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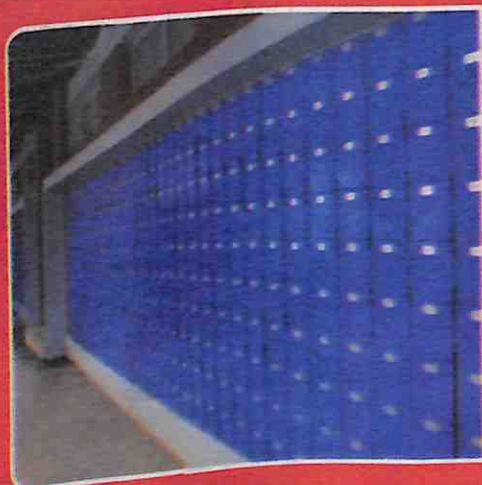
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HOT WEEK PREDICTED

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE week is expected to start warm becoming very hot.

According to a weather forecast from Accu Weather Ser-

vices, today will be the only cool day of the week but high temperatures are likely to reach 40 Degrees in the Lowveld by Thursday. Today, it will be cool in the Highveld, warm in the Middleveld becoming slightly hot in the Lowveld with some

clouds at places.

Evening clouds with a little rainfall is expected in the Highveld. Temperatures will start from 14 rising to 28 Degrees Celsius.

Tomorrow, dense clouds are expected in the morning and clear as day progresses. It will be much warmer than today with temperatures reaching 31 Degrees Celsius.

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KING APPRECIATES ESICOJENI FOUNDATION'S EFFORTS

STORIES BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Lobamba

...230 000 people threatened by food insecurity

HIS Majesty King Mswati III has heaped praises on the commendable job done by Esicojeni Foundation in the fight against hunger in children.

His Majesty, who is the organisation's Patron, was represented by Prince Bandzile during the 13th Esicojeni Foundation walk which was held at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

The King said the organisation has over the decade showed a resilient spirit in helping the Government of Eswatini to eliminate food shortage in every household through the many initiatives that it has pioneered over the years.

His Majesty mentioned that the annual walk which is themed 'End Hunger Walk' provides an opportunity to the nation to play a key role and be part of the journey to transform the lives of vulnerable and food insecure children.

"It is a true demonstration that of national unity and collaborative effort and social responsibility and we are

CALLS FOR COLLABORATION OF DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

HIS Majesty King Mswati III has called for collaboration of government and other development partners in ensuring that the lives of Emaswati and in particular children are preserved.

He said government fully supports the coordinated national response which carried out in collaboration with United Nations, other non-governmental organisations, private sector and community based organisations.

The Monarch said previous experiences have shown the significance and benefit of deploying multi-sectoral short and long term interventions to address food

security and poverty in the country.

He highlighted that agriculture sector is among the five key growth sectors prioritised in the country's Strategic Roadmap (2018-2022) and this shows government's commitment to fighting poverty and food insecurity.

"The country will continue with investments in agriculture to increase the capacity for agricultural productivity and sustainable food production systems and we appreciate government's efforts of mitigating food shortages by providing subsidised farm inputs to subsistence farmers," said the King.

very happy to note that this noble initiative continues to grow year after year," the King said.

His Majesty admitted that due to

several factors, the nation's initiatives to promote food security were hampered by issues of climate change. He said it was a great concern that

some regions will be greatly affected as 230 000 people in the country will face severe acute food insecurity beginning from October this year to March 2020.

The regions that will be greatly affected, according to the King, are Lubombo and Shiselweni due to the continuous inadequate rainfall which limits the ability of agricultural activity.

Widespread

"Effectively fighting against poverty in the Kingdom of Eswatini requires better access to food and widespread promotion of sustainable agriculture," he said.

The King said this entails improving the productivity and incomes of small-scale farmers by promoting equal access to land, technology and markets, sustainable food production systems and resilient agricultural practices.

He emphasised that food and nutrition security were the key pillars towards attaining the country's vision of a first world status in 2022 and the Malabo commitment of zero hunger by 2025.

Bogus 'cop' cons man of E150 000

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man posing as a police officer was arrested after he was found to have conned another of E150 000.

28-year-old Mangaliso Dlamini of Madonsa in Manzini was arrested and has since been granted bail set at E75 000, after he pleaded not guilty to the charges of theft by false pretences.

According to the charge sheet, Dlamini was said to have, on December 15, 2017 near Mbabane, misrepresented himself to Mlungisi Nxumalo as a police officer.

Dlamini was then said to have told Nxumalo that he will not arrest him with regards to an illegal substance he had in his backpack, while Dlamini was inside Nxumalo's vehicle.

After having made these statements, Dlamini was reportedly able to obtain from Nxumalo money in cash amounting to E150 000 thus committing the offence of theft by false pretences.

Dlamini was

further charged with contravening the Police Act, after he was said to have, not being a member of the

Royal Eswatini Police Service, impersonated or represented himself as a member of the police service to Nxumalo.

In his appearance before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu yesterday, Dlamini was remanded back into custody until Thursday, pending the setting of his trial date.

After a brief consultation in chambers, Dlamini was further granted a bail of E75 000, which is half the amount that Dlamini obtained from Nxumalo.



Businessman assaulted for impregnating brother's wife

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

A Pakistani businessman was heavily assaulted by his relatives after he impregnated his elder brother's wife and then fled to Pigg's Peak.

Muri Patel was assaulted by his elder brother Ali and two others at Glen Township last week.

According to well-placed sources, both brothers lived and worked together since 2012 in Johannesburg, South

Africa.

However, in 2018 when elder brother Ali visited Pakistan for two months, he returned to find his wife had been impregnated by his younger brother and business partner Muri.

The pregnancy led to the birth of a son, however, after the birth Muri then fled South Africa and settled in Pigg's Peak where he works with his fellow countrymen in a grocery shop.

Speaking to this publication on Saturday, police said Muri left South Africa and stopped paying child sup-

port for his son causing an angry Ali to locate him in Pigg's Peak.

"Ali, who witnessed his wife giving birth to his younger brother's son in 2018 drove from South Africa to Pigg's Peak last week and demanded that Muri pay child support.

Refused

Muri is said to have refused and stated that, Ali owed him seven years of unpaid salaries while the two worked together in Johannesburg.

This then led to the assault," they said. The police added that Muri was

heavily assaulted by Ali and two other relatives who could not be identified by the victim. "Muri was assaulted all over the boy with kicks and punches. However, during the assault Muri never fought back but chose to flee to another Asian's home to find refuge.

The next morning the assault was reported to the police and Ali was arrested and is currently waiting to face the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court," they added.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (CPICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident but said only Ali was charged with the assault of Muri.

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PHATHAPHATHA'S WIFE WANTS DIVORCE

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

..magistrate admits assaulting wife with an open clap (imphama)

NELISIWE Mdluli, Senior Magistrate Phathaphatha Mdluli's wife, wants out of her marriage.

Neliswa a week ago recorded a statement with the police after allegedly being assaulted by the veteran judicial officer.

Information gathered from reliable sources, who are working on the matter, revealed that Nelisiwe in her statement made it clear that she was not laying assault charges against her husband but wanted divorce.

As a result of the assault, Mdluli, nee Maphanga, was admitted at the Mbabane Clinic where she was treated for bruises and cuts on her face following the alleged altercation with her husband.

The cuts on her face measured about three centimetres deep. She mentioned that the only amicable solution to the matter would be ending the marriage through a divorce. It was gathered that not only did she record this sentiment in her statement but also had an audience with the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala to plead that they do not dismiss her husband from work.

It is alleged that Nelisiwe's actions are motivated by the fact that Mdluli is the breadwinner and being out of work would compromise the children's welfare. Nelisiwe was not the only one who recorded a statement with the police but Magistrate Mdluli also recorded his. Sources close to the matter revealed that in his statement, Phathaphatha admitted assaulting Nelisiwe but only with an open hand and seemed shocked that she suffered such injuries.



WANTS OUT: Nelisiwe Mdluli.

The source added that they found it difficult to believe that he only assaulted her with an open hand as she sustained a gashing wound on her face of about three centimetres deep, indicating that more force was used during the assault. Ever since the incident, Mdluli, who is Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court acting principal magistrate, has been absent at his place of work. The matter has been the talk of the town as women activists last week demanded an audience with National Commissioner of Police (NatCom) William Tsintsibala Dlamini. The women activists on Thursday had a meeting with Dlamini where they are said to have wanted updates on the matter regarding Mdluli as they felt that the police were not acting fast enough on the matter.

However, Dlamini assured the activists that the police were working on the matter as they were engaging various stakeholders due to the nature of the matter as the victim did not press charges. A source revealed that the victim made it clear that she did not want to press charges as she only wanted out of the marriage following a fall-out with her husband.

It was also alleged that the couple were sleeping in different bedrooms indicating that they had long standing issues. This publication has also been informed that the police investigating the matter had a meeting on Friday with the office of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions regarding the matter.

However, the outcome of the meeting is still not known.



LEFT: The Silindza homestead at Mpolonjeni in Mbabane. (Pic: Nonduduzo Kunene)

Popular mechanic commits suicide

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

A family was left with more questions with no one to answer after the head of the family was found hanging on Saturday evening at Woodlands forest in Mbabane.

Mpolonjeni (Gosheni) popular Isuzu mechanic, Richard Silindza (47) was found hanging on a tree.

According to Andreas Nobela, who is the deceased's brother, Silindza left home on Saturday morning for Jubukweni to visit his friend. Nobela said they were not ready for what they heard in the evening.

Nobela said they received a call from one of the family friends that they have spotted Silindza's car by the road near the forest where he took his life in.

Nobela said the car was noticed by police officers. He said the car, according to the police who started being suspicious, had been parked by the forest.

"His car was parked since 1400 hours by the road," he said.

Upon the change of shift, the police noticed that the car was still parked by the road near forest. Nobela said they then received a phone call from their friend Themba Mahlalela, who noticed the car as he parked by the road. He said they called his cellphone and it was unavailable.

"They called his other number and it rang unanswered," he said.

Nobela said together with the police, they searched his car and there was no one inside.

He said upon realising that he was not in his car, with the help of the police they searched the nearby forest.

Nobela said they discovered his body hanging on a tree with a rope on his neck. Nobela said it was around 1900 hours when they discovered his brother.

Nobela said they learned that he did not even reach Jubukweni.

The father of six did not leave even a note. His brother said it would have been easier if they knew why he decided to take his own life.

According to Nobela, his deceased

brother was diabetic.

But at the time of his untimely passing, he was much better from the illness as he was taking his medication and was back in business.

In addition, Nobela said he used to have episodes of anger but even those episodes he was able to manage them.

Nobela said as a family they were shattered by his death. He said if there was a time where they would not be shattered by his untimely death it would have been a few months ago when he was very ill.

This is because at the time he was stressed that he was unable to carry on with his work.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that a 47-year-old man from Mpolonjeni was found hanging at Woodlands forest.

Meanwhile, clinical psychologist Ndoniyamanzi Mdlalose said it was painful that in the black community do not believe in sharing whatever is troubling them.

She said people believe the best way of dealing with problem is bottling them up, hence an episode of suicide strikes.

She said some people were good at pretending that everything is okay until they commit suicide and leave everyone with questions.

She emphasised in the culture if regular visits to psychologists. She further pleaded with the public to do away with the assumption of labelling people as mentally unstable whenever they visit psychologists.

“They called his other number and it rang unanswered”

ESWATINI TV MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

BY NONGCEBO DLAMINI
Manzini

AN Eswatini Television employee is reported to have committed suicide by hanging.

The employee, Simphiwe Dlamini, who is said to have been a procurement officer, took his own life on Wednesday at his place of abode in Mnyamatsini, in Mbabane.

Dlamini's death comes a month after the demise of Eswatini TV Editor Setsabile Sibisi.

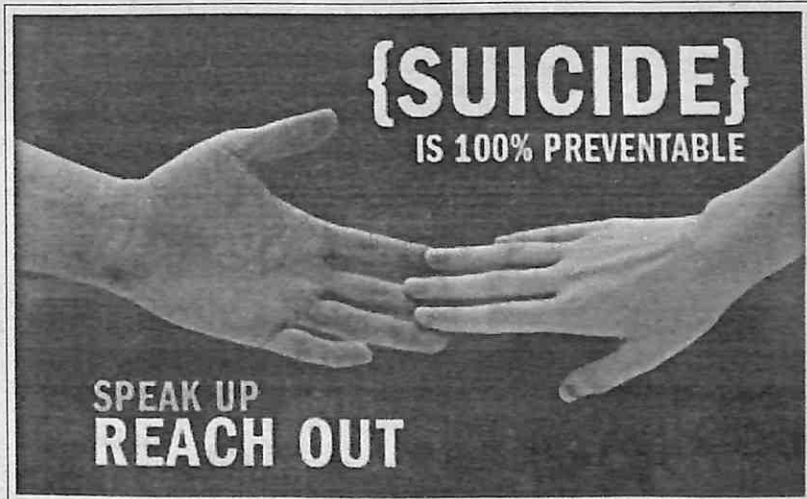
A relative to the deceased disclosed that Dlamini had family challenges.

He was seen buying a rope and when asked about it, claimed he was to tie maize bags.

This did not bother them as he was known for selling maize.

The relative stated that the deceased was found hanging on Thursday morning.

He was spotted through the window by another tenant, who saw him hanging by the rope from rafters inside his



house.

It is said that upon the discovery they called the police, who when trying to enter his house faced difficulties, as Dlamini had locked the door.

When the relative was asked if the deceased had left a note which stated his reasons of him taking his life, they mentioned that he hadn't.

They, however, mentioned that the

deceased had family problems and he had recently found out that the man he thought was his father was not.

The discovery is reported to have concerned the deceased.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the matter, saying they were still investigating the circumstances leading to his death.

4 Pictures



SPEECHES: Prince Bandzile, who represented His Majesty King Mswati III, addresses the gathering at the Walk for Hunger hosted by Esicojeni Foundation. The walk took place at Lobamba, starting off at Somhlolo National Stadium and ending there. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



AMONG OTHERS: Liqoqo Chairman Paul Dlamini and Standard Bank Chief Executive Mvuselelo Fakudze among the many people who attended.



DIGNITARIES: His Majesty King Mswati III's representative joined by MP Princess Ntfombiyenkhozi, Galp Eswatini CEO Paulo Varela, DPM Themba Masuku and Esicojeni Chairperson Sandile Simelane as lead the walk.



YOUNG AT HEART: Some of the elderly who came through to be part of the initiative.



ENJOYING: A little one enjoys a joyride during the march.

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IN ACTION: Galp Eswatini CEO Paulo Varela, Prince Bandzile, DPM Themba Masuku and Esicojeni Chairperson Sandile Simelane participate in the Aerobics session.

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ESICOJENI IMPACTED 20 000 IN LAST 12YRS

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Lobamba

ESICOJENI Foundation Chairman Sandile Simelane has revealed that the foundation impacted over 20 000 primary school learners and households through the food production and water projects implemented in the various regions.

Simelane said these initiatives complemented by the introduction of Free Primary Education thus ensuring that all potential learners go to school, get a balanced diet at school and a meal at home through Neighbourhood Care Points.

Complemented

"We have also complemented the government school feeding programme by supporting six schools, namely KaMkhweli, Sinceni, Nyambo, Mlabeni, St Holy Ghost, and Ndzevane Primary with water harvesting facilities, nutrition gardens, and poultry (layers), enterprises benefitting 4 000 children," he added.

He said the initiative will not only provide healthy proteins to the children but further equip learners with relevant agricultural and business management life skills which could be used as a source of livelihood in the future.

On another note, in 2018 and 2019, the foundation implemented food security projects in Lubulini and Mpolonjeni Constituencies, where a total of 240 farmers from four gardens schemes in

Over 4 000 people participated in this year's walk

THE 13th edition of the Esicojeni Foundation annual walk attracted over 4 000 participants.

This was revealed by the Chairman of the foundation Sandile Simelane after the walk which was held at Somhlolo National Stadium.

Simelane said the 5km walk had shown tremendous growth over the years with various companies sponsoring the noble initiative which aims to alleviate hunger among children across the country.

The walk commenced at exactly half past eight from the country's soccer Mecca up to Mashibhini and around the stadium saw the throngs of participants from all walks of life bringing the event to life with His Majesty's Correctional Services Band leading the crowd.

Dignitaries which included His Majesty's representative Prince Bandzile, the Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku, Cabinet ministers, senators, Esicojeni Foundation

committee and sponsors braved the scorching sun in the quest to make the event a success.

Stalls

Companies which included Galp, Standard Bank, MTN Eswatini and others had stalls inside the stadium where they exhibited their products and services. At ten o'clock, the walk ended and the with participants took part in aerobics which was the epitome of the day's activity as many enjoyed the exercise.

Mbutfu, Ethembeni, Nyambo and Ekupheleni communities were provided with technical, productive infrastructure development and material support to improve agricultural production both for home consumption and supply to national vegetable markets.

Mentioned

The chairman also mentioned that the Sigwe-Nyatsini water project, which is a result of a partnership between Esicojeni Foundation and World Vision, had been completed and handed over to the community in August.

The foundation injected E500 000 and World Vision forked out a similar donation to complete the last phase. "We are grateful for the guidance and support given to the foundation by our

Patron, His Majesty King Mswati III over the last 12 years. His Majesty has always challenged us to think ahead of times and be innovative," Simelane said.

He assured the King that as an organisation they would continue to support the government's Strategic Roadmap where they can, especially when it comes to the fight against hunger amongst children in Eswatini.

He said the organisation's aim is to ensure community and household food security through increased food production, provision of clean water, as well as promotion of health, hygiene and nutrition. He said targeted beneficiaries were children under the age of 18, with particular focus on those below 12 years.



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LEAD THE WAY: Emavulandlela lead the way as the walk came to an end.



PHAMBILI: Lacwebetelako also participated in the Walk For Hunger at Lobamba yesterday. Thousands of people came through to support the initiative aimed at raising funds for Esicojeni Foundation.



FRONT ROW: King's representative Prince Bandzile joined by Esicojeni Chairperson Sandile Simelane, Hhohho RA Princess Tsandzile, Standard Bank CE Mvuselelo Fakudze and Save the Children Director Dumisani Mnisi during speeches.

Baby daddy demands E5 000 child support back

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

A young man disoriented by reports that a child he was supporting was not his, stormed a Dlamini homestead at Mantabeni and demanded back child support from his 18-year-old baby mama.

The furious young man, who resides at Moneni in Manzini, arrived at the Dlamini homestead unannounced at night and demanded his E5 000 back.

According to Phindile Dlamini, who is a mother of the 18-year-old teenage mother, the young man arrived at around 2100 hours when they were already asleep. Dlamini said the young man was in the company of two others.

"The other two boys are more or else the same age, one was driving while the other was a passenger," she said.

She said the three easily entered her home since it is not fenced. She said upon entering her home they went to knock at her two-room door demanding to see her daughter.

She said she was startled by the loud banging sound and answered the door. Upon opening the door, she said the

...after discovering that child he was supporting is not his



young men demanded to see her daughter.

"The two young men who were with the baby daddy remained in the car watching the whole episode," she said.

Dlamini said she refused that the young man sees her daughter in the state he was in. She stated that the man was seething with anger as he paced up and down the yard demanding to see her daughter.

However, she was unable to prevent the young man as she pushed her and entered the house. Besides, Dlamini said her daughter had already been woken up by the loud noise.

Upon entering the house the young man demanded that his baby mama refund him child support. The two

teenagers are parents to a 14-months-old baby boy. Dlamini said she was surprised by the young man's demands. "He said he had found out that the baby boy was not his," she said.

Dlamini said he was taken aback by the man's utterances since his family knew the child and they were the ones who said the boy resembled some of the family members.

She said after they argued that with the young men it was obvious that everything they were saying fell on deaf ears. He started threatening them.

Dlamini said they then called for help but the young men stuck to his story and demanded his money back even in the presence of neighbours who responded to the cry for help.

'She ruined my future, I had to drop out of school'

WHEN asked about storming the baby mama's homestead to demand his child support back, the young man denied such reports.

He wondered if he was in the wrong by visiting the Dlamini homestead after hours. Coming to the issue of demanding his child support, he confirmed that he still wants his money back. He said he was forced to leave school in order for him to find a job to support his child.

"My parents ordered me to quit school and find a job since I had opted to be a parent," he said.

The young man said he was supporting the baby boy since January this year.

"Had I not quit school I would be writing my final examinations like any Form Five pupil." The young man said his former girlfriend ruined his life about lying about the paternity of the child.

Narrating how he found out about the paternity of the 14-months-old, he said he was told by a neighbour that there was a man secretly visiting his baby mama who looked exactly like his supposed son.

He said his parents had already

started suspecting that the child was not his.

"As the baby grew older he looked nothing like me or any of my family members," he said.

He said he was paying E500 child support per month.

In total the young man had already paid E5 000 towards the support of the child, which he is demanding back. He denied storming the homestead and causing chaos but said he only came to ask that they reimburse him all his child support. According to a traditionalist Lusendvo Fakudze, such issues are discussed by elders. Fakudze said the young man should have relayed the matter to his parents.

In addition, Fakudze said the traditional way of paternity was a complicated one but whenever the paternity of a child is required close scrutiny was done by close family members.

The baby mama was asked about the matter but flatly refused to comment, referring all questions to her mother.

The mother denied that there was another man secretly supporting the child but said they have always known that the child belonged to the young man.

RAIDING TINDUMBA A DANGEROUS GAME BY POLICE - TINYANGA

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

"GOVERNMENT deliberately wants to take the country to the dogs."

This was an assertion by Eswatini Witchdoctors Association Chairman Makhanya Makhanya when describing what the end result of government's neglect on citizens would be.

Makhanya was speaking after tinyanga's consultation huts (*tindumba*) were raided by members of the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) last week.

According to the chairperson, the police stormed their homes and unlawfully confiscated their muti and other items that are used in their area of expertise. This is said to have happened at homes of the witchdoctors from all over the country.

Speaking from experience, Makhanya said over 19 police officers stormed his home last Thursday and took away some herbs, home and other tools pertinent in the healing profession. This is said to have happened despite the fact that the chairperson was authorised to possess such animal bones and skin as dictated by the law.

The agitated traditional healer told this publication that he tried to reason with the officers whom he showed the receipts of all the items, some of which were bought in South Africa and are said to be costly, but they were not keen in listening to him. Instead, Makhanya said one of them told him that he would explain everything in court. "They even told me that government was financially stable in case I sued," he said.

For this arrogance by the police, Makhanya said it was clear that they were acting on an order from someone who wanted to settle scores and implement a plan from someone higher in the country's hierarchy. He said government was responsible for all this, and wanted to wipe out Emaswati by not availing either the traditional or modern modern medicines.

"Government first failed to avail medication in the country's hospitals, and when citizens turned to us for traditional assistance, the police, acting on an order, raid and take away our herbs. This shows that by using ancient laws that were made

by white people, our government is collaborating with the whites and turning their backs on the people," Makhanya said.

He added that this kind of behaviour by Eswatini government was a direct opposite of what is prayed for in the national anthem in its line, "*Sinike kulakanipha lokungenabucili...*" In translation, this means, "grant us wisdom without deceit or malice."

"*Loku lokwentwa nguhulumende kubucili; bafuna kubulala lesive semaSwati*," Makhanya said.

He added that neither was he nor witchdoctors against the enforcement of the law but they were not for the idea of the police barging into their homes to disturb their peace without search warrants. He said the police's "illegal" raids were spoiling the witchdoctors' herbs.

"We also know that some of the three security forces' superiors sought traditional healers' assistance that's why we strongly believe that such raids are more than just upholding the law but a platform where the concerned leaders prove their authority by taking away muti belonging to healers who are their *tinyanga*'s competition," Makhanya alleged.

Further, he said it was folly for law enforcers to seize *tinyanga*'s muti and bones if the goal was to stop them from poaching because after their herbs and relics are taken away, there would be a need for replacements. This, according to Makhanya, was bound to tempt them to poach, thus breaking the law.

To do away with such treatment of *tinyanga* by the law enforcers, Makhanya, on behalf of *tinyanga* called for an amendment of the Game Act of 1953 which was last amended in 1991. Makhanya said when amending this Act, witchdoctors and other relevant stakeholders need to be consulted.

When quizzed on the matter, the Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that the police undertook an operation that aimed at preserving wildlife according to the Game Act.

She also confirmed that some of the witchdoctors' relics and muti were taken.

"Unfortunately, the full report on the operation is still not out for a few more weeks so I cannot say anything much about it," Vilakati said.

ESWADE
Making A Difference

Eswatini Water & Agricultural Development Enterprise LTD

Vacancy: Project Communications Officer

The Eswatini Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (ESWADE) is a government company established by the Government of Eswatini in 1999 to empower communities to improve their quality of life through projects in commercial agriculture and other enterprises; providing innovative services in infrastructure development and management as well as expertise to public and private entities.

Position Description:

The Project Communications Officer will be responsible for raising awareness about project-related topics in the Kingdom of Eswatini public at large. S/he will be responsible for engaging counterpart organizations and also work with the parent Ministries to implement the LUSIP II Extension project activities and record their outcomes. An important role of the Project Communications Officer is to produce press releases. The Project Communications Officer will report to the Project Manager.

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

1. The drafting and implementation of the Project communication strategy and action plans to ensure greater visibility and public understanding of the projects' goals and results;
2. As directed by the Project Manager, provide quality control on all reports, marketing materials, and other documents generated from the project office with particular emphasis on those for submission to ESWADE head Office, Government Ministries, Financiers and PEU;
3. Drafts weekly status reports for submission to the client;
4. As coordinated by the Strategy & Corporate Communications Officer, attend meetings with client and project partners on an ad hoc basis regarding communications, outreach, public relations (PR), and media related issues, program deliverables and reports, as guided by ESWADE corporate communications policies;
5. Assist with planning, logistics and attend project events as requested by the Project Manager, provide technical editing and formatting assistance with program deliverables and reports;
6. Manage consultant input with regards to desktop publishing, graphic design, and technical writing/editing;
7. Assist technical staff with public outreach/awareness campaigns;
8. Work with project partner organizations and collaborate with them in developing and implementing communications strategies of common interest;
9. Engage with project partner organizations to collaborate in working in public education/public relations campaigns to raise the public awareness;
10. Daily monitoring of local electronic media and newspaper articles and other periodicals for material substantively affecting the work of the Project;
11. Organize and coordinate with local vendors to host award ceremonies, gatherings and public events;
12. Strengthen project documentation and knowledge management

13. Show willingness to perform other duties as assigned by the Project Manager.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR EVALUATION OF RESULTS:

- Project activities executed in line with ESWADE corporate principles;
- Established and maintained good relations with the local communities and the media while ensuring visibility and coverage of the project activities;
- Organized various media events (briefings, face to face meetings, presentations, interviews, press statements etc.) and other local promotional events and improvement of the visibility of the LUSIP II Extension project activities;
- The content of the project sub-page on the ESWADE website and other social media sites managed and updated with up to date news, articles and other innovative topics;
- Documentary videos and other promotion materials produced while supporting the entire organization's communication and visibility strategies.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- At least 2 years of relevant, professional experience in roles with increasing levels of responsibility required, 3+ years preferred;
- Bachelor's Degree in journalism, communications, publishing or similar area required;
- Strong communication skills;
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, Publishing applications;
- Working knowledge of ESWADE policies, rules and regulations preferred;
- Previous project work experience in Eswatini;
- Must be a team player, with excellent organizational, training design and delivery, time management, and communication skills in English and SiSwati, both written and oral. Excellent SiSwati preferable.
- Experience of international financial communications and visibility requirements essential.

Written applications are to be sent to the Human Resources and Administration Office through the following email address: recruitment@eswade.co.sz or hand delivered to the HRAD in Mbabane at the New MVA Building, 3rd Floor. Closing date for applications is Monday 15th November, 2019 before 1630 hrs.

No Late applications will be considered.

SODV ACT ILLEGAL - MP

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

THE much-talked about Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018 is operating unlawfully.

This was said by Dvokodvweni MP Mduduzi Magagula yesterday. He was interviewed by this publication on why he attempted to move for the review of this piece of legislation in Parliament.

Magagula made it clear that he was not against the SODV Act, but he wanted some of its sections to be clearly explained to Emaswati. He said there was an outcry from the people about the law. Many citizens complained that they had fallen victim of the legislation, because some

"Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act 2018"

people were out to abuse the law, just to settle personal scores with others.

The Dvokodvweni legislator said it was very painful to see individuals falling victims of abuse. The SODV had come at the right time to ensure that the abuse stopped.

However, the law did not address what it was set out to do. Evidence of that, according to the MP, was that some people continued to fall victim. They were not protected from the law.

Magagula said he was not rubbing anyone the

wrong way by speaking out about loopholes in this law.

He believed no one was immune from the law. That was the reason why as MPs, they called upon Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Themba Masuku to table the regulations in the House of Assembly.

He said Section 195 of the very SODV Act called upon the DPM to ensure that the legislation worked with the regulations in place. However, what was happening now was that the SODV

Act was working without the regulations, hence the MP said this was unlawful.

He said they hoped that the regulations would be helpful in clarifying some sections of the law, which seemed to be a problem to many people. Magagula said he was not vocal about this legislation because he felt guilty or was trying to save his skin.

He said he would not do that because he was a married man and was a Christian, a religion against doing bad things to other human beings.

He also said he was aware that women were also affected by that the SODV Act had some loopholes that needed to be attended to.

Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA) Director Colani Hlatjwako said she could not comment on the matter, as she was committed. She asked to be given more time to comment.

DPM facing contempt charges

DEPUTY Prime Minister (DPM) Themba Masuku might be slapped with contempt of Parliament charges.

The bone of contention is the SODV regulations that have not been tabled in the House of Assembly, as the MPs had directed. The DPM is the minister responsible for ensuring that the SODV regulations are tabled.

Dvokodvweni MP Mduduzi Magagula said he was aware of such a motion. He said it was still in the Notice Paper. This means the motion is yet to make it into the House of Assembly. Sources close to the matter also stated that there is an intention from the MPs to slap the DPM with such charges.

Last month, the MPs stated that they wanted the DPM to table the regulations. This was through a motion, which was moved Magagula himself.

He was seconded by Hosea MP Mduduzi Mabuza.

The seconder was supposed to be Mangcongco MP Oneboy Zikalala, but could not, as he was absent in Parliament.



Magagula, when motivating the motion, said the regulations would help in easing the misconceptions that people had about the Act. He said some sections of the Act had to be explained for Emaswati to understand them.

The Dvokodvweni MP said people were interested in the Act such that they talked about it.

However, there were certain sections that needed to be explained in the Act by the regulations. Mabuza, when seconding, said the regulations were needed so that they could explain some contents of the Act.

He said the problem currently was that the people did not want anything to do with the Act. They viewed it as a monster and that was not a good

sign at all.

He further said it was hard for them to successfully host meetings without residents asking about the SODV. Police officers also hijacked their meetings, wanting to teach about SODV. He urged the DPM to speed up the regulations so that people could be helped.

Gege MP heads ETVA/EBIS probe

GEGE MP Musa Kunene now heads the Parliament Select Committee to probe the operations of Eswatini TV and Eswatini Broadcasting and Information Services (EBIS).

Kunene was elected at the Parliament Conference Room after the House of Assembly had appointed the Select Committee to probe the two state broadcasters. Kunene will be assisted by Phondo MP Xolani Vilakati, who will be the Deputy Chairperson.

Vilakati, when called yesterday on the matter, said he was still not sure on when they would start working.

He said the chairman would convene a meeting this week to map a forward on the issue.

The other members of the committee to probe the two national broadcasters are MPs Busisiwe Mavimbela (Manzini region), Allan Stewart (Lobamba), Mduduzi Magagula (Dvokodvweni), Lutfo Dlamini (Ndzingeni) and Mduduzi Matsebula (Siphocosini).

Motshane MP Robert Magongo moved the motion calling upon the committee to investigate serious allegations of corruption, nepotism, and maladministration reported to be rampant at the two broadcasting entities.

The House subsequently called upon the committee to table a report within 60 days of passing of the motion. The report should have findings and recommendations.

Magongo, when moving the motion, stated that the committee should also look for conflict of interest and victimisation, which he said took place at the stations.

He said Eswatini Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Bongani 'Sigcokosiyancinca' Dlamini fired workers for not covering his *Umsimba* (traditional wedding) in April last year.

He further said Dlamini fired workers for having close relations with the 10th government. Magongo further said the Eswatini TV Board chairperson had a recruitment company, which was responsible of recruiting staff of Eswatini TV.

Deputy Speaker Phila Buthelezi said including EBIS in the motion was a good move. Buthelezi said the problems at Eswatini TV were also there at EBIS.

He said recently, EBIS recently witnessed some developments that came out of the blue, without consultations.



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MANZINI

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 32 (3) (a) OF THE RATING ACT 1995

Kindly note the following under listed properties are indebted to the Municipal council of Manzini in the sum as stated on category "Amount owing". The amounts owing are in respect of arrear rates and charges for the financial year 2016/2017 and preceding years.

The under listed property owners must take notice that they must make payment of these owing amounts together with accruing penalties within two (2) months of publication of this notice, failing which applications will be made to court that the properties be sold by public auction in accordance with Section 32 of the Rating Act of 1995. The proceeds thereof will be utilized to satisfy the arrear rates, penalties, costs of collection and legal costs involved. The rates defaulters and their properties are listed hereunder.

RATE PAYERS NAME	PROPERTY LOCATION	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	MANZINI MAGISTRATES COURT CASE NO	AMOUNT
(i) CLARINE NGIDE	Ngwane Park Township	Lot No. 1	4114/2017	E 62,221.19
(ii) GLADWELL V. DLAMINI	Ngwane Park Township	Lot No. 294	4066/2017	E 111,654.22
(iii) PHILDA NTOMBI MSIBI	Skerkstroom	Portion 4 of Farm 264	5509/2017	E 49,960.05
(iv) LEBESE SAMULE L.	Ngwane Park Township	Lot No. 81	5522/2017	E 59,486.63
(v) PHILA SIMELANE	Ngwane Park Township	Remainder of Lot No. 297	4614/2017	E 61,195.53
(vi) B.S.R. INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD	Manzini	Portion 5 of Farm 111	3993/2017	E178,964.03
(vii) RIBERIO BARBARA ANNA JEAN, RIBERIO JOSEPH FABIAN DAVID, RIBERIO CHRISTOPHER REGINALD AND RIBERIO ANDREW BRIAN ROBERT	FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP	Lot No. 107	4116/2017	E 84,180.95
(viii) MICHAEL MAZIYA	Ngwane Park Township	Lot No. 38	4250/2017	E 49,919.98
(ix) MAGAGULA MALAN	Fairview North	Lot No. 1158	4107/2017	E 137,844.85
(x) JOHN D. DLADLA	Ngwane Park Township	Lot No. 21	4069/2017	E 68,891.71
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(xi) MOTSA AGNES L.	Ngwane Park Township	Lot No. 314	4353/2018	E 47,324.08
(xii) MATHOBELA JOHANNES, SIMON PETER KUTUMELA AND ANGELINE MATHATHO MABYALA	Fairview North	Lot No. 147	4112/2017	E 124,931.45
(xiii) MAMBA THOBILE ANNACLETAK	Moneni	Portion 81 of Farm No. 9	3984/2017	E 95,819.88
(xiv) BURGESS SIMPSON	Golf Course	Portion D Farm 275	3983/2017	E 83,034.77
(xv) MALEPE THANDI	Coates Valley	Lot No. 488	4255/2017	E 43,221.02
(xvi) SIPHAMANDLA GININDZA	Madonsa Township	Lot 818 Ext. 8	865/2018	E37,909.38
(xvii) FRANCIS SPRINGLE	Manzini	Portion 2 of Farm 273	4260/2017	E 41,475.5

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130 PEOPLE WITHOUT SHELTER

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE number of citizens affected by the storm that hit Eswatini in the past weekend has reached 130.

Manzini region was hit hard by the storm as 56 homesteads were left roofless during the storm that occurred last Sunday evening, according to an assessment carried out by National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA).

Nine households were affected at Pondo Inkhundla, Mahhashini Umphakatsi, 15 at Manzini North, two at Ngwempisi, 16 at Kwaluseni, including a pre-school, whilst Mntfongwaneni reported eight households and Nhlambeni had six.

Most damage affected the roofing of the houses as corrugated iron sheets were flung all over. There have been no loss of life. Relating his ordeal, Banda Mkhweli (60) of Gundvini said he was experiencing a catastrophe of this magnitude for the first time. "It was around 7pm on Sunday whilst I was with my eight children in one of the huts when we saw clouds forming, accompanied by strong winds.

Whilst we were concerned with that, it started raining heavily and that was when the roofing was blown away," he said. Mkhweli said it happened so fast that they panicked and bolted out of the hut seeking cover.

Roofless

The unemployed father of eight said the rain was heavy such that they were unable to move anything, including food, clothing and blankets.

All the food they had was soaked in water. Another victim of the heavy wind-storms Sibongile Dlamini (40) from Gundvini also lamented the Sunday storm. Together with her seven children, they were left roofless.

"I do not know what to do.

The little food we had was soaked in water, my children's uniform was soaked in sand after the roofing of the house was blown away, about 100m from our house," she said.

She added that the storm lasted for about 10 minutes, but they were helpless because they feared for their lives as it was raining and thundering very heavily. On that note, NDMA Communications Manager Wandile Mavuso said relief assistance in the form of a tent, beans, rice and cook-

ing oil were sent to the victims of the storm. "The tents will be of assistance in covering the huts so that they do not experience rainfall in the interim whilst they try to rebuild their huts," he said.

Mavuso further appealed to the public to prepare for the rainy season.

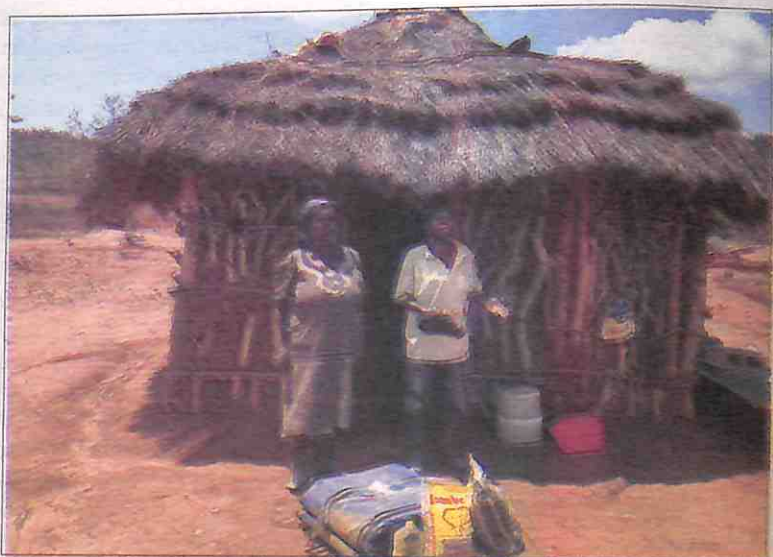
"We urge Emaswati to keep track of weather updates and patterns because that is preparedness on its own," he said. He further urged the public to fix leaking roofs and practice retrofitting on their structures, as this would minimise extreme damage to roofing.



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ROOFLESS: Sibongile Dlamini whose house was left roofless after storms last Sunday evening. (Pics: Nonduduzo Kunene)



HELP: Banda Mkhweli with his wife after receiving food aid from NDMA.



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Electricity Efficiency and Alternative Energy Sources in Eswatini

The energy sector has a significant contribution to the economy of Eswatini.

The expansion of the sector, changes of the market structure and the pricing of the services provided across the energy value chain affect how the economy responds and trickles to all other sectors such as agriculture and manufacturing. Therefore, energy efficiency is one of the mitigation actions which can assist in cushioning the consumer from feeling the shocks within the energy sector.

Eswatini's energy demand is

currently served by a significant percentage of imports, and very minimal percentage from local production. The local resources constitute of hydroelectricity and biomass in the form of wood fuel mainly from the indigenous forests for households and solid biomass for industry from plantation forests and bagasse from the sugar industry, and the imports are in the form of petroleum products, electricity, and bituminous coal.

Electricity Efficiency

Nowadays the by-product of great interest is electrical energy

(electricity). To use the coal resource as an example, the production of energy involves the conversion of potential energy, kinetic energy, mechanical energy and electrical energy. During this process there is waste heat energy produced due to the movement of mechanical parts and also sound energy produced. In such a system, if tonnes and tonnes of coal are consumed to produce relatively small amounts electricity, this could be our inefficient use of the present resources.

Given the electricity sector challenges of security and reliability, electricity efficiency can drive the energy demand lower and boost the economy tremendously. The key aims for electricity efficiency practises are to:

- Enhance electricity security by optimising existing local energy sources such as solar, biomass and wind;
- Mitigate the detrimental effects of climate change and environmental degradation. Some of the practices that can be used to increase the efficiency of existing energy systems could be the:
- Enforcement of building standards which will encourage the majority use of the natural lighting;
- Use of efficient appliances, for both domestic equipment and industrial equipment;

Alternative Energy Sources

Given the electricity security issues currently in the country, domestic and commercial electricity consumers are opting for the option of generating their electricity through solar photovoltaic and biomass. This has led to the development of minor generation plants whereby a customer can generate enough for self-consumption. According to the Electricity Act, A generator who generates electricity with a plant of less than 100 kilowatts exclusively for own use shall not apply for a licence, however, a generator who generates electricity with a plant of more than 100 kilowatts exclusively for own



use shall apply for exemption to hold a licence from the Energy Regulator. These generation tools include solar systems such as solar geysers and solar lighting systems which have become common in our society, and available at electric appliance shops.

With the current developments within the electricity space, the authority is driving the country towards adapting to these exciting times. The authority is in the process of conducting a market study within the Electricity Supply Industry in Eswatini, which will determine the impact of the recent energy developments and how they will influence the current electricity market structure in the country. Furthermore, we are developing a regulatory framework for the small-scale embedded generation in the country. These initiatives are to aid in ensuring the security of electricity supply, reliability, and sustainability of the Eswatini Electricity Supply Industry in these fast-changing times.



Teach entrepreneurship skills in schools - Minister

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

MINISTER of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza is of the view that entrepreneurship skills should be taught to pupils while still young.

Mabuza was speaking during the Macmillan Education and Eswatini Television's BRAINS ON THE GO television programme finale.

BRAINS ON THE GO is a weekly edutainment show that targets school children and is aired on Eswatini Television.

The finale shooting was held at Macmillan premises in Matsapha on Friday, where the minister represented the Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku.

Aspired

Before reading the DPM's speech, the minister took an opportunity to address the gathering that included 16 scholars from different high schools from around the Hhohho Region.

He said in as much as most learners aspired to be employed when they grew up, but on this day and age entrepreneurship, especially agriculture,



TEACH: Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza.

has proven to be another tool to drive the economy of the country.

Being a businessman himself, Mabuza said in his experience he had noted that being self-employed was more

rewarding than being employed.

"I was once employed too and the 13 years that I was working as an employee were the hardest," he said.

Back to the DPM's speech, on behalf

of Masuku, the minister noted that Macmillan had meaningfully partnered with His Majesty's Government to deliver quality education since 1979. He said this company had greatly contributed in instilling the culture of reading in many Emaswati through the publication of books to sustain and improve the culture of reading, which does not only improve vocabulary and communication skills but enhances critical and analytical thinking.

Mandate

The DPM said it was encouraging to note that in this day of technological advancement and social media domination, Macmillan still forged forward in supporting and promoting the culture of acquiring knowledge among the young generation through the use of television, among other platforms by supporting the programme which has the mandate to inform, entertain and educate the nation.

"Education remains an anchor on which all our development strategies and efforts rest upon as shown in His Majesty's Government's recently launched Strategic Roadmap that will only succeed with the invaluable input of every Liswati across all sectors of

society, including businesses," he said. Additionally, the DPM said the academic achievement of all its past winners were testament to the contribution of the show to education, while also the concept creates the platform to even deal with some of the country's ills, such as corruption, road carnages and chronic diseases by imparting knowledge to members of the public in the fluid approach of edutainment.

Politically, Mabuza said the Deputy Prime Minister's Office had the mandate of taking care of the welfare of every child in the kingdom, thus The Children's Protection and Welfare Act (2012) states that it is the duty of every parent to ensure that their children are educated, particularly from the home setting, equipping them with the correct moral values to become proper citizens, because schools have their own role to play, but it is parents and guardians who form the core foundation for the child.

Therefore, the show is said to celebrate parents and teachers, the unsung heroes and heroines of our society. The minister said this would not have been made possible without the involvement of Macmillan Education Eswatini in this unique Public Private Partnership that guaranteed a win-win situation for both partners.

"The heights reached by both parties using the programme as a platform should get other players in the corporate world pitching more lucrative offers to make it better," he said.

TIBIYO TAKANGWANE OFFERS 16 BURSARIES

IN a bid to assist the families and guardians of the 16 pupils who participated in the 2019 edition of the television programme BRAINS ON THE GO, Tibiyo TakaNgwane has awarded them with bursaries for next year.

This announcement was made by Eswatini Television Chief Finance Officer Kenneth Maziya during the live shooting of the programme's finale on Friday. The scholars are from schools from the Hhohho Region.

The selected pupils eligible for the TV programme were from financially challenged backgrounds, yet they are academically capable.

All these scholars are currently in Form 4 and are expected to complete their high school education next year. Ever since this year's programme started seven months ago, only three out of the 16 were left standing and only one was named the champion.

The three pupils who reached the final stage are the eventual champion Sibusiso Matsenjwa from Masibekela High, Sizisizwe Ndzingane from Fundukwela High and Sisekelo Ndzinisa from Dvokolwako

High, who came second and third winners respectively.

When delivering his remarks on behalf of Eswatini TV Chief Executive Officer, Maziya said the relationship between his organisation and Macmillan Education escalated to another level, as their collaboration contribute to the socio-economic well-being of Eswatini.

As mandated by government to inform and educate Emaswati on various aspects critical to their well-being, Maziya said Eswatini TV had without doubt aligned the programme BRAINS ON THE GO with the educational mandate.

He said the objectives of this programme included helping challenged scholars to be proactive, fast thinkers and also sharpening their research abilities.

Also, Maziya said the Minister of Information Communication Technology Princess Sikhanyiso had relentlessly advocated for Eswatini to grow a knowledge-based economy, which he said entities like Macmillan fulfilled by partnering with Eswatini TV, who in turn produce programmes that tap into children's critical thinking capacity and growing a knowledge-

based economy.

Further, the CFO said the television station was keen on creating more knowledge-based programmes in an effort to ensure Eswatini achieved Sustainable Development Goal Number Four which is to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Lastly, Maziya said Eswatini TV appreciated the fruitful relationship that his entity had with Macmillan Education, and he further assured the gathering that the television station would continue forging such partnerships with other stakeholders in order to produce high quality and more efficient content.

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SINCEPHETELO MVA FUND

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

TENDER NO.: SMVAF/004/2019/20

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The Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund (SMVAF) is a Category A enterprise created as an instrument through which the government of Eswatini treats, rehabilitates and compensates victims of road traffic accidents. It is a Fund also empowered to collaborate with stakeholders on the prevention of accidents.

SMVAF hereby invites suitably qualified Architectural firms to submit EOI for competitive qualification to the development of the best concept and architectural, quantity surveying and project management services proposal that will be selected at a subsequent stage of the 2 stage tendering/procurement process and to work with the development professional team in refining the details of the concept of a proposed new SMVAF Head Office car park at Mbabane.

The complete EOI document in English may be downloaded from our website, www.mva.org.sz and the ESPRA's website at www.espra.co.sz

The EOI documents must be accompanied by the following statutory documents;

- 1) Valid Tax Compliance Certificate,
- 2) Certified Valid Trading Licence,
- 3) Company Profile with CV's of key personnel,
- 4) Registration with the Construction Industry Council
- 5) Three Reference letters on previous Architectural design, quantity surveying and project management services work
- 6) Attachment of a cancelled business cheque
- 7) Portfolio file of previous architectural, quantity surveying and project management services projects
- 8) Articles of Association
- 9) A certified copy of Form J
- 10) A certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation
- 11) Police Clearance Certificates of Company Directors listed in Form J
- 12) Declaration of Eligibility

A Site inspection will be held at the SMVAF Head Office on Monday the 4th November 2019 at 09:30am.

EOI documents are to be returned NOT LATER than 18th November 2019 at 1200hours.

These should be submitted at the Sincephetelo MVA Fund reception at the SMVAF Head Office, Mbabane, Mhlabi Street.

CHAIRMAN OF THE PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund

Expression of Interest - Architectural Design, Quantity Surveying and Project Management Services for SMVAF Head Office Car Park

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FOCUS on DD cases



STORIES BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Manzini

SOLDIER ARRESTED FOR DD AFTER FIGHT WITH GIRLFRIEND

A member of the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol after a fight with his girlfriend.

Bhekizwe Khumalo (23) of Lobamba appeared before Magistrate Xolile Nxumalo. He was charged with negligent driving as his breath specimen read 1.00mg/l which was way above the legal limit of 0.38mg/l. He plead-

ed guilty to the charge he was slapped with. In mitigation, he informed the court that he drank alcohol because he was angry, so he was just trying to relieve stress. Khumalo told the court that he was at Lobamba when

he received a call that his car had been seen in Matsapha loaded with drunkards. Khumalo said he had given his car to his girlfriend and had no idea that his girlfriend imbibed in alcohol. He said out of anger he went to the

drinking spot where he found his girlfriend in the car in the company of her friends who were males and females.

The soldier said he took his car and drove it home but unfortunately he was arrested for driving while intox-

icated. Magistrate Xolile Nxumalo, who was presiding over the matter, told the accused that she feels sorry for him. Nxumalo sentenced him to eight months imprisonment with a fine option of E1 000.

Drunk man arrested for sleeping on road

A man from Mafutseni who had one too many ended up being arrested for sleeping on the road while intoxicated.

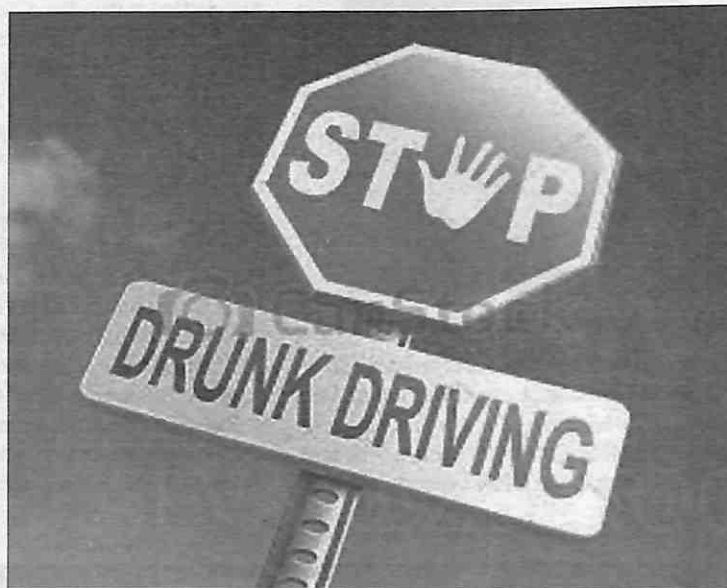
Zwelakhe Gwebu was arrested in the early hours of yesterday morning after he failed to make it home as he ended up passing out on the road.

Appearance

Gwebu made his appearance yesterday at the Manzini Magistrate's Court. He was charged with conducting himself in a negligent manner in that he slept in the middle of the road while drunk. The accused pleaded guilty as charged. He informed the court that it was a mistake which will never happen again. The magistrate exercised some leniency as he cautioned and discharged the accused person.



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A driver who had the highest alcohol content was yesterday fined E2 500 by the court.

Ngwenya Mzwandile appeared before the court on charges of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

His breath specimen read 2.00mg/l, which was five times over the legal limit of 0.38mg/l. Ngwenya was also charged with negligent driving in that he did not stop when police ordered him to do so.

Charged

The accused was also charged with driving without a licence. He pleaded guilty to all the charges.

In mitigation, Ngwenya simply told the court that it was a mistake. He was sentenced to a year

Heavily intoxicated driver causes accident

A driver who was heavily intoxicated ended up causing an accident as he rammed into a Honda Fit vehicle from behind.

Zwelinjani Tsela appeared at the Manzini Magistrate's Court where he was charged with two counts. The first count was that of driving while under the influence of alcohol. His breath specimen was 1.01mg/l which was way above the legal limit of 0.38mg/l. The accused was also charged with negligent driving in that he drove negligently and rammed

into a Honda Fit from behind. Tsela pleaded guilty to both counts. He apologised to the court, saying it was his first time to commit such an offence and he has learnt a lesson.

Sentenced

The court sentenced Tsela to a year imprisonment with a fine option of E1 400 for driving while under the influence of alcohol. For negligent driving, the accused was sentenced to three months imprisonment with a fine option of E500.

Driver 5 times over legal limit fined E2 500

Some of the DD offenders who appeared in court

Sandile Dlamini	0.77mg/l	E1 300/ 10 months imprisonment
Vulindlela Mkhathwa	0.50mg/l	E800/ 6 months imprisonment
Ngwenya Mzwandile	2.00mg/l	E2 500/ 1 year imprisonment
Kevin Gilbert	0.52mg/l	E800/ 6 months imprisonment
Mduduzi Simelane	1.07mg/l	E1 400/ 1 year imprisonment
Nkosi Jeffrey	0.82mg/l	E1 400/ 1 year imprisonment
Malawi Dlamini	0.59mg/l	E1 000/ 8 months imprisonment
Khumalo Bhekizwe	1.00mg/l	E1 000/ 8 months imprisonment
Sbusiso Khumalo	0.61mg/l	E1 000/ 8 months imprisonment

imprisonment for driving while intoxicated. For negligent driving and driving without a licence,

he was fined E500 or three months imprisonment.

Lindiwe's behaviour divides citizens - PAC

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

SENATE President Lindiwe Dlamini's behaviour now creates class divisions among citizens of Eswatini.

This was said by Deputy Speaker Phila Buthelezi, who said this behaviour drew a line that distinguished the citizens of Eswatini as either first class or second class citizens. Dlamini refused to appear before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) during its 2019 session.

Buthelezi said the issue of Lindiwe drew the line. It appeared as though there were first class and second class citizens in the country. He said such should not be allowed.

"People who are not prosecutable are the King and Indlovukazi and it is unfortunate that there are citizens who want

to take advantage of that. This line being drawn is now distinguishing between first and second class citizens," Buthelezi said. The PAC chairperson said such a situation was unfortunate in the country. In the future, such situations were not supposed to happen. They did not amuse them in any way, as they could not be able to execute their duties as public officers. They could not allow it to happen.

Responding

Buthelezi was responding to a question posed by Ntfontjeni MP Sifiso Sompisi Magagula, who felt as if the PAC was easily letting some people off the hook during its sessions. Magagula wanted to know why the PAC let some prominent people off the hook during its session. He made an example of the key witness that was talked about in the report. The same concern was raised by

Lugongolweni MP Enos Magongo, who said it was unfortunate that there were citizens who refused to appear before the PAC.

Dodged

Dlamini is said to have dodged the PAC and ran into a place where she could not be called to account. This was said by Buthelezi on Wednesday, when pleading with his colleagues in the House of Assembly to adopt the 2019 report of the PAC. Dlamini, who was supposed to be the key witness according to Buthelezi, cited the Privileges Act of 1967, which she said did not allow her to appear before the PAC until she asked for permission from that chamber.

It was not established whether she had asked for permission from that chamber or not. Buthelezi said they even engaged House of Assembly Speaker Petros Mavimbela on the matter. However,

Govt system creates pores on national purse

THE government system needs to be updated because it allows certain individuals to steal as much as they want.

PAC Chairperson Phila Buthelezi said there was an audit on the office of the DPM, where about E300 million was disbursed. However, it was found that any person with access to the system could deplete the money.

He further said there was an instance where money was received yet it was not signed for. The certificate had to pass through many stages, but it was not signed until that person received money.

This was unfortunate because evidence could point to that person

having received money. Buthelezi also made example of the Poverty Alleviation Fund, where many Emaswati owed government millions of Emalangeni. He said there were two Emaswati that owed government but were suddenly cleared of their debts.

Respect

One Liswati owed E50 000 to government in respect of the fund. The person only paid E5 000, but the system recorded that he had paid E50 000. The one owing E100 000 paid only E1 000, but the system recorded that the Liswati had repaid the debt.

He said the system was open to being manipulated by any person.

Buthelezi said by the time they engaged the speaker, the president had run to a place where she could

not be called to account by anyone. The report was finally adopted by the MPs.

Man on crutches sent to buy fuel, arrested for 'DD'

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man not in a good physical state to walk, let alone drive, was amongst the nine drunk drivers to appear in court yesterday.

Telling the court his rather unfortunate story, Mfanzile Khumalo stated that he was sent to buy fuel when he was nabbed by police officers.

"I had already started drinking when my neighbour approached me to take his vehicle to buy fuel, as his vehicle tank was low on fuel. Unfortunately for me, I was nabbed before I could even reach the filling station," Khumalo recalled.

Khumalo was nabbed driving an Opel Corsa while under the influence of alcohol along the Mbabane-Ngwenya highway on Saturday evening.



PRESIDING: Mbabane Magistrate Lenhle Zulu.

When a breathalyser test was conducted on him, Khumalo was found to have a blood alcohol content reading of 0.84 mg/l. Before entering the accused's dock, Khumalo, who was visibly injured as he used the assistance of crutches

while walking, told the court that he had been previously injured in a car accident.

"I acquired these injuries due to a car accident, which is one of the reasons why I am unemployed today," he stated. Presiding Magistrate Lenhle Zulu commented that Khumalo had the guts to drive after having been injured in an accident.

Injuries

"You have the guts to drive while under the influence of alcohol yet you have serious injuries from having been in a car accident. You should not have been driving in the first place, and for that, the court has to make an example of you," she warned.

After having found him guilty as per his own plea, Khumalo was sentenced to serve 18 months in a correctional facility, with the option to pay a fine of E1 800.

Give me small fine - Asian national

AN Asian man with a sense of humour asked the court to give him the lightest sentence, as he had had too little to drink.

Jin Chu (34) was arrested and charged with contravening the Road Traffic Act, when he was found to have been driving his Toyota sedan yesterday morning at Lobamba, while under the influence of alcohol. When a breathalyser test was conducted on him, Chu was found to have a blood alcohol content reading of 0.47 mg/l. Chu was further said to have failed to produce his driver's licence when police officers requested it. In his appearance before Magistrate Zulu, Chu expressed that his command of the English language was limited. "Give me some small fine and I will go home," Chu expressed, much to the amusement of the court. Nonetheless, the prosecution made several attempts to simplify the charge sheet to Chu, for him to be informed of the charges pressed against him. After having admitted to the court that he had left his driver's licence at his home in Manzini, Chu was sentenced to serve 10 months in prison, with the option to pay a fine of E1 000. For failing to produce his driver's licence, he was sentenced to five months in prison, with the option to pay a fine of E500.

Woman goes berserk after finding lover with another woman

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

REVENGE is a dish best served cold, or rather in a cold prison cell for one woman after she damaged her lover's property upon finding him in the arms of another woman.

According to Nonhlanhla Hlophe, she had long suspected that her lover Morris Zitha had been cheating on her with their neighbour.

"My suspicions were confirmed when I found them drinking and sleeping in the house that I share with Zitha. However, I was peeping through the window so I elected not to say anything just yet. I did, however, instruct our children to tell their father that I would be out drinking, and would not be home until later that night," Hlophe stated.

It is said upon her return to her shared flat with Zitha, he refused to open the door for her, and that was when both their tempers flared.

Convincing

"After convincing him to open the door for me, we started arguing to the extent that the situation became volatile. While attempting to get ready for bed, Zitha strangled me and that was when I broke the windows of our flat," she recalled.

This was revealed in Hlophe's mitigation before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati during her appearance on Friday.

Hlophe was arrested and charged with contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 2018, after she was alleged to have damaged windows in the rightful possession of Morris Zitha. The total value of the windows was E400.

Zitha, who was present during

the court proceedings, told the court that Hlophe was being melodramatic about the whole incident.

"We were both intoxicated that day, and our tempers flared because we were unable to reason with each other. This all started when she grabbed my clothes, causing me to retaliate by strangling her. She was bringing up old issues that I was tired of hearing about, even after I told her that our neighbour was just my friend," Zitha claimed.

Upon hearing Zitha's submissions, Magistrate Vilakati warned the couple to stop drinking as they were obviously unable to handle their alcohol addiction.

Respect

"Please Zitha; respect the mother of your children. How can you bring another woman to the house you share with her? You either need to separate from each other or just take care of yourselves. Lastly, please stop drinking, especially in the presence of your children," the magistrate cautioned.

After issuing the warning, Hlophe was sentenced to serve one year in a correctional facility, with the option to pay a fine of E1 000. Her sentence was wholly suspended, on condition that she was to compensate Zitha for his damaged property.

My suspicions were confirmed when I found them drinking and sleeping in the house that I share with Zitha

Six of nine drunk drivers 'unemployed'

A total of nine drink-drivers appeared before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu from both Lobamba and Mbabane Police Stations.

Of the nine drink-drivers, six unemployed ones are set to contribute E9 900 in fines, after they were arrested for having been driving while under the influence of alcohol.

With the highest alcohol content reading of 1.41 mg/l recorded, Njabulo Sithole claimed to have eight dependants looking to him for support.

"I have three children of my own to support and in addition to that, I have five siblings who I have to support as well as both of our parents have passed on. I plead with the court to be lenient as I already have enough on my plate," Sithole pleaded.

Sithole was nabbed along Pick n Pay road in Mbabane on Saturday evening,

where he was found driving his Toyota RunX sedan while under the influence of alcohol.

Sithole was also charged with negligent driving, after he was found to have bumped the boom gate while entering The Mall.

After having been found guilty as per his own plea, Sithole was sentenced to serve 30 months in prison, with the option to pay a fine of E2 600 for both offences.

While risking his own life to drive his inebriated friend home, an unemployed Sanele Gumbi told the court that he saw no choice to do so, as his friend had passed out in his drunk state.

Unfortunately for Gumbi, he was arrested before he could drop his friend off, while driving under the influence of alcohol. When a breathalyser test was conducted on him, Sithole was found to have an alcohol content reading of 0.63 mg/l.

These are some of the drink-drivers who appeared in court:

Name	Alcohol Content	Sentence
1. Njabulo Sithole	1.41 mg/l	E2 000/ two years
2. Mfanzile Khumalo	0.84 mg/l	E1 800/ 18 months
3. Calisile Mdluli	0.77 mg/l	E1 500/ 15 months
4. Thando Dlamini	0.76 mg/l	E1 500/ 15 months
5. Sanele Gumbi	0.63 mg/l	E1 200/ 12 months
6. Themba Mathabela	0.62 mg/l	E1 200/ 12 months

MP questions forensic audit

HOW can government commit financial maladministration and then investigate itself for the same thing?

This question was asked by Ntfontjeni MP Sifiso Sompisi Magagula. He could not understand the reasoning behind the Executive arm of government investigating itself for financial maladministration that took place during the construction of the Nhlanguano-Sicunusa road.

Suspected

Magagula suspected that even if the audit could take place, there will no transparency because government would be investigating itself. Responding to Magagula's concerns, Buthelezi said the forensic investigations would not be problematic.

Buthelezi said a new government was now in place and would investigate this matter because the maladministration happened around 2013 when a differ-



PUZZLED: Ntfontjeni MP Sifiso Sompisi Magagula.

ent government was in place. He further said Parliament would be able to call government to account on the forensic audit.

AN application for permission to mine quarry within Nhlanguano-Sicunusa project was declined by a certain ministry in favour of Lugoga Quarries.

This was revealed by Deputy Speaker Phila Buthelezi when pleading with MPs to adopt the 2019 report of the PAC. He said this was what they found in their inspection in loco of the project.

Appeared

Buthelezi said it appeared that an application for permission to mine quarry to supply the main contractor on the project was declined by a certain ministry.

Buthelezi did not mention the ministry. He stated that the ministry declined the request because they wanted to give this tender to Lugoga Quarries, which mined quarry from a faraway place.

The chairperson said certain parts

Application for quarry supply rejected for Lugoga Quarries



PLEADS: Deputy Speaker Phila Buthelezi.

of the information were too technical and needed forensic investiga-

tors to come up with the right information.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

ESWATINI, through the ministry of information and communication technology (ICT), has declared the month of November as a national cyber security awareness month.

This was officially declared by the Ministry of ICT Under Secretary Ngobizitha Msibi on Thursday during the launch of the cyber security awareness campaign at Sibane Hotel in Ezulwini.

Msibi said the purpose and objective of the campaign was to promote public awareness on cyber security by increasing the level of understanding of cyber threats, simple mitigation actions, and empowering the nation to be more secure online.

"Consumer education and knowledge is paramount to cyber security and must be the centre of this campaign," he said.

In the course of the campaign, consumers would be capacitated on the threats and dangers when using the internet in order to ensure cyber security as they have become primary targets during cyber attacks in pursuance of data mining.



TEAM CYBER SECURITY: Officials from the ministry of ICT and strategic partners in cyber security issues posing during the launch of the Cyber Security Awareness Month. The launch was held at Sibane Hotel on Thursday. (Pics: Nonduduzo Kunene)

Msibi further stated that given that cyber security is a cross-cutting issue, it is important to ensure broader cooperation across all stakeholders as cooperation goes hand-in-hand with capacity building, and helps to reinforce collective efforts to be more efficient and effective.

He also commended all user companies who have willingly declared that cyber security is one of the challenges

they are facing in this space. "That is how we have been able to match those challenges with these calls for innovation, creating the opportunity for the solution providers to step into this space," he added. The US said the type of collaboration across the industry and across the economy would be vital to drive our agenda as a country forward for further digitalisation and to guard the cyber security risks associated with it.

'Govt needs to strengthen resilience on cyber bullying'

GIVEN the country's interconnectedness and the trans-boundary nature of cyber threats, Eswatini must strengthen its security and resilience.

Ministry of ICT Under Secretary Ngobizitha Msibi said as the digital economy grows in scale and complexity, cyber security becomes of utmost importance to provide the much needed and requisite assurance and trust in the digital technologies that permeate all sectors of the economy, that are increasingly being adopted.

He said cyber attackers continued to evolve and develop ever more sophisticated tools and techniques. They are no longer motivated merely by economic gains, but also seek to disrupt critical information infrastructure. "Cyber defenders have to secure an increasingly challenging terrain, including a growing attack surface and new technology domains such as internet of things and 5G," he said. The US added that at national level, government had identified information communication and technology as one of the key sectors for the socio-economic transformation of the country and its citizens.

"Government is putting in place initiatives and programmes aimed at ensuring that ICT is used as a strategic resource, a commodity



SECURITY: Deputy National Commissioner of the Royal Eswatini Police Service Sula Dlamini making his remarks.

and a foundation of most activities in many key sectors of the economy including education, health, commerce and poverty alleviation," he said.

These developments, by their very nature increase the online presence of the country's citizens, together with their personal information, thereby increasing the threats, risks and exposure to cyber incidents.

It is very essential that the country balance digitalisation with efforts to create a resilient and secure cyber-environment.

Local App to connect friends, business associates

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

CONNECTING with friends, loved ones as well as business associates will soon be made easier and free as a new company offers a free application to Emaswati.

Enabled World offers Emaswati access to social media on the free using an App called WORLD.

Enabled World Director Desmond Griggs said WORLD was a truly African initiative and while WORLD services would be beneficial in most emerging markets, the primary focus was Sub-Saharan Africa. "Eswatini is the first country where WORLD has been introduced," he said.

He said Eswatini was the perfect environment to launch this new service because the people were early adopters of technology and embraced new services with enthusiasm.

He said the App enabled users to receive communication without having to share their name,

phone number or any other personal information, because the App was not cellphone number based. He stated that the app helped people stay connected by subsidising mobile data so that they could communicate with each other and businesses around them.

He stated that WORLD was free to use in Eswatini so there was no need for airtime and users will not be charged for mobile data.

"You still need an internet connection though, so make sure your mobile data is switched on or use Wi-Fi," he said.

He added that users could have a private conversation with one or more friends or share their opinion on public topics. He mentioned that users could view the weekly movie zone schedule, get the latest OK Foods specials, receive news as well as sports headlines and so much more.

Griggs said one of the unique things about WORLD was that users keep different interests separate by creating multiple profiles called personas. "That way, people only contact you

on the persona name you share with them. WORLD is ideal for use by communities such as churches and schools," he added.

He said the company would be introducing other innovative features in the near future. The director said the App was only available on Android but next year it would be available on other platforms too.

He said the App was less than six Megabits in size, so it is very small for those people who do not have much space on their phones. Updates to the App were released periodically and were also free to download and install, he said.

He mentioned that although the App requires users to have their mobile data on, there is no charge for data used. Users could exchange text messages, voice messages and photos absolutely free.

He said for more information on WORLD services, interested customers could visit www.enabled.world where they could also sign up to receive updates through the company newsletter.

HOW DO YOU GET WORLD?

STEP 1: WORLD can be downloaded free of charge from www.enabled.world and it is also available on the Play Store by searching for 'enabled.WORLD'

STEP 2: After installing the App users are requested to enter their name and phone number. The user then selects 'Join'.
STEP 3: The App opens with some default Eswatini topics.



HUMAN RESOURCES CONSULTANT VACANCY

About the AeTrade Group

The African E-Trade Group (AeTrade) is a multi-stakeholder group of African professionals and business people with a vision to develop and implement an e-empowerment program that will enhance intra-and inter-African trade. The group brings together public and private sector partners to develop projects that leverage the power of information and communication technologies (ICTs) for the benefit of Africa's present and future entrepreneurs.

About the position

Looking to be a catalyst of socio-economic and technological development in Africa, the group is looking for a Human Resource Consultant based in the Kingdom of Eswatini to help the group establish its first operations in the Southern African region. The consultant will be working closely with management on various initiatives

First and foremost, the HR Consultant will be performing important steps of the recruiting process including but not limited to: background checks, screening and final interviews.

The HR Consultant's mandate will also include the following duties and responsibilities:

- Information gathering and documentation
 - Document and inform the AeTrade Group management about labour and employment laws in Eswatini
 - Eswatini payroll standards and obligations
 - Employee contract and benefit standards for the Southern African region
- Assist in the development and integration of the AeTrade Group policies
- Assist in the implementation of suitable HR technology
- Document and review job interview minutes and psychometrics tests
- Coordinate the onboarding/induction programme for local and international staff

Requirements:

- Minimum of 5 years of relevant HR experience
- Previous experience working as HR consultant an asset
- Good understanding and application of the Eswatini laws and regulations
- Fluent in English
- Expertise in Eswatini HR operations, procedures and best practices
- Outstanding communication, presentation and consulting skills
- Computer savvy with working knowledge of human resource IT (ATS, Payroll, etc)

To apply for the position before Friday, 8th November 2019:

- You can apply via the following link to the AeTrade website:
- <http://www.aecdi.org/HR/apply>; or directly to hr@aecdi.org

ITALIAN GOVT DONATES E55M TO ESWATINI

BY DELISA THWALA
Ezulwini

AS part of climate change cooperation, the government of Italy has donated E55 million towards the greening of the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM) Hospital.

The donation is aimed combating the impact of climate change and promoting clean energy. Launching the first ever two projects was Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati on behalf of Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini.

In his speech, he highlighted the importance of the event, and the impact the money would have on the country's increasing frequency and severity of droughts.

"It is my singular honour to launch the first two projects under the cooperation between the two countries to the tune of E55 million. As a developing country, the kingdom recognises that access to renewable forms of energy plays a significant role in improving livelihoods of its people and economic growth," he said. RFM is not the only benefiting entity



LAUNCHED: Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati launched the first two projects under the cooperation between Italy and Eswatini on behalf of the PM on Thursday at Royal Villas. (Pic: Delisa Thwala)

from the cooperation as the University of Eswatini's centre for sustainable energy research and the department of water affairs was also assisted.

Receiving the donation was Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy Principal Secretary Winnie Stewart.

She said they were grateful for the donation as it would go a long way.

"We are excited about this project as it will contribute significantly to the ministry's initiatives of increasing the use of

renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies within the government institutions," said Stewart. The donation comes after government welcomed with appreciation the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which was concluded between the governments of the Republic of Italy and Eswatini. It was aimed at strengthening cooperation between the governments in combating climate change impacts as well as promoting the production of clean energy for sustainable development.

PAY DAY!



PAY DAY: A section of the elderly quelling for their social grants at the Mbabane Post Office last week Friday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

World Vision

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

World Vision International is a Christian relief and development child focused organization, as an organization we seek to improve the quality of life of children and the communities in which they live through promotion of sustainable development projects. World Vision Eswatini Office has the following vacancy and applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates.

Branding and Social Media

The Branding and Social Media Officer is a highly creative and innovative individual with a knack for social and visual storytelling. He/she will serve as World Vision Eswatini's primary point of content for all employment branding/ social media content, and marketing materials for the national office. He/ she will create and manage World Vision's branding strategy, oversee web and social media sites (i.e. facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram), and the implementation of advertising and other communications materials that are aligned with World Vision's Global Brand guidelines. He/she will work directly with the Communications and Campaigns Manager and Communications and Campaigns Officer to help shape the public imaging of World Vision that will motivate individuals to consider supporting World Vision nation-wide.

Qualification & Work Experience Requirements:

- Associate University degree in creative multi-media, design, brand management is an added advantage.
- At least 2 years' experience in similar position.
- ☐ Demonstrated designer with ability to use contemporary design software.
- ☐ Demonstrated understanding of communications for development and the humanitarian industry.
- ☐ Demonstrated experience in advocacy, campaigns, communications and government and stakeholder engagement;
- ☐ Demonstrated ability in digital and social media management (including web page design and management)
- ☐ Understanding of communications for development;
- ☐ Demonstrated ability to work in diverse teams;
- ☐ Demonstrated ability to engage effectively with diverse teams (cross cultural & cross functional) to achieve shared goals;
- ☐ Ability to build collaborative relationships with government, donors, media and peer agencies

Working Environment / Conditions:

- The position requires ability and willingness to travel domestically and internationally up to 30% of the time.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CAMPAIGN OFFICER

- University degree in Marketing / Communication / Journalism / Public Relations or related field of study. To support the efficient functioning of an integrated communications and campaigns function which will ensure internal and external engagement on world vision programmes and campaigns thus contributing towards public understanding and support of World Vision programmes.

- At least 2 years experience in similar position.
- ☐ Demonstrated writer and editing skills (writing samples will be requested for short-listed candidates).
- ☐ Demonstrated understanding of communications for development.
- ☐ Demonstrated experience in advocacy, campaigns, communications and government and stakeholder engagement;
- ☐ Demonstrated ability to work in diverse teams;
- ☐ Demonstrated ability to engage effectively with diverse teams (cross cultural & cross functional) to achieve shared goals;
- ☐ Ability to build collaborative relationships with government, donors, media and peer agencies;
- ☐ Experience in developing a wide array of communication materials such as publications, video segments, web and other modern media;
- ☐ Excellent written and oral communication skills in English;
- ☐ Must be a committed Christian, able to stand above denominational diversities.
- ☐ English language fluency (written and verbal).
- ☐ Excellent writing skills, with photographic and/or video skills also preferred.
- ☐ Demonstrated ability to think, plan and meet deadlines.
- ☐ An energetic, analytical and self-starting approach to projects that involve significant responsibility.
- ☐ Demonstrated experience in project management, with specific experience in the production of diverse and creative communications projects including publications, multi-media, websites/pages, photo and video reports, etc.

Application Procedure & Deadline

All applications must be done electronically to World Vision careers website not later than 15 November 2019. Please note that late applications will not be considered.

Refer to the following link for full job details and posting of your application:
<https://careers.wvi.org/job-opportunities-in-Swaziland>

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Eswatini Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (ESWADE)
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Eswatini

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Strongman's death shocks many

KOMBI operators, drivers and conductors using the satellite bus rank near Nhlangano Mall are still reeling in shock after learning that socialite Siphon Maziya, who was popularly known as 'Strongman' has died.

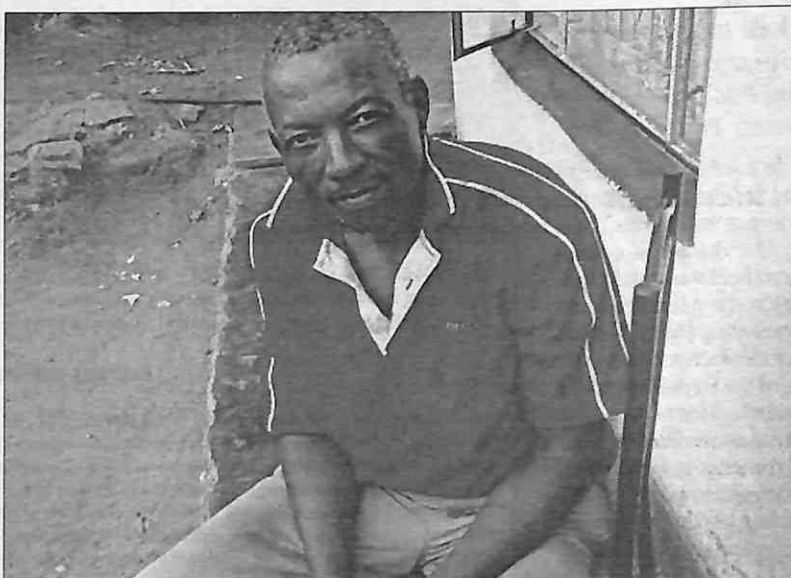
Maziya, who was a regular feature in Mbabane along Gwamile Street (formerly Allister Miller) was buried over a week ago at the Nhlangano Cemetery.

Having been a regular feature at the capital city where he would be seen strolling and marching along Gwamile Street, Maziya disappeared only to resurface in Nhlangano town, where he again found himself a spot at the entrance of the Mall, where he spent most of his time.

Here, he used to draw a lot of attention, especially from bus and kombi drivers as well as commuters who were seemingly left entertained for all that he was doing, moving up and down and also talking to himself.

Some of the kombi operators were entertained by Maziya while doing some of his activities, such as few press-ups while clad in an army uniform.

It's believed he served in the army (Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) and while once spending time at the mall, he used to also tell all those who cared to listen how it felt to serve in the army.



SHOCKER: 'Strongman' seen relaxing at home while still alive.

Sifiso Kunene, a kombi owner said he read from this newspaper that Maziya had passed on and had already been buried. He said Maziya had befriended them as transport operators.

He said Maziya was known to most of the kombi owners and drivers.

"I did not believe that he had been buried. We never managed even to attend his funeral as someone we all considered as one of our own as each time we were at the bus rank, we used to stand next to the Mall entrance and listened to all the stories he was telling.

He was an interesting character. The man was always talking sense and some of us used to enjoy watching him, especially when clad in the army uniform," said Kunene.

Kunene then passed his condolences to the Maziya family on behalf of other operators, saying had they known about his demise, they would have attended his funeral.

"Unfortunately, we only read about his passing on from the newspapers and was already buried," Kunene explained to Shiselweni News.

Man believes coins can make him a millionaire

THEMBA Mabuza has old coins, mostly from South Africa which he believes will make him a millionaire or a billionaire.

Mabuza from Matimatima under Maseyisini constituency said he was looking for buyers of the coins as he was aware that there were companies and individuals interested in them.

However, he would not sell them cheap.

He said he had done his research. He was made to believe such coins could rake him not just millions but billions.

Connected

He said he had been trying to find buyers locally or be connected with others from South Africa, but it has not worked.

He said he was told that those that could show interest could be those in SA but where about, he was not sure.

"Locally, there are those interested but they want to buy them cheap. I have been holding onto the coins for years now, as I don't have any intentions of giving them away for free. I have rejected many offers after feeling it was not enough for what they want to pay me," said Mabuza.

Mabuza said there were others who were keen to give him something valuable in exchange for the coins.

"They (interested buyers) have been requesting me to give them these coins with far low amounts. Others have been requesting to give me something else if they do

not have cash. I have been careful, as I am told that if one makes an offer, I should refuse taking anything but should tell the interested buyer (of the coins) to be prepared to pay," Mabuza told Shiselweni News.

Mabuza said he was told that there were places somewhere around South Africa, where old coins were sold and he would one day travel to that country but stated that he would need to be escorted.

"I am told it's not safe to go there alone as you become a target if you have these old coins," said Mabuza.

Mabuza said if someone could assist him find a buyer, he would reward that person. He said he now personally wanted to get rid of the coins as he could feel having them with him was also not safe.

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VIP Security finally opens office

BOASTING of a huge clientele in Nhlangano, VIP Security Company has been forced to open a fully fledged office after operating from under a 'tree' for sometime.

It is believed that VIP Security dominates when it comes to a number of businesses and companies, as well as organisations it provides its service to in the region.

Big shops such as Pick n Pay, Nhlangano Spar, Shoprite and OBC Better Butchery to name but a few are some of their clients.

For a long time, the security company has been without an office in the region, something which inconvenienced its clients.

The demand for its service in the region is one of the reasons the company decided to open an office, something which happened on Saturday.

The official opening of the Nhlangano office was held on Saturday, an occasion graced by the company's senior management team from around the

country.

According to the company's Operations Manager James Mazibuko, the clientele base in Nhlangano has shot up, which then made the directors to consider opening a fully-fledged office.

"As a professional company, we have decided to open an office in Nhlangano. We now have an office, which is also going to assist our clients whenever they want to know where to go.

"We are now well established and clients know where to find us. After all, we are number one security company in the country," said Mazibuko.

Mazibuko said they were a company which offered sure it pleased the client and made any service to do with security.

"That we have now taken almost all the big shops in this town (Nhlangano) in providing our services, it is an indication that we are the best and we are still targeting a few more companies/shops and many more.

"In fact, the service we offer, it's ser-



OFFICE: VIP Security Company Operations Manager James Mazibuko inside the new office in Nhlangano.

vice offered internationally. It's service out of this world we are aiming for," said Mazibuko.

Mazibuko stated that the company was determined and committed to assist in the revival of the country's ailing economy; hence the directors have created more job opportunities for many Emaswati. He said presently, the company has employed about 1 000 Emaswati.

Man wants to be given chance

A man who claims to be a skillful builder even though he never enrolled in any institution for this profession, is appealing to anyone with a project to consider giving him a chance.

Abel Zikalala of Mthombe area said he was unfortunate as each time there were tenders, he was not given a chance.

He said he was not sure why he was always left out when he should be allowed to showcase his building experience.

"I did not enroll for any course but I acquired the skills when I was still 'dakaboy' (assistant builder).

"I have almost 20 years experience, but most of the time I am not considered and I don't know the reason.

I have found myself having to

play second fiddle to a foreman even when I got the tender.

The experience I have is going to waste, as no one is seemingly prepared to give me a chance," said Zikalala.

Zikalala said he was not sure why property owners were not making use of him.

Contracted

"Certificates, yes they are important but it does not mean if you don't have such a document you cannot do the work.

"I don't mind to be contracted to someone but it should be someone who has been in the field more than me.

Here I am offering myself to anyone who is planning to build a house or anything to do with construction work," Zikalala told Shiselweni News.



FIGHTING CANCER: Participants of the diagnosis, care and treatment of cancer one day seminar pose for a group photo at the Hilton Garden Inn held last Friday.
(Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Cancer diagnosis care, treatment brought to Eswatini

STORIES BY DELISA THWALA
Mbabane

CANCER has remained a painful and expensive thorn in both the health care provider and patients among the Eswatini population.

A solution has come in the form of a medical staff team that will offer all sorts of medical help, which includes chemotherapy and chemo drug for treatment.

The good news was announced during the yearly cancer conference cooperating with Eswatini, Taiwan Wanfang Hospital and Taiwan ministry of foreign affairs.

This is the second year of the cancer project and the Taiwan team has brought on board oncologist Dr Paul Coluzzi.

The programme had over 90 people participating.

It started last year where the team embarked on a cancer journey where they had a cytologist from Taiwan for cancer screening and an oncologist from Zambia for patient's cancer treatment.

When addressing the gathering, Dr



ELABORATE: Colisile Dlamini makes a presentation on cancer statistics during the event.

Coluzzi said they were looking at ways of minimising cancer and be broad with treating cancer and diagnosing correctly.

"Cancer has become a global burden therefore we need to strengthen the screening services, raise awareness in self-breast examination and establish national cancer registry," said Dr Coluzzi when delivering his speech.

It was also during the conference that the most common cancers were revealed. The most common cancers in Eswatini include cervical, breast and prostate.

Cervical was the overall leading can-

cer in both females and males, with 87 per cent diagnosed since 2016 to 2018.

Only 41 per cent underwent cervical cancer screening in 2018.

Most cancer deaths are said to be caused by leading behavioural and dietary habits.

Cancer patients or cancer diagnosed tend to have high body mass index, low fruit and vegetable intake and alcohol use together with tobacco intake.

Dr Coluzzi advised that people visit their nearest health facility and be tested for cancer.



DIRECTION: Deputy Superintendent Dr Tso Hsiao Chen making his remarks.



OFFICIAL: Dr Vusi Magagula speaking during the official opening of the workshop.



LISTENING: Some of the attendees, including Dr Austin Ezeogu listen to the different presentations.

Be on the lookout for symptoms and signs

THE most crucial information discussed during the conference is that people should always be on the lookout for cancer symptoms.

Cancer often has no specific symptoms, so it is important that individuals limit their risk factors and undergo appropriate cancer screening.

Most cancer screening was specific to certain age groups. At primary care, doctors will know what screening to perform depending on one's age.

People with risk factors for cancer (for example, smokers, heavy alcohol use, high

sun exposure, genetics) should be acutely aware of potential cancer symptoms and be evaluated by a physician if any develop. The best way to fight cancer is by prevention (eliminating or decreasing risk factors) and early detection. Cancer treatment advances every year and combined with early detection, has made many cancers treatable.

Consequently, individuals need to know which symptoms might point to cancer. People should not ignore a warning symptom that might lead to early diagnosis and possibly to a cure.

Ministry of education commends ADRA for assisting schools

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

THE ministry of education and training has commended ADRA Eswatini for the positive contribution in the welfare of primary school going pupils.

The ministry appreciated that the organisation has committed itself and partnered with government in the endeavour to equip all young people of the country with basic education.

ADRA is the Adventist Development and Relief Agency. It is a global humanitarian NGO which is a compassionate ministry under the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The organisation last week handed over two kitchens to the min-



The kitchen which has been constructed by ADRA at St Peter's Primary.

istry of education and training. One of the kitchens was built at St Peter's Primary School while the other was

built at Malindza Community Primary.

When making the hand-over, ADRA Board Vice-Chairperson Moses Gwebu

said the organisation learnt that the schools had difficulty in preparing food for the children as their structures were dilapidated.

Gwebu said the organisation entered into an agreement with government to assist schools under the feeding scheme programme.

It was reported that the organisation has already assisted 32 schools under the Lubombo region.

Speaking during the event, Under Secretary Administration at the Ministry of Education Bhethemba Gama applauded the organisation for the contribution that it has made.

Gama said at the time of financial constraints faced by government, the organisation's contribution was highly appre-

ciated as it ensured that the children who have benefited from the Free Primary Education (FPE) programme continued to attend school without fail. He pointed out that there was a number of other areas which required assistance to ensure that the FPE continues effectively. Meanwhile, Principal of the school Dudu Mabila said the kitchen project has come as a relief to the school under the feeding scheme programme. Mabila disclosed that the school was mostly dominated by pupils who came from poverty stricken families.

In most instances, the food which is provided by the school tends to be the only meal that the children have per day. "We realised that the feeding scheme programme plays a major role in the wellbeing of the children, hence we thank ADRA for the initiative," said the principal.

Pigg's Peak Govt Hospital filthy

STORIES BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

PIGG'S Peak police have complained about the filthy and overgrown vegetation at the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital.

They expressed the concern whilst patrolling the hospital yard.

They said the deplorable state of the hospital's surroundings attracted snakes and individuals who wanted to loiter.

"We want to make sure that the areas we serve and protect are crime free at all times. We want to be proactive, hence we have a data base on criminal behaviour which is intended to prevent crime.

"One thing we noted is we cannot prevent crime without involving our partners and these are any organisation that works closely with the public like supermarkets, hospitals, banks and many more.

"One request we have is that our partners should always keep their surroundings clean to reduce the incident of crime."

The police added that the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital administration was not cooperating with them.

"We have approached the administration numerous times to speak about the overgrown grass and trees. The long grass attracts frogs that also attract snakes that can easily bite members of the public.

"The overgrown bushes conceal criminals who rob members of the public when nobody is watching. This is not good and we hope that the administration can sort this out."

Meanwhile, the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital administration refused to speak to the media saying they were prohibited by the ministry of health.

On that note, Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula said all surroundings of health facilities should be clean as hospitals are places of healing.

"Government does not condone a hospital with filthy surroundings as this reflects poorly on the ministry and patients. I will be investigating the matter further. It will be addressed as soon as possible," he said.



ENTRANCE: The Pigg's Peak Government Hospital.



POOR MAINTENANCE: Tall grass at the hospital.



IN THE JUNGLE: Another side reflecting the situation at the hospital.

Nurse not confirmed after six years

A nurse who has been working at the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital for six years has not been confirmed as she is a foreigner.

She was even hospitalised in 2018 at the same hospital due to stress.

Her name has been withheld for ethical reasons.

The nurse claimed that she is being victimised by the matrons and other nurses who refused to appraise her as that would guarantee her permanent employment under the ministry of health.

"I haven't been confirmed since my arrival in 2013. This is because the Civil Service Commission (CSC) can only employ a nurse if she performs gallantly in appraisals.

"The appraisals should be conducted after two years, unfortunately only matrons and sisters at hospitals can conduct such so I waited for three years, with no help.

"Out of frustration I asked the matrons and sisters to appraise me in 2016, but they refused.

"I decided to wait another year but the sisters started to victimise me by lying to my super-

riors saying I was always absent from work or I was rude to patients and other staff," she said.

The nurse added that the matrons disallowed her when she submitted a transfer request and was forced to pay E3 000 for rent.

"I suffered from stress in 2017 and I was hospitalised at the female ward. After that I applied to be transferred from Pigg's Peak on four occasions, however, the matrons declined.

"I also developed a back injury and the doctor told me to perform light duties which means I would work while seated.

"But the matrons assigned me to the filing room where I was required to stand all day and lift boxes of files; injuring my back in the process.

"I decided to complain then the matrons stopped assigning me duties, forcing me to loiter at the hospital all day. Last week while working, one matron just started shouting at me saying when will I leave Eswatini?" she added.

Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula said the issue should be addressed with the CSC.



FILTHY: Surroundings at the Pigg's Peak Government are poorly maintained as seen in this ditch. (Pics: Sizwe Dlamini)

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TIME IS RUNNING OUT

AS a country we are really running against time.

We need things to happen now or else we will all be accused of misleading the nation.

His Majesty King Mswati III has championed Vision 2022, which is targeting the kingdom to be amongst the developed nations by the year 2022.

His vision is based on a 25-year development programme known as the National Development Strategy (NDS) crafted and endorsed in 1997.

The King borrowing from the strategy before the turn of the century pushed government to deliver on infrastructure projects known then as Millennium Projects.

These delivered the Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre, which also includes the Sports Centre, improved road network, in particular, the Ngwenya to Manzini Highway (MR3), the King Mswati III International Airport and factory shells to name but a few.

Currently, we have as part of these projects the International Convention Centre and Five Star Hotel, which is on schedule to be completed in July 2020 plus the Sikhuphe to Manzini Highway and the Royal Science and Technology Park (RSTP) still under construction.

Projects

Also coming along these projects has been the development of the Lubovane Dam, as part of a big Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project (LUSIP), which has benefitted thousands of otherwise disadvantaged communities.

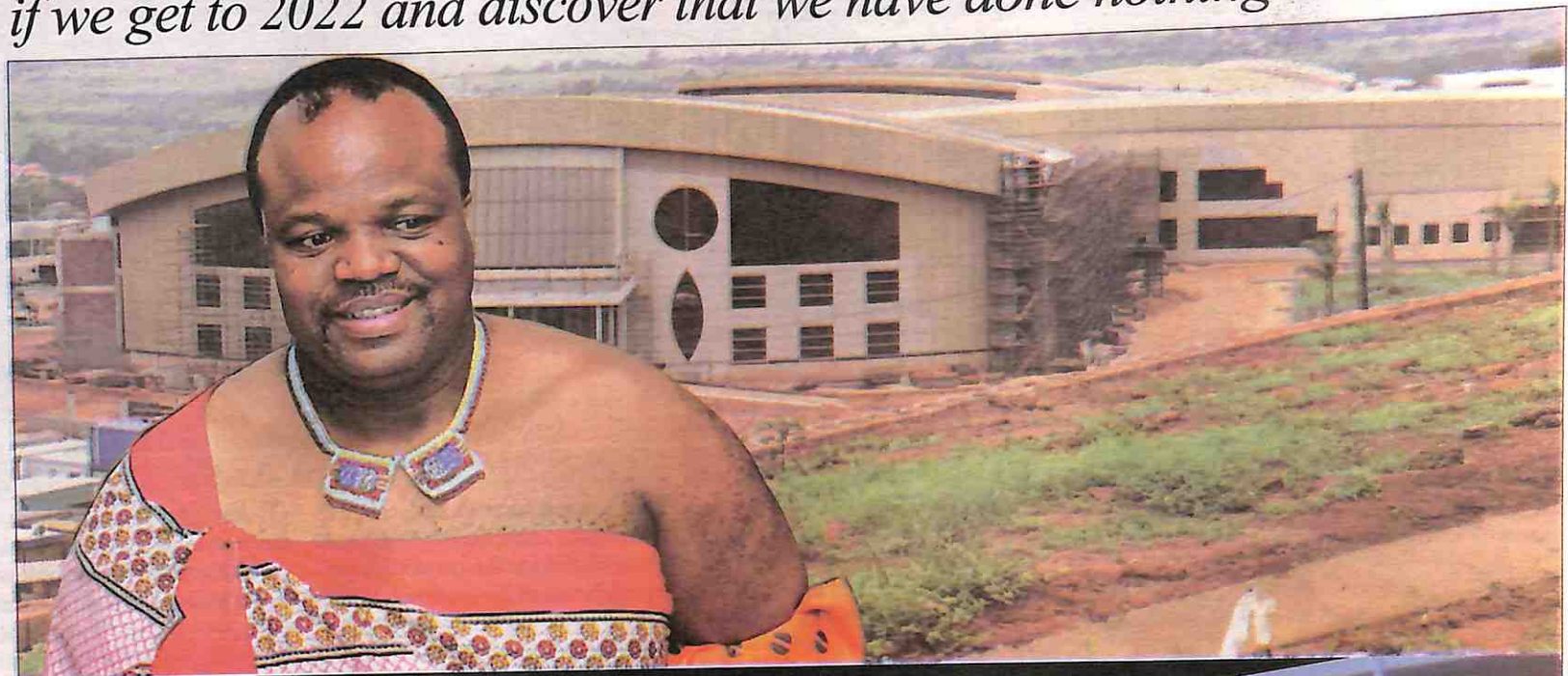
Whilst some of the projects have been completed like the Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre and the King Mswati III International Airport, they have hardly justified the investment in terms of expected economic returns. Their below par performance has created huge doubt that even the upcoming projects may end up not living up to their expectation hence becoming huge losses.

So in short, what we have achieved so far as a country has been the change in landscape, but meaningful economic growth and standard of living has not improved.

Worse still is that corruption has meant that the construction of these projects has become so expensive that it is starting to take resources meant for key social services like health, education and resulted in food insecurity.

Late former United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan had coiled it better when he said: "Corruption better when he said: 'Corruption hurts the poor disproportionately — by diverting funds intended for development, undermining a government's ability to provide basic services, feeding inequality and injustice, and dis-

...the biggest question we need to ask ourselves is; what will happen if we get to 2022 and discover that we have done nothing



VISIONARY: His Majesty King Mswati III.



couraging investment and aid."

His Majesty the King also speaking about the same subject in 2006 in his inaugural address to Parliament said: "If left unchecked, corruption destroys our economy and reverses the gains of the past."

Amidst many of the well-intended projects we have embarked upon as a country, we have continued to struggle to control the scourge of corruption.

It has indeed reversed the gains of the past and continues to undermine the lives of the poor.

We have as evidence today a road project that has stalled with literally nothing to show for the millions of Emalangeni poured into it. It is frightening when you consider that the level of corruption has reached alarming levels, where the perpetrators know beforehand that there will be no action taken against them because our justice system has also been infiltrated and become complicit.

Politically, whilst the it remains peaceful, but out political stability

has not yet resulted in economic gains.

This says there are some things we need to do to create the desired confidence to both existing and foreign investors.

Listening to South Africa's Finance Minister Tito Mboweni's Medium Term Budget Policy Statement (MTBPS), it is clear that our economic recovery is also far from being certain. We have always suffered as a country when our biggest economic neighbour catches a flu.

Economic

South Africa's weak economic situation hits us direct as we belong to the same customs union, SACU.

This situation, therefore means as a country we must start to move fast and explore the many opportunities that remain in our control, like exploring our mineral resources.

We have always hinted at moving towards that direction, and despite identifying the reasons why we have failed to attract investors in that front, we have continued to move slowly.

This country has heard a lot about

Vision 2022, it is time we start to see the results of those promises.

Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini's led Cabinet needs to be supported by everyone in order to deliver the 2022 promise.

Time has come for government and everyone to start walking the talk. We need to talk right and act right. The issue of talking right and act left must come to an end.

What holds a nation together is hope plus action! It is dangerous to give people hope and no action, hence I say we are really starting to run out of time.

By 2022, we need to be careful and refrain from using the current economic situation as an excuse for not delivering on our promises. We need to explore every option now to deliver on our promises.

Corruption is one area we need to be decisive in tackling. It cannot be that perpetrators can still walk free and have the bravery of acting with impunity.

It is when the world starts to see

our actions that we will unlock the doors for development and investment.

We owe it to ourselves to make this country better. It is time we move from rhetoric to action. Year 2022 is around the corner, what will we present to the nation when the time comes? We need to move forward and stop deceiving ourselves by looking forward but walking backwards.

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ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 4

1952 - In the United States, the National Security Agency (NSA) was established.

1956 - Soviet forces enter Hungary in order to suppress the uprising that had begun on October 23, 1956.

1965 - Lee Ann Roberts Breedlove became the first woman to exceed 300 mph when she went 308.5 mph.

1970 - Former King Peter II of Yugoslavia died in Denver, CO. He was the first European king or queen to die and to be buried in the US.

1979 - Iranian militants seized the US embassy in Tehran and took 63 Americans hostage (90 total hostages). The militants, mostly students, demanded that the US send the former shah back to Iran to stand trial. Many hostages were later released, but 52 were held for the next 14 months.

1981 - The second scheduled flight of the space shuttle Columbia was canceled with only 31 seconds left in the countdown.

1984 - Nicaragua held its first free elections in 56 years.

1985 - Soviet defector Vitaly Yurchenko announced he was returning to the Soviet Union. He had charged that he had been kidnapped by the CIA.

1989 - About a million East Germans filled the streets of East Berlin in a pro-democracy rally.

1990 - Iraq issued a statement saying it was prepared to fight a 'dangerous war' rather than give up Kuwait.

1991 - Ronald Reagan opened his presidential library in Simi Valley, CA. The dedication ceremony was attended by President Bush and former US presidents Jimmy Carter, Gerald R. Ford and Richard M. Nixon. It was the 1st gathering of five US chief executives.

1995 - Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, 73 years old, was assassinated by right-wing Israeli Yigal Amir after attending a peace rally.

1999 - Cristina Saralegui received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

1999 - The United Nations imposed economic sanctions against the Taliban that controlled most of Afghanistan. The sanctions were imposed because the Taliban had refused to turn over Osama bin Laden, who had been charged with masterminding the 1998 bombings of the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

2001 - The movie 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' had its world premiere in London.

2001 - Hurricane Michelle hit Cuba destroying crops and thousands of homes. The United States made the gesture of sending humanitarian aid. On December 16, 2001, Cuba received the first commercial food shipment from the US in nearly 40 years.

2010 - Microsoft's Kinect was launched worldwide.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Diddy (Rapper)
November 4, 1969 (50 years old)



Kathy Griffin
(Comedian) November 4, 1960 (59 years old)



WHAT THE LAW SAYS

Utsini umtsetfo

THE MARRIAGE BILL 2019

Recognised marriages

5. (1) Subject to subsection (2) and section 6, a marriage shall be either -civil marriage; or

(b) customary marriage.

(2) A marriage contracted in a foreign country in accordance with the laws of that foreign country where one or both of the parties is subject to the laws of that country, shall be recognised in Eswatini as a valid marriage.

(3) The provisions of subsection (2) shall not apply in respect of any marriage that is, and to the extent that it is inconsistent with the principles of humanity or morality as recognised in Eswatini or Eswatini Law and Custom.

(4) For the avoidance of doubt, all marriages recognised under this section have the same legal status.

(5) Without prejudice to any procedures prescribed for marriages under this Act, any other institutions or practices which traditionally facilitate a marriage shall continue to be recognised.

Powers of minister to recognise other types of marriages

6. (1) A person, body or denomination may apply to the Minister in writing to have a form of marriage referred to in section 5(2) be declared a recognised marriage in Eswatini. (2) An application under subsection (1) shall be in the prescribed form and shall set out all the particulars of the form of marriage, its essential elements and the required procedure.

(3) The minister may allow the application but the Minister shall notify the party concerned by notice published in the Gazette and at least in one newspaper circulating in Eswatini.

Cohabitation.

7. (1) Cohabitation shall not, by itself, constitute a marriage or give rise to a presumption of marriage under this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the following provisions shall have effect in relation to the rights of the parties to the relationship of cohabitation -

(a) One or both of the parties may, during the subsistence of the cohabitation register the particulars of any monetary and non-monetary contribution each party may have made during the cohabitation with the office of the registrar;

(b) Where the parties cease to cohabit, a court on application by either or both of the parties, shall distribute the property in accordance with the registered amounts of contribution made by either party;

(c) Failure to register shall not affect the rights of the parties but the burden to prove the facts of cohabitation or any contributions made shall be on the party alleging the existence of those facts;

(d) Where the court is satisfied that



the parties cohabited, and that there was some contribution, the court may distribute the property equitably between the parties.

(3) The particulars of the monetary and non-monetary contributions referred to in subsection (2) shall be in a prescribed form.

(4) For the avoidance of doubt, the rights conferred by this section on persons cohabiting are available only to persons who have the capacity to get married to each other under any marriage recognised under this Act.

PART III
ESSENTIAL
REQUIREMENTS OF
MARRIAGE

Minimum age of marriage

8. (1) A person shall not have the capacity to marry unless that person has attained eighteen (18) years of age.

(2) A person who is twenty-one (21) years of age and of sound mind may, with the free, full and informed consent of that person, enter into a valid marriage in accordance with this Act.

Consent to marriage.

9. A marriage shall be entered into with free, full and informed consent of the parties to an intended marriage subject to information on the legal and proprietary consequences provided under the law governing matrimonial property.

Widow or widower marriage restrictions

10. (1) A widow or widower with minor children from a previous marriage may not marry unless the law regulating the administration of the estate of the deceased is complied with.

(2) A relative of the deceased may marry a widow or widower where both that man or woman and the widow or widower, with their free consent, adopt any form of marriage provided for under this Act.

(3) Any person who contravenes this section commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding two thousand Emalangeni (E2, 000) or imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year or both.

Prohibited degrees of relationship

11. A person shall not be a party to a marriage where the other party is related to that person within any of the degrees of relationship set out in the First Schedule to this Act.

Status of parties

12. (1) A party intending to contract a marriage under this Act, except a party already married under a customary marriage or converting a marriage under Section 37, shall first prove by way of a declaration before a marriage officer that that party is not a party to any other subsisting marriage.

(2) Except with the written approval of the minister, the party intending to contract a marriage under this Act shall be a citizen of Eswatini or a person lawfully resident in Eswatini or in possession of a residence permit or a temporary residence permit issued in terms of the immigration laws.

Status of marriage

13. (1) A marriage under this Act may either be -

(a) a monogamous or polygamous customary marriage; or
(b) A civil rites marriage contracted with or without community of property.

(2) Parties who marry in community of property may -

(a) Elect to bring to their joint estate some or all of their assets without encumbrances acquired by them before the marriage; or
(b) Elect that only assets acquired by them after the marriage should form part of their joint estate.

(3) Parties who intends to marry out of community of property shall execute an ante-nuptial contract before a notary public prior to the

solemnisation of the marriage.

(4) Parties who marry out of community of property are entitled to share in the assets of each other in the event of death of one of them.

Mixed marriages forbidden

14. (1) A party married under a polygamous type of marriage shall not convert their marriage to a monogamous marriage.

(2) A party married under a potentially polygamous marriage may, subject to Section 37, convert the marriage to a monogamous marriage.

Void marriages

15. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, a marriage shall be null and void if contracted in contravention of any of the provisions under this Part.

(2) A person who goes through a marriage ceremony knowing that the marriage is void under this section commits an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding two thousand Emalangeni (E2 000) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two (2) years.

Voidable marriages

16. (1) Where one of the parties to a marriage -

(a) Is pregnant by or is expecting a child with another person at the time of the ceremony and the fact is unknown to the other party;
(b) Refuses to consummate the marriage for a period of three months from the date of the marriage;

(c) Is unable to consummate the marriage within nine months; or
(d) Is permanently impotent, the injured party may, at the option of that injured party, apply to a court to nullify the marriage.

(2) A marriage contracted in terms of this Act shall be voidable by virtue of non-registration within the period prescribed under the law applicable to registration of marriages.

(3) A voidable marriage is for all purposes a valid marriage until it is annulled by a decree of a court.



IMPROVED: While life for women has improved in 60 countries, it has deteriorated in war-torn nations.

COUNTRIES WHERE IT'S BEST TO BE A WOMAN

BY ELLEN WULFHORST
Thomson Reuters Foundation

NORWAY and Switzerland are the best countries to be a woman and Yemen and Afghanistan the worst, said research on Tuesday which found the state of women's rights is not "all doom and gloom" around the world.

While life for women has improved in some 60 countries, it has deteriorated in Yemen and other war-torn nations, research organisations Georgetown University's Institute for Women, Peace and Security and Peace Research Institute Oslo concluded.

The researchers looked at 167 countries since 2017 when the first Women, Peace and Security Index was compiled, weighing variables such as access to bank accounts, jobs and security.

Rounding out the top of the list were Finland, Denmark, Iceland, Austria, United Kingdom, Luxembourg, Sweden

and Netherlands tied for ninth place, followed by Canada.

At the bottom were Yemen, Afghanistan, Syria, Pakistan, South Sudan, Iraq, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Central African Republic, Mali and Libya.

"There are important areas of progress. It's not all doom and gloom," said Jeni Klugman, Managing Director of the Georgetown Institute and lead author of the index.

Gains were strongest in women's access to financial accounts, either mobile or at conventional banks, in fewer discriminatory laws and through increasing legislative representation.

"A national election can bring about big changes, both positive and negative," Klugman told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

"We have a number of countries which boosted the share of women in their national Legislatures. We also had several countries which went the other way," she added.

Iceland lost its top spot from 2017

after elections brought a drop in the number of women in Parliament.

The United States inched up to No. 19 from No. 22 two years ago, in part due to 2018 elections when a record number of women were elected to Congress. But Klugman said the United States continues to lag in the area of domestic violence.

The research is intended to inform and inspire action, Klugman said, noting that the factors it weighed are integral to the global development goals adopted unanimously by the United Nations in 2015. "It's not like it's something we invented out of thin air. It's something which is grounded in those long, hard-negotiated agreements, so we're holding them to account for that."

The UN adopted 17 goals, including gender equality and an end to hunger, poverty and other ills, to be achieved by 2030.

The new research found deterioration in women's lives was often linked to security, which worsened in almost

50 countries.

As to legal reforms, Moldova moved up 22 places owing to changes in its sexual assault laws.

Saudi Arabia persisted in having the most extensive legal discrimination against women, followed by Yemen, Sudan, the United Arab Emirates and Syria.

The report said legal discrimination means about 2.7 billion women globally are restricted from working in the same jobs as men.



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Wisdom

● "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present."
— Bill Keane

● "Listen to the mustn'ts, child. Listen to the don'ts. Listen to the shouldn'ts, the impossibles, the won'ts. Listen to the never hases, then listen close to me... Anything can happen, child. Anything can be."
— Shel Silverstein

● "You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one."
— John Lennon

● "When we love, we always strive to become better than we are. When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too."
— Paulo Coelho

● "I like the night. Without the dark, we'd never see the stars."
— Stephenie Meyer

● "It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."
— Anne Frank

● "They say a person needs just three things to be truly happy in this world: someone to love, something to do, and something to hope for."
— Tom Bodett

● "You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore."
— William Faulkner

● "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."
— Anonymous

● "Life's under no obligation to give us what we expect."
— Margaret Mitchell

● "But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars."
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

● "Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed."
— Alexander Pope

● "The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy."
— Kalu Ndukwe Kalu

● "Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'it will be happier'..."
— Alfred Lord Tennyson

● "The very least you can do in your life is figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof."
— Barbara Kingsolver

BY SIMON TORKINGTON

ASKING for a pay rise can be stressful.

Many of us wince at the prospect of talking about money, and placing a value on your workplace contribution can be tricky.

But the idea that women in particular shy away from these tough conversations has been challenged by new research.

The report by the Cass Business School and the Universities of Warwick and Wisconsin finds women are just as likely as men to ask for a pay rise. It also finds that they are less likely to get one.

Found

The study found that men were 25 per cent more likely than women to get a pay rise when they asked. It also dispelled the myth that women are reluctant to request a salary increase because they worry about their relationships with their managers and colleagues.

The study was based on a 2013-14 survey of workplace relations in Australia that records which employees have asked for pay rises.

One of the researchers, Professor Andrew Oswald from the University

When a woman asks for pay rise, she's more likely to be rejected



In 2006 men were earning on average \$5 000 more than women.

of Warwick, says the findings support the existence of bias against women in the workplace. "Having seen these findings, I think we have to accept that there is some element of pure discrimination against women," he told the BBC.

The gender pay gap

The gap between women and men securing a pay rise when they ask for an increase is one factor in the disparity between men and women's

overall remuneration.

The 2015 Global Gender Gap Report shows the extent of the pay gap between men and women.

In 2006, men were earning on average \$5 000 more than women. By 2015 that gap had doubled to \$10 000. The Global Gender Gap Report shows a quarter of a billion women have entered the global workforce since 2006 but they are only earning on average what men did 10 years

ago. Younger workers close the gender gap. This latest study did identify one positive trend.

The study found that in workers below the age of 40, there was no difference between women and men when it came to asking for and receiving a pay rise. The researchers concluded that this could lead to a shrinking in the gender pay gap as these younger women progress through their careers.

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	2%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	6.5%
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 01 NOV 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	15.0602	15.1102
British Pound/SZL	19.5188	19.5836
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.1462	7.1679
Swiss France/SZL	15.2849	15.3279
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3675	1.3841
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.4006	10.4381
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.4570	11.4906
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.8132	16.8690
Gold	1,510.2051	
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TEE & JAY GETS FASA FRANCHISE LICENCE

BY SIMON SHABANGU
Mbabane

FOLLOWING a rigorous year-long assessment, Ezulwini-based furniture manufacturer and retailer Tee & Jay have successfully been registered and preliminarily licensed as a franchisor by the Franchising Association of Southern Africa (FASA).

This was revealed by Tee & Jay General Manager Bongani Dube at the Divine Healing Ministries Fundraising Gala dinner held at the church in Manzini on Friday evening. The company was one of the sponsors of the annual event, where they donated furniture worth E20 000 to be auctioned to raise funds. They have been supporting this initiative for the past three years. Dube said, as a company, they were in a drive to expand the business and also increase their footprint in the Kingdom of Eswatini and beyond.

Companies

He said they received the news of their approval with great joy as this would now open doors to many Emaswati and international companies and individuals to have their own companies of the same nature.

"We are excited to reveal that Tee & Jay is now a franchise business, and becomes one of only two from Eswatini that have been accept-



GOING INTERNATIONAL: Tee & Jay Director Thembinkosi Mndzebele and General Manager Bongani Dube with staff members at the Divine Healing Ministries Fundraising Dinner where they were one of the sponsors. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

ed and licensed by the regional franchise accreditation body FASA in the last two years.

Assessment

"This effectively means that business people who have always wanted to be in the retail business of furniture now have an opportunity to own their own Tee & Jay showroom and shops at any prime mall or complex throughout the country, and anywhere in Southern Africa," said Dube. He outlined the painstaking process that was involved in the application and assessment period, and expressed the company's excitement in being granted a preliminary licence effective January 2020.

He also stated that the scope of the licence covered the retail component of their business model. "While the manufacturing component shall remain centralised and implemented at our Mlindazwe workshop, the retail component now presents huge business opportunities to start-up and aspiring franchisees as they are now able to apply for the franchise license for setting up shop in any town of their choice as of 2020. We have eliminated the headache of worrying about how to manufacture home furniture to meet our renowned high standards and quality, as we will providing

stock to all our franchisees at wholesale price," said Dube, who stated that Tee & Jay furniture was still in high demand in the middle to upper classes of the society.

Tee & Jay has enjoyed the largest market share in the upmarket section of furniture retail over the years, given the company's insistence on using solid wood, high quality supawood, as well as top of the range upholstery. He said applications forms for opening a Tee & Jay showroom anywhere in the country were now available on request, and these can be sent by email to, or can be downloaded on www.teeandjay.com.

RSTP AWARDS E60 000 TO 12 START-UPS

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE Royal Science and Technology Park has awarded a total of E60 000 to 12 start-ups.

The start-ups received the cash prizes during the third Technology, Innovation and Sustainable Development Goals (TIS) Dinner held at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre on Friday.

The recipients of the awards are B3 Services and Biogas who were first and second, respectively in the Biotechnology category, while Simple Source and Blepo Technologies in the ICT category, Hygiene Enviro and Bantwana in the Green Tech amongst others were awarded.

The winner in each category walked away with E7 000 while the runner-up received E3 000.

RSTP CEO Vumile Dlamini said the recipients were strongly encouraged to invest all or at least 70 per-

cent of the money in research and development or the business and that the incubated companies' awards would be paid to the business accounts.

He said an independent jury comprising members of the RSTP Selection Committee (non-employees of RSTP) were responsible for submissions and deciding on the winners.

"The evaluation criteria are relevant and well aligned with the ever-evolving definition of 'invention' and 'innovation', transparent for our nominees and clearly defined for our jury.

The tools allow for a fair and equitable assessment of each entry. The committee in its sole discretion decided whether to admit or reject an applicant for incubation and the decision of the Selection Committee in this regard became final. The Committee does not have to disclose its evaluation results to candidates or the public," he said.

He stated that RSTP was looking

for innovations that not only address a need and solve a problem but also seize an opportunity and create a new market or industry.

"Value is a primary driver for his innovations. We would like to understand how the innovation satisfies an existing need or desire or creates a new need that is not currently available in the market. We are seeking evidence for how the offering is different and whether it has distinct, game changing advantages over any alternatives.

"We also want to evaluate its unique value proposition, the relationship between its cost and benefits and its economic desirability," he added.

He also mentioned that delivery required a great communicator, marketer and master of delivery, hence would like to understand how the message and broader story of the innovation was communicated in clear and compelling ways.

"We are looking for interesting

examples of how consumers have been engaged and how the offering has been delivered and made available to the marketplace. Finally, we are interested in how the value proposition of the offering is being achieved, fulfilled and validated in the marketplace," he said.

He added that they would like to understand the immediate and longer term impact the innovation had on the environment and society as a whole.

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Youth urged to use man-power for innovation, business

STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA

STANDARD Bank CE Mvuselelo Fakudze has urged young people to use their man power for innovation and starting businesses.

Fakudze said this during the third Technology, Innovation and Sustainable Development Goals (TIS) dinner held at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre on Friday.

He said that there was a challenge amongst young people to think differently about a job environment.

"During my time when I went to university and looked for a job, they were in abundance compared to now-days.

"People in business make money every day, hence a profit will make you a fortune, a salary will make you a living. If you are looking for a job and have not started utilising your man-power, I think there are a lot of opportunities in innovation and starting up businesses," he said.

He further stated that he was overwhelmed with the number of job applications in his office and his LinkedIn account was mostly used by people looking for jobs at Standard Bank and there is only so much he can do.

"Our role as a bank is to ensure that your businesses can succeed, but please bring viable business cases to us.

"We are a bank not a crypto currency. We give real money, we do not speculate and when you leave money with us, you will definitely find it.

"Hence we need to lend money to those that really need it and have brought a viable business case considering that the money has to be refunded back to the depositors that have trusted us with their money," he said.

He added that their role was that of trust and Standard Bank is associated with trust and integrity, which is an assurance to their customers that when they leave their money with them, they will definitely find it.

...Standard bank CE advises on Crypto currency risks



FAMILY: Standard Bank CE Mvuselelo Fakudze and his wife Fanele watching the proceedings. (Pics: Bahle Gama)

Violence at home means there's idle time

"FOR me if there's a lot of violence in a home, it means someone has quite a lot of idle time.

Instead of wasting that time committing a crime and breaking your family apart, why not just start a business and be preoccupied with something viable."

Standard Bank CE Mvuselelo Fakudze made these remarks during the third Technology, Innovation and Sustainable Development Goals (TIS) dinner held at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre on Friday.

He said men had a role in society and that is to be responsible citizens,

further stating that such conversations were needed in places like the dinner and encourage each other to be good citizens and conduct themselves well even when no one was watching.

"At home in the bedroom it's only the two of you, no one else is watching, hence if you can be responsible behind closed doors, you surely can be responsible outside the home.

So let us work together to develop our economy, there's a lot of good vibe about the country at the moment," he said.

"Crypto currency is still an asset and one can speculate on it but the same value found in banks cannot be found in them. You can make super normal profits and you can also lose your money. We are not discouraging them but we advise that if one decides to invest in them, they should be aware of the risks associated with these investments," he advised.

He also mentioned that they continue to service the communities that they serve and are happy to have partnered with RSTP and with all the innovators in the programme, further stating that the partnership was not just a once off event but want it to continue and grow.

"Every year when we have such sessions, we want to see the successful innovators whose businesses have moved beyond the land, because in the land one tries things out and sees if they work or not with intent to get their product in the market so that everyone can benefit from the innovations that are created in these startups," he said.

He added that the Agriculture Extension Review and Planning Conference was an essential annual activity and a foundation of the Eswatini's agriculture extension delivery system and process.

Agriculture ministry gets more Extension officers

BY BAHLE GAMA

According to the ministry of agriculture, government has approved the employment for more Extension officers, a move that will approve the field at grassroots level.

Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza revealed this during the National Agriculture Extension Review and Planning conference held at Mphophoma on Thursday, and added that they were hoping to get more when the country's economic situation improves.

He said government was responding to their engagement with respect to having more extension staff employed in order to improve the declining number of those available to help farmers drive the economic growth of the country at grassroots level.

Desire

"We will continue pursuing this matter with the hope of eventually being allocated a reasonable number to continue supporting our farming communities.

"I want to mention that it is our desire to see extension service delivery becoming relevant and responding to the everyday needs of farming communities. This is with regards to the technical capacity, skills as well as the adequacy in numbers," he said.

The minister also highlighted that innovative ways of adequately reaching the farming community without having big numbers of Extension officers be one of the outputs of the meeting.

"I am of the opinion that one Extension officer is adequately capacitated and empowered with relevant working tools that can service one Inkhundla centre. Please consider this and come with recommendations for consideration by ministry management," he said.

He added that the Agriculture Extension Review and Planning Conference was an essential annual activity and a foundation of the Eswatini's agriculture extension delivery system and process.

He said this was because it brought together all the different players in

extension and message delivery system to brainstorm and agree on how they will work together in harmony, analyse the prevailing situation with regards to challenges of farming and then agree on the types and quality of interventions that are to be packaged for use by farmers.

"This conference also provides an opportunity to interrogate the adequacy and relevance of the interventions that are intended to meet the demands of the clientele of the extension service.

I have therefore been reliably informed that today's function is the last step in the chain of events. I have also been told that today's participants are; the farmers, National level extension practitioners, agriculture input suppliers, and processors, Academia, Farmers' organisation and NGO community," he said.

Indispensable

He also mentioned that agriculture extension is an important and indispensable activity in support to the development and economic prosperity of the people of Eswatini. The sentiment is well expressed in the specific responsibility that government has placed on the ministry of agriculture.

The sector has been identified as one of the pillars for economic development and is at the centre of all others, besides ensuring food security and poverty alleviation for rural population, it also provides raw material to other sectors.

"Through agriculture extension producers and all players in the value chain are empowered to deliver on the mandate given by the people of Eswatini.

"Most of these Extension officers are stationed within and works with farmers in the different farming communities.

"Let me put it on record that when we talk of agriculture extension we are not only talking of government employed officers but all those working in assisting farmers with knowledge whether from parastatals, private sector or NGOs," he added.

The Hive expands to offer SME accounting, taxation services

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

The Hive, a business solutions centre, has expanded to now offer outsourced accounting services and taxation to local businesspeople.

The company is known for its business support services, as well as virtual office rentals which have made doing business in Eswatini easier for many start-up Small Medium Enterprises.

The Hive Director Geinekile Motsa said they had decided to incorporate the accounting services into their offering because they were alive to the fact that many businesses need support with regulatory compliance.

ulatory compliance.

"Our outsourcing package is completely customisable. We can look after your entire accounting function, or we can work on a collaborative basis with your existing staff and provide expertise in just the areas you need us to," she said. She said at the Hive they now provided a complete outsourced accounting services package that allows you and your staff to devote your focus to running the business rather than getting bogged down in accounting and tax paperwork.

She said they have noted that an accounting system is only good as the information you put into it.

"Let our startup accounting experts

handle your bookkeeping from start to finish, so you know your books are always in order and ready for that next investor presentation," she said.

Compliant

She explained that their bookkeeping services include recording and classifying all transactions from your source documents like receipts/invoices/contracts, making any necessary month end close adjustments, reconciling your bank accounts, and providing your financial reports each month. "Everything you need to be compliant is done right by engaging us," she said. She said the outsourcing service provides you with many benefits. These include: Payroll savings, reduced IT costs, improved confidence,

automatic backups that minimise disaster recovery problems and increased data security. She said this also means no holiday or illness disruptions. This would allow financial information access anytime, anywhere. She said this would keep up in compliance with Tax Preparation.

"Tax compliance can be challenging, but we are here to make sure you file your annual tax returns and assist with making quarterly estimates, so you can be focused on growing your start up instead of dealing with Eswatini Revenue Authority," she said.

The Hive also assists in filing business annual tax returns for business, as well prepare the quarterly estimate filings to keep start ups in compliance.

The business centre is located at The New Mall in Mbabane and is fast growing as a reputable service centre for many businesses as it also assists with the registration and trading licences services.

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IT's that time of the year when we all look forward to the start of the festive season and look back to see what we have achieved in the year.

As the Ombudsman of Financial Services (Ombudsman) reflects on 2019, we are grateful to have reached and assisted more people, some of whom raised their queries and submitted complaints to be investigated and resolved. It is important for the public to be aware of how we can assist in resolving non-bank financial services complaints, and, as such, we have compiled these frequently asked questions for anyone who would like to get in touch with us before the year ends or in the near future. Every query and case help us continue to uphold good practice in the financial services industry.

Do you offer loans?

We do not offer loans or any financial service product.

Why 'Ombudsman'? Surely it should be 'Ombudslady' or 'Ombudsperson'?

The term 'Ombudsman' is used globally to refer to an independent official or office that is established to investigate complaints. More so, we are of the notion that 'man' in Ombudsman refers to humanity, as opposed to a male or female distinction.

In Siswati the office is called *Umlamuli Wetindzaba Tetimali*, and the term 'Umlamuli' in this case is an interpretation or translation of 'Ombudsman.' This means that the Ombudsman or *Umlamuli* serves as a judge who resolves non-bank financial services disputes outside of the courts.

How much do you charge for your services?

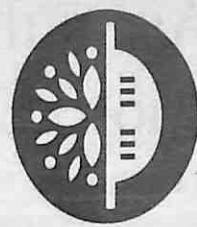
Our services are free! You do not have to pay us to lodge a complaint and we do not take any portion of the money that can be paid to you as we are here so that money is not a barrier for someone to get assistance.

What would you advise us to do about money schemes, like the ones we are invited to join on WhatsApp?

We do not offer financial advisory services and cannot advise you where to place your money. We only deal with complaints against non-bank financial services providers (FSPs) who hold a licence issued by the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA). The FSRA encourages EnaSwati to only deal with licensed entities and you may contact them to confirm if a business/individual is licensed, as the FSRA is responsible for regulating players in the non-bank financial services industry. FSRA's contact details are as follows:

- **Toll Free:** 2404 0589
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Do you help in cases where my employer changes my gross salary every month without explaining why they paid me less or more per month?



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THE OMBUDSMAN TACKLES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



We receive, investigate and make binding decisions on complaints against non-bank FSPs licensed by the FSRA, relating to retirement, insurance, medical aid, credit and/or savings as well as investments/securities complaints. You may contact the Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration Commission (CMAC) for labour-related matters. CMAC's contact details are as follows:

- **Telephone:** 2404 8877/8
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- 1st Floor, Mbabane House
- P.O. Box 3942 Mbabane H100
- **Website:** www.cmac.org.sz

How does the Ombudsman go about resolving my complaint?

We exist to investigate complaints against non-bank FSPs in Eswatini that are licensed by the FSRA. Members of the public can lodge a complaint at our office by following these steps:

1. Contact your FSP first and submit a written complaint giving them 30 days to respond. If you do not get a response or you are not satisfied with their response, that is when you can come to our office with your complaint
2. Fill in a Complaint Form that you can access at our office, a CMAC office near you or on our website, www.ombudsfs.org.sz

3. After filling in the necessary information, ensure the Form is sworn to before a Commissioner of Oaths and attach all supporting documents. Our officers then work towards facilitating or mediating an agreement between the parties. Where no settlement is reached, the Ombudsman makes a final and binding decision which is the equivalent of a court judgement.

What certainty do I have that the Ombudsman won't favour the FSP because they have more power and money?

One of the functions of the Ombudsman is to encourage FSPs to abide by the rules of their relevant industry codes of conduct, and we would therefore view their use of power and money as unjust. Additionally, we value our independence and commitment to handling complaints without taking sides and we only consider what is fair and reasonable in each case, which aligns with the mandate in our slogan to be "Free, Fair and For All."

We were not aware that your Office exists. How do you educate the public about the work you do?

The Office is relatively new, having started operating as the Ombudsman of Financial Services in 2016. We have been working to increase public awareness about the Office

every year since.

This year for example, we engaged in numerous outreach activities, such as the Buhleni and Hlane Baganu festivals; we attended the Utech and Waterford Career Fairs; and engaged in several FSRA outreaches including regional roadshows and visiting Tinkhundla centres across the country.

We also feature periodically on print media such as the Swazi Observer and The Financial MarketPlace. We are working to grow our radio presence so that people in the most remote areas of our country can hear about us. You are also invited to like and follow our Facebook page: Ombudsman of Financial Services.

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Focus on World News

Global News

PM Johnson rejects no-deal Brexit in election pitch

LONDON - British Prime Minister Boris Johnson drew an angry backlash from Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage on Saturday after he rejected calls to drop his Brexit deal and embrace a clean break from the European Union, potentially splitting the eurosceptic vote.

Johnson had previously pledged to take Britain out of the EU with or without a deal on October 31, before lawmakers voted to force him to seek an extension until January 31.

But he has abandoned the threat of a no-deal Brexit in his Conservative Party's manifesto for the December 12 elec-

tion, the Times newspaper reported on Saturday. It added that the focus would be on getting his Brexit deal approved.

On Friday, Johnson rejected a call from the Brexit Party to drop the deal he negotiated with the European Union last month in order to form a new electoral pact, saying that he could put his deal through parliament after any election win.

"What we've got is a fantastic deal that nobody thought we could get," Johnson said. "As soon as we get back in the middle of December, we can put that deal through."

In Britain's tortuous journey since the

2016 referendum vote to leave the EU, businesses and economists have cautioned that leaving the bloc without a deal to smooth the transition would hurt the British economy.

Proponents of a no-deal Brexit say it provides a clean break from EU rules and regulations.

"If The Times are right and Boris Johnson will abandon a clean break Brexit, and he wins an election on this, we will never be free of EU rules," Brexit Party Leader Nigel Farage said in a tweet.

"The deal is simply not Brexit and does not get Brexit done," *Reuters*



KHAMA DENIES CLAIMS HE OPENED OFFSHORE ACCOUNTS

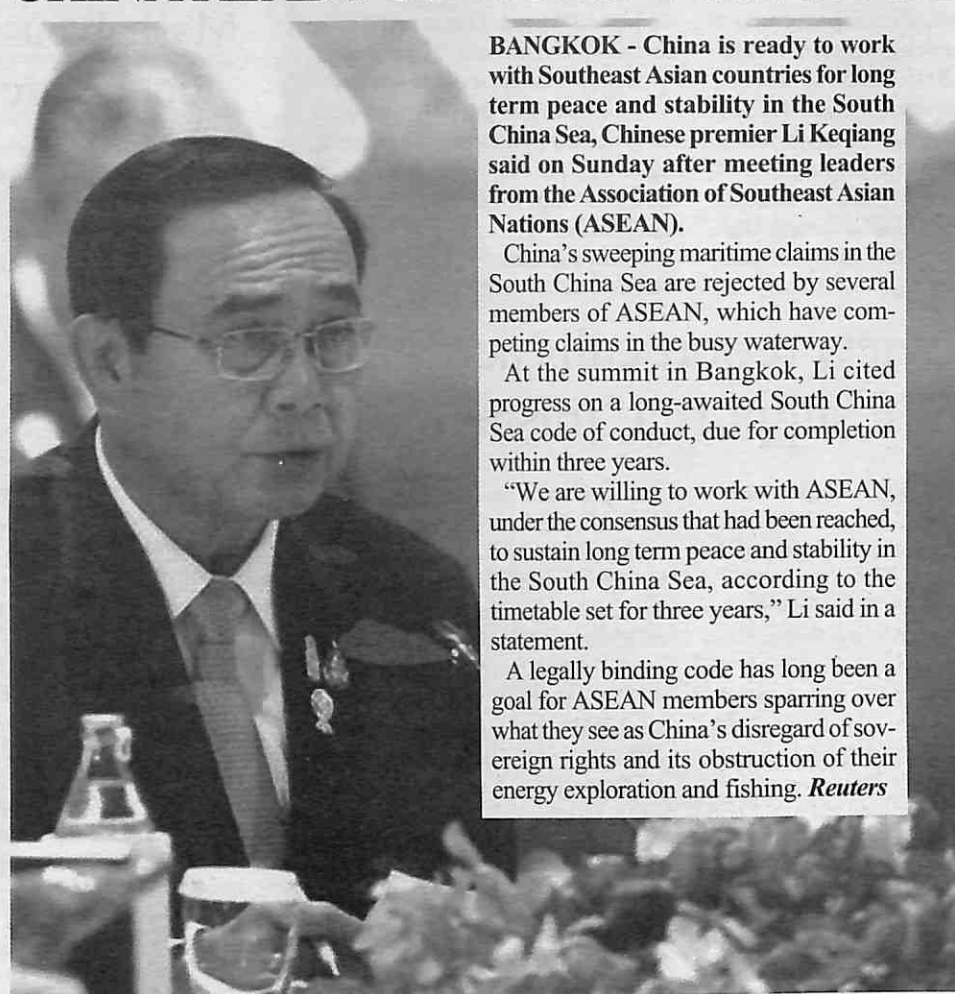
JOHANNESBURG - Former Botswana president Ian Khama has denied allegations that he instructed the Reserve Bank of Botswana to open offshore accounts now linked to South African businessperson Bridgette Motsepe-Radebe and terrorism.

In an affidavit deposed in the case of arrested intelligence agent Willeminah Maswabi, investigators said Khama issued the instructions in 2008 when he assumed office.

However, the former statesman's lawyers have accused government of a clandestine conspiracy to assassinate his character. Affidavits before the Gaborone High Court said in 2008 that three intelligence accounts were created by the Reserve Bank of Botswana, with the instruction of Khama and then-director general of intelligence Isaac Kgosi.

The affidavit said in 2009 that funds from one of the accounts were transferred to HSBC Bank in Hong Kong with the intention to purchase intelligence equipment. *EWN*

CHINA READY TO WORK WITH ASEAN



BANGKOK - China is ready to work with Southeast Asian countries for long term peace and stability in the South China Sea, Chinese premier Li Keqiang said on Sunday after meeting leaders from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

China's sweeping maritime claims in the South China Sea are rejected by several members of ASEAN, which have competing claims in the busy waterway.

At the summit in Bangkok, Li cited progress on a long-awaited South China Sea code of conduct, due for completion within three years.

"We are willing to work with ASEAN, under the consensus that had been reached, to sustain long term peace and stability in the South China Sea, according to the timetable set for three years," Li said in a statement.

A legally binding code has long been a goal for ASEAN members sparring over what they see as China's disregard of sovereign rights and its obstruction of their energy exploration and fishing. *Reuters*

Mueller interview notes obtained by CNN

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump and other top 2016 Trump campaign officials repeatedly privately discussed how the campaign could get access to stolen Democratic emails WikiLeaks had in 2016, according to newly released interview notes from Robert Mueller's special counsel investigation.

CNN sued the Justice Department for access to Mueller's witness interview notes, and this weekend's release marks the first publicly available behind-the-scenes look at Mueller's investigative work outside of court proceedings and the report itself. Per a judge's order, the Justice Department will continue to release new tranches of the Mueller investigative notes monthly to CNN and BuzzFeed News, which also sued for them.

A retelling of events from former Trump deputy campaign chairman Rick Gates, who served alongside campaign chairman Paul Manafort, is the fullest detail revealed by the Justice Department yet on discussions within the Trump campaign as it pursued damaging information about its Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton. The documents were stolen by the Russians, the American intelligence community has found.

"[Rick] Gates recalled a time on the campaign aircraft when candidate Trump said, 'get the emails,'" *CNN*

BRIEFS

Protesters block roads to Iraqi port

BAGHDAD - Security forces killed a protester and wounded 91 others in Baghdad on Saturday, security and medical sources said, as tens of thousands of Iraqis gathered in mass anti-government protests in the capital and blocked roads leading to a major port. Protesters have been congregating in the capital's central Tahrir Square for weeks, demanding the fall of the political elite in the biggest wave of mass demonstrations since the fall of Saddam Hussein. Protests have accelerated dramatically in recent days, drawing huge crowds from across sectarian and ethnic divides.

They have been comparatively peaceful by day, becoming more violent after dark as police use tear gas and rubber bullets to battle self-proclaimed 'revolutionary' youths. *Reuters*

Lebanon seeks to solve 'complications'

BEIRUT - Lebanon's president said on Saturday he will soon set a date for formal consultations with lawmakers to pick a new prime minister following Saad al-Hariri's resignation this week, but is working to resolve some complications first. President Michel Aoun is obliged to hold a formal period of consultations with members of parliament and designate the figure with the most support as the new prime minister who will be tasked with forming a government.

Aoun has not yet set a date for those consultations to begin, but said he had been making the 'necessary calls' to lay the ground for them to start.

Reuters

Malawi court suspends 'colonial' wigs

LILONGWE - Malawi's Constitutional Court has suspended its requirement that lawyers and judges wear traditional white wigs and black robes in the courtroom as an early season heatwave sweeps the southern African nation. Temperatures in some parts of the country have hit 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit) last week, the country's Department of Meteorological Services said. Malawi, a former British protectorate, still follows the British legal system, with the wearing of wigs and robes a requirement for judges and lawyers. But Chikosa Silungwe, one of the lawyers in court this week in the capital, Lilongwe, said the heatwave was making the court's work challenging.

Reuters

Egypt pays allegiance to Islamic leader

CAIRO - Egypt's Islamic State affiliate, Sinai Province, has sworn allegiance to the new leader named by the group following the death of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the affiliate said on Telegram on Saturday. Sinai Province, which has waged an insurgency against the Egyptian state, posted pictures of around two dozen fighters standing among trees, with a caption saying they were pledging allegiance to Abu Ibrahim al-Hashemi al-Quraishi. Quraishi was named on Thursday in an audio message that also confirmed Baghdadi's death and vowed revenge against the United States. US special forces killed Baghdadi in a raid in northwest Syria.

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ZUMA FILES COURT PAPERS TO APPEAL RULING ON STAY OF PROSECUTION

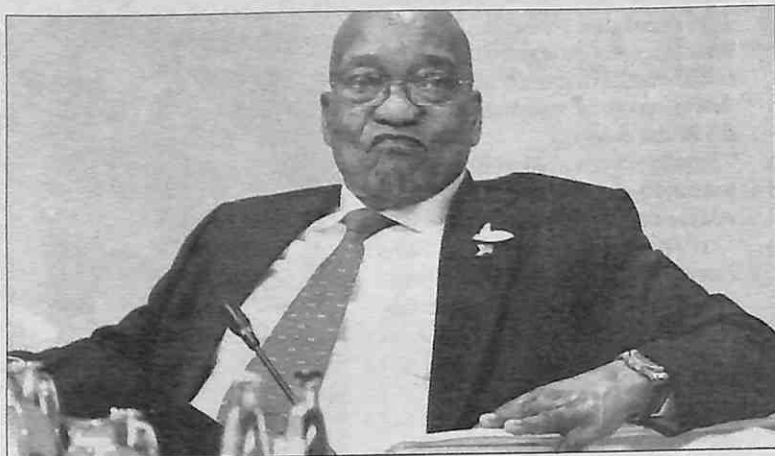
DURBAN - Former president Jacob Zuma filed court papers on Friday amid panic that he would miss the deadline to apply for leave to appeal the Pietermaritzburg High Court ruling against his application for permanent stay of prosecution in the arms deal matter.

NPA Spokesperson Natasha Kara confirmed on Saturday that Zuma filed the papers exactly on the cut off date. His legal representatives would not comment.

"I can confirm that Zuma had filed his application for leave to appeal," said Kara. However, she said she did not have a clue of the Zuma's key argument in the papers.

"You will have to wait for Monday as the papers will be with the register of the High Court in Pietermaritzburg," she said. Zuma indicated his intention to appeal the ruling, which the High Court judges judges Bhikisisa Mnguni, Thoba Poyo-Dlwati and Esten Steyn delivered on October 11.

The high court ruling had quashed his hopes of escaping prosecution on charges of racketeering, money laun-



FILED COURT PAPERS: Former president Jacob Zuma.

dering, fraud and corruption stemming from the R30 billion Arms Deal of 1999.

He is accused of having accepted a bribe from French arms manufacturer Thales in 2005. When contacted, Zuma's spokesperson Vukile Mathaba said he was not sure if lawyers had managed to file papers before the court closed on Friday. He said he was still trying to get hold of attorney Dan Mantsha to establish if the documents

had been filed. Mantsha did not reply to text messages sent to him and he also did not answer his phone.

When contacted, Zuma's advocate Thabani Masuku said: "I am bound by ethics not to speak on this matter".

"My attorney is the only one who can give interviews and answer media inquiries. I am sorry that Mantsha is not answering. I will speak to him," said Masuku.

Politics Bureau

DA FEDEX TO MEET URGENTLY

JOHANNESBURG - The Democratic Alliance (DA) has announced that its federal executive (FedEx) will 'urgently' convene a meeting 'in order to assess the impact' of Herman Mashaba's resignation as mayor of the City of Johannesburg and 'ensure political stability' and how the party responds 'in the best interests of the city's residents'.

In a statement following Mashaba's announcement that he would resign as mayor of Johannesburg, DA national spokesperson Solly Malatsi said the city is better today 'than it was three years ago'. Malatsi said the DA respects Mashaba's decision and wishes him 'all the best with his future endeavours'. 'The resignation of Mr Mashaba as Mayor of Johannesburg does not signal an end to the DA's commitment to the people of Johannesburg and South Africa,' Malatsi said.

He said the DA and its coalition partners in the Johannesburg council have made significant progress in turning the city around 'specifically in the areas of unlocking opportunities, stopping and acting against corruption, and accelerating the delivery of quality services'.

Malatsi listed a number of areas he said the DA-led multiparty coalition government 'has made huge progress in' within three years, which include the recruitment of 1 500 Metro police officers 'to assist in the fight against crime' and 'the city's newly established corruption busting unit', which he said 'has recorded over 5 335 cases worth more than R34 billion in transactions'.

The Citizen

DA review report calls accepting EFF support a 'mistake'

JOHANNESBURG - This is one of the recommendations contained in a review panel report on the state of the organisation.

The document and findings were discussed at the DA's two-day federal council meeting in Johannesburg over the weekend. A total of 155 delegates gathered for the party's highest decision-making body outside of the federal congress to receive the report. The report was put together by former leader Tony Leon, former CEO Ryan Coetzee and Capitec founder Michiel le Roux.

An assessment of the DA was called for following its poor showing during the May 2019 general elections. The party failed to grow its national support base.

"While appreciating the complexity and difficulty of the decision at the time, our view is that forming governments with the EFF's support in Johannesburg and

Tshwane was a mistake," the panel suggested in the report. It cited two major issues with the decision, saying their own DA governments were unable to implement a DA agenda as they were beholden to the red berets and that it was corrosive of their own party brand to rely on the EFF's support, given that party's policy agendas, philosophy and behaviour.

Sharing her thoughts on this position, newly elected federal council chairperson and former leader Helen Zille seemed to agree with the call for the DA to assess this relationship.

"They said that it's very difficult to govern with people who don't share your core values and that it's very important to do that assessment of the impact on service delivery and on the broad set of voters because that is who we are fundamentally accountable to," said Zille.

The Citizen



PRESS: EFF leader Julius Malema (c) speaks while flanked by former DA leader Mmusi Maimane (l), United Democratic Movement leader Bantu Holomisa (2nd r) and Corne Mulder (r) of the FF+, as they attend a press conference.

DA criticises MEC's R51m spending on life skills courses

JOHANNESBURG - The Gauteng department of social development spent more than R51 million on unaccredited training courses in the 2018/19 financial year as part of its Youth Development Programme, DA MPL Refiloe Nt'sekhe said in a statement yesterday.

"This was revealed to me by the Gauteng MEC for social development, Thuliswa Nkabinde-Khawe, in a written reply to my questions tabled in the Gauteng Provincial Legislature," said Nt'sekhe.

Nt'sekhe made no mention of the fact that Nkabinde-Khawe had passed away in hospital on Friday evening.

According to Nkabinde-Khawe, Nt'sekhe said, the department had trained 53 780 youth as part of the Youth Development Programme to be "empowered with life skills and technical training".

However, said Nt'sekhe, life skills

training, which the department defined as a 'soft skill' was meant to enhance one's interpersonal skills such as communication, teamwork and problem solving, and was not accredited.

"The reasons given by the department on why life skills training is not accredited are: these courses are of short duration and are meant for capacity building and life skills; cost implications; basic preparation for the workplace; and basic training and attendance certificates are sufficient for entry level jobs."

He said it was worrying that the department was spending millions on unaccredited courses, "yet our youth lack the essential skills needed in the employment sector".

"The youth will benefit more from skills that will increase their employability and enable them to sustain their lives."

The Citizen

Mashaba using Zille as excuse to get out before being exposed – ANC

JOHANNESBURG - During a media briefing in council chambers last Monday, Mashaba announced that he would step down.

His announcement was made shortly after Helen Zille was elected the DA's federal council chairperson.

But in a statement issued on Monday, regional spokesperson Jolidee Matongo said Mashaba's resignation had very little to do with Zille's election.

"His resignation is informed by the dire financial crisis that he has plunged the City of Johannesburg into," Matongo said.

"He has over time been able to get away with lies about the financial affairs of the City."

"Mashaba is running away from the soon-to-be-exposed truth that the City of Johannesburg is broke and may not be able to finance the day-to-day basic costs of providing water

and electricity to Johannesburg residents, including paying salaries to staff."

Matongo also labelled Mashaba a 'sore loser', adding that he used Zille's election as an excuse to exit.

Meanwhile, the South African Municipal Workers' Union (SAMWU) said it welcomed Mashaba's resignation as it brought to an end his "reign of terror in which workers and unions have been victims". The union

said since Mashaba came into office following the 2016 local government elections, he undermined collective bargaining.

"Under Mashaba, there have been no sound labour relations, with the City failing to convene local labour forums," it said.

The Citizen

DA wants Parliament's ethics committee to investigate Mantashe

CAPE TOWN - The DA is still pushing for the ethics committee in Parliament to investigate Minerals and Energy Minister Gwede Mantashe over allegations that he had bribed two journalists.

This is despite Mantashe backtracking this week.

Mantashe had earlier said he had paid two Sunday World journalists R70 000 to quash a story over his extramarital affair with a Pretoria student Lerato Makgatho.

But opposition parties and civil

society were up in arms and called for a probe into him. The DA lodged a complaint with the ethics committee.

Mantashe met with the Sunday World and the South African National Editors' Forum where he retracted his original statement, a decision the ANC welcomed.

DA MP Kevin Mileham, who filed a complaint with the ethics committee, said the committee must continue to investigate Mantashe irrespective of his decision to change his tune. *Politics Bureau*



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ON SET: DJ Toxic plays his set at the Summer Fest.



HAPPY: Nqobile enjoys herself while Mlindo was performing.



INTERACTING: Mlindo interacts with his fans.



CROWD: Fun-lovers watch Mlindo on stage.

BITTER-SWEET
MOMENTS AT
SUMMER FEST

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

THE first Summer Fest was bitter-sweet for Mlindo the Vocalist and other artists as they performed for about 30 people at the event held at Rider's Ranch on Friday.

Despite the number of people that showed up for the event, South African singer Mlindo pulled a great show and the crowd seemed pleased with his performance.

What made the performance special was that he interacted with his fans during his set.

Mounted

The singer mounted the stage at 3am and the few loyal fans had been patiently waiting for him to perform.

Mlindo also seemed to enjoy performing for the crowd as he jumped from one side to the other and smiled throughout his performance. Fun-lovers screamed for the artist and sang along to all the songs he was performing.

He performed his hit songs like 'Egoli', 'Amablessor' and 'Amacala' to mention a few.

Since the show was a rainbow splash event, organisers and the audience threw colourful powder on Mlindo as he was

performing.

The show was meant to start during the day but it ended up starting at around 10pm. The first act to get on stage was Trippy King alongside Steez.

They gave a great performance, as they would jump all over the stage as they were performing.

The show was kept alive by Frankie Dlamini, who was the MC of the night. The event was further made colourful by random powder splashes in between performances.

An hour before the golden boy Sands' performance, his management team met with the media and told us that Sands could not perform because one of his band members, Phindokuhle Sithole, was sick and had been admitted to

Mbabane Government for a while.

"It would not make sense for Sands to go on stage and perform with a missing member of the band, he is here and he is not okay, hence he cannot perform," said the team.

Fans were left unhappy this as they were expecting him to rock up on stage as he was also the headline act.

The organiser of the show DeeJay Toxic said for him it was an amazing show and also a learning curve.

"I am glad that people enjoyed themselves and next time it will be better. I have definitely learnt something from this show," said Toxic.



SPLASHED: Mlindo was splashed with a purple powder at the Summer Fest on Friday at Riders Ranch during his performance.



SINGING: Mlindo performs.



MC: Frankie Dlamini was MC of the night.



RAP: Trippy King does his part at the Summer Fest.

FATHER OF ESWATINI JAZZ THRILLS

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

JAZZ artist Itallo proved just why he is one of the pioneers of the jazz music industry in the kingdom by rendering a stellar performance on Friday.

The artists amazed the crowd not only with his new music but his dance moves as well during the launch of his fifth album titled 'Hold on'.

The singer packed the Eswatini Theatre Club with jazz lovers from all over Eswatini. Jazz music fanatics were also excited by Itallo's band, which including Linina Masina, Paseka Tefu, Arthur Tshabalala, Sibaya, Simphiwe La Sax and Mayibongwe Nxumalo. Before Itallo went on stage, his manager Elkan Makhanya thanked the audience for coming through and narrated how Itallo began his music career.

First to take to the stage was upcoming artists and The Spotlight top seven finalist Lindelwa Tsabedze, who gave a beautiful rendition of 'Not yet Uhuru'.

Paseka Tefu and Lisina Masina also took time to render their own compositions. The two also thanked Itallo for inviting them to perform by his side in the evening.

The crowd jammed to their music and sang along to some of their songs. 'Buya sitsandane' hit maker Judah also took to the stage to render his music for the crowd.

It is also worth noting that Judah is a former pianist for Itallo's band.

Judah also sang 'Ngohamba' and got the

audience warmed up for the main man's performance.

When Itallo mounted the stage, the fulovers were already waiting in awe to watch him perform.

Itallo has achieved a lot in music industry. He has also performed in many stages around the world. The artist thanked the jazz lovers for believing in his music and asked them to continue buying it.

"This album will touch your soul, I hope that everyone that buys it feels complete after listening to it," he said. Itallo is also included in the Into Music Society's Swazi Vibes Vol 1. This is a compilation of tracks from Eswatini's finest musicians. The audience was impressed with the veteran's performance so much that they kept asking him to repeat some of the songs.



CAPTURED: A section of the crowd taken by Itallo's performance.



NGOHAMBA: Judah delivers 'Ngohamba' for the crowd.



VOCALS: Lindelwa Tsabedze shows off her vocal skills on stage.



PROUD: Elkan Makhanya directs the programme for the night.



FULL BAND: Itallo and his band dish out the finest jazz sounds on stage.



YES: These ladies kept dancing throughout Itallo's set.

GOOD SAMARITAN FESTIVAL TO HELP THE POOR

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

MQEMANE Matsebula hosted a successful launch of his show known as the Good Samaritan Gospel Festival, at the Albert Millin on Friday.

The six to six show is set take place at Mavuso Trade Centre on December 6.

According to Matsebula, the show would serve as a fundraising event which with the help of the Red Cross, it would use the money to assist a number of families who are less

privileged.

He stated that they have partnered with Red Cross that would help in selecting the beneficiary families. "I am excited to say that after seven years of trying to have this show going, with the help of my good friend, I was able to raise funds to host such a show. Growing up in a less privileged family, I fell in love with helping people who are going through the same thing I did," he said. He further stated that they have also partnered with companies like Kingsly, which is a company that is known for their beverage.

He said on the day of the event people at the VIP section would get free drinks from the Kingsly. He assured that people would have a great time at the venue which would have maximum security from Kwekwe Security Company.

Matsebula then said the line-up was great as they had a number of local and international artists who included Abathandwa, Nduduzo Matse, Linda Dlamini, Nothando Hlophe, Ayanda Ntanze, Fakazi Samuel, Switch, Ziyawa ka Zitha, Linda M and Praise Unlimited to



GOOD NEWS: Mqemane Matsebula.

...Eswatini artists should take their craft seriously

EVENT host Mqemane Matsebula expressed his disappointment regarding artists who do not promote shows that they had been booked for.

He stated this during the launch of his upcoming show that the reason he did not book much of Emaswati was because international artists promoted shows they had been booked for on their social platforms while most Emaswati did not. "Local artists also lack professionalism as most of the time when booking them, I find that they do not have managers. This is the same reason people do not take them seriously," he said.

He advised local artists to professionalise their craft to attract more clients.

ST FRANCIS PUPILS GO OUT

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

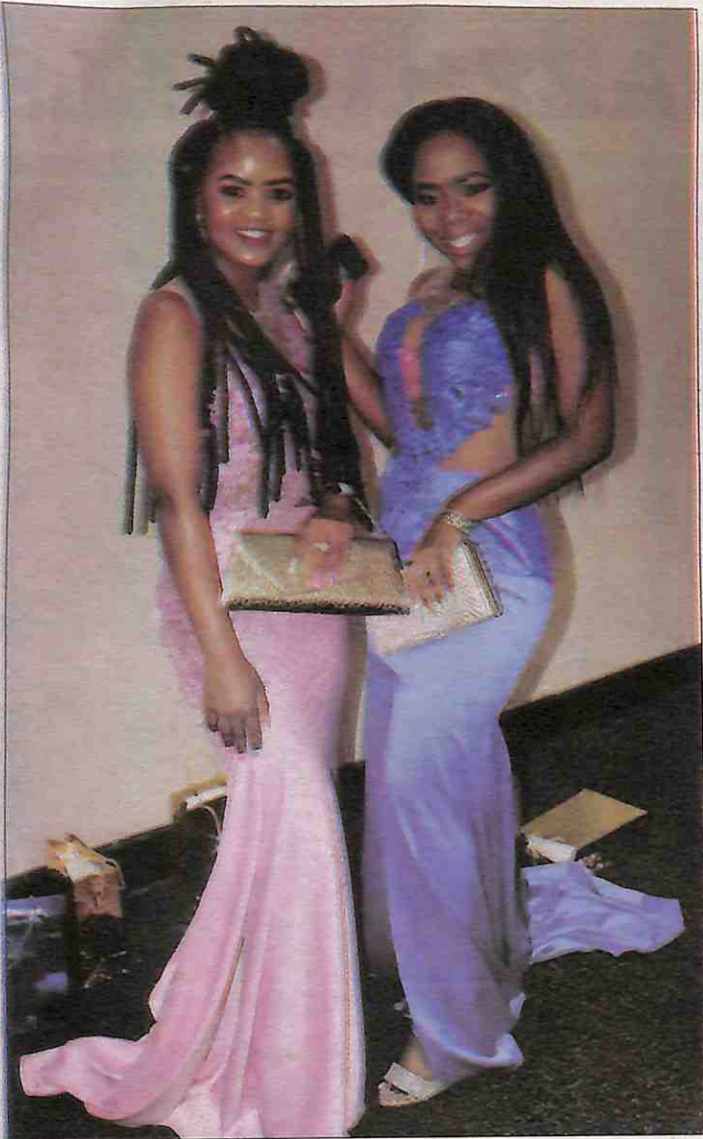
FORM Five pupils of St Francis high school bid farewell to each other in style during their prom night held at the Happy Valley Hotel on Friday

evening.

They were all dressed for the night, from long silky dresses to well fitted tuxedos. Their teachers too, went all out for the event by wearing beautiful gowns and well suited tuxedos.

The gents were well suited-up with

most of them wearing three piece suits, which seemed to be the biggest trend of the night. The pupils enjoyed their night in music and dance as they also had the opportunity to take pictures with each other and with their teachers. It was a bitter-sweet moment when the



BESTIES : These friends decided to take a picture together during their prom night held at the Happy Valley Hotel on Friday evening. (Pics: Setsabile Nkambule)



LADIES: A group of friends pose during the prom.



STUNNING: Simamukele Mahlaba was among the best dressed, with her dress that cost E1 200.



VELVET: Lindokuhle Mashaba decided to switch things and show some leg.



BLUE: Bonginhlanhla Mabuza's suit cost him E800.



BEAUTIFUL BLACK: Temaphovela Dlamini looks great in her E1 200 dress.



SIMPLE: Vuyani Lokothe went for a more simple but great look in his suit which he got for E1 500.



COLOURFUL: Some of the girls show off their nail art-work.



BOY: The gents display their shoes.

IN STYLE

teachers started sharing their emotional speeches to their former pupil, stating that they would miss them. The ladies night decided to make it a night to remember as they went to an extent of hiring their own photographers to keep their special day in pictures. Teachers gave each of the completing pupils a gift to take home in remembrance of the night.



BEAUTIFUL: Mehluko Mahlindza looks great in her E3 000 dress designed by Kayise.



HAPPY: Lindokuhle Fakudze in his three piece suit that cost E1 500.



THEM LADIES: The ladies smile as they show off their clutch bags and make-up.



FLAWLESS: Esinhle Qwabe wears a long, silky dress priced at E3 000.



HANDSOME: Mayibongwe Mavuso looks good in his E3 000 suit.



ROYAL BLUE : Tebesuthu Nkambule looks stunning in her E3 850 gown.

FEELING MYSELF: Thando Motsa went for a blue tuxedo priced at E2 500 matched with black velvet shoes that cost a good E2 500.



ALL SMILES: Buhlebenkhosi Mamba went for a red dress costing E2 400.



DAPPER: Sihle Khumalo looks dapper in his E3 500 green suit completed with a white shirt.



Celebville

International Celebrity News

'Don't think you can address me like I'm your friend'

JOHANNESBURG - Guys, it is 2019. Why do people still need to be reminded that Emtee is a savage with the clapbacks?

The Pearl Thusi hitmaker has been speaking his mind and giving it back to the haters. So it was no surprise that he told a follower to sit down when they commented on his latest snap. The pic, showing him at the beach, got loads of comments from a fan who commented about his height in the snap. "WTF.



DON'T: Emtee.

You are too short," a follower wrote. Emtee was not about to chill while someone was taking shots at him, and he hit back by telling the follower that he was wearing baggy clothes that made him appear shorter than he actually is.

He also told the follower to put some respect on his name and not speak to him like they were friends. "I'm not short.

I'm just wearing baggy clothes, and don't think you can address me like I'm your friend," Emtee wrote. (Sowetan)

SK Khoza will not be returning to The Queen

JOHANNESBURG - It looks like the petition to bring Shaka Khoza back from 'the dead' will not work because the decision to terminate his contract has already been made!

SK Khoza spoke to Metro FM on Thursday about the uproar from fans who either wanted him back or for his exit to not be the result of death. The petition, directed at Ferguson Films, was a request for the production house to reconsider SK's contract termination.

Overwhelmed by the love from fans, SK said that he will not look into the



NOT RETURNING: SK Khoza.

petition and he does not know who started it but would love to get to know him or her. Everything comes to an end and SK feels he has done his part.

"I mean, Shaka has been on the show for four years. It's such a long time. I am pleased with the fact that I did as much as I could for the character, and in the short space of time in terms of the story-line I'm happy with what I did," said the actor.

The interview also allowed the actor to iron out a few things, one being the real reason he left.

Zalebs

Kevin Hart's first interview post-crash

CALABASAS - Kevin Hart must enjoy living dangerously, 'cause he's already getting into another muscle car similar to the one that nearly killed him seemingly without a safety harness, at that.

The comedian was out at a shopping plaza on Saturday in Calabasas with a friend, where it looks like he was sent out to make a food run. He ran into a pap on the way out walking on his own

two feet, no less, and looking pretty solid and gave the guy a health update.



CRASH: Kevin Hart.

Kevin says he's grateful to be alive, and that he'll be getting back to work slow and steady seems he's in no rush

to get on the grind again, enjoying time with his fam. Then comes a pretty eyebrow raising moment Kevin walks to his car a 1969 Camaro, he tells the photog and gets in the driver's seat and then pulls away like it's nothing. Even more troubling it doesn't clearly look like he pulls a shoulder harness over himself, at least from the angle we're seeing

here which is a straight-on shot through the windshield. (TMZ)

Actor Brian Tarantina dead at 60, rep cites illness

NEW YORK - Brian's rep, Laurie Smith, tells TMZ that she believes the actor died from complications due to a recent illness. Smith says Brian had been very sick for the past few months and was in upstate NY for about a month being treated for a possible heart issue. Smith adds Brian was recently released from the hospital, but

after speaking to him a couple days ago, she says she learned he suffered another setback. Because of this, she



RIP: Actor Brian Tarantina.

believes his death is tied to his ailing health. Brian Tarantina has died, TMZ has learned. Law enforcement sources tell us that the veteran actor was found dead early Saturday morning in his Manhattan apartment from what we're told appeared to be a fatal drug overdose to the officers and first-responders who came out. Our sources say Brian's niece went to check in on him at his Hell's Kitchen

residence at around 12:30 am, and discovered her uncle unresponsive on the couch. (TMZ)

Papa Penny tries his hand with amapiano

JOHANNESBURG - Flamboyant musician and reality TV star Penny

Penny is proving why he's a master at starting over with his new amapiano record. The 10-track album title *Silima Watolovela* was released last Friday and sees the 58-year-old artist's larger-than-life personality reinvented in the new age house



TRIES: Penny Penny.

music. It has nothing to do with their language." (Sowetan)

grinds his gears when he's referred to as the 'Shangaan Disco King'.

"Music is not about language, it's about melody. That's why I hate it when people call me Shangaan Disco King," he cautions. "A king of music is a king of

Busiswa buzzing after getting a shout-out from Berry

JOHANNESBURG - Busiswa was on cloud nine when sis

Halle Berry gave her a young shout-out recently. Halle was deep in her feels listening to Busiswa's collab with Beyoncé and Moonchild, My Power, and showed her appreciation for the track on Instagram Stories. Halle tagged all the major artists on the track and soon Busiswa was getting a notification alerting her to the fact that the actress had mentioned her in a post.



BUZZING: Busiswa.

Sis nearly fell off her chair and rushed to social media to freak TF out.

In a Twitter post she gushed: "Halle Berry mentioned me in a story and I don't know how to act. Like, she knows who I am." Fans celebrated with their queen and

shared memes and messages of excitement at the shout-out. The hitmaker has been coming at us with the bangers and is no doubt one of the most popular musicians in Mzansi. (Times Live)

Chicago had to be photoshopped into Kim

CHICAGO - Kim Kardashian says her daughter had to be edited into a family Halloween photo 'cause the kid was scared of Kanye's costume but only as a dinosaur not a giant mutant bug.

Kim posted a couple of decked-out Halloween pics over the past couple days, and it looks like the Kardashian-West fam went with 'The Flintstones' and worm themes this year. Funny enough, Kim admits little Chicago had to be photoshopped



EDITED: Kim Kardashian with her daughters.

into the former shoot, seeing how she was apparently terrified of dad in the life-size Dino outfit and wouldn't get near it. On the flip side it looks like Chicago was able to pull it together for a way creepier family photo, where everyone dressed up as bugs or as Kim puts it, "West Worms."

If you ask us, Ye looks a lot scarier and more menacing as the fly/gnat/larva whatever the hell that is as opposed to the lovable Flintstones pet. But, hey, to a one-year-old maybe

Dino is the freakier sight. (TMZ)

'John Legend got wine drunk, sang in public'

HOLLYWOOD - Chrissy Teigen says John Legend

got tipsy and then belted out one of his most famous tunes to a theme park crowd, leaving him sounding quite different than his usual self.

The model posted a video Saturday of her hubby on stage at Universal Studios from the night before, saying JL had a bit too much of the vino which put him in a melodic mood. She tweeted, "John got wine drunk



DRUNK: Chrissy Teigen and John Legend.

and sang a song at universal studios last night." Wearing what appeared to be a onesie with his mug stitched on, the singer could be heard attempting to get the lyrics out to his 2013 hit, 'All Of Me.' Key word attempting.

Not to say that John sounded that bad here he still crooned better than any Joe even with a bit of booze in his system. But, he's certainly not as polished as he normally is, especially when he tries to hit that high note on the post-chorus 'All of me' part. (TMZ)

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

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TODAY



HAS AN ANSWER: Duma.

The Ngwenyas are reeling from the unexpected result of the court case. Duma finally has an answer for Qondi and Mandla has an idea for a new way to bring business to his Tavern.

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SAVE HERSELF: Nina.

Evil gives Nina a way to save herself and her baby, but will she take it? Wendy and Simon make a big move. Sibiyi continues his manipulation.

Muvhango

TODAY

Mulalo is faced with a difficult choice when his son's life is hanging by a thread. Kgosi's defiance of KK has an unexpected outcome. Dee goes to extreme lengths to make Tenda jealous.



DEFIANCE: KK.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Mapula takes out her guilt on Banele. Jafta nearly comes to blows with Hawk. Rene is getting more pressure over her marriage to Mark.



UNDER PRESSURE: Rene.

MEME OF THE DAY



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19
Today you might think you look awful and perhaps want to go out and change your whole look. Buy some new clothes and go for a workout. Even though you probably look pretty good, these activities make you feel good and increase your self-confidence. Your self-image is proportionate to your state of mind. You might just feel a bit down now.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18
Today you might feel unloved even though there's no real reason for it. Your relationships should be pretty strong, but your biorhythms are down so you might be lacking in self-confidence. Phone a close friend and get together. Go shopping or to a movie and raise your spirits. By the end of the day you'll feel like your old self again!



Pisces February 19 – March 20
Plans to get together with friends tonight could be delayed by responsibilities. It won't stop you but it will mean getting together a little later. Someone close to you might feel a little down and seek a sympathetic ear. Try to get this person to forget his or her insecurities and see the situation as it is.



Aries March 21 – April 19
You might have to work just a little harder to make money now. This might involve putting in extra time on a task, or it could simply mean that you have to make a few extra trips to the bank. Artistic insights might not be coming as profusely as usual, but this is all right. Relax and let things be, and the ideas will start coming again.



Taurus April 20 – May 20
A delay in receiving acknowledgment of some sort could happen today. This might be disappointing, but don't let it get you down. You'll receive it, just maybe not on time! This isn't a good day to execute any legal contracts or start a vacation. It's a great day to take care of mundane tasks. Get busy!



Gemini May 21 – June 21
Depressing news about the state of the world economy or stock market could have you feeling gloomy and wondering about your financial future. Don't worry. The world economy is in pretty good shape and you should be, too. Equity in property investments could be down, but they should recover shortly. Go with the flow and don't believe everything you read or hear.



Cancer June 22 – July 22
A close friend or romantic partner might not seem communicative today and you might wonder whether this person still cares for you. He or she is experiencing a few difficulties, perhaps involving money, and so isn't particularly good company. Listen if your friend wants to talk, but otherwise just be there. That's what is important anyway.



Leo July 23 – August 22
Do you have a garden or some houseplants that seem a little droopy? Don't worry about whether or not they're all going to die. Revive them! You might feel that some things are more trouble than they're worth. Give yourself space to be gloomy for a while and then perk yourself up. Buy yourself a present.



Virgo August 23 – September 22
Today close friends, a love partner, or children may appear to be in a quiet, melancholy mood. You might wonder if you've done something to cause it, but it probably has very little to do with you, if anything. Responsibilities could be weighing on everyone, including you. The only answer is to pitch in and take care of business. Then treat yourselves afterward!



Libra September 23 – October 23
Home responsibilities may increase markedly today, leaving you feeling like you're the only member of the household getting anything done. You might give in to gloom, but don't dwell on it for too long. You will feel a lot better if you pitch in and take care of whatever needs to be done and then treat yourself by going out to celebrate. Go to a movie, or better yet, a concert.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21
Hurry up and wait is today's phrase. A visit from a close friend, love partner, or colleague might be delayed, perhaps because of something regarding money or possibly the arts. It keeps you trapped waiting, unable to go anywhere. At times like this, it's best to distract yourself. Find something to do that engrosses you and the time will go by more quickly.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21
You've been doing well financially. You want to do better, but you might feel temporarily discouraged. It seems you have to keep working harder to keep up the pace. This is more the result of low biorhythms than any true assessment of your situation. Today you might have to work a little harder, but you'll get the results you want. Tomorrow will then be easier on you.



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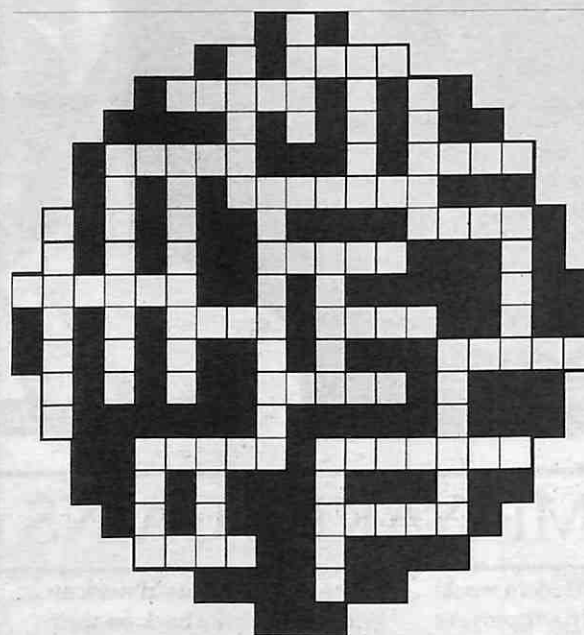


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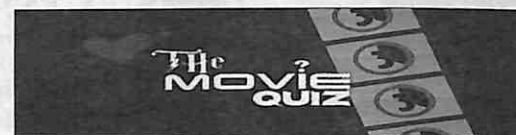
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After a long time, I told my hot coworker how I felt. Turns out she felt the same way. So I turned on the air conditioning.

DID YOU KNOW

- The YKK on your zipper stands for Yoshida Kogyo Kabushikigaisha.
- A blue whale's heart is so big that a small child can swim through its veins.
- The combination of an exclamation point and a question mark is called an 'interrobang.'
- When you yawn and stretch at the time, you are 'pandiculating.'
- The dot over a 'j' or an 'i' is called a 'tittle.'

MOVIE QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Friday's Quiz

- In the cast of recently released Hail Caesar this actress first won critical acclaim in The Horse Whisperer, and then in 2003 in Lost in Translation, with Bill Murray.

Answers:
A. Scarlett Johansson

Today's Quiz

- Who was the youngest Oscar winner of all time?

Answer

A. Haley Joel Osment
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NINE HOME-GROWN SHOWS THAT WILL DANCE TO YOUR TUNE

GET inspired by these shows that show the best of SA — from Lebo Mathosa to fathers reuniting with their estranged children.

Dream: The Lebo Mathosa Story Express on Showmax

She was a natural-born performer who dared to push the boundaries with her stage presence and outfits — she was dubbed the Madonna of the townships.

Lebo Mathosa was one of South Africa's most promising musicians and member of kwaito group Boom Shaka. Bahumi Mhlomo stars as the young Lebo while songstress and 7de Laan actress KB Mtsilanyane will play the adult Lebo.

Wednesday November 6 on BET (129) at 21:30

Abobaba

As a father himself, Sello Maake Ka-Ncube knows the importance of being present in your children's lives. No one, besides a father, can teach boys about manhood, and girls base their relationships with boys from the relationship they've had with their dads. In this compelling reality series, the accom-

plished actor joins fathers as they attempt to reunite with their children.

Saturdays Wethu (163) at 19:30
Liefde Sonder Grense

Rian van Heerden hosts this dating show with a twist... a big twist. Is it necessary to have a relationship with a person of flesh and blood or are there other options?

Some of the guests prefer the company of a dog above having a relationship with a human, and is it really wrong to choose the exact company you want? And what if your companion is robot from China that feels like an actual human being when you spoon with it? Liefde Sonder Grense will have you re-evaluate what you think it means to be in love.

Today on kykNET (144) at 20:00

Ithemba S1

Her search for her sister leads Philiswa to Kingdom of Blessings, the cult-like church led by a mother and son duo. She's horrified to find Zithulele with Nomonde's phone, and her instincts tell her that she needs to infiltrate the cult and become one of them in order to unearth the truth.

Today on Mzansi

Magic (161) at 20:00

Arendsvlei S2

Ruiter is relieved to learn that he has another grandson. The Cupido's are shocked when they find out about David's long-lost son, and Valdonia catches Waanie in bed with another woman. Wesley thinks that he has just lost the love of his life. This drama centres on the lives of a community dealing with murder, dark family secrets, teenage pregnancy, homosexuality and depression.

Tomorrow on kykNET&Kie (145) at 20:00

Yim' Lo S2

Most people find it easier to disclose their secrets to strangers and not to their family members. That's where Dineo Ranaka fits in; her mission is to help those living a double life come clean to their loved ones — expect anyone from those who are students by day and strippers by night.

Tomorrow on Mzansi Magic (161) at 20:00

Ek Soek 'n Rybewys S1

It's probably one of the most nerve-racking things we've all had to do... passing that

driver's licence test. kykNET's new reality show puts hidden cameras inside the cars of learner drivers and yep, they all have one thing in common, nervous as a long-tailed cat. Tomorrow on VIA (147) at 21:00

Boer Soek 'n Vrou

Singer, actress and presenter Leah is the gracious hostess of this dating show that seeks to pair farmers with suitable partners.

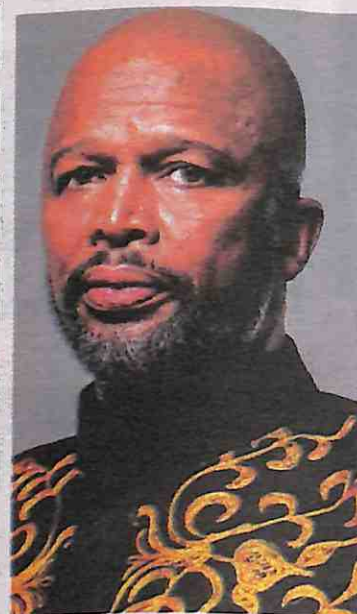
The five farmers go on an outing with the five possible love interests they chose during the speed dates. Three people are chosen by each farmer at the end of the episode to visit him on his farm where he'll have to put his best foot forward to impress.

Thursday November 7 on kykNET (144) at 20:00

Ons Boere, Ons Inspirasie

Stefan and Fransisca Gerber are sheep farmers in the Loeriesfontein area in Northern Cape. Their strong entrepreneurial approach transformed their humble wool farm into a dynamic business that's grown even during the notoriously dry season in the province.

Thursday November 7 on kykNET (144) at 21:00



SATURDAY: Abobaba.



TOMORROW: Yim' Lo S2.



WEDNESDAY: Lebo Mathosa Story.



TODAY: Itthemba S1.



TOMORROW: Ek Soek 'n Rybewys S1.

#FREEMPIYAKHE GAINS MOMENTUM — ISIBAYA

What Mpiyakhe's freedom would mean to his family, employees and rivals.

Everything is set. Blade, Fezile, Kgokong, Sibongile and everybody involved, have all played their part. Mpiyakhe's acquittal is now riding on the master plan. The Zungu drivers were the last to join the #FreeMpiyakhe movement, as they arrived in taxis and staged a mini protest just outside the courtroom premises.

Here's what Mpiyakhe's freedom would mean:

1. The Zungu's: They'd work on getting the family back on their feet

Truth is, the Zungu family has been going through the most with Mpiyakhe in jail. For starters, they lost their main source of livelihood, the taxis. Furthermore, his wife, Phumelele is estranged from the family. His case being acquitted would mean the Zungu's get the head of the family back, and they'd hopefully work together to get the family back to where it was before in all aspects.

2. The Zungu drivers: They say goodbye to their interim boss, Iris

You see, Mpiyakhe's freedom means everything returns to "normal" on the business front and by "normal" we mean all the Zungu taxis would return to Mpiyakhe and Mkabayi and the drivers would no longer have to report to Iris. This would definitely be great news for S'khaleni and the other Zungu drivers, LOL!

3. The Ngwenya family: The war with Mpiyakhe continues

It's no secret, Mpiyakhe has made a lot of enemies over the years. Judas Ngwenya is one of them and he'd like nothing more than see Mpiyakhe rot in jail. With Qaphela caught in the middle of all of this right now, freedom could mean the war between the two families continues. Qaphela has a huge part to play in court with his testimony. Will he testify in Mpiyakhe's favour?

Stay tuned to #Isibaya every Mon-Fri at 20:30 to see how things play out in the court case.



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LUKAKU EQUALS RONALDO GOALSCORING RECORD

MILAN - Two late goals from Romelu Lukaku helped Inter maintain their superb start to the Serie A season with a 2-1 comeback win at Bologna on Saturday, and the Belgian has fired his way into exalted company.

With Inter trailing 15 minutes from time, Lukaku bundled home from a corner before converting a stoppage-time penalty to earn his side a ninth win in 11 league games and take them back to the top of the Serie A table.

The goals were Lukaku's eighth and ninth in the league since his switch from Manchester United, who drew a blank in a 1-0 defeat at Bournemouth earlier in the day.

The former Chelsea and Everton striker is the first player to score nine or more in their first 11 Serie A games for Inter since Brazilian legend Ronaldo in the 1997-98 season. Ronaldo finished that season with 25 goals in the league, and 34 in all competitions.

With Lukaku's penalty won by strike partner Lautaro Martinez, there were plenty of promising signs

for Manager Antonio Conte as his project at San Siro continues to take promising shape. His side showed superb character to come from behind late on after Conte had fielded their youngest starting line-up (25 years and 266 days) in Serie A since August 2015.

They are now also the only club left in Europe's big-five leagues to have a 100 per cent winning record away from home this season, with six wins on their travels

already. With his former side United struggling - most notably away from home - Lukaku will surely be looking back on his summer move with some satisfaction.

He opened his account on the opening day against Lecce, before

scoring against Cagliari and AC Milan.

While he then went through a three-game run without scoring in the league, he now has six in his last four after a double at Sassuolo and more goals against Parma and Brescia, plus his efforts against Bologna. If there is one blot on his copybook so far this season, it is that he is yet to find the net for Inter in two appearances to date in the Champions League.

He will be looking to tick that box on Tuesday as Inter travel to Borussia Dortmund for a potentially vital game in Group F.

Halfway through the group stage, Inter and Dortmund are tied on four points, three behind Barcelona and three ahead of Slavia Prague.

Goal

EQUALS: Romelu Lukaku has equalled Ronaldo's goalscoring record.



Pressure is not having a job - Springbok boss

YOKOHAMA - Springbok coach Rassie Erasmus said on Saturday that a frank discussion about real-life hardship back home had fuelled his side's hunger to capture a third Rugby World Cup.

The Springboks battered England 32-12 in a one-sided final in Yokohama, adding to their 1995 and 2007 titles and becoming the first team to lift the Webb Ellis Cup after losing a pool game.

But Erasmus brushed off talk of South Africa being under pressure after that 23-13 defeat by defending champions New Zealand in their opening fixture, noting that the country still has deep social problems to solve, which are more pressing than rugby.

"We talked about what pressure is," revealed Erasmus, who has turned his team's fortunes around since taking over two years ago.

"In South Africa pressure is not having a job. Pressure is one of your close relatives being murdered," added the 47-year-old, set to step aside as coach and continue in his other role as director of rugby.

"There are a lot of problems in South Africa - which are real pressure.

Rugby shouldn't be something that creates pressure, rugby should be something that creates hope."

AFP

ALVAREZ KNOCKS OUT KOVALEV

LAS VEGAS - Canelo Alvarez landed a left-right late in the 11th round on Saturday night, dropping Sergey Kovalev to the canvas and ending their light heavyweight title fight.

Kovalev was left on his knees, his arms draped over the middle ring rope as the fight was stopped at 2:15 of the round in Las Vegas.

It was a dramatic finish for a fight that had little drama up to the knock-down. Kovalev was more than holding his own late in the fight and hadn't been hurt when Alvarez landed the left followed by a right.

The Mexican great, who moved up two weight classes, won his fourth title in as many weights. He celebrated by kissing the glove on his right hand as Kovalev's handlers jumped into the ring to see if their fighter was OK.

The punch was one Alvarez had

been looking for the entire fight, stalking Kovalev while taking a lot of jabs and right hands to the face.

After winning his eighth career title on the weekend, Alvarez said: "I provide history and guarantees.

"The plan overall was to be patient. I'm good at waiting. All credit to him. He's a great fighter. We have to see for 2020. We have to see what's best for us.

"(Gennady) Golovkin is not a challenge for me. If it's business, than why not?" Both fighters fought cautiously for the most part, with Kovalev content to use his jab from long distance and Alvarez looking to land hooks to the body.

The crowd at the MGM Grand booed on several occasions, unhappy with the lack of action. Alvarez was a 4-1 favourite despite moving up two weight classes to fight for a piece of Kovalev's 175-pound



TKO: Canelo Alvarez knocked out Sergey Kovalev in 11th round in the light heavyweight title bout.

title. He took the fight against Kovalev rather than a third fight with Golovkin as part of a \$365 million (£282m)

deal he signed with the streaming service DAZN.

Daily Mail

MESSI ALONE CANNOT SAVE BARCELONA

BARCELONA - Barcelona have occasionally been accused of Messidependencia over the years - reliance on their captain and talisman Lionel Messi - but it now seems truer than ever.

Ernesto Valverde's side, in the coach's third year in charge, are reliant on the Argentine and appear to have little else up their sleeve.

That was explicitly clear in their 3-1 defeat at Levante on Saturday in La Liga, ending a streak of seven consecutive victories.

Real Madrid would have the chance to overtake the champions later in the day at Real Betis, after Barcelona's collapse in Valencia. Messi was the only man in yellow holding his own for the visitors, as Barcelona looked to build on their emphatic 5-1 triumph over Real Valladolid in midweek.

Goals

The Argentine No. 10 scored two goals and set up two more in that game, in a magnificent individual display.

Only another performance of that magnitude would have been enough for Barcelona to take anything against Levante, after a dire display.

It took Barcelona 31 minutes to create their first real opportunity, with Messi slipping in Antoine Griezmann who saw his shot saved.

The French forward was forced to take it on his weaker right foot and could not beat Aitor Fernandez with a low effort.

Griezmann seemed to spend more time in his own half than in the opposition's territory, working extremely hard but not providing the danger his high-profile arrival promised.

At Atletico Madrid the Frenchman was notable for his impressive work-rate under Diego Simeone, but also his attacking prowess.

Barcelona spent €120 million on the forward to add spark to their frontline but Griezmann has twice as many bookings as he has goals.

Goal

Wasteful Real Madrid squander chance to surpass Barcelona

MADRID - Real Madrid have grown so used to extreme highs and lows over the past few seasons so the mixed feelings that remained after a goalless draw with Real Betis on Saturday were a strange sensation.

On one hand it was a wasted opportunity, with Zinedine Zidane's side blowing numerous chances and failing to capitalise on Barcelona's slip up earlier in the day to take the lead at the top of La Liga.

Seeing Karim Benzema, Eden Hazard, Sergio Ramos and co. fail to convert myriad opportunities against the leakiest defence in the

division - 21 goals conceded from the first 11 games before this - was painful. And this was the first time in either of Zidane's reigns that Madrid have drawn 0-0 at home.

Yet the performance itself, so dominant, was another step in the right direction for a side which has looked out of shape for most of the time since Zidane left in 2018 after delivering a third consecutive Champions League title.

Real Madrid did find the net, in the first half, with Hazard scoring a very Hazard-like goal, which was ruled out for offside.

The former Chelsea winger received the ball on the left, drove



WASTEFUL: Real Madrid squandered chances to surpass Barcelona against shaky Betis.

into the box and fired home, but his celebrations were cut short by

VAR showing he began the run in an offside position. **Goal**



'Sometimes Mane dives!'

LONDON - Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola sought to ramp up the tension ahead of a potentially decisive Premier League clash next weekend by calling out Liverpool star Sadio Mane for diving.

Both City and Liverpool ground out narrow victories on Saturday to stay clear of the chasing pack in second and first place respectively.

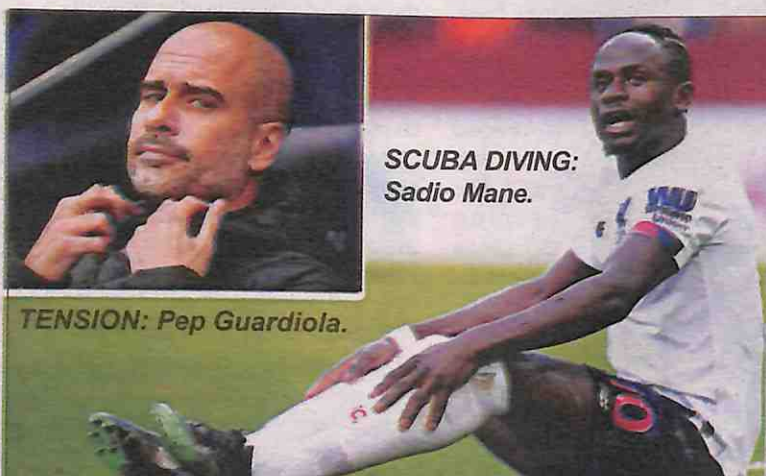
Pep's men came back from behind to see off Southampton, but their 2-1 victory was positively comfortable compared to events at Villa Park.

Liverpool trailed until the 87th minute to Aston Villa before goals from Neil Robertson and Mane salvaged victory in the dying seconds.

November 10 sees City travel to Anfield, and it is the Senegal international to whom Pep is apparently paying special attention.

"Sometimes (Mane) is diving, sometimes he has this talent to score incredible goals in the last minute. He's a talent," the ex-Barca and Bayern Munich coach told Sky Sports.

"Another close Liverpool win? If it's one time, two times, 'we were lucky, we were lucky', but it happened in the last two seasons many, many times - they have a special character to do that."



"We look at ourselves, we know which team we face, I think they have won 10 and drawn one... Next week we go to Anfield to try to play them."

Turning back to his own team, Pep insisted that the match was more comfortable than the rather tight scoreline suggested.

"We played incredible from the first minute until the end. We created an incredible amount of chances. We were pressured but we did it," he added.

"We kept our cool and we were patient. We know we will always get chances, it was important that we stayed calm ahead."

"I told them at half-time to keep going for it, to keep attacking. It is the only way."

There was no space, it was almost impossible but we did it and that is why I am delighted."

Both City, who currently trail their rivals by six points in the title race, and the Reds will be back in action midweek prior to their Anfield showdown.

Liverpool's Champions League defence continues in Group E at home to Genk, while Pep's charges seek to continue their 100 per cent record in Group C away to Atalanta in Bergamo.

Goal

Why Arsenal must consider sacking Emery now

LONDON - The pressure is building on Unai Emery after yet another disappointing Arsenal result.

The Gunners saw a lead slip once again on Saturday as Wolves came from behind to earn a deserved 1-1 draw at the Emirates Stadium to complete a miserable week for the north London club.

Arsenal could end the weekend as many as six points adrift of the top four and serious questions are being asked about whether Emery is the right man to take the club forward.

The Spaniard battled away questions over his future in the immediate aftermath of the draw with Wolves, but the hashtag #EmeryOut was trending on Twitter well into the night.

Frustration levels are high at the Emirates,

as we saw with the ugly Granit Xhaka affair, and the boos that greeted the final whistle on Saturday were another clear example of the unrest that exists in north London. Time is beginning to run out for Emery. After 18 months there has been little sign of improvement and those in power must

be beginning to wonder whether the 47-year-old can turn things round.

No-one wants to see people sacked and Manchester United have shown in recent years

that chopping and changing coaches does

not necessarily work as it can leave an unbalanced and

fractured squad. But sometimes

difficult decisions need to be made and below are

seven reasons why Arsenal must give

serious consideration to making a change now.

GOAL



PRESSURE: Unai Emery.

Jose 'dines with Sanllehi' amid increasing scrutiny

LONDON - Arsenal's head of football Raul Sanllehi reportedly dined with Jose Mourinho last week as concerns over Unai Emery's future continue.

Emery's side yet again let a lead slip in the Premier League on Saturday afternoon, being held to a 1-1 draw at home to Wolves to leave them in fifth place with just 17 points from 11 matches.

Emery, who took over from legendary Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger, has come under intense scrutiny after missing out on Champions League football last season and overseeing a poor run of form so far this term.

And according to the Times, former Chelsea and Manchester United boss Mourinho recently dined with Sanllehi, who was left impressed by the Portuguese's plans for the squad.

The Gunners hierarchy have become concerned by fractures that have formed between Emery and senior members of the squad, with the club beginning to prepare for a change of management.

The north London outfit are

on the search for a manager with a strong knowledge of the Premier League, who can stamp his authority and bring a clear identity to the team.

They also want a manager who will have no language barriers with his playing squad, which is proving to be a stumbling block for Emery at the moment.

The report also claims that Emery has only just 'one or two games of credit' remaining at the Emirates with the next international break looming.

Mourinho was recently at Arsenal's Europa League 3-2 victory against Vitoria, reportedly sitting alongside Sanllehi in the stands.

The 56-year-old is interested in returning to the Premier League and according to the Sun, he wants to become the first manager to win major trophies at three English clubs.

Mourinho won the Europa League and the League Cup with Manchester United, as well as seven major trophies with Arsenal's London rivals Chelsea.

Daily Mail

Mane insists he is still far away from Messi, Ronaldo

LONDON - Sadio Mane admits he is still way behind the 'monsters' that are Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo.

The Liverpool forward has been nominated on the 30-man 2019 Ballon d'Or shortlist alongside the Barcelona and Juventus attackers, but feels he is still far away from becoming as good as the pair.

Apart from Real Madrid's Luka Modric claiming the award in 2018, it has been

either Messi or Ronaldo that has won the prestigious honour since 2008.

The duo have each won the prize five times, and Mane believes that he is still some way away from achieving their level of success.

Far

"These players Messi and Ronaldo are monsters."

I think that I am still far away from them," Mane told L'Equipe du Soir.

"As I have said, I am going to do

everything I can to come a little closer to them."

The Liverpool winger has been heaped with praise for his performances this season, and also received Lionel Messi's top vote in The Best FIFA Player of the Year earlier this year.

The Argentine went on to win the award, but Mane has now turned his attentions to his 'dream' nomination for the upcoming Ballon d'Or.

Goal

Reds show mark of champions with heroic comeback win

LONDON - On such days are titles won.

The clock showed 87 minutes, and Liverpool were in trouble. They were 1-0 down at Aston Villa, and had just heard the news from the Etihad Stadium. Manchester City had come from behind to lead Southampton 2-1. The Reds' advantage was about to be cut to just three points, with City able to go top by winning at Anfield next weekend.

It hadn't been Liverpool's day. They trailed to Trezeguet's first-half strike and, despite laying siege to the Villa goal in the second period, had been unable to muster anything in reply.

Sadio Mane, frustrated and booked but never hiding, collected the ball coming in from the right. He clipped a diagonal ball to the far post, where Andy Robertson was arriving to head home. The Scot's second league goal for the club could not have been bet-



ter timed.

Instinctively, Liverpool's players grabbed the ball from the net and returned to the halfway line. They couldn't, could they?

In the third minute of stoppage time, the Villa wall deflected a Trent Alexander-Arnold free-kick behind for a corner. The home fans breathed. They'd survived. **Goal**

South African SOCCER



DEFENDED: Clinton Larsen.

Larsen defends truth-talking coaches

DURBAN - Clinton Larsen has defended the right to freedom of speech of his fellow coaches who have been charged by the Premier Soccer League for their comments about referees.

Five coaches have received letters from the PSL prosecutor to explain their comments about match officials following a spate of poor decisions in recent matches.

Pitso Mosimane, Benni McCarthy, Zlatko Krmpotic, Steve Komphela and Owen Da Gama have all been left frustrated by the standard of officiating and have had their say on the matter.

"Ja, that's the rules you know, they state that coaches are not allowed to bring the game into disrepute. So the rules are there to protect the image of the League," Larsen tells Kick-Off.com.

"But in saying so, you know I think we should also have freedom of speech. We should be able to say what we feel and what we see."

Larsen believes the PSL can easily afford the use of technology such as Video Assistant Referee (VAR) and goal-line technology. Due to the recent incidents where poor officiating has been the order of the day, it is clear the League is facing refereeing crisis.

Kick-Off

Pitso, Sirino facing more than one charge?

PRETORIA - Mamelodi Sundowns' legal and commercial Manager, Yogesh Singh has responded to the latest notice he's received from the Premier Soccer League's prosecutor, Nande Becker.

Pitso Mosimane received a letter last week from the PSL regarding comments attributed to him on match officials, while Gaston Sirino is currently being investigated for assault after an incident during Sundowns' clash against SuperSport United.

"Yes, I can confirm that I received an email on Friday night from Nande Becker. This notice deals with alleged statements made by our Head Coach, Pitso Mosimane after the Chiefs match and we are



MORE: Gaston Sirino and Pitso Mosimane.

required to respond in Five days to confirm or deny whether this statement was made or not," Singh said on Sundowns' official website. "We are being hit left, right

and centre...so this brings to three the number of potential charges our Coach could be facing. But you never know because it seems that every time Pitso speaks there

is a charge sheet in my Inbox. And then there are two assault charges against Gaston Sirino."

"As Mamelodi Sundowns we do not ask that we be treated differently from other clubs but we do insist that we be treated fairly. I made a statement last week that fining coaches, clubs and club owners all over the show does nothing to address the real issue... which is that we need to deal with the poor standard of match officiating and look at ways to fix this. Sundowns and all the other clubs in the league want the same thing... fairness and consistency and we should work with the PSL and SAFA to find a solution to this as soon as we can," he added.

Soccer Laduma

Who is benefiting? - Middendorp

JOHANNESBURG - With the spotlight on match officials again during the Soweto Derby between Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates on Saturday afternoon, it was only natural that the coaches would be asked for their opinion of referee, Jelly Chavani.

The game went into penalties after a 2-2 stalemate in the fight for a semifinal spot in the Telkom Knockout, and Amakhosi were 6-4 winners in the end.

But there were still talk of how Chavani had handled the match, which also produced a red card when Pirates right back Mthokozisi Dube received his marching orders five min-

utes into the second half at Moses Mabhida Stadium.

"I was hoping nobody would ask this question - I don't agree with this statement about benefitting," said Chiefs coach Ernst Middendorp to reporters after the match.

"Who is benefitting? Pirates? Sundowns? Highlands Park? Black Leopards? Here and there, other teams? Probably here and there Chiefs? Benefitting, it happens, it is normal.

Did you see the goal for Bloemfontein Celtic against SuperSport? Have you seen the tackles from Pirates against Highlands Park? They do their best and we must not over-think it or highlight it."

Last week the PSL wrote letters to four coaches - Pitso Mosimane, Owen da Gama, Steve Komphela and Benni McCarthy - to explain their recent comments regarding match officials after they felt decisions had gone against them.

Mosimane had also argued that Chiefs "benefit" the most from the errors.

"I repeat, the only solution is that professional match officials have to come in, meaning that everybody is prepared and have targets.

They come in to do their best and have the next job to focus on. We must all be professional," said Middendorp.

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EXPLAINED: Jomo Cosmos.

I'm forced to sell my best

JOHANNESBURG - GladAfrica Championship side Jomo Cosmos owner Jomo Sono has explained how he is sometimes forced to part ways with some of his top players right in the middle of the season.

Ezenkosi are currently are third from the bottom in the second tier standings with only one win from eight games played, while only one point separates themselves with 16th - placed Royal Eagles.

To avoid losing players for free, over the years Jomo has been forced to sell top talent like Thabang Monare, Mxolisi Macuphu, Linda Mntambo, King Ndlovu and Cyril Chibwe to the top tier teams, something that has made it difficult for the club to win back its Absa Premiership status.

"We never sold the players to Chippa. If we were selling the players to Chippa I could sell now, I've got better players than those who went to Chippa now.

The reason is that there's a contract rule in football.

When the contract is about to expire six months, if you don't sell that player, he's gonna go for free so you have to choose whether you are a freedom company, or you become a businessman. If you keep him in January, in May he is free and there are Agents you must understand they need commissions.

Chiefs striker, Pirates duo in strong Zambia squad

JOHANNESBURG - A Kaizer Chiefs striker and Orlando Pirates duo of forwards have been named in strong Zambia squad for the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers.

In preparing for the upcoming two matches against Algeria and Zimbabwe respectively, Zambia coach Aggrey Chiyangi has included Chiefs' Lazarous Kambole and the Pirates duo of Augustine Mulenga and Justin Shonga in his 21-man squad.

Upcoming

The other Mzansi-based players in the squad are Mwenya Chibwe and Salulani Phiri (Polokwane City), as well as Donashano Malama and Mwape Musonda (Black Leopards).

The upcoming matches for



Zambia will be played on 14 and 19 November respectively.

Zambia's full squad, as confirmed by the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ):

Goalkeepers: Sebastian Mwange (Green Eagles), Mwenya Chibwe (Polokwane City-RSA), Toaster Nsabata (Zanaco)

Defenders: Lawrence Chungu

(Zanaco), Stophila Sunzu (FC Metz), Clement Mwape (Zesco United), Tandi Mwape, Kabaso Chongo (both TP Mazembe), Isaac Shumujompa (Buildcon)

Midfielders: Rally Bwalya (Power Dynamos), Nathan Sinkala (TP Mazembe), Kelvin Kampamba (Nkana), Salulani Phiri ([Polokwane City), Donashano Malama (Black Leopards), Augustine Mulenga (Orlando Pirates-RSA), Clatous Chama (Simba Sports-Tanzania), Bruce Musakanya (Red Arrows)

Strikers: Evans Kangwa (Arsenal Tula-Russia), Mwape Musonda (Black Leopards-RSA), Lazarous Kambole (Kaizer Chiefs-RSA), Justin Shonga (Orlando Pirates-RSA)

Soccer Laduma

I'M NOT THINKING OF RESIGNING-BARCELONA BOSS

BARCELONA - Ernesto Valverde insists he is not considering resigning amid Barcelona's disappointing form, with their latest defeat coming at Levante on Saturday.

Levante roared back from Lionel Messi's opening goal to shock the Catalan giants in La Liga. Barcelona still sit top of the league and Valverde isn't worried about his future.

"Of course I'm not thinking about resigning, it's just a defeat," Valverde confirmed in his post-match press conference.

"The players have responded and we have to continue [working]. We have lost a match and that's it, we always react and this time won't be any different."

Valverde's side appeared to be in charge after Messi converted a spot kick in the 38th minute after Nelson Semedo was tripped by Jorge Miramon in the box. But Barcelona lost striker Luis Suarez to a right leg injury before half-time and started the second half sluggishly. They conceded three times in eight minutes.

Barcelona have a postponed game in hand against Madrid that has been moved to December 18. *Daily Mail*



NOT AT ALL: Barcelona boss Ernesto Valverde dismisses fears of the sack after the shock 3-1 La Liga defeat by Levante.

Springboks collect 3 World Rugby awards to cap stellar year

TOKYO - A stellar year for the Springboks was triumphantly crowned last night when the team collected the three top awards in the World Rugby Awards at a glittering event in Tokyo.

Rassie Erasmus was named as Coach of the Year, the Springboks were named Team of the Year and Pieter-Steph du Toit was named as World Player of the Year. The awards were rich reward for a year in which the Springboks completed the unprecedented double of winning both the

Other award winners:

Word Rugby Referee of the Year:

Wayne Barnes (England)

Breakthrough Player of the Year:

Romain Ntamack (France)

Women's Sevens Player of the Year:

Ruby Tui (New Zealand)

Men's Sevens Player of the Year:

Jerry Tui (Fiji)

Rugby World Cup and the Rugby Championship in the same season.

The team finished the year at No 1 in the world rankings, for the first

time since 2009. The Springboks won 10 out of 12 tests, scoring 424 points and 52 tries and conceding only 138 points and 10 tries – only four of them in seven matches at the Rugby World Cup. Statistically, it was the most successful Springbok season since 1998 when the team was in the middle of a 17-match winning streak. It was the first time South Africa had won any of the top three awards since 2009. The titles came a little over 24 hours after the team had collected the

Rugby World Cup for the first time since 2007, with a 32-12 win over England at the International Stadium Yokohama in Japan. The Springboks were chosen in preference to fellow Rugby World Cup semi-finalists England, Wales and New Zealand and Japan. The Coach of the Year nominees along with Erasmus were Eddie Jones (England), Warren Gatland (Wales), Steve Hansen (New Zealand) and Jamie Joseph (Japan).

Sport24

PIETER-STEPH WORLD RUGBY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

TOKYO - South Africa flanker Pieter-Steph du Toit was named World Rugby Player of the Year yesterday, in a clean sweep of the main awards for the Rugby World Cup-winning Springboks.

Rassie Erasmus won coach of the year and South Africa also took the team award at a glittering ceremony in Tokyo, a day after they lifted the Webb Ellis Cup for the third time.

The 27-year-old, who plays his club rugby for Western Province, was instrumental in South Africa's World Cup campaign, especially effective at the breakdown and winning the battle against England's famed kamikaze boys back row in the final.

"It's a massive honour for me to accept this award," said Du Toit.

"I think when we come back (to South Africa), it's going to be an unbelievable experience... We can't wait to get home.

We miss our country so much,"



CLEAN SWEEP: Pieter-Steph du Toit got the Player of the year in World Rugby awards.

added the Springbok.

Du Toit beat off competition including his team-mate wing Cheslin Kolbe, as well as All Black Ardie Savea and England's young star Tom Curry.

The World Rugby panel picked

South Africa as team of the year and Erasmus as coach of the year after the Springboks won the World Cup and also secured the Rugby Championship for the first time since 2009.

Erasmus took over as director of

rugby at the end of 2017 and shortly afterwards doubled his responsibilities by becoming head coach following the sacking of Allister Coetzee after a miserable run of 12 losses from 25 games over two seasons. *AFP*

Real Madrid to offload outcasts in January

MADRID - Real Madrid are reportedly hoping to offload outcasts Mariano and Brahim Diaz in January.

Both players have largely struggled for game time under Zinedine Zidane this season, and are unlikely to feature in the Frenchman's plans beyond the winter transfer window.

Mariano has failed to feature in a single minute of football this term, and Brahim has dropped down the pecking order after the emergence of wonderkid Rodrygo. And Marca believe that the duo have been told their futures lie away

from the Bernabeu ahead of the potential arrival of reinforcements.

But the club's top brass also believe that Brahim would be better suited to a loan move to gain increased minutes and confidence, although the former Manchester City youngster had snubbed a spell away in the summer to battle for a first-team spot. After making just 12 appearances since joining from the Premier League champions, Brahim has been handed just nine minutes of senior football in the current campaign.

There now appears to be an agreement

between both parties that a short-term switch will boost his hopes of establishing himself as a regular at the La Liga giants.

His teammate, who has largely failed to make an impact since his return to Madrid from Lyon in 2018, could be shipped out permanently.

The Andalusian was purportedly the subject of a concrete proposal from AC Milan, but has so far insisted on remaining at the club despite his lack of match action.

Daily Mail

ADI HUTTER'S MEN THRASH GERMAN CHAMPIONS

FRANKFURT - Frankfurt have swept aside 10-man Bayern Munich as Adi Hutter's men put five past the reigning Bundesliga champions at the Commerzbank-Arena on Saturday.

The visitors received their first red card of the season and were reduced to 10 men after just nine minutes when Jerome Boateng brought down Goncalo Paciencia as the last man.

Originally booked for the challenge which happened outside the box, referee Markus Schmidt went to the side of the pitch to review the decision before changing his mind to send off the central defender. Frankfurt took advantage of the extra man when Filip Kostic was in the right place at the right time to tuck home a deflected shot to make it 1-0 to the hosts.

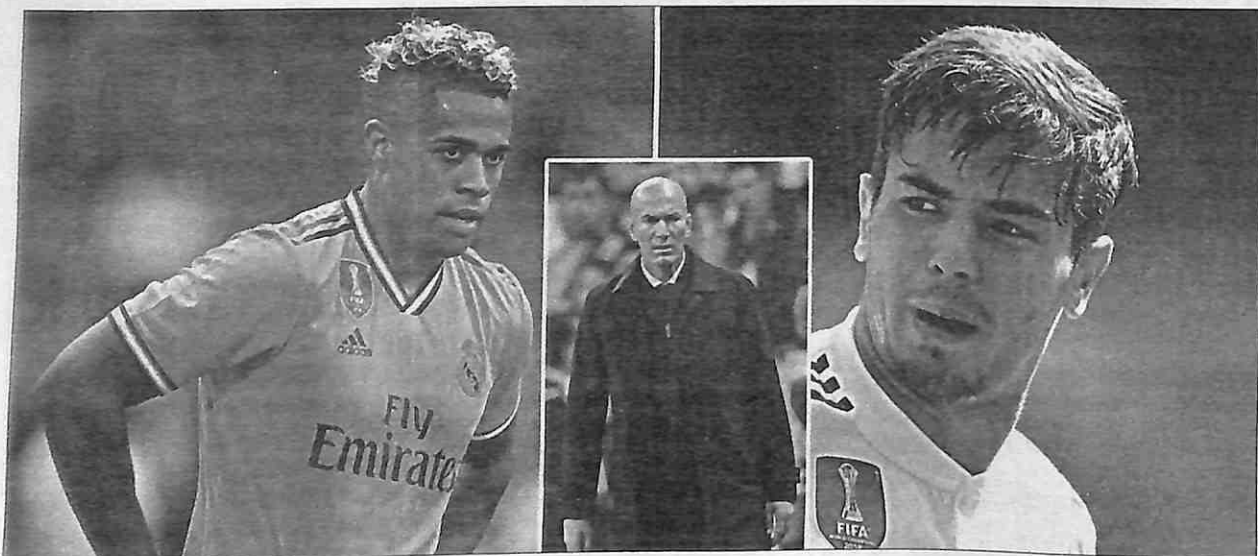
The lead was the doubled eight minutes later when Djibril Sow finished off a well-worked Frankfurt move, leaving Bayern dazed and on the ropes. However, it was Robert Lewandowski who came out punching as the Polish striker muscled his way past two

defenders before finishing under Frederik Ronnow, continuing his brilliant form in front of goal.

Lewandowski has scored in every game across all competitions so far this season meaning his strike on Saturday was his 14th goal in 10 Bundesliga matches. David Abraham then restored their two-goal lead minutes after the restart when Danny da Costa curled a delightful cross to the back post for his team-mate to score.

After scoring the goal, Abraham was on hand to deny Lewandowski his second of the game just minutes later when he made a vital block down the other end. Lewandowski was denied by Abraham again in front of goal with the prolific Polish striker not able to tap in his second.

Straight down the other end, Frankfurt got their fourth when Martin Hinteregger headed home a corner, notching his second goal in as many weeks. Manuel Neuer then denied Kostic with a fine save as Frankfurt look for a fifth against the 10 men of Bayern with half an hour left on the clock. *Daily Mail*



OFFLOAD: Real Madrid are hoping to offload Mariano and Brahim Diaz in January.

'Downs overcome spirited Chippa to advance in TKO

PORT ELIZABETH - Mamelodi Sundowns became the final side to book their spot in the Telkom Knockout semi-finals after defeating Chippa United on penalties.

The Brazilians made three changes from their loss to Kaizer Chiefs, with goalkeeper Denis Onyango returning from compassionate leave, while Mauricio Affonso got his first start in domestic competitions. Meanwhile, Chippa made four changes, with Nigerian forward Chidi Kwem and William Twala among the alterations.

The Chilli Boys had a bright start after getting the opener in the 13th minute thanks to a composed finish by Kwem inside the box, after Tercious Malepe sent him clear on goal with a defence-splitting pass.

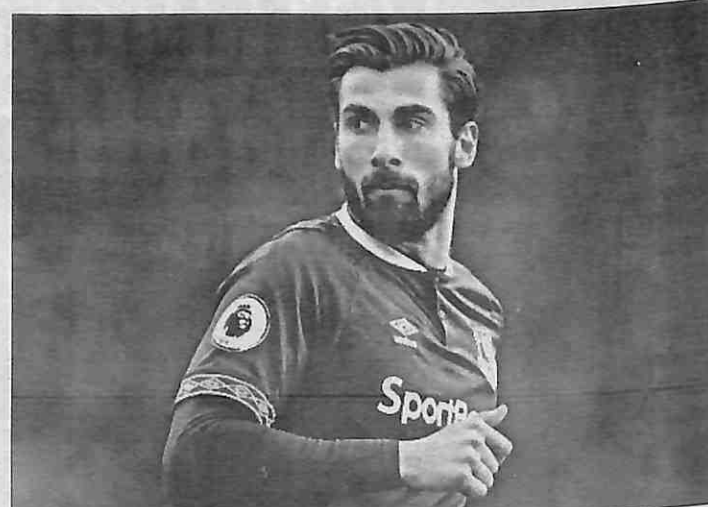
While Sundowns struggled to make an impact at the other end, Norman Mapeza's troops almost doubled their lead with 10 minutes remaining of the first stanza after Kwem went clear on goal on the left side of the box but his low curling shot was saved by Onyango. Sundowns showed a little



class in the latter stages of the half, but were unable to profit as Affonso guided his header over the bar with an open net at his mercy, while Gaston Sirino hit the post with a deflected shot. Pitso Mosimane made a key change just after the break that paid off, as Jose Ali Meza's replacement Phakamani Mahlambi won a penalty for the Brazilians five minutes

inside the second stanza after being kicked inside the box and Sirino made no mistake from the spot-kick to make it 1-1. However, the Chilli Boys restored their lead two minutes before the hour-mark after Silas Maziya's attempted volleyed cross on the left channel looped over Onyango and dipped at the far post, 2-1.

Kick-Off



INJURED: Andre Gomes.

Everton deny struggling Spurs victory

LONDON - Andre Gomes' horror injury - for which tearful Son Heung-min was sent off - overshadowed Cenk Tosun bagging Everton a point deep into 12 minutes of stoppage time.

Dele Alli had neatly drilled Spurs ahead while referee Martin Atkinson was controversially backed by VAR in declining two Everton penalties and one for Tottenham, before Tosun powered a headed equaliser on 98 minutes.

But all that was eclipsed by the Toffees' Portuguese midfielder Gomes being carried off with a suspected broken leg following a lengthy delay at 1-0 down.

Gomes tumbled at pace after a late challenge from Son and seemed to twist his foot horribly as he collided with Spurs right-back Serge

Aurier. Son and many other players held their heads in their hands after looking at Gomes' pain and his contorted leg. Atkinson had his yellow card by his side but after the severity of Gomes' plight became clear he changed it to what looked like a harsh red for an emotional Son.

It was Everton who settled the quicker after the hold-up, Tosun finally bulleting the ball home from Lucas Digne's lofted cross.

But even after that VAR intervened in what had been a poor contest, passing wise and for lack of chances. Davinson Sanchez was caught dozing as Richarlison went through and Everton claimed the big striker was impeded when goal-bound. Atkinson, though, ruled no foul - and again replays backed him up. **Daily Mail**

Djokovic sends warning to rivals with Paris Masters title

PARIS - World number one Novak Djokovic saw off Canadian Denis Shapovalov 6-3, 6-4 to win his fifth Paris Masters title yesterday in a warning to his rivals, ahead of the ATP Finals.

The Serbian faced only one break point in another impressive display to claim a 34th career Masters title against world number 28 Shapovalov, who was playing his first final at that level. "I served very well, there were not many rallies in the match. A break in each set was enough, it was the best serving performance in this tournament," said Djokovic, who did not drop a set this week. "It was his first Masters final so in a way experience prevailed." Djokovic, who will be supplanted by Rafael Nadal at top of the ATP rankings today, made a fine start, stealing Shapovalov's first service game as he opened a 3-0 lead. The Serb was never threatened in the opening set, dropping only four points on serve as Shapovalov looked tight having not played on Saturday following Rafael Nadal's withdrawal. Shapovalov faced a break point in the first game of the second set, saving it with a powerful first serve but a forehand error on Djokovic's second opportunity gave his opponent a decisive 4-3 lead.

Reuters



WINS: Novak Djokovic.



Leicester back in third after win at Palace

LONDON - Leicester moved up to third in the Premier League as the Foxes' fine form continued with a hard-fought 2-0 win at Crystal Palace, thanks to second half goals from Caglar Soyuncu and Jamie Vardy.

Brendan Rodgers' men smashed Southampton 9-0 last Friday, but were made to work much harder for all three points by a resilient Palace.

Soyuncu's stooping header from James Maddison's corner just before the hour

mark made the breakthrough and Vardy's hot streak continued when he finished off an excellent team move two minutes from time. Leicester edge ahead of Chelsea on goal difference and six points clear of fifth-placed Arsenal, who they host next weekend, in the battle for a top four finish.

Vardy had the best opportunity of an uninspired first half when a wonderful Maddison pass freed the former England international in behind, but he could not force the ball beyond Vicente Guaita from a narrow angle.

Set-pieces seemed the most likely

source of a goal for either side early on and Jonny Evans headed the first warning shot from the visitors looping just over moments later.

Vardy was then inches away from latching onto a brilliant defence-splitting pass from Youri Tielemans, but it was the hosts who threatened first after the break. Cheikhou Kouyate's cross picked out Jordan Ayew, but the Ghanaian could not make contact as the ball flashed across goal. At the other end, Evans threatened again when he met a Maddison corner with a towering header that Guaita turned over the bar. **AFP**



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THE BUCK STOPS HERE: Royal Leopard winger Muzi 'Mzoro' Dlamini evading a tackle from Denver Sundowns midfielder Phinda Ginindza during the two teams' MTN Premier League clash yesterday at Mavuso Sports Centre. The match ended in a 1-1 draw. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



FOLLOW THE LEADER: Sibonelo Dlamini drives forward with the ball while pursued by Sifiso Matse.



ASAMBE: Leopard winger Bonginkhosi Dlamini negotiating his way past Sundowns defender Sibonelo Dlamini.



BALL CONTROL: Linda Maphalala controls the ball in front of Sifiso Matse.



GOAL: Leopard winger Sifiso Matse reacting after giving his side the lead.



U-TURN: Denver Sundowns player Enzo Motsa negotiating his way past Leopard's Muzi Dlamini.



GIVE WAY: Leopard's Fanelo Tsabedze dashes away from Sundowns Linda Maphalala.



SOLDIER ON: Sundowns players regrouping after conceding a goal.

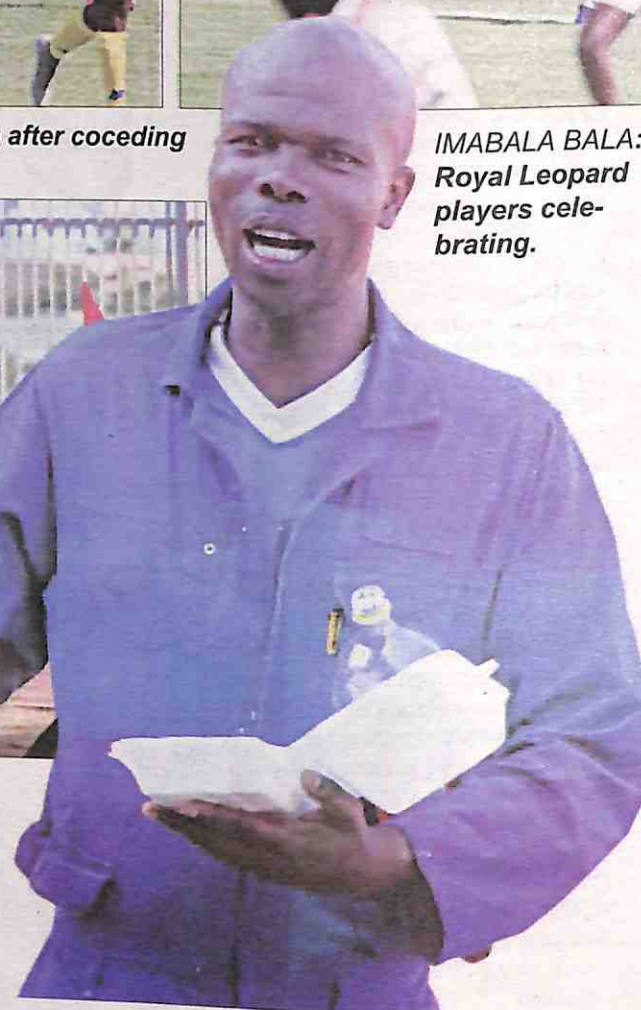


IMABALA BALA: Royal Leopard players celebrating.



CELEBRATIONS: Sundowns players celebrating their equalising goal.

SUPER FAN: Royal Leopard supporter Madlakadlaka Dladla cheering his side.





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MY BALL: Tambuti FC's Wandile Dlamini wins the ball from Young Buffaloes' Ali Matse during the MTN Premier League match at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. The match ended in a 3-all draw. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



CLEAR: Sandile Gamedze takes a shot while Machawe Khumalo closes in.



NET: Young Buffaloes' first goal.



SECOND GOAL: Buffaloes goalkeeper Nhlanhla Gwebu well-beaten by Tambuti's Reagan Kungumbu from a free kick.



TUSSLE: Melusi Gulwako and Sihlangu Mkhwanazi in a tussle for the ball.



JOB WELL DONE: Tambuti players celebrating one of their three goals.



NOT TODAY: Fanelo Mamba being marked by Siboniso Khumalo.



AYATJEKULA: Buffaloes supporters celebrate in style.



SHOW-DOWN: Young Buffaloes supporters in a clash.



HAPPY MAN: Tambuti coach Terisayi Changara celebrates after the referee blew the final whistle.



● Manchester United are ready to hijack Liverpool's bid to sign Leipzig's Germany striker Timo Werner, 23. (Mirror)

● Tottenham are considering a January move for £35m-rated Ajax goalkeeper Andre Onana, the 24-year-old Cameroon international. (Sun)

● Leicester are bidding to become the first Premier League club to make a move for Metz and Senegal striker Habibou Diallo, but Newcastle are also interested in the 24-year-old (Express)

● Bayern Munich are still keen on signing Manchester City winger Leroy Sane but will only offer 80m euros (£69m) for the 23-year-old Germany international. (Calciomercato)

● Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, 38, currently playing in the MLS for LA Galaxy but linked with a return to Manchester United, is likely to return to another of his former clubs, AC Milan. (Marca)

● AC Milan are expected to end their interest in Gremio's Brazil forward Everton Soares, 23, who has also been linked with Tottenham. (Calciomercato)

● West Ham are preparing to sell Colombian midfielder Carlos Sanchez, 33, for around £3.5m in January. (Football Insider)

● Ole Gunnar Solskjaer says Manchester United must look to within for goalscoring solutions following another scoreless defeat at Bournemouth. (Manchester Evening News)

● Barcelona and Manchester City are set to compete for the signing of Uruguay and Juventus midfielder Rodrigo Bentancur, 22. (Star)

● Arsenal boss Unai Emery brushed off questions about his future following his team's draw at home to Wolves. (Express)

● Newcastle scouts were at Elland Road on Saturday to watch QPR's Republic of Ireland midfielder Ryan Manning, 23. (Football Insider)

● Wolves are preparing a £10m January bid for Preston defender Ben Davies, 24. (Express)

● Barcelona will allow Spanish midfielder Carles Alena, 21, thought to be a target for Tottenham, to leave the club on loan in January. (Mundo Deportivo, via Mail)

SCAVENGERS THRASH PACERS IN MTN BASKETBALL LEAGUE

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

BASKETBALL – Scavengers were too strong for Pacers after thrashing the Luyengo based side 69-49 during an MTN Eswatini Basketball League match played at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

The two sides took the court in the Men's Promotional League affair, where Scavengers ran riot over the opposition throughout the match.

Scavengers displayed an upper hand on fast breaks which were orchestrated by Ross Marowa, who was all over the opposition alongside Tsepo Mohale.

Scored

Pacers did try to force their way back into the match through their captain Vuyo Zwane, who scored some points for his side.

Other matches of the division saw Raiders brushing aside Blazers 57-44.

The National Women League division had one match taking place on the day, which was between Lyns and Enjabulweni Griffins and Lyns took home all maximum points with a 70-35 win.

There was only one Elite Men's League match for the day, which was between Mbabane Raptors



NO WAY: Scavengers' Leo Dlamini closes down Luyengo Pacers captain Vuyo Zwane during the MTN Eswatini Basketball League clash at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. Scavengers won the match by 69-45. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

and Chase.

Eswatini National Basketball League Management Committee member Thulani Shiba said they were happy with the proceedings of the league.

Men's Promotion League

Scavengers 69 - 49 Pacers

Raiders 57 - 44 Blazers

National Women's League

Griffins 35-70 Lyns



PRIZE PRESENTATION: 4ever Cycling Club rider William Kelly poses with other cyclists during the prize presentation of the Xapo Xapo Race held yesterday morning in Maputo. (Courtesy pic)

4ever Cycling pair shines in Mozambique

BY COLISILE SACOLO

CYCLING – THE 4ever Cycling Club pair of William Kelly and Sihawu Dlamini have displayed some impressive performance on foreign land.

The two riders excelled in the Xapo Xapo 50km race that was held yesterday morning in Mozambique.

The tried and tested Kelly secured a podium finish after finishing third on the day meanwhile Sihawu came fourth.

4ever Cycling Club Principal Clint McNamara commended the duo for their performances during the international race when contacted yesterday.

"We are happy that our cyclists are competing and staying in shape ahead of the upcoming Siteki, Road Classic. We further commend our cyclists continuous impressive performances in recent competitions and we encourage them to continue working hard."

"We further thank the Mozambique Cycling Federation for inviting us to the race and strongly believe that this kind of partnership can improve the standard of cycling in the SADC region," he said.

Kelly and Dlamini are expected to form part of the 4ever Cycling Squad that will be competing in the Siteki Road Classic scheduled for next.

Bhubesi 'outsmart' 'Scara' in Floating Trophy Challenge

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

POOL- Nathie 'Bhubesi' Sihlongonyane outsmarted Thembinkosi 'Scara' Mndzebele in the pool Trophy Floating Challenge that was played on Friday at Mbabane Express Car Wash.

'Bhubesi' walked away with E1 000 for being champion of the tournament. This was after he won the match 9-4.

Mndzebele made his intentions clear in the early stages of the match when he led 7-1. However, 'Scara' came back strong in the second stanza and reduced the score to 7-4. 'Bhubesi' proved his experience and eventually won the game 9-4, their much to the joy of his supporters who came in

numbers to cheer him on. Interviewed after the match, Bhubesi said it was an easy match and thanked his supporters. "As I promised before, I'm happy that I kept my promise. The match wasn't tough and I enjoyed myself. Thanks to the sponsors and my supporters."

"I'm looking forward to the next opponent," he said. Express Car Wash Coordinator Sicelo Mndzebele thanked all those who came to watch the tournament and congratulated Bhubesi. "The sport is gaining popularity. This can be judged by the number on fans who came to watch the tournament of Friday. I would also like to congratulate 'Bhubesi' for winning the final. We are looking forward to another match on Saturday," he said. Mndzebele added that the tournament will continue until the festive season.

REPS, CORRECTIONAL TO SQUARE OFF IN VA CUP SEMIS

BY JONGILE XUBA

VOLLEYBALL - ROYAL Eswatini Police Service (REPS) and Correctional will play a forces derby in the semi-finals of the Waxola VA Cup Volleyball Tournament.

The fixtures were revealed by Eswatini National Volleyball Association (ENVA) Vice Secretary Eric Zwane. This comes after the group and quarter-final matches played on Saturday.

In the men's quarter-finals, Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) beat Mshinande 2-0, with Bob Cats beating Ncabaneni by the same score line to set up a semi-final meeting against the two sides. REPS beat their opponents RSSC 2-0 as well with Correctional doing the same against UNESWA to set up a forces semi-final derby. The women's quarter-finals saw Zakhele beat UEDF 2-0, as Chilly Babes beat UNESWA Ladies by the same margin. Zakhele will now face Chilly Babes in the semi-finals to renew a league rivalry. REPS ladies won 2-0 against RSSC with Correctional defeating Bob Ladies 2-0 as well. The women's competition will also have a forces semi-final derby as REPS and Correctional face each other.

ENVA vice secretary said the venue and the dates for the semi-final fixtures will be confirmed in due course and that teams must be on the lookout for updates.

WAXOLA VA CUP VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS/FIXTURES

Quarter finals				
Males				
UEDF	2	0	Mshinande	
REPS	2	0	RSSC	
Correctional	2	0	UNESWA	
Bob Cats	2	0	Ncabaneni	
Women's				
Zakhele	2	0	UEDF	
Correctional	2	0	Bob Ladies	
REPS	2	0	RSSC	
Chilly babes	2	0	UNESWA Ladies	
Semi finals				
Women's				
Zakhele	vs		Chilly babes	
Correctional	vs		REPS	
Men's				
UEDF	vs		Bob cats	
REPS	vs		Correctional	



Highlanders coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati issuing instructions to his troops during a water break in their tough encounter against Mhlume Peacemakers at Mhlume Stadium yesterday. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

Bull, Peacemakers settle for stalemate

BY JONGILE XUBA

Mhlume Peacemakers..... (1) 1
Mbabane Highlanders..... (0) 1

SOCCER - MBABANE Highlanders and Mhlume Peacemakers played to a 1-all draw during their MTN Premier League match at Mhlume Stadium yesterday.

A first half strike from Highlanders Patrick 'Nandos' Mashele and a second half equaliser from Peacemakers Bongani Dlamini ensured that both teams shared the spoils in front of an impressive crowd.

Highlanders came out guns blazing from the start of the whistle looking to establish early dominance on away soil. The early pressure applied eventually paid dividends when Patrick 'Nandos' Mashele scored the opening goal in the 27th minute.

It was an easy tap-in after Ndimiso Mabuza did all the spadework on the right wing to pass the goal bound striker.

Highlanders were in the ascendancy in the last 10 minutes of the game, creating more scoring chances but failed to convert.

The first half ended with the capital city giants in the lead with Peacemakers struggling to keep pace.

Peacemakers made an early second half substitution, bringing on a defensive player as they changed tactics and formation.

It was what the doctor ordered as they found the equaliser four minutes later. Bongani Dlamini lobbed the oncoming keeper after a defensive lapse to make it 1-1 four minutes into the restart.

All hell broke loose after the equaliser as 'Bogandaganda' looked the more attacking of the two sides.

Bull's keeper Phila Mamba had a busy day at the office as he kept out wave after wave of attack.

The last 10 minutes saw Highlanders play with 10 men after Vusumuzi Vilakati picked up an injury that sidelined him.

Highlanders had already exhausted their substitutes but they managed to hold out for the one point away.

The result leaves Highlanders in seventh whilst 'Bogandaganda' are still languishing in relegation zone in 13th spot.

The teams Peacemakers

Innocent, Ntokozo, Dino, Baba, Bandle, Gcina, Sibongiseni, Bongani, Banele, Richard, Neliswa

Highlanders

Phila, Ndimiso, Peter, Vusumuzi, Moses, Mlamuli, Patrick, Lindani, Siboniso, Sabelo, Vukile

'Koki' satisfied with away draw

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER - MBABANE Highlanders coach Thabo 'Koki' applauded his team for managing a 1-all draw against Mhlume Peacemakers in their MTN Premier League match yesterday.

The two sides met at Mhlume Stadium with none able to get the upper hand in what was a tight match.

Vilakati said his team did well to get the point on hostile ground.

"We knew coming into the match that it would be a tough match against a good team. Credit to the boys for managing such a physical match and securing the point," he said.

The gaffer went on to say they

needed more attacking prowess heading into the next fixtures.

"We might need to reinforce up front as we don't have a lot of attacking options. We need to score more if we are going to get better results," he said.

Meanwhile, Peacemakers coach Takesure Chiyangwi also said they were happy with sharing the spoils after last week's result.

"Our overall performance was a good one, especially in the second half. We will take the point today after losing our last match. We are slowly finding our feet and will improve in time," he said.

Chiyangwi further reiterated that they were still in the league to compete and the result was the beginning of a change in fortunes for the sugar belt side.

Anthony unhappy with losing streak

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER - MANZINI Sea Birds coach Anthony Mdluli expressed his concern at suffering another 0-2 loss at the hands of Mbabane Swallows during their MTN Premier League match at Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday.

The former Sihlangu coach watched as his team suffered a third consecutive loss and said theirs was now cause for concern.

"We have lost nine points in the last three matches and it is worrying. We started the match well but not converting and a lack of experience cost us another three points," he said.

However, the coach said there was an improvement in the team's

performance regardless of the final result. He assured fans that they will definitely improve during the international break.

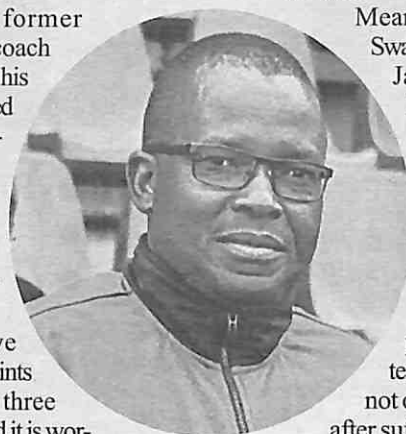
"Our overall performance was slightly better than the last with more chances created. We need to score more and concede less and I am confident the break will help us sort out our defensive issues," he said.

Meanwhile, Mbabane Swallows coach Honour Janza said he was happy with his team's win despite not playing at their best.

"The most important thing is that we managed to get three points from a good team today. This was not our typical best but

after suffering a loss in the last game we really needed to win and I am happy we managed to do so," he said.

The Zambian born mentor applauded his team's ability to grind out the win.



MADLENYA BACK IN NFD FIRST ROUND RACE

BY COLISTILE SACOLO

Madlenya..... (2) 2
Citizen..... (0) 0

SOCCER-MANDLENYA FC returned into the MTN National Division E100 000 first round top finisher race after beating Mbabane Citizens 2-0 yesterday at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

The Siphofaneni based side joined the three-horse race which includes Tambankulu Callies and Tinyosi, thanks to first half goals from Senzo Fakudze and Bongwa Matsebula.

The result ensured that Madlenya jump to the third spot with 20 points, three points behind log leaders Callies and second placed Tinyosi ahead of the last first round matches this com-

ing weekend.

The visitors were off to a perfect start after they were awarded a penalty which was coolly converted by Senzo Fakudze.

Madlenya doubled the advantage six minutes later through a clinical strike from their star player Bongwa Matsebula.

Citizens tried to force their way into the match but they were unable to convert their chances as the match went to the breather with Madlenya sitting on the healthy advantage.

The second half saw Madlenya regaining their attacking instincts but they couldn't find the third goal of the afternoon.

Citizens looked like they were having a bad day in the office as they failed to find the back of the net at the end of regulation time.

DENVER SUNDOWNS HOLD LEOPARD

MELUSI MLOTSA

R. Leopard..... (1)
Denver Sundowns..... (0) 1

SOCCER-ROYAL Leopard played to a 1-1 draw against Denver Sundowns in an MTN Premier League played yesterday at Mavuso Sports Centre.

The result minimised the police side's chances of winning the first round top finisher incentive as they are still third with 21 points in the log table.

The 'Kappa Boys' were the first to create a goal scoring opportunity in eight minutes, however, captain Enzo Motsa wasted the chance.

This was after he connected a pass from Linda Maphalala.

Royal Leopard went ahead in the 18 minute through Sifiso Matse who beat

Denver Sundowns goal-keeper Felizwe Vilakati with a low shot.

Neither side created clear-cut chances after the goal until in the 42 minute when Royal Leopard midfielder Fanelo Tsabedze hit the goal post with the Denver Sundowns goalkeeper well beaten between the sticks.

The first half ended 1-0 in favour of Edwin Matsebula's charges.

In the second half, Denver Sundowns coach, Christopher Ennin introduced Mduduzi Khumalo for Siyabonga Ginindza.

The change did not yield positive results for the visitors as Royal Leopard created better chances which they failed to utilise. Denver Sundowns nearly levelled matters in the 70 minute.

However, Atakora Daniels shot was blocked by Ncamiso Dlamini.

Denver Sundowns introduced

Siphamandla Dlamini for Mthokozisi Hlatshwako in the 72 minute.

The change brought some semblance of life as the visitors pulled one back in the 82 minute through Kingsely Kwakyi who headed home a Sibonelo Dlamini corner kick.

Referee Wandile 'Mancane' Magagula ended the match eight minutes later, much to the disappointment of the police side who are still eyeing the E350 000 first round top finisher carrot.

The teams Sundowns

Felizwe, Sibonelo, Johnson, Kingsely, Mkhuleko, Phinda, Siyabonga, Linda, Mxolisi, Enzo, Mthokozisi

Leopard

Ncamiso, Muzi, Machawe, Sikhumbuzo, Bonginkosi, Mzwandile, Phumlani, Lungelo, Junior, Sifiso, Fenelo

RESULTS

PREMIER LEAGUE

Crystal Palace 0-2 Leicester
Everton 0-0 Tottenham

TELKOM KNOCKOUT

Chippa United 2-2* Mamelodi Sundowns
*(won 4-3 on penalties)

TKO SEMI-FINAL FULL DRAW:

Golden Arrows vs Mamelodi Sundowns
Kaizer Chiefs vs Maritzburg United

PIRATES MAINTAIN FINE FORM

BY NOEL MUNZABWA
(Freelance writer)

Black Swallows 0
Moneni Pirates (1)1

SOCCER - MONENI Pirates' rise to glory from last season's near ashes in the MTN Premier League continued unabated with a 1-0 win over Pigg's Peak Black Swallows in a match played at Killarney Sports Ground yesterday afternoon.

This became the 'Sea Robbers' sixth victory pumping them up as one of the dark horses in the league races.

It took just six minutes for Moneni Pirates to get off shore with a goal when Xolani Ngwenya toed the ball beyond the line after Pigg's Peak Black Swallows had failed to clear their lines after the sea robbers raid.

Swallows almost replied three minutes later after Allen Mabuza threaded a perfect pass to Lihle Shabangu from the right channel but the latter preferred with the flying school of birds in the sky when it all needed precision to beat Igidimba Romanus.

The scorching temperatures were to dry out the little creativity with Swallows trying to reignite the lethal contribution to the exchanges pulling out Zicho Mbikay who had been lost in the sauce, throwing Mbuso Dladla onto the park at the death of the first half.

But again it proved a futility and thus it needed half time pep talks by the two technical brains to the respective two sets of players in the dressing rooms to try and revitalise creativity.

After surviving another dawn raid at the opening of the second half, the hosts began to crawl out of their nests laying siege and in the 54th minute, Shabangu almost ejected his backing fans but his deeping effort was not low enough nestling on top of the the nets albeit the out one.

On the hour mark Allen ejected the fans of the their bucket seats albeit the joy was out-lived as the off side flag had already painted the sky yellow and red and indeed the home side had stolen control of the affairs on the park.

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Young Buffaloes	10	8	2	0	26	6	20	26
Mbabane Swallows	10	7	2	1	20	5	15	23
Royal Leopard	10	6	3	1	14	6	8	21
Moneni Pirates	10	6	2	2	15	8	7	20
Manzini Wanderers	10	4	3	3	12	13	-1	15
Green Mamba	10	4	2	4	15	8	7	14
Mbabane Highlanders	10	3	5	2	8	7	1	14
Tambuti	10	2	6	2	13	20	-7	12
Black Swallows	10	3	1	6	11	19	-8	10
Milling Hotspurs	10	2	3	5	6	13	-7	9
Denver Sundowns	10	2	3	5	10	17	-7	9
Mhlupe Peacemakers	10	2	2	6	10	15	-5	8
Sea Birds	10	2	2	6	8	18	-10	8
Malanti Chiefs	10	1	0	9	3	16	-13	3

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS

Green Mamba	0-1	Milling Hotspurs
M. Wanderers	1-0	Malanti Chiefs
M. Swallows	2-0	Sea Birds
M. Peacemakers	1-1	M. Highlanders
Black Swallows	0-1	Moneni Pirates
Royal Leopards	1-1	Denver Sundowns
Young Buffaloes	3-3	Tambuti

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OOPS! Young Buffaloes goalkeeper Nhlanhla Gwebu blundered as Tambuti FC midfielder Reagan Kangumbu scored the team's first goal from a free kick during the MTN Premier League match at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. The game ended in a 3-all draw. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

TAMBUTI HOLD BUFFALOES

- Army side's lead reduced by three points
- E350 000 incentive race still on
- Three games to go before first round curtains falls

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Tambuti ... (1)3

SOCCER - RESILIENT Tambuti settled for a hard fought draw against Young Buffaloes after holding the current MTN Premier League log leaders to an entertaining 3 - all draw at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

The Terisayi Changara led side showed tenacity on the day by cutting the army side lead by three points and did a favour for second placed Mbabane Swallows and Royal Leopard with only three matches before the end of the first round.

Young Buffaloes coach Dominic Kunene made some changes from the starting lineup. Mavimbela started the match while Fanelo 'Order' Mamba started from the bench.

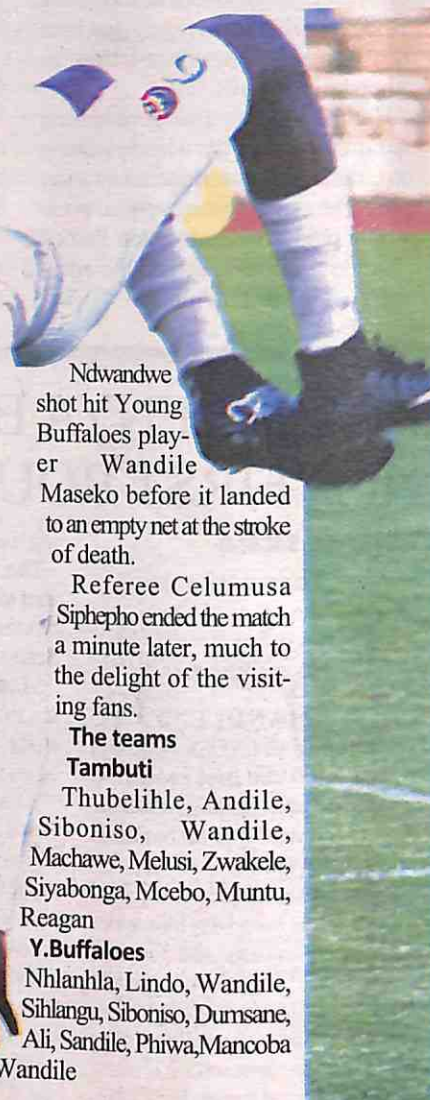
Tambuti showed more determination in the opening stages of the match as they matched their opponents pound for pound. Young Buffaloes supporters hearts skipped a bit in two minutes when Tambuti midfielder Reagan Kangumbu hit the post with Nhlanhla Gwebu well beaten between the posts. Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze put his team ahead in the 20 minute when he headed home Wandile Maseko's floating cross.

However, the visitors levelled matters three minutes later through Reagan

Kangumbu's free kick from 45 yards. The match went for break with both sides locked in a stalemate.

The second half saw the army side searching for a winning goal. 'Saviola' scored his brace just before the hour mark, heading home Lindo Mkhonta's cross. After the goal, Buffaloes made a double substitution by bringing in Fanelo 'Order' Mamba and Sanele Ngcamphalala for Dumsane Mdluli and Mancoba Mavimbela, respectively. In the 64 minute, Wandile 'Skosh' Shabangu's, 35 yards shot was parried for a fruitless corner kick by Tambuti goal keeper Thubelihle Dlamini. Both sides created chances which they failed to utilise.

Tambuti's Reagan Kangumbu scored his second goal with a beautiful free kick at the edge of the box six minutes before full-time. Some few minutes later, Young Buffaloes went ahead again through Phiwa Dlamini who connected a cross from Lindo. Just when the army side thought they had wrapped up the match, Tambuti's Sabelo



Ndwandwe shot hit Young Buffaloes player Wandile Maseko before it landed to an empty net at the stroke of death.

Referee Celumusa Siphepho ended the match a minute later, much to the delight of the visiting fans.

The teams

Tambuti

Thubelihle, Andile, Siboniso, Wandile, Machawe, Melusi, Zwakele, Siyabonga, Mcebo, Muntu, Reagan

Y. Buffaloes

Nhlanhla, Lindo, Wandile, Sihlangu, Siboniso, Dumsane, Ali, Sandile, Phiwa, Mancoba Wandile