash which would be deposited into a Nedbank account.

He added that non-perishable items were also welcome and this included candles, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, sanitary products, clothing and blankets.

He added that anyone who was willing to help could contact William Kelly (National Executive Director - Caritas Eswatini) on 2505 6900 (Caritas Swaziland).

DETAILS

Nedbank

Account Type: Cheque account

Account name: Caritas Eswatini Emergency Fund

Account number: 11990130444.

MP wants more churches built

BY STARKY MKHONTA
Hlatikulu

MTSAMBAMA Member of Parliament (MP) Simosakhe Shongwe believes more churches are needed in the country.

This is because a lot of individuals have not repented from their sins.

The MP said those against the 'mushrooming' of churches were denying a number of Emaswati an opportunity to repent.

He said if things could be done his way, there would be churches everywhere around the kingdom. He said the country still needs complete transformation and for this to happen, churches should be built all over.

Making his remarks during the opening of the Hlatikulu Evangelical Church on Saturday, MP Shongwe said it was important that the Gospel of Christ reaches all corners of the country.

The MP, whose task on the day was to introduce the guest of honour Pastor Lindiwe Dlamini, said

there were many lost souls which must be won back to Christ and this would happen if more churches are built.

"The country needs more churches. I support the idea of having more churches spread across the country. It does not mean we want mere buildings, but we want to see people repenting," said MP Shongwe.

The MP said as a nation which was known to be God fearing, more churches were the solution.

"What Evangelical Church has done is what other churches should emulate."

"I, therefore, encourage the establishment of more churches," said the MP.

MP Shongwe then thanked the leadership of the branch headed by Pastor Moses Simelane for building the state-of-the-art church.

He said the town board should be proud as the building would add value to the town.

"Let us be proud of the good work that Evangelical Church has done. The building is now the face of this town and it's what we want to see," said MP Shongwe.

Jessie Duarte's Maseko tongue-lashing: Malema weighs in on Twitter

SOUTH AFRICA - EFF leader Julius Malema has, with a retweet, given an indication of his views on the tongue-lashing delivered by ANC deputy secretary-general Jessie Duarte to a journalist.

Duarte criticised eNCA reporter Samkele Maseko for asking 'attacking' questions and said he 'had a habit of intimidating everybody, a habit of making people feel you are the lord of the media'.

The incident happened at an ANC media briefing on Tuesday, where Duarte described the reporter as "arrogant" and a 'bully'.

The ANC's Tony Yengeni said in a tweet during the fallout over the verbal altercation on Tuesday night: "I fully support comrade Jessie. Our ANC DSG for putting Maseko into his miserable DA little corner..."

Malema retweeted the message to his own followers. He, too, has had his fair share of scraps with journalists.

In the latest, the Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) is investigating whether he should be held liable for electoral misconduct for endangering journalist Karima Brown by tweeting her cellphone number and saying she was "not a real journalist".

Malema famously had a run-in with



TONGUE-LASHING: ANC Deputy Secretary General Jessie Duarte.

a BBC journalist, Jonah Fisher, during a press conference in 2010 at Luthuli House.

At the time, he was the leader of the ANC Youth League.

When Fisher tried to ask a question, as in the case with Duarte and Maseko, Malema called him 'a bastard' and a 'bloody agent'.

"Here you behave or else you jump," he said.

Times Live

"I fully support comrade Jessie. Our ANC DSG for putting Maseko into his miserable DA little corner..."

Joy ride...



CITY RIDE: A cyclist comfortably rides along the busy Gwamile Street yesterday. This shows how safe riders are from motorists. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

MEDIA WORLDWIDE UNDER SIEGE - SABC REPORTER

BY FORTUNE NDLANGAMANDLA
Ezulwini



ADDRESS: SABC Senior reporter Chriselda Lewis addressing the participants during the Bible Society Eswatini and Media gathering at Royal Swazi Sun on Friday.

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SOUTH African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) Senior Reporter Chriselda Lewis says the media worldwide is under siege.

Lewis was speaking on Friday during the Bible Society Eswatini media dialogue held at the Royal Swazi.

All media houses in the country were invited into the dialogue which started at 1800 hours and ended after 2200 hours.

Another guest which was organised was Dr Mohammed Girma.

Lewis also doubles up as an anchor of the show Full View SABC on DSTV 404 which airs between 1800 hours-2030 hours and SABC 3 2100 hours (weekends).

She is also a news anchor on SAFM Radio.

Lewis has been in the media industry for 15 years. Before making her remarks, Lewis stated that she was supposed to be in court on Friday for the Duduzane Zwane case, however, she asked a colleague to stand in for her as she had to honour the invitation forwarded by the Bible Society. She was also assigned on the Prophet Bushiri alleged fraud case.

Verifying

She said the dialog came in a time when Christianity and the church was being questioned. "According to my understanding, journalism at this point is under siege," she said.

She said some journalists take bribes while some do not write about those who give them money in brown envelopes. Lewis added that some reporters write without verifying allegations.

"What happened to journalists who used to be a voice for the voiceless? What happened to journalists who as far as we are concerned held



REMARKS: Multi Media Director Wilton Mamba speaks during the Bible Society Eswatini Media dialogue. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

politicians to account," she expanded.

She said journalists are supposed to be custodians of giving information to the people after giving a right to reply to individuals talked about.

Corruption

Meanwhile, Dr Girma presented about integrity in storytelling. During his presentation he explained that corruption was deeper than the abuse of power or receiving brown envelopes.

He said these were just the manifestations of corruption which runs deeper than them (manifestations).

Also making his remarks was Pastor Zakhele Malaza who talked about Bible value and report-

ing. In his remarks, he urged journalists to report fearless and not allow to be captured.

Meanwhile, the Master of the Ceremony Wilton Mamba mentioned that journalists in the country were being poisoned.

He said he knew this because he had been in the field for some years.

Also present was Swazi Observer Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbingo, Anti-Corruption Commission Senior Investigator Linda Dlamini, Swaziland Conference of Churches President Bishop Stephen Masilela as well as Bible Society Eswatini Chief Executive Officer Ngcebo Mbuli to name a few.



ATTENTIVE: VIP guests following one of the presentations.



LEFT - ATTENDED: Some of the participants who came through to join the gathering.

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MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO
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IT is often said that the wealth of a nation is its health.

In keeping with this assertion, the Kingdom of Eswatini will on Saturday host the national commemoration of World Health Day at the Prince of Wales in Mbabane.

World Health Day commemoration is to remind the nation (including government, the private sector, and civil society) that everyone should be able to access health care when and where they need it.

The ministry of health and partners will use the event to fuel the aggressive campaign on promoting health and well-being which was kick-started last year – where they ignited focus on mobilising individual and community action for preventive interventions that reduce the risk of ill-health and increase public awareness about the importance of primary prevention of diseases.

The oncoming event is earmarked to provide awareness and encourage lifestyles that will help in preventing illnesses – especially non-communicable diseases (NCDs). The day will start with a walk around the Mbabane city to the Prince of Wales. There, a 'Health Market' model will be available where various preventive health care services and information to promote health and well-being will be provided.

In line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 and the National Healthy Policy's statement on prevention, the country will host the event through the slogan, 'Know your health numbers'. The emphasis will be on increasing access to communicable and non-communicable disease screening services, immunisation, high impact child survival interventions, family planning, antenatal care, education and counselling for risk factors for diseases – for example, smoking and harmful use of alcohol cessation, physical inactivity, and unhealthy diet.

The 2019 World Health Day will serve to inculcate a new culture in which Eswatini seek promotive and preventive health services.

Emphasising Primary Health Care in World Health Day



World Health Day is used to commemorate the founding of the World Health Organisation (WHO). The organisation was founded on the principle that all people should be able to realize their right to the highest possible level of health, with the guiding vision of 'Health for all'. For the Kingdom of Eswatini, UHC is regarded as the hallmark of the government's commitment to improving the wellbeing of all the citizenry. In celebrating the 70th anniversary last year, the WHO introduced the #HealthForAll movement aimed at supporting countries move towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Universal health coverage itself, means ensuring that all people have access to needed promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship.

As experience has often illustrated, UHC is achieved when political will is strong. The WHO is also calling on world leaders to live up to the pledges they made when they agreed to the SDGs in 2015 and commit to concrete steps to advance the health of all people. With the adoption of the SDGs, world leaders unanimously set the target: to achieve universal health coverage, including financial risks protection, access to quality essential health care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all, by 2030.

The belief is that this starts with strong primary health care. Primary health care is a whole-of-society approach to health and well-being centred on the needs, circumstances or preferences of individuals, families and communities. It addresses comprehensive and inter-related physical, mental and social health and wellbeing.

Primary health care is about providing whole-person care for health needs throughout life, not just treating a set of specific diseases. It ensures that people receive comprehensive care, ranging from promotion and prevention to treatment, rehabilitation and palliative care as close as feasible to people's every day environment.

Primary health care is the most efficient and cost-effective way to achieve universal health coverage around the world. However, huge investments are needed from both public and private sectors in health worker education, as well as the creation and filling of funded positions in health sector and the health economy, to close the gap on the number of health work-

ers needed to meet the workforce requirements of meeting the SDGs and universal health coverage targets.

Importance of the UHC strategy

UHC has emerged as a key strategy to make progress towards other health-related and broader development goals. Access to essential quality care and financial protection not only enhances people's health and life expectancy, it also protects countries from epidemics, reduces poverty and the risk of hunger, creates jobs, drives economic growth and enhances gender equality. However, to improve access to services, universal health coverage efforts will need to remove many barriers, including: stigma and discrimination, poor quality of care, low capacity and other resource limitations undermining health service provisions. Lifting these barriers requires significant political commitment and improved performance and delivery from government and other critical service providers.

Since the 2018 World Health Day, WHO has strived to inspire, motivate and guide all stakeholders to make commitments towards universal health coverage. Inspire by highlighting policy makers' powers to transform the health of their nation, framing the challenges as exciting and ambitious, and inviting them to be part of the change; Motivate by sharing examples of how countries are already progressing towards UHC and encourage others to find their own path; and Guide by providing tools for structured policy dialogues on how to advance UHC domestically or supporting such efforts in other countries (e.g. expanding service coverage, improving quality of services, reducing out-of-pocket payments).

The HIV response and the UHC strategy

UHC is a critical component of sustainable development and poverty reduction, a key element of any effort to reduce social inequities in any country. Without universal access to quality health care, thousands of people would die unnecessarily every year, and preventable diseases including HIV which leads to AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria would continue to ravage families and communities. The HIV response has to date, embraced many of the principles of universal health coverage and contributes significantly to its goals. Investment in HIV and TB promote quality health ser-

vices of all kinds, as well also strengthen health systems with a powerful multiplier effect that can improve a community's overall health status, as well as its economic and well-being. Focus on removing gender and human rights related barriers and on strengthening community action on health, is critical to improving access to health services for vulnerable and excluded groups.

Over time, the delivery of prevention, treatment and care programmes have evolved to provide a range of services – not just focused on HIV and TB. Through the provision of integrated services, the HIV response attempts to address people's multiple health needs at different points in their lives, improving overall health outcomes and resulting in a more cost-effective and efficient approach. In integrating HIV and TB services, barriers that traditionally prevented TB patients from being tested for HIV, or HIV patients from receiving prophylaxis against TB, have been broken; while the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV programme has been integrated into antenatal and post-natal care platforms.

There are opportunities to refocus the HIV response using the universal health coverage framework, to address some of the key shortcomings in the response so far. Universal health coverage can focus greater attention on promoting health equity, improving the quality of services, ensuring financial and social security, strengthening health and community systems, building coherence across different health areas, addressing the social and economic determinants of HIV and guaranteeing human rights.

Be part of the movement

The Kingdom of Eswatini still suffers from the initial mistake of basing early health initiatives on curative approaches, which led to a stereo type that contributed to an increased burden of NCDs, and further contributes to the ever-increasing numbers of communicable diseases including TB and HIV.

The challenges need a change of focus. There is need now to promote health and well-being of people through creating an enabling environment for adopting healthy behaviours, health education and communication. The #HealthForAll movement continues at the Prince of Wales on Saturday starting at 0700 am. Don't be the odd one out - Everyone, everywhere!

“Without universal access to quality health care, thousands of people would die unnecessarily every year, and preventable diseases including HIV which leads to AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria would continue to ravage families and communities.”

ON THIS DAY

...APRIL 4

0896 - Formosus ended his reign as pope.

1541 - Ignatius of Loyola became the first superior-general of the Jesuits.

1581 - Francis Drake was knighted by Queen Elizabeth I. A few months earlier he became the first Englishman to circumnavigate the world.

1687 - King James II ordered that his declaration of indulgence be read in church.

1812 - The territory of Orleans became the 18th US state and will become known as Louisiana.

1818 - A plan was passed by the US Congress that the US flag would have 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars and that a new star would be added for the each new state.

1841 - US President William Henry Harrison, at the age of 68, became the first president to die in office. He had been sworn in only a month before he died of pneumonia.

1848 - Thomas Douglas became the first San Francisco public teacher.

1850 - The city of Los Angeles was incorporated.

1862 - In the US, the Battle of Yorktown began as Union General George B. McClellan closed in on Richmond, VA.

1887 - Susanna M. Salter became mayor of Argonia, KS, making her the first woman mayor in the US.

1902 - British Financier Cecil Rhodes left US\$10 million in his will that would provide scholarships for Americans to Oxford University in England.

1905 - In Kangra, India, an earthquake killed 370 000 people.

1914 - The first known serialised moving picture opened in New York City, NY. It was 'The Perils of Pauline.'

1917 - The US Senate voted 90-6 to enter World War I on the Allied side.

1918 - The Battle of Somme, an offensive by the British against the German Army ended.

1932 - After five years of research, professor CG King, of the University of Pittsburgh, isolated vitamin C.

1945 - Hungary was liberated from Nazi occupation.

1945 - During World War II, US forces liberated the Nazi death camp Ohrdruf in Germany.

1949 - Twelve nations signed a treaty to create The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

1953 - Fifteen doctors were released by Soviet leaders. The doctors had been arrested before Stalin had died and were accused of plotting against him.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Robert Downey Jr.
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7 WAYS TO TURN YOUR SPIRITUAL FIRE INTO A MIGHTY BLAZE

HOW is your relationship with the Lord right now? Is it stoked or is it choked? Is the fire burning strong or only smoldering? Are you ablaze or amazed at the struggle? The reality is that every fire diminishes and eventually dies if not tended. A fire must be consistently maintained, or else it becomes nothing more than smoldering ashes.

And, while it can be hard work getting the fire started, intentionality is necessary to keep the fire burning.

People cool off to their jobs, grow tired of their cars, houses and clothes. Too often, people grow cold in their relationships, with their family and friends. And marriages that began in the white-hot passion of true love can sadly become nothing more than embers to survive.

TIMOTHY'S STRUGGLE IN OUR STRUGGLE

This potential exists for each of us in every relationship we possess, including with Jesus and our passion for His purposes. It happened to the mighty apostle Paul's number one son in the faith, and it can happen to any of us as well.

Paul addresses the struggle his young protégé is experiencing: "Remembering the genuine faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and that I am persuaded lives in you also. Therefore, I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you by the laying on of my hands" (2 Timothy 1: 5-6).

Timothy struggled with intense intimidation from the surrounding culture. Ephesus was home for one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, the temple of Artemis, where pagan worship was passionate, sensual and prosperous. Witchcraft abounded in the region, and persecution increasingly became the norm toward Christianity. The two years Paul lived there were years of glorious revival and tremendous impact, but now Paul is in prison, and Timothy is struggling.

His fire is waning, and he needs help. Paul writes from prison and says, "You've got this if you do this!" He reminds him of the genuineness of his faith, his ordination and the gift released in his life. He says, "I am reminding you to keep constantly blazing the gift of God which is in you" (2 Timothy 1:6).

SEVEN (7) WAYS TO KEEP THE FIRE BURNING

To keep a blazing fire requires the intentionality of adding fuel and stoking the fire. No one falls into long term success. Here are a few practical steps to take to keep the fire burning strong in us:

1. WORSHIP GOD.

As you worship, you bring your life into focus. Billy Joe Daugherty wrote, "you were born to live in worship just as fishes were born to live in water". True worship creates the environment in which you were created to thrive. David said, "you will make known to me the path of life, in your presence is fullness of joy, at your right hand, there are pleasures for evermore" (Philippians 16:11). Notice the intentionality of David in Psalms 34:1, "I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth".

2. PRAY

I know it sounds simple, but it works. Real prayer is both practical and powerful. It isn't vomiting out to God what we want and hoping He will do it all. It is consistent communication with the Lord. Prayer is a two-way conversation that includes listening. Jesus said it is necessary always to pray and that this faithful praying will keep us

from losing the fire - (Luke 18:1).

Key to fueling and stoking the fire in you through prayer is the practice of praying in the spirit. Jude wrote, "But you, beloved build yourselves up in your most holy faith. Pray in the holy spirit". (Jude 1:20). "Pray in the spirit always with all kinds of prayer and supplication" (Ephesians 6:18). Learn how to engage the help of the Holy Spirit in your prayer life and enjoy refreshing.

3. PRAY FOR OTHERS

As part of prayer, it is vital to get out of our world into the world of others. Nehemiah experienced radical change personally and became an agent of change as he prayed for others. (Nehemiah 1:4). Isaiah prophesied, "If you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall rise in obscurity, and your darkness shall become as the noonday" (Isaiah 58:10).

This is what The Nations Pray Clarion Call stands for - getting out of your own world, your church and denomination and join other believers into someone else's world and be a blessing.

4. MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

The Bible? Yes! If we want the fire to burn bright in us consistently, the word must become the first priority and final authority in our lives. Jesus said, "it is the Spirit who gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The word that I speak to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). In a season of deep discouragement, Jeremiah wrote, "His word was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones" (Jeremiah 20:9b).

At the death of Moses, the Lord gave Joshua the key to his success, "This Book of the Law must not depart from your mouth. Meditate on it day and night so that you may act carefully according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way successful, and you will be wise" (Joshua 1:8). If we want to keep the fire burn-

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ing, we must learn and practice the power of reading, studying, meditating, praying and speaking the word!

5. ASSOCIATE WITH THOSE WHO ARE PASSIONATE FOR JESUS

Show me your closest associations, and I will show your future. Jim Rohn said, "you are the average of the five people you spend the most of your time with". If you want the fire blazing in your life, you must associate with those who are blazing. If you spend the bulk of your time with lukewarm and comprised, you too will cool off.

But time spent with hungry, thirsty true disciples of Christ will stoke the fire in you.

After being imprisoned and threatened, the apostles "went to their own people and reported what the chief priests and elders had said to them" (Acts 4:23b). Their companions joined them in prayer, and the Bible says, "When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31). Choose your friends wisely - association matters.

6. READ AND LISTEN TO THOSE WHO POSSESS THE FIRE OF GOD

One way to associate with those who are on fire for the Lord is by reading and listening to them. The psalmist said, "Your testimonies are my delight and my counsellors" (Psalms 119:24). It is amazing how their stories can inspire and educate us. "So that you may not be lazy, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises" (Hebrews 6:12).

7. PUT INTO CONSISTENT ACTION WHAT YOU KNOW

Belief informs action. We all practice what we genuinely believe. So, James writes, "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22). To only read and hear but not follow through with corresponding actions is to live in deception. Jesus said, "if you know these things, blessed are you if you do them" (John 13:17).

As we put these seven principles into practice in your daily life in a consistent way - the fire from heaven that Burns in us will continue to flourish. This fire will move you for the fulfillment of God's purpose in you and through you for His glory! Stay stoked!

Join us for "The Nations Pray" monthly Revival prayer this month we will be with Zoe Christian Family Centre in Matsapha this Saturday 27th April, 2019 past the Eteeni Engen starting from 2:15pm to 3:30pm. Please also visit our Facebook page The Pentecost Ministries International Trust and your feedback is also welcome to the revolutionmandate@gmail.com.

How not to handle migration in SA: Lessons from West Africa

FORMER Nigerian president Olusegun Obasanjo has proffered advice to African political parties and citizens on the thorny issue of migration across the continent.

In an exclusive interview on POWER 98.7, Obasanjo said: "Migration is something that must be handled with dexterity, with responsibility and with sensitivity on the continent of Africa."

He appealed to political parties who are apprehensive of migrants to "think again".

The elderly African statesman, who was in South Africa last week to attend the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Solidarity Conference on Western Sahara, said: "What you think you will gain in terms of jobs for your people by keeping other people from other countries away will amount to nothing."

NIGERIA-GHANA EXPERIENCE

Referring to the January 1983 Executive Ordinance by the then Nigerian president, the recently deceased Shehu Shagari, which expelled over two million – most of them Ghanaian citizens – from Nigeria, Obasanjo said: "We tried it in Nigeria; it didn't work."

He added: "You will know we have something ... there is a particular type of bag we call 'Ghana must Go'."

This was when Nigeria was trying to drive Ghanaians out of Nigeria. It didn't work. And if anything, it put [a] sour taste because you're now separating families."

The Shagari Ordinance came against the backdrop of a cocktail of socio-economic fortunes and misfortunes rooted in the complex West African and African history.

The years 1973 – 1981 witnessed a rise in the oil price – Nigeria's main source of revenue – which enabled the state to make significant investments in public works and light industries. This pull-factor brought greater numbers of migrants from neighbouring countries into Nigeria, a process further propelled by the 1973 and 1974 drought in the Sahel region.

Things would predictably take a different turn by the early 1980s. The oil price fell sharply in 1981, the Nigerian economy declined, along with industrial investment, while urban unemployment – affecting two thirds of urban workers – rose. Worse still, widespread corruption during the period of the Shagari government only served to aggravate the situation.

An International Monetary Fund (IMF) Structural Adjustment Programme which imposed unpopular cuts in social expenditure followed in 1983, an election year in Nigeria.

The confluence of negative socio-economic circumstances impacted on the political sphere, drawing into the potent mix, migrants who, until then, had not featured prominently in the Nigerian public discourse.

On January 17, 1983, the Nigerian government ordered all unskilled and undocumented migrants to leave the country within 14 days. They were accused of taking away jobs from citizens, engaging in crime and other forms of deviant social conduct, while allegations of conspiracy to register migrants as voters in the general election of August that year were levelled against the opposition.

As Daouda Gary-Tounkara has noted: "It is common knowledge that in countries experiencing immigration and having difficulties dealing with crisis and unemployment, some political leaders try to scapegoat foreigners and tighten conditions of residence. This is a means of acquiring legitimacy..."

In typical rabble-rousing form, Shagari pub-



ADVICE: Olusegun Obasanjo, Former President of Nigeria.

licly stated that: "If they (migrants) don't leave, they should be arrested and tried, and sent back to their homes. Illegal immigrants, under normal circumstances, should not be given any notice whatsoever. If you break a law, then you have to pay for it."

Shagari would win the elections by a comfortable margin of four million votes more than the second most popular contestant, Obafemi Awolowo.

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND: THE 1969 GHANAIAN EXPULSION OF NIGERIANS

Fourteen years earlier in 1969, the Ghana government had expelled 150 000 Nigerians who had lived in Ghana for decades, eking out a livelihood as traders, workers, farmers and other professions.

At the time, the Ghanaian economy was cocoa-dependent, and the commodity provided for over 70% of foreign exchange earnings. The 20 years from 1950 – 1970 witnessed a continuous decline in the world cocoa price which had dropped by 75% by 1969.

A pattern emerges here: the greater the economic hardship, the louder the anti-immigrant decibels become. Nigerian academics Johnson Aremu and Adeyinka Ajayi would later note, in a paper published in 2014 that, "With Ghana's continued economic misfortunes, the government and popular press really had no difficulty turning to aliens as scapegoats for their malaise."

"The expulsion order may also be seen as an attempt by [Prime Minister] Kofi Busia to win the confidence of the masses and restore the legitimacy of his government. Since government was losing its grip on the economic survival of the country, Busia and his cabinet members were left with little or no choice than to seek solace in sending away non-nationals as a way of appeasing the anger of the masses."

CONSEQUENCES OF THE GHANA-NIGERIA EXPULSIONS AND SOME NIGGLING QUESTIONS

The consequences of the expulsions were multiple. For purposes of this article, we will consider at least three.

Firstly, the Ghana Ministry of Interior was "directed to comb" the country "thoroughly" for any would-be defaulters who were accordingly arrested. Such words conjure up ideas of a siege and encourage an atmosphere in which all manner of abuses can be tolerated and triggered.

Secondly, echoing Obasanjo's concern about the disruption in family life, Aremu and Ajayi have noted that, "A multiplier effect of this forced, sudden exit of Nigerians from Ghana was that it led to family disorganization and family separation. Many Nigerians who were already married to Ghanaians could not come with their wives or husbands and had to live a dejected life ever since then. Re-uniting such separated families has been less successful even after the dust of the expulsion saga had settled down."

Thirdly, in both Ghanaian and Nigerian cases, bilateral relations between the two countries naturally suffered and placed a needless freeze on the regional and continental economic integration project which is vital to the resolution of many of the continent's challenges, not the least important of which is the matter of economic migration.

But all of this begs many questions. Aremu posed some of these questions in a 2013 paper published by the African Research Review.

He asked what progress had been made in turning Nigeria's fortunes with respect to reducing unemployment and poverty as well as diversifying and growing the economy since the 1983 purge. This would naturally include the fight against crime, which migrants were accused of spear-heading.

These questions about Ghana and Nigeria equally interrogate the situation in all other African countries: does the expulsion of migrants provide a silver bullet for the resolution of a country's complex socio-economic and political problems?

ENEMIES OF AFRICA

Last week, President Obasanjo had strong words for those who hold and propagate anti-immigrant positions. "Anybody who is a party to it," he said, "I would say he's an enemy of Africa. And if any political party is doing that, I would say, they should think again." He stressed that he, as a matter of principle, would never be party to "stopping any African from moving freely within Africa. I will never be a party to it."

He said that law enforcement agencies of immigrant recipient countries should address measures against criminal conduct among immigrants rather than tarnish everyone with the same brush. "If they are criminals, of course you shouldn't allow criminals."

He implored political parties to understand that migration is an age-old phenomenon which pre-dates the formation of the nation state. "Migration is what has kept the world going. And I believe that nothing should stop [it]" adding that "migrants have a lot to offer" to host countries. *News24*

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"No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care"

— **Theodore Roosevelt**

"I have lived with several Zen masters – all of them cats."

— **Eckhart Tolle**

"Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public."

— **Cornel West**

"It is not a daily increase, but a daily decrease. Hack away at the inessentials."

— **Bruce Lee**

"Don't only practice your art, but force your way into its secrets, for it and knowledge can raise men to the divine."

— **Ludwig van Beethoven**

"Wisdom is having things right in your life and knowing why."

— **William Stafford**

"The way out is through the door. Why is it that no one will use this method?"

— **Confucius**

"I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back."

— **Maya Angelou**

"There is a wisdom of the head, and... there is a wisdom of the heart."

— **Charles Dickens, Hard Times**

"As a well spent day brings happy sleep, so life well used brings happy death."

— **Leonardo da Vinci**

"Education is no substitute for intelligence."

— **Frank Herbert**

"My head'll explode if I continue with this escapism."

— **Jess C Scott,**

"It doesn't matter where you are coming from. All that matters is where you are going."

— **Brian Tracy**

"To always win, you always need to be hungry!"

— **HishamFawzi**

"Sometimes we see best when we close our eyes."

— **Giovannie de Sadeleer**

"Sometimes we drink a little much to think a little less."

— **Giovannie de Sadeleer**

"If you fight against the enemy of your enemy, you fight against yourself."

— **Giovannie de Sadeleer**

"There's no twice in once and forever."

— **Giovannie de Sadeleer**

"Act with Peace in your heart, Love as a guide and Nature as a trustworthy friend."

— **Laure Lacornette**

"His own skin can't define him, so he wraps himself with words."

— **Louise Philippe Dula**

"Anger is energy: if you hold on to it, it'll infect you. But if you channel it into something positive – great things are possible."

— **Bill Madden**

"Between my head and my heart I found peace with the unacceptable."

— **Giovannie de Sadeleer**

"Hate is... It's too easy. Love. Love takes courage."

— **Hannah Harrington**

"My soul is in the sky."

— **William Shakespeare**

"I can calculate the motion of heavenly bodies but not the madness of people."

— **Isaac Newton**

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VITALS

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Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
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Replacement	E12.85 per litre
Diesel	E12.80 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.15 per litre
Engen Garage	

Over E180 million Eswatini goods exported to France

STORIES BY QONDILE NTIWANE

ESWATINI has exported close to E180 000 000 and imported about E195 000 000 worth of goods to France in the last three years.

Export products from Eswatini to France mainly consist of baby vegetables, handicraft and artworks, organic compounds and sugar, amongst others, while the imports consist of precision machinery for various uses such as health equipment, electrical and power equipment components, as well as other various acids, lubricants and chemical compounds.

This was revealed by Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini during the Eswatini - France Chamber of Commerce business seminar held at the Royal Villas yesterday. Addressing the gathering during the event, the PM said they were delighted to host the French investors as they explore the various business opportunities offered by the kingdom.

The PM said within the broader trade framework of the SADC Economic Partnership Agreements, commonly known as SADC-EPA, they noted with pride that Eswatini engaged in trade talks with France for the import and export of vari-



PLANNING: Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo briefs the Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini during a business seminar with the France Chamber of Commerce held at the Royal Villas yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

ous products.

"You will recall that the SADC-EPA has an investment chapter that seeks to address the investment inflows between the SADC-EPA group of countries and the European Union. As a government, we seek to leverage on this framework in addition to the European External

Investment Plan (EEIP), and bring in more foreign investments into the country.

"In this regard, we applaud the expansion plans that have already been demonstrated by the Swazi Gases company which are a reflection of their confidence in the economy of Eswatini.

He added that one of their value propositions was access to a wide configuration of markets in which French companies can take advantage of, as long as the products orig-

inate from Eswatini.

He said such markets include the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) spanning across the Eastern and Southern Africa region with a combined population of over 360 million inhabitants and 19 member countries.

"That is why internationally renowned conglomerates like Coca-Cola have comfortably invested in the country for over 30 years, supplying these markets from Eswatini under preferential trade terms, while enjoying the priceless dividend of peace and stability of the kingdom.

"As part of our economic renewal strategy, government has prioritised a number of sectors where we seek to leverage economic growth through attracting private sector investment. These sectors include; agriculture, manufacturing and agro-processing, tourism, energy, mining, ICT and education. To augment growth in these sectors, government has also chartered a path to open up Special Economic Zones with a generous incentive package," he added.

He then thanked the main organisers of this event, Thuli Phiri and the Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA) who put together an engaging programme for today.

"I would like to acknowledge the efforts made by the businesses represented in this forum for ensuring that this investment exploratory mission is accomplished," he said.

Over 40 000 jobs created by French investors in SA

NOT only are they said to be contributing 10 per cent of the total GDP, French investors have created over 40 000 jobs in neighbouring country South Africa.

This was revealed during the Eswatini-France Chamber of Commerce business seminar held at the Royal Villas yesterday. President of the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry (South Africa) Dr Yves Guenon said during the event, which also attracted a number of potential investors, that they were committed to working together with Eswatini.

"We are a very active chamber in South Africa as we represent about 200 groups, approximately 500 companies. We also organise about 40 events a year through local companies in South Africa and in Mozambique," he said.

He said they were looking forward to doing business with Eswatini in what they were hoping will be a win-win situation. Dr Guenon added that the most important thing for any

investor is stability on the rules.

"If the rules are changing every month, it then becomes difficult for the investor to invest but other than that there are usually no problems," he said.

Meanwhile, Thuli Phiri, one of the organisers of the event and leader of the French delegation, highlighted that the chamber had key investors across all sectors of the economy.

"The investors' cut across three sectors of the economy which are also key to Eswatini and these include agriculture and agro-processing, mining and energy, ICT and infrastructure development.

"I hope the conversations here today will not be limited to these sectors but inclusive of all other sectors that you may have interest in," she said. Some of the investors present during the event were from companies dealing with, amongst other projects, renewable energy, waste management, environment, logistics and mining.

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Botswana Pula / SZL	1.3170	1.3330
Australian Dollar / SZL	10.0403	10.0787
Canadian Dollar / SZL	10.6075	10.6419
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ADAPTATION: The stakeholders captured during the workshop at Happy Valley yesterday. (Pic: Bahle Gama)

MINISTRY OF TOURISM PROPOSES CLIMATE CHANGE COORDINATION STRUCTURES

STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA

THE ministry of tourism and environmental affairs has developed terms of reference that will guide the different climate change coordination structures.

This is a proposed structure developed to coordinate both the mitigation and adaptation components of climate change across the country. The structure is multi sectoral, and it involves government, private sector and civil society and some key national bodies and associations.

This was said by Nicolette Ndlovu, a consultant, during her presentation at the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process stakeholder workshop held at Happy Valley, Ezulwini yesterday. She said studies indicated that the Kingdom of Eswatini was already affected by a changing climate with some of the climate change impacts experienced including inter alia significant variations in precipitation patterns, higher temperatures and increasing in frequency and intensity of severe weather events such as droughts, floods and cyclones.

The workshop was attended by a number of stakeholders including World Vision, RSSC, Eswatini Bank, Water Aid and more. The purpose of the workshop was for the stakeholders to interrogate the

proposed structures and inform the new structures to ensure that adaptation is mainstreamed in the different sectors in the country.

"The proposed structure has been developed taking into account previous lessons, present structure and inputs from consultations with various stakeholders in the country including the government. The structure will involve both the mitigation and adaptation components, however for the purpose of this assignment, more emphases will be on the adaptation.

There are subsidy bodies called Multi-Disciplinary Teams that should be established to support implementation on the ground for both adaptation and mitigation," she said.

She further stated that Cabinet was the supreme body for decision making at government level and composed of ministers from different sectors in the country. The Cabinet is constitutionally elected every five years and the ministry of tourism and environmental affairs is responsible for climate change coordination and ensuring that climate change issues are well coordinated at cabinet level.

Ndlovu further stated that the Cabinet shall be responsible for providing overall strategic and political guidance on climate change issues in the country as advised by the National Climate Change Council (NCCC), approval of all climate change policies and rec-

ommend legislative channels pertaining to climate change for parliament enactment, to endorse all high level and strategic decisions that pertain to climate change coordination in the country, to ensure that the country is well aligned with international conventions and commitments and to provide the political mandate for both adaptation and mitigation.

The NCCC and the Government Advisory Committee is composed of key Cabinet ministers including the ministry of finance, health and agriculture and the Principal Secretaries from these key ministries shall represent their ministries in the advisory committee and any delegated member to the advisory committee shall be a senior management member at the ministry.

"The main purpose of this committee is to advise both the NCCC and the council on the position of the government regarding climate change.

Other key members of the council include the National Climate Change Focal Point, secretary to Cabinet and the elected chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary of National Climate Change Executive Committee and members of the Government Advisory Committee. It provides political guidance to the National Climate Change Executive Committee and Cabinet therefore government on climate change issues," she added.

She also mentioned that the council shall be co-chaired by the Principal Secretary of the ministry of tourism and environment affairs and the secretary to Cabinet. It is responsible for high-level coordination, guidance and direction on climate change policies, ensuring that climate change is present in the national development agenda, oversee the implementation of the national climate policy strategies and plans and to create an enabling environment that shall promote broader multi-stakeholder participation and integrate climate change mitigation and adaptation.

ABOUT THE NAP

THE government of the Kingdom of Eswatini, through the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs received grant support from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to build capacity to advance the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process in the country.

The GCF

NAP readiness project will strengthen the institutional, technical and financial capacity of the government at national level to advance the NAP process, thereby facilitating Eswatini's transition to climate-resilient development.

The NAP process will build on existing institutional structures and coordination mechanisms and contribute to the progress that the government has made with regards to climate change planning taking into consideration vulnerable sectors, groups, communities and ecosystems.

Established

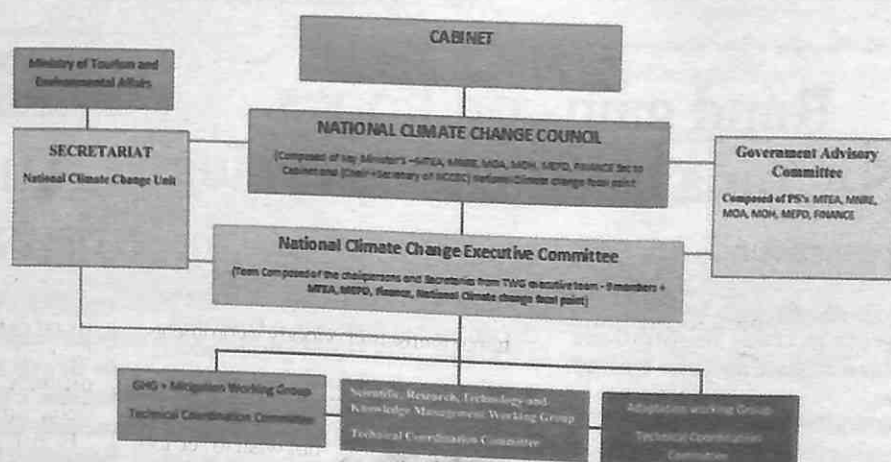
The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) established the NAP process to facilitate adaptation planning in least developed countries and other developing countries.

The GCF supports the formulation of NAPs after being requested by the Conference of Parties to expedite support for the least developed countries and other developing country Parties under the Paris Agreement of 2015.

Part of the initial process of the NAP is to establish a national coordination mechanism to monitor the implementation of the NAP process in Eswatini.

In this regard, as a key stakeholder the ministry is pleased to invite your institution to the review of the National Consultation's report on National Coordination Framework for the NAP process in Eswatini.

Proposed structure for National Climate Change Coordination



New Era redefining Advertising in Eswatini

BY SANDZASIVE NXUMALO

A new advertising company, New Era Advertising Agency (Pty) LTD, has been established.

The digitally focused advertising company was established in October last year and is based in Mbabane. The

company, which is owned by two young directors Phetsile Ngidi and Banele Mbhamali.

One of the directors Mbhamali said the company was passionate about taking the nation to the next level and achieving first world status as per the King's vision of 2022.

He said the company was focused on digital advertising whereby a mobile

application is used for online marketing. The application is a game changer as it brings an advantage to clients in terms of increased sales.

"The new company is focused on creativity and innovation; the designs are very unique and designed according to the needs of the customers. "New Era is interested in fair trade, honesty, transparency and we are local-

ly sourced. Because we believe in small businesses and young entrepreneurs, we aim to provide a platform to make them visible in the country and worldwide through online marketing.

The company is honest in their dealings and pride itself on meeting deadlines and maintaining great customer service standards," he said.

He said their prices were very affordable and accommodate everyone as they are not focused on the bottom

line but rather, on ensuring that even small businesses reach their potential consumers and goals.

"This is the reason behind our slogan "Creating a Wealthy Nation."

We went through all processes of legally registering the company," said Ngidi.

The company offers other services inclusive web design, company profiling, designing of brochures, pamphlets, business cards, invitation cards, and as well as world class logo designs.



ESWATINI HOSTS AFRICA

Imagine Eswatini as Africa's Trade Hub!

HAVE you ever imagined what it would be like if the Kingdom of Eswatini won the bid to become the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) headquarters?

Think about it - hundreds of delegates from across Africa disembarking at KMI International Airport to hold their meetings here - perhaps even igniting the demand for the creation of more aviation routes. Throw in a couple of large cargo aircraft and you have a bustling international airport! Just imagine the International Convention Centre (ICC) and our local hotels packed to capacity with delegates - directly benefitting the hospitality industry!

For tourism, it gets even better; we will not only have a vibrant hospitality industry, but we are likely to see more tour guides, tour operators, shuttle service owners and domestic tourism outlets being born, thereby creating more business and employment opportunities.

Achievement

But, wait...what would such an achievement do for the man on the street; the Liswati? Let's take the handicraft sector, for example. Delegates will get to take back home authentic Eswatini handmade souvenirs; therefore, promoting our craft in their respective countries and financially contributing to the growth of the sector. The retail industry also stands to benefit; through the purchasing of everyday necessities by the African delegates that will either be temporarily or permanently employed by the AfCFTA Secretariat. The same goes for the property industry - AfCFTA employees need houses to stay in and one can only imagine the money property owners will make from rentals.

For Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), this presents an opportunity to increase their base; through finding a niche not only in the SADC region but Africa as a whole. Once the ordinary SME taps into the trade networks and opportu-



LIFE CHALLENGING: COMESA Secretary General Chileshe Kapwepwe with Senior Trade Policy Analyst Portia Dlamini (l) and COMESA Deputy Legal Counsel and Intellectual Property Coordinator Gabriel Masuku (r) admire some handicraft at the Manzini Satellite Bus Rank recently. The handicraft sector stands to benefit if Eswatini wins the bid to host the AfCFTA Secretariat.

nities that will be created by the operationalisation of the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) and the availability of market intelligence; she/he stands a chance to expand in specific product and/or service sectors and further export such to the African mar-

ket. This is in line with His Majesty's Government's declaration that "Eswatini is ready for business" and Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo's vision to make Eswatini an export-driven economy. The spin-offs are even greater for

the nation at large. The market confidence we would regain as a country from hosting such a coveted African organ; stemming from the direct injection of foreign exchange and ultimately Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs); would have a positive con-

tribution to the revival of Eswatini's economy. Imagine multinationals and other major African companies investing millions and perhaps billions of Emalangeni into Eswatini? It's no secret that Eswatini is currently experiencing major fiscal challenges; and as a country we need to do everything in our power to turn back the tide. And we most certainly deserve to hear some good news - just a glimmer of hope to restore our confidence about the future. And what better way than winning the right to host the AfCFTA Secretariat?

Opportunities

The essence of the AfCFTA bid is to present a wide range of opportunities for Eswatini.

That is why as a country we must and are determined to host this organ. Employment opportunities; poverty alleviation; infrastructure development and tourism growth are but some of the benefits winning this Bid would bring to Eswatini. And with all these benefits for the taking, winning this bid should be the ambition of every Liswati. It is only fair that since we have been actively involved in the African trade agenda for years now; through ratifying trade agreements and signing various trade treaties; we also get a chance to host an organ of such magnitude.

Finally, winning this Bid will play a pivotal role in helping the country attain First World status! Yes, this could just be what we need to attain Vision 2022. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram #EswatiniHostsAfrica and join the conversation. Till next week.

Rand gains on hopes US-China trade war is easing

JOHANNESBURG - The rand strengthened yesterday amid growing appetite for risk on hopes for progress in trade negotiations between China and the United States.

At 0700 GMT the rand was up 0.53 per cent at R14.1350 per dollar compared with a close of R14.2100 in New York.

Demand for emerging-market currencies grew after the Financial Times reported China and the United States had resolved most of the issues standing in the way of a trade deal.

The rand had reached a six-week high of R14.0750 after Moody's struck a surprisingly positive note in a credit opinion on Tuesday, following the agency's decision on Friday to delay a review that might have removed South Africa's last

investment-grade rating.

The rand lost steam late in the session as concern resurfaces over Eskom, the struggling state power company. "Although the rand posted additional gains after Moody's comments, these were short-lived as comments

from the African National Congress that it did not wish to see job losses at Eskom, despite previous comments to the contrary, saw the markets turn cautious," analysts at Nedbank said in a note. Demand for Pretoria's bonds was benefited from Moody's benign view, with yields on the benchmark 10-year government bond reaching a one-year low 8.42 percent. In early trade on Wednesday, the bond traded at 8.515 per cent. *News24*



BUSINESS EXTRAS

Austria sees 'absolutely no reason' for Brexit extension

VIENNA - There is currently "absolutely no reason" for another extension to Brexit because the situation in Britain's Parliament has not fundamentally changed, Austria's Chancellor Sebastian Kurz said yesterday.

British Prime Minister Theresa May said on Tuesday she would seek another delay to agree an EU divorce deal with the opposition Labour leader, in a gambit to break an impasse over Brexit that enraged many in her party. May said she wanted another short extension beyond April 12.

"There is, from the current point of view, absolutely no reason for an extension since the chaos in Britain has not changed. There is no Plan B capable of being supported by a majority in the British lower house of Parliament," Kurz told a news conference after a weekly Cabinet meeting.

"Let's cross our fingers for Theresa May for her efforts, let's hope that she can convince the members of the lower house of Parliament and maybe find a way to avoid a hard Brexit after all," he said.

Having negotiated a withdrawal agreement with Britain that Members of Parliament in London have now rejected three times, the options for Brussels are currently limited, Kurz said.

Kurz and other EU leaders have repeatedly said that any extension should be for a clearly defined reason and not just in order to buy time.

"We have arrived at a situation where

there is not much the European Union itself can do... The ball is in the court of the British lower house of Parliament." *Reuters*

NO REASON:
Austrian
Chancellor
Sebastian Kurz.



Focus on World News

Global News

BRUNEI INTRODUCES STONING TO DEATH FOR GAY SEX, ADULTERY

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN - Brunei yesterday introduced harsh new sharia laws, including death by stoning for adultery and gay sex, despite a storm of global criticism from politicians, celebrities and rights groups.

The tough penal code in the tiny country on tropical Borneo island -- ruled by the all-powerful Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah -- fully came into force following years of delays.

The laws, which also include amputation of hands and feet for thieves, make Brunei the first place in East or Southeast Asia to have a sharia penal code at the national level, joining several mostly Middle Eastern countries such as Saudi Arabia.

Rape and robbery are also punishable by death under the code and many of the new laws, such as capital punishment for insulting the Prophet Mohammed, apply to non-Muslims as well as Muslims.

The decision to push ahead with the punishments has sparked alarm around the world, with the United Nations labelling them 'cruel and inhumane' and celebrities, led by actor George Clooney and pop star Elton John, call-



DEATH PENALTY: The tough penal code in the tiny country on tropical Borneo island ruled by the all-powerful Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah have come into force following years of delays.

ing for Brunei-owned hotels to be boycotted.

In a public address to mark a special date in the Muslim calendar, the sultan called for stronger Islamic teachings but did not mention the new penal code.

"I want to see Islamic teachings in this country grow stronger," he said in the nationally televised speech at a convention centre near the capital Bandar Seri Begawan.

The sultan, who has been on the throne for over five decades, also insisted that Brunei was a "fair" country and the environment for visitors was "safe and harmonious". Government officials later confirmed the laws had entered into force. The sharia laws have triggered worldwide condemnation, and Phil Robertson, Deputy Asia Director at Human Rights Watch, described the code as "barbaric to the core, imposing archaic punishments for acts that shouldn't even be crimes". The European Union said in a statement that some of the new punishments "amount to torture, acts of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment".

They are particularly upsetting for the country's small lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. Before the new laws, sex between men was already illegal in Brunei and punishable with up to 10 years in jail.

Daily Mail

Niger president serves quit notice, party elects candidate for 2021 polls

NIAMEY - Niger President Mahamadou Issoufou has given a strong signal that he is ready to leave office in 2021 when his current term of office expires. Issoufou became president in 2011 and secured re-election in 2016.

The ruling Nigerian Party for Democracy and Socialism, PNDS, over the weekend elected Interior Minister, Mohamed Bazoum, as its presidential candidate with two clear years to the next polls.

The nomination and selection of

Bazoum which took place at the Palais des Congrès in the capital, Niamey, was broadcast by several television stations, in front of thousands of activists from the 50 or so parties under the ruling coalition.

In a speech, Bazoum "paid tribute" to President Issoufou and indicated that his nomination was "the first act that symbolises the fulfillment of Mr. Issoufou's desire to respect the law on the limitation of mandates" (two five-year terms).

The 59-year-old Bazoum is a close

friend of Issoufou, whose decision to leave after the expiration of his mandate will be seen as progressive unlike others in the region who have altered laws to stay in office. The candidate has been minister of the interior since April 2016, having previously served as a deputy minister and holding the minister of foreign affairs post. Political watchers have labelled him one of the most powerful men in the country since the election of Issoufou.

Africa News

Congo Ebola outbreak spreading faster than ever -WHO

KINSHASA - Democratic Republic of Congo's Ebola outbreak is spreading at its fastest rate yet, eight months after it was first detected, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said on Monday.

Each of the past two weeks has registered a record number of new cases, marking a sharp setback for efforts to respond to the second biggest outbreak ever, as militia violence and community resistance have impeded access to affected areas. Less than three weeks ago, the WHO said the outbreak of the haemorrhagic fever was largely contained and could be stopped by

September, noting that weekly case numbers had halved from earlier in the year to about 25. But the number of cases hit a record 57 the following week, and then jumped to 72 last week, said WHO spokesman Christian Lindmeier. Previous spikes of around 50 cases per week were documented in late January and mid-November. More alarmingly, more than half of the Ebola deaths last week occurred outside of treatment centres, according to Congo health ministry data, meaning there is a much greater chance they transmitted the virus to those around them.

AFP

Brexit breakthrough as Theresa May offers cross-party talks

LONDON - British Prime Minister Theresa May tore up her Brexit strategy on Tuesday, declaring the UK would need to seek another delay to the process of leaving the European Union and offering cross-party talks to break the political deadlock.

In a momentous statement at Downing Street, 10 days before the UK is due to leave the EU with or without an agreement, May said she would implement any deal that was agreed by a majority in the UK

Parliament. "This is a decisive moment in the story of these islands and it requires national unity to deliver the national interest," she said. The opposition Labour leader, Jeremy Corbyn, accepted May's offer of talks, acknowledging the prime minister had shifted her position. By offering to accept a compromise, May recognised that she will never be able to win round her supposed allies in the Northern Irish Democratic Unionist Party, nor a hard core of Brexiters in her own Conservative Party. That decision, taken after a Cabinet meeting that lasted most of Tuesday, is certain to sow deep divisions on her own side. In accepting May's offer of talks, Corbyn said he recognised "my responsibility to represent the people that supported Labour in the last election and the people who didn't support Labour but nevertheless want certainty and security for their own future, and that's the basis on which we will meet her and we will have those discussions."

CNN



TALKS: British Prime Minister Theresa May.

BRIEFS

Chinese woman arrested at Trump resort

FLORIDA - A Chinese woman carrying multiple cellphones and a thumb drive containing malware was arrested on Saturday at US President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida while he was staying there, court documents revealed on Tuesday. An arrest document in the federal district court of Palm Beach, Florida said Zhang Yujing tried to gain entry into Mar-a-Lago on Saturday, first presenting herself as a member and saying she was headed to the pool -- despite not having a swimsuit. Then, she claimed to be attending a non-existent Chinese-American friendship event. After she was detained, she offered an additional story: that she was asked by a Chinese friend named Charles to travel from Shanghai to attend the event and attempt to speak to a member of the president's family about US-China economic relations, the document said. *AFP*

Black, gay woman elected Chicago mayor

CHICAGO - In a historic first, a gay African American woman was elected mayor of America's third largest city on Tuesday, as Chicago voters entrusted a political novice with tackling difficult problems of economic inequality and gun violence. Lori Lightfoot, a 56-year-old former federal prosecutor and practicing lawyer who has never before held elected office, was elected the midwestern city's mayor in a lopsided victory. She beat out Toni Preckwinkle, who is also an African American woman, by a wide margin of 74 to 26 per cent in early voting results with most ballots counted.

Lightfoot will become Chicago's first openly gay mayor and the first African American woman to hold the post. Since 1837, Chicago voters have elected only one black mayor and one female mayor.

AFP

Thousands homeless after Yumbi massacre

YUMBI - Three months ago, the violent inter-community clashes in Yumbi claimed hundreds of lives and forced thousands to flee their homes. Today, residents of this small area in northwestern Democratic Republic of Congo are struggling to recover. Thousands of families are still homeless and finding it difficult to feed themselves. According to the United Nations, at least 890 people were believed to have been killed and 16 000 were displaced over three days in December 2018. Hundreds of houses, schools and health centres were burned down or otherwise destroyed. Most of the residents have had to move in with relatives or neighbours. But even that is difficult. "No pans, no plates, no beakers, no clothes, not even a bucket to wash in. That's what it's been like for the last three months," explains Moseka, who is in her 50s, adding that she sleeps on a mat on the floor. *AFP*

Moza cholera cases now above 1 400

BEIRA - Cholera cases in cyclone-hit Mozambique have risen above 1 400, government officials said on Tuesday, as hundreds of thousands of vaccine doses arrived in an attempt to limit the rapid spread of the disease.

Authorities announced a second death from cholera, which causes acute diarrhoea and is spread by contaminated food and water -- conditions that some 128 000 displaced cyclone survivors now risk daily while living in temporary, often crowded, shelters. Cholera can kill within hours if not treated.

The cholera outbreak has grown swiftly since it was declared last week with five confirmed cases. Now there are 1 428, most of them in the hard-hit port city of Beira, which has been the hub of relief efforts since Cyclone Idai roared in on March 14.

AFP

Focus on SA Scene

Your Daily Mzansi News

'WE NEVER SAID THE AIRPORT SHOULDN'T BE NAMED AFTER MAMA WINNIE'

JOHANNESBURG - Fikile Mbalula, the ANC's elections head, defended the party on Tuesday after tweeps slammed him and the ANC for "rejecting" Winnie Madikizela-Mandela's name in the process of renaming Cape Town International Airport.

This as scores of South Africans celebrated the life of the late struggle icon, who died a year ago, on April 2. Tributes and messages of remembrance flooded social media platforms as ordinary South Africans and politicians shared their fondest memories of Madikizela-Mandela.

Mbalula, who was among the politicians who shared their memories, received backlash as tweeps accused him of being a member of a party and system that 'erased' the contributions made by Madikizela-Mandela in the struggle for freedom.

On March 5, the EFF proposed in Parliament that Madikizela-Mandela's name be considered in the renaming of the airport.

EFF leader Julius Malema lamented the exclusion of women who contributed in the struggle against apartheid. He said women like Madikizela-Mandela were not just the wives and backers of male activists, but freedom fighters too.



WHO SAID IT?: The late Winnie Madikizela-Mandela and Fikile Mbalula.

This proposal was shot down by the ANC. Citing the reasons for this, the party, through its chief whip, Jackson Mthembu, said the decision to include Madikizela-Mandela's name on the list was not theirs to make, but that of Airports Company South Africa (ACSA).

During the same sitting of Parliament, the party's Dikeledi Magadzi said the



ANC was of the view that the multi-award-winning airport should be named after someone with "substance and virtue," someone who had been "tried and tested".

Her utterances stirred emotions among social media users at the time, as people accused the ANC of insulting Madikizela-Mandela. *Times Live*

HAWKS RAID NELSON MANDELA BAY MAYOR'S HOME

PE - A series of raids have been conducted by the Hawks at Nelson Mandela Bay Mayor Mongameli Bobani's home and office.

Bobani's lawyer, Danie Gouws, confirmed to News24 that the Hawks raided his client's office at the City Hall in Port Elizabeth, as well as his home, on Tuesday.

He said police had confiscated Bobani's wife's laptop during the raid.

"My client cooperated with them. It was just a witch hunt. In my view, it's done before the elections because certain political parties attack other political parties. I was present during the search. What I know is that they only took his wife's laptop at his house," he said.

A source in the Hawks told News24 that the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation was in the process of conducting a series of raids on Bobani. He said the raids

were scheduled to be conducted over three days, starting on Tuesday.

In October last year, the Hawks made their first move against Bobani, raiding his office. The raid resulted in the seizure of documents and computers, Hawks spokesperson Hangwani Mulaudzi told journalists at the time.



Mulaudzi said arrests were eminent. It was reported that the Hawks were investigating the municipality's Integrated Public Transport

System (IPTS).

The raid led to a series of motions of no confidence against the UDM mayor by the DA-led alliance in the metro. A well-placed source said this week's raids were unrelated to the IPTS system.

Gouws said he didn't know why the Hawks were pursuing his client. *News24*

Info about R80m cash in car boot handed to Zondo commission

JOHANNESBURG - Investigators at the Zondo commission into state capture have been given information relating to R80m in cash that was allegedly found in the boot of a car belonging to a Free State government official, Network24 reported on Tuesday.

According to information obtained by Network24, the official who found the money called a senior ANC official who rushed to the scene. The investigation into the suspicious cash was then reportedly halted.

The incident took place earlier this year near the farm of now-deceased Sandile Msibi, the former head of the Free State Department of Police, Roads and Transport, north of Heilbron. The official in question reportedly worked for the same department.

Msibi was a confidant of Ace Magashule,

former Free State premier and current ANC Secretary General. Both are originally from Parys.

The information relating to the R80m forms part of an investigation into the movement of cash that was allegedly operated as part of a corrupt network run by Magashule. The book 'Gangster State - Unravelling, Ace Magashule's Web of Capture' by investigative journalist Pieter-Louis Myburgh, also notes the practice of using cash for corrupt transactions. Following the book's publication, Free State DA leader Patricia Kopane revealed yet another corruption scandal allegedly implicating Magashule relating to contracts of state-owned buildings. At a media conference in Bloemfontein, Kopane said the R30bn that allegedly "disappeared" owing to corruption during Magashule's decade-long tenure in the Free State

could be "a drop in the ocean".

It is alleged that Magashule ensured that he received a handling fee and "favour payment" of 10 per cent of the value of all contracts awarded by the Free State government.

In addition, the DA has received information that at least one rental contract of a state-owned building was written in such a way that allowed a female friend of Magashule to purchase it. In terms of the agreement, she could use government money to pay for improvements to the building.

The former Saambou building, located on the corner of Charlotte Maxeke Street and Aliwal Street, has been rented at R726 167.36 since February 1 last year. During his last days in office as premier, Magashule allegedly insisted that she be awarded the rental contract. *News24*

We cannot summon Magashule over corruption claims - ANC

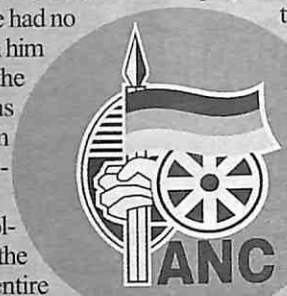
JOHANNESBURG - ANC Secretary General Ace Magashule will not appear before the party's integrity committee unless its national executive committee (NEC) decides he should do so.

This is according to integrity committee Chairperson George Mashamba, who told News24 that the committee had no powers to summon him in order to assess the impact that claims made against him had on the governing party.

His comments follow a decision by the NEC to refer its entire list of candidates nominated to serve in the National Assembly and in provincial Legislatures to the integrity committee. The committee serves to investigate the impact of members' behaviour on the party's reputation. *News24*

Previously, the ANC had said it wanted to submit some names to the committee, but failed to follow through. The party has been lambasted for allowing some of its controversial leaders - who are facing allegations of corruption and who have been implicated during the commission of inquiry into state capture - to feature on the list, which has already been submitted to the Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC). The ANC, in a statement following a special NEC sitting,

said the lists would be sent to the committee for a "review". In a statement, Magashule said the ANC had gone above and beyond the legal requirements set out by the country's constitution. *News24*



EFF member dies in North West car crash, farmer helps other passengers

NORTH WEST - An EFF member was killed when the bakkie she was travelling in rolled on a dirt road on the way to the party's North West rally at the Lethabong Stadium.

Elizabeth Masemola was one of nine passengers travelling in a convoy with another bakkie when the driver lost control.

Masemola died on impact, while another passenger sustained serious

injuries. The remaining seven passengers escaped injury, EFF North West Secretary Papiki Babuile told News24 yesterday. "On their way to the rally, they took a gravel road," Babuile said.

"The bakkie travelling at the back was carrying nine people and lost control on the gravel road and it overturned. "The bakkie that was travelling in the front immediately made a

U-turn to assist the passengers. They helped them out of the car," Babuile said.

"They were joined by one white farmer, whom we want to thank for helping our members. He assisted them in getting people out of the car."

According to Babuile, Masemola was trapped inside the vehicle and could not be moved. "I joined them shortly after the accident and waited

for the ambulance and police to arrive. They arrived an hour later."

Babuile said he didn't know the identity of the farmer who had assisted the passengers, but said that white people pictured next to the wreck of the bakkie, that have been circulating on social media, were onlookers and were taken long after the accident.

"They arrived after everybody had

left. They just came there for a photo shoot and they started talking nonsense," Babuile said.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, EFF secretary general Godrich Gardee said: "It is with a deep sense of grief [that] we inform the leadership on the passing away of fighter Elizabeth Masemola, who was a fighter in Moretele subregion, Mogogelo Village."

News24



MAKING A DIFFERENCE: The ambulances are managed by village health teams chosen from within the community. The teams distribute contact numbers so people in need can request the service. Where the terrain is hilly, the ambulances use rechargeable electric cycles. Pregnant women like Sandra Naigaga, who used to walk kilometres for care can now use the service. (Aljazeera)

UGANDA'S BICYCLE AMBULANCES HELP THE PREGNANT, SICK AND INJURED

KIBIBI, UGANDA - In the early months of her pregnancy, Sandra Naigaga had to walk more than four kilometres to get to antenatal care at the health centre in Kibibi, Uganda.

Uganda has high maternal and newborn death rates, with 15 women dying every day from childbirth and pregnancy-related issues. That worried Naigaga in those initial months of pregnancy.

That fear however subsided in late 2018 when the NGO First African Bicycle Information Organisation (FABIO) introduced its free bicycle ambulance service to the two major health centres in the region.

Naigaga is one of the hundreds of women, elderly persons, children and the sick in her area who regularly use bicycle ambulances to get prompt medical attention.

In many remote areas, many of the roads are impassable for vehicles, so the bicycles with their specialised trailers to carry patients are the only way for many to get to a health centre.

"As pregnant women, we are always weak," says Naigaga, "They take us to hospital, we get treatment and they take us back home."

In Uganda, 77 of the country's 121 districts lack an ambulance service and fewer than seven per cent of patients arrive at hospital by ambulance.

That lack of transport prompted FABIO to develop its first bicycle ambulance service in 2006 in Uganda's then war-torn northern region.

Their goal since has been to create something that is both environmentally friendly and easy to maintain.

"We wanted to create a sustainable way or a cheaper way for people to

be able to access health centres," says Executive Director, Katesi Najjiba.

The ambulances are built by locals, with locally sourced materials, using as a base the black bicycle whose spare parts are easily found in the villages.

Jeremiah Brian Nkuutu, a field officer at FABIO, says the ambulances are "African solutions to African problems". Some terrain can be challenging for the cyclists.

"The hilly areas are most times not easy for me to go pick the patients," says Mukasa Harid, a bicycle ambulance cyclist. "It's only possible when one helps me push it and we manage."

To address that concern, FABIO introduced the e-scooter, a rechargeable electric bike used in place of bicycles in areas where the terrain is hardened like the region around the Kibibi Health Centre. *Aljazeera*



ADVICE: Sandra Naigaga (R) receives antenatal advice from Joshua Musomba and midwife Juliet Namuswa. Every day 15 women die in Uganda from childbirth and pregnancy-related issues.



STORY OF MY LIFE: 'I fell sick at about 8:30pm and I called the person with the ambulance, I was so weak and my husband was not at home, so I called him and he came and took me to Budondo hospital,' says Theresa Namuddu.

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CHURCH NEWS



Antioch Church hosts successful fundraising event

THE Antioch Church under the International Ministries Assemblies of God last Friday hosted a successful fundraising gospel event.

Over 10 gospel music artists graced the all night event aimed at raising funds for the church's orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) programme alongside the outreach (tent) crusade project. Over E1 300 was raised from the event with all this directed to three OVC under the care of the church. Artists that eventually showed up were; Zaga, Nonhle Mthethwa, Insali kaJehova, Angel D, Ntokozo Dlamini, Gamedze and Lubhuku, Noah and Make Simelane.

Success

"We thank God for the success of the fundraising event even though it fell short of raising the amount needed in meeting our objectives. We extend our appreciation as well to the nation for supporting us but we still appeal for more as the need is huge," leader of the Mpaka based Antioch Church Vuyisile Magagula, commonly known as Pastor LaNdlela, said. She said donations could be forwarded to her via Mobile Money on 7631 9650. Also thanked was Dvokodvweni MP Mduduzi Magagula who contributed E500 to the function. The church also has a tent with chairs to rent out in meeting the objective of looking after the OVC.

Amadodana AseLwandle raises over E6 000 in 30mins

TOP acapella group Amadodana Ase Lwandle is contributing significantly to the construction of a permanent structure of worship for the Methodist Church in their area.

On Sunday, choir members raised over E6 000 in 30 minutes amongst themselves for the ongoing project of constructing the church's hall. Over E350 000 is needed to complete the Lwandle Methodist Church whose construction commenced in November last year. The contribution by choir members would ensure that the assembling of the concrete slab is expedited. This requires about

E40 000 to complete. "Our aim is to help where we can and ensure the community benefits from our presence in the area," said Kwakhe Mkhathswa, Amadodana AseLwandle PRO.

Outreach

He said the choir has several outreach programmes for the community but they decided to start with looking internally before focusing on the needs of the area. "As brethren, we had no permanent structure of worship prior to commencement of this project. We are grateful to the Lwandle Chiefdom that allocated us land where

the Methodists will build a church hall. "In fact, the leadership here has been taking care of us over the years because even the present place of worship belongs to the Lwandle community. We are presently using the youth centre and thus the choir members took it upon themselves to raise funds for the new place of worship," Mkhathswa further said. The new place of worship will accommodate about 800 brethren once completed. Members of the public willing to contribute can contact Amadodana AseLwandle choir Chairman Sifiso Tsela on 7621 3549.

Over 600 youth for Scripture Union National Youth Camp

THE 2019 Scripture Union National Youth Camp to be held at Lozitha High School on April 12 to 14 is expected to attract over 600 young people from various schools across the country.

National Director Nompumelelo Nyawo said they shall gather about 600 young people from

various high schools throughout the country during their annual 2019 camp which would be based on the theme 'Choose life and you shall live'. She said the aim of the camp is to equip young people about making the right choices in life.

"We also want to build positive self-esteem that is needed as the young people journey through the

precarious path of life.

We want to empower them with the right mentality spiritually, academically and financially, among other things," she said.

She said high school age is prime time to the young people's lives, hence they need to be empowered to make the right choices.

Challenges

"They also need the right mentality of addressing the peculiar challenges and laying foundations for the future choices that will make permanent marks in one's life and destiny," she said. She added that the camp fee costs E80 to cater for meals, boarding, and conferencing.

She invited every young person (in and out of school) to participate in this important camp. She added that they recently celebrated 50 years of existence in Botswana where they took a number of young people to the event which she said was a huge success.

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5 800 VOTES, 9 000 LIVE STREAMS FOR FIREFLY

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

MTN Bushfire Pulse Firefly has received 5 800 votes and over 9 000 live streams for this year's competition.

This was revealed by MTN Bushfire Pulse Firefly Coordinator Penny Bouwer yesterday.

Bouwer said they were excited about this year's competition as they have received an impressive number of votes and live streams compared to the previous years.

"The public seems to be more excited about the competition when looking at the votes and the number of live streams on SoundCloud.

"After the voting lines were closed last Thursday, we have received 5 800 votes for our Top 20 artists and we are amazed by the number of votes. The competition will be very tight this time around," she said.

Bouwer also extended her heartfelt gratitude to the public for supporting local artists.

"We do not take it likely, the public has shown massive support for local artists and this shows that they appreciate the work that the artists put in. With such support, local artists surely have a great future in the country," she

... Top 10 to be announced tomorrow

added.

Turning to the 9 000 live streams on SoundCloud, Bouwer said this proves that people were more into the digital world.

"We also wanted people to actually listen to the songs and not have to download them for free so we protect the work of our artists," she added.

"We encourage people to continue to support local artists. We would also love to wish all the Top 20 artists good luck for the Top 10 spot and may the best artists win," Bouwer said.

Furthermore, Bouwer mentioned that they would be announcing the Top 10 tomorrow and will be gearing up to perform at the Finale on May 3 at House on Fire.

She urged all finalists and eventual winners to sing on back-track during their performances.

"The top three winners will be chosen and announced on the night, securing a spot at the MTN Bushfire.

50 per cent of the votes will be public driven and 50

per cent by our esteemed judges. It is imperative that the Top 10 bring their A-game and market their participation effectively as this will also contribute to their final scores," Bouwer concluded.



REVEALED: MTN Bushfire Pulse Firefly Coordinator Penny Bouwer.

30 APPLICANTS FOR BUSHFIRE FEMALE MC

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

THE MTN Bushfire Festival team has received 30 applicants for the female MC auditions.

This was confirmed by MTN Bushfire Festival Communications Officer Wandile Dlamini yesterday.

"We have received about 30 female short biographies and video clips that demonstrate their MC abilities. We are set to hold our first auditions on Friday at House on Fire," Dlamini said.

The lucky winner will co-host at the MTN Bushfire Festival 2019 main stage with Anakhonza.

Over the past years, Anakhonza and radio presenter Sinethemba Dlamini would down the stage and entertain the thousands festival goers.

However, the radio personality will this year not co-host the festival with Anakhonza due to reasons that were not disclosed to this publication.

The 30 female applicants were invited to send a short biography and a video clip that demonstrates their MC abilities using the official audition script, via WhatsApp.

The applicants will be attend-

ing their first auditions tomorrow at House on Fire.

These auditions are an amazing opportunity for contestants to be part of one of Africa's top festivals, hailed in 2016 by CNN as one of the "7 African music festivals you really have to see," and listed by BBC as a "Top African

"We have received about 30 female short biographies and video clips that demonstrate their MC abilities. We are set to hold our first auditions on Friday at House on Fire"

festival."



Cleopatra aka Miss Roses.

Mandisa.

Nomalungelo.

ACASWA MEMBERS REMINDED ABOUT AGM

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

ASSOCIATION of Christian Artists in Swaziland (ACASWA) convener Mathokoza Mtetwa has called upon all gospel artists and groups to attend the Annual General Meeting AGM on April 28 at Caritas Conference Room in Manzini.

Mtewa has further reminded ahead of the AGM gospel artists to also pay their annual subscriptions.

"In terms of Clause 15.2 of the Constitution, the financial year starts April 1 to March 31 of the following year. This means that we are all required to renew our membership by paying the E400 for the year 2019/20 per Clause 15.5," said Mtetwa.

Mtewa said in the absence of the executive committee, payments should be made at the ACASWA approved bank per Clause 15.1, currently being Nedbank, Riverstone Mall branch.

To ensure that all members have



Mathokoza Mtetwa.

paid up, Mtetwa said artists should bring a copy of the bank deposit slip as it will be used as their entry ticket to the AGM.

"No delegates from any group, old or new, which has not paid the due subscription for the year will be allowed to the AGM. "This will also ensure your eligibility to cast your vote for a new executive. All candidates who would like to run for elections in the portfolios of president, secretary general/PRO and treasurer are required to submit their profiles/CVs, inclusive of spiritual names and contacts not later than April 23," he added.

Cleopatra fundraising concert line-up out

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

THE official line-up for the Cleopatra Methula fundraising concert is now out.

Set to perform at the concert are local artists such as Mandisa Mamba, Mdura, Nomalungelo Dladla, Gabriel D, John Philip, Pacific, Isaac Gamedze and Malynn. Nana Sambo will be directing the proceedings. The artists will support the main act who will be country music singer Cleopatra aka Miss Roses. To be held on April 27 at the Eswatini Theatre Club, the show is set to start 7pm.

Speaking to the singer, she said she was hoping that people would attend the show so she is able to raise the funds needed for her to attend the Texas Sound Country Music Awards in the United States of America. Methula was nominated under 'Best Entertainer', 'Best Vocalist' and 'Best Songwriter' under the International Acts section. Not only was the 'Imali' hit-maker nominated in the internationally renowned three-day awards ceremony, but she was also invited to perform. Methula's breakthrough came after

she performed at the inaugural Eswatini Country Music Festival and the renowned Swazi Rally.

Tickets to the fundraising concert are available at Theatre Club and Galito's Mbabane at E100 and E50 for children.

LISWATI ON 'GAME OF THRONES' PRODUCTION TEAM

BY DELISA THWALA

THE much-awaited epic conclusion of 'Game of Thrones' features a local filmmaker

Mgazi Ntshangase is part of the production team of the massive Hollywood series 'Game of Thrones', which is hugely anticipated ahead of the series' screening on M-Net from April 15.

Mgazi is a filmmaker and is currently working with the 'Game of Thrones' production team on Season 8, which is the season finale.

Mgazi's brother Sibusiso posted a picture of his brother with the cast and crew of the 'Game of Thrones' on his Facebook page.

Both brothers are based in the US and Sibusiso is the owner and founder of Jelele FM. Speaking on behalf of his brother, Sibusiso said Mgazi is in the filmmaking industry and has worked on other big productions though he has not officially launched his career.

Decides

"My brother has worked on other big projects though he is not yet ready to share anything with the media but he is a young upcoming film maker," said Sibusiso.

He added that once his brother decides to launch his career, all media



CAST: Mgazi Ntshangase (centre back row) with the cast of TV show 'Game of Thrones'. Back row are Kristian Nairn, Richard Brake, John Bradley and Hempstead Wright. Front row is Hannah Murray and Jerome Flynn.

houses will be informed as he is still trying to build a name for himself.

"His career in the film industry is headed for greatness and all will be shared in due time," he said.

With a huge following, 'Game of Thrones' is an American fantasy drama television series created by David

Benioff and DB Weiss. It is an adaptation of 'A Song of Ice and Fire', George R R Martin's series of fantasy novels, the first of which is 'A Game of Thrones' and has seven seasons which consist of 13 episodes each. The first season was aired April 17, 2011 and the last will be aired on May 19.

Nipsey Hussle murder suspect Eric arrested

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles police have arrested the suspected killer of rapper Nipsey Hussle, who was gunned down outside his clothing store on Sunday.

Police said that 29-year-old Eric Holder was taken into custody after a witness spotted him in Bellflower, about 20 miles from the shooting scene. Police said they believe the shooting stemmed from a personal dispute between Holder and the 33-year-old rapper.

What we know: Eric Holder, 29, of Los Angeles, was taken into police custody on Tuesday.

Police described a dispute between Holder and Hussle of a 'personal nature' and said Holder appeared in front of Hussle's clothing store more than once before shooting him. The LAPD chief said Holder is a member of a gang.

LAPD Commissioner Steve Soboroff read a letter Hussle wrote to the LAPD prior to his death. Soboroff said a planned meeting between the department, members of Hussle's family and his label Roc Nation will continue as scheduled.

The rapper planned to meet with officials to discuss ways to fight gang violence in the city.

Witness tip led police to murder suspect

Responded

Police said a witness called police after they spotted someone who appeared to be Holder in Bellflower, California. Deputies responded and arrested the man.

Holder was transported to a Los Angeles Police Department facility and will be booked for murder.

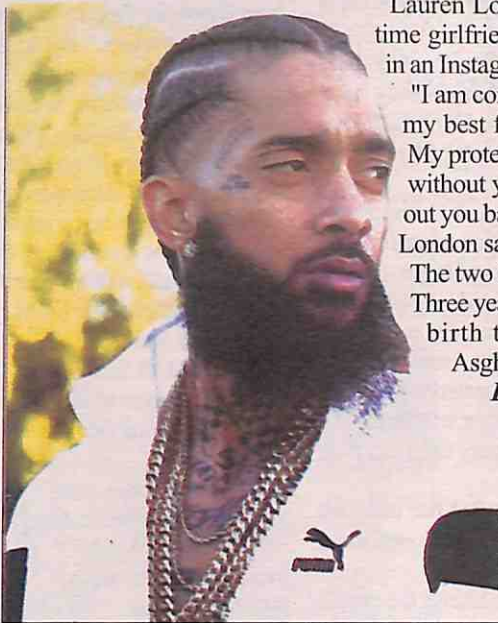
"I've lost my best friend", Lauren London breaks silence

Lauren London, Hussle's long-time girlfriend, broke her silence in an Instagram post on Tuesday.

"I am completely lost. I've lost my best friend. My sanctuary. My protector. My soul. I'm lost without you. We are lost without you babe. I have no words," London said.

The two began dating in 2013. Three years later, London gave birth to their son, Kross Asghedom.

Daily Mail



RIP HUSTLER: Nipple Hussle.

Caribbean Party for Tum's Water World

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA

THOSE longing to be in the Caribbean Islands on Easter weekend should visit Tum's Water World.

The venue will host the launch of the Caribbean party on Good Friday.

The party is aimed at giving the public Caribbean vibes and will be hosted every month.

The purpose of this show is to create a platform for local reggae lovers and reggae artists to showcase their talent.

It is part of the network of reggae artists and shows world-wide named 'Judgement Yaad'.

'Judgement Yaad' also links the international reggae artists with Africa and vice versa.



TO FEATURE: Luttan King.

Foreign supporting groups; Slagga B. Luttan King and Kulcha B from Zimbabwe will perform.

DJ Bree from Malawi will also join the crew. Selectah Talalamu, a DJ, radio presenter and a representative of 'Judgement Yaad' from South Africa, will be present too.

Local artists in the line-up are Ramoolah, Selectah Pachanga, Yaggaman, Mcolisi, Ras BD and Selectah Jiggzo.

Attract

Muzi Ntshangase, one of the organisers, said they wanted to lift the country's tourism and they would soon be hosting a top Jamaican reggae artist.

"We want to bring an audience that can attract companies to promote their brands without fear of cannabis 'stigma'. We are also building a platform where reggae artists can make it to the international community," he said.

Contributions are E80 pre-sale tickets and E100 at the gate.

Another youth summit underway

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

PRUDENTIAL Publishers will be hosting a 'No One Is Smarter Than You' summit which, according to organiser Mduduzi Ginindza, intends to help people discover who they are, know their capabilities and unleash their potentials.

"It is all about equipping people with the necessary information for success and excellence in every endeavour they partake in. I have personally seen that people have ideas but there is lack of knowledge," he said.

He stated that he looked forward to the day of the event as he had so much in store for those who would be attending.

Opportunity

Amongst the speakers will be author Bonkhe Shabangu, who will be talking about 'Social Media Marketing' and unlimited opportunity it comes with.

"I am participating as one of the speakers.

"My focus will be on social media, covering its many facets such as how young people can exploit it for personal development, entrepreneurship in particular.



"I will also unpack how social media insights are interpreted to assess how much impact the visibility has achieved for an individual or organisation," he said.

Engage

He said after the summit, he would then engage with young people who would love to have one-on-ones with him to discuss, at length, projects or ideas that they are currently working

on.

Executive Director of Junior Achievement Siboniso Madlopha is another speaker at the event.

He will be talking about the subject 'How to Venture in The Business World and be Successful'.

'No One Is Smarter Than You' summit will take place on Saturday at the Mbadlana World Vision Conference Hall in Malindza. Entry is free.

Philani Maswati Jazz show



IN SONG: Police Gospel Messengers performing one of their songs at the Philani Maswati Jazz show. The event was held at the old age home in Dvokolwako on Saturday night. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



GIVING THE BEST: Police Brass Band was at their best as they delivered a splending showing.



A section of the audience appreciating one of the performances.



PRESENT: Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi also took time to appreciate the performances. She is joined by Phetsile Dlamini, Senator Inkhosikati LaNdwardwe, Dr Gcinile Buthelezi and Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini.



RENDERING: Local version of South Africa's Soul Brothers known as Nzameya Brothers rendering one of their songs which won them a number of fans on the night.

FULL SWING:
Royal Eswatini Police Service Imbali rendering an electrifying performance.



LIKE THIS: Music lovers dancing to the music rendered on the night.



TAKEN: Gospel music lovers dancing to the music rendered by Police Gospel Messengers.



ALSO THERE: It was an amazing night of entertainment as attendees enjoyed the show.



BEST KNOWN FOR: Sibhaca group from the police also gave an energetic and lively performance which kept all present happy.



Celebville

International Celebrity News

Meghan Markle, Prince Harry join Instagram

LONDON - The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, have joined Instagram. The royal couple joined the social media platform on Tuesday and have already accumulated 1.9m followers, after just one post. "We look forward to sharing the work that drives us, the causes we support, important announcements, and the opportunity to shine a light on key issues," the couple said in their post. In October, the royal family announced that the couple is expecting their first child in 2019, which instantly intensified the fan base for the two. Meghan's



ROYALTY: Meghan Markle and Prince Harry.

sense of style is another attraction for her fans and the page will come in handy for those who follow her looks. **TMZ**

Suspect in rapper Nipsey Hussle shooting arrested

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles police said Tuesday they had arrested the man suspected of murdering rapper Nipsey Hussle, ending a two-day manhunt following the Grammy-nominated artist's shock death.

The LAPD said the suspect, Eric Holder, was in police custody in connection with the fatal shooting, which authorities say was not gang-related.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, who had blamed "senseless gun violence" for the death of 33-year-old Hussle, voiced hope for "justice that Nipsey's family and community deserve" as the arrest was announced.

The killing in broad daylight triggered an outpouring of grief in LA



ARRESTED: Eric Holder.

and among Hussle's superstar peers, who hailed both his musical talents and tireless community organising. **TMZ**

Rhythm City death brings violence home

PRETORIA - There is a ton of death on television, but the graphic demise of little Dineo (Bongi Dlamini) on Rhythm City last night was local TV's most brutal.

The show has defended the storyline that many viewers undoubtedly viewed as callous and sensationalised as demonstrating the dire effect violent crime has on South Africans on a daily basis.

For the past few weeks viewers have been kept glued to their TV screens as the feared gang led by Chicken (Nelson Ntombela) rule the e.tv show.

Chicken lured a young and naïve Dumi (Siyabonga Mtshali) into the life of crime to the horror of his



VIOLANT: Thembi Seete who plays Bongi Dlamini.

guardian and sister Mapula (Mapula Mafole). Last night, Dumi finally decided to break loose of the gang's hold on him, with devastating consequences. **Sowetan**

A-Reece hit back at haters who threw shade at his crew

CAPE TOWN - A-Reece fans found themselves between a rock and a hard place after he released his much anticipated project, Reece Effect on Monday.

They couldn't hate on the many (no seriously many, like a lot) features from his squad, The Wrecking Crew, without hating on him. Fans took to social media to ask the rapper why he had so many features, which is unlike him. They expressed their worry that he was compromising on his own creativity for the sake of appearing to be squad deep. However, when the message final-



HITS BACK: A-Reece.

ly got to Reece, the young rapper politely told the "haters" that they have a choice to walk away if the music ain't for them. **Times Live**

Janet Jackson, Radiohead, The Cure enter Rock Hall of Fame

HOLLYWOOD - Genre-bending acts Radiohead and The Cure led a British invasion into Brooklyn Friday night to take their spots in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, while pop icon Janet Jackson entered the shrine in an induction many industry insiders consider long overdue. American folk rock legend Stevie Nicks became the first woman inducted twice - having already earned a spot in the rock pantheon as a member of band Fleetwood Mac - during a gala concert at New York's Barclays Centre in Brooklyn to celebrate the seven



HALL OF FAME: Janet Jackson.

2019 honourees. Heavy metal group Def Leppard, pop experimentalists Roxy Music and English psychedelic rock harmonists The Zombies rounded out the five-strong class of British inductees. **TMZ**

Nick Cannon looking for next cast mate for 'Wild 'N Out'

NEW YORK - Nick Cannon is looking for the next cast mate to join his 'Wild 'N Out' crew, and that special someone could be you, if you got what it takes!!!

Honchos at MTV tell TMZ, Nick's ready to start touring the country searching for the show's next star, and he's looking for funny people who can freestyle rap, rhyme, crack jokes and light up the room.

Well, all you got to do is send Nick a video, photo and a reason why you'll be perfect for season 13. The submission deadline is April 17, and you must be at least 18 years old to apply.

MTV tells us casting producers

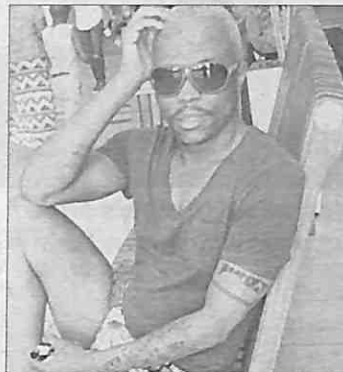


WHO WILL IT BE?: Nick Cannon.

will be inviting select candidates to audition in New York City, Los Angeles and Atlanta in front of Nick. **TMZ**

Somizi on leaving Metro FM breakfast show

AUCKLAND PARK - Radio personality and Idols SA judge has opened up about leaving the Metro FM breakfast show, telling fans that he had to leave to grow his radio career. In the latest rounds of radio changes at Metro FM, Somizi moved from co-hosting the morning show with DJ Fresh to co-hosting the mid-morning show with Dineo Ranaka and Lerato Kganyago. Speaking to fans on Instagram Live on Tuesday night, Somizi opened up about the change. "I miss the Fresh Breakfast Show but truth be told I wasn't really growing there. I was learning a lot from Fresh, but it was time for me to grow my radio career. It wasn't going to happen there because I was really just a contributor." Somizi has brought



OPENS UP: Somizi.

more energy to the mid-morning show, called The Bridge and said he felt like he had found his calling when giving advice on the extremely popular agony aunt-like segment "Ask a Man". **Times Live**

Dineo won't let haters get her down

PRETORIA - Dineo Ranaka is gatvol of the hate that has been thrown her way ever since she's ventured into DJing and she has a stern message for haters. It looks like folks didn't have a problem with Dineo being a reality TV star, singer or radio personality but for some bizarre reason her plans to be a DJ has rubbed some people up the wrong way. But sis ain't here for none of that!

"Y'all haters still gonna spend your time mad AF cause I'm moving yo! To put it simply y'all staying woke on me but sleeping on your damn



NO WAYS: Dineo Ranaka.

selves. I'ma join you though and give myself all that attention," she said on Twitter. **Times Live**

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



SMOKING GUN: Saddam.

Saddam finds the smoking gun he is looking for and points it in the right direction. Mkabayi and Mpiyakhe receive evidence of a massive betrayal. Qondi commits to a costly sacrifice. Iris and Mkabayi go head-to-head.



TODAY



FIXER: Hendrik.

Just as Hendrik fixes his problems with Wendy, new trouble with Lalage hits him. Lincoln attempts to mend fences, but ends up doing the opposite. Sechaba rubs up the women in his life the wrong way.



TODAY



Lindelani is an answer to all prayers. Moliehi's games begin. Gizara initiates his future son in law.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN: Moliehi.



TODAY



Mapula is further traumatised when she sees Dineo's body. Mzi forces David to finally tell the truth about Bongi's murder.

SPEAKS UP: David.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Are you still as hot as you were in high school or it's a long story?



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Don't doubt yourself today, Capricorn. You should be feeling quite strong, although inadequacy could sneak into the picture. This could be because you're having trouble understanding issues that are rather cloudy. Just because things aren't clear doesn't mean they aren't working out in your favour. As long as you remain confident that things will come out fine, they will.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

You're at a creative high point right now, so make sure to nurture this side of your being, Aquarius. It could be that you're in danger of running into an obstacle. Try not to get discouraged. Instead, it may be best for you to reflect on what you've done in the past. Enjoy emotional stability today instead of letting your emotions jump around from one thing to the next.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

You're apt to be in a good mood today, Pisces. The roller coaster of feelings you've been on is finally coming to a stable platform. Get off the ride and enjoy the comfort of solid ground. Take a walk and treat yourself to something you enjoy - ice cream or a new book. Deal with practical issues instead of getting lost in your imagination. You will sleep more soundly tonight if you do.



Aries March 21 – April 19

It's important to be more sensitive toward other people's feelings today, Aries. You may feel more vulnerable than usual. You should do what you can to keep from becoming a victim. Realise that harsh words coming your way now could be a reflection of the harsh words that you've dished out in the past. Ultimately, the events of today could be a good learning experience.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

You're likely to be very aware of things going on around you today, and you may internalize the opinions of others, Taurus. Be careful about opening yourself up so much that you get hurt by someone's offhand, unflattering comment. You will find the most comfort in tangible and stable things. Enjoy the material pleasures in life.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

You may be working on a large project that draws on your creative energy, Gemini. In terms of long-term goals and dreams, this sort of project is right up your alley. Today you might hit a snag or some sort of emotional block that could make it hard for you to continue. Slow down and take a break. Don't get discouraged.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

Don't be surprised if someone rubs you the wrong way today, Cancer. It's likely that pressure has been building in other people's minds for quite some time. They might have been afraid to share their feelings before simply because they were too intimidated to say anything that might cross you. The molten lava has finally gotten hot enough and the volcano is about to erupt.



Leo July 23 – August 22

It's possible that you've relied on your imagination to pull you out of tough situations lately, Leo. When the real world begins to get you down, you can always turn to your fantasy world. On this day, there's a stubborn blast of realism that might bring you down and keep you there. Unless you've prepared for this grounding force, you could have trouble lifting off again.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

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Libra September 23 – October 23

You may be faced with a difficult choice today in a particular area of your life, Libra. It's likely the dilemma stems from a desire to follow your creative, imaginative spirit, while another part of you feels held down to things more practical and grounded. See what you can do to combine the two forces and fuse them into one powerful manifestation.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Today a bubble of confusion clouds your reality, making it difficult to decide what to do next, Scorpio. Be careful that you don't tie your stomach in knots from the tension created by your mental confusion. Problems with indigestion are likely now because of your worries over what your next step should be. Relax and go with the flow. Things will work out fine.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Try not to be too swayed by your emotions today, Sagittarius. You might get in trouble if you get carried away with a drama that doesn't pertain to you in any way. Your connection to other people's feelings could draw you into a maelstrom. Keep in mind that your imagination is your life raft. Do what you can to distance yourself from the emotional trauma that surrounds you.



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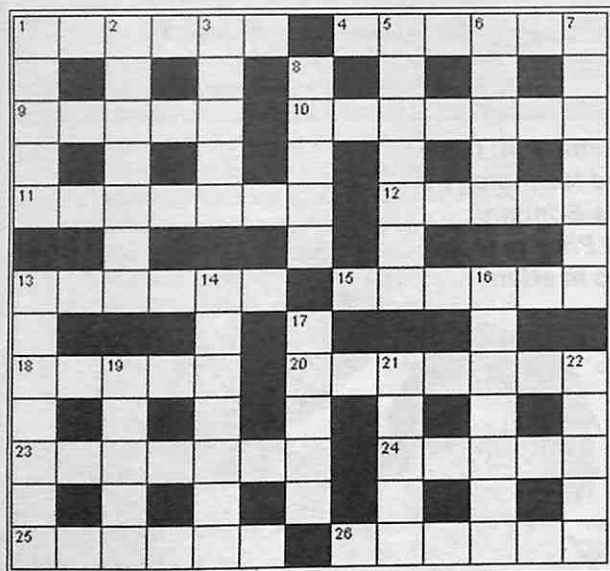
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

True or False Crossword

In this crossword there are two clues for each word. Can you work out which is true and which is false?



DOWN

1. UNINTENDED / INTENDED (5)
2. REPEL / WELCOME (7)
3. BIRDS / FROGS (5)
5. LUXURIOUS / STARK (7)
6. FRINGE BENEFITS / LIABILITIES (5)
7. ALIKE / OPPOSITE (7)
8. SOUP / BREAD (5)
13. SINCERE / INSINCERE (7)
14. INSECT / FISH (7)
16. EVEN / UNEVEN (7)
17. SNAKE / MAMMAL (5)
19. TOOL / PLANK (5)
21. CEREAL GRASS / FRUIT (5)
22. SHIELD / WEAPON (5)

ACROSS

1. OPTICAL ILLUSION / REALITY (6)
4. BASKETBALL COURT / UNIVERSITY GROUNDS (6)
9. COPIOUS / SCARCE (5)
10. VESTRY / PODIUM (7)
11. HIGHEST / LOWEST (7)
12. PAINTING / TRIPOD (5)
13. PUTS IN / THROWS OUT (6)
15. MORE EXPENSIVE / LESS EXPENSIVE (6)
18. HORSE / JOCKEY (5)
20. HEALS / INJURES (7)
23. BUILDING / SUBWAY (7)
24. ICE HUT / LOG CABIN (5)
25. BANK EMPLOYEE / DOCTOR (6)
26. MOVED AWAY / APPROACHED (6)

LOL

Laughing out Loud

HOW WERE PEOPLE BORN

A child asked his father, "How are people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same ques-

tion and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

DID YOU KNOW

1. If you somehow found a way to extract all of the gold from the bubbling core of our lovely little planet, you would be able to cover all of the land in a layer of gold up to your knees.
2. McDonalds calls frequent buyers of their food "heavy users."
3. The average person spends six months of their lifetime waiting on a red light to turn green.
4. The largest recorded snowflake was in Keogh, MT during year 1887, and was 15 inches wide.

MOVIE QUIZ

Yesterday's Quiz

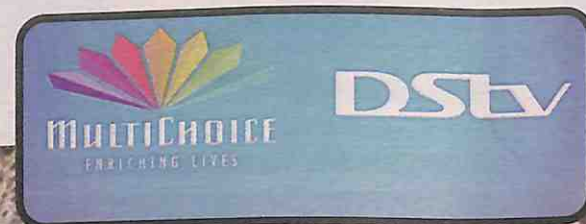
1. Which Welsh actor starred with Jodie Foster in "The Silence of the Lambs"?
A. Anthony Hopkins

Today's Quiz

1. Which Bob starred in "Mona Lisa" before finding it "good to talk"?
A. Stallone B. Hoskins



MULTICHOICE ESWATINI ENRICHES LIVES



THROUGH the MultiChoice Talent Factory Masterclass, producers, directors and script writers were up-skilled by Pan-African storytelling, and creative consultant Allison Triegaardt.

This was a powerful two day workshop that took place at the Royal Swazi Spa Hotel the past week.

The MultiChoice Talent Factory Masterclasses offers exclusive access to practical, industry expert-led skills workshops that afford film and television professionals the ability to interact and learn from the best in Africa and the world.

The objective of the MultiChoice Talent Factory Masterclasses is to formalise MultiChoice's long-standing but ad-hoc efforts to address industry concerns such as accessibility, opportunity, and quality in local productions. All Master class workshops are conducted by leading African and international industry experts.

The Storytelling Masterclass was made possible through collaboration with MultiChoice Eswatini, the ministry of information communication and technology, Eswatini Broadcasting and Information Services, Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture, EIFTPA, ESTVA and Limkokwing University. This is advantageous for the local film industry as it addresses the skills gap and Emaswati are empowered through the production of quality work as they become content providers for the DSTV platform. "I would like to thank Phešheya Dube, Director of Information and Media Development at the ministry of ICT, Bongani Dlamini ESTVA CEO, Martin Dlamini EBIS Director, Stanley Dlamini ENCAC CEO, Nhlanhla Zwane from EIFTPA and Rheli Mugisha from Limkokwing University for the collaboration and their efforts in making sure that MultiChoice Eswatini hosted a successful masterclass in storytelling," said MultiChoice Eswatini General Manager Phumi Drummond. MultiChoice Africa's legacy is to showcase Africa's diversity and rich culture through the continent's deep-rooted storytelling history.

The African entertainment industry is at the core of who we are and what we do. MultiChoice Africa recognises the critical role we can play in building and strengthening the creative industries across Africa – our 17 local M-Net channels are available in a variety of regional languages, telling original African stories.

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The MultiChoice Talent Factory (MTF) is a shared-value initiative that provides a platform for the creative industries to develop their talent and engage with one



Producers, directors and script writers captured with Pan-African storytelling, and creative consultant Allison Triegaardt and MultiChoice Eswatini General Manager Phumi Drummond during the MultiChoice Talent Factory Masterclasses at Royal Villas last week.



Ministry of information, communication and technology's representatives Bongani Mkhali and Phešheya Dube were also in attendance.

another through their shared passions.

Compiled by
Ayanda Dlamini



Bheki Howe (c) gestures as he accepts his certificate of completion from Allison Triegaardt and Phumi Drummond.



Poet and script writer Dzeli Mdluli receiving her certificate from Phumi Drummond.

Allison Triegaardt with Bobo Shongwe posing for the lense with their certificates of completion.

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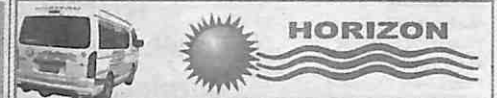
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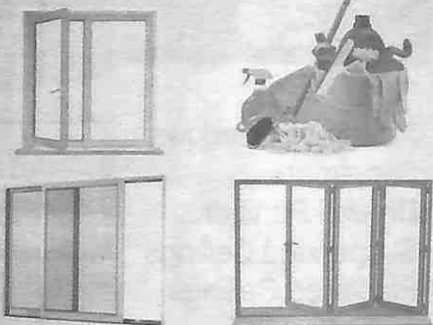
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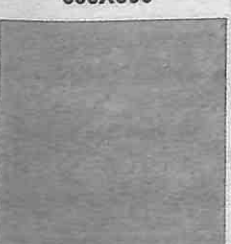
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 Funeral: 07/04/2019
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Place: Mkhulamini

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Queeneth Bongile Sibandze


 Funeral: 07/04/2019
Vigil: 06/04/2019
Place: Ntabamhloshana

Relatives and friends of Queeneth Bongile Sibandze are notified that she has passed on. She will be laid to rest on Sunday 07 April 2019 after a night vigil on 6th April 2019 at her homestead in Ntabamhloshana Ngculwini. Announcement by her Family.



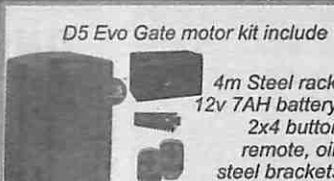
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Bucs could face Wits without Memela

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates team doctor Ezekiel Matebula has revealed the extent of midfielder Luvuyo Memela's injury suffered against Mamelodi Sundowns.

Memela was stretchered off immediately after colliding with Sundowns skipper Hlompho Kekana, who has since issued a public apology for his challenge, at the Orlando Stadium on Monday.

The 31-year-old has had terrible fortune with injuries this season, having missed the first seven months of the

campaign through a knee injury before returning in February.

Having managed two goals and an assist in his eight games recently, Amigo is now at risk of missing his side's next league assignment away to Bidvest Wits this weekend.

Laceration

"Luvuyo suffered a deep laceration to the right anterior thigh," Dr Matebula told Pirates' website.

"The laceration was 4cm by 2.5cm deep extending to the fascia and was bleeding profusely [on Monday night].

"The wound was cleaned and sutured on the inside and the skin closure done with four nylon stitches.

Precaution

"Anti-tetanus toxoid vaccine and antibiotics were also given as precaution."

As things stand, Thembinkosi Lorch is already ruled out for Saturday's encounter after picking up his fourth successive yellow card this season against Sundowns.

Pirates visit The Clever Boys on Saturday afternoon (15h00).

Kick-Off

He has had a big impact - Matip

LONDON - Joel Matip has claimed that Liverpool team-mate Virgil van Dijk is so good that he has improved the rest of Jurgen Klopp's squad.

Van Dijk has been in incredible form for the Reds this term, making 39 appearances in all competitions and helping them to the top of the Premier League table.

The Dutchman is one of the favourites to win the PFA Player of the Year award, but Matip believes he brings more to Liverpool than just his own performances.

"He's a great defender," Matip told Premier League Productions.

"And being around him, I think everybody improves. He has had a big impact on the improvement. It's great to play [with] him. He's a complete defender and he knows what to do.

"Every defender does things a little bit differently. You always need some time to really know each other. This is normal. I think we need this time in a good way and this is working most of the time quite well."

Matip has also impressed this season, starting each of the last 12 games after recovering from a fractured collarbone.

However, with competition from Joe Gomez and Dejan Lovren, the Cameroon defender is not taking his place in Klopp's starting XI for granted.



GAME CHANGER: Virgil van Dijk.

"It's not too bad; I always know that I have to improve but it's a good feeling to be on the pitch and to play," he said.

"If you win it's also not too bad. I'm happy. But you know you have always to improve, to get better, to be part of the team."

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Ozil best player I've played with - Marco Reus

DORTMUND - Marco Reus has named Mesut Ozil as the best footballer he's had the chance to play alongside in his career, with the Borussia Dortmund star having lined up with the Arsenal man in the German national team.

Reus has played alongside the likes of Robert Lewandowski, Mario Gotze, Toni Kroos and Germany's all-time top scorer Miroslav Klose throughout his career, but it was the Gunners' midfield orchestrator that stood out above the rest for the Dortmund captain.

Sadly for Reus, Ozil has retired from international football following a breakdown in relationship with the German Football Association (DFB), alleging discrimination from the body and the German media, meaning a future collaboration seems unlikely.

Following that, the 30-year-old found himself on the fringes of Arsenal's first team after the appointment of Unai Emery, with the playmaker seemingly struggling to adapt to the rigours of the Spanish boss' training and tactical approach.

Award

A recent 2-0 win over Newcastle saw Ozil-old pick up the award for man of the match, however, and Reus hopes that his favourite player will be able to kick on and become a more permanent feature in Emery's starting XI.

"Mesut Ozil," Reus told Copa 90 when quizzed on the best player he has played with. "The way he creates goals... he's a player with a really good eye for his team-mates. He has so many assists in the Premier League and with the national team.

"He's just an intelligent player and you can see that right away with a first glance. I always enjoyed playing with him and that's why it's a pity he's taken a step back. I hope he'll get back to form and return to playing regularly for Arsenal."

A dip in his own club's form saw a healthy lead at the top of the Bundesliga table drop down to just two between Dortmund and Bayern Munich, with a clash between the two German powerhouses taking place on Saturday.

A run of three straight wins since that hiccup has restored some momentum ahead of the weekend's big match and the Dortmund captain has been doing his best to ease the pressure on his team-mates as they target their first Bundesliga title since 2011-12.

Goal



THE BEST: Sami Khedira, Marco Reus and Mesut Ozil during a game.

'You can reach 1 000 goals'

PARIS - Football legend Pele told Kylian Mbappe on Tuesday that he believes the French World Cup winner can emulate his own achievement of scoring 1 000 career goals.

The 78-year-old Brazilian claims to have netted over 1 000 goals in his career, while Mbappe has so far managed 103 in total, with 92 of those coming at the top level.

"It's possible, I scored exactly 1 025, so 1 000 goals is possible for him," Pele told AFP in Paris, where he met Mbappe at a sponsor event for Hublot watches.

Mbappe, who last year became only the second teenager to score in a World Cup final after Pele in France's 4-2 victory over Croatia, played down Pele's comments.

"I think that even if we count the goals on inter-city pitches and goals on the PlayStation, I won't be able to reach the 1 000-goal mark," said the 20-year-old Paris Saint-Germain

forward.

"We will try to get as close as we can, but I think I'll be a long way off it at the end of my career."

Mbappe has scored 32 goals in all competitions for PSG this season, including 27 from only 24 Ligue 1 appearances.

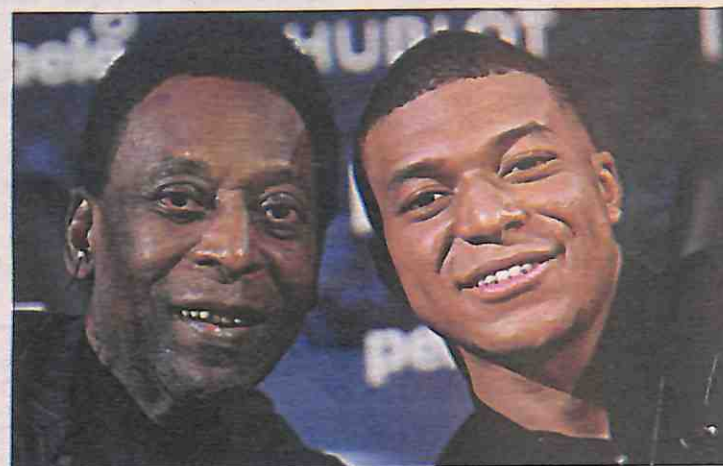
Pele was only 21 when he won his second World Cup in 1962, adding a third eight years later.

"There's only one 'King' and he's there," said Mbappe. "I'm just Kylian, I'm trying to do my best to help my team and my national side.

"The comparisons are flattering but I know very well that I will never do what he did."

It was not the first time that Mbappe has had to temper comparisons with Pele, after a rush to crown him a future footballing great during the World Cup in Russia, where he scored four goals in total.

AFP



YOU CAN DO IT: Pele and Mbappe are the only players to have scored in a World Cup final as teenagers.

Solskjaer's top-four hopes suffer major blow at Molineux

LONDON - Manchester United were unfortunate to be beaten 2-1 by Wolves at Molineux on Tuesday evening but there is little margin for error now. Adam Bate takes a look at the positives and negatives for United.

How Ole Gunnar Solskjaer must be sick of Molineux. For all the talk from both camps of how this would be a very different game to the FA Cup quarter-final between the teams last month, Wolves beat Manchester United 2-1 once again. Having already been denied their best chance of a trophy here, United's top-four ambitions have now taken a major dent too.

Games

In truth, it was a different kind of game and United were far from poor. They started strongly, taking the lead through Scott McTominay, and had 12 shots to Wolves' two in the second half despite seeing Ashley Young sent off before the hour mark.

The only two saves that David de Gea made after the interval were from Chris Smalling and Victor Lindelof.

With Rui Patricio in fine form at the other end, it was that sort of evening and



Ole Gunnar Solskjaer could only bemoan his misfortune against Wolves.

Solskjaer argued as much afterwards by reminding everyone that this is football, not mathematics.

"You cannot control the result can you? We can control what we do on the pitch, performance wise, and we have played well enough tonight to win the game."

Nevertheless, it will grate with Solskjaer that both goals his team conceded were

sloppy ones - the sort of mistakes that can undermine any good work. "We created our own downfall really," he admitted.

That's three defeats in four games now. A bit of the shine that he has managed to put on the second half of United's season is in danger of being removed. *Sky Sports*

What hope does Italy have of kicking out racism

...when Bonucci justifies Kean abuse?

TURIN - The American political activist Eldridge Cleaver once said, "There is no more neutrality in the world. You either have to be part of the solution, or you're going to be a part of the problem."

On Tuesday evening, Leonardo Bonucci chose the latter.

After seeing and hearing his club and international team-mate Moise Kean racially abused throughout Juventus' 2-0 win at Cagliari, the defender staggeringly accused the Italian-born son of Ivorian parents of provocation.

Crime

Kean's crime? Having the temerity to silently celebrate scoring his side's second goal in front of those who had spent the preceding 85 minutes abusing him.

"Kean knows that when he scores a goal, he has to focus on celebrating with his team-mates," Bonucci told *Sky Sport Italia*. "He knows he could've done something differently too." There were racist jeers after the goal, Blaise heard it and was angered. I think the blame is 50-50, because Moise shouldn't have done

that and the Curva should not have reacted that way.

"We are professionals, we have to set the example and not provoke anyone. I prefer to talk about the great performance." And with that, Bonucci moved on, apparently feeling that he had adequately addressed the issue that had completely overshadowed the game in Sardegna, and continues to overshadow the game as a whole.

Happily, former Italy defender Daniele Adani wasn't done talking about it. He was understandably mortified by this latest embarrassing episode for Italian football and even more depressed by his certainty that, once again, nothing would be done about it. "We have made a sh*t impression on the world for the umpteenth time," he told *Sky Sport*. "It is a defeat for everyone. It's truly disgusting."

"We need to identify those 20, 100, however many imbeciles, and get them the f*ck out, as happens in foreign leagues."

Remarkably, Cagliari president Tommaso Giulini took issue with Adani's comments, accusing him of "self-righteous" moralising. *Goal*



The defender shamefully accusing his Juventus team-mate of provoking the racist abuse he received in Cagliari merely emboldens the ignorant.

Jantjie had R4.5m contract signed with Wits

JOHANNESBURG - Ratshibvumo Mulovhedzi says the contract his client Sinethemba Jantjie had signed with Bidvest Wits would have changed the player's life for the better.

The winger, who lost his life in a vehicle accident on Monday morning, was supposed to move from Free State Stars to Wits at the end of the season after signing a pre-contract in January.

Jantjie is the second player from Ea Lla Koto to die in a car accident after Richard Henyekane passed away in 2015.

Mulovhedzi, of Rush Hour Sports Management, says he learned of his client's passing through Stars general manager Rantsi Mokoena.

"What I can say is, this is sad news, it's sad the way this boy left us. Rantsi called me early in the morning at 6am to inform me," Mulovhedzi tells *KickOff.com*.

"What hurts is I had managed to get him a contract at Wits that was supposed to start in two months, his contract was worth R4.5-million at Wits."

"I spoke to him yesterday [last Sunday] and he was telling me that he wanted to leave Free State Stars knowing that the team is safe [from relegation]. He said he wanted to score against Baroka and Highlands Park."

"We had already found a house for him in Joburg, and another thing again we made an investment at Old Mutual. Another thing is I was his 'parent' because me and him we talked about everything. I scouted him in Cape Town, now I'm doing all the arrangements [for his funeral]. *Kickoff*

EKSTEIN STILL WAITING ON CHIEFS COUNTER OFFER

JOHANNESBURG - Contrary to media reports, Kaizer Chiefs midfielder Hendrick Ekstein has still not met with Amakhosi to discuss a counter offer for a new contract.

'Pule' made a return to the Amakhosi starting line-up and scored as they beat Cape Town City 2-0 at Mbombela Stadium last weekend in the Nedbank Cup.

The 27-year-old midfielder missed the Glamour Boys' last two matches before that win in Mpumalanga on

Sunday.

According to sources close to both Amakhosi and Pule, the player and club have not yet met again to discuss a new offer after the player declined the club's initial proposal.

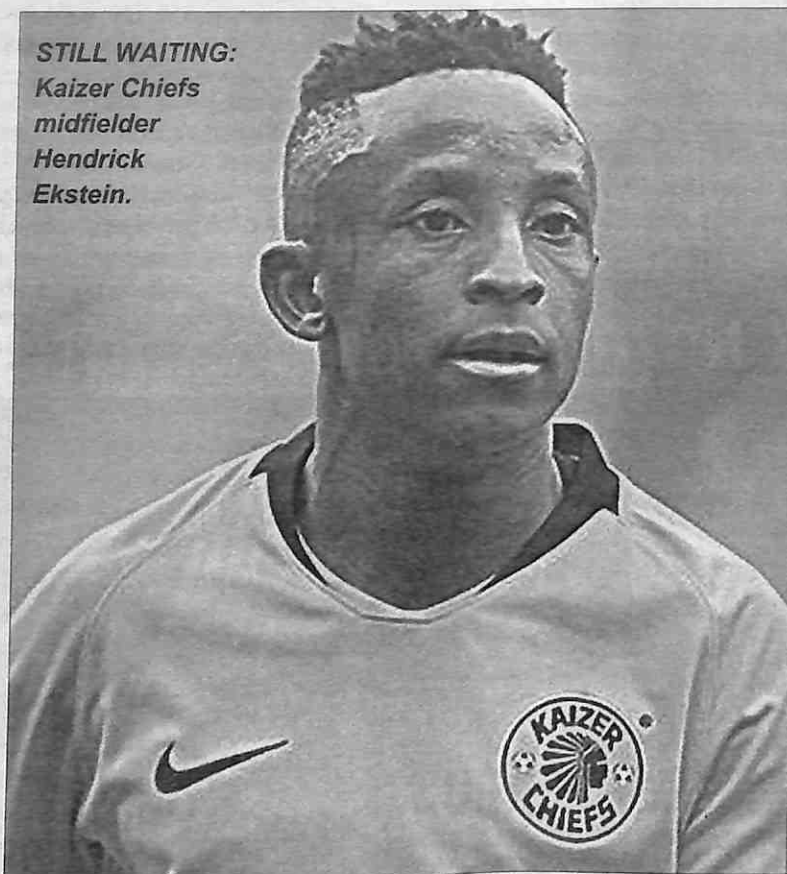
Movement

"The situation is still the same. There is still no movement from the previous situation," the source tells *KickOff.com*.

"The player is still waiting for the club to come with a better offer."

Kick-off

STILL WAITING:
Kaizer Chiefs
midfielder
Hendrick
Ekstein.



Mamelodi Sundowns, Wayne Arendse found guilty

JOHANNESBURG - The Premier Soccer League yesterday released the verdict handed down by the Disciplinary Committee regarding Mamelodi Sundowns' fielding of Wayne Arendse.

Arendse was drafted onto Sundowns' teamsheet beyond the prescribed deadline in their 1-1 ABSA Premiership draw with Bidvest Wits over a month ago, and was subsequently fielded in the starting line-up.

Upon review of the matter, the PSL DC have since found the club and the player guilty of contravening the rules, but have reserved their sanction until defence submissions have been made by The Brazilians.

"The Premier Soccer League Disciplinary Committee has delivered verdict on matters involving Mamelodi Sundowns, Mr Wayne Arendse and Mr Pitso Mosimane," read a statement from The League.

"In the first matter involving Mamelodi Sundowns and Wayne

Arendse, the Disciplinary Committee found both the club and the player guilty of misconduct.

"This is after Mamelodi Sundowns fielded Mr. Arendse whilst he was ineligible to play in the ABSA Premiership fixture against Bidvest Wits on 7 October 2018."

"Sanction will be handed down once all the parties have made submissions to the Disciplinary Committee."

Meanwhile, coach Pitso Mosimane has also been found guilty over the incident in which he was accused of assaulting one of AmaZulu's officials, with the DC similarly reserving the sanction.

"In the second matter arising from an incident between AmaZulu and Mamelodi Sundowns on 01 September 2018, Mr Pitso Mosimane was charged with misconduct after he allegedly assaulted AmaZulu team security official, Mr. Satchmo Ngwenya by punching him in the face," further read the statement.

REGIONAL LOGS

STANDINGS

MELUSI MLOTSA

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Dabulamanzi Civil Works	22	17	3	2	47	13	34	54
Royal Swallows	21	16	4	1	52	11	41	52
Ludzudze Killers	23	14	5	4	38	12	26	47
Saonkhe	23	11	10	2	31	11	20	43
Stumbo's XI	23	11	8	4	37	20	17	42
Nzuka United	23	11	6	6	43	27	16	39
Villa Stars	23	11	6	6	31	18	13	39
Moyeni United	23	9	4	7	27	33	-6	34
Timbuni	23	9	4	7	27	33	-6	34
Ludzudze Brothers	23	9	4	7	27	33	-6	34
Mhlaleni United	23	9	4	7	27	33	-6	34
Luvu Cosmos	22	6	5	11	23	34	-11	23
Current Toasters	22	4	5	14	20	45	-21	17
Young Warriors	22	5	3	15	24	33	-13	17
Bad Boys	22	3	8	11	22	33	-11	16
Boyane Young Aces	22	2	2	18	11	68	-57	8
Thukozobona	23	0	1	22	0	66	-66	1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Fairview Chiefs	22	13	7	2	42	17	25	46
Siboniso SeLwandle	22	12	7	3	39	17	22	43
Kholwane Flying Birds	22	12	6	4	48	27	21	42
Wonderful Touch	22	11	7	4	40	22	18	40
Green Way	22	10	8	4	35	21	14	38
FC North	21	10	5	6	35	22	13	35
The Bones	22	10	6	6	34	22	12	35
African Chiefs	21	7	8	6	23	19	4	29
Two Shoks Comrades	22	8	5	9	33	37	-4	29
Manzini United	21	8	2	11	30	37	-7	26
Maliyuduma United	22	7	5	10	27	35	-8	26
Home Sparrows	21	5	10	6	18	23	-5	25
Combine Stars	22	6	5	11	37	40	-3	23
Superstars	22	6	2	14	19	46	-27	20
Young Tigers	22	4	6	12	23	35	-12	18
Lwandle Classic	22	0	1	21	0	63	-63	0

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Chaos LTD	15	10	1	4	27	16	11	31
City Eagles	15	9	3	3	35	22	13	30
Nzwane Park	15	10	0	5	23	17	6	30
Bradford University	14	8	3	3	35	18	17	27
Brema United	14	6	5	3	25	20	5	23
Healing Boys	15	5	2	8	20	27	-7	17
Nhlambeni United	14	4	4	6	19	20	-1	16
New Generations	15	3	6	6	23	29	-6	15
God's Property	15	0	7	8	10	25	-15	7
Big XI	14	2	1	11	14	37	-23	7

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Lozini Spurs	23	20	2	1	69	21	48	62
Zombodze United	22	15	4	3	54	26	28	49
Supersport	23	13	4	6	65	31	34	43
Kwaluseni United	22	12	5	5	40	21	19	41
Sacrament	23	12	3	8	48	31	17	39

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Real Professionals	21	11	4	6	44	32	12	37
Nsenga Comrades	22	9	5	8	38	41	-3	32
Gocweni Trompies	22	9	6	8	42	31	11	31
Dark City	22	7	5	7	29	38	-9	26
Fashion International	23	7	4	12	34	39	-5	25
Kwaluseni Rebels	22	6	6	10	28	35	-7	24
Mhlaleni United	22	5	4	13	28	52	-24	19
Ntunya Arsenal	23	6	1	16	30	72	-42	19
Zania United	23	4	6	13	26	50	-24	18
Sihlathweni Amajita	16	4	2	10	27	43	-16	13
FC Logoba	22	4	0	17	18	57	-39	12

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Giant Clockwork	22	16	2	4	45	18	27	50
Gum Valley	22	16	1	5	63	34	29	49
Boyane United	22	14	4	4	66	31	35	48
Ngonini United	21	14	3	4	62	12	50	45
Ludzudze Celtics	20	13	6	3	63	27	36	45
Umtfuti	20	14	3	3	53	23	30	45
Mhlaleni Superstars	22	13	3	6	49	26	23	42
Matsapha Town	22	12	5	5	54	27	27	41
Ludzudze Kicks	22	11	4	7	32	17	15	37
Mahashulane	23	10	2	11	39	43	-4	32
Zero Boys	23	8	4	11	35	49	-14	27
AFC Heroes	23	7	5	11	42	43	-1	26
Nsenga Shagani XI	22	7	2	13	32	47	-15	23
Ludzudze	21	4	3	14	22	60	-38	15
Bafana bafana	18	4	0	14	14	48	-34	12
Manila Stars	23	3	1	19	30	62	-32	10
Nkamazi AK47	21	2	2	17	28	111	-83	7
	17	0	0	17	0	51	-51	0

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Victory Nomads	22	16	2	4	40	16	24	50
Swazi Can United	23	12	9	2	39	21	18	45
Don Don	23	11	9	3	37	18	19	42
Golden Arrows	23	13	3	7	31	19	12	42
Troublemakers	23	10	6	7	23	19	4	36
Cutter Cosmos	23	9	7	7	24	28	-4	34
Star Point	23	8	6	9	21	26	-5	30
Gebeni	23	7	7	9	38	35	3	28
Makhungutsha	23	6	8	9	27	33	-6	26
Ngodini	22	7	4	11	34	33	1	25
Ndinda Volcano	22	7	4	11	23	27	-4	25
Power Sparks	23	5	9	9	26	30	-4	24
Phondo	22	6	6	10	23	30	-7	24
Vuka Aces	22	5	8	9	25	35	-10	23
Mahlanya United	22	5	6	11	20	33	-13	21
Malikens FC	23	5	4	14	14	42	-28	19

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Ntandozi	20	15	4	1	37	14	23	49
Red Swallows	19	15	2	2	45	19	26	47
Dynamite Hotspurs	18	12	4	2	36	10	26	40
Idonjane Arsenal	19	9	3	7	32	28	4	30

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Bethany United	19	7	6	6	26	21	5	27
Home Boys	20	6	6	8	31	36	-5	24
Survivor	20	5	8	7	18	24	-6	23
Thunderbolt	19	5	7	7	28	37	-9	22
Skom Boys	19	5	5	9	26	29	-3	20
Mphofana United	19	5	5	9	16	20	-4	20
Ndlinilembi	19	6	2	11	24	29	-5	20
FC Navara	19	4	4	11	23	40	-17	16
Usuthu Rangers	20	1	4	15	16	51	-35	7

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Zama United	25	21	2	2	71	26	45	65
Colani United	25	19	4	2	69	26	43	61
Luvu Stars	26	16	5	5	83	23	60	53
Sangotfo	26	15	6	5	56	31	25	51
Ngonini Y. Aces	25	14	6	5	61	33	28	48
White Killers	26	14	6	6	52	27	25	48
All Nations	25	15	3	7	48	36	12	48
Bantu City	26	12	8	6	58	39	19	43
Liverpool	23	12	6	5	55	29	26	42
Moyeni	26	10	5	11	38	31	7	35
Manchester United	26	9	6	11	45	56	-11	31
Luvu Classic	26	9	4	13	49	66	-17	31
Luvu Suncity	26	8	6	12	34	34	0	30
Step Ahead	26	8	5	13	37	47	-10	29
Toronto	24	7	6	11	35	47	-12	27
Mbusheni Brothers	26	7	6	13	33	45	-12	27
Manthonga	26	7	4	13	18	40	-22	24
Executive FC	25	4	3	17	23	64	-41	15
All Stars	24	4	2	18	26	73	-47	14
Miba Rangers	24	3	3	18	27	67	-40	12
Luvu Home Defenders	26	3	0	23	24	##	##	9

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Louis XIV	20	15	2	3	61	15	46	47
Kukhanyeni	20	15	2	3	49	14	35	47
Nyakeni Cosmos	19	12	5	2	38	17	21	41
Brave Lion	20	10	4	4	27	6	21	40
Lion Heart	20	12	5	3	39	16	23	39
Mphola Celtics	22	11	5	6	38	25	13	38
Nyakeni Heroes	22	10	6	6	45	30	15	36
Bhekinkhosi	22	10	4	8	34	23	11	34
Ngwazini	20	8	6	5	32	27	5	29
Umsihla We-Dortmund	22	6	6	10	24	28	-4	24
1995 Mbuluzana	20	7	2	11	29	40	-11	23
Subamrine	20	6	4	10	19	36	-17	21
Nyakeni United	21	5	5	11	18	39	-21	20
Estate Classic	20	4	6	10	21	33	-12	18
Mdayane	21	4	6	11	24	41	-17	17
Nyakeni Trompies	21	3	6	11	19	41	-22	15
Young Killers	21	3	5	13	20	49	-29	14
Sporting Londovu	19	0	0	19	0	57	-57	0

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Bhulda Celtics	23	21	1	1	71	14	57	64
Mlamuleni United	22	17	5	0	61	15	46	56

Nkong Pirates	22	17	2	3	75	29	46	53
Dynamos	24	16	4	4	64	16	48	52
Khamatfo	21	15	5	1	45	15	30	50
Young Cannibals	23	14	4	5	50	18	32	46
Vulamehlo Classic	21	12	5	4	36	20	16	41
Madubula Rovers	23	11	5	7	45	34	11	38
Ntabamhoshana	24	10	3	11	37	34	3	33
Vultures	22	6	4	10	36	48	-12	27
Mafulutseni United	23	7	5	11	35	47	-12	26
Supersport	22	7	4	11	28	38	-10	25
Timbuni Combine Stars	23	6	5	12	32	43	-11	23
Ma-G-Man	20	7	1	12	24	38	-14	22
Emataliyane	22	5	4	13	24	37	-13	19
Timbuni All Stars	22	4	6	12	21	40	-19	18
Diamond Hunters	20	4	1	12	20	52	-32	13
Sicamelo Sa-Chief	21	2	1	18	14	79	-65	6
Mkhuzweni United	36	1	1	34	5	##	##	4

SHUKUMA ESWATINI

HISTORIC NIGHT FOR SPORTS

...glitzy affair at Esibayeni Lodge pinnacle of the kingdom's ultimate reward programme

BY DUMISANI NTIWANE
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SHU...Shu...Shukuma Eswatini! Greetings and welcome to yet another edition of your favourite column, Shukuma Eswatini.

As per our promise, the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) successfully delivered bigger and better National Sports Awards. This was the second instalment of the awards after the first, which were staged in 2017.

Last Saturday, at the Esibayeni Lodge, Esangweni Hall in Matsapha, it was glitz and glamour as local sports celebrated excelling stars and administrators. Remember, the awards are the ultimate reward programme of sport in the kingdom. The awards seek to recognise and motivate excellence in sport participation by all sport practitioners.

Saturday's event was the pinnacle of the ultimate reward programme, which was launched a few months ago by the SNSRC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Darius Dlomo.

The country's finest gathered to celebrate local excellence in the sporting fraternity. It was a glitzy affair, as already stated and congratulations are in order to the winners.

Attendees

However, we at the SNSRC recognise all the nominees as winners. In fact, local sports were the biggest winners in the night.

That is why this column takes this opportunity to congratulate everyone, from the nominees, to the attendees



BEST OF THE BEST: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga shakes hands with boxer Zweli Dlamini during the presentation.

for making it a special night for local sports. It was a night to remember. It turned out to be a historical event. The event actually marked the coming of age for local sports. Indeed, the face of sports in the kingdom will never be the same again.

Special praise is reserved for the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, Honourable Harries 'Madze' Bulunga for making time in his busy schedule to be part of the event that attracted scores of people.

We would also like to unreservedly appreciate the country's legendary goalkeeper and one of the most impressive exports in our football, William 'Cool Cat' Shongwe for also gracing the event. We were honoured by the

presence of some of the government high ranking officials in the event.

Impressive

It would not have been a great night for sports had the public not turned up in impressive numbers. Records were broken on the evening, as we recorded a full house. The attendance this time was simply awesome.

The Sports Star category recorded impressive voting numbers. Most will recall that this was the only category that was voted for and the winner Zweli Dlamini amassed a staggering 400 395 votes to win the award.

It was a very tight competition, as all the nominees put up a brave fight. There was, however, to be only one winner on the night.

THE NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS 2019 WINNERS

Outstanding Junior Sportsman	- Melusi Lukhele (Taekwondo)
Outstanding Junior Sportswoman	- Michelle Amor Shen
Outstanding Sportsman with a Disability	- Thobani Zikalala (Judo)
Outstanding Sportswoman with a Disability	- Nomsa Mkhonta (Disability)
Outstanding Sports Team	- Correctional Sunrise Ladies Volleyball team (Volleyball)
Outstanding Coach	- Mbuso Vilakati (Volleyball)
Outstanding Sports Administrator	- Bhokisisa 'Bizzah' Mkhonta (Football)
Outstanding Sports Journalist	- Ashmond Nzima (Media)
Outstanding Sportsman	- Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa (Athletics)
Outstanding Sportswoman	- Ericka Seyama (Athletics)
Outstanding Sports Leader	- Maxwell Jele (Tennis)
Outstanding National Sport Association	- Eswatini Basketball Association (Basketball)
Lifetime Achievement Awards	- Robert 'Chicks' Lukhele (Boxing)
Sports star	- Zweli Dlamini (Boxing)

RECOGNITION AWARDS

- Mashibobo Soccer Academy
- Municipal Council of Mbabane
- Kusekhaya Cycling Club
- SMK Sports Academy



BOLT: Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa accepts his award for Outstanding Sportsman.

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THE Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) is grateful to our esteemed sponsors who made the awards ceremony the success they were with their generosity.

The event would not have been the success it was without the input of our sponsors, who dug deep into their pockets and sponsored some of the categories. We will forever be indebted to these companies and we pray that the Almighty continues to bless them into prosperity.

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We would also like to acknowledge the generosity of some of the corporate companies and our National Sports Associations that bought tables for the event.

We are talking about companies like the 'bank with a heart';

- EswatiniBank
- VIVA
- Eswatini Cricket Association
- Eswatini Tennis Association
- Eswatini National Football Association
- Angling Association of Eswatini
- Kid Mamba Boxing Club
- Eswatini National Youth Council
- Matsapha Town Board.

WATCH OUT RASA, HERE COMES EMASWATI!

FOR only the second time, the Kingdom of Eswatini will be represented during the Regional Sports Awards (RSA) to be staged in Windhoek, Namibia, and hosted by the African Union Sports Council (AUSC) Region 5.

Although the country failed to win any award during the last RSA, we are optimistic that this year things will change. *Sizojika Izinto!* We have no doubt that the winners of the National Sports

Awards will leave a mark in the region if eventually shortlisted to contest against some of the finest the region has to offer, come May.

Contest

Please note, however, that the SNSRC has no say whatsoever on the final shortlist of nominees to contest in the RSA.

Ours is to forward the winners of the National Sports Awards then the RSA panel makes its decision. We will keep the nation posted on RSA's final shortlist.



WINNERS: Winners of the night pose for a group photo with the Minister of Sports Madze Bulunga and other guests.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "You will become as great as your dominant aspiration. If you cherish a vision, a lofty ideal in your heart, you will realise it." - James Allen

ESWATINIBANK CUP 2019

QUARTER-FINALS KIT PRESENTATION



TO MEET AGAIN: Mbabane Swallows captain Tony Tsabedze and Royal Leopard captain Barry Steenkamp. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



IT'S ON: Young Buffaloes captain Mphile Tsabedze and Matsapha United counterpart Sandile Dlamini displaying the trophy.



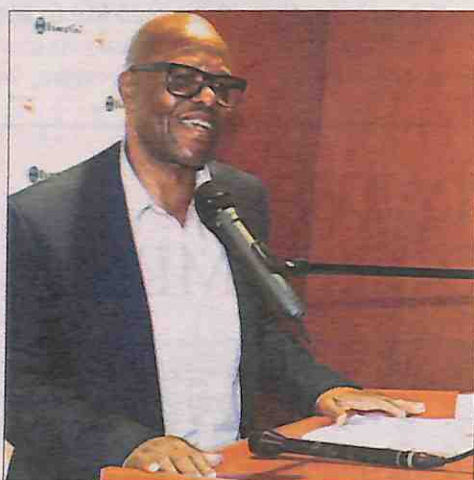
CAPTAINS: Green Mamba's Banele Dlamini and Mancoba Mavimbela of Vovovo FC.



YOU AGAIN: Malanti's Thembumenzi Mayisela with Manzini Sundowns' Phumlani Dlamini.



ASAKHULILE AMATHOLE: Young Buffaloes acting PRO Thando Nxumalo, captain Mphile Tsabedze receiving the team's jersey from EswatiniBank MD Zakhele Lukhele while Eswatini Football Association President Adam 'Bomber' Mtsetfwa and PLE CEO Simanga Nhleko look on. This was during the EswatiniBank Cup kit presentation yesterday at the bank's auditorium.



REMARKS: Eswatini Football Association President Adam 'Bomber' Mtsetfwa making his remarks.



ADDRESS: EswatiniBank MD Zakhele Lukhele speaks during the kit presentation.



BIG CHEQUE: EswatiniBank prepaid card promotion winners being presented with E4 400 by the bank's Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele.



BASOP! Manzini Sundowns PRO Muzi Matsenjwa and captain Phumlani Dlamini receive their kit.



KHALA MBAVU: Malanti PRO Lungile Dube and Captain Thembumenzi Mayisela receiving the team's kit.



TINYONI: Mbabane Swallows PRO Jackson Dlamini and team captain Tony Tsabedze accepting the kit from EswatiniBank MD Zakhele Lukhele, while EFA President Adam Bomber Mtsetfwa looks on.



INGWE MABALABALA: Royal Leopard CEO Frank Hurube and captain Barry Steenkamp being presented with the kit.



LUMA NYOKA: Green Mamba CEO Thami Phakathi and captain Banele Dlamini being presented with the kit by the MD.



TSETLA'S: Vovovo FC secretary Stan Dlamini and team captain Mancoba Mavimbela accepting the kit.



UNITED: Matsapha United representative receiving the team's kit from EswatiniBank MD.

FOOTBALL TALK

All your latest WORLD FOOTBALL News

● Real Madrid and Wales forward Gareth Bale has told his entourage he has no plans to leave the Bernabeu in the next transfer window. The 29-year-old has been linked with a return to Tottenham, and also with Manchester United. (*Marca, via Inside Futbol*)

● Manchester United have made Borussia Dortmund's England winger Jadon Sancho their number one target for their summer rebuild and are prepared to pay more than £100m for the 19-year-old. (*Independent*)



● Inter Milan and AC Milan are both chasing Chelsea's Spanish winger Pedro, 31. (*Express*)

● Arsenal sent a scout to watch Cagliari and Italy midfielder Nicolò Barella, 22, in action against Juventus. (*Star*)

● Real Madrid and Juventus have moved ahead of Manchester United and Manchester City as they compete for the signing of Benfica's Portugal Under-21 midfielder João Félix, 19. (*Sun*)

● Sam Allardyce says he has not been contacted about West Brom's vacant head coach role, despite being named favourite to succeed Darren Moore - but the 64-year-old former England manager would be open to an approach. (*Express and Star*)

● Manchester United are the latest team to show an interest in Leicester's Belgium midfielder Youri Tielemans, 21, who is on loan from Monaco. (*HLN, via Leicester Mercury*)



● Cardiff have asked Nantes for a meeting to try to resolve their feud over the tragic transfer of Emiliano Sala. (*Telegraph*)

● Everton Director of Football Marcel Brands says the Toffees must return to a period of managerial stability with Marco Silva given the "time" to bring success to Goodison. (*Liverpool Echo*)

● Former Manchester United boss Jose Mourinho has set his sights on domestic glory in a fifth country, and left the door open to an approach from the Bundesliga. (*Mail*)



● Mourinho has hinted his problems with France midfielder Paul Pogba may have stemmed from a row over the 26-year-old wanting to travel in his own Rolls Royce rather than the team bus. (*Manchester Evening News*)

Amadodana AseLwandle hosts Easter youth tournament

BY NJABULO DLAMINI

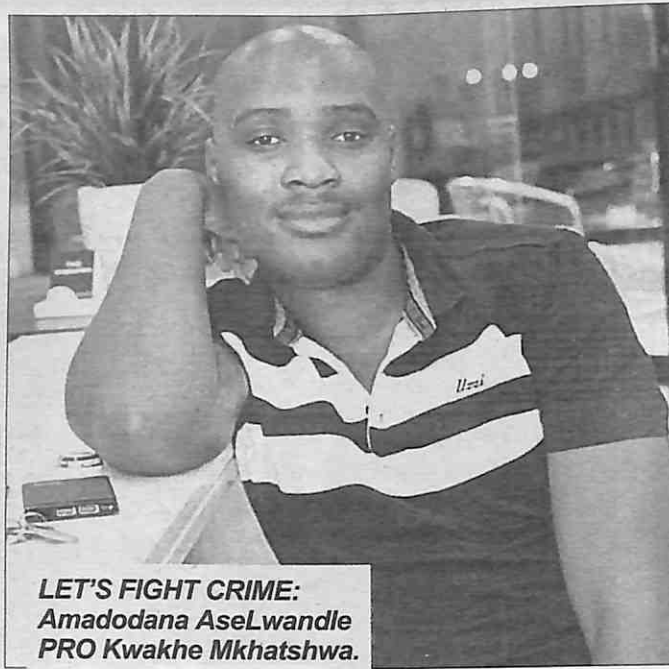
SOCCER - WITH the sole aim of keeping the youth busy during the upcoming Easter holidays, Amadodana AseLwandle will host a soccer tournament in their community.

The tournament is sponsored to the tune of E6 000 by the choir and would see the winner pocketing E2 000 plus a trophy and medals.

"Our aim is to keep the community busy as means of fighting crime and other illicit activities that the youth and generally people here could find themselves involved in," said Amadodana AseLwandle PRO Kwakhe Mkhathshwa, who is also one of the organisers of the tournament.

Staged

The tournament would run from April 19 to the 22nd and will be staged in Lwandle at a place known as eMathanda.



LET'S FIGHT CRIME: Amadodana AseLwandle PRO Kwakhe Mkhathshwa.

Joining fee is E150 per team and all competing teams will get a free CD, courtesy of Amadodana AseLwandle. "Our vision is promoting a crime free society so that whilst we participate in sporting activities, we do not lose sight of the bigger picture of living in

harmony with our neighbours and follow Godly principles.

That is why we would be distributing free CDs that relay the Gospel of Jesus Christ in song.

"We would like to encourage the community to live by the Word. In that regard, we invite

PRIZE BREAKDOWN

Champions	E2 000 plus medals
Runners-up	E1 400 plus medals
Third placed	E1 000
Fourth placed	E600
Player of the tournament	E300
Top goal scorer	a goat
Joining fee	E150, plus free CD

everyone from Lwandle and surrounding areas to come join this soccer fiesta spread over three days," Mkhathshwa added.

Alongside the soccer tournament, the church will be hosting Population Services International (PSI) representatives who will be screening the residents for various ailments free of charge.

Baphalali Eswatini Red Cross Society will also be sensitising the community on their work and outreach programmes whilst the Royal Eswatini Police Service will be teaching on crime prevention.

The theme is 'Let's stick together as a community'.

209 PARTICIPATES IN TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT

STORIES BY MELUSI MLOTSA

TAEKWONDO - OVER 209 karatekas participated in the taekwondo tournament hosted by Swazi Tigers and Next Generation at Bosco Skills Centre.

The participants were mostly cadets and juniors.

Eswatini Taekwondo Federation General Secretary Mbongeni Sibandze said the event was a huge success.

He said they would be able to have a wide pool to select from since they were preparing for ANOCA Games and the World Juniors next year.

One of the most interesting bouts on the day was between Semusa Bhembe and Mzwandile Mzileni (both five years old) and they are from Next Generation Academy.



Another exciting bout was between local athlete Melusi Sihlongonyane and Lemohang Mokhobo from Lesotho team (BothaBothe).

Sihlongonyane narrowly beat Mokhobo in the finals after added time of one minute. Sihlongonyane is a blue belt holder while Mokhobo is a second Dan black belt athlete.

"The technical team was on

the lookout for potential talent and as always, the main focus was on juniors and cadets for future development. Next Generation is one of the academies that are focusing mainly on grassroots development," he said.

He also expressed their gratitude to the visiting Lesotho team and said they learnt a lot from their counterparts.

Federation congratulates junior sportsman of the year

TAEKWONDO - THE Taekwondo Federation has congratulated all the winners, who received awards during the National Sports Awards ceremony.

The federation's Secretary General Mbongeni 'Ndo' Sibandze said they are proud of Melusi Lukhele, who won

the Sportsman of the Year award. "This win should also motivate him to even work harder in order to improve his profile as an athlete.

He is destined for greater things if continues like this.

It is tough but with hard work nothing is impossible," he said. Sibandze further con-

gratulated the Sports Star of the year winner Zweli Dlamini.

He said this category was tightly contested and felt sorry for taekwondo's Thandukukhanya, who was also contesting in this category as, unfortunately, he had the second highest number of votes.

Correctional enjoying fine form in Dixies League

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

POOL - CORRECTIONAL are enjoying fine form in the ongoing Dixies International E40 000 Pool League.

The Matsapha based side is currently sitting at the top of the log table with 15 points after five matches. Correctional consolidated their spot with a resounding 13 -11 victory over Manzini Pool Club last weekend. Manzini Pool Club occupy the second spot with the same number of points but they have an inferior points difference compared to the log leaders. Giants Police Academy are currently sitting third with 12 points but have a game in hand to be played on Sunday against France.

WEEKEND RESULTS

Nicks	13	Bhunya	4
Way Inn	11	Garrison	13
Figaredo	13	Mankayane	7
Correctional	13	Manzini PC	11
Stairs	13	Figaredo Five	5

Weekend Fixtures

Saturday			
France	vs	Stairs	
Figaredo Five	vs	Nicks	
P. Academy	vs	Way Inn	
Bhunya	vs	Manzini PC	
Sunday			
Garrison	vs	Figaredo	
France	vs	P. Academy	

MANZINI REGIONAL POOL LEAGUE LOG

Teams	P	W	L	FF	FA	FD	PTS
1. Correctional	5	4	1	63	41	22	15
2. Mzn Pool Club	5	4	1	62	37	25	15
3. Police Academy	4	3	1	47	30	17	12
4. Figaredo	5	3	2	58	45	13	12
5. Garrison	5	4	1	55	55	0	12
6. France	4	3	1	48	41	7	11
7. Way Inn	5	2	3	58	48	10	10
8. Bhunya	5	2	3	51	51	0	9
9. Nicks	5	2	3	36	49	-13	9
10. Stairs	5	1	4	35	57	-22	4
11. Mankayane	5	1	2	35	60	-25	4
12. Figa5	5	0	5	32	65	-33	2

ESWATINIBANK MD CONGRATULATES QUARTER FINALISTS

STORIES BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER - ESWATINIBANK Managing Director, Zakhele Lukhele has congratulated the eight teams that have reached the quarterfinals of the 'Solo Inje' Cup.

The last eight teams are Young Buffaloes, Matsapha United, Royal Leopard, Mbabane Swallows, Green Mamba, Vovovo, Manzini Sundowns and Malanti Chiefs.

Speaking yesterday during the kit presentation at the bank's headquarters, Lukhele said it was not an easy road getting to the quarter finals. "We are grateful that the tournament is progressing well, evidenced with goals, entertaining football suspense and excitement. I would like to congratulate the teams that have made it this

far," he said. Lukhele also commended all the other teams for participating in the tournament and accepting results in a true sportsmanship manner.

He said as a sponsor they would always encourage sportsmanship because in every knockout match, the reality was that only one team must win. The MD called for sportsmanship this weekend when the eight teams battle it out inside the field of play. "The quarterfinals games also provide an opportunity for outstanding players to win the 'man of the match' prize.

This is awarded from the quarterfinal stage up to the finals and carries a cash prize of E2 000.

The teams are expected to wear the kits they were presented with this weekend.

"The four teams that will qualify for

the semi-finals are expected to wear the same kits during the semis."

The bank will provide new kits for the two teams that will play in the final," Lukhele said.

"We are grateful that the tournament is progressing well, evidenced with goals, entertaining football suspense and excitement. I would like to congratulate the teams that have made it this far"

...Swallows GM's company wins E1 000 in EswatiniBank promotions

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows General Manager Sandile 'Beyond 2000' Zwane's company Visa Tech Investment won E1 000 in the prepaid/debits card promotion whereby people stand a chance to win up to E1 000 every fortnight by simply buying a Prepaid Card or opening account.

Other winners who joined Zwane in the first fortnight were Masuku Mthokozisi, who won E500 for the third prize position, Dlamini Lindelwa, a Mbabane Swallows fan, came second and received E700 while LUC M Investment scooped the first prize and got E1 000. Winners of the second fortnight were LUC M Investment,

who got the third prize and won E500; Basadi Construction came second and won E700, while the first prize went to Visa Tech Investments. Speaking on behalf of the winners, Zwane thanked the bank for ploughing back to the community. He encouraged people to open bank accounts with EswatiniBank.

... 'Bomber' lauds EswatiniBank

SOCCER - ESWATINI Football Association President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa has lauded EswatiniBank for the exciting games since the tournament started.

Mthethwa said the games had been exciting and thanked all the

teams that have made it up to this far. "I would also like to thank the competitions committee for making sure that the games are a success," he said.

The FA president also congratulated those who won the promotions and urged them to continue supporting the bank.



E40 FOR ESWATINIBANK CUP QUARTERS

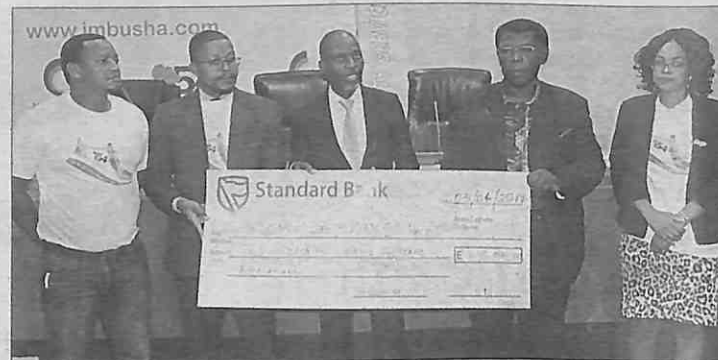
BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER - FANS will have to part with a cool E40 to watch the Eswatini Bank Cup quarterfinals this weekend.

This was confirmed by Eswatini Bank Cup's Management Committee (MC)'s Secretary Simanga Nhleko yesterday.

He said as per the norm when it is a double header, they would settle for the same amount they have charged previously. "We continue to encourage fans to buy tickets at the designated areas to avoid frustration when they arrive at the stadium. They should not be coming to the stadium without tickets because we do not sell them at the stadium," he said. Green Mamba FC will lock horns

with Vovovo FC at 2pm on Saturday, before a clash between Young Buffaloes and Matsapha United 4:05pm. The big tie of the round is between Mbabane Swallows and Royal Leopard on Sunday at 3:10pm, and it will be preceded by the third quarterfinal between Manzini Sundowns and Malanti Chiefs at 1pm. The winner of this year's competition shall bag a sum of E1.1 million.



NEW CHAPTER: JM Busha Operations Manager Sibusiso Khumalo, Mbabane Municipality Head of Parks and Recreation Mancoba Mahlalela, JM Busha Director Joseph Busha, Mbabane Mayor Zephaniah Nkambule and JM Busha Business Development Manager Mpumi Xaba display the replica cheque of this year's JM Busha 54 races marathon during a presentation held at Mbabane Municipal Council offices yesterday. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

JM Busha 54 races marathon sponsorship package increases

BY JONGILE XUBA

SPORTS - THE JM Busha Foundation increased its sponsorship package of the JM Busha 54 races from last year's E250 000 to E270 000.

This was revealed yesterday during the sponsorship launch at Mbabane Municipal Council offices.

JM Busha Director Joseph Busha said they were happy to continue sponsoring the annual event, adding it would not be the last time.

"This year we will sponsor the second edition of the 54 races with E270 000, which is an increase of E20 000 from last year's package. We intend to grow the event with each year into a big attraction to help develop the city of Mbabane," he said.

Mbabane Mayor Zephaniah Nkambule said sports and recreation were a major component and determinant on the quality of life of the city's residents, which is why they were excited to partner with JM Busha for the marathon.

Sporting

"It pleases me as the mayor to witness a partnership with JM Busha.

Sports keep the body and mind healthy and for the council that is very important as it ensures that our citizens are healthy," he said.

He also revealed that the event would have different sporting codes including 21.5km, 10.5km, 5.4km, a boot camp and a tennis tournament for veterans.

It will be held on May 18 at the Prince of Wales Sports Ground and Coronation Park.

Captains promise great quarter-final games

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER - ESWATINIBANK Cup quarterfinalists' captains have promising good games during the weekend.

The Saturday games will see Green Mamba take on Vovovo while Young Buffaloes have a date with Matsapha United.

The Sunday games will feature Manzini Sundowns against Malanti Chiefs with Royal Leopard clashing with Mbabane Swallows in the second match.

This is what they said:

Mphile Tsabedze (Young Buffaloes) "As Buffaloes, we are preparing well for the game against Matsapha United. We want to defend the trophy."

Sandile Dlamini (Matsapha United) "As Matsapha United, we know we are facing an in-form team. It will be a Goliath versus David affair. We are ready for Buffaloes and we want to reach the finals."

Tony Tsabedze (Mbabane Swallows)

"We are preparing well and hoping to reach the finals. We know we are playing against tough opponents but we will ensure that we win."

Berry Steenkamp (Royal Leopard) "We will prepare for this game. Even if we lose, we shall accept the results."

Banele Dlamini (Green Mamba) "We respect our opponents and we promise to reach the final."

Mancoba Mavimbela (Vovovo) "We won't respect Green Mamba inside the field of play and we want a win."

Thembumenzi Mayisela (Malanti Chiefs)

"We are looking forward to this game and we will be all out for a win."

Phumlani Dlamini (Manzini Sundowns)

"We have corrected our mistakes and I promise we will win this time around."

RESULTS

ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP

Chelsea	3-0	Brighton & Hove
Manchester City	2-0	Cardiff City
Tottenham Hotspur	2-0	Crystal Palace

SPAIN - LALIGA

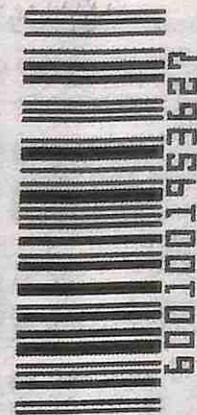
Athletic Bilbao	3-2	Levante
Eibar	2-1	Rayo Vallecano
SD Huesca	3-3	Celta Vigo

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Thursday April 4, 2019



It's me and 'Koki' – Nhlengetfwa

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – MANZINI Wanderers independent Executive Director Mehluli Nhlengetfwa has assured the 'Weslians' family that all is well in the club.

The South African based businessman says the team was still properly run despite the much publicised disbandment of the Management Committee (MC) last week.

"Everything is fine in the team administratively, operationally and logistically, so supporters should not panic. We are doing everything in our control to ensure the team finishes in a respectable position at the end of the season. When I say everything is under control, I just mean that and there is no reason to be worried."

When quizzed about an interim Management Committee, the director said it was only him and the head coach (Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati) handling the administration issues of the team until further notice.

Issues

"I am handling the administration issues and the coach is dealing with issues pertaining to the team and other technical matters," he further said.

The crowd pulling side is currently enduring a tough campaign in the MTN Premier League where they are perched at position eight with 22 points with four games before the end of the current season. The maroon and white ensemble recently enlisted the services of national Under-20 assistant coach Mthunzi Ginindza as second assistant coach to head coach Vilakati.

Nhlengetfwa took over the leadership of the team in December last year on a three-year contract. He has made numerous signings in the team including Johnson Mensah, Mpendulo Ngidi, Ncedo Mamba, Ugochukwu Ohakwe and John Pako, among others.

SOLO INJE WITH NEW KIT...



MAKUBE NJALO MAJAH! The EswatiniBank Cup quarterfinals captain representatives displaying the trophy after being presented with their kit at the institution's boardroom yesterday in readiness for the games on Saturday and Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

PLE to refer Bull to DC

BY MTHUNZI MAZIYA

SOCCER – THE Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) will refer Mbabane Highlanders to the Disciplinary Committee (DC) for breaching Article 13 (3) of the MTN League's rules and regulations.

This is in relation to the team's utterances in the media yesterday where they implied that they had written to the PLE requesting 70 per cent of Sunday's gate collections, when actu-

ally they had not. PLE's Chief Executive Officer, Simanga Nhleko said they had requested the DC to look into whether or not Highlanders had not brought the name of the organisation into disrepute by doing this.

Offence

Reads article 13 (3); 'Clubs, officials, supporters, fans, shall not publish or make statements that may bring the sponsors, the PLE, and all its sub-committees into disrepute. Anyone or any club that commits this offence shall be brought before the DC for

disciplinary action, and if found guilty, the person (s) and/or the club (s) shall be fined an amount not exceeding E10 000 by the DC'.

Nhleko said it was a pity that instead of following protocol, their members decide to use the media to further their goals.

"People now have different perceptions about how the PLE conducts its business yet those responsible for creating these perceptions are fully aware of the rules," he said.

The CEO added that it was the DC

that would decide if Highlanders committed an offence or not, and if they did, they would be charged.

Contested

He maintained that not at any stage had they received a letter from the 'Bull' addressing Sunday's gate collections. Instead, the CEO said they wrote to Green Mamba and then copied the letter to him. Highlanders drew 0-0 with Mbabane Swallows in a tightly contested derby on Sunday, while Green Mamba beat Manzini Wanderers 1-0 earlier.

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