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## 'Mass' funeral for slain Shongwe family

BY SIZWE DLAMINI  
Pigg's Peak

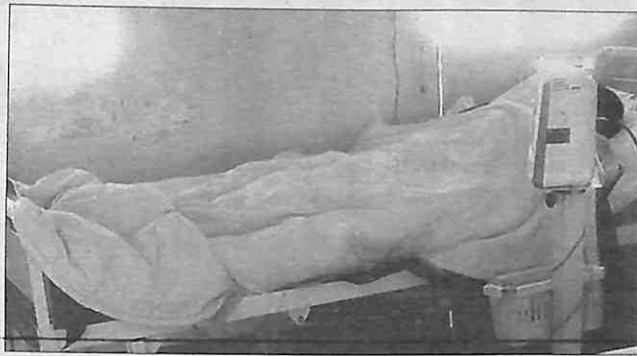
DUE to the violent nature in which they died, the corpses of Nokwanda Magagula (26), Zweli (34), Senkhosi (9) and Mahle (7) Shongwe will not enter the Shongwe homestead for the funeral on Saturday.

This comes after the aforementioned individuals passed on under terrible circumstances the past Sunday and on Tuesday, respectively.

As earlier reported Zweli Shongwe, the father of two and husband to Nokwanda, committed suicide after ingesting a potent insecticide at his parental homestead at Vusweni after he had killed his two children by giving them the same poison.

Before committing the suicide, Shongwe believed he had killed his wife, by hacking her on the face several times and ditched her into a donga.

Nokwanda was rescued by paramedics, who rushed her to Pigg's Peak Government Hospital before she was transferred to the Mbabane



**TRAGIC:** The mother of the killed children lying in her hospital bed. However she later died.

Government Hospital, where she died on Tuesday due to the severity of the cracked skull wounds.

All the corpses of the four family members are kept at the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital morgue in preparation for the mass funeral at Vusweni.

Relatives of the Shongwe family, who wanted to remain anonymous, said the deceased's corpses will be taken to Vusweni on Friday evening (tomorrow).

"According to Eswatini Law and Customs the corpses of individuals who pass away in such a violent manner cannot be placed inside the homestead during the

night vigil. In this case, we have a whole family of four, whose corpses will have to be placed outside the homestead on Friday evening where a tent will be mounted.

"After the night vigil on Friday, the deceased family will be laid to rest in the nearby graveyard in the early hours of Saturday. But plans can change at the last minute due to circumstances beyond our control," they added.

At the time of going to print the elder of the home, Edward Shongwe (71) confirmed that the funeral will take place on Saturday morning.

## CoLA BACK ON

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI  
Mbabane

...next JNF slated for July 17

IT now appears government has finally given in to the demands of Public Sector Associations (PSAs) to include the contentious cost of living adjustment (CoLA) in this year's negotiations agenda.

Last week, PSAs had marched to Cabinet offices, where they delivered a petition calling for CoLA to be paid in this month's salary cycle.

Previously, the Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini had stated that government was not in a good financial position to pay CoLA in this financial year, but assured them that it will definitely be considered for the 2020/21 financial year.

Yesterday, when the Government Negotiating Team met the Public Sector Associations in what is known as the Joint Negotiation Forum, disclosed that it was now ready to engage on the subject when they reconvene for negotiations in two weeks time.

Initially, government was ready to discuss any matter with PSAs so long as CoLA was not part of the agenda.

So, yesterday when they met on the nego-

tiating table, PSAs pushed for the matter to be included on the agenda for negotiations.

Sources close to the negotiations revealed that there wasn't much which was deliberated during yesterday's meeting, except agreeing on the agenda.

Information gathered is that government was reluctant to include CoLA in the negotiations, however, the PSAs pushed for it to be included. Eventually CoLA was included on the agenda.

### Issues

Some of the issues that PSAs want discussed during these meetings is the failure to award the Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA), trade union bashing, failure to remit trade union dues and a lot of other issues.

Earlier on, PSAs had indicated that it is an indisputable fact that public servants have not been awarded CoLA for three years now (2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20) and according to them, this is an unfortunate state of affairs.

The PSAs said they were not convinced by government's argument, that because it is going through a rough economic path, it was therefore having serious cash liquidity prob-

## Citizens make food donations to Mbabane Govt Hospital

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI  
Mbabane

AS government continues to struggle paying suppliers, resulting in drug shortages and food in public hospitals, citizens have responded with food donations for the Mbabane Government Hospital where the challenge is said to be huge.

A concerned Emergency Disaster Network of about 91 people, created by Bongani Mamba and coordinated by lawyer Gigi Reid-Miles, has responded with various food items, ranging from several bags of beans, bags of rice, chicken portions, sugar and many other items.

Director of Health Services Dr. Vusi Magagula has thanked the pro-activeness of all concerned citizens who did not want to get invitation but when they read media reports responded in this fashion.

In fact, it is not the first time this network has responded to such a call, but have done it in the past when the same situation occurred, and have even contributed to the national call to assist Idai victims in Mozambique.

Government's challenges have been easily exposed within the health sec-



**FACING A HUGE CHALLENGE:** The Mbabane Government Hospital.

tor as, it services the nation on a daily basis and some of the challenges it faces cannot be hidden.

### Response

The Health Minister, Lizzy Nkosi, has found herself having to explain the reported drug shortages in public hospitals and Parliament has asked for immediate government response on this situation. The minister has explained that some of the shortages were as a result of suppliers cutting supply because

of outstanding payments, which runs into millions of Emalangeni.

These concerned citizens have come together and are now collecting food parcels to be donated to the Mbabane Government Hospital.

Some have even gone as far as contributing money that will be used to buy the groceries. Some of these individuals include some few Members of Parliament, high ranking attorneys, business individuals, companies and



**I CAN EXPLAIN:** Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi.

other concerned citizens.

"Good day compassionate citizens! Here we are again appealing for your generous food donations towards the Government Hospital Food crisis, where our fellow countrymen are taking medication on an empty stomach.

Please drop Food Items at S&B Restaurant (Matsapha), in Manzini at Gigi-Reid Miles offices behind Cashbuild)...and at Portuguese Club Mbabane," part of the message appeal-

ing for help reads.

Member of Parliament Lutfo Dlamini was among one of those who donated, the MP donated bags of rice. Others who donated include Gigi Reid Attorneys, Dr Sikhomba Gumbi and many others.

### Obligation

Reid-Miles donated bags of mealie meal, bags of rice, bags of beans, cooking oil, boxes of Rooibos tea and a lot of other items.

When asked about the donation initiative, Reid-Miles said she believes that as citizens of the country, people have an obligation to help each other.

"At the end of the day, it doesn't help to say what the country can do for me all the time, what about saying what can I do for my country sometimes. And as far as I am concerned, it could be me in that bed struggling for my life, taking medication that I can't take on an empty stomach," Reid-Miles said.

She said they are collecting quite a bit and yesterday they collected vegetables, cheese, chicken, cooking oil, jam and a lot of other items.

By close of business yesterday, a total cash amount of E2 500 had been contributed towards buying other items to assist the patients.

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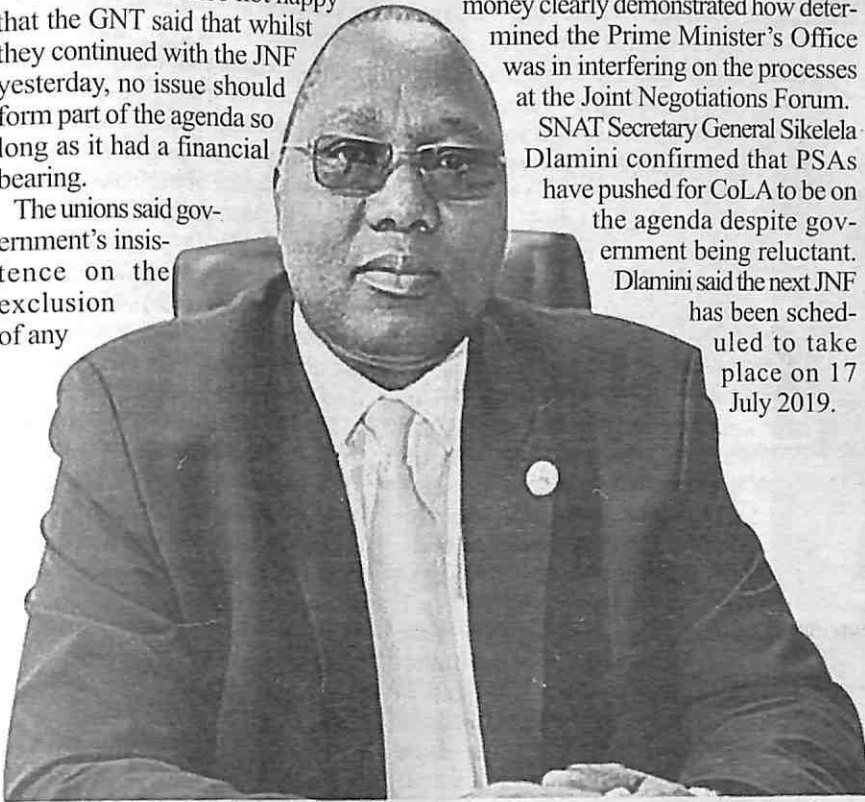
lems.

The PSAs were also not happy that the GNT said that whilst they continued with the JNF yesterday, no issue should form part of the agenda so long as it had a financial bearing.

The unions said government's insistence on the exclusion of any

issue whose implementation required money clearly demonstrated how determined the Prime Minister's Office was in interfering on the processes at the Joint Negotiations Forum.

SNAT Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini confirmed that PSAs have pushed for CoLA to be on the agenda despite government being reluctant. Dlamini said the next JNF has been scheduled to take place on 17 July 2019.



IT WILL BE CONSIDERED: The Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini.

## KNOWLEDGE REPORTS FOR DUTY

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Mbabane

**FINALLY, controversial ministry of education and training officer Knowledge Ngwenya has moved to Nhlanguano as assistant career guidance officer.**

He has been at the Nhlanguano offices since Monday assuming the position he was supposed to in 2014, which he however rejected citing security reasons.

Recently the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) recommended that Ngwenya take up his position at the Shiselweni region and it now appears he has heeded the call.

### Sanctioned

Ngwenya said he could not comment as the Minister of Education and Training Lady Howard-Mabuzza sanctioned him not to speak to any media personally.

When it was put to him that an impeccable source cited him in Nhlanguano in the past three days he said: "Your sources are very reliable indeed and are clearly following me around. I could give you an exclusive, unfortunately



### MOVES TO NHLANGANO: Knowledge Ngwenya.

I cannot comment since the minister sternly warned me last week for speaking to the media," Ngwenya stated.

### Reported

Acting Principal Secretary at the Ministry Macanjana Motsa referred the publication to the regional officials to confirm if he had already reported for work.

Shiselweni Deputy Regional Officer Gumbi confirmed that Ngwenya had reported for duty.

He said Ngwenya requested for permission to sort his accommodation issues since he was occupying a government house in

### BRIEF BACKGROUND

It transpired that the promotion happened in August 2014. However, Ngwenya is said to have defied the order that called upon him to work in Shiselweni.

He continued working in Mbabane as an investigating officer. However, he drew a salary that was paid to him as an Assistant Career Guidance officer for the duration of five years.

Ngwenya has been known as an investigating officer for the Teaching Service Commission (TSC). It is said that his job as an investigating officer includes getting information that will be evidence when misbehaving teachers are brought before the TSC court.

It transpired that Ngwenya was roped in as an investigator by the ministry after it was seen that teachers had to be investigated before their cases were brought before the court so that suspected teachers could be tried with evidence.

Matsapha and needed to secure one in Nhlanguano.

Gumbi stated that Ngwenya was already attending to his accommodation issues.

## PSAs DEJECTED OVER NO RESPONSE FROM INDUSTRIAL COURT

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI  
Mbabane

**PUBLIC Sector Associations (PSAs) have been left dejected after seven days passed without them getting any response from the Industrial Court pertaining judgment on the issue of whether they should engage in a strike action or not.**

By the close of business yesterday it was gathered that there was no form of communication PSAs received from the Registrar of the Industrial Court.

In the petition which was delivered last week Wednesday by PSAs in one of the demands it was stated that: "As Public Sector Associations we therefore demand that the long awaited judgement on case 15/2019 be issued by close of business on Wednesday (03-07-2019)".

SNAT Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini confirmed that as PSAs they haven't received anything from the Registrar. Dlamini said they will make means tomorrow to see what they can do.

### Disappointment

Earlier last week the Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT), The National Public Servants and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU), The Swaziland National Association of Government Accounting Personnel (SNAGAP) and The Swaziland Democratic Nurses Union (SWADNU) registered their disappointment in the way and manner in which the Industrial Court has treated the workers who are under the employ of government.

The PSAs said the Industrial Court of Eswatini has failed to act expediently on an urgent issue that is



actually one of life and death to the majority of workers in the country.

"The Government of Eswatini, the employer in this case rushed to court to interdict these organisations and their members from proceeding with a legitimate course of action on the eve of the strike commencement date (27-01-2019).

"A protracted legal battle then ensued between the two parties. The final arguments on the merits of the case were made on Monday (06-05-2019) after countless postponements and adjournments and that marked the closure on the matter in principle. The Industrial Court Judge – Judge Sifiso Nsibandwe who presided over the matter assured the parties that the judgement on same was to

be made very soon" part of the statement from the PSAs directed to the registrar read.

### Impartial

The PSAs indicated that the Industrial Court being a court of equity and one whose grinding wheels need not be given an impetus of whatever kind by any external force to maintain its independent posture, the industrial court was given time to produce its independent and impartial judgement as promised by the presiding judge.

The PSAs in the petition indicated that from the time on which the arguments on the matter were made, up to date as Public Sector Associations they patiently waited for that judgement, which has however not been

delivered.

The civil servants went on to state that when the presiding judge made the promise that the judgement was to be made very soon, he himself said he was cognisant of the fact that this matter was one of urgency and that it indeed touched upon many people who have an interest on same.

They said this was an indication that the Judicial officer was understanding this issue to be truly one of national interest, because this judgement will obviously have an effect on over 44 000 government employees and that its ripple effect shall spread far and wide to negatively affect a larger portion of the society since as workers they are members of their own families and

communities first and last.

When delivering the petition the workers indicated that seven weeks have elapsed since this matter was closed and such an act leaves them as workers with an opinion that is difficult to quell, that this delay is actually socially engineered by your office so that the workers are prevented from engaging further with the Cost of Living Adjustment issue, which this case (15/2019) was all about.

However yesterday PSAs went on to meet with the Government Negotiating Team (GNT) to continue with the negotiations but still they wanted a response from the Industrial Court on whether the strike action shall continue or not.



# Baholeli **vow** to make bus ranks a safe haven for children

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Mbabane

**MARSHALLS**, drivers and bus conductors have committed to making Eswatini bus ranks a safe haven for children and all citizens of the country.

They were embracing World Vision's 'It takes Eswatini to end sexual violence against children' campaign at the bus rank yesterday. Mbabane Rank Manager Themba Dlamini said they would try their best to make ranks a safe place for their customers mostly children.

"Our way of life should promote safety first for children. As much as the rate of sexual violence in ranks has decreased, it still exists especially to the younger female generation.

We looked at the situation and acknowledged our role in sexual harassment and violence and thought we should address this as a collective as much as we come from different areas. Our customers come here and they should feel safe," Dlamini said. He said they also requested the Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) to join hands with them in ensuring that the ranks were safe.

They will also make sure that these children do not loiter around during school hours or be involved in substance abuse as they witness a lot of such. When they rebuke them they make sure to remind them that they are neither a parent or guardian.

"You should take note that we are of



**WE ARE ONE:** Mbabane bus rank managers, marshals and peer educators with World Vision's It takes Eswatini Campaign Manager Nontobeko Mbuyane. (Pics: Nokuzola Thwala)

different characters, some of us allow these incidences because they have been either paid, know the children or turn a blind eye on purpose. The police will clean these places," he said.

## Echoed

Nkosinathi Manana, the assistant rank manager echoed Dlamini and said ranks should be safe for children even to an extent that they can cry for help and receive instance. He said they see their own at times being perpetrators, 'bayabakhohha' at times even touch them.

"We try by all means to discourage that but people can never respond the same as some listen and some don't," Manana

said Meanwhile, It takes Eswatini Campaign Manager Nontobeko Mbuyane stated that this was a national campaign intending to cover all sectors and involve all, hence the transport industry's involvement as it was crucial too. She said they had seen cases where a lot of the perpetrators had been identified as being part of their industry. "We are trying to make sure that they are educated and counselled into making ranks a safe place for children and all other people. We want to make sure that as much as they are drivers and conductors they are still responsible citizens' fathers, brothers and uncles to these children," she said.

## Campaign aims to change bus rank mentality

**IT Takes Eswatini Campaign Manager Nontobeko Mbuyane disclosed that through the involvement of kombi drivers and bus conductors they wanted to zero down on any sexual violence happening in bus ranks in the country.**

They were so grateful to transport operators and happy that they had embraced this campaign very well as well as acknowledged that they were a huge sector of the perpetrators.

They'd even shown the willingness to change that behaviour as they had taken the initiative to identify peer educators amongst themselves to train each other to ensure that this activity didn't end in the Mbabane bus rank but translated throughout Eswatini.

"Their key focus area was on the behaviour change amongst the members of the transport sector. It's been two weeks now since initiating to join the campaign that seeks to address these issues, they wanted to be a part of it because they acknowledged that a large number of incidences happening within their space could also play a role," Mbuyane revealed. She added that even from a business front the transport operators were losing a number of customers especially children.

Menzi Stewart who is a marshal said they'd rather be gatekeepers to ensure the safety of their clientele.

He said they started off with a briefing in all the platforms, both long and short distances.

"We have nominated peer educators amongst ourselves and, today you can identify us by the orange

jackets. They will educate the others on child protection and violence. From here we are going to the other ranks to educate our own," he said.

He reckoned that it would be productive coming from them as they knew even the language and understood the extent of the violence.

Thabsile Matsebula a Corporation platform marshal who has worked for eight years at the rank said she at times saw harassment taking place and some of her colleagues would say that it was a result of the children dressing skimpily.

"They ignore the fact that some of us don't dress to cover our knees. This campaign is great as we are the ones who have decided to do this. I have experienced incidents where my colleagues were the perpetrators of violence against children. I try making sure that the children are safe and take them to the police post when need arises," she said.

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EFF's decision to no longer vote with us is unfortunate

**JOHANNESBURG** - The DA has described the EFF's decision to no longer work with it across all municipalities in the country as 'unfortunate.'

## Announced

The red beret's commander in chief, Julius Malema, announced during a media briefing at the party's headquarters on Tuesday that the EFF would not be voting with any party, including both the DA and ANC in council.

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# SIBONGILE VETTING REPORTS A LIE

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

**PENSIONERS** believe that there was no vetting conducted on nominated Board members, instead they term the rejection of Sibongile Mazibuko to the Public Service Pension Fund Board of Trustees as a ploy to disorganise them.

"There was never any vetting on any member; this is a lie," one member of the Mbabane Pensioners Association said during the meeting.

The meeting followed after the Pensioners National Executive Committee on Monday decided to replace Sibongile Mazibuko with another candidate on the PSPF Board. The replacement of Mazibuko with Cuthbert Khumalo did not sit well with the branch.

Speaking during the urgent meeting, the pensioners said they do not believe that there was any vetting that was carried out on the Board members.

Mazibuko told the pensioners that after her name was submitted along with other members who were selected to represent different stakeholders in the PSPF Board, she said she was ordered to submit her CV. She stated that in her CV, she had the schools she went to, the uni-



**BLACKLISTED:** Sibongile Mazibuko during the urgent meeting.

versities as well as the course of study. She said she believes her auditing qualification was the problem with the minister, and those allegedly looting PSPF money.

Shortly after she was ousted from the PSPF Board, her home was then invaded by detectives, who told her daughter that they were investigating her debts. Mazibuko said she was surprised that police officers now collect scholarship loans. The pensioners then called for the minister, as well as the police intelligence unit to publicize Mazibuko's vet-

ting report instead of speaking in riddles and playing hard to get.

Chairperson of the branch Osvart Sukati said there was never any vetting that took place, instead it was just a strategy to eliminate Mazibuko. "We will not back down until Sibongile is a member of the PSPF Board," he said.

Sukati said they were told that they were not going to be shown any evidence on how she could not make it to the PSPF Board, instead she should visit the intelligence unit, where it will be shown to her. "Police have no right to hold evidence," he said.

## Looting

The chairperson added that Mazibuko is victimised because she is always telling the truth, yet they want 'yes men' in the Board so that they can continue looting the PSPF. He further stated that the minister is being used by a certain group of people who are looting PSPF money. He said they will not back down until a report is presented before them about Mazibuko. "Sibongile's name has been dragged through the mud, we want the report so that she could be cleared, *bantfu bakhombana ngaye*," he said.

In fact, the pensioners are saying Sibongile's constitutional rights have been violated and one of them being freedom of association.

## 'I'm as good as a prisoner'

**SIBONGILE Mazibuko's vetting report, which is supposedly in the possession of the police, could block her from accessing quite a number of services.**

"I am as good as a prisoner," she said. The former SNAT president stated that the vetting report that is hanging over her head is indeed a stumbling block in her life. She stated that being investigated by a national intelligence unit can have a lot of negative effects on anyone.

In her case, it is said that the vetting results were not good at all, as a result she had to be kicked out of the Public Service Pension Fund Board a month ago.

Mazibuko said the fact that there are circulating news about her failing a vetting process and a report about her vetting that is somewhere, where no one is allowed to see it, does not make her sleep at night. She stated that she was as good as a prisoner, as it is reported that the intelligence unit has unpalatable findings about her.

"The hanging vetting report could mean that I cannot obtain an

international passport, and be hired if ever she was a position to acquire employment or board a plane. In short, I have been blacklisted," she said. Mazibuko was speaking during an urgent meeting that was called by Mbabane Pensioners' branch yesterday. According to Mbabane Pensioners Vice Chairperson Elliot Mkhathshwa, the NEC should have reported back to the branches and then take a decision as a whole.

## Chaired

Instead, the NEC, which is chaired by SW Ginindza, took a decision on its own yet they were supposed to report back to the pensioners.

Sibongile said she was ready for anything that could come her way, but she believed that God would be by her side.

She added that she was not afraid of anyone and understands that her ousting from the PSPF Board was not political, as she is a well-known activist. She made an example of Jan Sithole, who was elected as a Member of Parliament and also went a vetting process without any glitches.

## Mbabane pensioners taking Sibongile matter to court

**THE National Executive Council of Pensioners has been accused of siding with the Minister of Public Service Christian Ntshangase in the rigmarole involving former SNAT president Sibongile Mazibuko.**

The pensioners said it was proof enough that the NEC does not have the pensioners' best interests at heart, as they are easily swayed by the minister, as well as the other forces. Mbabane Pensioners Secretary General Dominic Nxumalo said the NEC, instead of coming back to them after a meeting with the minister, opted to replace Sibongile, which they call it absurd. As a result of the NEC, decision to replace Sibongile, they opted to take the matter to court. "The legal route would be taken if Sibongile Mazibuko is not considered for, PSPF Board,"

he said. The secretary added that to prove that the minister and the NEC were now buddies, he wrote a letter that he was supposed to address to the Secretary General instead it was addressed to the President. In the letter, the minister told the pensioners to replace the chosen candidate, who was Sibongile. "As per our discussions, the candidate that was nominated by the Pensioners Association was required to go through the vetting process just like all the other candidates from the different stakeholders that are nominated for appointment in the PSPF Board of Trustees. "All candidates submitted the required documents for the vetting process, where unfortunately your nominated candidate was not successful," reads part of the letter from the minister of public service.

## Minister a servant not a master - Pensioners

**MBABANE pensioners have accused Minister of Public Service Christian Ntshangase of over-stepping his boundaries by interfering with PSPF business yet he is responsible for workers not owners.**

The pensioners said the minister should be dealing with operational stuff not the owners who are the pensioners. Mbabane Branch Chairperson Osvart Sukati said the minister was in fact a servant, not a master but he is now behaving like a master.

Sukati added that they have a right as pensioners to pass a vote of no confidence against the minister as MP Robert Magongo almost did in Parliament last week. He added that the minister was siding with thieves instead of owners of

the PSPF, which are the pensioners. "Pensioners are rightful stakeholders and the profits should belong to the pensioners and they own everything because they served the government," he said. The chairperson also condemned the interference of police on PSPF issues. Sukati said it was surprising that almost two weeks ago, the police issued out a statement, stating that they do not have any interest or interference on PSPF issues.

However, the minister stated that Sibongile had been investigated, and they are now saying they have a vetting report.

They boldly stated that police are not featured in PSPF business, so they should just stay away.

One of the pensioners, Bhanjiana Gwebu also told the meeting that he received

phone calls from people asking about discussions of pensioners in their meetings.

Gwebu told the meeting that he received a phone call from a gentleman, who identified himself as Dlamini. However, he was quick to identify the number which was calling because his phone has Truecaller, which showed that the call was from the intelligence unit.

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# UNESWA RESULTS OUT ON MONDAY

BY MHLengi MAGONGO  
Mbabane

THE University of Eswatini (UNESWA) has announced that the second semester results will be released on Monday.

This was revealed by the Student Representative Council (SRC) Secretary General Bongani Sifundza yesterday in a social media post.

Sifundza said the results will be released on July 8 and supplementary exams have been set to be written from July 15 - 19.

## Registration

The secretary also said registration for the new academic year commences on August 5 till 9, with lectures set to begin on August 12. Sifundza also highlighted that the 24 students who were to sign agreement forms with government have finally signed after a countless visit by the SRC to the ministry.



HERE: Part of the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) building.

"Comrades, this is an accomplishment indeed and credit must be given to the patient 24 students and also to the relentless efforts made by the student body at large in fighting for the rights of students," he said.

The secretary also assured that the

matter of social work students who are still owed project allowances is being worked on. He said the office of the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs (ADSA) has sent a list of the owed project allowance students to the treasurer's office.

## Friends stab another to death during drinking spree

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI  
Siteki

A drinking spree by three friends ended tragically when a petty argument erupted between them, resulting to one of them being stabbed to death with a knife.

The incident, which has left a sombre mood in the community of Moyeni in Siteki, happened at one of the popular drinking halls within the town centre.

Following this incident, two men from the same area were arrested and charged with murder. Mthokozisi Shepherd Dlamini (27) and Lwazi Wiseman Dlamini (28) made their first appearance before Principal Magistrate Dumisani Magagula yesterday. According to the charge sheet, the accused persons acted in furtherance of a common purpose and intentionally killed Mkhuleko Mnisi by stabbing him with a sharp object in the upper body. Information gathered was that the accused persons and the deceased have always been friends, as they also came from the same community.

On the day of the incident, they met at the drinking hall for the purpose of having a drinking spree.

An argument between the second accused person and the deceased erupted after they had a disagreement on some issues. The two are said to have started exchanging fierce blows in the midst of other patrons.

## Source

A source close to the matter said the first accused attempted to separate the two, but eventually joined the fight. He is alleged to have withdrawn a knife from his pocket and planted it on the deceased's upper body, a few inches from the neck.

The fight immediately subsided as the deceased fell onto the ground. Police were called to the scene, upon which the wounded man was rushed to Good Shepherd Hospital. He is said to have died a few minutes after arrival at the hospital.

During their appearance before court, the accused persons were informed of their right to legal representation. Each of them elected to conduct his own defence. They were remanded to Big Bend correctional facility pending their committal to the High Court.



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2726	ANDREW SCIOLLA	P.O. BOX 20 BIG BEND	SONDELA STHANDWA	AMENDMENT TO INCREASE CARRYING CAPACITY FROM 15 TO 25	MATATA	NON SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
7238	SITHEMBO DLAMINI	P.O. BOX 1007 NHLANGANO	OWAMI TRANSPORT	ADDING THOLULWAZI AND ADDING VEHICLE	THOLULWAZI	NON SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
2531	SANDILE ZWANE	P.O. BOX 66 MATATA	INTOZAMI TRANSPORT	BIG BEND, MATATA, NSOKO, KHWEZI, MALOMA	BIG BEND	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
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5144	MOSES N. SIMELANE	P.O. BOX 66 MATATA	MTHUTHU TRANSPORT	ADDING ONE VEHICLE	MALOMA	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
6402	SIPHO W. MCHABELA	P.O. BOX 3590 MBABANE	KHONKHOSILAMI TRANSPORT	ADDING MANZANA, NGQENI, MADZANGA HIGH SCHOOL	MANZINI SATELLITE BUS RANK	NON SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
6892	SENZO T. HLETA	P.O. BOX C2057 HUB MANZINI	EVERGREEN TAXI	ADDING ANOTHER VEHICLE	SUMMER PLACE	TAXI SERVICE	AMENDMENT
2769	SIMON MDLULI	P.O. BOX 73 NTFONJENI	ASIBEMUNYE TRANSPORT	AMENDMENT TO CHANGE PERMIT HOLDER	NTFONJENI	NON SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
6395	EVANGELICAL CHURCH MATSAFHA	P.O. BOX 3461 MATSAFHA	EVANGELICAL CHURCH	AMENDMENT TO DELETE MHLOSHENI, MHLAMINI, NEW THULWANE AND PUT AROUND SWAZILAND	MATSAFHA	STAFF BUS	AMENDMENT
6509	POTS CONSTRUCTION	P.O. BOX 229 EVENI	POTS CONSTRUCTION	ADDING 01 TRUCK	QUBENSGATE	GOODS TRANSPORTATION	AMENDMENT
1638	ZMELENI INVESTMENTS	P.O. BOX 95 MANKAYANE	ZMELENI INVESTMENTS	MANKAYANE, BHAHWINI, NTFONJENI, MHLANGATSHA, SISOVU, NGCOSENI, MANKAYANE, MHLASUBOVU, MALKERNI, MHLANYA, MANZINI	MANKAYANE	SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
6819	KHANYA C. VLAKATI	P.O. BOX 320 MATSAFHA	AVANGA TRANSPORT	AMENDMENT TO ADD NGULI AND MAHONWANE, AND CHANGE TIME TABLE	SANKOLWENI	SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
7046	DINO DION FRIEDMAN	P.O. BOX 4 GEGE	T & D TRANSPORT	ADDING NGWANE PRACTISING PRIMARY SCHOOL	ERPC	SCHOOL BUS	AMENDMENT
4337	BILLY LOGADLA NHEBATSI	P.O. BOX 061 MNGWENYA	MBHOHO TRANSPORT	AMENDMENT TO ADD VEHICLE	ERPC	SCHOOL BUS	AMENDMENT
7900	WILLIAM C. DLAMINI	P.O. BOX 264 BULHENI	UMSIBENI WEBPROPHETI	AMENDMENT OF EXTENSION OF ROUTE FROM NHLABENI, ADDING MATSAMO AND MUMBE	ERPC	SCHOOL BUS	AMENDMENT
7070	MADODA M. BIKANDZE	P.O. BOX 94 MHLANYA	GOTHOZA MFANA TRANS	AMENDMENT TO DELETE DZANYANA AND ADD MUBI	DULLENI	NON SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
3352	PHINDUJUKI TRANSPORT	P.O. BOX 33 LOMAHASHA	PHINDUJUKI TRANSPORT	EXTEND ROUTE AND TIME TABLE	LOMAHASHA	SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
4744	PHINDUJUKI TRANSPORT	P.O. BOX 33 LOMAHASHA	PHINDUJUKI TRANSPORT	CHANGE TIME TABLE BASE POINT TO MANZINI AND INCLUDE MASUNDWINI IN TIME TABLE	MANZINI SATELLITE BUS RANK	SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
3018	MAYVILLE TOURS	P.O. BOX 729 NHLANGANO	MAYVILLE TOURS	EXTEND ROUTE TO MAHAMBABOR	MAHAMBABOR	SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
5794	TAFAM INVESTMENTS	P.O. BOX 3565 MBABANE	TAFAM	ADDING ROUTE LUZELUZE, MBEXILEWENI, MATSAFHA	COTES VALLEY	SCHOOL BUS	AMENDMENT
3172	MKHOPHENI SIMELANE	P.O. BOX 947 NHLANGANO	MKHOPHENI TRANSPORT	TO ADD ROUTES NHLANGANO, MHLOSHENI, MADZINI, HLUTHI	NHLANGANO	NON SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
2817	H S TRANSPORT	P.O. BOX 185 MHLUME	H S TRANSPORT	GOODS TRANSPORTATION AROUND SWAZILAND	TSHANENI	GOODS TRANSPORTATION	RENEWAL
3825	BHEKINKOSI K. MCHONTA	P.O. BOX 316 NHLANGANO	INAGARA TRANSPORT	SIVIVANENI, NHLANGANO, INTERBOARD	THUNZINI	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
5440	TEE & JAY WOODWORKS	P.O. BOX 102 EZULWINI	TEE & JAY WOODWORKS	GOODS TRANSPORTATION AROUND SWAZILAND	EZULWINI	GOODS TRANSPORTATION	RENEWAL
7637	BAFANA S. SHONGWE	P.O. BOX 26 KUBITA	EMANTIMANZI TRANSPORT	AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE MADUBENI, GUCUKA, SIHLANGWINI, SITSENGETSENGENI, MPHAPHATI, DUZE, HLUTHI	MPHAPHATI	NON SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
1198	MBONISO B. DLAMINI	P.O. BOX 3147 MBABANE	UMDUDUZU TRANSPORT	KA MASHALLI, LUTHELA, EDAMUKU, KAMHAMBISI, SIWASHINI, NTFONJENI, MUMBE, PIGGS PEAK	ZIBONHELE	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
346	MANDLA MAHLALELA	P.O. BOX 2190 MANZINI	HLALI TRANSPORT	MANKAYANE, SICUNUSA, MANKAYANE, MANZINI	MANKAYANE	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
252	MANDLA MAHLALELA	P.O. BOX 2190 MANZINI	HLALI TRANSPORT	MANKAYANE, SICUNUSA, MANKAYANE, MANZINI	MANKAYANE	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
3302	CHARLES H. FAKUDZE	P.O. BOX 142 MANKAYANE	C.H. TRANSPORT	LUSHIKOSHINI, TEAVELA, FAKUDZE, MANKAYANE, MANZINI, MHLASUBOVU, PHONDO	MANKAYANE	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
6040	MFANMPELA MVUBU	P.O. BOX 582 SIPHOFANENI	MVUBUS TRANSPORT	MHLABATINI, SIPHOFANENI, TAMBUTI	LUSHIKOSHINI	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
5885	EMMANUEL N. MASINGA	P.O. BOX 399 PIGGS PEAK	EMMA'S TRANSPORT	AMENDMENT TO ADD ROUTES WOODLANDS, MOTLANE, MNYOKANE, NKOMAZI, LUSEKWANE, PIGGS PEAK, BULEMBU, BORDER GATE	MHLABATINI	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
3433	NUABULO M. MAMBA	P.O. BOX 31 MSAHWEINI	SIBONKHHE TRANSPORT	MANZINI MAIN BUS RANK, NDLUNGANYE, MOMBENI, MATSAFHA, INDUSTRIAL SITE	PIGGS PEAK	NON SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
1392	MALAMBA CYPRIAN ZULU	P.O. BOX 7287 MANZINI	LEMON TWIST TRANSPORT	AMENDMENT TO CHANGE ADDRESS FROM P.O. BOX 3275 TO 7287 MANZINI AND TO ADD ROUTES ZOMBODZE, LUZIDZINI, LULUJAZA, MTHIMBOHULU AND BALENI	MANZINI MAIN BUS RANK	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
2791	SIMON Z. DLAMINI	P.O. BOX 3085 MANZINI	ZONDLIS TRANSPORT	NHLANGANO, PHOTELA, HLUTHI, MHLOSHENI, EMATOMENI, LAMUMISA	MANZINI MAIN BUS RANK	NON SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
2561	SIMON Z. DLAMINI	P.O. BOX 3085 MANZINI	ZONDLIS TRANSPORT	HLUTHI, PHOTELA, EMATOMENI, THUNZINI, DUALANI, NHLANGANO, INTERBOARD	NHLANGANO	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
2561	SIMON Z. DLAMINI	P.O. BOX 3085 MANZINI	ZONDLIS TRANSPORT	AMENDMENT TO CHANGE STARTING POINT, START FROM NHLANGANO, THUNZINI, PHOTELA, HLUTHI, INTERBOARD, DELETE DUALANI AND EMATOMENI	HLUTHI	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
6404	PHINEAS B. ZWANE	P.O. BOX 1302 NHLANGANO	ONE TIME TRANSPORT	NHLANGANO, GEGE, SYENDELE	NHLANGANO	NON SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
2765	NOZIPHOTI T. MAVUSO	P.O. BOX 678 NHLANGANO	MATHOKOZA TRANSPORT	MAHAMBABOR, JOUBERT, MBLUBWANE, NHLANGANO	NHLANGANO	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
6769	RISCO MHLUME	P.O. BOX 1 MHLUME	RISCO MHLUME	ADDING 01 TRUCK AND 2 TRAILERS	MAHAMBABOR	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
3320	BUSISWE SHONGWE	P.O. BOX 472 MANZINI	NORTHANDRO TRANSPORT	MANZINI MAIN BUS RANK, MHLALANI, NEW VILLAGE, NGWANE PARK	MHLUME	GOODS TRANSPORTATION	AMENDMENT
7003	BONGANE D. DLAMINI	P.O. BOX 1873 MANZINI	UMHLASHUHLANGANE	AMENDMENT TO DELETE EGESINI AND TO ADD MAHONGUTSHA PRIMARY SCHOOL, KAMELOT, MAPHAN, MATSAFHA INDUSTRIAL SITE	MANZINI MAIN BUS RANK	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
5274	IVAN MUNIRO	P.O. BOX 1470 MANZINI	M.D. TRANSPORT	MHLABATINI, VET	MAHONGUTSHA	NON SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
1147	IVAN MUNIRO	P.O. BOX 1470 MANZINI	M.D. TRANSPORT	AROUND SWAZILAND (STAFF BUS)	MANZINI	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
1168	IVAN MUNIRO	P.O. BOX 1470 MANZINI	M.D. TRANSPORT	MANZINI, HELEMSI, ST. PAUL'S, MOYENI, FAIRVIEW NORTH, MAHOLWENI, NQUNDLENI, MPHOLUKUSHI	MANZINI	STAFF BUS	RENEWAL
1133	IVAN MUNIRO	P.O. BOX 1470 MANZINI	M.D. TRANSPORT	MANZINI MAIN BUS RANK, HELEMSI, TOMMY KIRK, SPRINGBOCK, SIPIPHU, MTHAYELELE, FAIRVIEW NORTH, MAHOLWENI, NQUNDLENI, MPHOLI	MANZINI MAIN BUS RANK	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
1140	IVAN MUNIRO	P.O. BOX 1470 MANZINI	M.D. TRANSPORT	MAHONGUTSHA, MHLALANI, LUKHULA, SITEKI	MANZINI	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
5670	IVAN MUNIRO	P.O. BOX 1470 MANZINI	M.D. TRANSPORT	FAIRVIEW NORTH, TUBUNGU, MOBENI, UNISWA, MANZINI, MONENI	MANZINI	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
1135	IVAN MUNIRO	P.O. BOX 1470 MANZINI	M.D. TRANSPORT	MANZINI, MAHLANYA, LOBAMBA, EZULWINI, MBABANE	FAIRVIEW NORTH	SCHOOL BUS	RENEWAL
1134	IVAN MUNIRO	P.O. BOX 1470 MANZINI	M.D. TRANSPORT	MANZINI, SITEKI	MANZINI	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
1155	IVAN MUNIRO	P.O. BOX 1470 MANZINI	M.D. TRANSPORT	MANZINI, MAHLANYA, LOBAMBA, EZULWINI, MBABANE	MANZINI	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
490	UMHLASHUHLANGANE	P.O. BOX 1873 MANZINI	UMHLASHUHLANGANE	AMENDMENT TO DELETE STERKROOM AND MADONSA, AND ADD MPWA, LONHUPHEKO, LUKHULA, MPHOLWENI, JASULA	MANZINI	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
604	ELMON DLAMINI	P.O. BOX 1272 MATSAFHA	MJAMBA TRANSPORT	AMENDMENT TO DELETE MZAMO AND TO ADD UNIVERSITY AND INDUSTRIAL SITE	MANZINI	NON SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
6300	SICELI MAVUSO	P.O. BOX 137 NTFONJENI	MANGWANE TRANSPORT	AMENDMENT TO CHANGE ROUTE FROM PIGGS PEAK TO MAGUGA	MANZINI	NON SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
3212	FANA H. DLAMINI	P.O. BOX 680 SITEKI	SAMBULO TRANSPORT	AMENDMENT TO ADD TWO STATION (MAGABA, MANGWANYANE)	PIGGS PEAK	NON SCHEDULED	AMENDMENT
6910	PETROS M. MALINGA	P.O. BOX 94 MAHAMBABOR	P.M. MALINGA TRANSPORT	MATIMATIMBA, MAZOMBIZWE, INTERBOARD, NHLANGANO	KAMAMBA	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
5090	ISMAEL S. DLAMINI	P.O. BOX 286 NHLANGANO	UNIQUE TRANSPORT	ZAMOKHULE, MAZOMBIZWE, DLOVUNGA, JOUBERT, INTERBOARD, NHLANGANO	MATIMATIMBA	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
3012	GRAHAM L. ZWANE	P.O. BOX 38 MAHAMBABOR	PEUMA UNGENE TRANSPORT	ZAMOKHULE STORE, MAZOMBIZWE, NOELANE, DLOVUNGA, JOUBERT, MASEYISI, HOLHEKO, SIPHAMBANWENI, INTERBOARD, NHLANGANO	ZAMOKHULE	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
5537	DANIEL NDLOVU	P.O. BOX 65 NHLANGANO	DAN FOR HIRE	GOODS TRANSPORTATION AROUND SWAZILAND	ZAMOKHULE	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
2389	RAYMOND SHOHAPHANE	P.O. BOX 632 SITEKI	SHOHAPHANE TRANSPORT	SITEKI BUS RANK, GOOD SHEPHERD, MAPHUNGWANE, NDALANE, PRIMARY, KHUKHANE	NHLANGANO	GOODS TRANSPORTATION	RENEWAL
6236	RAYMOND SHOHAPHANE	P.O. BOX 632 SITEKI	SHOHAPHANE TRANSPORT	SITEKI BUS RANK, MHLASUBOVU, NDALANE, SITFOLWENI, DUMANE	SITEKI BUS RANK	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
4248	TIMOTHY M. FAKUDZE	P.O. BOX 128 BIG BEND	SIMON SON TRANSPORT	SHONALANGA SECTION, BIG BEND, SHOLI CLINIC, MATATA	SITEKI BUS RANK	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
4247	TIMOTHY M. FAKUDZE	P.O. BOX 128 BIG BEND	SIMON SON TRANSPORT	NYETANE, SECTION, BIG BEND, BANK, MATATA	BIG BEND	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
2104	TIMOTHY M. FAKUDZE	P.O. BOX 128 BIG BEND	SIMON SON TRANSPORT	NYETANE, SECTION, MAJOMBE SECTION, TRACTOR POOL, BANGWALINA SECTION, BIG BEND	BIG BEND	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL
542	DORAH M. MHLANGA	P.O. BOX 6421	MAVIS TRANSPORT	TO DELETE KAMOLUKHLOPE, TO ADD MAHLABATINI, MASUNDWINI, HLOBI AND INDUSTRIAL SITE	BIG BEND	NON SCHEDULED	RENEWAL



BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Industrial Court

**A former Limkokwing University of Creative Technology employee has taken the institution to court over the unlawful termination of a contract.**

According to the Industrial Court papers submitted by the applicant's legal representatives, Simelane Mtshali Attorneys, Mphili Mlungisi Simelane, who is the applicant, was employed on April 11, 2011 as an Operations Supervisor.

The employment was on contract basis and it was renewed in December 2015. Consequently, an employment contract was entered into between the applicant and Limkokwing University, the respondent, on December 21, 2015.

The substantive contract was for a period of three years and the parties had

an option to renew it on December 20, 2018. The contract would be renewed based on performance and availability of a position and resources.

The applicant performed his duties in accordance with the substantive contract of employment until such time that he was up for appraisal in November 2018.

#### Conducted

The appraisal was conducted by the applicant's direct supervisor, Gideon Shumba.

At the conclusion of the appraisal, Shumba recommended that the applicant's contract be renewed.

The respondent did not give any notice of its intention to terminate the substantive contract of employment on December

1, 2018.

The contract was therefore, tacitly renewed on December 21, 2018 as the applicant was still under the employment of the respondent by January 1, 2019.

The applicant based his submissions on the following factors; there was an existing contract of employment between the applicant and the respondent by January 1, 2019.

The respondent fully appreciated the fact that a notice of termination of the substantive contract of employment had to be made on or before December 1, 2018 and that failure to do so would constitute a tacit renewal of the agreement.

The respondents' conduct was an unequivocal act of renewal of the substantive

contract of employment, as the said contract emanated from the recommendations made by the applicant's direct supervisor.

The respondents terminated the applicant's contract on January 4, 2019.

The termination of the contract was unlawful and un-procedural due to the following premise; the contract of employment between the parties had been tacitly renewed on December 29, 2018 when the respondent failed to give notice of its intention to terminate the contract of employment.

There was also no substantive reason for the termination of the tacitly renewed contract of employment, as the applicant had neither committed misconduct nor

unilaterally left the respondent's employ.

The respondent also failed to adhere to any procedure in the termination of the contract of employment, therefore, the termination was un-procedural.

#### Claims

The applicant's claims against the respondent are as follows; setting aside the respondents' letter of the termination of the tacitly renewed contract of employment, the respondent reinstates the applicant to his job and pay for legal costs of the applicant or alternatively payment of the total remuneration that would have been earned by the applicant in the 36 months, which amounts to E594 333.33, as well as pay for the legal costs of the applicant.

## Ex-Limkokwing employee could pocket E600 000

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Mbabane

**THE national deworming campaign which ended last week, reached a total of 148 868 school children both in primary and high schools.**

This equates to 98 per cent coverage of the country's schools. Vusi Lokotfwako from the epidemiology department at the ministry of health stated that at the end of the deworming team reached a total number of 406 schools in all four regions.

"There were 216 schools from Hhohho, while Manzini covered 22, Lubombo covered 141 and Shiselweni covered 27 schools. About 98 per cent of the initial targeted number of children was reached being 148 868 children out of the initial targeted 152 012 were dewormed," he revealed. Lokotfwako said the drug's uptake was satisfactory with no difference between girls and boys dewormed. The overall deworming tablets uptake by children was satisfactory and also the high uptake was also seen among teachers. He said the campaign was fully funded by government and World Health Organization

## 148 000 PUPILS DEWORMED COUNTRYWIDE

...as national exercise reaches target of 98% success rate



(WHO). This year's deworming exercise was officially launched by the Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi at Mlumbati High. It was also graced by WHO Representative Dr. Alice Akunga, different government ministries, teachers, community leaders,

members of Parliament and community members. The event was also graced by of teachers and principals from neighbouring schools. This year's campaign was targeting all schools from 23 Tinkhundla Centre.

#### Regions

"Deworming teams were accommodated in their respective regions to reach schools as early as possible. The teams were administering Albendazole 400mg for intestinal worms to the children in line with WHO guideline. The teams continuously gave health education to children pre and during the deworming," he said.

## Importance of the exercise

and physical development and ultimately results in improved school attendance as studies have linked deworming with positive learning outcomes.

"The campaign was completed last week and children who may have missed

this precious opportunity and the adult population parents are advised to deworm in the nearest health facility as the country moves towards the elimination of Non Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Eswatini," he said.

## Very few side-effects reported

VUSI Lokotfwako from the Ministry Of Health's epidemiology department has revealed that since inception of the campaign the teams had noticed very few side effects with no adverse events seen.

By the end of the campaign, the teams reported a total of 12 side-effects countrywide and there were no adverse effects seen.

The common side effects seen were vomiting, diarrhoea with and without blood, abdominal pains and severe headache.

The side effects were managed by the teams and children experiencing side effects after the teams had left were attended by local health facilities and EMS through the toll free 977.

"The campaign was supported by a total of 35 cars from the following ministries: Health, Education and Training, and Deputy Prime

Minister's Office.

The cars are fuelled and maintained by the Government of Eswatini. Transport support is also provided by the following supporting partners: ICAP, MSF and Young Heroes," he stated.

Lokotfwako said this year's campaign progressed very well and unlike previous campaigns there was a positive response even from private schools. As such, all targeted private schools (both primary and high) were reached during the 2019 campaign.

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VUSI Lokotfwako said the deworming exercise was very important for school-going-children as it reduced the number of heavily worm infected children, decreases anaemia and improves nutritional status of children.

It also increased optimal growth among children, improving cognitive, mental

## Ministry thanks parents, children

**THE ministry of health appreciated the continued support from the parents and guardians for allowing their children to be dewormed.**

The support from principals and

teachers during the campaign was also greatly appreciated. Lastly, the ministry acknowledged the support from line ministries and partners for making the 2019 deworming campaign a success.

## DA won't surrender power in Tshwane to EFF

**PRETORIA - The DA will not surrender the government of the City of Tshwane to the EFF, regional leader Abel Tau has said.**

Tau, also utility services MMC in the City's DA-led coalition government, hit out at his EFF counterpart Moafrika Mabogwana, who has called for a fresh election in the metro.

"We don't live in a banana republic where everyone can today decide that I am not happy with how people have voted and call for elections," said Tau.

"In democracy, you respect democracy and wait for the next election cycle."

After the May 8 general elections, EFF commander-in-chief Julius Malema had announced that his party was eyeing the mayoralship in Tshwane and also wanted a role on the mayoral committee in Joburg.

He said the EFF planned to take Tshwane because "it was in the red, with allegedly corrupt business people from former mayor Sputla Kgosisentsho's era still doing business with the metro". News24

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# INKHOSIKATI LAGWEBU BROUGHT CHRISTIANITY TO THE ROYAL FAMILY

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Nkwene

**INKHOSIKATI** LaGwebu's brother, Khumbuzo Gwebu, also known as 'Malume', revealed that Inkhosikati played a vital role in bringing Christianity to the royal family especially the ones living at Lozitha with her first born daughter Princess Lojiba.

Gwebu said she also played a role in his life teaching him life's principles.

"She was also a karate specialist and no one would come near her before she got saved even men. She preached and lived by the Word and that is where we saw how a Christian lived. Lojiba preached to her mother and they spread the Word at Lozitha," he said.

He was speaking at Inkhosikati LaGwebu's 80th celebration on Sunday at Nkwene Royal Kraal.

Inkhosikati's sister quoted **Romans 8:35** and said if Make Gwebu continued to trust in God she will live up to 130 years.

## Sentiments

Meanwhile, Prince Mguciso shared sentiments with most speakers saying that he also grew under *Make* Gwebu's caring and strong hand at Emankwitsini.

He said it wasn't from her to serve Their Majesties but from her late father Njombola Mahhova Gwebu who was a friend, confidante and advisor to King Sobhuza II.

Just like her father who served a king, she also served Their Majesties.

She has served the current king (His Majesty Mswati III) and she thanked everyone who made it at the event. He was surprised when he got to

Nkwene that the event was of a great magnitude.

"By being here I am sure you learnt something about God. During our time Christianity was being a Zion member as there were not many of the non-Zionists. If you were not one it meant that you were pig headed," said the Prince much to the amusement of those who gathered around.

He prayed for safe arrival and happiness of the guests.

Inkhosikati LaNkambule spoke on behalf of 'boZakwabo', appreciated *Make* Gwebu and stated that she hated the title more especially in this case as they found a mother who taught about life in general as a new members of the royal family.

## Regalia

"When I had my first child she came with Princess Phetsani carrying a present and was very instrumental when the children were sick. She taught me a lot including how to wear traditional regalia.

When she got saved there was a change and she apologised to people she had bad experiences with. When Sakhile was young she fed all three together," she said.

Inkhosikati LaTsabedze speaking for daughters-in-law echoed other speakers and said everyone would attest that *Make* Gwebu was very welcoming.

She said as daughters-in-law they wished *Gogo* Gwebu to continue being in God.

She quoted **Psalms 118:8-9** which states it is much better to trust in God than in people, to trust in God than earthly leaders.

They wished her more years and fully acknowledged that she was alive because of the God that she worshipped.



**EIGHT DECADES:** It was a day of joy as the family hosted a birthday celebration for Inkhosikati LaGwebu at Nkwene Royal Kraal on Saturday. She is joined by Inkhosikati LaMotsa, Inkhosikati LaNdwandwe and Balondolozzi. The Inkhosikati is one of the wives to late Prince Mkhathshwa who was son to King Sobhuza II. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**MY DAY:** Inkhosikati LaGwebu speaking on her special day, she is joined by other Emakhosikati.

## HER DAUGHTERS SPEAK HIGHLY OF MOTHER

**GOGO** Gwebu's daughter Princess Dudu said her mother lived within the royal family always humbling herself, whilst remaining strict as a daughter-in-law and a mother.

She never complained of being sent by their majesties showing commitment. It was great to meet celebrating 80 years of her mother's life.

"She always acknowledges all her relatives and loves people. The late Princess Lojiba tried to emulate her in this case but she didn't reach *Make's* levels.

"Her character after getting saved contributed to live this long. She is strong and a giving person. We appreciate all who came to support," she said.

The last born, Princess Senanile echoed her sister stating that their mother was indeed a giving person who given a chance would remain with nothing than see someone in need.

She was always busy doing some-

thing; her life was exemplary rebuking when there was a need.

The first born grandchild Setsabile Magongo appreciated Inkhosikati for their upbringing, praising God for giving them Inkhosikati as a grandmother.

She appreciated Inkhosikati's love even in difficult and hard times protecting and covering them in a way that a hen incubates its own chicks.

"In all we thank that you taught us to trust and love God regardless of prevailing situations. We are proud of you and love you, your humbleness and character. If we are a portion of what you are we would have made it. May God continue keeping you. All your grandchildren would have loved to be here unfortunately due to commitments they couldn't," she said.

Magongo said by celebrating years of colour it meant that their grandmother's life was full of different aspects which couldn't be explained in one phrase.

**WELL-WISHERS:** Members of the royal family and guests following proceedings of the event.



**CAPTURED:** Bomakoti to Inkhosikati LaGwebu posing for a photo.



# Brothers assault man for having affair with mom

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI  
Siteki

TWO brothers of Malindza were fined a total sum of E1 200 after they assaulted a man from the same area, whom they accused of having an illicit affair with their mother.

The accused persons, Mbongeni Mamba (22) and Siyabonga Mamba (21) were charged with assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

They were alleged to have wrongfully and unlawfully assaulted Mkhunjulwa Maseko by hitting him with sticks several times on the body. The accused persons appeared before the Swazi National Court.

When the charge sheet was read to each of them, both accused persons pleaded guilty to the charge. In evidence, the complainant told the court that the accused persons attacked him, while he was coming from a local drinking spot.

He said they accused him of having an illicit affair with their mother, something which he disputed. The com-



plainant said it was not the first time that the accused persons accused him of the same thing.

"I assume that the problem emanates from the fact that I usually go to the same drinking spot with the accused persons' mother," he said, adding that he had no relationship with the woman.

However, when presenting their defence, the first accused person claimed to have proof that the complainant was having an affair with their mother.

The accused person said the com-

plainant was taking advantage of the fact that their father was sickly, hence they decided to take the matter into their own hands.

They admitted to have assaulted the complainant, saying that they only wanted him to stay away from their mother.

Both accused persons were accordingly found guilty by the court. Each of them was sentenced to six months in a correctional facility, with an option to pay E600 fine.

## Farm dwellers legislation in Parly end of July

BY MBONO MDLULI  
Mbabane

THE Farm Dwellers legislation is expected to be tabled by government in the House of Assembly before the end of this month.

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WHEN: Lobamba Lomdzala MP Marwick Khumalo.

Cabinet, as it had the right amendments. The legislation is supposed to protect farm dwellers across the country, as they had been complaining that farm owners did not consider their needs in farms. The owners would take decisions without the input of the farm dwellers.

The legislation is aimed at giving effect to the rights and existence of farm dwellers in farms and it will compel farm owners to consider views of the farm dwellers in decision making.

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## Driver bumps quantum, injures 11 passengers

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**THE driving skills of one public transport driver failed him after a car crashed into his quantum, injuring 11 of his passengers.**

25-year-old Bheki Mduli of Matsapha was arrested and charged with negligent driving after he knocked a Toyota quantum driven by Mfanzile Dlamini, injuring 11 passengers on board.

Mduli, who was also charged with contempt of court after he did not appear before the court on Sunday, is said to have, on June 9 near the Kia Traffic lights in Mbabane, did drive his Mahindra LDV negligently and knocked from behind a Toyota quantum registered KSD 378 BH. Mduli is said to have done this, injuring 11 passengers who were all treated and discharged by 977 personnel.

According to Mduli's charge sheet, he drove at an unreasonable speed, disregarding the wet weather conditions, since the surface of the road was wet. Mduli is also said to have failed to keep a safe following distance, failed to apply service brakes, further failing to avoid an accident.

During his appearance at the Magistrate's Court, Mduli pleaded guilty to both charges.

Presiding over the matter, Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi asked Mduli if he had undergone any measures to compensate the owner of the vehicle that he had knocked. Mduli informed the magistrate that he was doing so.

He further apologised before the court for being caught on the wrong side of the law.

He pleaded with the magistrate to exercise her leniency when passing sentence, whilst stating that he was unemployed. On count one he was sentenced to pay a fine of E500 or five months imprisonment, and on count two, Mduli was sentenced to pay a fine of E800 and in default of payment, six months imprisonment.

## Stepson suffocates, drags stepmother

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**IT is well known that relationships between stepmothers and their stepchildren are nothing short of bitter, which proved evident when a teenager strangled and dragged his stepmother after an argument ensued between them.**

Luyanda Dlamini (18) of Siphocosini stands accused of contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act, after he was said to have assaulted his stepmother Fikile Mavuso.

According to his charge sheet, Dlamini is said to have, on Sunday at Siphocosini, assaulted Fikile Mavuso, by grabbing her by the neck and suffocating her. Dlamini is then said to have dragged her by pulling her by her jacket.

During his appearance before Mbabane Principal Magistrate Fikile

Nhlabatsi on Tuesday, Dlamini pleaded guilty to the charge. However, he disputed the wording of the charge, denying that he strangled Mavuso. When his charge was read before the court, sounds of disbelief and shock could be heard from the court gallery, with some heard saying "umentanjani make wakho into lefana nalena?"

In his mitigation for a lighter sentence, Dlamini claimed that he had intentions to apologise to his stepmother.

"I have requested a meeting with make so that I can express my apologies. I did not intend for our argument to escalate in the manner that it did. I apologise sincerely for my actions and I plead with the court to grant me a lighter sentence," Dlamini pleaded.

After hearing his sincere mitigation, Principal Magistrate Nhlabatsi sentenced Dlamini to serve two years in a correctional facility, with the option to pay a fine of E2 000.

# STUKIE MOTSA FOUNDATION ASSISTS WOMAN WITH SKIN CANCER

BY COLISILE SACOLO  
Mbabane

**THE Stukie Motsa Foundation continues to work hard to help people living with albinism affected by skin cancer in the country.**

The Foundation in collaboration with the Deputy Prime Minister's (DPM) office recently helped a woman with skin cancer to get treatment in South Africa.

The Foundation's Stukie Motsa said local doctors had sent the woman home without help, thus her intervention.

Nomile Sikhondze (33) of Maguga had skin cancer and it was at an advanced stage.

Persons living with albinism with skin cancer at an advanced stage are referred to South African hospitals with the help of government.

Motsa spoke to the local dermatologist, who insisted to see Sikhondze to South Africa hospital.



**IMPROVING LIVES: Stukie Motsa.**

"As the foundation is working hard in collaboration with government, we will make sure that everything goes well for Sikhondze as she was referred to South Africa on Sunday. Together with the office of the DPM, we are

working hard to help and change lives of persons with albinism in the country. There are so many cases reported concerning skin cancer, the cases are piling up and patients are at an advanced stage of skin cancer. Our sister Lomangisi Dlamini in Mbabane Government Hospital needs EFUDIX cream that will help her. This cream is one of the expensive creams, not everyone can buy it and it is not available in the country, as a patient you have to order it in South Africa through local pharmacies," she said.

She said the foundation was still working on the matter and the situation of all those affected by skin cancer. On the other hand, we have Siphos Vilane from Luve who was assisted by the foundation with the support of the DPM's office. Vilane is back home from Lisedi Hospital in South Africa, where he went for treatment.

"We appeal to the public to assist in donating sunscreens and EFUDIX cream," she added.

## Man arrested for throwing beer bottle at friend

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**VIOLENCE at watering holes continues to hog the headlines after a man threw a beer bottle at his friend, which caused him to sustain injuries on his face and body.**

However, Brian Dlamini (19) of Siteki, disputes a medical report brought forth by the prosecution in his assault case, claiming that when he threw a beer bottle at Mlandvo Mngometulu, the broken bottle only injured Mngometulu face and not his body.

During his appearance before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi on Monday, he was informed of the results of a medical examination conducted on Mngometulu at Mbabane Government

Hospital on June 17, 2019, a day after the incident occurred.

The medical report revealed that Mngometulu sustained a six centimetre cut on his left cheek, with abrasions on his chin and on his left hand.

According to his charge sheet, Dlamini is said to have been arrested and charged with assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm after he assaulted Mlandvo Mngometulu with a beer bottle. The incident is said to have occurred at Corporation in Mbabane, on June 16. Dlamini informed the court that he was not aware that he had injured Mngometulu on his left hand.

"Your Worship, I threw the bottle towards Mngometulu's head thus, I do not know that I injured him on his hand," Dlamini claimed.

To this, the prosecution applied for

the matter to be postponed for August 7, where the prosecution will lead evidence in the matter. This will also allow for Dlamini to prepare evidence for his defence.

The prosecution informed the court that bail for Dlamini was not opposed, with the court granting him bail of E1 000.

Dlamini was further informed that in the event that he was unable to make payment towards his bail, he would be remanded back into custody until July 19.

Bail conditions for Dlamini were to the effect that he was not to interfere with the prosecution's witnesses of investigation and that he was not to commit a similar offence, while out on bail. Dlamini was warned to appear on the said date of his trial.

**RELAXING!**



**ENJOYING THE SUN: A businessman relaxes in the boot of his car, while enjoying the Winter Sun along the Gwamile Street yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)**



# PUBLIC WORKS JOB SCAM, LABOURERS IMPLICATED

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

**MINISTRY of public works and transport staff has been implicated in a job scam currently making rounds conning desperate citizens of the Kingdom their hard earned money.**

Members of the public have been scammed various amounts of money by people claiming to be recruitment officers from the ministry.

One of the desperate citizens scammed is Phumlile Mamba from Maloma, who is an Eswatini College of Technology (ECOT) graduate. The building engineering graduate said she had applied for employment at the ministry a few months ago.

Mamba said one of the good days she received a phone call from someone claiming to be a recruitment officer from the ministry. "She called me using a cellphone number 7636 3194 and identified herself as Mrs Tsela," she said.

Mamba said Tsela asked if she still needed the job she had applied for at the ministry. However, Mamba said she suspected something was not right because usually govern-



ment officers use landlines to make phone calls or the popular contract numbers starting with 7606... or 7602...

Despite her suspicion she told her that she was still interested. She said Tsela then gave her a number that she was supposed to call to make the necessary arrangements in order for her to be employed, which was 7698 7434.

"She said I should call a certain Mr Dlamini who will help me with the recruitment process," she said.

She then called the number which supposedly belonged to a Mr Dlamini, as she was talking to him she was convinced that he was indeed from the public works because he confirmed that he was indeed looking at her application.

"The man used both my names

as they appeared in all my certificates and identity card. He was reading my curriculum vitae word by word," she said.

Mamba said she was fully convinced that the man was from the ministry of public works because he even quoted all the documents she had submitted.

However, as the conversation continued she was told that her CV lacked experience.

The man told her he was not the only one involved in the recruitment process. He asked her to bring at least E1 500 so he could to persuade the others involved in the recruitment process. This was because the man told her that he could sense that she was in need of a job.

**She said I should call a certain Mr Dlamini who will help me with the recruitment process**

## Scammers have access to applications

**PHUMLILE Mamba said seeing her dream coming true she deposited the money.**

Days went by and she was not called for any job at the ministry of public works, where she then called the ministry asking about the recruitment. She was surprised to realise that the ministry had not been recruiting for quite some time.

Mamba said she was told by some of the officers that the cleaners at the ministry had a tendency of going through the thousands of applications at the ministry and calling people to offer them jobs and that is why a lot of people believed them.

She said they always have the correct details because they go through the applications.

Ministry of Public Works communications officer Mayibongwe Dlamini confirmed that the ministry had been receiving countless reports of people being scammed by individuals that promised them employment.

Currently, the ministry is working on busting all those involved in the scam. "We are currently working on verifying and validating these reports because they paint a bad picture about the ministry as well as the employees," he said.

Dlamini pleaded with members of the public to report every suspicion by calling the ministry or police, whenever a person wants some money in order for them to be employed.

He added that whenever the company is recruiting, vacancies will be advertised in the national newspapers.



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3. Harboring of criminals and promotion of crime,
4. Degradation of the town's aesthetics.

Overgrown plots are a contravention of the **Public Health Act No.5 of 1969, Part III, Section 8 and 11 (d), (n) and (t)**. The legislation dictates that plot owners are responsible for the upkeep of their plots.

Failure to comply with this notice within the specified number of days will leave Mankayane Town Board with no option but to clear your property at a cost which will be recovered from the property owner, **plus 20% of total cost** as stated in The Service Charges Byelaw for Town Boards Notice, 2010.

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# Eswatini to formulate labour

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

**THE absence of a labour migration policy has left local labour migrants vulnerable.**

They are also said to be facing serious and life-threatening challenges and risks.

Thus, the ministry of labour and social security is in the process of formulating a labour migration policy in a bid to assist and protect, both labour migrants coming into the country, as well as Emaswati working in other neighbouring countries.

Since independence, the country has not had a labour migration policy to provide guidance in the management of labour migration.

The vacuum caused by the lack of a labour migration policy led to difficulty in negotiating bilateral agreements with neighbouring coun-



**WORKERS RIGHTS:** Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati in a group photo with various stakeholders during the Validation Workshop for the Draft National Labour Migration Policy. The two day workshop was held from Monday to Tuesday at the Maguga Lodge. (Pic: Sifiso Dlamini)

tries in dealing with the labour outflows and inflows.

Subsequently, it compromised the protection of local citizens in the receiving countries and presenting uncertainty to immigrants coming into the country for employment.

Recently, the ministry of labour and social security engaged various stakeholders in a validation workshop for the draft national labour migration policy held at Maguga Lodge.

Among the participants were principal secretaries from the ministry of labour and home affairs, experts from the international organisation for migra-

tion, senior government officials, employers and workers representatives as well as association for mine workers.

The engagement of the stakeholders was to ensure all their views were captured to come up with a policy that would be owned, not just by government but the whole country as all relevant stakeholders were duly represent-

ed.

Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati said since the early 1920s, labour migration has played an important part in the history of the Kingdom of Eswatini and the Southern African region as a whole.

He said labour migration in the South African mining sector has benefitted

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## Sibusiso Dlamini leads Rotary Club of Malkerns

BY MHLengi MAGONGO  
Matsapha

**SIBUSISO Dlamini is the new president of the Rotary Club of Malkerns.**

Dlamini takes over from Prudence Shabangu who has been at the helm of the branch for a year.

Shabangu said she was thankful for the support she received while in office.

"Despite the challenges we faced, I am happy to say that we have been working together as a team. The work was not a burden," she said during an induction dinner held at Mantenga Lodge.

Shabangu said she was happy that the good working relationship with the incoming president would translate to a smooth transition, as Dlamini has been by her side during her tenure and was aware of some of the projects which are on-going.

She reminded fellow rotarians to always keep the object of rotary in mind whenever they go about their duties, as this would assist them focus.

She mentioned that during her time as president, the club's young leadership development programme is currently in partnership with local comedians who go around collecting sanitary pads and give the club to donate.

After his induction, Dlamini said he was thankful for the position.

He said such comes with challenges, but he was ready to work with the rest of the team.

Magagula also highlighted how working with past presidents of the club would steer him in the right direction as they had experience. The president also encouraged rotary members to 'play' when they do their work.

He said the reason he encouraged rotarians to 'play' was because it created an enabling environment for them to work efficiently.

"Children have a lot of friends because they play, the club will continue to grow if we play and create more friendship



**ALL THE BEST:** Immediate past President Prudence Shabangu handing over to Incoming Malkerns Rotary Club President Sibusiso Dlamini. (Pic: Mhlengi Magongo)

## Sikhomba Gumbi takes over Mbuluzi

**MEANWHILE, Sikhomba Gumbi was also introduced as the incoming president of the Rotary Club of Mbuluzi.**

Gumbi is taking over the reins from Timothy Mabaso, who has been the president of the club for a year. In his induction speech he said the rotary seeks to provide service to others and promote integrity through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.

"In line with the theme for this year we are asked by Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney to strengthen the many ways that rotary

with the people around us, and those we may need in the future," he said.

The president said he was ready to deal with challenges especially the issue of membership which does not only involve the Malkerns branch but all the branches in Eswatini. He raised a point that the club needs to work with organizations, especially the underperforming ones while adding how there were many projects the club could engage in to

connects the world, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through rotary service through our combined efforts, rotary connects the world," Gumbi said. The incoming president added that the country is experiencing financial challenges, which had many ramifications.

"The negative impact on the health sector, the elderly and other much-needed services mean that our work as rotarians will increase. We, therefore, need more members and to retain the ones we have," he added.

assist them improve their pass rate. "We also need to complement government efforts so we can work together and find areas where we can help," he said.

Some of the projects done by the Malkerns club include the Mbuluzi/Hawane Project, which seeks to support adolescents living with HIV and also a health project with Hospice at Home.

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# migration policy

the country over the past years in terms of providing employment for many Emaswati, which also resulted in increased incomes, mostly for rural households through remittances sent by migrants.

He mentioned official statistics between the years of 1966 and 1991, an average of 8 000 Eswatini migrants per year were working in the South African (SA) mines.

Apart from benefiting through remittances, this impacted positively to the country as it greatly reduced the unemployment rate, hence it was very low during those years.

"This helped in strengthening the country's economy as the remittances from mineworkers circulated within the economy, these remittances are still relevant and beneficial to the country today as they were in the past years," he said.

Vilakati said with changes in the business of the mining sec-

tor in SA, the number of migrant mineworkers had drastically decreased from about 8 000 to an average of 4 000 per annum.

He added that there was however a sharp increase of migrants in other sectors including domestic workers, manufacturing, service industry and commercial vehicle drivers, where a majority of these workers are without work permits in the receiving country.

## Challenges

"This includes over 20 000 Emaswati truck drivers and so many other undocumented domestic workers who are facing challenges and risks with some having lost their lives in clashes with workers in SA," said the minister.

He said government of Eswatini and that of South Africa had agreed to collaboratively work on these challenges and risks. The policy being developed would be key in guiding on how to deal with the complex

issue of labour migration.

The minister said it had been discovered that some of Emaswati working and those who have stopped working in SA enterprises, particularly mining companies due to various reasons had difficulty in accessing their social security benefits.

These included unemployment insurance benefits, pension, severance benefits, and compensation for occupational diseases and disabilities suffered due to accidents.

Vilakati said among other things, the policy would give guidance on how to deal with the issues of protection of rights of workers including portability of social security benefits.

"Once the comments and inputs were incorporated to the draft policy, the document would be tabled before cabinet for approval before its implementation by government," said the minister.

## ...We welcome such laws - WLSA

WITH an increase in female workers migrating to neighbouring countries for employment opportunities, the timing of the policy seems timely.

Recently, there has been an incline in the number of migrants in other sectors, including domestic workers and manufacturing industry labourers which are predominantly female.

Women and Law Southern Africa (WLSA) Eswatini National Director Xolani Hlatjwako said any law or policy seeking to protect any person's rights was welcome.

"For some time now, we have heard of reports of the exploitation of Emaswati workers due to the lack of protective mechanism, as an organisation we look forward to our sisters and brothers being equitably remunerated for their work, and receiving the benefits which are due to them," she said. She added that they hoped that this policy would foster an environment within which Eswatini would be able to enter into the bilateral agreements spoken of, and be in a position to negotiate for better terms and conditions for Emaswati workers.

All in a day's work...



ISHAYILE: A traffic police officer carries his working tools back to their van after calling it a day after mounting a roadblock at Mhlaleni yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

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# GUNDVWINI RESIDENTS DECRY WATER SCARCITY

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE  
Gundvwinini

**RESIDENTS of Gundvwinini under Manzini Region have been without clean water for three weeks now.**

Some of the community members are now complaining of stomach ache as they use water from local rivers.

According to Masoyini Community Caregiver Julia Myeni, the residents said the people of the area are now forced to share water with animals after tap water supply to the area was cut by a local water scheme.

"Three weeks ago, we were called to a meeting by the local water scheme, Bugeleni and Njelu Water Scheme, and were told that water supply would be stopped for at least a week, as a new generator was being installed. We were also advised to collect enough water for the days that the tap would be nonfunctional. However, it's been

three weeks now but we have no water," she said.

It is said the water scheme was established in 2007, and its engine pump is old thus consumes more electricity that it was actually meant to.

Myeni said she had been receiving reports from members of the community that they were suffering from stomach aches because they had to use unclean water from the river.

"Water is an important resource, as the community's caregivers, we use it when giving medication to patients. Water makes sure that a nation stays clean."

## Reports

"There have been reports that members of the community are now becoming sick as they have been consuming unsterilised water from the local rivers. I understand that a child from this area fell ill after drinking water from the river."

"There have been many reports in

the community from members complaining about stomach aches and diarrhoea after consuming water from local rivers," said Myeni.

Meanwhile, a member of the Njelu Water Scheme Gabisile Mkhathshwa said residents of Masoyini were informed prior that the water supply would be stopped.

## Supply

"The water supply was cut as a new water generator was being installed. The old water pump was consuming more electricity than it should as it was old," said Mkhathshwa.

On that note, ministry of health's Nomfundo Dlamini said the department has not yet received reports from members of Masoyini community yet.

She said no one has been admitted to hospital in relation to the matter.

She then advised members of Masoyini to contact her office.

"The department is yet to investigate the matter," said Dlamini.

## Man fined E400 for bar fight

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE  
Eswatini National Court

**A 39-year-old man has been fined E400 for assaulting a barman at Mahwalala.**

Bongani Mndzawe unlawfully and intentionally assaulted one Siboniso Mavuso with two fists all over the body with the

intention to cause him grievously bodily harm.

Mavuso went to report the matter to the police. The assault happened at Mahwalala last Friday.

Mndzawe pleaded guilty to the offence.

Mavuso told the Eswatini National Court that while he was on duty at a bar in Mahwalala he met Mndzawe, whom they

did not see eye-to-eye with.

"A fight ensued outside of the bar, then Mndzawe got the chance to assault me. He punched me in the mouth two times and I also knocked him back using my open hands," said Mavuso.

## Added

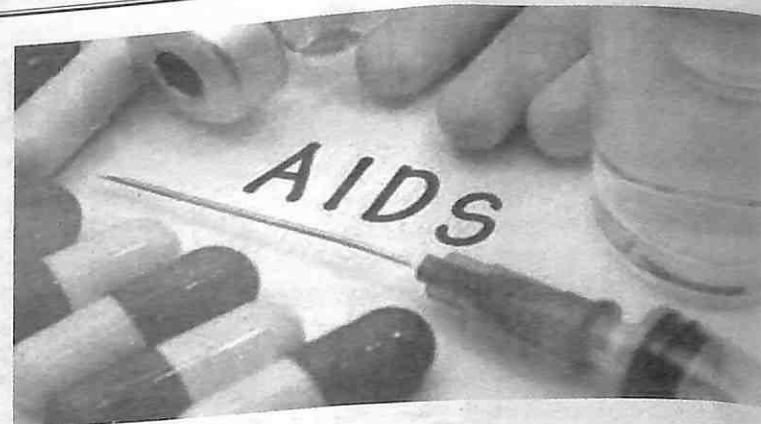
Mavuso added that police arrived at the scene and they spoke to them.

President Prince Lembebele then sentenced Mndzawe to six months in custody with an option to pay a fine of E400.

## GOING ONCE



**GOING ONCE:** Dismantling of the old Free Evangelical Assemblies church building has already started, after the church relocated to its new premises next to Leites Motors in Mbabane. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



## CANGO concerned with ARVs shortage

BY COLISILE SACOLO  
Mbabane

**THE Coordinating Assembly for Non-Governmental Organisations (CANGO) has raised concerns over the lack of a budget towards debt repayment, especially on issues concerning stock out, including anti-retroviral drugs (ARVs).**

CANGO Communications Officer Nkosingiphile Myeni said they would work hand-in-hand with the Eswatini HIV and AIDS Consortium (ESHACO) concerning the main issue of lack of drugs in the country.

Myeni said they were concerned with the lack of drugs in government's health facilities. He said CANGO would do its best to support ESHACO.

ESHACO Chairperson Hlobisile Nxumalo said under the prevailing situation, it could be concluded that the ministry of health might be facing a politically-motivated headache when government released meagre funds towards health development.

## Concerned

"We are concerned that the issue of budget allocation has not been adequately handled by government, and we wonder why government is not prioritising health," she said.

Nxumalo said they were following developments about reports that government released only E68 millions of the initially allocated E270 million, adding that such was another cause for concern.

She said ESHACO members were aware that the country was facing serious financial problems.

However, health was initially one of the top priorities for the country through the budget allocations.

"If reports are anything to go by, about E100 million would have gone to pay overdue monies owed to suppliers," she said.

She urged for a political solution to the problem through releasing more money towards the budget initially allocated to ensure health development was a priority in the country.

She said over the years, the coun-

try has not complied to the Abuja Declaration and there has been no obvious trend.

Meanwhile, appearing in Senate on Monday, Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi admitted that the country was indeed hit by a shortage of medicines and medicinal commodities.

The Central Medical Stores is reportedly with a stock to last for four months than ideally a seven-month stock.

Nkosi stated that the country was introducing a new regiment of ARVs and reduced the three-month's dosage to a month for patients across health facilities in the country.

Nxumalo said two things appeared to be irregular in allaying fears to the public.

## Drugs

She said while the country pronounced that it would strengthen HIV response through the introduction of better quality drugs, not coming out about it in the first place was partly the cause of the pandemonium. She said it would have been easy if the ministry was proactive in this and alert patients of the benefits of the new drug specimen.

"We encourage government to put in place an engagement and communication mechanism for people to be aware of the current change in drugs, explaining how they are better than the ones they are used to," she added.

Nxumalo said it might seem the three months dosage is good a strategy to minimise queues and travelling costs, especially of the most vulnerable.

She noted that the country has come a long way in the fight against HIV/AIDS, with much progress made over the years.

Nxumalo said they appreciated investments made by development partners and the country's commitment towards the fight against HIV/AIDS.

"However, this progress and the country's aspiration to eradicating HIV and AIDS would be all for nothing if they fail to address these issues with the speed it deserves."

## Man to pay E800 for assaulting woman with beer bottle

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE  
Eswatini National Court

**A 50-year-old man of Nhlanganisweni area in the Hhohho region has been fined E800 for assaulting a woman with a bottle.**

Austin Magagula wrongfully and intentionally assaulted one Nde Dlamini with a beer bottle on the head with the intention to cause her grievous bodily harm.

Dlamini reported the matter to the police.

The assault happened at

Nhlanganisweni on June 22.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the offence.

Dlamini told the court that on June 2, Magagula approached her while she was in the company of her three friends.

She told the court that Magagula

then started to quarrel with her friends while at the drinking spot.

"I was enjoying drinks with my friends at Nhlanganisweni when Magagula suddenly approached. We had beers in front of us, Magagula then claimed that he was the one buying us drinks every time we go out

drinking. A quarrel ensued and he hit me with a beer bottle," said Dlamini.

Dlamini said she then suffered cuts on the head due to the bottle assault and was taken to the hospital.

## Sentenced

Magagula was sentenced to eight months in custody with a fine option of E800.

Presiding over the matter was court President Prince Lembebele.



# Focus on SA Scene

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## ZWELITHINI'S ANNUAL IMBIZO TO INCLUDE WOMEN

**KWAZULU-NATAL** - Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini has convened an annual *imbizo* for the Zulu nation in Ulundi today where he will address his subjects, which will include women for the first time.

The *imbizo* was announced by IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who is also the prime minister of the Zulu nation, on behalf of the king, through an advert in various Zulu newspapers last month.

Buthelezi said previously the *imbizo* was attended by men only but now it was important to emphasise that the monarch was inviting his entire nation, men and women.

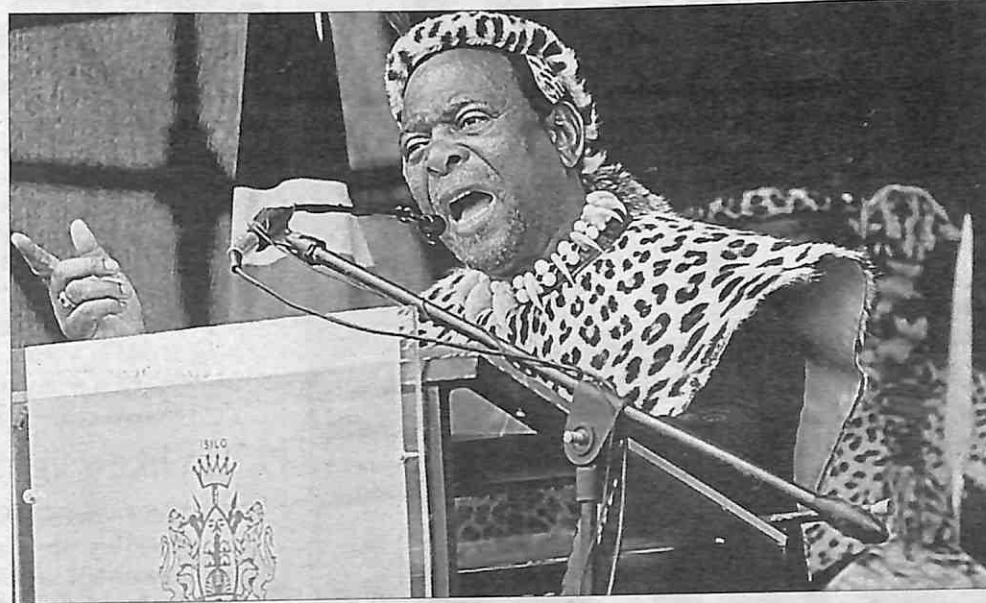
### Imbizo

The *imbizo* was preceded by a church service for all congregations, which was held at the old KwaZulu-Natal government legislature building in Ulundi last Sunday.

The church service was followed by discussions about the importance of education in the development of the nation, the importance of the Zulu language and a nation built on culture, and discussions about singing and traditional dancing in building the nation.

While Buthelezi did not say what the focus of this year's *imbizo* would be, King Zwelithini used last year's gathering to wage a war against threats to dissolve the Ingonyama Trust Board and cede thousands of hectares of tribal land to the state.

The king's response emanated from recommen-



**WOMEN INCLUDED:** Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini.

dations made by the high-level panel headed by former president Kgalema Motlanthe that the Ingonyama Trust Act be repealed or amended. The Ingonyama Trust administers 2.8-million hectares of land in the province on behalf of King Zwelithini, who is its sole trustee.

The panel's recommendations incurred the ire of the Zulu monarch, the architect of the Ingonyama

Trust Act, Buthelezi, and traditional leaders, who warned of a clash of nations should the government make good on moves to dissolve the trust.

"What I want you to know about our history is that the issue we are faced with now is very similar to the one our forefathers were faced with. This will be the second clash," the king told thousands of his subjects in Ulundi last year. *Times Live*

## Prepare yourselves for presidency of Mabuza - Malema

**JOHANNESBURG** - The EFF has urged South Africans to prepare themselves for a new president after Public Protector Busi Mkhwebane announces her findings into allegations of money laundering against President Cyril Ramaphosa.

EFF leader Julius Malema made the remarks on Tuesday while briefing the media about the preparation for his party's national elective conference in Nasrec in December.

Malema was adamant that Mkhwebane's final report would severely affect Ramaphosa's job as president, saying people should prepare themselves for the presidency of David Mabuza - the deputy president.

The investigations against Ramaphosa followed a complaint laid by DA leader Mmusi Maimane last year after reports the president received a donation of R500 000 from Bosasa for his ANC presidential campaign in December 2017. "The president is in trouble," said Malema.

Malema's comments came as a COSATU-affiliated union - the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) - broke ranks with its mother body which had asked Ramaphosa in May to ignore Mkhwebane's remedial action until the courts had pronounced on them. *Diamond Fields Advertiser*

## ANGELO AGRIZZI MAKES AMENDS WITH LESS ALEX KIDS

**JOHANNESBURG** - All the stress that befell former Bosasa chief operations officer Angelo Agrizzi during the Zondo commission seemed to have faded as he shook hands and made amends with the less fortunate children of Alexandra township.

He sang songs with them, helped some unwrap toys and also carried some children in his arms. This was a different sight of the man who had been under a lot of strain, while testifying at the commission, where he shed some light on corruption and collusion between his former company and high profile politicians. On Tuesday, Agrizzi made his first visit to the Barney Mokgatle Foundation in Alexandra. The foundation is the chosen recipient of the R200 000 which was a settlement in the hate speech against Agrizzi. *The Star*



**AMENDS:** Former Bosasa Chief Operations Officer Angelo Agrizzi.

## ANC mum on Mayor Zandile Gumede's suspension

**DURBAN** - With just eight days left before the expiration of eThekweni Mayor Zandile Gumede's 30-day suspension, her future was still a mystery on Tuesday, with the ANC still keeping its cards close to its chest and Gumede keeping a low profile.

ANC spokesperson Nomagugu Simelane-Zulu said the party had been engaging in processes to decide on the Gumede issue.

The party forced the mayor to take a month's leave after being arrested and appearing in court on fraud and corruption charges relating to a R208million waste-collection tender.

Simelane-Zulu said the processes engaged in included the provincial executive committee (PEC) briefing the provincial working committee, and making recommendations before a final decision on Gumede's future is taken.

The municipality is in turmoil after last Thursday's full council meeting, at which it is thought an attempt was made on acting mayor Fawzia Peer's life after she drank bottled water suspected to have been laced with paraffin. Peer said she was still waiting for the laboratory results on Tuesday afternoon.

"I have not received the results. The information I received is that the lab is still working on testing the water. 'I did not expect the results would take so long. The bottle was sent to the lab last Thursday, so I expected to have the results by now,'" she said, adding that she was also waiting for video footage from the council chamber to be made available to her. *Daily News*

## 'EFF entourage sipped French champagne'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Did an EFF entourage quaff bottles of French champagne, while racking up a bill of R60 000 at a luxury villa in Camps Bay when they travelled to Cape Town for the State of the Nation Address (SONA)?

The contents of at least 14 bags of rubbish, a business class SAA ticket stub and a reservation made by Larry Mavunda, bodyguard of party leader Julius Malema, suggest they did, the Daily Maverick reported on Wednesday. The publication acknowledged it had to "stoop low" by sifting through at least 14 bags of trash left behind by guests at the villa, purportedly owned by a German citizen, to unmask the "hypocrisy" of the red berets.

### Promotion

The EFF has taken a strong stance against the promotion of alcohol consumption in the country and foreign land ownership.

A reservation was allegedly made by Mavunda for the villa on June 19, a day before President Cyril Ramaphosa's SONA. Daily Maverick said when the guests checked out on June 27, the bill amounted to about R60 000 for eight nights.

Journalist Marianne Thamm said she had found numerous empty bottles of Veuve Clicquot, Veuve Clicquot Rich, Moët et Chandon, Glenfiddich whisky and Tanqueray gin inside the discarded rubbish. There were boxes of discarded unused condoms, bank deposit slips with bank account



**ENTOURAGE:** EFF Leader Julius Malema.

numbers, H&M and Zara receipts, and fast-food wrappers.

EFF supporters stormed H&M stores after one of its adverts, featuring a black child, caused a stir on social media, with the brand being accused of racism.

Among the SAA ticket stubs found was one for Ndlozi/M in seat 1F on flight SA 347 from Johannesburg to Cape Town in Business Class on April 19. EFF spokesperson Dr Mbuyiseni Ndlozi initially told the publication there was no need to "rent" private accommodation for party MPs in Cape Town, but said invited guests did occupy private accommodation. *Times Live*

## Coca-Cola invests millions to ensure SA water security

**JOHANNESBURG** - The beverage giant's foundation has invested in five projects to remove alien plants from water catchment areas.

In light of debilitating water shortages throughout South Africa, the Coca-Cola Foundation

has pledged to help alleviate this constant issue experienced throughout the country, which has been exacerbated thanks to climate change.

The foundation has invested \$1.28 million (approximately R18 million) to help replenish water back into nature. It has done this through

the Replenish Africa Initiative (RAIN) and has invested in five projects to remove invasive alien plant species that feed on major cities and towns.

Five main water catchment areas will be targeted. *Daily News*



# Focus on World News

Global News

## 45 KILLED IN NIGERIA FUEL TANKER BLAST

**ABUJA** - The truck overturned near shops while travelling through the village of Ahumbe in Benue state on Monday.

At least 45 people were killed and more than 100 injured in central Nigeria when a petrol tanker crashed and then exploded as people gathered fuel, emergency services said on Tuesday.

The truck overturned near shops while travelling through the village of Ahumbe in Benue state on Monday.

Local residents rushed to the scene and collected leaking gasoline for over an hour before the fuel caught fire, causing a blast that tore through the surrounding area.

"We have recovered 45 corpses of the dead while 101 others sustained serious fire burns," Benue state Federal Road Safety Commission Sector Commander Aliyu Baba told AFP.

"From the look of things and considering their condition, many of them might not survive."

Baba said a pregnant woman and at least two children were among the dead and two firefighters sustained serious burns.

He said the blaze was sparked when a bus laden with passengers drove past the scene and its exhaust pipe scraped along the ground, causing sparks to



**TRAGIC:** A man tries to walk past a burnt vehicle and petrol tanker that crashed off the road and exploded leaving over 100 people injured at Ahumbe, Benue State, north-central Nigeria.

fly. "Sixteen of the passengers in the vehicle, including the two children and the pregnant woman, were instantly burnt to death," Baba said.

Police and emergency services crews were working to clear the tanker's charred hulk from the road, an AFP reporter at the scene witnessed.

At least one building was gutted in the explosion. Locals spoke of their shock. "I lost a brother and two others are seriously burnt and in the hospital. They were trapped in the fire when the truck exploded for a second

time," resident Ade Derfer told AFP.

At the Bishop Murray hospital in the state capital Makurdi, patients with serious burns were recovering.

Survivor Ochuole Imaje said she had been on the ill-fated bus.

"We warned our driver to park but he went ahead and in a bid to pass the spilling fuel an explosion occurred and we were trapped in the fire and fought for our lives," she told AFP.

"I managed to escape but many others died. I cannot tell how I got here to the hospital," AFP

## ESKOM CONFIRMS ZIM PAID BACK SOME OF THE MONEY

**JOHANNESBURG** - Eskom has confirmed that payment from Zimbabwe regarding outstanding debt is reflecting in the power utility's account.

Earlier on Tuesday, Fin24 reported that Zimbabwe Energy minister Fortune Chasi posted proof of the country's US\$10m (about R139m) payment to Eskom on Twitter. The country has been suffering power outages due to outstanding debt.

Eskom is owed a total of US\$33m from Zimbabwe. On Tuesday afternoon, it said in a statement that it had received a payment from Zimbabwean authorities, but did

not name the amount. "Discussions will continue with the Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (ZESA) to find a mutually beneficial solution to the outstanding debt. Eskom is a commercial operation and will be guided by the contracts we have in place with ZESA," Eskom's statement read. In his Twitter post, Chasi also said that further discussions with Eskom would be needed, as the repayment of debt did not guarantee power supply. "Whilst we have paid US\$10m, this is no guarantee for power. We need to negotiate," he Tweeted.

*Fin24*

## 'I'm like a lightsaber-wielding Jedi Knight'

**BELFAST** - Boris Johnson, the favourite to become Britain's next prime minister, said he identified closely with the Jedi Knights - the lightsaber-wielding mythical warrior monks of the Star Wars movies.

"Star Wars - I'll tell you what - I identify very much with the guy with the lightsaber - the Jedi Knights," Johnson said when asked who his

favourite character was in the films.

"I am proud to say the lightsaber is manufactured, was invented in South Ruislip - the constituency I represent," he added. "I have a lightsaber in my office in Westminster - it is a most beautiful thing which was presented to me by no less a figure than Christopher Lee," he said. Lee played Count Dooku in Star Wars. *Reuters*

## Trump's \$2.5m Fourth of July spectacle

**WASHINGTON** - The National Park Service is diverting nearly \$2.5 million in entrance and recreation fees primarily intended to improve parks across the country to cover costs associated with President Donald Trump's Independence Day celebration today the National Mall, according to two individuals familiar with the arrangement.

Trump administration officials have consistently refused to say how much taxpayers will have to pay for the expanded celebration on the National Mall this year, which the president has dubbed "Salute to America." The two individuals, who spoke on the condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the matter, confirmed the transfer of the Park Service funds Tuesday. The diversion of the park fees represents just a frac-

tion of the extra costs the government faces as a result the event, which also includes expansive displays of military hardware, flyovers by an array of jets including Air Force One, the deployment of tanks on the Mall and an extended

pyrotechnics display. By comparison, according to former Park Service deputy director Denis Galvin, the entire Fourth of July celebration on the National Mall typically costs the agency about \$2 million.

The White House is also distributing VIP tickets for Trump's planned speech at the Lincoln Memorial to Republican donors and political appointees, prompting objections from Democratic lawmakers who argue the president has turned the annual celebration into a campaign-like event.

*Daily Mail*



## US aid of \$600 000 to help Zimbabwe farmers rebuild lives

**JOHANNESBURG** - Zimbabwe's smallholder farmers in Chimanimani District are to be provided with an additional \$600 000 to help them recover and rebuild their lives following March's deadly Cyclone Idai which wrought massive destruction across Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, leaving over 1 200 people dead



and many more missing.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will provide funds to its local partner, LEAD Trust, to spearhead these recovery efforts over the next 12 months, a Monday press release stated.

The programme will help smallholder farmers grow high value crops, cereals, and pulses, and

improve nutrition and hygiene. As part of these efforts, USAID will provide smallholder farmers with 138 000 kg of locally procured seed and 305 000 kg of fertiliser.

This additional contribution complements previous Cyclone Idai relief efforts through USAID's Office of Food for Peace and Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, and brings the total US government commitment to \$3.2 million. *AFP*

## BRIEFS

**Ebola case confirmed near South Sudan border**

**JUBA** - The first cross-border cases were reported in Uganda last month when two members of a family from the DRC travelled to the country.

South Sudan is facing another potential threat with the first confirmed case of Ebola near its border with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) reported. This is specifically significant as the country's healthcare system has been weakened by years of civil war, making it vulnerable to the potential spread of the deadly virus.

*African News Agency*

**Zim tightens grip on foreign-currency trade**

**HARARE** - The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe has ring-fenced foreign currency trade to the point of choking the black market trade - for now. On Tuesday, leading banks such as SA-owned Nedbank, were buying the US dollar at \$1 to Z\$8.6 while on the black market the dollar fetched a low Z\$6.5. "It now makes more sense to sell forex to the banks but we are not just buying from anyone," said a banker. The reasoning behind tightening the grip on forex buying was to avoid a situation where people would take forex from the streets and dump it with banks. *AFP*

**14 sailors killed in Russia**

**MOSCOW** - Fourteen Russian sailors were killed when a fire broke out while their deep-water research submarine was carrying out a survey of the sea floor near the Arctic, the Russian defence ministry said. A media outlet, RBC, cited an unnamed military source as saying the submarine was nuclear-powered, but Russian officials made no comment on the type of vessel involved. The incident was the deadliest involving a Russian naval submarine since August 2000, when the nuclear-powered Kursk sank to the floor of Barents Sea after two explosions in its bow. *Reuters*

**Man pours water on chief executive**

**Shanghai/Beijing** - A man poured a bottle of water over Baidu Inc Chief Executive Robin Li on Wednesday at the opening of an annual conference for the Chinese search giant. Li was speaking of applications for artificial intelligence (AI) in a speech when the young man approached him, spilled the liquid over Li's head, and walked away. "What's your problem?" Li shouted in English. "There are many difficulties on the road to achieve AI, but it will not impact Baidu's determination," Li calmly said to the applause of the audience. He then went on with the lecture. *IOL*



# BUSINESS UPDATE

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## MTN splashes close to E180 000 to vendors

STORIES BY QONDILE NTIWANE

MTN Eswatini has splashed close to E180 000 worth of prizes to vendors that excelled in the Agent Target Based Promotion.

The Mobile Money and airtime vendors were awarded prizes ranging from a Kiosk worth E30 000, four motor cycles valued at E21 000 each and eight Samsung J2 cellphones worth E8 000 each.

Making his remarks during the presentation held at the company's headquarters at Ezulwini yesterday, MTN Acting CEO Sibusiso Nhleko said they were, as a successful local company, one of their secret was learning that over time it was important to celebrate success.

He said that these vendors, who are the backbone of their business, have excelled, was sufficient reason to celebrate and appreciate them.

"As already explained, the four winners emerged at the top of the heap in terms of exceeding set monthly targets. Without question, this did not come easy. It must have called for them to go beyond the normal and usual."

He said, by raising the bar, MTN had actually afforded the vendors an opportunity to see for themselves that the sky is the limit, and



**CHAMPS:** The winning vendors posing with MTN Acting CEO Sibusiso Nhleko and COO Sam Shongwe. (Pics: Qondile Ntiwane)



**RIDE ON:** Leading Airtime vendor in the Hhohho Region Vuyisile Methula posing next to her bike.

that they can do much more.

"Some of you are aware that MTN Eswatini has over 950 000 mobile subscribers and 612 463 Mobile Money subscribers.

"This is a reflection of the size of the market which, thankfully, has

a potential to increase.

"The numbers represent our valued customers, who have been buying airtime, some of them through MTN Mobile Money, and for that we are grateful," he said.

He added that they would like to

see more and more of their customers buying airtime through Mobile Money, which is quite commendable.

"We remain committed to work with our vendors in different MTN initiatives in the future.

"I would also like to kindly remind all our vendors in the country to do their very best to protect customer information. This will minimise the prospects of fraud on the platform.

"We also want to remind our valued customers not to volunteer their PIN to anybody.

"We count on you, our valued partners, for support as we work around the clock to make customer's lives a whole lot brighter.

"Once again congratulation to the four winners and thank you for your partnership and loyalty to MTN Eswatini," he said.

## ...Kiosk winner gives it to mentee free of charge

AFTER being announced the top Mobile Money vendor, a kind-hearted Zambiso Dube transferred his kiosk worth E30 000 to his mentee, Jabulani Ndzabukelwako from KaZondwako area free of charge.

Dube was named the overall winner of the MTN Eswatini Agent Target Based Promotion, winning himself the kiosk.

He however explained that he already five kiosks that were given to him by the communications company free of charge.

"I really thank MTN for this gift. But I feel he needs it the most. I already have five kiosks that the company gave to me, so I decided to forward this as a gift to help my brother to grow," he said.

Ndzabukelwako was extremely happy after receiving the kiosk from Dube.

"I really didn't see it coming. I wish both him and MTN further prosperity for their generosity," he said.

### LIST OF WINNERS

AGENT NAME	LOCATION
Dubes	Kwaluseni, Manzini
Unathi Spaza	Tshaneni, Lubombo
S and N	New Village, Manzini
MTN	Manzini Town Centre
Dezy Top Design	Pigg's Peak, Hhohho
Anna's	Nhlangano, Shiselweni
Thiza Four	Nhlangano, Shiselweni
Mabura	Manzini
Ndzabus	Zondwako, Manzini
Nxumalo Pholani	Manzini
Gadlala Muzi	Lubombo
Methula Vuyisile	Hhohho

He had been mentored by Dube for the past six years. Ndzabukelwako started his airtime business in 2013 before he lost his job in the same year in one of the textile firms in Matsapha.

He later added Mobile Money in his business. He uses the business to support three children, one of them is only a week old.

"I will no longer be scorched by the sun or panic due to the rain,"

he said.

Meanwhile, one of the winners of the motorbikes, Vuyisile Methula (30) from Msunduzi in Mbabane said her business helps her to take care of her two children.

One is in high school and the other is in primary school. She started her airtime and Mobile Money business in 2012.

"I don't have enough words to thank MTN for this wonderful gift.

It was a total surprise and I almost didn't come because I thought the only best thing I could win was a T-shirt or anything less significant like that. This motorbike will really help me to improve the efficiency of my business and customer relations," she said.

MTN Acting Chief Executive Officer Sibusiso Nhleko said the reason they celebrate success of their airtime and Mobile Money vendors is because their success is integrated with the company's success.

"They are also our eyes and ears in the market and they interact with our customers every day. We hope this will also encourage others to work hard.

"Without question, this did not come easy. It must have called for them to go beyond the normal and usual. By raising the bar, MTN has actually afforded the vendors an opportunity to see for themselves that the sky is the limit, and that they can do much more," he said.

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### VITALS

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

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 03 JULY 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.0821	14.1321
British Pound/SZL	17.7096	17.7725
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.6160	7.6416
Swiss France/SZL	14.2965	14.3414
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3167	1.3355
Australian Dollar/SZL	9.8490	9.8368
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.7464	10.7812
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	15.8944	15.9508
Gold	1,425.7546	
Oil	62.86	

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AUCTION: One of the homes to be auctioned located at Mahwalala Township. (Pics: Bahle Gama)

## EBS' OVER E3 MILLION PROPERTIES TO GO UNDER THE HAMMER

BY BAHLE GAMA

The Eswatini Building Society (EBS) will auction land and property amounting to over E3 million.

The items worth a collective and exact E3 152 000 will be auctioned at the High Court tomorrow starting at 10.30am. Mbabane Deputy Sheriff David Magagula, who will be auctioning these properties on behalf of EBS, said the items to be auctioned are all located around Mbabane.

These include two vacant pieces of land and three houses in areas like Msunduzi, Thembelihle and Mahwalala.

One of the properties is a double storey house at Thembelihle sitting on 2111 square metres with a reserve price of E1 440 000, while another is situated at Mahwalala Township extension 1 and has been reserved for E800 000.

Vacant land with a measurement of 326 square metres is at Msunduzi and has no reserve price, while the other plot measuring 2560 square metres has been reserved for E260 000.

Magagula urged interested bidders to

Certain	Measuring	Improvements	Reserve Price
Remaining Extent of Portion 65 in district of Hhohho	2560 square metres	Vacant Land	E260 000
Portion 862 in urban area of Mbabane	2111 square metres	Double storey house	E1 440 000
Lot situated in Mahwalala township extension 1	1201 square metres	House	E800 000
Lot at Msunduzi township extension 4	326 square metres	Vacant Land	No reserve
Lot in Mbabane Township No. 13	219 square metres	House	E672 000



SELL IT: This double storey house with a garage is at a reserve price of E1 440 000.

come in great numbers for the auction and that there would be no registration fee. "Those interested contact us to get more information on the items," he said.

## MTN Mobile network at 98 per cent

BY MILENCI MAGONGO

MTN Eswatini has managed to increase the strength of its network to cover almost the whole country.

The telecommunications company's network coverage currently stands at 98 per cent.

This was mentioned by MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondvo, who said the 98 per cent is actually a round up figure.

Lumphondvo mentioned that their network is accessible in the entire country and they (MTN) managed to increase coverage in remote locations, as well. In an interview with this publication, Lumphondvo mentioned that the coverage exceeded the rounded off figure of 98 per cent.

He explained that the coverage of their network had since grown due to an increase in the number of satellites, which have been placed around the country.

## ...Eswatini Mobile follows closely at 75 per cent

ESWATINI Mobile has since strengthened its network coverage to over 75 per cent of the country in the past 24 months.

This was revealed by Sabelo Lukhele, a marketing officer during a briefing at Swazi Observer head offices in Mbabane yesterday. Lukhele said the company was working on 100 per cent coverage for Eswatini, despite the numerous challenges the company faced. He also urged subscribers based in remote areas not to worry about the network coverage, as the company had tightened screws in most rural areas, which previously did not have coverage. He further mentioned that some rural areas have

better network coverage compared to urban areas, especially those close to the Central Business District in Mbabane.

The marketing officer mentioned that a number of people who use their network are situated close to the CBD, which contributes to it being slow at times.

"When it comes to our network, you find that some areas further away from the towns have more coverage compared to those in towns. This is because in urban areas, it is used the most, therefore, it gets to be slow at times, which has also contributed to some rural areas having an excellent network," he said.

## Galp to open two more fuel stations

BY SIMON SHABANGU

GALP Marketing International Chief Operations Officer (COO) Paulo Varela has revealed that the company will be building two more filling stations in the country.

Speaking during the Galp 10th year anniversary celebrations held at Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre last Friday, Varela said they wanted to develop a strong network in the country and were putting up two more stations, which would open soon. He said last year was a good one for them, as the group's turnover stood at 17.2 billion Euros. "Our operational results last year were the best ever with on EBIT-

DA of 2.2 billion Euros.

"The net income stood at 819 million Euros to sustain and expand the operations in the markets in which we operate. Most of this amount was invested in the Oil and Gas Exploration, in Brazil, Mozambique and Angola. The investment in downstream activities (R&M and G&P) reached Euros 267 million, part of it here in the Kingdom Eswatini, improving our sites and building new filling stations," he added. He said their core values as a business was trust, partnership, agility, innovation and sustainability, something which he said they want to display even to the Kingdom of Eswatini as they have done so in the past 10 years of their existence in the kingdom.

## Eswatini ranked 7th in sub-Saharan region's paying tax index

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

ESWATINI is currently ranked 63rd in the World Paying Tax Index and 7th in sub-Saharan Region.

This was revealed by Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg during the launch of the Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA) Filing Season 2019 held at the SRA Auditorium at Ezulwini on Monday.

The minister said two of the key indicators in which the SRA contributed were the: Trading Across Borders and the Paying Taxes Indices.

He commended the SRA and all stakeholders who work at the country's ports-of-entry for the great work they have done over the years to keep the country at the ranking of 32nd in the world and 1st in Sub-Saharan Africa.

"As a government, we are already

on a drive to gradually reduce

Corporate Tax from 27.5 per cent to 12.5 per cent by 2023 and we are positive that that this will eventually improve our ranking on this index and render us more attractive for foreign investment," he said. He said there was also a need to simplify things further for our Small and Medium Enterprises to assist them with the cost of compliance. "We are looking at doing this mainly through the introduction of the small taxpayer regime, commonly referred to as presumptive tax. Once this is implemented, we anticipate that it will be much easier for the small and medium businesses to comply with our tax laws, thus improving our compliance rates," he said. Rijkenberg said the 1st of July marked a very important period in the calendar of our country, beginning of the new tax year.

"This is a period where all those who

are called upon to submit their returns MUST start preparing for their submission. As the Commissioner General has mentioned, various classes of taxpayers will be expected to submit their income tax returns and what is of utmost importance is that this be done on TIME and in full compliance with legislation. Income tax returns are by no means any form of tool to frustrate anyone. These are merely a means through which every proud LiSwati and resident proudly declares that they have indeed played their part in the financing of the building of our nation," he said. The minister stated that the SRA had done a great job of improving and simplifying the process of submitting returns in a bid to ensure that no one is left out, therefore falling foul of their legal obligation.

"I therefore urge us all to take this process very seriously by submitting our returns. They have assured me that

they take the simplification of their processes and form very seriously and are open to suggestions from their key stakeholders on how to achieve this objective effectively," he said.

The minister also highlighted that the ministry was currently involved in legislative processes to bring about some strategic policy changes, which once approved by Parliament, will have a positive impact on revenue administration in the country.

These include the Revenue Appeals Tribunal Bill, Alcohol and Tobacco Levy Bill and the Eswatini Revenue Authority (Amended) Bill – which aims at providing clarity and support to enable the SRA to take-over the overall Government revenue collection responsibility; obtaining third party information as well as dealing with integrity issues amongst others.

The minister then passed gratitude to all those who continue to diligent-

ly make their contribution towards the fiscus by paying their taxes on time and correctly.

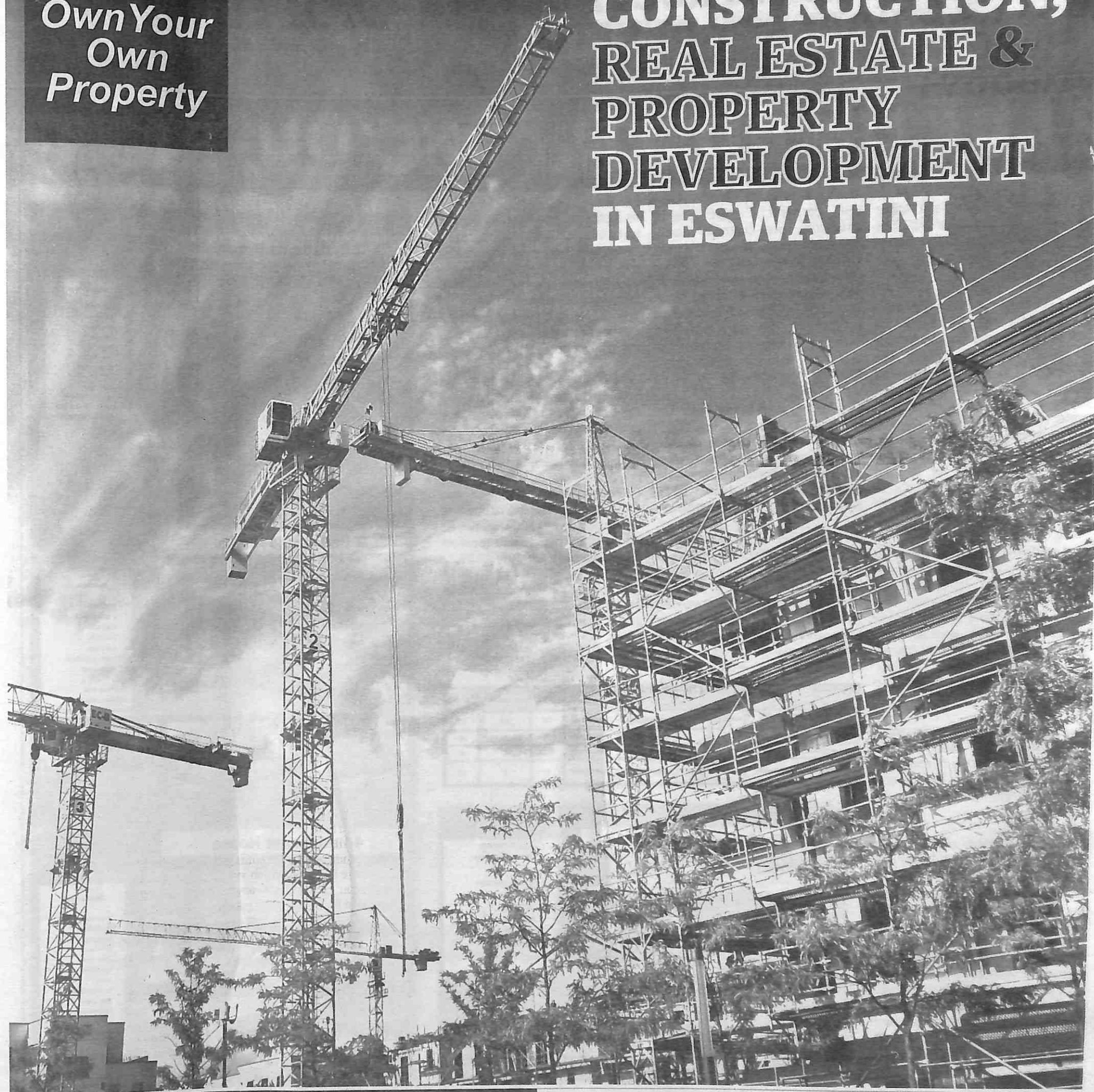
"It is through your continued cooperation that our country will realize its short, medium and long term goals. "Thank you all for Paying Your Taxes correctly and on time!!!!". To those who are willing but struggling, may I encourage you to take advantage of the SRA's services, including the Voluntary Disclosure Programme and ensure that you "get back on track".

"The last group I want to address are those that refuse to comply. I want to remind you that this is a violation of the country's laws and a criminal act, which deprives our great country of much needed resources for our social and economic development. The SRA has the full support of my office and Cabinet to use all means provided for in law to curb this criminal activity," he said.



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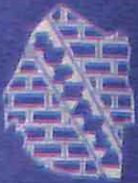




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Mabuya Township (Mbabane)	60	400m <sup>2</sup> - 600m <sup>2</sup>	2335,000.00	60	9	21
Mhobodleni Township (Mbabane)	420	300m <sup>2</sup> - 1140m <sup>2</sup>	6131,073.00	456	13	6
Mhobodleni Township (Mbabane)	18 Houses 50m <sup>2</sup> - 130m <sup>2</sup> (House Sites)	300m <sup>2</sup> - 400m <sup>2</sup>	6700,520.00	3	3	12

### 1 Bedroom House



#### House Specifications

- Open Plan kitchen
- Living room
- 1 bathroom
- 1 bedroom

Total Floor Area  
52.828m<sup>2</sup>

### 2 Bedrooms House



#### House Specifications

- 2 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- Dining Area
- Living room
- Kitchen
- Roof terrace
- Double garage

Total Floor Area  
First Floor Area - 64.40m<sup>2</sup>  
Ground Floor Area - 116.75m<sup>2</sup>

### 3 Bedrooms House



#### House Specifications

- 3 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- Guest toilet
- Dining Area
- Living room
- Open-plan kitchen
- Single Garage

Total Floor Area  
First floor - 103.627  
Ground floor area - 122.912

### 4 Bedrooms House



#### House Specifications

- 4 bedrooms
- 3 bathrooms
- Dining Area
- Great Room
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- Scullery
- Enclosed Kitchen
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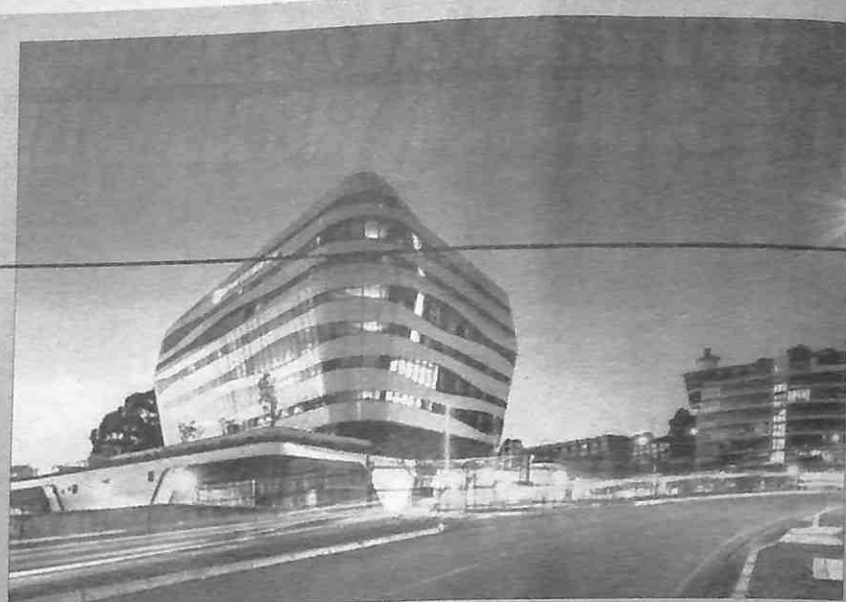
Suitability of property as security for loan applied for  
Contents of the Deed of Sale  
Legal status

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### NEW BUILDINGS IN ESWATINI

#### Hilton Hotel

This is the newly opened beauty of a hotel located at the capital of the country, and has created job opportunities during the construction and for hospitality.

#### Madlenya House

This is a first-of-its-kind state of the art triple storey glass house initiated by slain businessman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze, and houses the country's second ever mobile communications company Eswatini Mobile.

#### ICC HOTEL

Ezulwini is where the country's best hotels are located and this will be the very best and is located right in the middle of Ezulwini, by the Qatar Embassy.

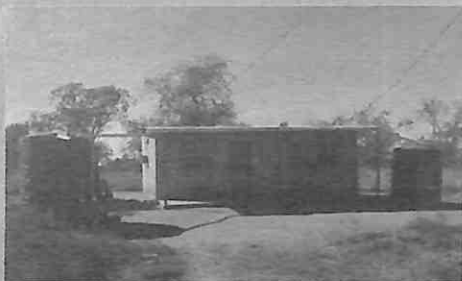
#### SRA Headquarters

The country's taxing body will also be joining elite companies in the country who are moving their Headquarters to Ezulwini.

#### Green Pastures Building

This is a building in Manzini which was launched last week and is a cooperative for the Royal Eswatini Police Service staff.

## PROPERTY FOR SALE



#### MAFUTSENI PLOT

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## GETTING TO KNOW SNPF'S RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

### Vision

To provide the most comprehensive social security scheme in Africa and to be a major contributor to Swaziland's socio-economic growth.

### Mission

We will provide the Fund's members with the best retirement packages through:

- collecting all due contributions,
- investing wisely,
- paying out at the shortest possible time,
- educating stakeholders,
- and building and retaining our team of motivated and committed staff supported by efficient systems and technology.

### Our Values

**RESPECT:** We treat everyone with dignity, and we respect all opinions.

**INTEGRITY:** We are honest in all our dealings, and we are consistent in the application of good principles.

**EXCELLENT MEMBER SERVICE:** We strive for excellence in everything we do, by delivering the highest standard of services and performance to all our members.

**TRANSPARENCY:** We are accountable and open in all our business practices.

**COMMITMENT:** We fulfil all promises that we make, with due diligence. We are dedicated to our vision and mission.

The Eswatini National Provident Fund has a section that primarily deals with rental of the Fund's Properties. The commercial properties owned by the Fund include but are not limited to, 33 Executive Houses at Moneni, 27 Executive Houses at Moneni, Profund Flats, Duplexes at Mountain Inn, Dlanubeka House, Lihaga House, Manzini (Lihaga) Flats, 25 Units in Nhlanguano as well as office blocks in Piggs Peak, Siteki, Nhlanguano and Manzini.

### Local Unlisted Investments

The fund has invested in various unlisted investments in Eswatini in its quest to contribute to the socio-economic development of the country.

The Fund has a policy of investing in projects that meet the "lidelefudi investment" philosophy. Lidelefudi is the tripod cooking stand and our policy is Lidelefudi because it is based on three pillars.

**Returns on investment** - as a Fund we are always looking forward to returns of at least inflation plus 5%.

**Socio-economic development** - our investments are always targeted to better lives of people in our community and country. We favour Investments that would create employment and reduce poverty.

**Environmentally friendly** - Eswatini is our only country hence we need to protect its environment. No matter how good and profitable a project may appear, if it is viewed as likely to inflict harm on the environment, that would be a no go area for us. We therefore prefer projects that are environmentally friendly.

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## ENPF PROPERTIES



**Sivuno House**  
Manzini

**Type:** Commercial  
**Established:** 2015

**Description:** Serving as the administrative nerve centre, this iconic structure is well known to all as it is timeless in design. It is a multi storey office park that has, over time, seen several enhancements to keep abreast with 21st century architectural trends.



**26 Duplex Flats**  
Mbabane

**Type:** Residential  
**Established:** 1991

**Description:** Perched at the top of the beautiful Ezulwini valley, this estate of stunning duplex flats is located along Princess Drive in the Mountain Inn area. Units are semi-detached, consisting of an entrance hall, lounge/dining room, single garage, verandah, 2-3 bedrooms with a bathroom on the upper floor.



**Dlan'ubeka House**  
Mbabane

**Type:** Commercial  
**Established:** 1988

**Description:** At its launch in the late 1980's, Dlan'ubeka was a pioneer in 7+ storey structural design in Swaziland. Positioned next to one of two rivers flowing through the nation's capital, this engineering marvel's mainly corporate tenants have been housed here since inception.



**25 Unit Flats**  
Nhlanguano

**Type:** Residential  
**Established:** 1985

**Description:** Designed and constructed for the needs of budget conscious residents of Nhlanguano town, these two storey combined apartments bear 2-3 bedrooms with a bathroom, kitchen and lounge. Their proximity to the CBD and other areas of interest has led to high demand and impressive occupancy.



**ENPF Building**  
Piggs Peak

**Type:** Commercial  
**Established:** 1998

**Description:** High up in the northern mountains of the Hhohho region, is the town of Piggs Peak. This three storey office block with retail outlets, street side and basement parking is the perfect solution for the small and medium businesses in the area. It also serves as a valuable satellite office space for corporate entities.



**Mahhusha House - Macmillan**  
Matsapha

**Type:** Industrial  
**Established:** 1995

**Description:** Ideally located at Swaziland's economic powerhouse - Matsapha Industrial Site, Mahhusha House is home to Swaziland's Printing and Publishing powerhouse - Macmillan Swaziland. It is designed, modified and partitioned to relevant specifications.



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**27 & 33 Executive Houses**  
Manzini

**Type:** Residential  
**Established:** 1989

**Description:** Tucked away in the serene Madonsa Township, these 'homes away from home' are perfect for the executive looking for a very comfortable extended dwelling. These enclosed homes offer enhanced security, privacy and an interior with everything else you will expect for very comfortable living.



**ENPF Building**  
Siteki

**Type:** Commercial  
**Established:** 2005

**Description:** Located in Swaziland's first town, this single storey office block serves as a convenient service centre for the fund's diverse clients. It also plays host to only a handful of privileged tenants.



**Manzini Flats (Liqhaga)**  
Manzini

**Type:** Residential  
**Established:** 1987

**Description:** Eight storey building inside the town of Manzini with easy access to all the shops and malls, hospitals, police station, including the taxi rank and bus rank. On the ground floor of the same building you will find a laundromat, restaurant and other shops.



**48 Profund Flats**  
Mbabane

**Type:** Residential  
**Established:** 1988

**Description:** These four storey interlocked apartments are perfect for the individual looking for comfort and

proximity to the Mbabane CBD. They consist of eight blocks of flats and detached designated parking spaces. Ranging from 2-3 bed roomed dwellings, they consist of a lounge, kitchen, pantry, balcony and



**Liqhaga House**  
Manzini

**Type:** Commercial  
**Established:** 1985

**Description:** With its iconic golden brown marble exterior, Liqhaga continues to shine bright under the Manzini sun. Housing both retail and corporate residents with ample basement parking, it is located at the corner of Nkoseluhlaza and Masalesikhundleni streets.





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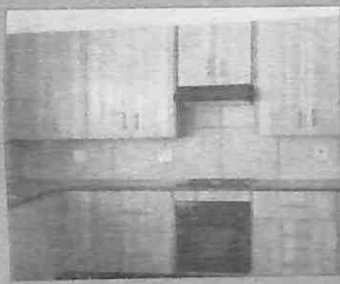
Struggling to know which area you want your permanent residence to be in? Here are some tricks to help you choose your permanent location today!

**Location-** you can live with almost any imperfection in a home if you love the neighbourhood. The ambience of a place really says it all. This is the most important factor to look into. It is therefore imperative that you give much thought into this aspect. When choosing your location look into:

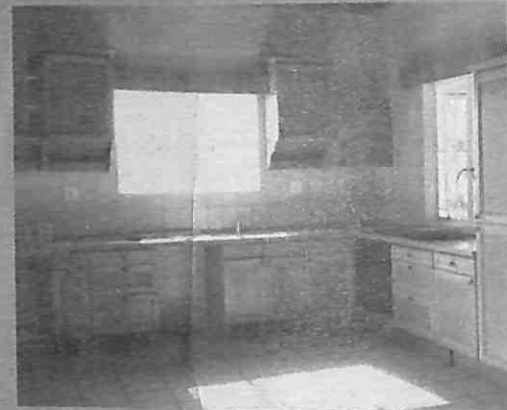
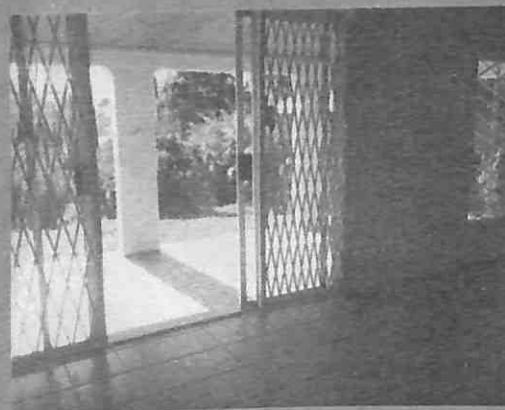
- The proximity of your workplace- it is best to choose a home that is nearer to your place of work.
- Charm of the neighbourhood
- Security- is the neighbourhood safe? Have there been any cases of extreme violence or high crime rates? If yes, put your money back into your pocket and hunt for another location.
- Access to shopping centres- An ideal area should have shops nearby for your convenience
- Schools- if your looking for a family home and have children who have started to attend school, it is best to look for an area with schools nearby. Nothing is more frustrating than having to travel over 60kilometres just to drop off your child at kindergarten
- Public transportation- even if you have a car it is wise to consider both modes of transport.

**The site** - this goes beyond location; it is the actual situation of the home. Is it on a hill? How is the scenery? Is it easily accessible to water? Are the soils fertile?

**Neighbourhood**- this is a facet most people ignore yet it is very significant. Look at your neighbours and how they carry themselves in the neighbourhood. Do the neighbours keep their yards clean and tidy? Is there any old trash lying around carelessly? Is it safe enough for people to walk in it?

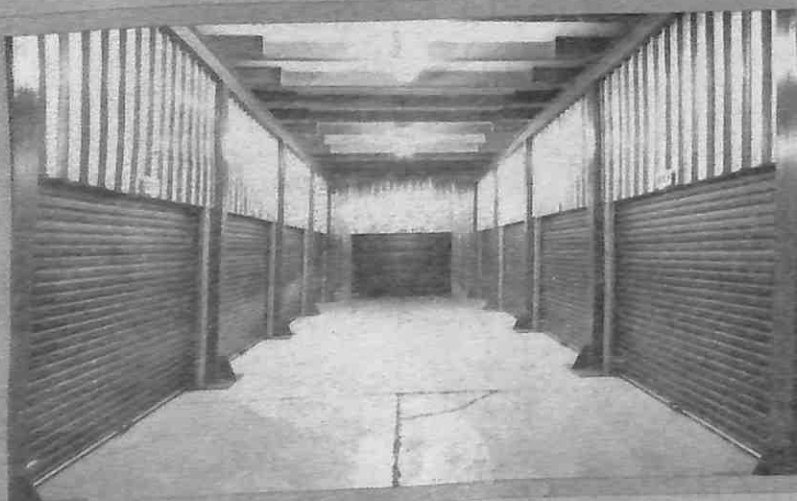


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The company offers diversified services in the building and civil engineering industry.

Its vision is to be leader in the construction industry in Eswatini and beyond. The company is currently registered with CIC in category B1&C2.

Our short term goal is to attain ISO 19001/2015 by August 2019. At the moment we are working toward external audit which will take place in July

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#### Project overview:

This development entails the construction Lavumisa clinic, cough booths, guard house, access road, external works, septic tank, etc



#### Project overview:

This development entails the construction basement parking, Armoury, exhibition storages, archives, forensic storage, seminar floor / gymnasium, Main police building, Main Gate Guard house, access roads, External works, etc



#### Project overview:

This development entails the construction of a Waiting home at Good Shephard Nursing Institute and external works



#### Project overview:

This development entails the construction of the two office buildings, six floor high, a four storey parking garage, road works linking between the buildings and into Mbabane main roads.

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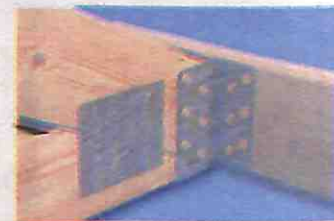


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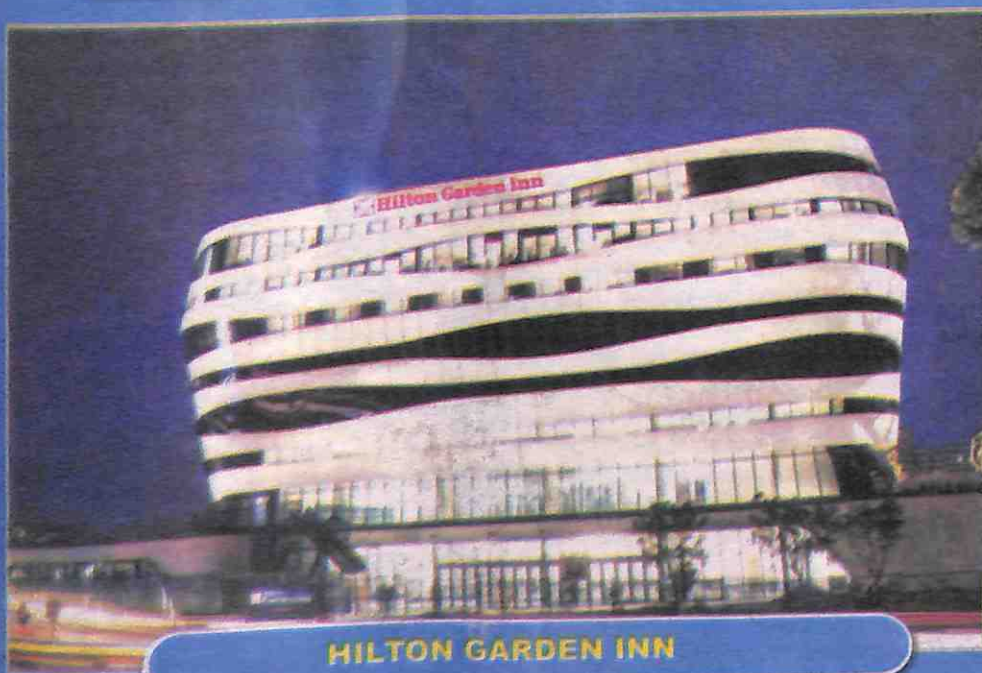
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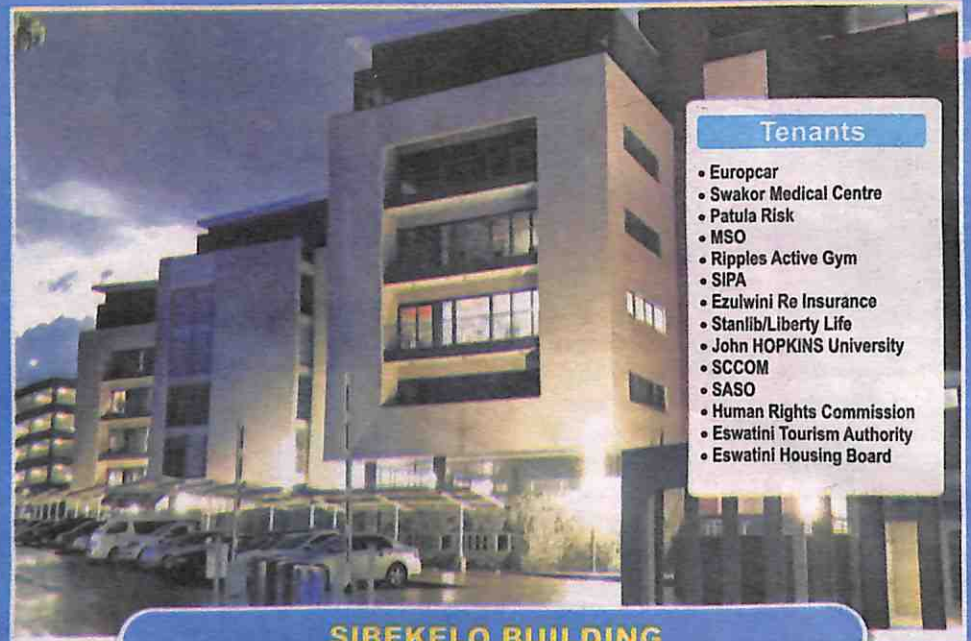
## Tenants

- FSRA
- Old Mutual
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## INGCAMU BUILDING



## HILTON GARDEN INN



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- Human Rights Commission
- Eswatini Tourism Authority
- Eswatini Housing Board

## SIBEKELO BUILDING

The Public Service Pensions Fund is a public enterprise that was established for the management and administration of pensions for government (public sector) employees. The scheme is run as a Defined Benefit (DB) pension and provides the following benefits for its members and dependants:

- Retirement Annuities
- Death Benefits
- Disability Benefits
- Funeral Benefits
- Other pension related benefits



# ENTERTAINMENT

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## ARTISTS SPEAK OUT ON BEING BOOKED LOCALLY

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**PEOPLE in the entertainment industry are always praising how much it has grown but no one wants to address the issue of local artists owing each other.**

When will it end? The questions how does it work; how do local artists get paid when booked locally; do they have verbal agreements or do they draw up written contracts?

The Entertainment Desk found that most artists use contracts unless they choose to perform for free but at times, the agreement is a verbal one.

Speaking to one artist who is booked almost every weekend **DJ Supa CDQ**, he said only festivals in the country have established contracts, which they present to them before bookings but clubs and other venues do not use contracts.

"I personally prefer and like contract agreements because during the booking process, it entirely ensures that all your needs as an act are met on time in the right way and by your rules," he said.

**Singer Zoe Genesis** said contracts were safer to use.

"If we have reached an agreement not to charge then it is usually verbal, but if I will be getting paid then there should be a contract. With contracts any misunderstandings can be solved easily," she said.

**DJ Zulu D** said it solely depends on the gig and the amount of money that would be paid.

"If it is a big event, then a contract should be drawn and signed but for small events I feel it is unnecessary to have to draw up contracts. Also if the money we agreed on is a lot then a contract should be in place, I mean we cannot have a contract for less than E2 000 that is just too much admin," said the DJ.

Case in point, recently this publication's Entertainment Desk has received two complaints about a stable that has not paid them their dues.

One said he produced a song for the stable but was not paid even though he had proof that the stable was getting money for the song.

**Fezile Simelane** said he produced the song in 2017 yet has still not been paid. He admitted that the agreement between him and the stable was verbal but he had paper work for the rights to the song.

This challenge also affects managers.

Speaking to one **Harristheniner Manager Bonga Shongwe**, he believes the main challenge is that promoters know most of the artists so they tend to bypass managers and approach artists directly without discussing terms or charges for an appearance with them.

"Most artists are always more excited to be part of the show than to think about the logistics of contracts and payments. They only start thinking of that with about a week to go and by then it's too late because they have put in the work to advertise the show not only for their slot time but for the whole show really," he said.

He said control was needed because people were getting exploited.

"I am asking myself how many more have been going through this and for how long," he said.

Eswatini Music Association (SWAMA) President

...SWAMA warns artists on importance of having written contracts



**Singer Zoe Genesis and SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini (r).**



**MUSIC MAN: DJ Zulu D.**



**DJ Supa CDQ.**

Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini warned artists on the importance of having a written contract.

"Anytime there is an agreement between a



promoter and performer, that agreement actually constitutes a contract.

The importance of the paper is prove of what was agreed on. A written contract is the preferred way to outline everyone's expectations. Even if it's just an email exchange outlining details of the offer and negotiations leading up to acceptance," said Dlamini.

He said having a contract is generally a more thorough way to assure that artists get what they expected.

"A signed contract also exists to protect you in case the promoter is not living up to their end of the deal and to help everyone understand what the deal is/was to begin with.

"This is why you need to actually read the contract," he said.

He also said contracts can be complicated but they do not have to go at it alone, Dlamini said there were lawyers managers and agents who make it their business to read, understand and advice their clients.

## Eswatini's Own Talent launch date set

BY MTHANDAZO MKHWANAZI

**THE wait is finally over.**

Eswatini's Own Talent CEO Thembalami Mvula has revealed that the series will be launched on August 17.

EOT is going to be an Eswatini reality series, which will accommodate contestants of all ages to showcase their talents on a stage in front of a panel of judges for a chance at winning a prize.

Mvula shared that the company had sponsors who will lend a helping hand in the success of the show and in ensuring everything ran smoothly on the targeted date.

"We have approached potential sponsors, but we are still waiting for their response," he stated.

"However we are very much still looking for more sponsors and would gladly appreciate all the help we can get."

The show is an opportunity for Emaswati to get recognition and get the appropriate exposure for their talents.

It is a chance for them to pursue their dreams and make money from it. Ticket prices for the show go at the rates of E150 for general, E300 for VIP and E750 VVIP.

Mvula further encouraged the kingdom in its entirety to watch and participate in the show, either by joining the talent search, voting for the contestants or by attending the live shows.

## Master P drops birthday mix

BY DELISA THWALA

**RENOWNED DJ Master P has dropped a mix days before his birthday for his loyal fans.**

The DJ will be turning a year older on Saturday. He said he decided to drop this mix just to be in a celebratory mood for his birthday and give the people something to celebrate on.

"Saturday is my birthday and I decided to celebrate it with this mix and hopefully it will help my fans celebrate with me too," said the DJ.

He also added that the mix was to also generally celebrate all the good things he hopes to achieve in this month.

"The mix is not necessarily for my birthday, it is also for the month of July too, just to celebrate a good month ahead," emphasised the DJ.

Master P said he would not throw a party this year. It will just be a normal working day for him.

The DJ over the years would go all out and throw parties to celebrate such days. In 2017 he celebrated his birthday in

Manzini sponsored by Platinum Concepts.

Last year was not different as he celebrated his birthday with his DJ friends and gave his fans more than they bargained for.





# ALL SET FOR PRE-HOLY GHOST PARTY

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

TO be held at the Metropolitan Evangelical Church, everything is set and ready for the Pre-Holy Ghost Party hosted by Kufeziwe Communications.

Headlined by Eswatini's very own gospel artist Linda Dlamini, the show will be held tomorrow from 6pm.

It is also worth mentioning that most of the international acts are Joyous Celebration Crew and they have confirmed the gig via their social media platforms.

Thobeka Mahlangu said she was super-excited to come to the kingdom.

Another artist who expressed his excitement was Sibusiso 'SbuNoah' Mthembu, who encouraged people to go buy their tickets and assured fans that he would render their favourite songs, such as 'Halleluh Nkateko' and 'Ewe Getsemane' to mention a few.

Londiwe KaMasondo-Cele also confirmed the show and said she cannot wait to meet her Eswatini fans. Another Joyous Celebration star that confirmed her coming was Puleng March, who is known for her song 'Ngobekhezela' and 'Motho le Mang Le Mang'.

## Preparations

Speaking to Kufeziwe Communications PRO Nomfundo Makhubu, she said preparations were on a high note, because their main goal was to promote their artist Linda and make sure his dreams were fulfilled.

"We are looking forward to have a successful show that will give birth to the main show, which will be revealed in due course. We urge all his fans and Joyous Celebration fans to come in numbers since we will be having few lead singers from Joyous Celebration. Tickets cost E100," said Makhubu.

The man of the show Linda said he was excited about the show.

"Well, I am looking forward to the show because our intention is to make sure we deliver the best for our audience. Tickets will also be available at the door, they must not miss the Pre-Holy Ghost Party," said Dlamini.

FOR PRE-HOLY GHOST PARTY:  
Linda Dlamini.

## TENDAMIX NIGHT POSTPONED

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

WHAT was said to be the biggest Tendamix Night in history has been postponed till further notice.

The show was to be held at Deja Vu Cocktail Lounge on Saturday.

The postponement of the event was confirmed by Tendaness' Manager Sibusiso Simelane, who said they were currently experiencing challenges.

"We have some challenges going on with the launch, I regret to inform you that we are forced to postpone it till further notice. We apologise for the inconvenience caused on your side," said Simelane.

The event was set to feature Tendaness' self-titled new album, which features a number of artists such as Velemseni, Mandisa Mamba, South Africa's Zanda Zakuza and many more, which were also going to perform on the night.

Simelane said they were still working on

dates but the show would be brought back. Tendaness Nights have been graced by special guests such as Bhloja, Velemseni, Shepard Brothers, Mky, Ohpis, LU, King Terry, Mandisa, Masandi and Symphony to mention a few. The Tendaness Series is the only DJ residence show in Eswatini.

DJ residencies are common in places like Las Vegas in the USA and Ibiza in Spain, where venues partner with artists to bring a special night at their venue every month or week for a particular period of time.

POST-PONES:  
Tendaness.



FOR SWAZI RALLY: South African group Ice and Fire.

## ICE AND FIRE FOR SWAZI RALLY

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

SOUTH African band Ice and Fire will be performing again in the 26th edition of Swazi Rally scheduled for August 30 to September 1 at Riders Ranch.

This was revealed by Riders Ranch PRO Banele Dlamini, who said this year promises to be a bigger and better rally with exciting things to be unleashed.

Ice 'n Fire is a versatile cover band with international singers and musicians performing songs and dance routines for almost all cultures and tastes.

"They bring you the latest dance top hits and take you back to timeless pieces and slow ballads... from African, Rock, Pop,

Afrikaans Musiek and Latin.

"Some of their memorable performances include the ASABA Awards sponsored by Old Mutual at the Country Club Johannesburg, Sun International Most Valuable Guests (MVG) VIP Masquerade Dinner at Carnival City, memorable Wedding at Sun City with guests," said Dlamini.

## Dazzled

The group also performed last year at the Swazi Rally, where they dazzled the crowd with their funky cover songs and dance moves.

Ice 'n Fire draws its performance prowess from band members who shared stages with Michael Jackson, Nina Simone, Mafikizolo, Kurt Darren, DJ Black Coffee, Spho 'Hotstix'

Mabuse, The Parlotones, just to name a few. It's no wonder they've performed for Presidents, Sheiks, and Ambassadors throughout their international music journey.

The band members have performed in various countries throughout Europe, Middle East, Asia, Africa, South America and notably the United States and Australia.

"The early bird tickets are a selling at a very good rate on the website and they are now available in Eswatini outlets at Xtreme Trading in Matsapha) House on Fire, Malkerns and Riders Ranch Sidvokodvo. People are urged to purchase the early bird tickets to secure the badges and avoid the long queues," Dlamini urged

## MEGASOUND PICNIC IS HERE

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

THE much-anticipated third edition of the MegaSound Picnic will be held on October 26.

It is good news indeed for fun-lovers as thousands attended the second edition last year.

According to the organisers, this year's edition is all about promoting friendships.

Friends are the people in life that make you laugh a little, smile a little bigger, and just live a little. This year's edition of the MegaSound Picnic is all about the people who make that possible, the squad.

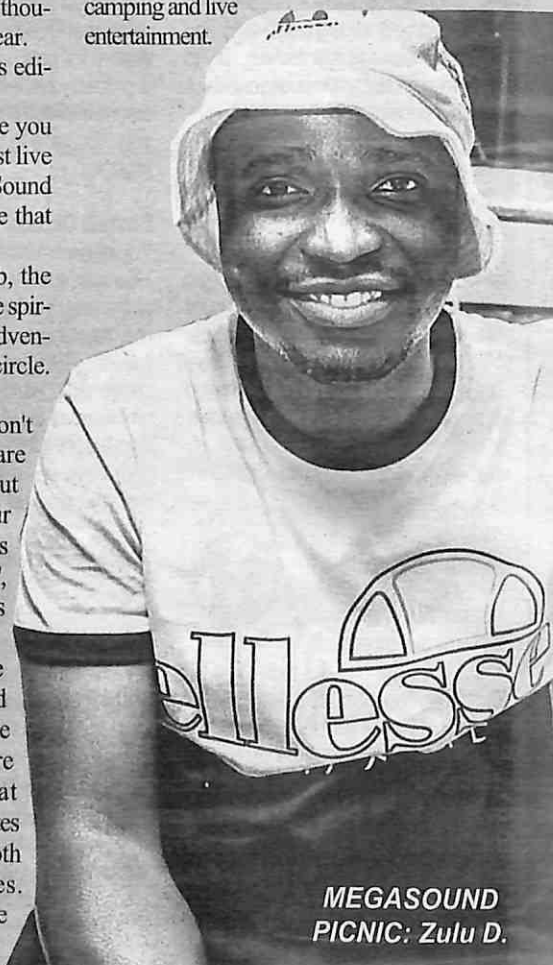
To be held at Malkerns Country Club, the MegaSound Picnic aims to encourage the spirit of friendship, and going out on an adventure together with the people in your circle.

## Memories

"Good friends are like stars, you don't always see them, but you know they are always there. This year's picnic is about showing up with and showing off your squad and creating beautiful memories together, hence the hashtag #SitaSonkhe", said MegaSound Public Relations Coordinator Zanele Magongo.

In line with the hashtag, the ticketing approach is based towards people attending the picnic in groups. Tickets are available until July 31 at Computicket, at discounted rates for groups of five people, both for general and VIP passes. Individual tickets will only be available from the next month.

The picnic is set for October when the weather is warmer on the lush green lawns of the Malkerns Country Club, and incorporates a wide range of outdoor activities including that will surely give attendees the ideal picnic experience including games, food and drinks stalls, camping and live entertainment.

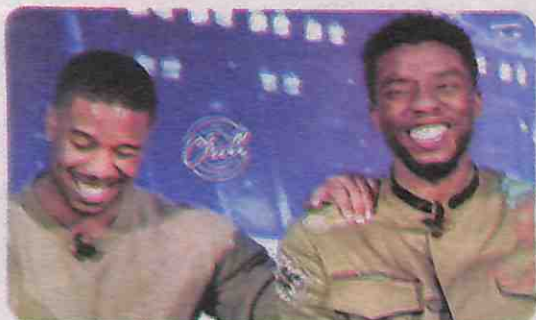


MEGASOUND PICNIC: Zulu D.



This year is all about breakups.. If you are with the person you started with in 2019, you know how to force things

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## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

### Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Even though you should watch your finances, you have a tendency to spend a lot of money, Capricorn. Happily, you have the opportunity to make a lot of profit. Your investments are solid, and you will soon benefit from them.



you should try to put the finishing touches to your personality. Indeed, you will be able to benefit from the planetary alignment as you interact with others. You will look for a little more authenticity in your personal and professional relations.

### Aquarius January 20 – February 18

You often neglect your health and body. Your equilibrium suffers from this, Aquarius. The time has come to consider a medical checkup just to be on the safe side. You love to discover new things. Your thirst for knowledge incites you to expend a lot of energy.



Leo July 23 – August 22  
The day will be calm and quiet, Leo. You feel strongly about finishing whatever you undertake. You probably have the opportunity to add the final changes to some projects you've been working on. This reorganisation will give you some spare time, which will probably enable you to meet some very interesting people.

### Pisces February 19 – March 20

Today you will tend to analyse your life. You will think about your lifestyle and the food you eat. Are you eating foods that are good for your body? Are you exercising enough? The stars will help you focus on your health. Health-promoting activities are recommended today, Pisces.



Virgo August 23 – September 22  
You're very tolerant toward a particular person in your entourage, which is probably due to your generous nature, Virgo. You think everyone should have his or her own experiences and setbacks. After all, we learn from our mistakes. Sometimes you aren't very humble, but your friends are lucky to have someone they can count on.

### Aries March 21 – April 1

The next few weeks will be full of changes in your personal life, Aries. Your relationships will evolve. You have convivial relations with your friends, but you need to keep an eye on your strong personality and let others express themselves. Try to stay vigilant. You can't impose your views on other people all the time.



Libra September 23 – October 23  
Today you may have a difference of opinion with a relative. You will try to resolve this problem. You will be irritated by this present situation, and almost feel that your relationship has been altered for good. There is probably just a lack of communication between you. You have to try to work things out together.

### Taurus April 20 – May 20

Some people have a tendency to be shy. They almost apologize for being alive. For them, it's essential to keep a low profile. You probably think that you're like this, but you're mistaken, Taurus. You need a bit of reassurance. There are a lot of interesting things inside you that need to come out. Believe in yourself.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21  
You're an emotional person, Scorpio. You can easily be destabilized by something you read in the news or see on television. Why are you saddened or hurt by the problems of the world? If you've felt some violence surrounding you lately, you will be happy to know that you can heal your wounds today.

### Gemini May 21 – June 21

You're a real master of seduction, Gemini. For quite some time, you've been able to draw a number of people to you. It seems that no one can resist your charms. But today you will start thinking about this process of seduction. Even if you appreciate luxury, you should be careful and stay vigilant.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21  
The time has come to focus on your personal life, Sagittarius. Your life has certainly had its moments. During the past few months, it has been especially full of new and deep emotions. If you're persistent about keeping your determined frame of mind and course of action, you will attain the goals you've set for yourself.

### Cancer June 22 – July 22

You're a real charmer. None of your friends can resist you, Cancer. Today

## BABY BLUES



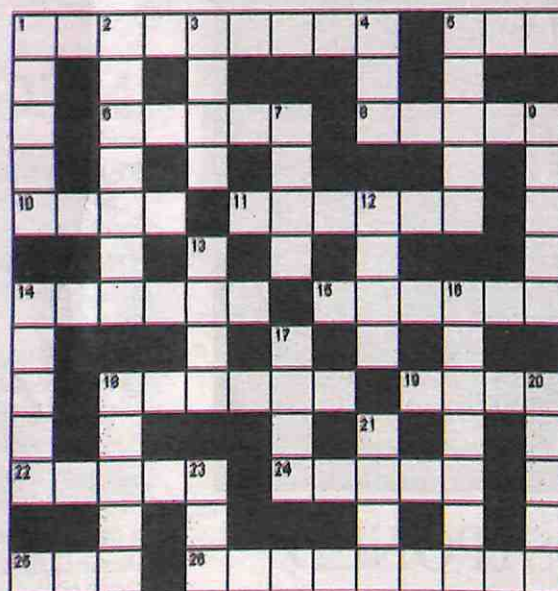
## BUCKLES



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## THEMED CROSSWORD



### DOWN

- Dark sweet or semisweet dessert wine from Sicily (7)
- Metal container for food or drink (3)
- Small piece of toasted or fried bread; served in soup or salads (7)
- Red or black edible berry; usually smaller than a blackberry (9)
- Sweet juicy fruit (4)
- Meat from a calf (4)
- Glass container (3)
- A small thin sausage (9)
- Lacking taste or tang (7)
- Oblong cream puffs (7)
- Dish baked in a pastry-lined pan, often with a pastry top (3)
- Chopped meat mixed with potatoes and browned (4)
- Open pastry filled with fruit or custard (4)
- Beer (3)

### ACROSS

- Spice made from the covering of the nutmeg seed (4)
- Kernels that explode when exposed to dry heat (7)
- Substance that curdles milk in making cheese and junket (6)
- Rich, frothy, dessert made from whipped egg whites and cream (6)
- Small dried seedless raisin, used in cooking (7)
- Sour to the taste (6)
- Main course (6)
- Cook quickly over high heat in a wok (4,3)
- Large shrimp sautéed in oil or butter and garlic (6)
- Highly seasoned fatty sausage of pork and beef and usually dried (6)
- Salad of apples and celery with nuts or raisins and dressed with mayonnaise (7)
- Edible green seeds of a leguminous plant (4)



## HUMAN ARE GARBAGE BIN

If you step on someone's foot, they open their mouth – just like a garbage bin.

## DID YOU KNOW

- The cruise liner Queen Elizabeth 2 moves only six inches for each gallon of fuel it burns.
- San Francisco cable cars are the only National Monuments that can move.
- February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
- Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.

## MOVIE QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



### YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

- Which 1960 Hitchcock film has the most famous shower scene ever?

ANSWER:  
A. Psycho

### TODAY'S QUIZ

- Which 1972 film, with Marlon Brando, was about the Mafia?

ANSWERS:  
A. The Godfather  
B. The Good Wife





# GOING FOR GOLD

**WATCH all the laugh-out-loud moments and breathtaking talent on Mzansi Magic, DStv Channel 161, Sundays at 17h30 from this Sunday.**

"Gold's authenticity can only be tested under maximum fire," – Words to mull on by Moustasem Al-Gharati as another spectacular season of Idols SA rolls round bringing with it, scores of young talent. We know you're all psyched to see their lives changed forever as they get groomed and refined into pure gold.

Executive Producer and Director of SIC entertainment, Gavin Wratten, said, "Idols is all about pursuing and reaching your dreams, so going for gold is another way of saying take that first step and go for it."

His point is made all the more relevant when one considers that even those who don't score a Golden Ticket (let alone the ultimate prize) still turn out to be champions in the music industry. After all, it was because of this very platform that South Africa got acquainted with the soothing voices of Shekinah, Xae, Thami Shobede, Mmatema Moremi and Amanda Black, who bowed out early but still

## ...IDOLS SA SEASON 15 IS HERE!

powered onward to superstardom.

The same can certainly be said of the phenomenal talents we crowned WINNERS after the nation rallied behind them. Musa, Khaya, Yanga, Paxton, Noma and Karabo have all managed to persevere, shoulder the pressure of the music industry and keep winning over the hearts of the many South Africans who voted for them. With numerous awards, hit singles and number 1 albums between them we have no doubt they'll keep soaring to new heights.

That said, you can't winnow away in search of rare treasure without coming across the good, the bad and the ugly. That's why we're already certain millions of you will be glued to your screens in anticipation of the now infamous, Wooden Mic offenders who've over the years amassed a cult-following of their own. Just keep in mind that this year you'll have to get your Idols Extra fix on an all-new channel, DStv Ch196!

It is, as ever, that perfect mix of humor, passion and authenticity that's made Idols a thrilling watch for almost two decades. As Gavin puts it, 'The one thing we always try to do on Idols is to "keep it real" which means the Judges make their own choices (which sometimes makes me want to pull my hair out), the contestants fail or succeed on their own, and we try tell the story as best we can. I believe this is what keeps the show relevant and authentic. People often ask why we show the bad singers, but if we were only to show the good singers that would not be real. If a few thousand people arrive for auditions some will be great, some will be average and some will be terrible. We need to tell the whole story.'

As they say, 'fortune favours the brave,' and this new season will bring with it more touching tales of youngsters who endure the long queues and bitter weather or travel long distances to earn a spot on SA's most covet-

ed platform. It's a clear indication that the budding stars in Mzansi are boundless not only in their talent but their tenacity as well. This is something we're sure will serve them well when they take on this year's gruelling Theatre Week with all the drama set to unfold at a brand new venue!

"The audition tour this season is next-level. The contestants have raised their game and provided us with some of the most bizarre and crazy auditions ever, so we did not have to change much, to get the most amazing content!" concluded Wratten.

As Robert Kiyosaki puts it, "There is gold everywhere, most people are simply not trained to see it." – but with years of experience honing the skills of generations of entertainers, a stellar panel of Judges in Randall, Unathi and Somizi plus some of the industry's most accomplished pros behind the scenes, we'd like to think Idols SA has the formula for unearthing greatness on lock!

## MZANSI MAGIC BRINGS NEW SHOWS; THE REPUBLIC, IN IMPILO

**MZANSI Magic star wattage shoots up with two new hot shots this month.**

A few local acting powerhouses add their star power to Mzansi Magic's new line up of dramas this month. The two shows The Republic and Impilo: The Scam will resonate with the viewer because of their timeliness and relevance as parallels can be drawn between current affairs and the storylines.

In The Republic that premieres on Sunday at 20h00, Florence Masebe leads the cast as South African President Lufuno. Warren Masemola stars as Thabang Manaka, a fallen hero trying to make amends for his past mistakes while Masasa Mbangeni is Bridget Ranaka a posh young woman from a rich family in Soshanguve.

Reality inspires fiction in The Republic with the story set in present day South Africa. In 2009 when president Kgalema Motlanthe's term in office ended, he was replaced by President Hendrik Mbule who whose presidency was riddled with corruption and looting of state funds. Mbule is fired from government making way for the party's secretary Lufuno



to take the reins as president. We meet President Mulaudzi who has spent two years fighting corruption and prosecuting those who benefitted from Mbule's presidency – including Mbule himself. This is set to be a thrilling political showdown and a story of political smarts and survival. In Impilo: The Scam that premieres on 8 July at 20h00, the community is up in arms over a pyramid scheme that scammed them of their hard earned cash. Set in Alexandra township, the shady dealings of an unscrupulous man Khulubuse Mtshali

played by Desmond Dube are uncovered leading to mob justice attempt on his son Mqobi Nkosi played by Sipho Mdingi. The stage is set for a cracker of a scintillating coming of age crime drama which sees Mqobi caught up in the underbelly of financial crime engineered by his greedy and opportunistic father. Some of the big names to look out for are Sthandile Kgoroge as Nokulunga Nkosi, Naymapsplays Pacino, Candice Modiselle acts as Naledi, Siya Raymond Sepotokele portrays Macable and TK Sebothoma features as Tebza.

Philly Kubheka, Head Of PR and Publicity at Local Entertainment Channels welcomed the shows. 'I believe that The Republic and Impilo: The Scam will do exceptionally well because they are authentically South African. They don't shy away from the mirror reflection of the state of South Africa and with their outstanding and gripping storytelling the creators have weaved a captivating watch and unmissable performances. Forget the July chill, these dramas bring enough heat and excitement.'





# Celebville

## International Celebrity News

### Musa Mseleku's date with 10 ladies sold out

**PRETORIA** - The large number of SA women offering themselves to polygamist Musa Mseleku on social media sparked an idea, which will now see 10 women going on a controversial date with him as they compete to be his fifth wife. This is according to event organiser Sihle Seleke, who is putting together reality TV star Mseleku's date, which requires the 10 women to pay R5 000 each to participate. The Bachelor-style group date titled 'In Pursuit of Number 5' will take place at an undisclosed venue on July 19. Although Mseleku confirmed to Sowetan that he will partake in the date, he referred all enquiries to Seleke



**SOLD OUT: Musa Mseleku with his wives.**

who spoke of Mseleku as Mzansi's Hugh Hefner. Seleke is his social media manager and she came up with the idea after seeing the number of women that slide into Mseleku's DMs (direct messages). *Sowetan Live*

### Mohale on adopting with Somizi

**PRETORIA** - As Mohale and Somizi prepare to tie the knot later this year, they are already thinking of the little family they will have, with Mohale revealing that he would like to have his own biological child. Mohale took to Instagram this week to answer fans' questions, among which was whether he would ever adopt. He said he would like to adopt, but also have a biological child. "We will adopt, yes. But I want a biological child, which I will make. Don't ask me how," he said. Somizi has a biological daughter with former Generations actress Palesa Madisakwane. In an interview on Metro FM's breakfast show with DJ Fresh in 2017, Somizi said



**FUTURE PLANS: Mohale and Somizi.**

he would love to have another child through a surrogate mother. "I still want to have another child. (The decision comes) out of me being selfless because my partner doesn't have a child and he wants a child," Somizi revealed at the time. *Times Live*

### Chris Brown dragged for 'black girls' with nice hair' lyrics

**NEW YORK** - Chris Brown found himself in the midst of a Twitter storm after claiming on a song to only want to sleep with girls who have 'nice hair'. Chris Brown's latest album Indigo has been a hit with many, but his song Need a Stack has been criticised for including the line "(I) only wanna f\*\*k the black girls with the nice hair". Angry social media users flooded Twitter with messages slamming Chris and calling on him to apologise. But taking to Instagram, Chris laughed off the criticism and said that women were also fussy about who they liked. "HAAAAAAA. Y'all trippin trippin. Y'all b\*tches don't wanna f\*\*k da n\*gga with f\*\*cked up teeth, do



**DRAGGED: Chris Brown.**

you? Only girls upset is the uglies (not the black queens)," he said in response to a post about the outcry. But Chris wasn't done yet. He returned to the platform shortly after to tell his critics that he did not care about their hate. *TMZ*

### Rapper ASAP Rocky arrested in Stockholm after street brawl

**SWEDEN** - Sweden's Prosecution Authority said the American artist had been arrested following the incident, on suspicion of aggravated assault, together with three other people. Sweden's Prosecution Authority said the American artist had been arrested following the incident, on suspicion of aggravated assault, together with three other people. American rapper ASAP Rocky was arrested in Stockholm this week, suspected of aggravated assault, after a street brawl part of which was caught on video, Swedish prosecutors said Wednesday. In the video the artist,



**ARRESTED: Rapper ASAP Rocky.**

whose real name is Rakim Mayers, can be seen throwing a young man into the street then aiming several punches at him while the man is on the ground. *News 24*

### Tevin Campbell slotted for one-night performance

**PRETORIA** - In a month's time, die-hard fans of '90s RnB are in for a treat. Singing sensation Tevin Campbell will be performing for the first time in Pretoria on August 2. Campbell, who boasts an impressive discography, will serenade fans with his all-time hits and new material. The Can We Talk singer is no stranger to South Africa though he's never performed in Pretoria before. He'll be performing at the Sun Arena at Time Square. "What a coup to have Tevin Campbell performing on our stage in August. This concert will mark



**ONE-NIGHT PERFORMANCE: Tevin Campbell.**

his first ever in Tshwane," said Brett Hoppé, the general manager of Time Square, in a statement. Hoppé also said that Campbell is not the only RnB crooner heading to the venue in August. *Sowetan Live*

### Tol Ass Mo is retiring from stand-up comedy

**CAPE TOWN** - After 15 years on the mic, comedian Tol Ass Mo has called time on his stand-up comedy career, announcing to fans on Tuesday that his show at the Sun Arena in Pretoria later this month will be his last. The announcement came after he posted a message on Instagram, hinting at his possible frustrations at the industry. "Enjoy the industry. Take it, you can have it all. Peace," he wrote. In a statement Tol Ass Mo thanked his wife Mome, his friends in the industry and his fans for always being there for him. "I want to say thank you to my wife Mome for making me the man I am today, for making me a father too.



**QUITS: Tol Ass Mo.**

Thank you to all my brothers in comedy, thank you to all my fans and all those who supported me along this journey." He said that it was time to move on with his life and take on other projects, but did not hint at what these might be. *Times Live*

### Kim Kardashian to drop Kimono name from shapewear

**HOLLYWOOD** - Reality TV star and businesswoman Kim Kardashian said on Monday she would rename her Kimono shapewear line after people in Japan said her use of the term to brand undergarments was disrespectful. Kardashian said she had announced the Kimono products in June 'with the best intentions in mind,' and she appreciated the feedback she had received. "My brands and products are built with inclusivity and diversity at their core and after careful thought and consideration, I will be launching my Solutionwear brand under a new name," she wrote on Twitter. Kimono in Japanese means 'thing that's worn' and refers to full-length robes with sashes donned for



**RENAME: Kim Kardashian.**

formal occasions such as weddings and funerals. Her use of the word on undergarments and filing for a trademark annoyed many people. "Kimono is not underwear! Stop trademark registration! Don't make the word kimono yours!" Twitter user Ruu wrote shortly after the launch announcement, echoing a common theme. *News 24*

### Lil Nas X's coming out planned weeks before big announcement

**NEW YORK** - Lil Nas X had clearly been thinking about coming out as gay for a long time, and the best evidence of that is the cover of his debut album, a cover that was in the works for weeks. Lorenzo Sozzi, who designed the cover with the rapper, tells TMZ, Lil Nas X had a vision of the art for the album -- the rapper leaving a dystopian world for a futuristic world -- so X actually put out an open call to artists to come up with his vision, and Sozzi is the one who nailed it. Lil Nas had some edits, though, and sometime during the creative process,



**GAY: Lil Nas X.**

he instructed Sozzi to add a rainbow flourish to one of the buildings on the album cover. *TMZ*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



### TODAY



**TRAGIC NEWS: Ntwenhle.**

Fearful that he might ruin them all, Cebisile tests Fezile. A furious Lillian wants Judas and his family out of her house and Jerry takes matters into his own hands. Ntwenhle and the chieftaincy receive tragic news.



### TODAY

Ntando grows increasingly dissatisfied with Claudette and Olivia at the penthouse. Sechaba comes to a realisation post Phindi's near-death experience. Anja takes her frustrations out on Wendy.



**FRUSTRATIONS: Anja.**



### TODAY

Tenda discovers Susan in his brother's hospital room on her off day. Teboho takes Molalo by surprise with her reaction, when he receives news from Shumu. James is the voice of reason when sibling rivalry goes rife between Marang and Warona.



**FULL OF DRAMA: Teboho.**



### TODAY

Pearl is struggling to come to terms with her freedom. Pule gets her groove back. Fats has a new business idea.



**NEW IDEA: Fats.**



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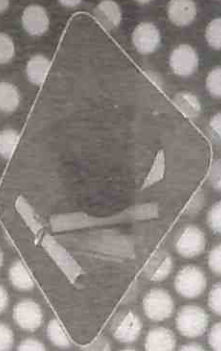


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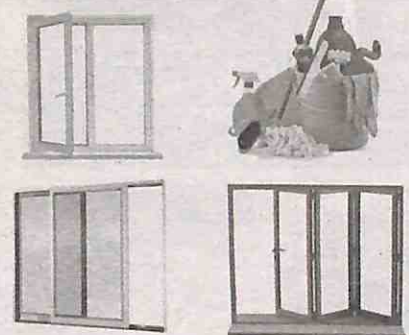
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Glory Lomphepho Dlamini



Funeral: 07/07/2019  
Vigil: 06/07/2019  
Place: Nkomanzi

The Maseko family announced the death of Glory Lomphepho Dlamini. Her funeral will be at Nkomanzi (19) after a night vigil on the 06/07/19.

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Funeral: 07/07/2019  
Place: eSizakeni

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# AFCON 2019 UPDATES



## Madagascar president charters plane for Africa Cup fans

**MADAGASCAR** - 'Barea', who take their nickname from a breed of local cattle, play DR Congo on Sunday for a place in the semi-final.

Madagascan President Andry Rajoelina has chartered a special plane to take football fans to Egypt for the Africa Cup of Nations after the country unexpectedly qualified for the round of 16.

Excitement has been building in the Indian Ocean island nation as the team emerged top of group B after beating three-time tournament winners Nigeria 2-0.

"Barea", who take their nickname from a breed of local cattle, now play DR Congo on Sunday for a place in the semi-final.

"After hearing the demands of supporters, President Andry Rajoelina and the Madagascan state have decided to mobilise an Airbus 380, with 480 seats, to transport supporters," Rinah Rakotomanga, communications chief for the presidency, told AFP.

The flight will leave Antananarivo on Saturday and return immediately after the game.

But the adventure will not be for free — tickets cost about \$600 (530 euros) including the flight, a seat at the match and meals. Rajoelina had announced that he would attend the match, sparking a campaign to enable other fans to travel.



**EXCITEMENT:** Madagascan President Andry Rajoelina.

"Do not go alone to Egypt President Andry Rajoelina, there are supporters who are ready to fill a plane and the empty stadium," said former opposition MP Guy Rivo Randrianarisoa on social media.

Madagascar will face a tough game at the weekend — they are ranked 108th in the world, with DR Congo far above them in 49th spot. "Barea's participation is historic," said Jean Josue Njakasolo, 38, as he lined up to buy his ticket at an Air Madagascar ticket office.

The price "does not mean anything compared to the honour that our national team gives us," he said. **AFP**

## Egypt clash won't

**CAIRO** - Bafana Bafana coach Stuart Baxter believes their Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) last 16 encounter against host nation Egypt won't 'overwhelm' his players.

After winning only one of their three Group D matches, South Africa finished third behind Morocco and the Ivory Coast. Namibia ended their tournament in last place.

However, after Tuesday's final round of group fixtures, South Africa qualified for the next round via the 'best of the third-placed teams' route alongside Guinea, DR Congo and Benin. Baxter and his charges will now face Egypt on Saturday, (kick-off at 21:00 SA time) at the Cairo International Stadium.

"It's a great challenge. It's the one the whole squad is looking forward to," said Baxter on the upcoming clash as quoted by the official SAFA website.

"I think the group (stages), for most parts have been tight, our group was really tight.

"(Every game) was seconds a way of being a different result. The people will think 'well you know, you've got through



**TIGHT:** Bongani Zungu celebrates a goal with Bafana Bafana teammates at AFCON in their second game against Namibia.

the back door' ... we were seconds away (against Morocco) from getting through on our own power and people

would've then said, 'well that was a great performance, you know'.

"But that is what our game is about -

## Africa Cup of Nations group stage tops and flops

**ALEXANDRIA** - Hosts Egypt swept into the last 16 of an expanded Africa Cup of Nations and were joined by the rest of the continent's elite, while newcomers Madagascar delivered the shock of the tournament by advancing as group winners.

AFP Sport takes a look at the stand-out performers and those who failed to hit the heights during the group phase:

### Tops

**Trezeguet and Ahmed Elmohamady (Egypt)**

Mohamed Salah arrived at the tournament shouldering the weight of expectations for a country of almost 100 million, but while influential in his side's safe passage to the knockout phase he was ably supported by Mahmoud 'Trezeguet' Hassan and captain Ahmed Elmohamady. Kasimpasa midfielder Trezeguet bagged the winner in the opening 1-0 defeat of Zimbabwe and shone again as the hosts rode their luck in a 2-0 win over DR Congo, setting up Salah to open his account with a gliding run and incisive pass. Elmohamady, who helped Aston Villa earn promotion back to the Premier League, popped up with a pair of goals of his own - the first an alert finish against DR Congo and the second a sweet strike to seal a 2-0 victory against Uganda.

### Madagascar

Ranked so low that they had to beat Sao Tome e Principe just to reach the qualifying competition for this tournament, Madagascar assured themselves of a spot in the knockout rounds

in emphatic style with a shock 2-0 win over three-time champions Nigeria. Midfielder Ibrahim Amada insisted "there is no secret" to their success and said the team was simply "trying to make the most of each second" in Egypt. After a commendable 2-2 draw with Guinea, Nicolas Dupuis' side earned their first win by edging fellow debutants Burundi by a single goal. That set the stage for a remarkable upset of the Super Eagles, with Charles Andriamatsinoro netting his second goal in three games after Lalaina Nomenjanahary opened the scoring in front of Malagasy CAF President Ahmad Ahmad.

### North African sides

Egypt, Algeria and Morocco marched into the next round with a perfect three wins from three, the north

African conditions clearly suiting a trio of teams capable of going far. Riyad Mahrez's Algeria got the better of Sadio Mane and title favourites Senegal, while Herve Renard, who is looking to lift the trophy with a third different country, guided Morocco to a series of 1-0 wins -- most notably silencing an Ivory Coast attack led by prized asset Nicolas Pepe. However, Elmohamady warned Egypt not to get carried away. "Nine points out of three games is something Egypt is used to - the difficult part is what comes next."

### Flops

#### Knowledge Musona (Zimbabwe)

Zimbabwe crashed out in disheartening fashion after a 4-0 rout by the Democratic Republic of Congo, but it was the preceding 1-1 draw with Uganda that will leave the Warriors feeling the most regret. Zimbabwe fell behind to an early Uganda goal before rallying strongly, but a number of glaring misses -- the team's leading scorer in qualifying Musona the chief culprit -- saw them fail to collect maximum points which could well have prolonged their adventure.

#### Amr Warda (Egypt)

Egypt brushed their group opponents aside but the host nation's title push has been overshadowed by sexual harassment allegations surrounding midfielder Amr Warda. The Greece-based player was initially booted from the squad after multiple women posted screenshots and testimonies of Warda's alleged lewd comments, as well as explicit videos attributed to the player. **AFP**



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## overwhelm Bafana

perceptions - one refereeing decision or one missed shot or one mistake can change perception."

Baxter added: "We've got this opportunity now to play against the host nation in front of a load of people in a very, very hostile environment and that's the time you want people to stand up and I think the group are looking forward to it."

The Bafana players performed poorly in the three group matches, scoring one goal and failing to register a single shot on target against either Morocco and the Ivory Coast.

However, Baxter is confident that for Saturday's clash he won't need to motivate the players as they will be up for the challenge.

"The word 'need' is not in our language, it's not 'must', it's 'want' - it's they want to go and they have strong reasons that they want to do it - that's going to be the motivation... that they want very badly to get past this hurdle," he said when asked about the mood in the camp after it was confirmed that South Africa will play Egypt.

"I don't think I have to change anything, I think we have to strengthen some

things - our attacking play has not been at its best, our defensive play has been for the most part, very good - but we've got to add on to that a functioning attacking game.

"And against Egypt, I'm guessing they're going to come at us, I'm guessing there's going to be more space on offer (to attack) - so we believe that if we can up our attacking game by 15 per cent then we'll be able to give them problems.

"Now against the home nation, that may all fall to the ground they'll overwhelm us, but I don't think that is going to happen."

The Scotsman said the Bafana players want to have 'revenge on themselves' for not performing at the required standard that is expected of them.

"We sat together watching the Mali game on the big screen... once it was over we knew that we'll get Egypt, everybody was buzzing, they're looking forward to it," Baxter continued.

"I don't think mentally we have to lift them. Mentally, they know each game was very close in both the games that we lost.

"There's a little bit of revenge on them-

### AFCON LAST 16 FIXTURES:

Friday, July 5

Morocco v Benin, Al Salam Stadium, Cairo - 18:00

Uganda v Senegal, Cairo International Stadium - 21:00

Saturday, July 6

Nigeria v Cameroon, Alexandria Stadium - 18:00

Egypt v South Africa, Cairo International Stadium - 21:00

Sunday, July 7

Madagascar v Democratic Republic of Congo, Alexandria Stadium - 18:00

Algeria v Guinea, 30 June Stadium, Cairo - 21:00

Monday, July 8

Mali v Ivory Coast, Suez Stadium - 18:00

Ghana v Tunisia, Ismailia Stadium - 21:00

selves, they know that they can do a little bit better and they know they can be more efficient - in the last third (in attack) they know they can improvise a little bit more and I think they are looking forward to that challenge.

"Does that translate into a guarantee that we are going to get a result? No, but I don't think we're going to have to do a massive motivational pump with them. They're going to be up for this one no matter what I say." *AFP*

Jordaan confirmed last week that each Bafana player will receive a R320 000 bonus despite the manner in which they qualified for the playoffs.

"We expect them to go to the second round, at least," Jordaan said as quoted by the TimesLIVE.

"That's why we have a bonus structure, to go to the second round. Because it's no use you win one match, win this match.

"That's when we give them R320 000 each (getting through the group stage).

And if they had gotten the normal win bonuses of R60 000 (per game), you would get R180 000 (for three group wins). *Sport24*

## Bafana to receive R320k bonus for AFCON last 16 qualification

CAPE TOWN - Bafana Bafana players will still receive their R320 000 bonus as promised, despite sneaking into the last 16 stage of the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) through the back door.

It was a long 24-hour wait before head coach Stuart Baxter and his charges learned they had in fact advanced to the next round.

After winning only one of their three Group D matches, South Africa finished third behind Morocco and Ivory Coast. Namibia ended their tournament with zero points in last place.

Following Tuesday night's results, Bafana scraped through as the worst of the top four third-placed teams along with Guinea, DR Congo and Benin.

South Africa now have the mammoth task of playing tournament favourites and host nation Egypt on Saturday, July 6.

Meanwhile, the South Africa Football Association (SAFA) President Danny



## Tunisia frustrated by stubborn Mauritania

ALEXANDRIA - Tunisia were held to a 0-0 draw by Mauritania in their final 2019 Africa Cup of Nations (Afcon) Group E match at the Suez Stadium in Egypt on Tuesday night.

The stalemate saw the Carthage Eagles advance to the Round of 16 as runners-up, while the Lions of Chinguetti crashed out of the tournament after finishing fourth in the group. The Lions of Chinguetti threatened first through Ismael Diakhite, as Mauritania looked to grab a surprise lead against the 2004 Afcon champions.

The US Tataouine forward's right-footed shot was saved by Tunisia goalkeeper Mouez Hassen four minutes into the encounter.

Mauritania were forced to make a change in the 17th minute after Abdoul Ba went down injured and he was replaced by Diadie Diarra.

The Carthage Eagles grew into the game towards the half-hour mark, but they could not keep their shots on target.

Wahbi Khazri and Oussama Haddadi both missed the target - failing to seriously test Brahim Souleymane in the Lions of Chinguetti goal-posts.

However, Souleymane was called into action in the 40th minute and he made a good save to deny Ellyes Skhiri to ensure that the first half ended with the two teams locked at 0-0. Esperance de Tunis forward Taha Yassine Khenissi, who is one of the most prolific strikers on the African continent, was introduced by Tunisia at the beginning of the second half.

Khenissi had a chance to break the deadlock just before the hour-mark, but the lanky striker failed to keep his header on target.

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# MESSI'S FURIOUS TIRADE AGAINST REFEREES

**RIO** - Lionel Messi blasted refereeing and accused officials of favouring Brazil after Argentina were dumped out of the Copa America.

Goals from Roberto Firmino and Gabriel Jesus helped the hosts reach Sunday's final thanks to a 2-0 victory in Belo Horizonte.

But Messi was left incandescent with the performance of referee Roddy Zambrano and the VAR.

Arthur was lucky to escape punishment for a body check in the box on Nicolas Otamendi and the Argentina captain was also furious with an 'unbelievable' decision not to award a penalty after Sergio Aguero appeared to be tripped by Dani Alves in the area just moments before Firmino's goal.

"Brazil were not better than us. They found the net early and the second goal came from a penalty (to Aguero) they didn't award," said Messi, who was earlier seen confronting the officials at half-time.

## Favour

"(VAR) got tired of calling fouls in this COPA America and today they didn't even check it. Today they never went to VAR. All the decisions were to favour them. Cards for us, not to them. There were clear fouls (the referee) never saw," he added.

"That happened all during the game. At the first glance of contact, they ruled in their (Brazil's) favour and this kind of distracted us from the game."

Messi added: "The truth is we're angry because we played very well, we put in a huge effort and for it to end like this makes us sad... I spoke to the referee and he said he would

*...After Brazil kill dreams of Argentina glory again*



respect us that he would look after us but at no moment did I see that."

In the extraordinary rant, Messi also called on the footballing authorities to look into the refereeing of the tournament.

## Refused

But the 32-year-old claimed Brazil hold too much sway within the South American Football Confederation CONMEBOL for anything to be done. "Throughout the tournament they called handballs, stupid penalties, and fouls. But somehow today, they refused to use VAR."

"There is no excuses for us, but we need to review this, analyse it and let's hope CONMEBOL does something about it - but surely not, because Brazil commands too much

power in the organisation.

"I think we played a great game. We made a great effort and they were not superior to us."

Messi's sentiments were echoed by Aguero, who claimed he would prefer not to have VAR if this is how it is going to be used.

"They told us that VAR would be like a fifth referee but when things turn out like this I'd rather it wasn't there," he said.

"I was running into the area and Alves stopped me with his foot, it was clear, so clear that Foyth stopped and waited for it to be given." *Daily Mail*

## Chiefs announce double signing

**CAPE TOWN** - Kaizer Chiefs on Tuesday announced the double signing of Serbian Striker Samir Nurkovic and midfielder Kearyn Baccus from Melbourne City in Australia.

"Kaizer Chiefs welcome their new player, Samir Nurkovic, on a three-year contract," the club confirmed.

The striker was born in the Republic of Serbia in 1992. He recently played for KFC Komarno in Slovakia, where he had an impressive 2018/19 season. The club also confirmed that Nurkovic - who scored 23 goals with 5 assists in 28 appearances last season - will wear jersey number 9.

## BAROKA CAPTURE MADONDO SIGNATURE

**CAPE TOWN** - Baroka FC have confirmed the signing of Richards Bay FC captain Khulekani Madondo on a two-year deal.

Madondo is Bakgaga's seventh acquisition of the transfer window after the signings of Gerald Phiri Jr from Malawi, Komohelo Mohasha, Sibonelo Ngubane, Manuel Kambala, Richard Mbulu and Phelelani Shoji. "Yes we've completed the Madondo deal, we signed him on a two-year contract," Mphahlele confirmed.

"I watch a lot of National First Division matches, for me he did well last season and that attracted me. We believe he will add value to the team."

*Sport24*

## West Indies, Sri Lanka fined

**LONDON** - West Indies and Sri Lanka have been fined for maintaining a slow over-rate their World Cup match in Durham, which Sri Lanka won by 23 runs.

Mtatch referee David Boon imposed the fines after Jason Holder's West Indies and Dimuth Karunaratne's Sri Lanka were both ruled to be two overs short of their target after time allowances were taken into consideration.

Players are fined 10 per cent of their match fees for every over their side fails to bowl in the allotted time, with the captain fined double that amount.

As such, Holder has been fined 40 per cent of his match fee, while his players have received 20 per cent fines.

Karunaratne has also been fined 40 per cent of his match fee, while his players have received

20 per cent fines.

If either West Indies or Sri Lanka commit another minor over-rate breach in an ODI within 12 months of this offence with Holder or Karunaratne as captain, it will be deemed a second offence and they will face a suspension.

## Offences

Both Holder and Karunaratne pleaded guilty to the offences after the end of the match and accepted the proposed sanctions, so there was no need for formal hearings.

On-field umpires Bruce Oxenford and Paul Reiffel, third umpire Sundaram Ravi and fourth umpire Rod Tucker leveled the charge.

*Sport24*

## Palestinian FA postpones cup final

**RAMALLAH** - The final of the Palestine Cup has been postponed after Israel denied Gaza-based players permits to travel, the Palestinian Football Association said yesterday.

The second leg of the final between Balata FC and Khadamat Rafah, the winners of the West Bank and Gaza leagues respectively, was due to take place on Wednesday, PFA vice president Susan Shalabi told AFP.

Gaza-based team Khadamat Rafah requested travel permits to the West Bank for 35 people, but Israel granted just four, three of them to club officials, Shalabi said.

"The Israelis are very adamant in their refusal," she added, saying they had cited security concerns they did not specify.

A Khadamat Rafah official told AFP the club

were still waiting for final decisions and were hopeful of securing more permits in the coming days. "We are ready at any moment. If we got the permits now, in 30 minutes we will be there," Hodaifa Lafi told AFP. "The game has to go ahead."

She said it was impossible to discuss a date for the second leg until Israel granted more permits.

There was no immediate comment from COGAT, the Israeli defence ministry body responsible for Palestinian civil affairs.

The first leg, played on Sunday in Gaza, ended 1-1. The West Bank and Gaza are separated by Israel, and Palestinians looking to travel between the two must apply for Israeli permits. *AFP*

## Morgan sparks storm in a tea cup with 'distasteful' celebration

**PARIS** - Alex Morgan trolled England with a tea-drinking celebration after scoring the USA's second goal in Tuesday's World Cup semi-final.

The Orlando Pride forward headed home from a Lindsey Horne cross in the 31st minute after Ellen White had cancelled out Christen Press' early strike.

Morgan celebrated by pretended to drink some tea with her pinky finger sticking out, a clear attempt to wind up England supporters.

And it had the desired effect as social media went into meltdown.

England and Juventus forward Lianne Sanderson called the celebration 'distasteful'.

Sanderson, working as a pundit on beIN Sports, said: "I expected Alex to grab a goal but I'm not that happy with that celebration."

"You can celebrate how you want, but for me that is a bit distasteful, and I don't think she needs to do that. I'm a big believer in the American's and how they celebrate but for me this was a little bit disrespectful."

"For me, I could be wrong, but it's based upon playing against England, we love our tea in England, I'm not a tea drinker but that's what we're connected with so I think it's a little bit distasteful."

There had been accusations of arrogance levelled at the United States ahead of the game against England. Issues also arose when two members of their staff were

spotted visiting England's hotel as they looked to scout out venues to stay in ahead of the final.

And there was also criticism of how they chose to celebrate their goals in some of their bigger wins, including the 13-0 win against Thailand.

That led to some tension off the pitch but the

USA had the last laugh as they held on to claim a 2-1 win and reach their third World Cup final in a row.

*Daily Mail*

**DISTASTEFUL CELEBRATION:**  
Alex Morgan





# Chippa appoint Klate as MDC coach

**JOHANNESBURG** - Chippa United have announced the appointment of Daine Klate as their Diski Challenge team coach.

Klate announced his retirement from the game on Tuesday and Chippa have wasted no time in roping in

their former player as their MDC coach.

"After his announcement of retiring as a professional footballer @ChippaUnitedFC would like to announce @Klatey7 as our new MDC Head Coach. We wish him the best in his coaching

career," read a tweet from Chippa.

Klate hung up his boots this week, ending a glittering career that saw

him winning six league titles with SuperSport United, Orlando Pirates and Bidvest Wits. *Citizen*



NEW POST: Daine Klate



## PLISKOVA INTO WIMBLEDON 3RD ROUND

**LONDON** - Czech third seed Karolina Pliskova reached the last 32 at Wimbledon yesterday with a 6-0, 6-4 win over Puerto Rico's Olympic champion Monica Puig.

Pliskova, one of four players who could end Wimbledon as world number one, will face Hsieh Su-wei of Taiwan for a spot in the fourth round.

Wimbledon results yesterday X denotes seeding:

Men

2nd round

David Goffin (BEL x21) bt Jeremy Chardy (FRA) 6-2, 6-4, 6-3  
Reilly Opelka (USA) bt Stan Wawrinka (SUI x22) 7-5, 3-6, 4-6, 6-4, 8-6  
Benoit Paire (FRA x28) bt Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 - retired  
Jiri Vesely (CZE) bt Pablo Cuevas (URU) 4-6, 7-6 (7/5), 6-4, 6-4

Women

2nd round

Elena Svitolina (UKR x8) bt Margarita Gasparian (RUS) 5-7, 6-5 - retired  
Maria Sakkari (GRE x31) bt Marie Bouzkova (CZE) 6-4, 6-1  
Karolina Muchova (CZE) bt Madison Brengle (USA) 6-3, 6-4  
Anett Kontaveit (EST x20) bt Heather Watson (GBR) 7-5, 6-1  
Hsieh Su-wei (TPE x28) bt Kirsten Flipkens (BEL) 7-6 (7/3), 6-3  
Karolina Pliskova (CZE x3) bt Monica Puig (PUR) 6-0, 6-4  
Victoria Azarenka (BLR) bt Ajla Tomljanovic (AUS) 6-2, 6-0

AFP

## Lebese surplus to requirements at SuperSport United

**DURBAN** - SuperSport United have decided against keeping Mamelodi Sundowns midfielder, George Lebese.

The skilful Lebese struggled for game time during his spell with Sundowns and was loaned to United for the second half of last season.

Matsatsantsa A Pitso have informed Lebese and his representative that they have no intention of retaining him for the new season. Club Chief Executive Officer, Stanley Matthews, confirmed yesterday. "I've informed Sundowns and George's agent that I won't pursue George. He just didn't have enough game time in his legs. That's another scary thing with (Aubrey) Ngoma and (Lucky) Mohomi. It takes me three months to get them back into condition. It nearly took us a year to get (Magalokodi) Ngele in condition. When I look at Ngoma and Mohomi, I'm worried. That's why it is difficult for me," Matthews explained. Ngoma, Mohomi and Ngele had all made moves from Sundowns, where they not getting game time, and joined SuperSport. *AFP*

## Murray, Williams discover Wimbledon mixed doubles Round 1 foes

**LONDON** - The all-star duo of former world number ones Andy Murray and Serena Williams will play German Andreas Mies and Alexa Guarachi of Chile in the first round of the mixed doubles at Wimbledon.

Mies, 28, comes fresh from creating a major surprise partnering Kevin Krawietz to win the French Open title beating home hopes Jeremy Chardy and Fabrice Martin in straight sets. American-born Guarachi, who is also 28, has a more modest record though she won the Swiss Open doubles final last year and reached the Istanbul Cup final this season.

Murray, who is easing his way back

into the sport following a radical hip resurfacing, announced he was joining forces with Williams in an all-star partnership on Tuesday.

"It'll be great," Murray told STV.

"I'm just happy to be fit and healthy again.

"With what's happened the last year or so, you never know what's round the corner, so it's a great opportunity. "I'll look forward to it."

The 32-year-old, who won two of his three Grand Slam singles titles at Wimbledon, is already entered into the men's doubles at Wimbledon where he is playing alongside France's Pierre-Hugues Herbert.

*AFP*



MIXED DOUBLE: Andy Murray and Serena Williams.

## Sharapova not considering retirement

**LONDON** - Maria Sharapova was forced to retire in her opening match at Wimbledon against Pauline Parmentier, but the Russian has vowed to keep fighting.

It has been a difficult year so far for Sharapova as she has struggled with a shoulder injury and underwent a small procedure in February.

She only returned to action in June and her clash against Frenchwoman Parmentier was only her third since the surgery.

The 2014 champion started pretty well as she won the opening set and then found herself serving for the match at 5-3 in the second only to then lose her way completely.

She eventually threw in the towel when she was down 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 5-0. "It's very rare that I withdraw from a match in the middle," the 32-year-old said.

"I got myself to a good enough place to be part of this event, not be out of the draw. I don't want to put anyone in that position. I'm here to play. Next time I come here, I want to feel great. I want to do what I'm meant to be doing at the level I believe I can."

More questions are being raised about her future in tennis, but Sharapova is determined to continue playing.

"I'm still proud that I'm here. This is not the easy way," she said.

*AFP*

## Barca 'ready to offer Coutinho, Rakitic, Umtiti and Dembele

**BARCELONA** - Barcelona are ready to offer Paris Saint-Germain an extraordinary swap deal worth £152 million with Philippe Coutinho, Ivan Rakitic, Samuel Umtiti and Ousmane Dembele set to be used to as makeweight so they can sign Neymar.

The Brazilian has been heavily linked with a sensational return to Barcelona this summer despite only leaving the club two years ago in a world-record £198m move to PSG.

The French champions are reluctant to part with their prized asset unless they receive an exceptional offer and Barcelona have been exploring ways to persuade PSG to sell with club officials unwilling to break the bank to re-sign the Brazilian.

According to Mundo Deportivo, Coutinho, Rakitic, Umtiti and Dembele could all be included in a straight

...to PSG in huge £152m swap deal' in order to get Neymar back at the Nou Camp

swap deal.

Reports in Brazil emerged this week claiming that Barcelona officials were set to meet with Neymar's representatives to discuss his touted move back to the club. However, PSG have not yet given any indication as to whether they would be interested in Barcelona's proposal. Despite rumours suggesting the 27-year-old is unhappy in the French capital, he is expected to report back for the start of PSG's pre-season training after previously asking not to be a part of it.

*Daily Mail*



## Women's international confirmed dead in swimming accident

**INTERNATIONAL** - Switzerland women's international Florijana Ismaili has been confirmed dead following a swimming accident on Lake Como in Italy, the Swiss football federation said on Tuesday.

The 24-year-old, who played 33 times for Switzerland and was captain of Young Boys Bern's women's team, had gone missing on Saturday.

"The Swiss Football Federation (SFV) has the painful task of informing about the death of its national player Florijana Ismaili. We are all upset, deeply affected and very, very sad," said an SFV statement.

The SFV said that Ismaili had jumped into the water from a rented boat and never resurfaced. The body was found on Tuesday after searches by the Italian authorities, it said.

"The SFV expresses its sincere condolences to the family, relatives and friends of Florijana Ismaili and wishes everyone all the strength

in this difficult time."

FIFA president Gianni Infantino said in a statement that it was an "extremely sad moment for all the football community, particularly at a time when we gather at the Fifa Women's World Cup."

Switzerland and Liverpool forward Xherdan Shaqiri was among those to send condolences.

"I am deeply shocked by the death of Florijana Ismaili," he said on Twitter. "My family and I would like to



express our condolences to the Ismaili family and the near ones."

*Reuters*

**NO MORE: Swiss women's international Florijana Ismaili.**





# 'IT'S ALL ABOUT HEALTHY LIVING'

...Minister of sports, culture and youth affairs, stresses the importance of regular exercise at Motshane

BY DUMISANI NTIWANE  
(SNSRC Media Officer)

Shu...Shu...Shukuma Eswatini! Greetings and welcome to yet another edition of your favourite column, Shukuma Eswatini.

Last Saturday, we delivered our flagship programme at the Motshane Inkhundla where as expected, the Motshane community gave us a warm welcome.

We are indebted to the Motshane Indvuna Yenkundla Nigel Shongwe and of course the honourable Member of Parliament (MP) Robert Magongo for their generous hospitality.

No one could have hit the nail so accurately in the head than our Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga on the benefits of our flagship programme Shukuma Eswatini.

Bulunga in his brief address to the more or less 300 participants on the day stressed on regular exercise and healthy living. He implored the community to continue exercising regularly for them to keep the doctors away.

The Motshane community then took it a step further by presenting the minister with a goat as a token of appreciation.

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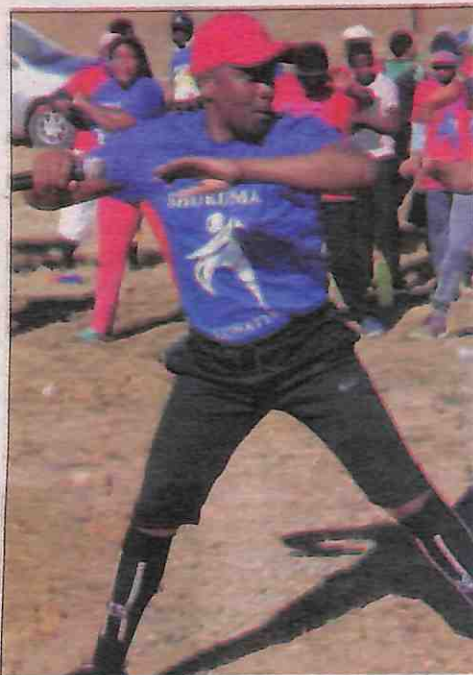
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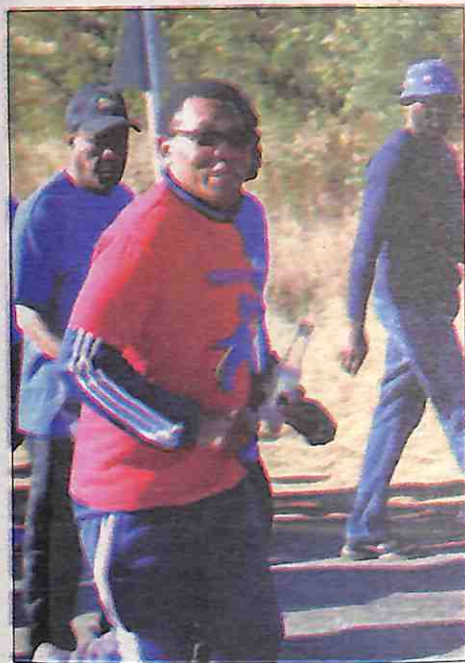
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**LIKE THIS:** Aerobics instructor Khanya Mavuso taking participants through routines during the Shukuma Eswatini visit at Motshane inkhundla last Saturday. (R) Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga with other participants of the day.



**WHO'S STRONG?:** The tug-of-war formed part of the activities. (R) **FIT:** The minister going through his paces during a race.



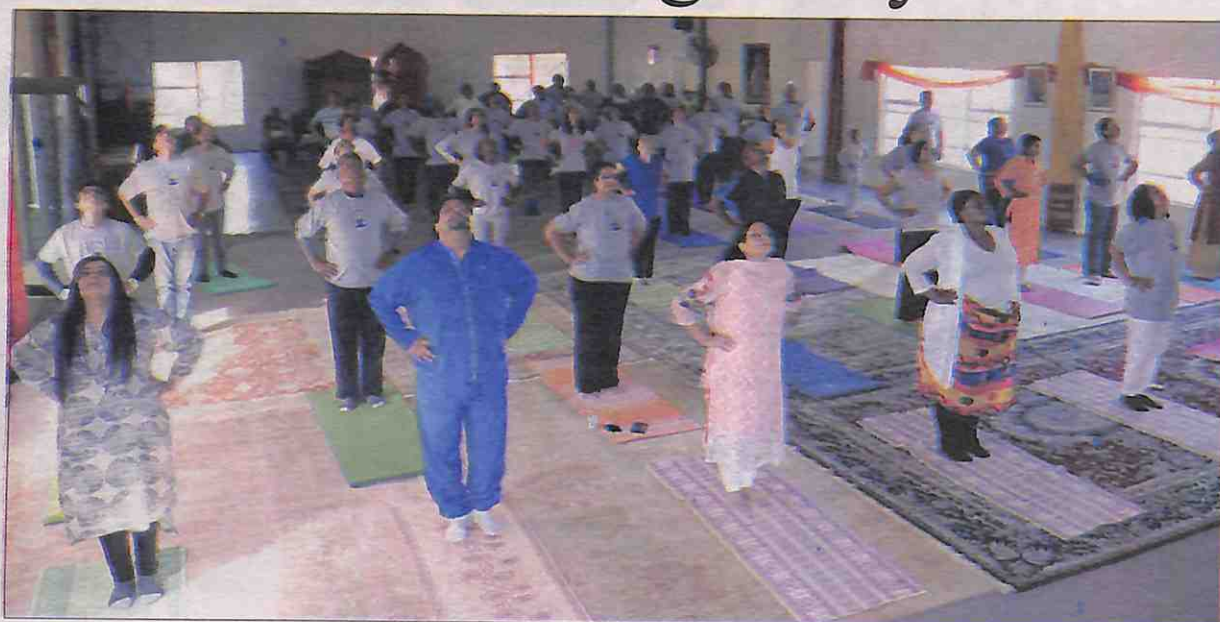
**MIND GAMES:** Some of the participants playing a game of draft. (R) Sibhaca also formed part of the line-up.



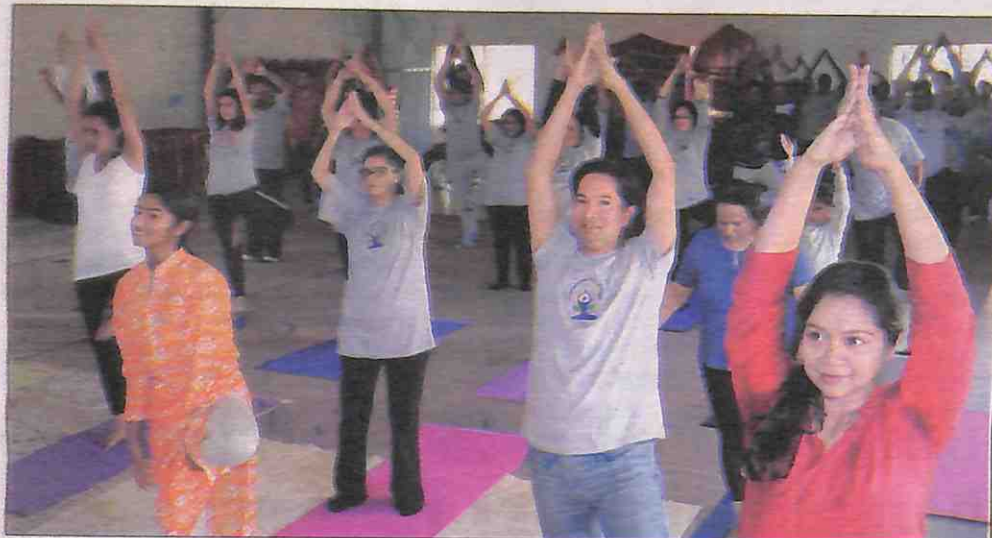


**RELATIONS:** Indian Consul to the kingdom Mona Ashraff in conversation with Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Thuli Dladla. This was during the launch of the International Yoga Day held at Swazi Paper Mills Chapel on Sunday morning. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

# International Yoga Day launch



**EYES UP:** Attendees look up as they go about the Yoga classes at the launch.



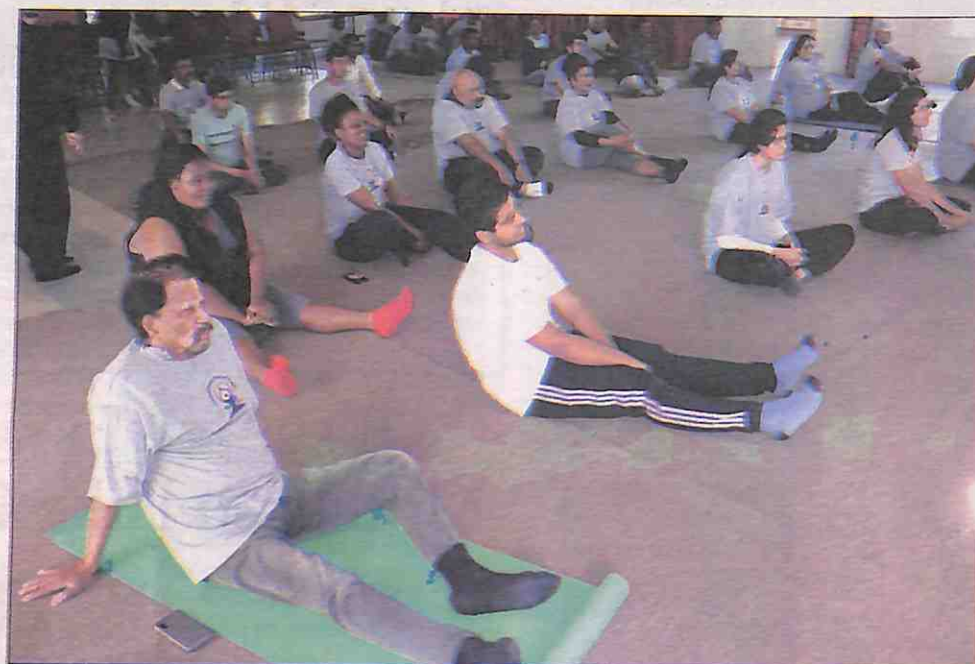
**HANDS UP:** Participants enjoying the Yoga lessons.



**LEADER:** Yoga guru Shree Rahul Ji, who is a professional instructor from Mozambique, leading the session.



**THIS IS:** Deepa Pullanikkatil introducing the Yoga guru Shree Rahul Ji from Mozambique to the participants.



**SIT UP:** Mbabane-based Dr Sarugasar was among the many people who came through for the Yoga classes.



Mona Ashraff introducing Minister Dladla to the Indian High Commissioner's representative Madam Jayshree, Yoga Instructor Shree Rahul Ji, as well as her daughter, Alpa.



**PRESENT:** A section of the attendees during lessons.





● Real Madrid are eager to include Wales forward Gareth Bale, 29, in a potential deal for Manchester United and France midfielder Paul Pogba, 26. (Mail)

● United will have to pay Leicester City more than £90m for Harry Maguire - making the 26-year-old the most expensive defender of all time - if they are to sign the England centre-back this summer. (Telegraph)



● Derby County will replace Chelsea-bound Frank Lampard, 41, with former Barcelona and Netherlands utility man Phillip Cocu, 48, who is a free agent after leaving Fenerbahce last year. (Guardian)

● Manchester United have made an offer for Dinamo Zagreb's 21-year-old Spain Under-21 midfielder Dani Olmo. (Mail)

● Crystal Palace are determined not to sell Ivory Coast winger Wilfried Zaha, 26, to Arsenal and are furious because they believe the Gunners have deliberately set out to unsettle him. (Mirror)



● Bournemouth's Netherlands defender Nathan Ake, 24, is likely to sign for Manchester City this summer. (L'Equipe, via Manchester Evening News)

● Atletico Madrid are interested in signing Arsenal and France striker Alexandre Lacazette, 28, to replace Barcelona-bound France forward Antoine Griezmann, 28. (Mirror)

● Barcelona are ready to listen to offers for 25-year-old France central defender Samuel Umtiti, who is a target for Manchester United. (Sport, via Mirror)



● Chelsea have agreed a new long-term contract with England midfielder Ruben Loftus-Cheek, 23. (Telegraph)

● Arsenal's French defender Laurent Koscielny, 33, is wanted by Bordeaux. (L'Equipe)

● Aston Villa are keen on Kasimpasa and Egypt midfielder Mahmoud Trezeguet, 24. (Sun)

# Duze High face Mkhondvo in Copa Cola Cola semis

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**SOCCER - THE 2016 Copa Coca Cola champions Duze High School will face Mkhondvo High School in this year's semi-finals of the tournament.**

Duze stormed into the semi-finals after first defeating Eric Rosenberg 4-2 before beating Mpaka High School 5-4 on penalties. The matches were played at Tambankulu Stadium on Tuesday.

This was an entertaining match as Mpaka High School paraded their players, who are playing in the Lubombo Super League, while Duze High School fielded a section of their players from Madlenya FC, a team campaigning in the National First Division.

Mpaka High School were the first to score via the boot of Derrick, who capitalised on a Melusi blunder in the opening stages of the match. Duze responded swiftly to level matters and it was none other than the impressive Sethu Ngcamphalala, who rattled the roof of the net with



**SEMIS: Duze High School team captured in one of their recent matches.**

a hard low shot.

Duze missed a penalty in the 45th minute after their captain, Owa Matsebula, was fouled inside the box. However, the captain missed the spot kick as he directed his shot straight to the Mpaka goalkeeper.

The second half saw Mpaka piling more pressure on their opponents. It came as no surprise when Tsepo Nkambule put his team ahead in the 49th minute. Duze again responded in the 75th minute through Muhle's free kick. Premier League

## The full results:

Duze High	5-4	Mpaka High
Ngwane Central High	5-1	Mvila High
Elangeni High School	2-1	Ntonjeni
Mkhondvo High	20-1	Florence High

## Semifinals Draw:

Elangeni	vs	Ngwane Central
HighDuze High	vs	Mkhondvo High

referee Theminkosi Dlamini ordered the teams to penalties after the match ended in a 2-2 draw. Duze scored all their penalties, while Mpaka missed one.

In a post-match interview, Duze High School coach Fortune 'Jazz' Dlamini said their last game was tough and thanked his players for the gallant performance.

"Mpaka were an organised side. My players struggled a bit due to fatigue from the first game against Rosenberg. However, we managed to carry the day and thanks to my boys. We are looking forward to our next opponent and they must watch out as we are eyeing the final," he confidently said.

## All set for Eswatini National Mountain Bike Championships

BY JONGILE XUBA

**CYCLING - FINAL preparations for the Engen Ngwenya Glass MTB Challenge and the Momentum Trail Run are underway.**

The events will consist of four rides, two trail runs, and a disabled wheelchair race, providing activities for the entire family. In addition to these events, there will be handicrafts on sale at very good prices, as well as plenty of food and refreshments for all to enjoy.

"We are happy to welcome the defending ladies champion and current South Africa national champion, Samantha Sanders, back to defend her title for the third year, the men's champion declan Sidey will unfortunately not be returning due to his retiring from cycling, but the Imvelo Champ, Christo Carelsen will be here to set the pace up-front for the aspiring Eswatini riders," reads a statement from the organisers of the race.

"We have over 300 entries confirmed and look forward to the usual last minute rush, so hopefully will have a record field.

Proceeds of the event will be donated to Cheshire Homes Eswatini to support their great work assisting people living with disabilities in Eswatini, and the Eswatini Anti-venom

## CHESHIRE HOMES ESWATINI

Cheshire Homes Eswatini, established in 1986, is the only rehabilitation centre for adults and children in the country. It is a registered non-governmental and non-profit making organization. Relying solely on donations and fund-raising efforts, Cheshire Homes Eswatini provides vital

rehabilitative services to hundreds of people. Their work is encapsulated in their mission of providing comprehensive rehabilitative services which are accessible, appropriate and affordable to all people with a disability. <http://eswatini.cheshire.org/>

## ESWATINI ANTI-VENOM FOUNDATION

Eswatini Anti-venom Foundation aims to raise funds to treat snake bite victims in the Kingdom. Snakebite is a disease of circumstance and poverty. The majority of bites are received by the rural poor and often result in loss of life, limb or the ability to work because of life changing injury. Timely treatment with appropriate anti-venom, along with modern medical care can prevent, reverse or at least minimise the major clinical aspects of snake envenomation. <https://www.facebook.com/swaziantivenom/>

Ngwenya Glass would like to invite all Mountain Bikers, Trail runners and wheelchair bound sports enthusiasts to join us for a fun family day, on the lawns of the Glass factory, to enable them to support

these worthy initiatives.

We would also like to thank our fellow sponsors Engen Eswatini, Momentum, FNB, Globeflight, Logico, Parmalat, Buy and Save Spar, Umbuluzi Farm Chickens, Montigney, Serec Radios, Clean Tech Eswatini, Mbabane Motors, Mormond Electrical, The Mountain Inn, Bushbaby Lodge, The Hilton Garden Inn, Nkonyeni Golf Estate, Gajitz, SWIFT, Swazi Trails, Big Game Parks Bulembu Water and Black Mamba Chilli. Should you wish to enter the races contact Ngwenya Glass at

[ngwenya@ngwenyaglass.co.sz](mailto:ngwenya@ngwenyaglass.co.sz) or <https://mtb.ngwenyaglass.co.sz>. Late entries are still available with an extra fee of E30 over and above the normal entry fee.

foundation which aims to raise funds to treat snake bite victims in Eswatini.

"In order to achieve these goals, Ngwenya Glass is fortunate to partner with great sponsors and would like to thank Buy and Save Spar and Umbuluzi Farm Chickens in particular for their generous contributions to

the fund-raising initiatives at the event," reads the statement.

The proceeds from the food and drinks sold on the day will be donated to The Swaziland Anti-venom foundation and the proceeds from the entries and associated sponsorship will be donated to Cheshire Homes Eswatini.

## Ngwenya MTB defending champion retires!

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**CYCLING - NGWENYA MTB defending champion Sidey Declay will not be able to defend his crown during the upcoming 2019 MTB Championships scheduled for Saturday at Ngwenya.**

Declay, who won the previous instalment, is said to have announced his retirement in the sport at the age of 40 years.

Ngwenya Glass Director Garry Hayter confirmed Declay's absence in the annual Mountain Bike National Championships when contacted yesterday.

"Defending champion Sidey Declay will not be taking part in this year's competition following his recent retirement in the sport.

We are still waiting for the confirmation of female defending champion Sandra Saunders and other international riders.

## Competing

We will be in a position to know Sandra's availability before the race," he said.

The South African riders will be competing with top local MTB riders in Lungelo Mlangeni (Dig Deep), Mduduzi Zwane (MTN Khemani) Ayanda Dlamini (4ever Cycling Club) and William Kelly (4ever Cycling Club) to mention the few.

The 2018 edition's best Liswati Muzi Shabangu (MTN Khemani) will also not take part in the upcoming race due to academic commitments.

Riders will be competing in four categories, namely 70km, 42km, 20km and 10km under the stewardship of the Eswatini Cycling Association (ECA).



# NYANGA HAPPY WITH BIRDS PLAYERS' RESPONSE AT TRAINING

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER – MBABANE** Swallows head coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe has expressed his happiness over his players' attitude, as they began their preparations for the 2019/20 season.

The veteran mentor said he was pleased with turnout during their first training session yesterday afternoon at the Prince of Wales Ground.

"I am happy with the attendance and the commitment from my players as we had an impressive turnout today. I hope the number will increase as the week progresses. We have two players, who reported their cases in Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa and Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu, as they have minor problems, hence they were excused today. I hope more players will attend training as the week progresses," he said.

The former Sihlangu assistant coach further announced that they had promoted their young goal-



FIRST TRAINING: Mbabane Swallows quad in training.

keeper Qniso Nyawo into the senior team from their development side.

"We have decided to elevate him because he is young and talented. He will help us in terms of depth since we need to have three goalkeepers. We will also make a few more signings, possibly with three to five players, but I cannot divulge their names for now," he

said. The red and white glamour side started their pre-season training without some of their key players in Sifiso Mabila, Xolani Magagula and Sandanezwe Mathabela, who were notable absentees.

The capital city giants welcomed their seasoned defender Mandla Palma and striker Simanga Shongwe from long injury lay-offs.

**IMPRESSED:** Mbabane Swallows head coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe.



## India qualify for CWC semi-finals

**INDIA**, who are in incredible form drubbed the Tigers 314/9 and won the match by 28 runs at Edgbaston Cricket ground.

For a team as intimidating as the Men in Blue, the 28 runs were too close for comfort, but I guess the Tigers were up for taking them on and also really needed to win.

The Men in Blue took to bat first, which worked beautifully for them, as there was no pressure to make the chase, but had to simply set the score as high as possible.

The pitch also treated them well, as confirmed by the star of the match Rohit Sharma during the match presentations.

He blasted 104 runs off just 92 deliveries to bag himself his fourth award in this tournament.

Winning the man of the match award did not even seem to phase the humble cricketer during the presentation, which was just as amazing to witness as the century he hit on the field.

Another brilliant batsman who contributed to the 314/9 was Lokesh Rahul, who took 77 runs for his team before being taken out by Hussain.

Unbelievably, Mustafizur Rahman was nothing but excellence for the Tigers having taken five wickets, in a never been seen before retaliation. The man took out Hardik Pandya, MS Dhoni, ran out Bhuvneshwar Kumar and even Virat Kohli was not safe from his super powers.

In the second innings, Bangladesh's partnerships were threatening but there were no wins. On the bat, the Tigers were weak as most of them could not even make it past 40 runs. Shakib Al Hasan attempted to revive hope for his side with his 66 runs along with Mohammed Saifuddin with his half a century. In these innings the Tigers definitely should have done better as the Men in Blue were one man short, which was a gamble that they should have capitalised on, guess luck was with the Men in Blue.

India's oldest fan Charulata Patel who is 87-years-old also brought the much needed blessings for the side which only had five bowlers and no sixth option.

Despite this challenge, Jasprit Bumrah managed to cover the risk and took four wickets for his side.

He contained the runs expertly and managed to read the batsmen well. India are now second in the log standings with 13 points and join Australia having qualified for the semi-finals.



## GREEN MAMBA PLAYERS LOOK GOOD AFTER MEDICAL TEST

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

**SOCCER – MTN reigning champions Green Mamba players are in good condition after their medical test was completed at the Mbabane Government Hospital.**

Medical check-ups are important for teams before they start their pre-season camps, more especially after last season's incidence where Malanti Chiefs player Papy Fatty collapsed

inside the field of play and later died due to heart attack.

The Correctional Services side has started their pre-season, as they look to be competitive, both locally and in the CAF Champions League where they will be taking part after winning the MTN Premier League title.

The team's Chief Executive Officer, Thami Phakathi, confirmed that the players returned to training in good health following the end of season

break.

He said the assessment entailed observing and examining players from a medical perspective.

These include their hearts, lungs, eyes and ears to mention but only a few.

"We began our pre-season training last week Friday after the players underwent medical checkups. We always do this not to risk them during the season," he said.

Phakathi added that in about two

weeks' time the Correctional Services side would play a series of friendly games in preparation for domestic and CAF assignments.

Green Mamba won the MTN Premier League under the tutelage of coach Caleb Ngwenya.

Top striker Musa Dlamini had a wonderful season, as he scooped E49 000 for being the top goal scorer and player of the year while the team's publicist Phakathi won the EswatiniBank Cup Best PRO Award.

## Sitsebe samhlelekazi in tough COSAFA draw

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

**SOCCER – SITSEBE Samhlelekazi and the Women National Under-20 squads have been drawn against tough opponents in the 2019 COSAFA Women Championships.**

The COSAFA Senior Women Championship will run concurrently with the Under-20 Women Cup. The two tournaments will run side by side with matches to be played at Wolfson and Gelvandale Stadium, according to COSAFA website.

The draw was conducted yesterday in Johannesburg at COSAFA House. Sitsebe have been drawn in Group C together with Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Angola.

The locals return to the tournament with high hopes after they were knocked out in the group stages by Uganda.

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GROUP STAGES				
FIXTURE	GR	DATE	TIME	VENUE
eSwatini vs Mauritius	A	25/05/2019	16h30	King Zwelithini
Mozambique vs Namibia	B	26/05/2019	14h00	King Zwelithini
Malawi vs Seychelles	B	26/05/2019	16h30	King Zwelithini
eSwatini vs Comoros	A	27/05/2019	17h00	King Zwelithini
Seychelles vs Mozambique	B	28/05/2019	15h00	King Zwelithini
Namibia vs Malawi	B	28/05/2019	17h30	King Zwelithini
Comoros vs Mauritius	A	29/05/2019	17h30	King Zwelithini
Mozambique vs Malawi	B	30/05/2019	17h30	King Zwelithini
Namibia vs Seychelles	B	30/05/2019	17h30	Princess Magogo

The Anthony Mdluli led ladies last played an international friendly game against Mozambique early

June, where they lost 1-4. They again find themselves in the same group in the COSAFA tournament

slated from July 31 - August 11.

Only the top two teams in each pool will advance to the semi-finals alongside the best third finisher, meaning there is no room for error.

South Africa, who have dominated the senior regional competition in the past with five wins in six finals has been drawn alongside Malawi and Madagascar.

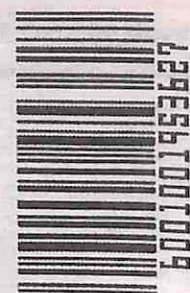
Group B consists of Zambia, Namibia, Botswana and Mauritius. In Group C, there is Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Angola and Eswatini.

In the COSAFA Women Under-20 Championships, the locals have been drawn against Botswana, Zambia and Tanzania in Group B.

Group A consists of South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

Eswatini Football Association Marketing Officer Muzi Radebe said he had already seen the draw and said it had been projected that the national women squads would go to full time camp on July 15 in preparation for the tournament.





## Figuareido for Mbombela United

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER – ESWATINI** international player Justice Figuareido is set to join South African National First Division side Mbombela United on a one-year loan deal.

The Maritzburg United player is expected to join the Mpumalanga province based side before the end of the month for their pre-season training in preparation of the upcoming 2019/20 season.

Figuareido has been deemed surplus to requirement at Maritzburg as they opted a loan move for the former Manzini Sundowns player.

A source close to the matter revealed that both Mbombela and Maritzburg have already agreed on the loan move for the former Eswatini youth international.

"Figuareido will join Mbombela after the two clubs reached an agreement of a season loan deal. The player has preferred Mbombela United in order to reunite with his countrymen, who are currently in the books of NFD side and he is also confident he will regain his form," the source said.

Attempts to get Maritzburg United Operations Manager Quinton Jetto were futile as he did not respond to the text message sent to him yesterday afternoon.

Efforts were also made to get Mbombela United Boss Sikhumbuzo Matsebula but his cell phone was on voicemail for the better part of yesterday.

Figuareido joined United in 2017 on a three-year renewable contract and has had little game time under several coaches such as Fadlu Davids, Mushin Etugral and Eric Tinkler.

The former Manzini Sundowns development player is set to become a teammate to Sihlangu vice-captain Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst at Mbombela United.



**ON LOAN:** Maritzburg United player Justice Figuareido.

## PRINCESS LUNGILE VISITS BIRDS TRAINING...



# REMAIN FOCUSED



BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER – FOLLOWING** the recent leadership instability and management crisis which rocked capital city giants, Mbabane Swallows Chairperson Princess Lungile has since come to tell the team to remain focused and resolute ahead of the 2019/20 season.

Gamedze told the players to quash negative reports and anything that would destabilise the team during her visit to the players at the Prince of Wales Ground yesterday afternoon.

"I want you to remain focussed and to do your job with all your hearts as players and not listen or entertaining anything coming from outsiders, who do not want to see

- Tells players not to listen to outsiders
- Throws full support behind players and technical bench
- Confident team will reclaim glory days
- Wants players to have fall back plan after football

the team progressing. I want to assure you that I am fully behind you in every step of the way and I am confident we will compete effectively in the new season.

### Pride

"Continue working hard as you prepare for the Charity Cup and you must go there and fight for the pride of the team.

I want to see you having better lives after football and I will continue making sure you have a bright future and have something to fall back on to when playing days are over," she said.

The princess further welcomed veteran defender Mandla Palma from long injury layoff and new signing Kingu Pemba into the team. "I am happy the players are back in the team including Palma and also that we managed to sign new players. You should all feel at home and execute your different roles with passion and pride."

Meanwhile, when interviewed the team's captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze thanked the director for visiting them ahead of the new season. "We are very humbled by the visit of Make Gamedze, as it is a

huge motivating factor for the team. Her presence has boosted the morale and she has further revived self-belief among the players," he said. When asked about the recent squabbles in the team, the former Sihlangu captain distanced himself from the matter.

"As players we are like children and, therefore, we cannot involve ourselves in such matters which are being handled by the top executive structures of the team. Ours is to work hard at training and play to win inside the field of play," she said.

## Security forces teams in 2019 Charity Cup playoffs

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER – THREE** of the country's security forces teams are set to take part in the 2019 Charity Cup playoffs.

The trio of Green Mamba, Young Buffaloes and Royal Leopard will be competing for the final slot alongside Manzini Sea Birds, who have been added in the tournament for

the first time since the inception of the annual soccer spectacular in 2002.

The four teams will take part in the playoffs at a venue yet to be finalised and the winner will join the country's big three teams in Mbabane Swallows, Mbabane Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers during the main tournament likely to take place next month at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

A source close to the matter revealed that the decision over the playoffs participants was taken yesterday afternoon during an executive meeting.

"The security forces teams have been included in the playoffs alongside Sea Birds, who were one of the best performers in the league last season.

Some of the teams that were expected to feature in the playoffs were

Black Swallows, Matsapha United, Moneni Pirates and Manzini Sundowns," the source said.

Premier League of Eswatini Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Simanga Nhleko said details of the tournament would be announced during the launch scheduled for this morning at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention. "Nothing has been communicated to me regarding details of the Charity Cup as everything will be unpacked during the launch," he said.