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ESWATINI LIKELY TO BE HIT HARD BY SA TRUCK DRIVERS STRIKE...

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'We are engaging our counterparts'

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mbabane

MINISTER of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati has said they are in engagement with the Department of Labour and Employment in South Africa to get details of the scale of the truck drivers' strike and possible solutions.

This was a response on the tension and violence allegedly perpetrated by the South African truck drivers on their foreign counterparts, including Emaswati.

Vilakati said a meeting was held at the level of ministers and senior officials of both countries. Their counterparts in South Africa confirmed the existence of the tension and sporadic violence between South African workers and foreign drivers and that a high level South African inter-ministerial committee has been established to try and resolve the impasse.

He said it was also shared in the meeting that there were criminal elements creeping in and exacerbating the complexity of the problem.

Some South African employers were said to be taking advantage of the vulnerability of the foreign nationals and preferred to hire them over South African drivers because they are cheap and also avoid paying social insurance contributions.

"Our ministry was firstly informed of the tension and violence on foreign nationals in early 2019 by a group of affected Emaswati truck drivers. The ministry was invited to a meeting of the concerned truck drivers in Manzini on the Saturday of 2019 Easter Holidays. The Emaswati truck drivers informed the ministry that South African workers were against foreign nationals, including Emaswati taking their jobs and that the perpetrators were resorting to violence and some lives have already been lost in the process. Further complicating the issue of non-South African drivers was that most did not have work permits and this exposed them to arrests in road-

blocks and subsequently losing their jobs and social insurance contributions. It was reported in the meeting that Emaswati drivers in the Republic of South Africa are about 20 000, most of them employed in the KwaZulu/Natal and Mpumalanga Provinces," stated Vilakati.

WORK PERMITS NEGOTIATED

The minister said negotiations were opened with the South African Government to regularise the employment contracts of Eswatini truck drivers in South Africa through work permits and also to ensure that all those who lost their jobs and contributions to social insurance schemes were fully compensated.

The South African Department of Labour and Employment indicated that the issue of work permits was under the jurisdiction of Home Affairs; their role in the issuance of these permits was advisory.

However, this did not mean a special dispensation agreement could not be negotiated.

"It was agreed that negotiation of such a special dispensation agreement will have to include a broad range of stakeholders, including the ministries of labour, home affairs, industry and trade, transport, security and foreign affairs as well as representatives of business and workers. Processes towards setting up a negotiation table between the two countries involving these ministries and stakeholders are on-going and at an advanced stage. Suffice to say, this matter affects all countries neighbouring South Africa and therefore it is also touted as an option to deal with this issue in the SADC employment and labour sector structure so that whatever agreement is finally reached speaks to all the affected countries," he said.

SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WORKING ON IT

Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati said they have been advised that the South African government was doing all it could to contain the escalation of violence and avert the impending blockade as this will affect the free

200 000 Emaswati threatened by violent SA's trucks strike

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

ABOUT 200 000 Emaswati might go to bed on a hungry stomach if the on-going violent attacks on foreign truck drivers persist in the Republic of South Africa.

Chairperson of the Eswatini Drivers Association Sikhumbuzo Mkhulisi said if the on-going strike against foreign truck drivers persists about 20 000 of Emaswati will be jobless.

Worth noting is that the ratios state that one employed person feeds 10 people, hence 200 000 people in the country might go to bed on empty stomachs.

He said they tried to engage the government several times but till today they have not received any feedback.

...We are engaging our South African counterparts, ready to help Emaswati – Minister Makhosi Vilakati

"The last time we met the ministry at the beginning of August we were told that they were yet to meet with their South African counterpart on August 12, 2019," he said.

The president stated that if the situation worsen a lot of Emaswati are set to come back home.

"It is unfortunate that if they leave South Africa now they will leave their money and benefits behind as they will be trying to escape from the deadly attacks.

"It is painful that they will come back home and be jobless," he said.

Mkhulisi said the reason they left for South Africa was because they were not getting jobs in the country and there

are fewer job opportunities here. Currently, over 1 000 Emaswati who were employed in South Africa are back in the country.

"Of which this month alone 10 000 people's lives will be affected.

"All these people who will come back home have families to feed and bills to pay," he said.

Mkhulisi mentioned that they had pleaded with the government to assist them in getting work permits and deduct at least E100 from their salary but till today nothing is happening.

The chairperson voiced out their concerns about the dragging of feet by the government as this situation could have been avoided.



TOUGH: Some of the trucks parked at Ngwenya Border Post following the attack on foreign truck drivers by South Africans. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

flow of goods, trade and business between that country and its neighbouring states, including Eswatini.

He said since the violence and the blockade was planned and perpetrated from the South African side, Eswatini government had very little control on this save to appeal for patience to allow the negotiations between the two countries or the Southern African Development Community (SADC) multi-lateral discussions to start and be concluded.

"On the aspect of drivers who are already home and did not get their social insurance benefits but contributing, the South African Department of Labour and Employment assured our ministry that all those will be compensated in full upon submission of employment details. Those affected drivers may submit their details to the Principal in the ministry Thulani Mkhulisi for onward transmission to the Department of Labour and Employment in South Africa," said the minister.

Vilakati appealed to Emaswati to make efforts to obtain all the necessary documentation to work in South Africa and to further request those who were already employed as truck drivers to submit their employment details to their leaders for these in turn to be submitted to the ministry so as to have accurate data of the number of Eswatini drivers affected by the problem and negotiate for known and confirmed people.

BUSINESS AS USUAL FOR INTERSTATE TRANSPORT

Despite reports of on-going protests and riots in South Africa against foreign truck drivers, public transport that travels across borders isn't affected.

Interstate Transport Association Chairperson Bambumuti Sithole said regardless of the violence, the bus ranks and stations they use were not affected. He added that their vehicles reached the final destinations as they normally did. Their customers were not affected as yet.

"It is business as usual for us. The trucks violence hasn't affected us as yet. Our vehicles reach the stations they are destined for. Marshals in the respective ranks will advise us should there be any need to stop the flow of transport to South Africa," stated Sithole.

MPs sold cannabis to go to Parliament

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Nkhanini

SOME MPs allegedly sold cannabis to be able to canvass for votes to get to Parliament.

This allegation was made by Ludzidzini Committee Members Ncumbi Maziya and Mnguni Simelane.

This was revealed yesterday during the meeting held by Ludzidzini Committee and MPs who are members of the ministry of health's portfolio committee.

The meeting was held at Nkhanini Offices, Lobamba.

Maziya was the first to raise the allegation. His concern was whether their submissions on the subject matter would be considered by Parliament or not. He said the problem was that they could raise submissions that could not be favourable to the legislators because

they could have their own interest on the subject.

He said they knew that some MPs took advantage of the illegal cannabis trade to win the national elections for their respective Tinkhundla last year.

He said they had wasted their time in past incidents where their views were not considered because they expressed views that rubbed other MPs the wrong way.

Meanwhile, Simelane raised concern about the security issues around cannabis licensing.

He said the way in which the consultations were moving was too fast. He suspected that there could be ulterior motives aimed at speedily concluding the whole process, without carefully considering the security aspect of cannabis farming.

Simelane, who is the secretary of the committee, said it could be possible that

some MPs were pushing the process so that their interests could be served by making it easy for them to be granted licences to grow cannabis.

He said it was possible that some MPs made it to Parliament because they took part in illegally producing the cannabis.

He further said the country could be placed in a very bad position in the international community because the world would be looking at the country with a negative eye.

He said the people of the country could soon find themselves having difficulties to get into other countries just because cannabis was grown anyhow in the country.

He said the people could find themselves having to apply for visas when going to other countries. They would be subjected to serious searches when going to other countries just because they would have lost trust in the inter-



Ludzidzini Committee member Ncumbi Maziya and Portfolio Committee Chairman Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini.

national community.

The meeting was chaired by Chief Mdlaka Gamedze, who is the chairperson of Ludzidzini Committee. Portfolio Committee Chairman Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini also helped in chairing the meeting and



in most cases, he was responding to the concerns raised by the members.

He told the members that the committee would ensure that every stakeholder was consulted on the matter.

Total Garages may go empty if...

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mbabane

TOTAL South Africa (PTY) Limited has since released a statement indicating that they will stop service delivery operations until further notice.

This was delivered by the company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) Mariam Kane - Garcia on Monday.

She said in light of the current volatile situation in the Republic of South Africa with the trucking industry strikes coupled with xenophobic attacks and looting of shops, Total South Africa had in the interest of the safety of its employees and of its facilities taken the decision to stop all fuel and lubricant delivery operations for the moment. "The situation is currently being monitored closely. Should the situation change they will notify all the stakeholders directly," she stated.

The CEO said Total South Africa

took the health and safety of its employees very seriously and apologised for any inconvenience caused as they work to remedy the situation as quickly and efficiently as possible.

"Thank you for understanding through this time," she said.

Eswatini is one of the countries benefiting through fuel imports from South Africa and will be affected should this take a longer time.

There will be fuel shortage. However, currently no crisis has been reported as a result of the sanctioning by Total South Africa.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy Communications Officer Sikelela Khoza said as a ministry they couldn't comment until a crisis was reported.

"Currently no crisis of fuel shortage has been reported to us. For now this touches more on the fuel company itself, Total Eswatini. Please contact them first in this regard," said Khoza.

Total Eswatini landlines were called for the better part of yesterday afternoon but no one picked.

Trains to be affected by trucking industry strike

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

ESWATINI Railway is banking their hopes that the strike action which has grounded trucks servicing the Eswatini and South Africa routes ends soon.

This is because Eswatini Railway foresees a serious situation whereby trains will end up not being able to move goods from South Africa to Eswatini.

This is because according to Eswatini Railway there are areas which are accessible only by trucks and these trucks ferry goods to where the trains are stationed.

Eswatini Railway Communications Officer Sive Manana when speaking to this publication said so far, as people who move goods across countries they have not been affected by the strike action.

He said trains frequent the Durban to Eswatini route and if this strike

goes on for longer they might feel the impact as well. South Africans are up in arms over foreign truck drivers who are driving trucks in South Africa.

This has seen many trucks being burnt by South Africans who are claiming that foreigners are taking their jobs.

Counterparts

Government has tried to engage their South African counterparts to find an amicable solution to the matter but it seems like the future is gloom as South Africans want foreigners out of their country.

Making matters worse is that a lot of Emaswati employed in South Africa have no working permits and government has indicated that it is really hard to facilitate permits for truck drivers.

This is because the South African government is claiming that they have enough skilled truck drivers hence there is no need to hire foreigners.

Another twist as Shongwe challenges Crown's legal team

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

MURDER suspect Sipho Shongwe's trial hit a snag yesterday when Shongwe's legal team challenged the legality of the Crown's Senior Counsel Michael Hellens.

Hellens who is well known for representing former South African President Jacob Zuma during his corruption trial was hired by the Crown in order to ensure that justice is served in the Victor Gamedze murder case and also ensure that the people responsible for this crime are found guilty as charged.

Hellens also represented Zuma's son Duduzane in his culpable homicide trial and has also represented the controversial Gupta family in South Africa.

This month the trial for Shongwe was allocated eight days as it was expected to start on Monday, break tomorrow and resume next Tuesday, ending September 13.

The matter couldn't continue on Monday as it was Umhlanga holiday.

Yesterday the matter was supposed to commence before High Court Judge Nkosinathi Maseko, however there were challenges which emerged between the crown and Shongwe's legal team.

After about an hour of waiting both parties were called to the Judge's Chambers where after some deliberations they came back to court.

Upon coming back from the chambers the parties did not continue with the matter and it sufficed that Shongwe's legal team was challenging government's advocate saying he shouldn't be



Advocate Hellens leaving the High Court yesterday. (Pic: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

working on the matter at all as he is not an admitted attorney in the country.

The parties came back and packed their bags and left the High Court.

A message which was relayed to the officers from His Majesty's Correctional Services was that in the chambers it was explained that since Shongwe's legal team were challenging the government's advocate then an application addressing that issue must be filed.

Time

His Majesty's Correctional Services team were informed to bring Shongwe back to court today and they were told to try and keep time.

The officers were informed that today they must bring Shongwe before the court while the matter of the Crown's Advocate is dealt with then tomorrow (Thursday) the main case which is the murder case would continue.

The high profile case is now before Judge Nkosinathi Maseko who took over from seasoned Judge Mbutfo Mamba, who had recused himself from proceeding with it.

Shongwe on the other hand hired top South African lawyer Laurence Hodes

to represent him in the murder case.

Hodes is known for handling a number of high profile cases including charges of corruption, fraud, racketeering and money laundering against the EFF's Julius Malema in relation to the R52 million contracts with the Limpopo Roads and Transport department.

Shongwe's trial had been going smooth all along as the Crown was parading witness after witness.

Yesterday's setback came unexpected and shocked everyone who had attended court with the hope of hearing what witnesses had to say.

Director of Public Prosecutions' Principal Crown Counsel Macebo Nxumalo confirmed that the case couldn't continue yesterday as Shongwe's legal team argued that the Crown was using an attorney who was not admitted.

Nxumalo said the Judge had ordered them to file papers with the legal structures which is something they were working on by yesterday.

Lucky Howe who is on Shongwe's legal team said they had indeed challenged the Crown's Advocate since he was not admitted to practise in Eswatini.

We are waiting for papers - Law Society

LAW Society of Swaziland Secretary General Thulani Maseko said the information at his disposal is that the attorney in question is yet to submit papers with the Law Society as per the court's directive.

Maseko said it was procedure for everyone coming from outside the country to be formally registered with the Law Society in order to practice in the country's courts just like is the case with other countries like South Africa.

Maseko said he was advised that the attorney was ordered to serve them with

papers to see if he could practice in the country.

The attorney would also be expected to submit his application with the Attorney General.

According to the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) the High Court is the body that admits advocates and attorneys to practice.

It is said applicants must first serve a copy of his or her petition to practice on the Attorney-General and the Secretary of the Law Society.

The latter two provide certificates to

this effect, which are essential for the application to the High Court. According to the ICJ the certificates usually record non-objection to the petition; if there are grounds for opposition, they are filed with the court for argument. The ICJ states that a person who is neither a citizen nor a resident of Eswatini may seek permission to appear as counsel or attorney and to do so; they must apply to the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Law Society.

The Chief Justice takes the decision on the right of audience, for each case.

Eswatini cannabis might not be regulated

THE illegal cannabis currently grown in the country might not be regulated by the regulations currently in Parliament.

This might leave the illegal cannabis growers in the bushes, where they are currently plying their illegal trade. This transpired yesterday when Ministry of Health Legal Advisor Zandile Dhlamini (nee Mkhwanazi) educated the Ludzidzini Council about cannabis.

She said cannabis was divided into two. The two categories were Cannabis Indica and Cannabis Sativa. She said the Cannabis Indica was the one they were focussing on because it had the potential of making medicine that could have health benefits.

She said Cannabis Sativa could be used for industrial purposes,



where clothes and building material could be made.

The committee members, after Dlamini's presentation, wanted to know the category in which illegal cannabis grown in the country was found. The ministry of health officials gave no answer. They stated that they did not know about the cannabis because it was still illegal. They could not research about something that was still illegal.

Ministry of Health Deputy Director of Pharmaceutical Services Fortunate Bhembe told the Ludzidzini Committee that if they were to research on the cannabis, they could be arrested. They could be forced to state why they went to illegal fields to do research on illegal plants.

She said the regulations were made to allow them to conduct research on the plants so that they could give an answer on the kind of cannabis

the country had. She said for now, they did not know whether the cannabis to be regulated was the one illegally grown in the country or not. She said it could be possible that its seeds could be imported.

She said for now, the cannabis was still illegal and people who participated in growing it would be jailed. Chief Mdlaka Gamedze and Ludzidzini Council Member Sobantu Dlamini called for research on the cannabis to be conducted because the cannabis in the country could be helpful.

Dlamini openly stated that at Nkhamba, his home area, the illegal cannabis was grown and he believed that if people constantly used it, they would end up not being negatively affected.



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EKHAYA: Imbali who attended this year's Reed Dance being transported back to their respective chiefdoms yesterday. However, some of them slept over yesterday at Ludzidzini Royal Residence since it was getting dark. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



AWAIT: Some maidens relaxing while waiting for their transport.



LEAD: A traffic police officer leads the bus to the main road.



CAMP: Imbali going back to where they camped since last week Tuesday after being told by authorities.



HELLO: One of the Imbali seems to be informing their parents that they were not coming back yesterday.



TRANSPORT: The maidens relaxing while waiting for their transport.



RETURN: Some of the girls seen going back to their campsite.



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SAFE: Police officers were there to maintain order.



FUN: Imbali seated on their bags while others having fun.

Imbali sent off with gifts

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Ludzidzini

THEIR Majesties have presented the Imbali regiment with gifts as they prepared to depart from Ludzidzini Royal Residence yesterday.

The food parcels included meat, bread and drinks.

The gifts were distributed by Tibiyo TakaNgwane. Imbali formed queues as they awaited their turn to receive the food parcels.

They were excited and chanted 'Bayethe wena waPhakathi' as they received their gifts, showing appreciation to Their Majesties. Some were singing jubilantly.

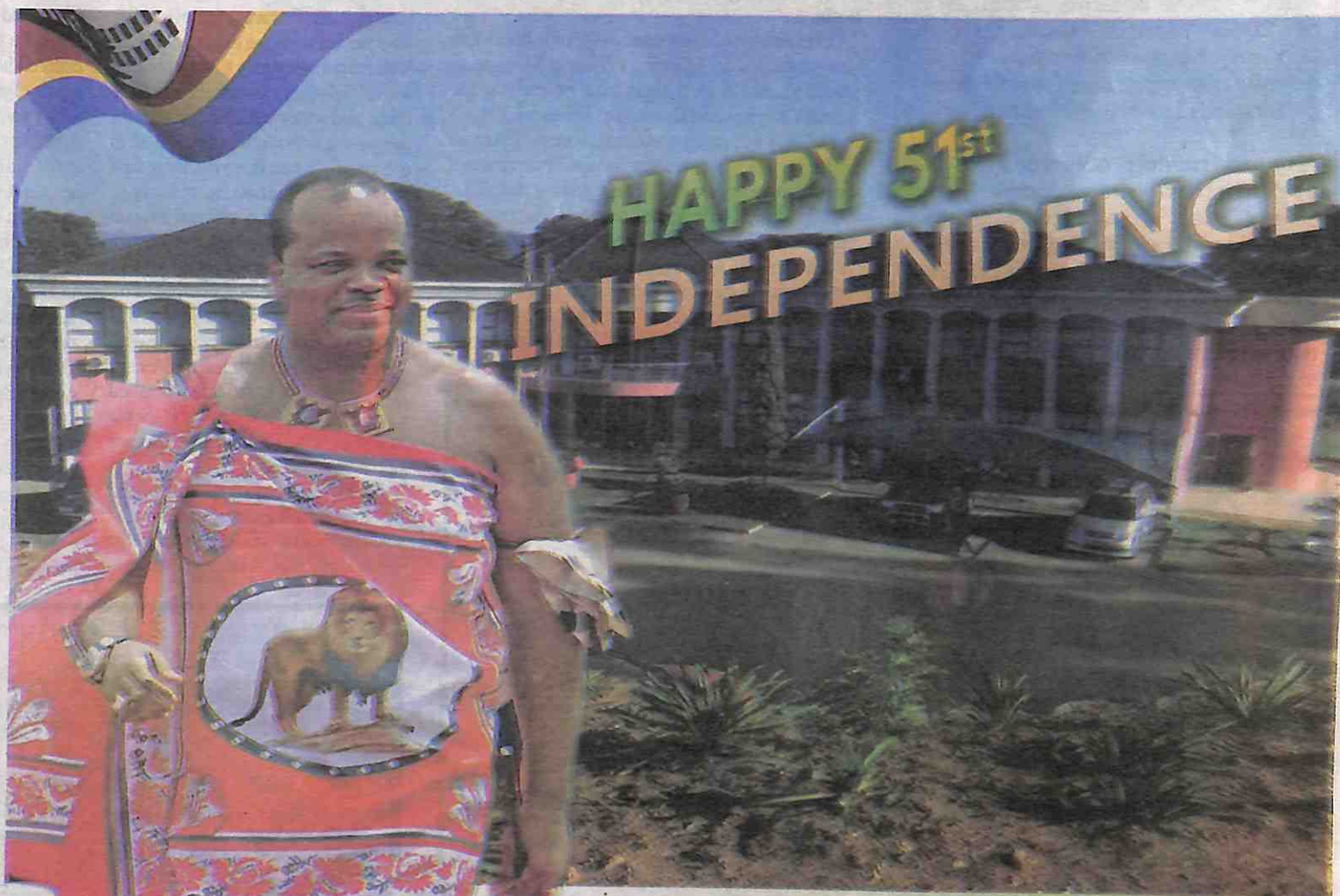
Some members of the Imbali regiment departed for their respective royal kraals upon receiving the food parcels. They arrived at the royal residence last Tuesday and registered for this year's Umhlanga Reed Dance. The registration lasted for two days.

The next day, the Imbali regiment left for Engabezweni Royal Residence to be commissioned by His Majesty King Mswati III to cut the reed.

Indvuna yeMbali Nonduduzo Zubuko announced the gifts from Their Majesties. She said it was possible that not all Imbali would make it home yesterday. Those who did not leave would make it home today.

Zubuko said this was because the King instructed that no Imbali should travel at night to avoid accidents.

"Inkhosi iphekile. Chiefs and parents should not worry if the maidens don't come home today as they will sleep here, but we shall communicate. They won't travel when it is dark as per Okandaba's instructions, who said no Imbali shall travel at night," said Zubuko.



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ESRIC WORKERS ON SECOND WEEK OF STRIKE

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI AND FEZILE DLAMINI
Mbabane

EMPLOYEES of the Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation (ESRIC) have entered the second week of their protest.

The strike action which started on August 27 has seen the corporation complaining that they have suffered

in millions of Emalangeni in delayed transactions. The employer also complained that the picketing workers were disturbing operations as they picket at the entrance of the company's premises. There was a disagreement on the designated area to be used by the picketing workers, which led to the company taking the workers to court. The Industrial Court ruled that the employer must meet with the aggrieved workers on the

place to be used for picketing.

The meeting was expected to take place soon after the Industrial Court ruling, but that never happened as the union leaders claimed that the company has been avoiding having a meeting with them. The employees are represented by Swaziland Union of Financial Institutions and Allied Workers (SUFIAW) which is negotiating on their behalf. Yesterday, SUFIAW General Secretary Jabu

Shiba said employees continued with their picket and they will do so until their demands are met.

Shiba said the only thing that they have agreed on with the employer was the area of picketing, which is something that the parties were arguing about in court last week.

ESRIC informed the court that the company had suffered a major blow because of the strike action as millions of transactions which were

meant to be made to clients were delayed. The company through its lawyer said last Tuesday cash in transit personnel were blocked by picketing personnel. The employees who are on strike are complaining that the company is denying them ablution facilities. Hence, they have to use nearby facilities. Meanwhile ESRIC Marketing Manager Sizwe Shongwe said they have no power to stop the strike. He said the issue of ablution facilities is not that much of an issue because it is standard procedure that striking workers are not allowed inside company premises.

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FALSE PROPHET TO SPEND 15 YEARS IN JAIL FOR RAPE

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A 'false prophet' was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment without an option of a fine for raping a 23-year-old woman, whom he deceived by pretending to remove to *tokoloshi* in her body.

Velezweni Vusi Mngomezulu (44) of Mbebeleni was sentenced by Manzini Principal Magistrate David Khumalo on charges of contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018 by having sexual intercourse *Primrose under the false pretence that he was removing evil spirits that prevented her from getting married.

Court records were to the effect that Mngomezulu approached his victim while at Ntandozi and he told her that he was a prophet and that his divine powers suggested that she was unlucky in life.

The accused person is alleged to have informed Primrose that if she did not let him help cast out the *tokoloshi* in her body, she would have mis-

fortunes and more to *tokoloshi's* would invade her body.

Also, Mngomezulu allegedly told his prey that if it were not for the bad spirits following her, she would have long been married and the bride price would have been paid to her family.

Out of curiosity and wish to be fortunate in life, Primrose believed him. To proceed with the plan to help her, Velezweni allegedly told her to buy some Vicks, xxx sweets, Sprite fizzy drink and water which he would use to make a concoction to be used in the ritual. Since this was their first time meeting, the two are said to have exchanged contact details and planned to meet the following day. Before departing, Velezweni is said to have warned Primrose against spreading the news of his powers to heal as this would result in her not being healed.

Indeed, in the morning of the next day, Velezweni is said to have called Primrose to ask if she had bought the items, only to find that she had not purchased them.

After a while, Mngomezulu is said to have called Primrose again and told her that he would buy the items himself and that she should avail her-

self at a local bus station where the ritual would be performed. Truly, he is said to have come with the items when they met at the bus station.

There, he allegedly told Primrose that the spirits told him to perform the ritual under a certain tree and when they got there, he allegedly instructed Primrose to hold the items while he prayed. After this, he then ordered her to sit down while he sat next to her.

The accused person then took the water bottle and shook it and while at it, he allegedly told Primrose that he could see that her illness was in the form of a *tokoloshi* which was moving from her chest down to the stomach. He mixed the xxx sweets and Sprite and told Primrose to apply the Vicks on her private part as the *tokoloshi* had entered her body through it. She was later made to drink the sweets, Sprite and water concoction, which is said to have been meant to aid flush out the *tokoloshi* through her private parts. After following this order, Primrose said she was then told to remove her pants and underwear and lie facing upward as the imaginary *tokoloshi* was supposed-

ly about to leave her body. After she complied, Primrose said she was told to change positions and she duly obeyed. "He said when the evil spirits came out I would feel vaginal fluids. He started massaging me when he asked if I felt anything but I told him that nothing was happening," she said. "Mngomezulu told me that my system was difficult so he would have to help me by inserting his private parts. He then imposed himself on her. "He said I would see the *tokoloshi* in the form of a short man. After inserting his private parts, he said felt the *tokoloshi* coming out," Primrose said. After this encounter, Velezweni showed her some fluids from her body and claimed that there were *tokoloshi* eggs.

"I told him that I did not see the supposed eggs and he told me that I could not see them because I did not have divine powers. He then ordered me to give him E150 with which he would purchase special oils that I would have to continuously apply to complete my healing," stated Primrose. An additional E15 for the items purchased was also requested from the rape survivor. "Had it not been for that he promised me to be fortunate and be married, I would have not allowed him to do what he did to me," she added.

Primrose said she only felt violated a day after the incident as she suspected that all the promises made by Velezweni were empty. It is then that she informed her mother about it and it was reported to the police. When given the opportunity to state his defence before judgement was meted out, Velezweni opted to remain silent. *not her real name

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At their 32nd Annual General Meeting held at Mountain Inn on Friday 30th August 2019, the members elected the following persons to serve on its Council in terms of Section 8(3) of the Accountants Act No.5 of 1985 as amended.

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1. Ms. Makhosazana Mhlanga CA(SD), Partner - PWC
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3. Mr. Norman F. Machakata CA(SD), Partner - Kobla Quashie & Associates

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Registered Accountant

1. Mr. Bheki Ncongwane RA(SD), Financial Manager - Swazi Poultry Processors

Appointed by Finance Minister

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His Majesty King Mswati III and Her Worship the Mayor looking at developments in the city



Sen. Sibandze Property owner enquiring about one of the developments in Fairview (2)



Trade Fair stand with Her Worship The Mayor and the Acting CEO during Launch Day (2)



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Council Officer Mzomuhle Magagula engaging youth on their city



Chief Planning Officer Engaging with residents of the city



Gift for Property owner who had paid his rates



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MAN (33) GETS 30 YEARS FOR RAPE

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A 33-year-old man will be a pensioner by the time he finishes serving his 30-year sentence in jail.

*Sipho Dlamini of Ekutsimuleni area was arrested and charged with two counts of contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018.

According to court records, Dlamini had sexually violated two of his relatives aged 11 and 56 in different incidents. The two offences were committed between October 2018 and February 2019.

Manzini Principal Magistrate David Khumalo presided over the matter.

In the rape of the 11-year-old who is his cousin, Dlamini is said to have snatched her from her parental home where she was with two other children and her mother.

The 11-year-old *Thembela told the court that on October 4, 2018, she was at home in a cooking hut with two other children.

While there, Thembela said her cousin, Dlamini entered the hut where he warmed himself next to the fire.

A while later, the minor said the accused went out of the hut and while outside, he met the two other children she was with. One of the children then borrowed his phone because she wanted to listen to music. After giving her the phone, the other child later joined in and enjoyed the music on the phone.

Opportunity

Dlamini is said to have used this opportunity to call Thembela into the cooking hut. At first, the minor said she resisted but later complied. Once inside the hut, Thembela said the accused directed her to sit on his lap and she sat in a position that allowed her to face him.

"He started to spread my thighs and kissed me. He said when I grow old I would be his wife," Thembela said.

As he was kissing her, the bench that Dlamini was sitting on broke, but he managed to quickly rise before he could fall and he held the minor up. He then went out of the hut and called out the name of the girl who had his phone and demanded it back.

The child handed the phone over to Thembela so that she could pass it on to the accused.

"I went to give the phone to Dlamini who was by the gate at the time. He took the phone and dragged me to my grandfather's house while still saying that I would be his wife," Thembela said.

The grandfather's house is said to be out of the premises of Thembela's home but so close by.

At this time it was dark. Upon entering the grandfather's house, Dlamini is said to have met the 84-year-old man who asked where he was taking the girl.

The accused is said to have threatened to kill the grandfather and so he kept quiet and retreated to his bedroom.

Dlamini then proceeded to his bedroom, where

he dropped Thembela on the bed, lifted her skirt and removed her underwear.

He then used a blanket to cover the girl before he removed his pair of trousers and joined her on the bed. He then raped her and did not stop when Thembela pleaded that he should leave her alone.

Thereafter, he told her to dress up before he took her back to her parental home.

When they were by the gate, Dlamini is said to have threatened to kill Thembela and her parents should she report the incident to them.

The 84-year-old elderly man was also paraded as a witness in court where he said he witnessed the accused rape the minor.

He told the court that he saw the blanket moving and he told Dlamini to stop what he was doing but to no avail.

In the other incident involving the 56-year-old woman, who is also the accused's relative, the court was told that he broke a window to gain entry into the house. The incident that happened on February 16, 2019, resulted to a 10-year-old witnessing the ordeal.

The victim, *Nomsa, told the court that she was asleep with her two-year-old grandchild. In the house were other children, with the oldest being a 10-year-old boy. Narrating the incident, Nomsa said while asleep she felt something cold on her neck and when she woke up she realised that there was a bushknife held against her neck.

Shocked

While still shocked by what was happening, Nomsa said she heard a male's voice saying she should give him all the money in the house.

The accused then hit the woman with the bushknife on the head, body and face. She said she got hold of the weapon and they engaged in a fight over it. While at it, Nomsa said she injured her hand with which she held the bush-knife. With the cut on the hand, Nomsa said she gave up the fight but continued to raise an alarm.

The cry for help was heard by the 10-year-old grandson who was asleep in another room.

He entered his grandmother's bedroom and called Dlamini by his name since he recognised him with the assistance of light that shone through the window that he broke to gain access into the house. The accused threatened to chop the boy to death and further ordered that he should return to his bedroom.

The lad complied and went out of his grandmother's room. Thereafter, Dlamini pushed her onto the bed and when she resisted, he forcefully pressed her on the bed before raping her.

After he was done, he is said to have spread a mattress that was leaning against a wall in the bedroom and he slept on it.

When doing this, the accused was still carrying the bush-knife. Before he left the woman's house just before day break, Dlamini is said to have forgotten his hat, which was later handed over to the police.

The Principal Magistrate David Khumalo sentenced Maziya to 15 years imprisonment without an option of a fine for each of the charges.

**not their real names*

Man arrested for raping lover at knife-point

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

IN a rather bizarre incident, a man filled with intense sexual desire forced himself onto his girlfriend and raped her at knife-point.

Siyabonga Mabuza (23) of Makhlokholo has to face the full brunt of the law after he was found to have raped his girlfriend Bongiwe*.

Mabuza was arrested and charged with contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018, when he was said to have unlawfully had sexual intercourse with his girlfriend.

According to his charge sheet, Mabuza was said to have committed the offence at Makhlokholo area on August 29.

Mabuza was found to have wrongfully and unlawfully had sexual intercourse with Bongiwe, using force in the form of a knife, to induce submission, thus contravening the Act.

During his first appearance before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi, Mabuza informed the court that he wished to conduct his own defence in the case.

This prompted the prosecution represented by Chris Sibandze to move an application for Mabuza to be remanded back into custody until tomorrow for the setting of his trial date.

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Pupil arrested for murder

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A 20-year-old Form Five pupil from Manzini Central High School has been arrested and charged for murder.

Mbongeni Mkhwanazi is said to have been arrested on Sunday after he committed the crime at a drinking spot known as Sitiba Wine and Malt in Madonsa.

Leading to the murder of the 28-year-old unidentified man from Mbhuleni in Matsapha, eye witnesses said there was an argument that quickly escalated to a physical altercation between one Thokozani and others at the drinking spot.

The two factions; one from Matsapha and the other from Madonsa, are said to have engaged in a brawl.

A source said the fight was further perpetrated by the fact that the other party was not originally from Madonsa but Matsapha, hence there was also a scuffle to show dominance in the area.

"The Matsapha men are suspected to be members of the K9 gang so maybe they fought because each wanted to show who was more fierce than the other," said a source.

It is said that Thokozani had confronted the other parties on suspicion that they were the ones who had stolen his shoes at his home recently.

While the men were fighting, sources said the deceased man saw them and he asked why they were fighting. Without answering him, Mbongeni is said to have pierced him with a knife. The deceased man is said to hail from Mbhuleni in Matsapha and is suspected to be a member of the K9 gang.

When sought for comment, the Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the murder incident. She said the police were investigating the matter.

HMCS stand continues

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

ALTHOUGH the attendance was not quite pleasing, His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) stall proved to be a crowd puller on the second day of the Eswatini International Trade Fair (EITF) 2019.

Members of the public flocked to the stall to browse through the different services offered in the all-in-one stall.

A contributing factor for the positive turnout is believed to be the fact that almost everyone was catered for in the HMCS stall.

Inside the exhibition room, there were different goods and services available for customers to browse through. These included agriculture, beauty, carpentry and building and maintenance, to mention a few, all which were done by convicts in the Matsapha facility. Near the entrance of the exhibition hall was a display of gigantic agricultural products that left spectators in awe. The vegetables were so big one would mistake them as artificial, only for display. Some of the public's disbelief in the size of the produce could only be allayed by the officials who were on standby to assist interested members.

These interactions between the customers and HMCS officials were interesting in that the former asked more questions regarding the type of soil used for growing the veg-



HEALTH: A nurse explaining some of the health services offered at correctional facilities.



GREENS: The gigantic vegetables that were on display caught most of the customers' attention.

etables to how they could be best managed. The officials delightfully explained the process taken before

the crops could be planted. They said that the soil was tested first to determine which crops would most

probably grow better in it. The officials also mentioned that the convicts who were responsible for grow-

Man (51) arrested for poaching

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

BARELY a week after Butimba, an elderly man was nabbed poaching yesterday in one of the game reserves.

Big Bend police on Monday arrested a 51-year-old of Mpolonjeni at Siteki.

The man was found in possession of a 12 bore short gun without a licence or permit while at Mhlosinga Game Reserve.

It is said the old man gained access to the game reserve illegally.

He was caught by the security guards who later called the police to the scene.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati said the incident took place at 4:30pm on Monday. She added that a case was opened against the man.

Meanwhile the police are also investigating the death of a 27-year-old man of Ngwenyameni in Malkerns who died at 12:45pm in on Monday.

It is said the man died after he was struck by a huge wooden log on the head. It is reported that the man was cutting down trees. The tree trunk hit him hard on the head and fell on the spot.

It is said that emergency services were called to the scene and he was rushed to Mankayane Government Hospital where he was certified dead upon arrival.

Sexual harassment should be reported to cops

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA
THWALA
Mbabane

REPORT sexual harassment to the police.

This was said by Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Principal Crown Counsel Lomvula Hlophe during the SODV Act education of Eswatini Bank employees recently. The Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018 does not discriminate on where offences occur. She said the SODV Act did not have a provision for any workplace's internal processes when it came to violation of any of its sections and as such, sexual harassment remained a criminal offence.

This was emphasised during an awareness exercise of the importance of the Act.

"As such, sexual offences are not categorised as per the location of occurrence, but the Act criminalises the commission whether they occur within the workplace, bus rank or any place. As such, in cases such as sexual harassment, it is not categorised as having occurred in the work place but within the Kingdom of Eswatini," she said.



EXPERT: DPP's Principal Crown Counsel Lomvula Hlophe called on Eswatini Bank's employees to report sexual harassment. (Pics: Nokuzola Thwala)

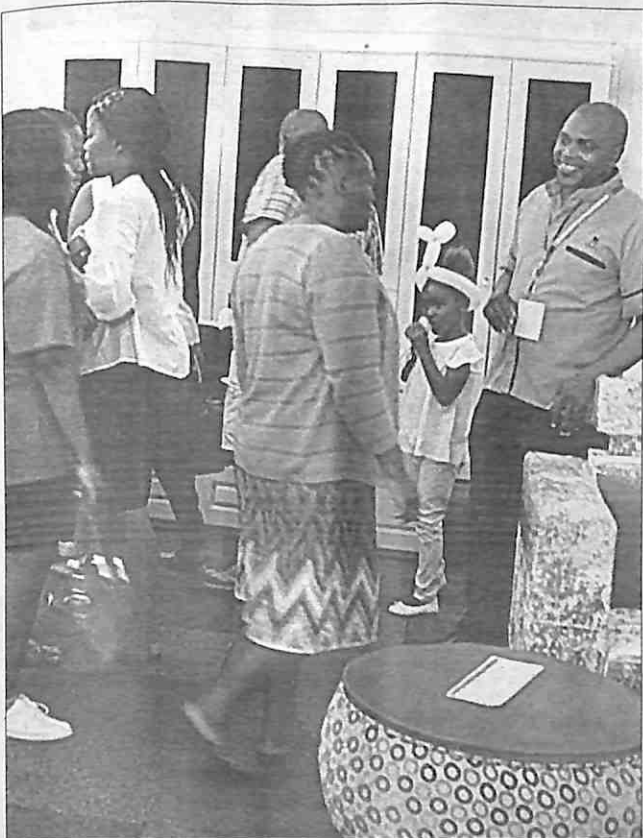
She emphasised that the SODV Act did not have provision for any workplace's internal processes when it came to violation of any of its sections and as such, sexual harassment remained a criminal offence.

Leave issues of evidence with the police

ANYONE who feels they have been violated according to the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018 are encouraged to report to the police and

leave the matter in their hands. Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Principal Crown Counsel Lomvula Hlophe advised Eswatini Bank employees not to worry about

to attract crowds



CRAFT: The traditional regalia and carpentry sections were some of those that attracted more customers.

ing the crops were also taught on how best to manage their crops so as to give the best products.

The agricultural products were also on sale on the day and the public bought almost everything at reasonable prices. The enormous cabbages, for instance, were sold for as little as E10 which was a bargain for cus-

tomers as prices for a regular cabbage range from E12 to E20.

This was confirmed by the Deputy Public Relations Officer Senior Superintendent Mandla Sibiyi who said their stall had earned a name for the service because of the quality and affordable products they displayed. Sibiyi said the sections that received the most attention from

their customers were the carpentry, building and maintenance and agriculture sections.

He said the older customers were more interested in crop production and livestock rearing. Sibiyi said their customers like that the carpentry furniture was affordable, especially when one provided his own material because labour costs became very cheap. Although he could not divulge how much they had made at the time, Sibiyi said they already had orders from interested customers and some were keen to buy the products.

"Unfortunately they can only receive their products after the trade fair is over but our customers have shown so much love for our products, nonetheless," Sibiyi said.

There was also a health section where the public was told about the health system in the correctional facilities where inmates are cared for.

A female said at Mawelawela Correctional Facility for female offenders, pregnant women are assisted during delivery and to care for their babies.

She said the health department was directly linked with the ministry of education in a bid to ensure that all medication and equipment needed was available. In cases where an ill inmate needed more medical attention, the warder said they would be referred to hospital.

Social workers at elderly grants pay-points

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mbabane

SOCIAL workers will now be visible in all elderly grants payment points going forward.

Deputy Prime Minister's Under Secretary Hlobile Dlamini said this was a response to complaints from the nation that social welfare officers were not available to help them.

She said the officers in each area would listen to the complaints and help where possible, then escalate if need be.

Dlamini said some elderly grant beneficiaries and proxies were turned back last week when the disbursement of the grants started.

"It is either they come not on the stipulated date or the person coming to fetch the money isn't the proxy who was registered.

However, those who have missed the said dates are given a grace period after the last day of the payments. This started last week Thursday and will run up to tomorrow, this is called special payment," she said.

On August 20 there was a setback at Mbabane Post Office

when elderly people some of them living with disabilities were turned back for not appearing on the system.

Proxies were also turned back although they had registered when the registration window was opened. They were told that they didn't appear in the system which caused commotion.

"It is sad to see then be told that you don't appear in the system especially in this cold weather.

Signed

I came with my grandmother and she signed that I will fetch her money from then onwards as she is sickly, today I am told that I cannot be helped. Look around, out of 38 proxies only five appear in the system, this shows that their verification process is inefficient," said Tengetiwe Simelane.

Minister of Sports, Youth and Culture who is also Mbabane East MP Harries 'Madze' Bulunga was at the scene and he said he had gone to help his constituents to make sure the processes were smooth when the problems arose.

"I had gone there to make sure processes were smooth as some of my constituents were turned

back as they were omitted in the system and told that they didn't register.

Even with the proxy issues some didn't appear in the system apparently," Bulunga said.

Meanwhile DPMO's Director of Social Welfare Moses Dlamini said his office was fixing the problems and apologised for any inconvenience caused. He said these problems that arose helped because the elderly showed afterwards to verify that they were still alive.

Dlamini said it was very worrying that suddenly almost everyone was a proxy. He said they were preparing for a period where the elderly will use finger access control at the pay points so that they could be verified as right now it was easy to defraud government.

"There are so many proxies and something is wrong with this picture. The proxy option was made for elderly people who are bedridden. It is unbelievable that all of a sudden every old person in the country is bedridden. To me it appears that people don't take this process seriously. We also want to avoid situations where the money doesn't reach the destined person," Dlamini said.

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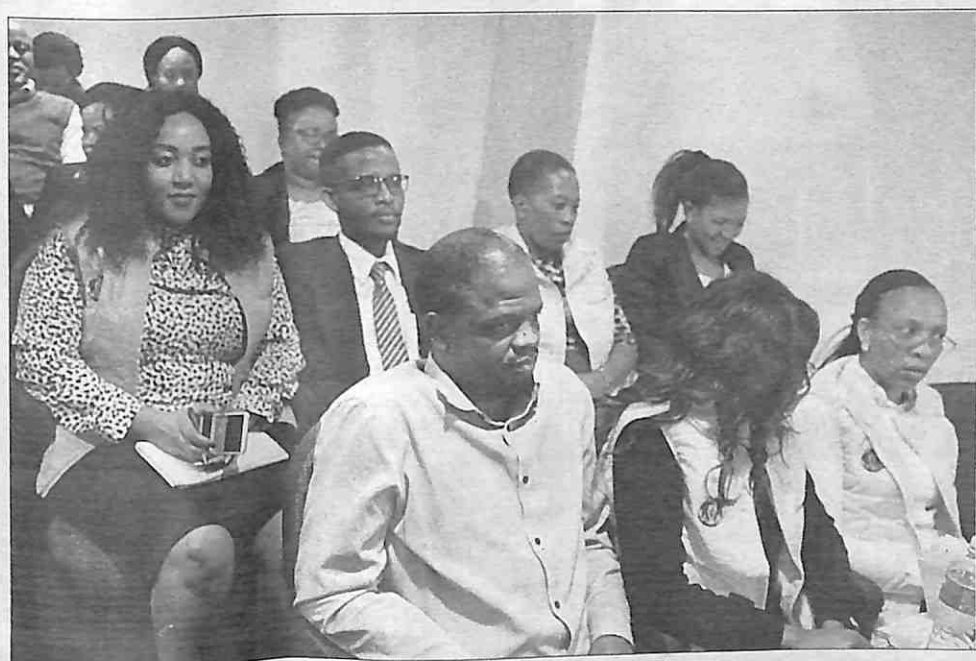
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Closing date for receipt of applications is the 10th September 2019

No late applications will be accepted. All applications will be acknowledged. Should you not receive further correspondence within one month of the closing date, please consider your application to be unsuccessful.



ADVISED: World Vision's It Takes Eswatini to end sexual violence against children Campaign Manager Nontobeko Mbuyane with Eswatini Bank employees who came in numbers to be capacitated on the importance of the SODV Act.

gathering evidence as police were duty bound and experts to collect such.

She said in the event a person is conflicted after being sexually harassed in a private area, such as an office, they should not be concerned about gathering evidence as this could only be done by the police along with the office of the DPP.

She said the issue of evidence could be deduced as well as dis-

counted by their expertise.

"Even those who report alleged crimes in order to get back at a person can be easily identified using various methods by us." The Principal Crown Counsel assured that the previous position of the law, which sought to have substantive evidence, had changed and evidence which is admissible in court is now according to precedence, something which a lay person might not be

aware of. As such, experience has enabled them to easily note valid claims.

"We gain experience through such cases as well as trainings along with the police. So if I call you, and talk to you; as you speak, I can already deduce as to what crime has been committed and at the back of my mind I draft the charge sheet. Hence, I plead with you not to bother yourself with the evidence," she said.

UMHLANGA 2019



BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III sharing a moment with his special guest AfDB President Dr Akinwumi Adesina and Her Majesty Indlovukazi. This was during the main day of the Reed Dance Ceremony at Ludzidzini on Monday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



SIGODLO: Emakhosikati admire the Imbali as they do what they know best in the arena.



Princess Temaswati.



APPRECIATE: Emazinyane appreciate Princess Sibahle.



Princess Sibahle.



WATCHING: Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku and Prince Masitsela with one of the guests as they watch Imbali.



DANCING: Nothando and Prince Majaha in dance.



Princess Sakhizwe.



ALL THERE: Young and old Imbali from the Royal Family.



SPLENDID: Imbali from the Royal Eswatini Police Service rendered a splendid display before Their Majesties and the guests.



MORE ON TRADE FAIR STALLS TOUR



LOOK YOUR MAJESTY: Indonesia Consular Karime Ashraf briefing His Majesty King Mswati III during his Trade Fair stalls tour on Saturday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



YOUR MAJESTY: American Ambassador Lisa Peterson meets His Majesty at their stall.



OUR PROJECTS: FINCORP Managing Director Dumisani Msibi speaking to His Majesty at their stand.



OUR ENERGY: Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority CEO Vusi Mkhumane briefing His Majesty.



IT LOOKS NICE: His Majesty King Mswati III admiring a chopper displayed at the Mavuso Trade Centre by Starlite Aviation Eswatini.

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Pigg's Peak in seven-hour power outage

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

THERE was a seven-hour power outage on Sunday in Pigg's Peak.

The situation, which left consumers not pleased, was a result of the maintenance of electricity poles. It began at 0800 hours and ended at 1500 hours. Areas affected included Ndzingeni, Ngowane, Meleti, Nsangwini and Tshaneni. During the power outage major businesses like KFC, Boxer Supermarket and Shoprite Pigg's Peak had to rely on generators to resume normal operations. Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) Head of Corporate Communications Khaya Mavuso said the outage was caused due to the replacement of older electricity poles.

"An electricity outage affected Pigg's Peak and surrounding areas

on Sunday, this is because we were maintaining and replacing older electricity poles along the MR1 public road on our main electricity line in Pigg's Peak town. We had communicated through the local print media on Friday and on our website last week. We decided to do the maintenance on Sunday as this day would affect fewer businesses compared to other days of the week," he said.

Mavuso added that members of the public should phone the 24-hour EEC call centre if they have any queries.

"We encourage members of the public to contact the EEC call centre if they have any queries pertaining to electricity disturbances. The call centre is always operational to assist members of the public. The public should contact us on 800 9000 if you are using a landline or 2508 3333 for cellphone users," he added.



OUTAGE: EEC employees working in Pigg's Peak on Sunday. (Pic: Sizwe Dlamini)

ICT can be a vehicle of economic development

STORIES BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

INFORMATION and communication technologies (ICTs) can be a vehicle for economic development as the country positions itself for Vision 2022, says Minister of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Princess Sikhanyiso.

She said ICTs had played a major role in bringing a range of services to our society faster and cheaper compared to a decade ago. She said the country needs to continuously grow and innovate in this area in order to uplift the lives of the poor and improve the competitiveness of the economy.

Representative

She was speaking through her representative Phesheya Dube during a graduation ceremony for 11 SISCO Academy students. The event was held at the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) last Wednesday.

Referring to the partnership between Eswatini Post and Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC) and UNESWA, the minister encouraged such collab-



ICT: Minister of Information Communications Technology (ICT) Princess Sikhanyiso.

orations and partnerships that develop the country and place it in the world map of countries that have a pool of skills that can implement and support ICT development.

The minister added that Eswatini has made great strides towards digital transformation, adding that government

and the ministry of ICT remained committed to harnessing ICTs to work for the nation.

This, according to the minister, does not only include adopting the suitable technologies but it is also building the local talent pool in the sector.

"It is critical that we look ahead into

Elderly woman needs proper house

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

AN elderly woman from Malindza is in desperate need of a house after the one she occupied was destroyed by storms last year.

Gogo Norah Maziya said for months now, she has been living in a tent which was donated by the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA).

She said she could not construct a permanent house because she could not afford it and her grandson she stays with is not employed.

Maziya said during rainy days, she got assistance from Red Cross Society where she was offered a bigger tent.

The tent was later destroyed by storms and she had to get another one through the assistance of Malindza Gogo Centre. She said she was again assisted by NDMA.

Disaster

The disaster agency further donated food parcels to her and her grandson, but as time passed by, she was told that she should return the tent back as it was needed for other needy people.

"They said I should surrender the tent because I have a son who can construct a home for me as he can find employ-

ment," the elderly woman said.

Maziya urged the public to help her build a permanent home.

She said a local church known as Malindza Barefoot Church help her in constructing a temporary structure for the old using corrugated iron.

Contacted

Pastor of the church Majahodvwa, Malaza said they had been willing to help Maziya, but with the limited resources they were only able to construct the temporary structure using the iron sheets.

Malaza said as a church, they were hoping to construct a proper house for the elderly woman. He said they tried to mobilise more resources for the construction of the house.

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

Employed Emaswati swimming in debts

CLOSE to 80 per cent of working Emaswati are deep into debts, an economist has said.

This followed after SELECT Management clients were turned back from the company after attempting to borrow money to sustain them.

The clients were seeking help from a company Debts Souls, which promised to assist them clear their debts.

According to one of the clients, debtors deducted a lot of money from their salaries, as a result they were left with nothing at the end of the month.

SELECT Chief Executive Officer Bongani Motsa said they did not reject their clients. In fact Motsa said they should not take loans more than what they could afford.

He said negotiations between SELECT and Debt Souls had not been finalised, hence the clients could not continue

borrowing her money.

Meanwhile, an economist said more people were sinking into debts due to a combinations of factors, including the rising commodity prices with disproportionately lower salary increases (if at all, with particular reference to civil servants).

Unemployment

"There is also the matter of high unemployment (especially youth) and escalating poverty levels," the economist said.

Ultimately it means, without a proper state-funded social protection or social assistance programmes, the burden of taking care of all this falls on the working population, who in turn get into more debts as they try to meet the increasing obligations.

The economist said people should stop taking loans as they only perpet-



uates the debt cycle.

The economist added that in some cases, it might assist to consolidate multiple loans into one that takes account the affordability, but that would require an assessment on a case by case basis.

"I also think employers should ensure their employees are taught or have access to basic household financial

management lessons," he said.

For the employer, the incentive here is that happy employees are generally more productive.

He added that on the macro level, government should finalise the draft Social Protection Policy, which would address the underlying cause of why people are finding unavoidable to bor-

row.

"The basket of goods that one used to get with a salary five years ago (for instance) has shrunk drastically, due to inflation and other factors," he said.

The economist said individuals have to adjust their standard of living to reflect the more modest disposable income, by way of cutting unnecessary spending.

"There are various examples, using public transport more instead of driving, or car-pooling to work, avoid using credit for frivolous spending," said the economist.

He urged Emaswati to consider having a savings account, with whatever little money is available. This would make people less vulnerable to any external shocks that may affect their usual spending cycle thus they would need to borrow on a much less frequent basis.

UNESWA wants to be varsity of choice

UNESWA Vice Chancellor Justice Thwala says the institution's vision is to be seen as the university of choice in Africa.

He said although this was an ambitious vision, but the involvement of the private sector in its programmes, this could be achievable. The vice chancellor mentioned that the university's department of Computer Sciences already had plans to graduate to be a school of ICT which will attract students from all over the African continent. Further, Thwala said he was

pleased with the minister of ICT when she addressed fellow parliamentarians about her ministry's partnership with that of education to start offering computer lessons in all public schools from primary level.

Developed

"It is in that spirit that the department of Computer Sciences developed two programmes which have been designed and are being offered as from this academic year for Bsc. in ICT, Bsc. in Information Science and Bsc. in Computer Education," he said.

possibilities to succeed the outlook for information technology to impact and improve our lives," she said.

Regulations

"Let us empower ourselves towards laws and regulations that will allow for even more positive results from our investment in the ICT sector," the minister added.

Directing to the 11 graduates, the minister requested that they put

their skills to test and work hard for the betterment of the country. She said the success of having the country lead in the ICT sector and remain competent internationally relied on the right skills and personnel being continuously sharpened to be able to ensure ICTs worked.

"This will also have a direct positive effect on the welfare of Emaswati."

EU supports caregivers training

BY NONCEBO DLAMINI
Manzini

THE European Union also supports the training of caregivers for orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) in the country amongst other things.

Last week, EU Ambassador Esmeralda Hernandez Aragon, visited Vulamehlo Primary School at Mafutseni in the Manzini region where she witnessed first-hand the training of caregivers for OVC, a project supported by the European Union.

The training of the caregivers, which is done by the University of Eswatini and Save the Children Eswatini, was aimed at ensuring that OVC are taken care of by professionals who understand their role in enhancing the well-being of the OVC.

In her remarks during the visit, Ambassador Hernandez Aragon said the EU was proud to give support to the most vulnerable children

in Eswatini.

She said the EU strongly believed that the best place to care for OVC was in the communities and not in institutions. She hoped that the graduates from these trainings will be a great asset in improving the quality of child protection in the kingdom.

Believe

The ambassador said EU strongly believed that the best place to care for OVC was in communities, avoiding putting children in the institutions or residential centres.

Aragones said in 2001, the National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) started the first 18 neighbourhood care points (NPCs) to protect vulnerable children in the respective communities.

"Other development partners such as UN agencies and civil society organisations supported this effort. NPCs are around 1 500 and in that aspect, the EU is supporting the deputy prime minister's office to survey and map these NPCs to measure quality of care and set minimum standards."

Mbabane-Mbuluzi takes a leaf from Rotary Club Uganda

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

ROTARY Club of Mbabane-Mbuluzi has learnt of the major strides that have been achieved by the Rotary Club of Uganda.

During a meeting that was held at the organisation's offices; Agnes Seruyange, who is one of the rotarians from Uganda said they have pioneered many massive projects as rotarians in that country which local rotarians could emulate.

She said one of the projects that they had established was a refugee settlement, which was completed in 2017.

Seruyange said the refugee settlement was home to over 50 000 refugees and it is a first of its kind in the entire world.

She said they were engaging young people into leadership skills and mentoring them into giving those skills that would integrate them into normal lives in society.

She said for a population of Uganda, the clubs member could meet for a period of 10 years without knowing each other's parental homes, and it is a duty for every incoming president to take them back to the village where he or she was born.

"We usually go there and conduct a massive project for the community such as immunisation, counselling and that is what has made our clubs in Uganda very unique," she said.

As part of fundraising, they usually have a movie fellowship which is held on the last day of the month where they go to a cinema and organise family and friends. The proceeds that are made on that day are directed to the rotary club's account. Seruyange said they have over 180 Rotary Clubs across the country, which has made them one of the biggest districts in the world.

Increase

For Eswatini, according to Seruyange, there is a lot that could be done to increase the membership base of the organisation to reach Uganda's level.

"We usually have over 80 members in one club and the bonding is very big as we engage in a lot of projects together and the cooperation is overwhelming," she added.

She said she hoped that one day Eswatini would join Uganda in the upcoming race, which is championed by the rotary club as this will ensure that the organisation is growing at all fronts.

On that note Mbabane-Mbuluzi Rotary



LEADERS: President of the Mbabane-Mbuluzi Rotary Club Dr. Sikhomba Gumbi with President of Mbabane Rotary Club Dr. Nolwazi Dlamini and Father Martin McCormack. (Pics: Bongumusa Simelane)



YOU ARE WELCOME: The guest speaker Father Martin McCormack receiving a gift from Rotary Club's Sindiso Simelane.

Club President Dr. Sikhomba Gumbi said it was very interesting to learn what other clubs were doing in their respective districts.

Gumbi said the Mbabane-Mbuluzi Rotary Club was following closely in the footsteps of the Ugandan Rotary club.

Gumbi said as an organisation they would make sure that they implement all the necessary strategies that will see the club

grow in the near future.

He said as rotarians, they had a mandate of ensuring that the organisation meets its obligations on daily basis and impacting on people's lives. The event was also graced by Father Martin McCormack, who is the Salesian Priest from Ballydesmond in Ireland. It was also attended by the President of Mbabane Rotary Club Dr. Nolwazi Dlamini.

As African leaders meet on growth, SA and Nigeria are a drag

JOHANNESBURG - The two nations that account for almost half of sub-Saharan Africa's gross domestic product are proving to be a damper on the region's economic expansion.

Nigeria and South Africa, which view with each other to be the continent's biggest economy, both release second-quarter growth data yesterday.

While the figures will probably show South Africa dodged a recession and Nigeria's growth quickened, according to two separate Bloomberg surveys, both are expected to show they expanded at a limp pace.

The publication of the data comes as political and business leaders from at

least 28 African countries prepare to meet in Cape Town yesterday at the World Economic Forum on Africa. The discussions will focus on how Africa, which has some of the world's fastest-growing economies in Ghana and Ethiopia, can expand its potential.

'Major Drag'

"It is obviously going to be a major drag on the continent's growth if the two largest economies are not performing," said Ronak Gopaldas, a Director at the Cape Town-based consultancy Signal Risk.

The data is expected to show the South African economy grew an annualized

2.5 per cent from the first quarter, and Nigeria's expanded by the same margin year-on-year. While the slowing global expansion is contributing to South Africa and Nigeria's tepid growth, the two nations' economic woes are largely of their own doing.

The ANC-led government in South Africa has failed to decisively deal with the finances of debt-laden power utility Eskom, which is straining the nation's budget and caused a contraction in GDP in the first quarter. Nigeria's failure to diversify its economy, which relies on oil for 90 per cent of its foreign exchange, leaves it vulnerable to international price movements. *Bloomberg*



CHILD FIRST: Director of Save the Children Dumisani Mnisi and European Union Ambassador Esmeralda Hernandez Aragon at Mafutseni. (Pic: Nongcebo Dlamini)

FOOD COURT GIVES VALUE TO UMHLANGA EXPERIENCE



GUESTS: The food court was abuzz with activity.

THE food court manned by Tibiyo TakaNgwane proved to be a hit – on both days of the reed dance ceremony.

Dignitaries and members of the public were given a place to mingle and network at the food and experience court, sampling in the process diverse food menus.

The food and experience court also offered souvenirs for those who wanted to take a little bit of Eswatini back home with them.

Tibiyo is one of the major supporters of national cultural events and the food court

– which has been a regular feature at the reed dance – is one of its ways to give value to the activities.

The food court has over the years provided a hospitable and convenient environment for tourists and the general public, by offering a buffet menu, snacks and take-away food at affordable rates.

It also brings together different small and large business traders under one roof to provide services closer to the arena.

Some of the traders for this year's food court were the Royal Villas, Sibane Hotel,



INTERVIEW: Tibiyo Taka Ngwane MD being interviewed by Channel Africa.

Eswatini National Trust Commission, among others.



ROUND TABLE: Senate President Lindiwe Dlamini with her guests after enjoying meals at the food court which had different eateries serving meals.



REFRESHMENTS: Sgodvo Motsa, Khisimusi Maziya and Dumezweni Dlamini enjoying refreshments.



READY: Royal Villas Hotel staff ready to welcome their guests.



DIFFERENT: Sibane Hotel prepared different cuisines.



SERVING: Celani Magongo from Royal Villas ensuring the customers are well looked after.



FROM FAR: Visitors came from far and wide to get refreshments.



RELAX: Nontsikelelo Mazibuko and Chunky Dlamini from ETA also took time to relax.



KODAK MOMENT: Guests catch up as they wait to be served.

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We expect minimum disruption in our services, especially telephone communication. However, the Report Centre and Reception will remain at Mbandzeni House until the 10th September. Thereafter, we will be available at Sibekelo Building.

We regret the inconvenience that will be caused by this exercise. We also undertake to carry out this exercise in the best interest of you, our valued client.

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"I greet you all Saints in the name of our heavenly father Jesus Christ, Amen! *Ngiyayitsandza inkhosi bazalwane njengemfeli nemnakekeli wemphilo yami, Amen phela!* (Giggling) *Bathandekayo* in the Lord, I have good news for you.

Good, good, good news (Pausing and taking a deep breath) I have come here to tell you *kutsi linemandla igazi lemvana bazalwane.*

(Another pause and moving up and down like Dennis the Menace) *Bazalwane*, the woman who was giving me problems emshadweni *wami ufile ... Amen kakhulu bazalwane... UFILE...* I mean DEAD mine *bathandekayo*" (The congregation screaming and shouting 'Amen' and 'halleluyas.'

Others were heard saying, 'send back to the sender.' That was Mrs. Mtfombeni delivering her testimonies on how God has avenged her of a 'demon' that was terrorising her.

The 'demon' is her husband's girlfriend popularly known as 'Side Chick' in today's lingo. Mrs Magagula is one of many examples of how intriguing it has become to listen to testimonies in churches. While others come to the front to literally 'brag' about their 'God'... others provide the best form of free VIP stand up comedy to the level of bo Dr. Shakes, Mdura and Trevor Noah!

SIS DUMSILE

But Sis Dumsile takes the whole cup of laughter... *INYANISI*... who does it better than this always serious looking, dressed to the nines, curvy, with thick make up lady at the wrong side of 30.

I am sure I am not the only one in church who wishes she frequently takes the podium to tell us what the 'Lord' has done for her. Oh my gosh Sis Dumsile rocks.

Besides boasting that *'uyintombi nto' yena...* whatever that means... she likes bragging about her curves that *akusiwo lankha ekutsengwa* at Small Street or China Town in Jozi but are 'genetically engineered' whatever that means.

HONDA FIT (S)

"*Bazalwane* I wonder what your God does for you." Shouting Sis Dumsile as she stands in front of the church.

"My Godo is alive *hhayi lowakho lofile but-fongo*. My God, brethren gave me three wema Honda Fit (s) in a space of one year. *Tsanini Amen yini lomona.*

(The church went into rapture) Others stood up and shouted like a scene in a Tyler Perry movie. Sis Dumsile, swinging her thick hips, with red hot lips sparkling, continued, "*Ngitsi leave your lazy God ubuye kunangu wami. I repeat bazalwane, three Honda Fit (s) in hardly a year ... Amen bo.*"

The church went ecstatic, a sign that it always

warms up to Sis Dumsile's bragging, attention seeking, comical stunts camouflaged as testimonies.

MAKE MAPHOSA

"*Bazalwane* I am not bragging (a good entry point for bragging) when I say I am blessed." Make Maphosa was next on the podium of testimonies. She continued, "All my four children *banema degrees bazalwane. Vusike yena* as you know *hucucudvu lwa dokodela*, Simangele is a Lawyer bo Thulina Smephi *bona ma* Chattered Accountants *bafute* their father.

Bazalwane let me repeat I am not bragging (interrupted by screaming) and even if I do, let's just say *vele* I am bragging where else can I brag except in front of the Lord. (More screaming) *Bazalwane*, I am blessed as you know *nami* I hold two degrees in Foot and Mouth and very soon I will complete my *N. G. A.* (More screaming... I wonder if they know *kut-siyiniyona le N. G. A.* but... anyway).

BHUTI THEMBA

I believe every church has its own 'Bhuti Themba' who serves as the unofficial CEO and does almost everything that needs to be done in the church. Bo Bhuti Themba are usually in the right age for marriage; are marriage materials but for unknown reasons are not married.

They dress immaculate and elegant; lifting well ironed trousers into the chest; have a 'holy' strained serious faces; they are always on the alert with eyes that roam around everywhere. They get away with almost everything and can joke about whatever...!

For instance, on this one Sunday Bhuti Themba goes to the front during testimony time.

"*Bazalwane*, tell your neighbour *kumnandzi kuba la...* (as usual the congregants will do so) I am standing here just to thank God *kutsi angiphe* more days *bazalwane. Ye bazalwane lokuvuka nje uphilile asikubonge.*

Others have not seen this day. But Bhuti Themba is still alive. *Ngitsi angisho bazalwane kutsi Bhuti Themba* is still available ...

AN ELIGIBLE BACHELOR. *Baphi bo sisi bendawo?* (The congregants went into stitches while others went exhilarating ... *BHUTI THEMBA* pauses ... takes a deep breath and continue) *Ngifuna intombi 'nto' ngoba nami ngilijaha ja.* (Another sound of thrill in the church).

"BAZALWANE NGITFOLE LI BLESSER..."

Nothing had prepared the congregants for the testimony of this 23-year-old lady who has a figure like a Coca-Cola bottle.

Whatever that means. Allow me to call her 'Angelina Jolie' for ethical reasons.

She is expensive ... long Peruvian hair, manicure, pedicure, Gucci dress and Donatella sunshades, Versace perfume ... *yooo*. She is conspicuous consumption in details.

KWESHUMI

I wonder *kutsi uyakukhipha yini kweshumi*. But I guess she does judging by the way the church takes her serious. "*Bazalwane* if you pray God *uyativa tikhalo takho*. I fasted for 20 days and 20 nights and prayed for God to change my state of poverty.

And God being God sent me *indvodza lecotfo* who does everything for me. He is a 54 handsome man, my *BAE*, "said 'Angelina Jolie!' (Whistling and shouting in church)

(She continued)

"Forget the 31 years age difference *bazalwane* age is nothing but a number *kwasho umh-labeli ALIYAAH.*

This man *uyangi blesser bazalwane*, (EXHILARATION) he pays rent, buys me clothes, food, look at this Mazda 2 I am driving *bazalwane* God is in control. God does not operate like you *bazalwane.*

He can just give you *indvodza yebantfu* to fish you out of poverty. Even in the Bible *sikubonile loku bazalwane.* (More screaming)

Last year he took me to Dubai *ngagibela indiza* for the first time. (Screaming in the church) please pray for me *bazalwane* because people have jealousy ... others *batsi mubi*, oth-

ers *batsi* he is old yet *ngiphiwe ngu Jehova Sebwoti*. (One woman stood up clapping hands and was heard saying '*banemona vele wena sisi* but we will pray for you.'

MORAL BAROMETER

By the time 'Angelina Jolie' left the stage my tears of laughter were streaming down my cheeks.

You guessed right, I was laughing because of the way the church has moved drastically from being a moral barometer.

Just 10 years ago the church would have frowned at this barbaric march to catastrophe but today the church fully embraces moral bankruptcy.

The church has been put on auction sale to the highest bidder who pays tithes and offerings; the source of the income does not matter anymore.

I would have thought there would be no applause to some of the testimonies but I was wrong; as I am always wrong anyway. It is MONEY OR NOTHING.

I have heard that next week Mandla Wa Bantu will come to make a huge donation to the church.

I can just pre-empt how he will be received. I know I am asking too much from God; But please father God *sale ubuya ugcota* Sir! It is TOO MUCH.

While others come to the front to literally 'brag' about their 'God'... others provide the best form of free VIP stand up comedy to the level of bo Dr. Shakes, Mdura and Trevor Noah!



WHAT THE LAW SAYS

Utsini umtsetfo

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 4

1972 - Swimmer Mark Spitz captured his seventh Olympic gold medal in the 400-meter medley relay event at Munich, Germany. Spitz was the first Olympian to win seven gold medals.

1981 - The Soviet Union began war games with about 100 000 troops on the Polish border.

1983 - US officials announced that there had been an American plane, used for reconnaissance, in the vicinity of the Korean Air Lines flight that was shot down.

1986 - South African security forces halted a mass funeral for the victims of the riot in Soweto.

1989 - A reconnaissance satellite was released by the Air Force's Titan Three rocket. The Titan Three set over 200 satellites into space between 1964 and 1989.

1993 - Pope John Paul II started his first visit to the former Soviet Union.

1993 - Jim Abbott (New York Yankees) pitched a no-hitter. Abbott had been born without a right hand.

1995 - The Fourth World Conference on Women was opened in Beijing. There were over 4,750 delegates from 181 countries in attendance.

1998 - In Mexico, bankers stopped approving personal loans and mortgages.

1998 - The International Monetary Fund approved a US\$257 million loan for the Ukraine.

1998 - Google was incorporated as a privately held company.

1998 - While in Ireland, US President Clinton said the words 'I'm sorry' for the first time about his affair with Monica Lewinsky and described his behaviour as indefensible.

1999 - The United Nations announced that the residents of East Timor had overwhelmingly voted for independence from Indonesia in a referendum held on August 30. In Dili, pro-Indonesian militias attacked independence supporters, burned buildings, blew up bridges and destroyed telecommunication facilities.

2002 - The Oakland Athletics won their AL-record 20th straight game. The A's gave up an 11-run lead during the game and then won the game on a Scott Hatteberg home run in the bottom of the ninth inning.

2003 - Keegan Reilly, 22, became the first paraplegic climber to reach the peak of Japan's Mount Fuji.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Beyoncé (POP singer) - September 4, 1981 (38 years old)



Damon Wayans (Comedian) - September 4, 1960 (59 years old)

OFFENCES RELATING TO MISUSE OF INFORMATION, OTHER MATTERS

78. (1) A person who knows or ought reasonably to have known—
(a) that information has been disclosed under section 76 or 77; or
(b) that an investigation is being, or may be, conducted as a result of the disclosure referred to in paragraph (a),
and who directly or indirectly alerts, or brings information to the attention of another person which will or is likely to prejudice the investigation, commits an offence.

(2) A person who intentionally refuses or fails to comply with an order of court made in terms of this Act, commits an offence.

(3) A person who hinders a curator bonis, a member of the police or any other person in the exercise, performance or carrying out of the powers, functions or duties in terms of this Act, commits an offence.

(4) Any person convicted of an offence contemplated in—

(a) subsection (1) or (2), unless the offence is not one of a failure to comply with a confiscation order or a forfeiture order, is liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand Emalangeni, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding fifteen years or to both;

(b) subsection (2), if the offence is one of a failure to comply with a confiscation order or a forfeiture order, is liable to a fine not exceeding ten million Emalangeni, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty years; or
(c) subsection (3) is liable to a fine not exceeding twenty five thousand Emalangeni, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three years.

(5) A conviction and sentence under subsection (4) for a failure to comply with a confiscation order or a forfeiture order does not discharge the order in respect of which a court had convicted or sentenced an offender.

Rules of court

79. The Chief Justice shall make rules for the High Court and the Magistrates Court regulating the proceedings contemplated in Parts IV and VIII or regulating the proceedings or matters referred to in sections 23, 24, 53, 74, 75 and 77 of this Act.

Procedure for certain applications
80. (1) Every application under sections 16, 34, 42, 50 and 55 shall be made in the prescribed manner.

(2) The Director of Public Prosecutions may, in cases of urgency, apply to the High Court to dispense with any requirements

prescribed for an application made under section 16 or 42.

(3) In an application in terms of subsection (2) the court may accept oral or hearsay evidence if that evidence will not render the proceedings unfair.

(4) In an application in terms of subsection (2) the court may—
(a) direct the applicant to file complete papers or to adduce further evidence at a date and time specified by the court before deciding whether or not to make an order, including an order referred to in paragraph (b);

(b) make a provisional order having immediate effect and may simultaneously grant a rule nisi calling on the person against whom the order is made to appear on a day mentioned in the rule and to show cause why the order should not be made final.

Functions of curator bonis

81. (1) Immediately after a curator bonis is appointed in terms of this Act, the curator bonis shall take into custody all the property in respect of which the curator bonis was appointed, as well as any document in the possession or custody or under the control of any person referred to in section 19(1), 34(2)(c), 46(1)(b) or 58(3) if that document relates to the property.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Administration of Estates Act, 1902 (Act 28 of 1902), does, with the necessary changes, apply in respect of a curator bonis appointed in terms of this Act.

(3) The High Court may dispense with any requirement in terms of any law that applies to the appointment of a curator bonis or to the

execution of any power or function by a curator bonis, including a requirement for a curator bonis to provide security.

Staff member may take care of property

82. Where a court may appoint a curator bonis in terms of this Act, the court may dispense with such an appointment and direct instead that a staff member will, subject to the directions of the court, take care of the property concerned.

Costs
83. (1) A court may make an order as to costs as it deems appropriate in favour of the Director of Public Prosecutions in respect of any proceedings arising out of Part IV or VIII.

(2) Any amount paid in terms of an order referred to in subsection (1) shall be deposited into the Fund.

Taxation of costs

84. (1) Where the High Court makes provision for reasonable legal expenses for a person, the Director of Public Prosecutions or the curator bonis may apply to the High Court for an order that the expenses be taxed in accordance with the prescribed rates.

(2) The curator bonis or the Director of Public Prosecutions shall give notice of an application under this section to the person concerned.

(3) The High Court shall, on receipt of an application under this section, order that the expenses be taxed as provided in the order.

(4) After an application is made for an order under this section, the curator bonis need not, unless ordered by the court to do so, take

any steps for the purpose of meeting the expenses provided for under section 17(1) or 48(1) unless and until—

(a) an order under this section in relation to the expenses is complied with; or

(b) the application, and any appeal arising out of it, are finally determined, or otherwise disposed of, other than by the making of such an order.

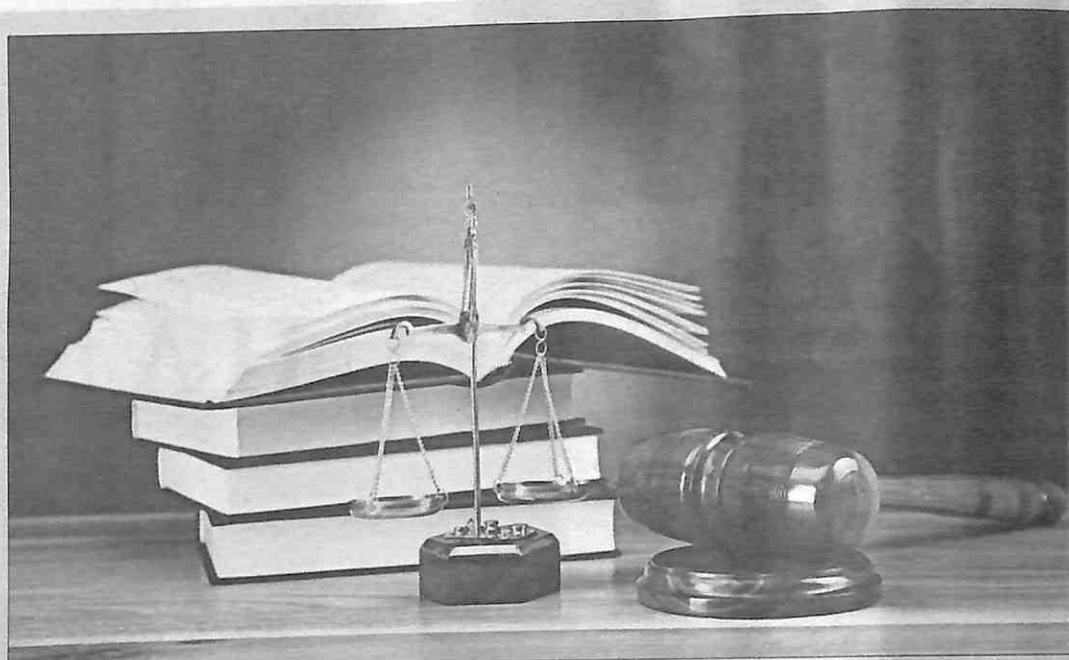
Maximum legal expenses

85. (1) A provision under section 17(1) or 48(1) for the meeting of legal expenses out of any property which is subject to a restraint order or a preservation of property order shall not exceed the prescribed maximum allowable costs for legal services to be met out of that property.

(2) This section limits the amount of the legal expenses which the High Court may provide under section 17(1) or 48(1) to be met out of property which is subject to a restraint order or preservation of property order and does not limit or otherwise affect any entitlement of a legal practitioner to any amount which exceeds any applicable maximum for a legal service.

Jurisdiction in respect of sentence
86. (1) A magistrates court has jurisdiction to impose any penalty mentioned in section 78(4), even though that penalty may exceed the penal jurisdiction of that court.

(2) A magistrates court has jurisdiction to make any order referred to in section 23(2) even though the amount payable under that order may exceed the civil jurisdiction of the magistrate's court.



1 BILLION RISING REVOLUTION

WOMEN, MEN; SAME CONVERSATION BUT DIFFERENT RULES

GENDER stereotyping, the act of ascribing an individual woman or man specific attributes, characteristics or roles by reason only of her or his membership in the social group of women and men.

This is a topic that has been discussed throughout the ages, even within our own series, yet the true extent to which gender stereotyping permeates throughout our lives is beyond measure.

The power of gender stereotyping lies in its unobtrusive nature, it is a societal norm that requires the willingness to question and understanding for a complete mind-set overhaul to truly eradicate. It is present in our daily lives, in the conversations we have, the people we meet even the toys we buy.

Development

Gender stereotyping serves no true purpose towards the survival and development of the species, its disadvantages far outweighing its purpose. It is an accepted and undeniable part of human existence, yet the true extent to which gender stereotyping controls our lives remains underestimated. It influences the decisions we make, the statements we speak, the opinions we hold in our daily lives at all levels.

The modern age has experienced unprecedented levels of technological advancement, social media now forms the backbone of our social interaction, meaning it is also vul-



nerable to gender stereotyping.

A woman on social media can expect anything from unsolicited nudity, harassment, cyber-stalking and the use of highly aggressive language patterns.

Fashion magnifies the value we attach to femininity and masculinity, when a comparison is made, clothing between the sexes and the differences in design are glaring.

The primary purpose of women and by extension their clothing is to be aesthetically appealing, even at the expense of functionality.

Faux pockets will be added to women's clothing for beauty's sake yet real pockets must be forsaken for the prevention of unsightly lumps,

an unacceptable blemish for femininity, yet acceptable for masculinity.

On a more tragic note, gender stereotyping also lays at the heart of victim blaming. Women have been placed in a position of responsibility for men's actions, thoughts and opinions. When a woman is raped or abused, then the prevailing opinion is that she must've done something to provoke or cause this negative event to happen.

In this way stereotypes are used to assign guilt to the victim and justify the perpetrator for example a woman blamed for getting raped because she was dressed in a short skirt.

The socially acceptable professions

and hobbies for women are men are themselves defined by gender stereotyping.

Women are expected to partake in ladylike activities, meaning they should not be physically taxing or endanger her pretty face in anyway. When seeking job opportunities women are relegated to the low level positions, because gender stereotyping mandates that leadership is an exclusively male role.

Gender stereotyping limits the potential of the human race as it serves no true societal purpose, only ensuring a waste of valuable human resource. Half the planet's population is ignored whilst the other half's potential is limited, the former is expected to be more "lady-like" and the latter to "man-up" preventing both women and men from effectively participating in public life and social development.

Authored by One Billion Rising

“Gender stereotyping limits the potential of the human race as it serves no true societal purpose, only ensuring a waste of valuable human resource”

I hopes Watson wasn't 'removed from the scene'

PORT ELIZABETH - Former president Jacob Zuma has called Gavin Watson a real comrade.

Speaking at the funeral of the former Bosasa CEO at the Feather Market Centre in Port Elizabeth yesterday, Zuma said Watson was "a soldier of our struggle, who understood the need to build SA to be a better country that takes care of its citizens. A real democrat, a revolutionary in practice and not just in theory."

Watson, 73, died in a car crash at OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg last Monday morning. He was driving in the airport precinct in a white Toyota Corolla registered under Bosasa in the early hours of the morning when he allegedly lost control of the car and collided with a concrete pillar holding up a highway bridge.

Watson, who was alone in the car, was certified dead on the scene and a case of culpable homicide has been opened. His death has raised many questions.

At the funeral, Zuma said he hoped that Watson had not been "cleverly removed from the scene like others who had died mysteriously especially during the Apartheid era".

Zuma, who arrived at the funeral to ulu-

lation, said Watson was preparing to go to the Zondo commission (of inquiry into State Capture) to respond to a number of allegations made against him so that he could clear his name.

"Perhaps those in the company will also have an opportunity to do so. We are living in a strange era where those who fought for freedom and were vilified by the Apartheid system are now seen as the worst people in the country. The media narrative is deliberately shaped to undermine our freedom," Zuma said.

"Some of the comrades who have been taken away are those who are very close to me in terms of work and understanding in terms of where we come from and where we are going."

Zuma warned that South Africa was strategically placed geographically, politically, economically and globally and outside interests were a threat to the country.

"I wish we can learn from him that we need to address our ills differently. If we don't, we all will die one by one, especially those who are known to be problematic. (This can happen in different ways) A heart attack, I know it can be induced. I have been poisoned myself. I am not talking about something I don't know." **IOL**

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"They are always looking at people who need to be removed and I hope we are not dealing with that case here.

"The Watson family has been under the spotlight of our enemies for many years and it has not stopped.

"Somehow we got to the stage where the (Zondo) commission was further used to deal with this family. I hope sincerely there will be explanations of many things."

Interests

Zuma said the ANC was riddled with class interests. "It has now emerged that once a comrade who was willing to die with you, today that comrade is willing to kill you for personal interests.

"Gavin was a different kind of a person. We still need to wake up and the ANC has to work hard to ensure that this country does not disintegrate into something else because of how important it is globally. This Watson family has suffered because of its political clarity and commitment to freedom in this country.

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Wit and Wisdom

● "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." - **Nelson Mandela**

● "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." - **Walt Disney**

● "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking." - **Steve Jobs**

● "If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor." - **Eleanor Roosevelt**

● "If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough." - **Oprah Winfrey**

● "If you set your goals ridiculously high and it's a failure, you will fail above everyone else's success." - **James Cameron**

● "Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans." - **John Lennon**

● "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." - **Mother Teresa**

● "When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on." - **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

● "Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else." - **Margaret Mead**

● "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." - **Robert Louis Stevenson**

● "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." - **Eleanor Roosevelt**

● "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." - **Benjamin Franklin**

● "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart." - **Helen Keller**

● "It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." - **Aristotle**

● "Whoever is happy will make others happy too." - **Anne Frank**

● "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 03 SEP 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	15.2405	15.2905
British Pound/SZL	18.2489	18.3088
Japanese Yen/SZL	6.9435	6.9644
Swiss Franc/SZL	15.3665	15.4107
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3655	1.3823
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.2340	10.2706
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.4212	11.4578
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.6685	16.7232
Gold	1,527.1000	
Oil	58.74	

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ESWATINI, US TO DEVELOP AGOA RESPONSE STRATEGY

BY BAHLE GAMA

ESWATINI in conjunction with the United States Trade and Investment Hub wants to develop an Africa Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) National Response Strategy.

Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo said as the lead ministry for AGOA issues, they are in the process of constituting a steering committee which would manage the exercise of developing the strategy.

"This strategy is aimed at assisting the country improve the utilisation of AGOA and allow the private sector to form linkages with other businesses; with the aim of taking advantage of AGOA benefits. "The National AGOA Response Strategy was introduced to address issues of low utilisation of AGOA," he said in a statement. He said

Africa is currently utilising 14 per cent of the 6 500 tariff lines under AGOA.

It was on this premise that African ministers of trade met during the 18th AGOA Forum held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, last month where they attributed the low utilisation to challenges faced by businesses when trying to take advantage of AGOA benefits. "Challenges identified included low production capacity and regulations that are imposed in the US. "The ministers also noted that some businesses were not aware of AGOA, thus did not know how to utilise its benefits.

USAID is assisting countries to develop the strategies. Out of the 39 benefiting African countries, only 18 have developed their national strategies," he said.

Khumalo said during the AGOA Forum, countries were advised to identify key products which the national strategies could focus on.

It was noted that AGOA benefits were uneven with petroleum products dominating in export volumes.

Countries were advised to add value to their products so that higher benefits could accrue from the export of higher value products as opposed to the raw products that are currently being exported.

"With coming into force of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the feeling in the forum was that the AfCFTA will shape the relationship between Africa and the US.

The meeting highlighted the need to plan for the future as AGOA is coming to an end in 2025 and the USA has not indicated an extension or not. Meanwhile, Eswatini has already started developing its own national strategy with

the help of USAID," he added.

The minister said this strategy would cover the period from its launch up to 2025 when the current round of AGOA comes to an end. In addition, the strategy would explore the options available for Eswatini in trading with the USA, in the event that AGOA is not renewed post 2025.

"Going forward, the ministry will engage many stakeholders including the private sector, micro small medium enterprises (MSMEs), academia and unions to ensure the outcome represents the views of all key stakeholders," he said.



DEVELOPMENT:
Minister of
Commerce,
Industry and Trade
Manqoba Khumalo.

MTN cheapest smart feature phone a hit at Trade Fair

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE newly-launched MTN smart feature phone is selling like hot cakes at the ongoing Eswatini International Trade Fair (EITF).

The MTN Smart T 3G launched by MTN in July retails at only E299.

While a feature phone is a 'text-and-call-only' mobile phone, the MTN Smart T 3G phone does way much more – it comes pre-loaded with WhatsApp, Facebook, YouTube, and Google maps. It also comes loaded with 12 months free 200MBs and free Twitter, enabling the user to sample different social media platforms at MTN's expense.

From the first day of the EITF 2019, the device has been flying off shelves, showing a huge potential to connect first time internet users to the web as envisaged during its launch.

One of the buyers was Phindile Mthembu who is employed by the organisers of EITF, Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA). Her smartphone which she was using as a form of communication developed a sensor problem and she got stuck. "I was frustrated because I was cut-off from communicating with the rest of my colleagues through both calls and WhatsApp," she said. With the little cash she had, she swiftly went to the MTN stand and got herself the MTN Smart T 3G. "I like the fact that it also gives me access to WhatsApp except for the text-and-call functionality. I also came in handy because I didn't need



'Y'ELLO: Customers being attended to at the MTN stand during the ongoing Eswatini International Trade Fair.

to instal WhatsApp and buy data," she said.

Speaking during the launch of the MTN Smart T 3G phone, MTN Eswatini Acting Chief Executive Officer Sibusiso Nhleko said the launch of the phone was important to both the business and its valued customers in several unique ways. "The smart feature phone, which comes with a 3G capability, addresses all your communication needs in a manner that is sensitive to your pocket," explained Nhleko.

"Without attempting to limit the market of this phone, I have no doubt in my mind that micro and small business people, for instance, will love this smart feature phone. This will not just because of its price, but largely because of its functionality," he further stated.

Nhleko further stated that the launch of the smart feature phone was an answered prayer to their customers who have always want-

ed to join the online community, but were constrained by limited resources to acquire a regular smart phone. The phone's reception by the public during the ongoing EITF has validated this statement.

Nhleko said the phone would contribute to the improvement of smartphone penetration in the Kingdom of Eswatini. "There is a huge potential for modernising and simultaneously walk with the nation towards First World status.

"Part of how we could get there is to connect with the rest of the world – learn from others, and trade with others – partly through this gadgets that are not priced prohibitively. When we are connected to the world, we can make business connections. Once we have made business connections, we can possibly accelerate our resolve as a country to create sustainable job opportunities in partnership with others," he said.



DECLARED DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SWAZI EMPOWERMENT LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a final dividend of E 26, 881, 974.00 (Twenty six million, eight hundred and eighty one thousand, nine hundred and seventy-four) comprising 145 (one hundred and forty-five) cents per share, has been declared to ordinary shareholders registered as such in the Company's share register at the close of business on or before 05 September 2019.

Payment of dividend is expected to be no later than 10 September 2019. Normal and withholding tax will be deducted from dividends paid to local shareholders and non-resident shareholder respectively where applicable.

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SUGAR INDUSTRY KEY IN SADC

STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA

THE sugar industry in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) is a key driver of economic development, through backward and forward linkages, supporting industrial development and sustainable economic growth.

Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) General Manager Sikhumbuzo Dlamini said in one SADC country, the sugar industry represented roughly 6.1 per cent of the country's GDP and 93 per cent of the agricultural sector.

He was speaking FSSP conference that was held at Royal Swazi Convention

centre last Wednesday.

"In terms of supporting local communities, the sugar cane industry also plays an important role in local communities, from helping establish small grower schemes to providing health-care, education, housing and infrastructure.

Building revenue and skills into the national economy, the sugar industries provide much needed export earnings and tax revenues to each host country, while the sugar production process supports the development of a range of engineering skills that transfer to other parts of the economy," he said.

He added that the sugar industry also contributed to poverty reduction in

SADC. In one country, the poverty levels had dropped by over four per cent due in part to opportunities for rural people in the sugar industry.

He added that in terms of trade within SADC Intra-regional trade Africa has for some years been an important centre of discussion in the regional integration agenda.

"Most intra-regional trade tends to happen between developed nations and it is still small among African RECs.

Despite numerous efforts by African Heads of States to promote intra-Africa trade, there has not been significant increase in intra-regional trade especially in Southern Africa," he added.

Intra-SADC Trade still remains very low

A study by OECD, states that intra-SADC trade has increased slightly since the creation of the Free Trade Area (FTA) in 2008 with an estimated 85 per cent of intra-regional trade subject to zero duty.

Intra-SADC trade hovered around 10 per cent, and this is low compared to other regions like the South-East Asian Nations which is at 24 per cent

and the EU at 40 per cent.

This implied that about 90 per cent of SADC's trade is happening with external countries, which is why the sugar industry contributes significantly to Forex.

"If any trade does happen within SADC, it could be influenced by South Africa which enjoys a significant trade influence in the region due to her eco-

nomie size relative to the other member states within SADC.

RSA's imports from SADC are low compared to its exports toward SADC countries, which create a structural trade imbalance with the regional partners. This shows that there is a huge market in SADC since SADC region is a non-negligible market for RSA," Dlamini said.

Southern Africa integration plan short of sector specifics

CENTRAL Bank of Eswatini (CBE) General Manager Sikhumbuzo Dlamini says SADC has placed industrialisation at the centre of its regional integrated development plan and a roadmap has been drawn up to guide the plan.

However, he said implementation has been poor and not a lot of headway has been made to integrate the economies of the region.

He said recent studies on value chains in the region highlighted high transport costs and continued use of non-tariff barriers in some countries as some of the main reasons for poor progress.

These studies suggest that the region needs a coherent sector-specific approach to support the development of regional value chains. That should be supported by efforts to reduce trade barriers. In addition, the impact on industrialisation that large multinationals have had should be considered.

"This is where the sugar (sugarcane) industry comes in.

The importance of developing regional value chains is more critical than before, if the region

is to benefit from investments in the sugar industry. FSSP should prioritise developing a regional roadmap to industrialise the sugarcane industry. This would help attract investments and ensure the region reaps the benefits of the Continental Free Trade Area," he said.

He added that the industrialisation strategy stresses the urgent need for the region to make use of its abundant and diverse resources, particularly in agriculture and mining. Its key aim is to foster industrialisation through beneficiation a process of transforming primary raw materials into a more value added finished product and value addition.

"This approach is informed by two big challenges related to trade.

First, is that intra-regional trade is low and that trade between countries is dominated by low value products.

There is a need to develop regional value chains - only a regional approach to promoting value addition will work.

It must focus on building productive capacity of industries, developing infrastructure and promoting technology," he said.

Local businesses encouraged to be export oriented

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI

WITH government adopting an export-led economic strategy, businesses of all sizes will now be capacitated on the export industry through the launched export readiness training manual.

With the country faced with a relatively small domestic market, the manual is a strategic imperative that will drive the growth of exports to other countries allowing local businesses to take advantage of the ever-increasing accessible market configurations.

Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo officially launched the Export Readiness Manual at the Eswatini International Trade Fair (EITF) 2019 held at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre in Manzini, yesterday.

He said the training manual would empower local export-ready companies concerning expectations from global markets on exportable goods and services.

The manual was a result of a joint initiative between the government of Eswatini, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the European Union (EU).

The manual has been strategically tailored to answer most of the questions that the local private sector would have with regards to export requirements in various markets to



ENCOURAGES: Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo delivering his speech during the launch of the export readiness training manual. (Pic: Sifiso Dlamini)

which Eswatini businesses have access.

"It is a perfect complement to government initiatives to boost the growth of the economy by assisting our companies to better understand processes that relate to exports," he said.

Useful

Khumalo added that the manual would be a useful guide to both small and medium enterprises (SMEs) as well as large companies.

He said international trade meant the exchange of goods and services across international borders and

adherences to customs formalities, standards and rules of origin therefore the export readiness training manual would focus on these areas of international trade.

He said the manual covered strategic markets such as the African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA), the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA), the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (ACFTA) and COMESA.

The manual would also provide a self-check list that would be instrumental for businesses which aspired to engage in export trade. Among

the businesses represented in the launch was the agro-business sector, the handicraft sector, regulatory authorities and also entrepreneurs involved in international trade who shared their experiences and challenges. The minister implored the private sector to make use of the manual to better understand export and therefore position themselves accordingly. He said the manual highlighted key support institutions that the private sector could consult for enhanced understanding of the export processes.

Promotion

Khumalo further appreciated the Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA) for embarking on such a very important initiative aimed at the promotion of local products in the global market. He added such a milestone was the beginning of a success story to be shared with generations to come about these historic achievements.

On that note, EIPA Acting Chief Executive Officer Hanalora Strydom echoed the minister's sentiments. She said the manual was a perfect complement to government initiatives to boost the growth of the economy by assisting local companies to better understand processes related to exports.

"It is a useful tool for all categories of businesses from all sectors that wish and are already exporting merchandise from Eswatini to the rest of the world. May I encourage businesses to take advantage of this great publication and to use it for your maximum benefit," she added.

African farmers are the future billionnaires of the world

LOCAL businesses have been urged to exploit the ever growing African market.

With Africa regarded as arguably the leading continent in terms of arable land, African countries are earmarked to feed the world in future.

Duncan Edmund Claxon from the International Business and French, a company based in the United Kingdom said the over reliance of businesses on government was not going to get businesses exporting to foreign markets. He said government's job was to lay the foundation and not necessarily hand hold businesses.

He said the way Britain allowed companies to export was through a dedicated UK export finance department which involved private companies who facilitated loans and insurance policies to businesses. He said the Eswatini government would need to work with local registered finance companies to assist local businesses rather than businesses expecting a loan from government.

He added too many product lines were dangerous as a number of internationally trading companies had reduced the number of their product lines. He said for instance companies with lots of product lines were facing stiff competition from companies who were taking the route of a luxury range. He urged local business to consider minimal product lines.

He also commended the partnering of the intra African trade and said there was a lot of money to be enjoyed within Africa. "I think this is an exciting time for Eswatini and African countries as the world knows that 67 per cent of arable land is in Africa and Africa will be feeding the world going forward and the future billionnaires of the world will be African farmers," he said.

He further urged local businesses to use the export readiness manual available to them to be able to benefit from the expected business boom within the continent.



COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & TRADE ESWATINI

LAST WEEK, we discussed the Small Scale Loan Guarantee Scheme (SSLGS) and how the government of the Kingdom of Eswatini intends to assist budding and established entrepreneurs to have easy access to finance.

Today, we address the issue of how leather can be used to replenish the kingdom's economy in line with the Strategic Roadmap 2019-2022's vision of sustainably growing the economy of Eswatini for the benefit of all who live in it.

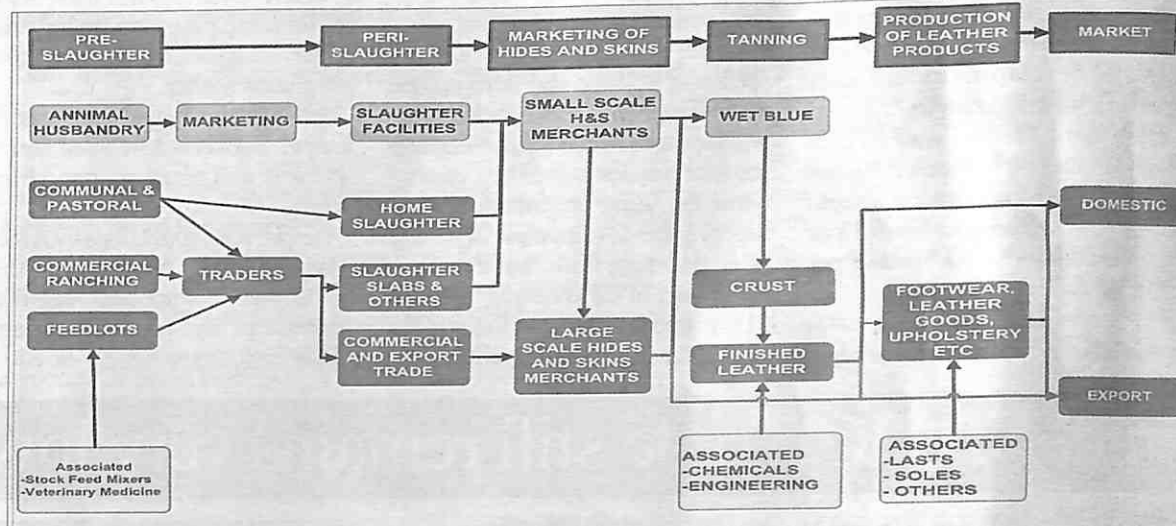
The Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprise (MSME) Unit, under the ministry of commerce, industry and trade, recently commissioned the African Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) under the COMESA Region Integration Support Mechanism (RISM) to conduct a feasibility study on the establishment of an industrial leather tannery. This week, we have the pleasure to share extracts from the study.

The Leather Value Chain

The Livestock industry is the resource base of the leather industry. In this study, the focus is on processing bovine hides and skins.

The size of the bovine herd has been on a down trend in Eswatini, standing at 633 535 in 2012 and 501 643 in 2018. This has been attributed mainly to drought.

As in many Sub-Saharan countries, the livestock sector in Eswatini is characterised by a two-fold dualism between "commercial" and "communal" livestock and between "modern" and "traditional" systems. The ruminant sector is dominated by cattle, which are an important source of food and cash income, for different wealth categories in various areas. The generic Leather Value Chain is illustrated below:



Generic Leather Value Chain

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Production Process and Plant Capacity

Tanning is the process of converting skins and hides into leather. A tannery is the place where this process takes place. Tanning of hides and skins into leather involves a process which permanently alters the protein structure of these commodities making it more durable and less susceptible to decomposition, and also possibly colouring it. Traditionally, tanning used tannin, an acidic chemical compound from which the tanning process draws its name (tannin is in turn named after an old German word for oak or fir trees, from which the compound was derived). The use of chromium (III) was adopted by tanners during the Industrial Revolution. The general tanning process is illustrated below:

Estimation of Finished Leather Market in Eswatini

Production of footwear and leather goods in Eswatini is at a very small scale. Consequently, the consumption of leather is also very low. Annual footwear demand is estimated at 1.4 million pairs, which is currently being serviced with imports. Eswatini has an

average enrolment of 240 000 pupils per annum and almost 100 per cent of the footwear are imported. Efforts should be put in place to strengthen craftsman/women to make school shoes. This will then create the necessary demand for leather. Production of school shoes in Eswatini may stimulate the demand for finished leather domestically.

Eswatini Imports of Leather and Footwear

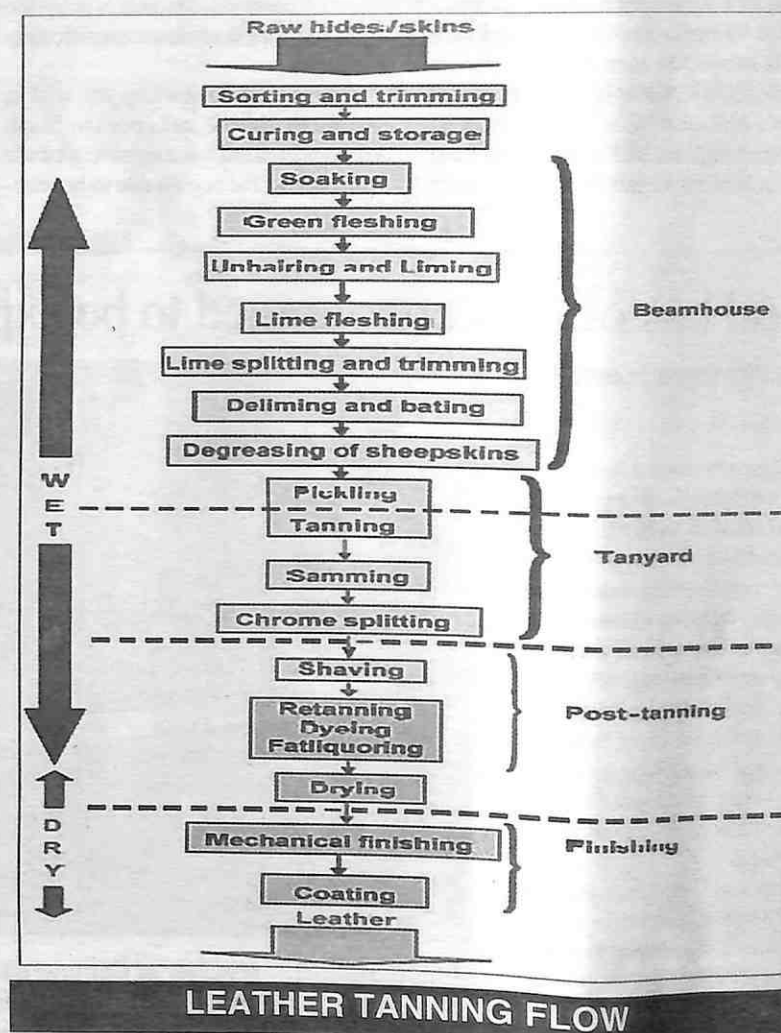
Footwear production in Eswatini is very rudimentary, focusing mainly on the production of traditional sandals. Importation of footwear into Eswatini rose from slightly below US\$10 million in 2001 to reaching around US\$18 million in 2017. On average, Eswatini is importing around one million pairs per year, almost equivalent to its annual footwear demand which is estimated at 1.4 million pairs.

In addition to the rising footwear demand, the imports of finished leather into Africa is also increasing, due to increased production activities of footwear and other leather goods by SMEs who are operating both formally and informally. It is believed that most of the leather imports into the continent are

not accounted for as they are imported in small packages and thus not declared.

There are few countries producing finished leather in Africa and the rest of the countries export 95 to 100 per cent in semi-processed state, therefore depriving the region of finished leather. In Eswatini, there is no Tannery producing finished leather. Consequently, the enterprises involved in the production of footwear and other finished leather goods are forced to travel to South Africa. Most of the leather is imported informally, and significant production time is forgone, as owners of SMEs spent an average of three days travelling back and forth to Durban.

For further information on the leather value chain, contact the MSME Unit at 2404 3201 or send an email to our Communication Officer at jehovau-nami@gmail.com. Find us at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre, Hall number two, for application and renewal of trading licences; company reservations and registrations; National Quality Awards application; National Handicraft Training Centre (NHTC) and Cooperative Development College (CODEC) applications and to learn more about the Investor Road Map Unit.



LEATHER TANNING FLOW

SA ECONOMIC GROWTH SURPRISES, RECESSION AVOIDED

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa avoided a second recession in two years, with the economy growing by 3.1 per cent in the three months to end-June, according to Stats SA.

This is much stronger than expected: A Reuters poll of economists had forecast growth of 2.4 per cent. SA's economy shrank in the first quarter after more than 270 hours

of load shedding, weak investment levels, a gold mining strike and a weak grape harvest. In the second quarter, the mining sector rebounded with growth of 14.4 per cent - contributing a full 1.0 percentage point to GDP growth. This was thanks to the end of strikes at gold mines, but also due to a major rally in metal prices.

Fin24

Rand strengthens slightly before second quarter GDP data

JOHANNESBURG - The rand strengthened slightly in early trade yesterday in the build-up to the release of second quarter economic growth figures.

At 0630 GMT, the rand was 0.11 per cent firmer against the dollar at R15.2400 per dollar compared with a close of R15.2575 overnight.

Africa's most developed economy contracted 3.2 per cent in the first quarter, hit by nationwide power outages by cash-strapped state power firm Eskom.



A Reuters poll of economists forecast Q2 GDP expanding 2.4 per cent - thought

some analysts said weak demand and political uncertainty would continue to weigh on the economy.

Growth

"Weak growth is likely to be the overarching theme this week, with Q2 GDP data that is set to be released today likely to reflect this despite a technical rebound," said researchers at ETM Analytics in a note. Bonds were weaker, with the yield on the benchmark paper due in 2026 up 3.5 basis points to 8.195 per cent. EWN

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Global News

Nigeria must stop extra-judicial killings by security forces

A UN human rights expert on Monday urged Nigeria to stop extra-judicial killings by security forces in the country.

In a preliminary report at the end of a 12-day visit to Nigeria, United Nations Special Rapporteur Agnes Callamard said the perpetrators of such inhuman acts should face justice.

"Every death or serious injury in police custody, and every alleged extrajudicial execution, ought to be adequately and impartially investigated by an independent body," the UN top official told a news conference in Abuja.

Suspected

According to her, officers suspected of being responsible for the killings should be suspended pending investigation, while those implicated should be dismissed and brought before a civilian court.

"The government should condemn publicly all extrajudicial executions and other unlawful killings, including of suspected armed robbers, and announce



that perpetrators will be brought to justice in fair trials before ordinary civilian courts and without recourse to death penalty," she said.

Callamard met with various stakeholders, including government officials, right groups, civil society groups, the media and victims of abuses, including survivors, witnesses and family members whose relatives have been

brutally killed.

ACCOUNTABILITY

"I considered violations allegedly committed by state security agencies and by non-state actors, particularly in the northeast, Middle Belt and south of the country, as well as actions taken by the state to hold perpetrators accountable for their crimes," she said.

AFP

'ENOUGH IS ENOUGH'

LAGOS - The Nigerian government says it will take further steps to ensure safety and protection of its citizens in South Africa.

The position comes in the wake of a round of xenophobic attacks that hit Johannesburg on Monday.

The government described the incidents as unacceptable adding: 'Enough is enough. Nigeria will take definitive measures to ensure safety and protection of her citizens.'

Leaders of the two countries - Muhammadu Buhari and Cyril Ramaphosa are scheduled to meet in October for bilateral talks and also on matters relating to security of Nigerians in South Africa.

The two met on the sidelines of the 7th Tokyo International Conference on African Development, TICAD, held last week in the Japanese

city of Yokohama.

Another government to have reacted to the Johannesburg chaos is Zambia which tasked all its drivers plying the route to and from South Africa to suspend their trips till further notice.

Zimbabwe's Cross Borders Transportation Association also warned that it could halt all South African cross border transport over the situation.

The provincial and national governments have called for restraint in the affected communities and cautioned against use of criminal avenues to express grievances.

The ruling African National Congress, ANC, also expressed their worry over the situation as has the main opposition Democratic Alliance and the Economic Freedom Fighters. *Africa News*

'I would 'quit' if she could'

HONG KONG - Embattled Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam said she has caused "unforgivable havoc" by igniting the political crisis engulfing the city and would quit if she had a choice, according to an audio recording of remarks she made last week to a group of businesspeople.

At the closed-door meeting, Lam told the group that she now has "very limited" room to resolve the crisis because the unrest has become a national security and sovereignty issue for China amid rising tensions with the United States. "If I have a choice," she said, speaking in English, "the first thing is to quit, having made a deep apology." Lam's dramatic and at times anguished remarks offer the clearest view yet into the thinking of the Chinese leadership as it navigates the unrest in Hong Kong, the biggest political crisis to grip the country since the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989.

Hong Kong has been convulsed by sometimes violent protests and mass demonstrations since June, in response to a proposed law by Lam's administration that would allow people suspected of crimes



LIMITED: Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam.

on the mainland to be extradited to face trial in Chinese courts. The law has been shelved, but Lam has been unable to end the upheaval. Protesters have expanded their demands to include complete withdrawal of the proposal, a concession her administration has so far refused. Large demonstrations wracked the city again over the weekend. Lam suggested that Beijing had not yet reached a turning point. She said Beijing had not imposed any deadline for ending the crisis ahead of National Day celebrations scheduled for October 1. *Reuters*

Dorian triggers massive flooding in Bahamas; at least 5 dead

NASSAU — Hurricane Dorian unleashed massive flooding across the Bahamas on Monday, pummeling the islands with so much wind and water that authorities urged people to find floatation devices and grab hammers to break out of their attics if necessary.

At least five deaths were blamed on the storm.

"We are in the midst of a historic tragedy," Prime Minister Hubert Minnis said in announcing the fatalities. He called the devastation "unprecedented and extensive."

The fearsome Category 4 storm slowed almost to a standstill as it shredded roofs, hurled cars and forced even rescue crews

to take shelter until the onslaught passed.

Officials said they received a "tremendous" number of calls from people in flooded homes. A radio station received more than 2 000 distress messages, including reports of a five-month-old baby stranded on a roof and a grandmother with six grandchildren who cut a hole in a roof to escape rising floodwaters. Other reports involved a group of eight children and five adults stranded on a highway and two storm shelters that flooded.

The deaths in the Bahamas came after a previous storm-related fatality in Puerto Rico. At least 21 people were hurt in the Bahamas and evacuated by helicopters, the prime minister said.

Police Chief Samuel Butler urged people to remain calm and share their GPS coordinates, but he said rescue crews had to wait until weather conditions improved. "We simply cannot get to you," he told Bahamas radio station ZNS. Forecasters warned that Dorian could generate a storm surge as high as 23 feet (seven metres).

Meanwhile in the United States, the National Hurricane Centre extended watches and warnings across the Florida and Georgia coasts. Forecasters expected Dorian to stay off shore, but meteorologist Daniel Brown cautioned that "only a small deviation" could draw the storm's dangerous core toward land.

AP

BRIEFS

Officials declare state of economic emergency

BEIRUT - Lebanon's political leaders declared what they called an economic state of emergency Monday following a meeting aimed at finding a solution to the country's economic crisis, raising concerns that more taxes will be imposed. Lebanon has one of the world's highest public debts in the world, standing at 150 per cent of gross domestic product. Growth has plummeted and budget deficit reached 11 per cent of GDP as economic activities slowed and remittances from Lebanese living abroad shrank. *AP*

Ebola, MONUSCO top agenda

KINSHASA - United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called on donor nations to give the money they've pledged to fight Ebola on Monday, saying further delays could mean "we lose the war against Ebola." Speaking on a visit to the President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Felix Tshisekedi in Kinshasa, Guterres said the UN had received only 15 per cent of what it needed to fight the disease over the rest of this year. *Reuters*

Zimbabwe state doctors go on strike over pay

HARARE - Zimbabwe's public sector doctors went on strike yesterday after the government failed to meet their demand to have their wages benchmarked in the US dollar. "We met with the government representatives yesterday and they promised to expedite other allowances for health personnel but so far it has just been empty promises," Zimbabwe Hospital Doctors Association President Peter Magombeyi told Reuters. *Reuters*

New US-led patrols in Persian Gulf raise stakes

DUBAI - As the US tries a new way to protect shipping across the Persian Gulf amid tensions with Iran, it finds itself sailing into uncertain waters. For decades, the US has considered the waters of the Persian Gulf as critical to its national security. Through the gulf's narrow mouth, the Strait of Hormuz, 20 per cent of all crude oil sold passes onto the world market. Any disruption there likely will see energy prices spike. *AP*

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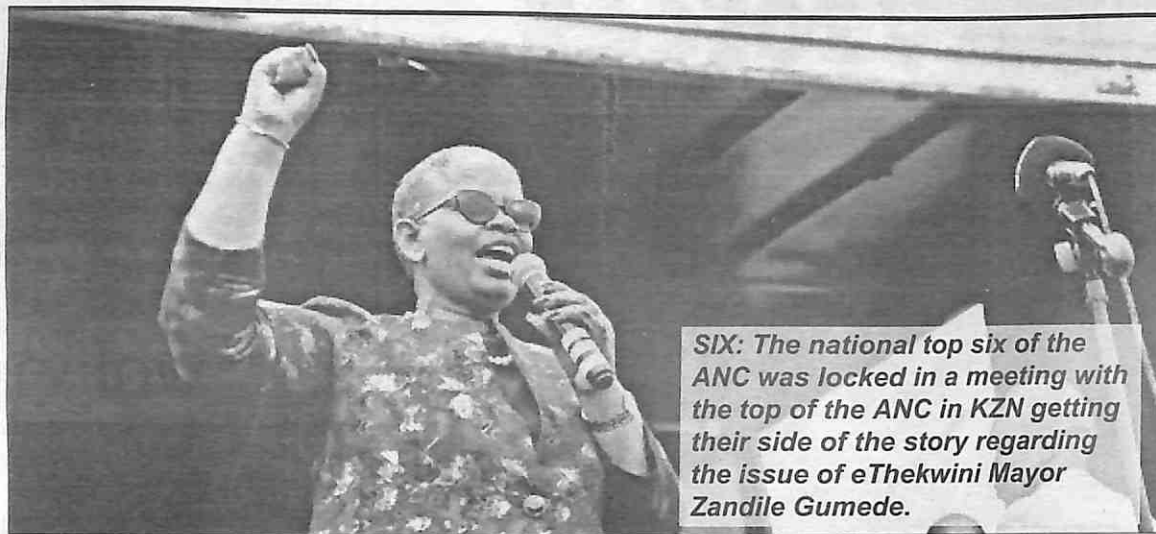
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Long wait as ANC top six meet with KZN ANC

DURBAN - The national top six of the ANC was for the better part of Monday locked in a meeting with the top of the ANC in KZN getting their side of the story regarding the issue of eThekweni Mayor Zandile Gumede.

On Wednesday last week Gumede surprised many when she withdrew her resignation as mayor after she was advised that the process followed was flawed. Prior to that, Gumede had petitioned the national top six alleging that she was being unfairly removed from office. She also met with the Secretary General, Ace Magashule to state her case.

As the top six meet with the provincial leadership led by Sihle Zikalala, the backers of Gumede expect the top six to charge the



SIX: The national top six of the ANC was locked in a meeting with the top of the ANC in KZN getting their side of the story regarding the issue of eThekweni Mayor Zandile Gumede.

provincial leadership if found to have acted outside their scope of powers when removing the embattled mayor.

If found to have violated no law of the party, Mzomuhle Dube, the spokesperson of the backers of Gumede, said they will also write

to the top six to clarify whether or not it has become a norm for the provincial leadership to remove mayors of big cities.

"If the top six says the provincial leadership acted unlawfully they must charge them. Again, if they said there was nothing wrong with their decision, then we will be happy to be told that this is now normal," Dube said.

Mayors of metros and other big cities are normally appointed by the national offices after getting recommendations from the provinces where they cities are.

Dube said since the meeting would run until late on Monday, they expected to have a clear picture on Tuesday morning.

"I don't think we will know what happened today because the top six meeting will run until very late."

On Sunday, the Spokesperson of the ANC in KZN, Ricardo Mthembu, insisted to Independent Media that the party's councillors in eThekweni would on Wednesday elect Mxolisi Kaunda as new mayor of eThekweni, replacing Gumede.

Kaunda would be deputised by former KZN finance MEC, Belinda Scott and the speaker would be another former MEC, Weziwe Thusi.

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Zondo commission hears how SABC suffered

JOHANNESBURG - SABC Board Chairperson Bongumusa Makhathini has told the Zondo commission that the SABC's mandate as a public broadcaster has been compromised over prolonged years of mismanagement and lack of government support.

Makhathini was testifying at the commission's investigation into state capture at the SABC.

He was appointed as board chairperson in 2017 and saw a number of his fellow Board members resign last year.

Makhathini spoke frankly about the financial challenges facing the broadcaster which led to its Board considering retrenchments - which were later halted at the request of Communications Minister Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams.

He said the SABC had failed, due to financial constraints, to live up to its mandate of providing a platform for community involvement and content that reflects that rich background of South Africa.

Makhathini was part of the Board appointed after the SABC had faced years of mismanagement which culminated in the removal of former SABC COO Hlaudi Motsoeneng who was largely blamed for the challenges

facing the organisation.

Motsoeneng brought massive changes to the organisation's mandate in providing news and was accused of interfering with editorial independence. He also purged several senior staff while promoting those that were loyal to him.

Makhathini told the commission that state capture manifested itself at state-owned enterprises as many people with integrity were victimised and pushed.

He said the most concerning issue was that those with integrity were replaced under the guise of 'transformation.'

"My understanding of how capture has materialised or happened in most of these SOEs, certainly credible competent experienced people of integrity get victimised, they get pushed out and frustrated. They get frustrated in several ways. What has resulted in this commission doing the work that is doing is still a reality for us," he said.

"We are still living under those circumstances where you worry about your own safety for just trying to do what is right. And what is the most frustrating things, at times, they will cover some of these things as 'transformation'."

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Right2 Know blames Mashaba, Ramaphosa, Zwelithini

JOHANNESBURG - The Right2Know Campaign has blamed the recent attacks on foreigners squarely at the feet of government.

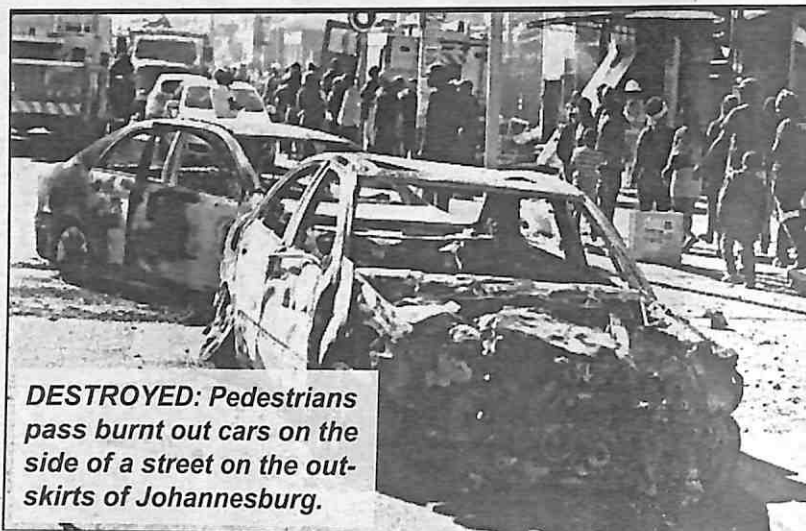
In a statement sent out on Monday amid the continued looting and burning of foreign-owned shops in Gauteng, the organisation blamed Joburg Mayor Herman Mashaba, Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini and President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The organisation said the attacks on non-South Africans can be directly linked to calls by politicians to 'defend the sovereignty of the state' and confirms a dangerous emerging trend of 'xenophobic populism' which leads to attacks on foreign nationals.

"We recognise that there are many sources of the violence but it is also clear that statements of outrage and condemnation by state officials at all levels (Cabinet, Parliament, the Gauteng Province, SAPS and Metros) fuelled the actions of ordinary citizens who interpreted those statements to be licence to take the law into their own hands.

"Senior political leaders find an easy target in the vulnerable Africans seeking to make a new home in South Africa.

"Indeed, there is a dangerous emerging trend of xenophobic populism that leads to attacks on foreign nationals. In 2015, Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini's speech, President Cyril Ramaphosa's 2019 election campaign pronouncements, the Minister of Health's comments on the strain placed on health services by foreign migrants, and the xenophobic blaming for Johannesburg's ill by Mayor Herman Mashaba have been followed by xenophobic attacks in different localities.



DESTROYED: Pedestrians pass burnt out cars on the side of a street on the outskirts of Johannesburg.

"In all these instances, even when not responding to a direct call, political populism is used as justification by instigators and perpetrators who would have been waiting for an opportunity to strike for their own reasons.

The chaos erupted over the weekend after residents went on a rampage following a blaze at a building that claimed three lives in Jeppestown.

Foreign-owned shops were looted, car dealerships were torched and a metro police officer was injured during the chaos.

The chaos spread to other parts of Joburg and throughout the province.

By Monday evening, 91 people had been arrested and many foreign-owned shops remained closed as owners were scared of being attacked. Many others stood empty after being looted and burnt.

Right2Know slammed the attacks, saying they were hate crimes. They said the assaults and the looting of the for-

eigners' property just because they were not born in South Africa could never be justified.

"These actions - which are criminal in nature - when combined with the targeting of the victims as belonging to a certain group, becomes a hate crime.

"Apartheid was the experience of being stateless and homeless within one's home country. Today, we find South Africans showing the same hatred towards fellow Africans that we ourselves suffered not too long ago.

"As hosts of the World Conference Against Racism in 2001, we recognised xenophobia (and the local Afrophobia) as expressions of racism; in 2008 we experienced how the deep roots of internalised oppression enabled us to turn our own experience of racism and oppression into actions that discriminated against, targeted and in some cases killed other Africans living in South Africa.

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WC DA REJECTS SPECIAL BILL FOR R59bn ESKOM BAILOUT

CAPE TOWN - The Democratic Alliance (DA) in the Western Cape has rejected the Special Appropriations Bill on Eskom as it will cut billions from provincial budgets.

According to the party, more than

R100 billion will be lost due to the bill. The legislation aims to give the power utility another R59 billion bailout.

The DA's Western Cape spokesperson on finance, Deidre Baartman, said she'd write to the

National Assembly's finance committee Chairperson, Yunus Carrim, requesting that public hearings be held in the provinces, pending the bill's consideration.

Baartman said South Africa's provincial budgets were already

been by R17 billion collectively to bail out Eskom in the 2019/20 financial year as part of the adopted appropriations bill.

"The provinces currently have no say in the matter and yet we are expected to sustain and increase

the service delivery level with less money."

Eskom recently announced a loss of R21 billion in the last financial year. Baartman said national Treasury had essentially hollowed out the provinces to ensure Eskom did not default.

EWN

ANC DEFENDS MBOWENI AMID CRITICISM

JOHANNESBURG - The African National Congress (ANC)'s top six leadership has come out in defence of Finance Minister Tito Mboweni amid criticism that he released the economic strategy document without proper consultation.

The party said its alliance partners would be consulted on the report, saying the strategy was released to give other stakeholders and South Africans a chance to have their say.

Mboweni released the economic blueprint on the Treasury website last week.

The paper looks at possible structural reforms to boost economic growth by over three per cent and to create a million jobs in 10 years.

When Mboweni released the document last week, the ANC's alliance partners the SACP and COSATU were up in arms, decrying the lack of consultation.

Mboweni met with the party's top six on Monday to explain himself.



DEFENDS: Finance Minister Tito Mboweni.

ANC Secretary-General Ace Magashule explained that there was no crisis.

"We will come together as the alliance political council to further refine our inputs as the alliance, so there is no crisis."

He said that there was agreement in the meeting that society and other stakeholders had to be involved in

the drafting of the economic strategy.

"The document is out there, we have agreed that it is necessary to engage all stakeholders."

Magashule has once again called on members of the public, business and labour to study the document and give their input.

EWN

Julius Malema on Mazzotti, Mkhwebane and CR17

JOHANNESBURG - EFF leader Julius Malema on Monday said his party has changed the South African political landscape by exposing corruption and advocating for transparency.

He was speaking to host JJ Tabane on Newzroom Afrika.

Here's what he said in six telling quotes:

Disrupted

"We disrupted the establishment. We found them comfortable on a dinner table and we disrupted it, and exposed the shenanigans that they have been causing in this country, exposed the inequalities and that those who are rich are becoming more richer and those who are poor continue to be extremely poor."

On Public Protector Mkhwebane "We will defend Busisiwe Mkhwebane.

"That is our position because the reasons to remove her are not constitutional.

"You cannot remove a person because she ruled against your favourites.

The next one will do the same and therefore we'll be permanent removers."

SOE management

"The ANC has been taking history teachers and making them heads of technical departments because they were able to sing slogans more than other people.

That's where the problem is.

The real sloganeers are the ones that get deployed."

"The people of Soweto do not pay electricity.

It's a historical thing and we've said to the president and many others 'cancel the debt'.

It's useless going around saying 'Soweto owes me R40bn' which you will never get.

Cancel the debt and give them a month and say 'from next month, I'm now charging you'.

You're going to collect the money you've never collected before."

MAZZOTTI

"Adriano Mazzotti is profit-driven and, worse, he is involved in a dangerous business of cigarettes. I took money from a businessman. All business is dangerous. Mines are dangerous.

They can collapse on you."

"You wanted to know Mazzotti, why are you not wanting to know Cyril's people?

He's hiding them for obvious reasons because they control the state from behind, but even comparing me with Cyril is comparing bananas with apples.

Cyril is the president.

"You ought to be worried who financed my president's campaign."

You can watch the full interview here.

Times Live

LOOTING, INTIMIDATION OF FOREIGN TRUCKS/ DRIVERS A SIGN OF DESPERATION

JOHANNESBURG - The recent torching and looting of trucks and intimidation of foreign truck drivers was a clear indication of the desperation and frustration of unemployed South Africans, a crisis that needed urgent government intervention, experts say.

The Western Cape, Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal have seen numerous incidents of trucks being looted recently, as tensions in the trucking industry refuse to die down.

The crisis led to the ministers of transport, home affairs, police and labour convening a meeting on Sunday to deliberate the issue of violent protest action and to come up with solutions to quell tensions.

Analysts have urged the government to treat issues in the industry



with a sense of urgency before they spiral out of control. George Glynos, an economist with Econometrix

Treasury Management, said: "I'm not just referring to the trucks; it's a broader picture, if you look at the

looting and riots and what is going on all around Johannesburg and other places. If people had jobs

they wouldn't be doing this; if people weren't feeling as desperate as they were they wouldn't be rioting, protesting and resorting to criminality.

It's a sign of desperation and a sign of frustration at the lack of any progress made on an economic level."He said this was a macro-economic issue that the government needed to sort out.

Ralph Mathekga, a political analyst, said: "People are feeling that the government does not listen to them when they raise concerns in a peaceful manner.

"The trucking sector is in serious trouble, and there is a feeling that the government does not have a clear sense on how to regulate the industry."

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Entertainment industry very dangerous - DJ Cleo

STORIES BY DELISA THWALA

SOUTH African iconic music spinner DJ Cleo dropped pearls of knowledge at the Business of Music Seminar which was held at the Eswatini International Trade Fair on Monday.

DJ Cleo led the discussion on the overall business of music from an international perspective.

He warned artists about the entertainment industry, stating that it was a corrupt profession and they need courage for them to survive.

"This industry we are in is very dangerous.

"You need to develop a different attitude for it. Had I not been too nice, I would have not experienced some things in my career," expressed the artist.

The charismatic deejay broke the ice with a few jokes and also announced that he would conduct the seminar in a different way by allowing questions from the audience.

Asked about his toned down lime-light appearance, he fully explained that he was tired of fake friends and



ESKHALENI: DJ Cleo address artists about music at the Trade Fair on Monday international level. (R) BLAST: Mthimbawawa commented about artists that were not present. (Pics: Delisa Thwala)

the spotlight in general.

"I have a family. I have children to protect and for me to do this, I had to settle down into my private space," he said.

During the seminar, the artist was treated to different topics by different industry game changers.

Other game changers who spoke

during the event included SwaziBoy Entertainment Director Mthunzi 'Shadow' Zwane who spoke on how events should be organised.

Inspire

"Read, research and follow people who inspire you when doing an event. Know your crowd or the target market and be in good terms

with the media," said Zwane.

"My first event had three people in attendance and I had to let them in for free," Zwane shared.

S-Cubed band member Sizwe 'Big Siz' Mabuza advised artists to be always on time and avoid making excuses.



DJ Master P.

Master P ropes in S-Cubed band for his one-man show

BY DELISA THWALA

MASTER P has added the S-Cubed band to his one-man show dubbed 'The Phenomenal Fiesta' line up slated for tomorrow at The George Hotel.

This was confirmed by the deejay yesterday. The S-Cubed band, according to the deejay, will perform songs they have recorded with him.

He said the reason was that the S-Cubed band was currently making waves in the industry.

S-Cubed band is a group of young talented artists being Sizwe on the drums, playing the saxophone is Zwile, Sibz on guitar, NKO plays the piano and Sihle is on bass.

Tickets

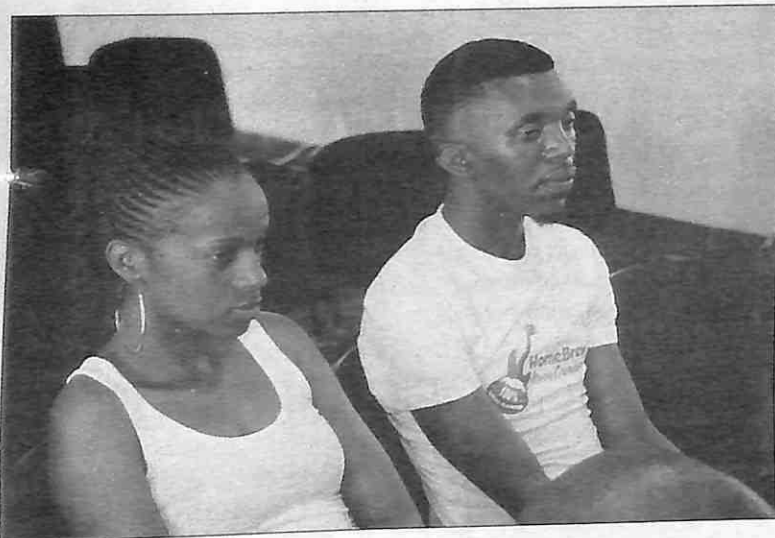
"I am nearing the completion of preparations for the one-man show and tickets are still available at selected outlets," said Master P.

He mentioned that he would be bringing a surprise act so fans are encouraged to come through.

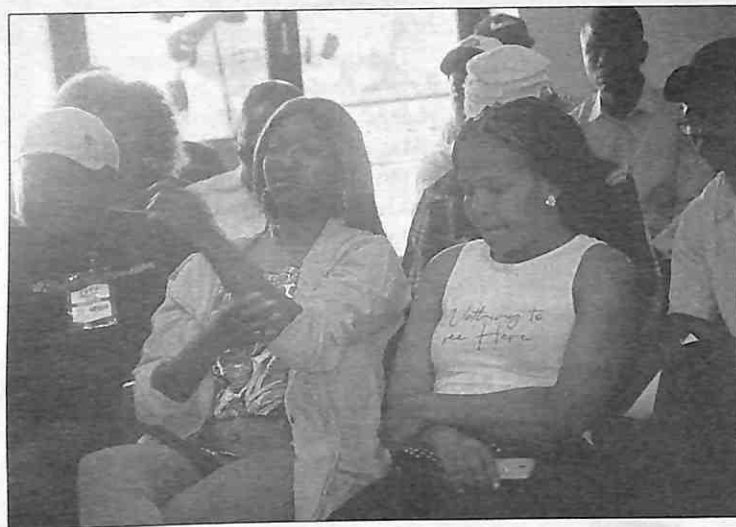
Philani Mpanza, who's the owner of Ministry of Style will perform alongside the surprise host.

Pre-sale tickets are selling at E100 while at the door they will cost E150.

They are available at Ocean Basket (The Gables and Mbabane), Sdeez Super mix (Manzini) and The George hotel.



ATTENTIVE: Saxophonist Zwile Bhembe and Siphilile listen attentively. (R) ROUND TABLE: Artists seated at the seminar.



I love Eswatini people - 'Jack Mabaso'

SOUTH African actor Vusi Kunene, popularly known as 'Jack Mabaso' for his role on SABC 1's Generations; The Legacy was spotted at the Trade Fair on Monday.

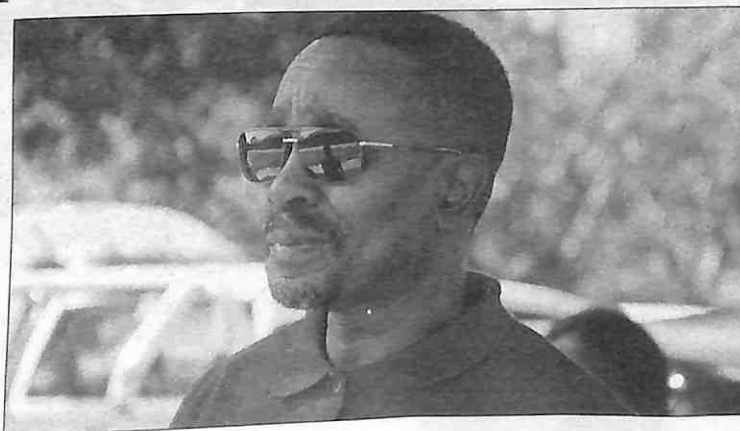
The actor was accompanied by an entourage as he toured around the Trade Fair on Monday.

During an interview with this publication, he said he was very happy to be in the country and witness the love from the people of Eswatini.

"Emaswati are beautiful people and they are so warm-hearted. I'm definitely coming back for a much relaxed and public visit," shared Kunene.

He added that this was not his first time in the country, as he has visited for a private visit.

SA actor Vusi Kunene, who plays the role of Jack Mabaso on SABC 1's Generations; The Legacy.



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SA STAR DUMI MKOKSTAD THRILLS GOSPEL SUNDAY

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

SOUTH African award-winning gospel artist Dumi Mkokstad delivered a great performance at the Gospel Sunday show which was held at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.

Gospel lovers could not wait for Dumi to arrive at the show such that when they saw his car approaching the venue, they screamed and forgot that there was someone on stage.

He mounted the stage singing one of his hit songs titled 'Ungayeki Ukuthandaza'.

His fans could not hold themselves as they started taking pictures of the artist while mounting the stage.

Dumi was supposed to perform during the day but he performed at 6pm.

He surely made up for his late coming as he gave his fans an amazing performance.

He performed songs titled 'Ntate Kemeng', 'Yingakho Ngicula' and 'Ungenzela Konkhe okuhle' to name a few.

Entertained

Mduduzi neZinceku Zamagawugawu kept the crowd entertained and dancing before Dumi took to the stage.

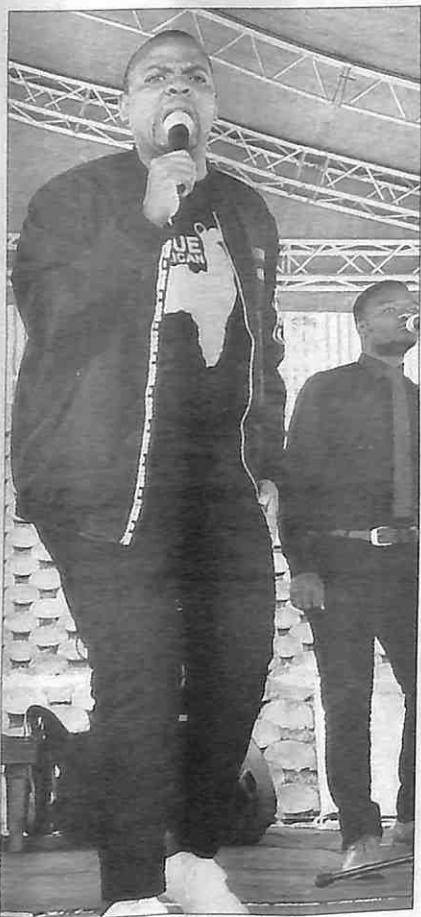
He left the crowd in a jovial mood with his energetic performance.

Not to be left out, Pastor Levis Shongwe, Mpendulo Tsabedze, Wandile Sithole, Zodwa Samboko and Phathwakahle delivered great performances respectively.

They made sure that the crowd was dancing and singing along.

Most of the gospel lovers shared the same sentiments Eswatini has talented artists and they need more platforms to showcase their talents.

Nombuso Maziya from Moneni said she enjoyed all the performances as she was there since the show started till the end.



BEAUTIFUL VOICE: Mpendulo Tsabedze performing at the show.



GUEST: South African artist Dumi Mkokstad performs at the Gospel Sunday show at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre. (R) **ARTIST:** Zodwa Samboko performs at the show. (Pics: Phetsile Mamba)



PERFORMING: Wandile Sithole and Pilane perform at the Gospel Sunday.

"I am so happy with Dumi's performance, my wait was worth it. He definitely performed all my favourite

songs, especially the one titled "Yingakho Ngicula".

He touched my soul," said Maziya.



HAPPY: The fans were happy to watch Dumi Mkokstad on stage.



SPOTTED: The GGB (God's Grace Brothers) were spotted at the show.



AMAGIYA: Sibongile renders 'Amagiya' for the crowd at The Jazz Gallery on Friday evening. (Pics: Nokwanda Sibandze)

Sibongile Gwacela a marvel at Jazz Theatre

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

SINGER and songwriter Sibongile Gwacela gave fans a reason to dance at the Jazz Gallery on Friday evening.

The singer went all out for her fans as she sang and played the bass guitar for them.

She rendered 'Bayethe', 'Amagiya' and gave a personalised rendition of the classic 'Phatha phatha' originally by Miriam Makeba and The Skylarks.

The crowd could not get enough of the song 'Amagiya' as they were yearning for an encore.

She gladly obliged and asked the audience to join her while she performed.

The singer was also joined by Tlale Makhene who played the percussion and different instruments. Makhene thrilled the crowd when he used his voice imitating a saxophone.

The crowd screamed and applauded the artists on his unique talent. Makhene and Sibongile gave the crowd an impressive performance. Sibongile appreciated the support



SMILES: Sibongile Gwacela poses with Nkosiabongwa Dlamini after the show.

from the crowd and later acknowledged them for attending. She also took time to take pictures with some of the audience members.

One of the music fanatics said she was happy to watch Sibongile as she liked her kind of music. "She is just amazing and her performance was fire," said Nomsa Dlamini.

Into The Music Society will continue to bring more jazz artists to the Kingdom of Eswatini.



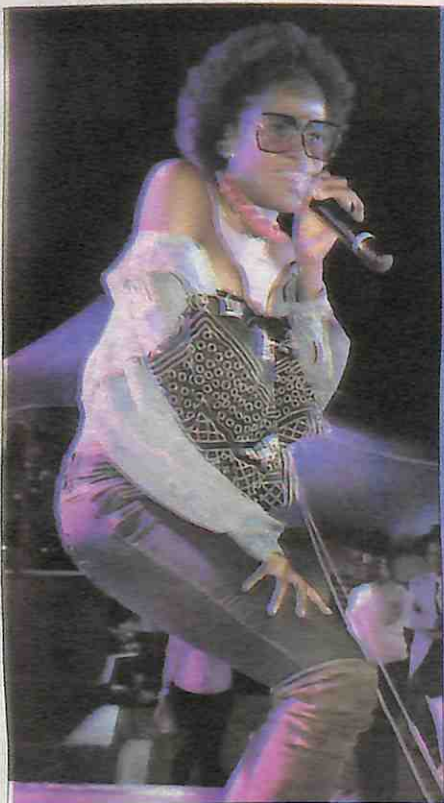
FANS: Sibongile takes a picture with some of her fans after her performance.



APPLAUSE: A section of the audience applauds Sibongile's performance.



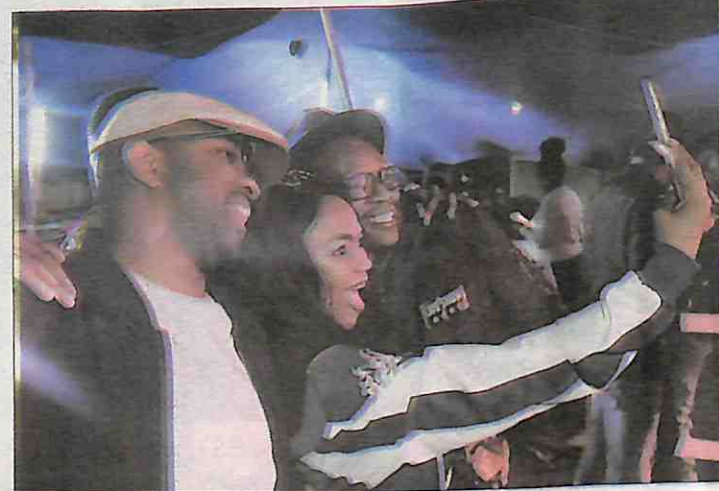
MORE FROM HOME BREW MUSIC CARNIVAL



STAR: Nomalungelo gave an energetic performance at the Homebrew Festival which was held at The George Hotel on Sunday. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini and Nokwanda Sibandze)



'GIVE IT TO US BRO': S-Cubed band's Zwile and Sibz serenade the crowd.



SELFIE MOMENT: Socialite Gcie takes a selfie with Anson and Mcedisi.



HAPPY PEOPLE: Fun was the order of the day.



HIS AND HERS: KrTC and Belinda Chester upon their arrival at the festival.



INJABULO: Floewe as she performed 'Injabulo'.



ON THE DECKS: Mistosoul on the turntables as he dishes good music.



SOOTHING SOUNDS: Judah serenading music lovers.



LOYAL TO LOCAL ADVOCATES: Thembeka Ndlangamandla, Fisiwe Vilane, Lindokuhle Mthupha, Zandi Mkhathshwa and Nomfundo Jiyane were spotted at the festival.



FIRE: Mozaik The Producer on stage.



MCs: Bongani Shiba and Nosisa Mndzebele directed the proceedings of the day.



The Spotlight



MAKEOVER: The Top 30 after the first day of theatre auditions held at Mahlalekhukhwini House in Ezulwini last Friday. (Pics: Nokwanda Sibandze)



ALSO TOP 30: A section of the contestants that made the top 30.

THE SPOTLIGHT TOP 30 GET A MAKEOVER

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

AFTER carefully selecting 30 of the best singers and rappers, The Spotlight is set to give them a full blown makeover for their social media pages.

The Top 30 was chosen at the first theatre stages held at Mahlalekhukhwini House last Saturday.

The contestants were given 10 songs each and had to pick one and perform for the judges.

55 contestants stood in front of the judges and performed but only 30 went through.

The 30 contestants did not only get to stay another week in the competition but also got a makeover.

The makeover is said to help the contestants look presentable on all their social media pages.

They are also required to have active social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Contestants were happy to hear the news about the makeover.

Speaking to one of the singers



FACE BEAT: MTN's Nokwanda puts make up on Samkele Dlamini who also made the top 30.



ON POINT: Sebe does Siphosemusa's face after the performances.

Melusi Mndzebele, he said he was excited for the makeover.

Seriousness

"It really shows the seriousness of this competition as well. Image is everything and we need to make sure we look like the stars we aspire to be," he said.

Another Top 30 contestant who was happy to get a makeover was Lindelwa Tsabedze.

"We thank MTN for not just giving us a chance to fulfil our dreams as artists but to also walk with us the entire way. This makeover shows they also care about us as contestants," said Tsabedze.

The contestants will also get an opportunity to be photographed by one of Eswatini's best photographer Shaka Makhanya.

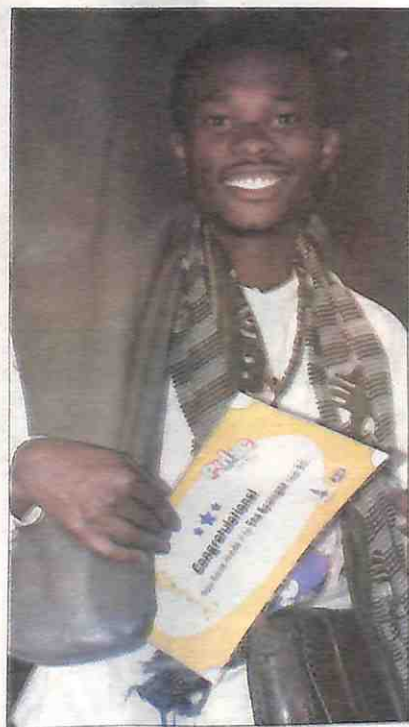
THE SPOTLIGHT TOP 30:

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Melusi
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Khethokuhle
Lindelwa
Phetsile Sihle
Eyethu
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Mpendulo
Mbali
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Sibisi
Masuku



HAPPY: Gcobani was also happy to be in the top 30.



SONG BIRD: Mbali wowed the judges with her rendition of Adele's 'Rolling in the deep'.



READY: Rina Mthethwa ready for her makeover.



Celebville

International Celebrity News

Hart expected to make 'a full recovery' after accident

NEW YORK - Kevin Hart is recovering from injuries sustained in a car accident on the weekend. US star Kevin Hart is on the mend after a horror car crash this past weekend, with his wife sharing 'he's great' and is expected to make a full recovery. The comedian and two others were involved in a horror car accident in California on Sunday that left the star with 'major back injuries'. According to CNN,



RECOVERING: Kevin Hart.

Kevin's driver, Jared Black, lost control and the star's vehicle rolled down an embankment, leaving two of the three people in the car trapped inside. A source told The Blast that Kevin's injuries are "not a spinal cord injury" and he is 'able to walk and move his extremities.' He went for back surgery just hours after the accident and will be in hospital for a few days. *Times Live*

French Montana wants to be the face of immigration

French Montana is the ultimate immigrant success story and hopes to be an inspiration for others in this country, even when it seems the Prez is against them. We got the 'Jungle Rules' rapper out this week, he tells us he owes his livelihood to the US where he emigrated and became a US citizen a year ago in June and believes there are a lot of kids out there with the potential to follow in his footsteps. Based on the video, that means getting to



FACE: French Montana.

a point where you have a person to help untangle your bling. The problem French also believes there are a lot of Donald Trumps out there trying to crush the dreams of people from underprivileged countries, so he vows to do what he can to help them keep the faith. *TMZ*

Black Coffee fuels son's dream to become racing driver

CAPE TOWN - International house music maestro DJ Black Coffee surprised his eight-year-old son Anesu with a trip to go watch the 2019 F1 Belgium Grand Prix on Sunday. It was a dream come true for Anesu as he's passionate about cars and wants to be a racing driver. Black Coffee was a special Formula 1 guest and made it a boys' day out by taking along his two sons - Anesu and 20-year-old Esona. It was par-



DREAMS: Black Coffee and his son.

ticularly exciting for Anesu to see his favourite racing driver Lewis Hamilton in action. They flew together as a family from Spain, where Black Coffee is having his Hi Ibiza residency. "He's been driving for almost four years now, he's eight years old, he says he wants to be a driver, so hopefully he will follow through," Black Coffee explained. *Sowetan Live*

'Women in my country are an endangered species'

CAPE TOWN - Reigning Miss SA Zozibini Tunzi has added her voice to the thousands who have spoken about crime against women and children. Zozibini, who was crowned on Women's Day, was commenting about UCT student Uyinene Mrwetyana. The man accused of raping and murdering Mrwetyana appeared in court on Monday. It was the first time South



SPECIES: Miss SA Zozibini Tunzi.

Africans heard details about her last moments after a nationwide search for her. The state claims the man worked at a post office, the last place Mrwetyana was seen alive. It's alleged he lured her into the post office and beat her with a scale. The state alleges blood was found inside the post office and the man's car. *Times Live*

Nicki Minaj opens up about past abusive relationship

HOLLYWOOD - Nicki Minaj just spilled on her past abusive and unhealthy relationship in a lengthy message to her fans on Twitter. "When u see a woman in a toxic relationship, rather than laugh and say mean things, try to offer sound advice from your heart and root for her to learn her worth. We've all been there," the



OPENS UP: Nicki Minaj.

'Super Bass' rapper started. "I saw my parents fight and argue non stop and never divorce, so I thought this was normal behaviour." The rapper, who is engaged to Kenneth Petty, went on to talk about her own abusive relationship before meeting her fiancé. *TooFab*

Demi Lovato clears the air on Taylor Swift feud rumors

HOLLYWOOD - When Demi Lovato failed to show up to the MTV Video Music Awards last month, Swifties immediately chocked it up to 'shade' against Taylor, thanks in part to Demi's cryptic social media posts during the show. Now, she's trying to shut down any rumors of a feud for good. You may recall, the issues between the two began earlier this year when Taylor accused Demi's manager, Scooter Braun, of 'manipulative



FAILED: Demi and Taylor.

bullying' after he purchased her masters. Demi stood by her manager and said, "I have dealt with bad people in this industry and Scooter is not one of them." The perceived battle between the two intensified in August, when Demi posted about missing out on the MTV award show. "I skipped the VMA's for a REASON," she wrote, "Well that and I just hate award shows." *TooFab*

Cassper flaunts that Bentley and 'pretty boy' life

PRETORIA - Rapper Cassper Nyovest has been flexing real hard on these social media streets, and confidently believes he deserves the life he lives. Cassper took to Twitter to post a picture of one of his Bentley motor cars, and posed a question to his fans, as well as haters, asking them what he did to deserve such a life. He then answered himself and said he 'prayed' for the life he lives. Cassper has in the past explained that



Cassper Nyovest.

his music career was the reason he can afford everything he owns, from his luxurious Johannesburg home to custom made jewellery pieces and a car collection. Cassper was not taking it lying down and hit back. "Just when I thought I have seen and heard all the hate. A fake car? You're great at what you do bro. Keep at it! You just might go for the hate Olympics. Ke tletse. Hahaha moer." *Sowetan Live*

Pearl slammed for 'advertising phones' while SA mourns

PRETORIA - Tweeps were not impressed with Pearl Thusi's timing about missing her cell phone while the country was mourning the death of Uyinene Mrwetyana and other serious issues. Pearl Thusi has come under fire on social media after she posted a tweet about missing her cellphone



SLAMMED: Pearl Thusi.

amid outrage and calls for an end to femicide in South Africa. There was a heavy mood on social media on Monday, a mix of sadness and frustration, after TimesLIVE reported that a 42-year-old man had allegedly confessed to killing UCT student Uyinene Mrwetyana. *Times Live*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



FORCED: Mkabayi.

Facing possible ruin, Mkabayi is forced to weigh up all the arguments before she makes a big decision. S'khaleli smells a rat. Mabuyi struggles until Qaphela steps in with a word of inspiration.



TODAY

Makgorometsa's discovery causes unexpected complications. Cupid's arrow strikes someone unexpected. A young lover learns the hard way to never ask a question unless you're ready for the answer.



CAUSES: Makgorometsa.



TODAY



HEAR: Vhangani.

Vhangani hears a conversation he was not meant to hear, and he decides to flee. Seretse discovers something about Muzi and he is conflicted over doing the right thing. Warona suffers the consequences caused by the sloppy cleaning company.



TODAY

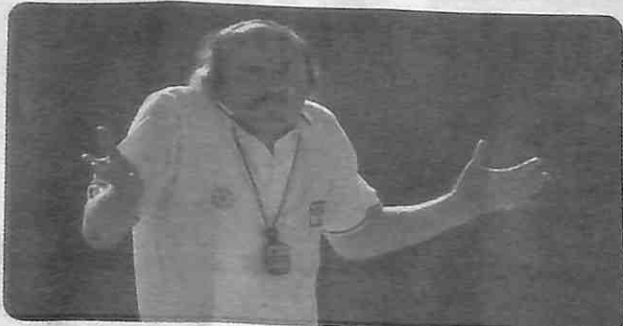
Suffo isn't happy to see Pearl and Khulekani together. Kop asks a real sangoma to talk some sense into Reneilwe. Bash finds out that his trial is starting soon. He's worried that his chances of winning look bleak.



UNHAPPY: Suffo.

MEME OF THE DAY

A person can love you and still cheat
Just like we love God but still sin



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

You may find it hard to relate to others verbally, Capricorn. You may have everything figured out in your head, but the words get in the way as soon as you share your ideas.

Talking with someone else may add confusion instead of clarity to the situation.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

You may be coming to a point of reckoning in something you set into motion years ago, Aquarius.

This is a time of hard work when you may need to either salvage the mess you've created or start reaping the wonderful rewards of the success you've become.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

Your thoughts may be scattered and confused, Pisces, especially regarding responsibilities that are important to you. You need to be disciplined and focused, but frivolous chatter may fill your brain. This kind of mental muddle limits you in many situations, making it difficult to express what you feel. Ask someone who knows you well to help you make sense out of these thoughts.



Aries March 21 – April 1

There's a chance that incredible luck will befall you, Aries, but nothing will come without hard work on your part. Don't expect someone else to hand you the treasure chest.

You have the map in your hand, so follow it. Once you start, you may realize that you're much closer than you think. It's up to you to make the journey. There's a great deal of help for you along the way.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

You may feel like someone's trying to pin you down before you start, Taurus.

Perhaps these obstacles are self-imposed. Maybe you're restricting yourself from doing the things you want to do because you're afraid they won't work out.

This fear of failure is the pain you feel.

Overcoming it is the first step. If you try and fail, you'll be no worse off than if you never try at all.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

Things should be running smoothly for you, Gemini, and you'll accomplish a lot with surprisingly little effort.

Although there may not be any Earth-shattering developments, you should find that things go well.

Maybe you won't win the lottery today, but the few dollars you invest now will turn into megabucks later. Be patient. Success may not come overnight, but it will come.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

You may feel like you're being tested in some way, Cancer, like you're on trial and must defend yourself, including what you believe and how you operate. This feeling is unsettling, but soon you'll realize that it's strengthening in many ways. Questioning your behavior patterns is healthy, so open up in a way that you may not have considered before.



Leo July 23 – August 22

Your vitality is low. It may be difficult to fight adversity, Leo. Try not to get discouraged. Instead, realize that this is part of the natural cycle. Awareness of your energy patterns is half the battle. Don't force yourself into feeling something you don't. It's important that you not overexert yourself or take on more responsibilities than you can handle.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

You may find it hard to admit that you can't do everything, Virgo. There are some jobs that you aren't cut out to do. Why pretend when a better option would be to delegate the task to someone else? If you don't feel a strong connection with something or someone, don't force it. Pretending that you're capable of something will only cause frustration for you and everyone else.



Libra September 23 – October 23

Your hard work is paying off in ways that may not be noticeable to you now, Libra. Things are flowing naturally, and you seem to have all your responsibilities under control. You may not be aware that this is so since it's easier to see when something's wrong than when something's going well. Take time to appreciate the incredible things you've created for yourself thanks to all your effort.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

You may feel like it's your responsibility to take care of everyone, Scorpio. If you love someone, your brain translates this into thinking that you need to be the caretaker. If you don't take someone under your wing, maybe you see yourself as selfish or unkind. Dismiss this notion. Other people's feelings aren't your responsibility. Don't let another's well-being become your project.

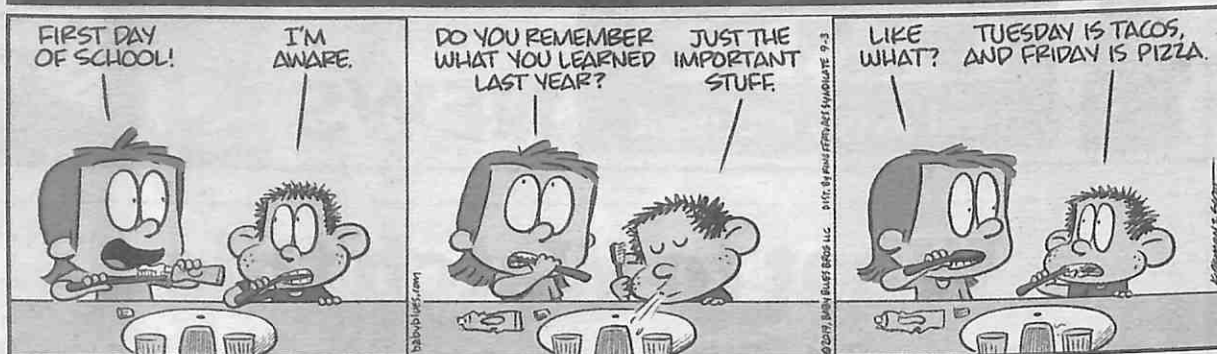


Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

There are opportunities for achievement, so stay open to new energy coming your way, Sagittarius. If you don't turn at these fortuitous junctions, you may never find this spot in the road again. What comes your way may not be a pot of gold, but it will certainly be the rainbow that leads you to it.



BABY BLUES



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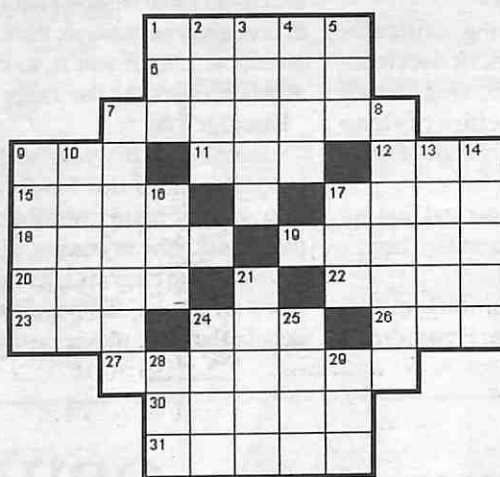


HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

Can you fit the words correctly into the grid?



DOWN

1. ARMED CONFLICT (3)
2. PART OF THE ROMAN CALENDAR (4)
3. NEW (5)
4. SHIP'S COMPANY (4)
5. FEMALE LOBSTER (3)
7. SEQUENCE OF COMPUTER INSTRUCTIONS (7)
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10. SAYING (5)
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14. CRIMINAL (5)
16. THE SHELTERED SIDE (3)
17. YOUNG CHILD (3)
21. PRAISE (5)
24. POLYNESIAN DANCE (4)
25. SMUDGE (4)
28. TO THE REAR OF A SHIP (3)

ACROSS

1. LIFTING DEVICE (5)
6. WORSHIP (5)
7. FORESTALL (7)
9. GOLFING TERM (3)
11. DARN (3)
12. FAIRY (3)
15. EFFIGY (4)
17. WOODY PLANT (4)
18. CONFINED (5)
19. TYPE OF REEF (5)
20. FIEND (4)
22. EDIBLE STARCHY ROOT (4)
23. BEVERAGE (3)
24. PART OF A WHEEL (3)
26. LODGE (3)
27. SENTIMENTAL (7)
30. STOREY (5)
31. ONE OF THE SENSES (5)

LOL
Laughing Out Loud

A TAX-PAYER

A man, submitting information to his income tax preparer, was asked how many dependents he had. "Sixteen," he replied.

The preparer asked, "Would you mind repeating that?" The man replied, "Not if I can help it."

DID YOU KNOW

1. When feeding, a hummingbird can lick 10 to 15 times per second.
2. Movie trailers are called that for a reason: They used to run after the movie.
3. Despite producing 95 per cent of the world's bourbon supply, the offi-

cial drink of Kentucky is milk.
4. As part of David Hasselhoff's divorce settlement, he kept possession of the nickname 'Hoff' and the catchphrase 'Don't Hassle the Hoff.'

MOVIE QUIZ
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The
MOVIE
QUIZ

Yesterday's Quiz

1. Which 1997 film stars Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, and

John Malkovich?
Answer:
A. Con Air

Today's Quiz

1. How many people were killed in the 1996 film Scream?

Answers:
A. Seven B. Six



What to Watch this September - M-Net Movies

M-Net Movies Premiere

Crazy Rich Asians and Mission: Impossible - Fallout. We just couldn't decide between these two, so we're recommending both. And they're both so different and offer so much, it's easy to understand why we couldn't decide. From love and laughs with a stunning cast in Crazy Rich Asians to one of the best Mission: Impossible instalments, it's an inevitable tie.

M-Net Movies Smile

Wreck-It Ralph. Perfect for the whole family, it's filled with everything that makes a great Disney movie: great characters, great stories, plenty of laughs, and tons of heart.

M-Net Movies Action+

The Fifth Element. A self-deprecating Bruce Willis, grunting aliens, a smarmy Gary Oldman, an OTT Chris Tucker, and a kick-ass Milla Jovovich. There's so much to love about this stylish sci-fi from Luc Besson.

M-Net Movies Action

Armed Response. It may not be the type of movie to win plaudits and praise, but Wesley Snipes is always worth watching.

M-Net Movies All Stars

Trevor Noah: There's a Gupta on My Stoep. Heritage Month brings a local line-up of comedy and we'll be settling in for plenty of LOLs with one of South Africa's hottest, and funniest, exports.

There's also a fantastic line-up for Sunday nights, including '90s classic Good Will Hunting, which won a Best Original Screenplay Oscar for the movie's stars, Matt Damon and Ben Affleck.

M-Net Movies Zone

We recommend: Music and Lyrics. With two charming leads in the form of Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore,



rom-com fans will love this parody of pop stars.

Saturday nights is still family nights, and Zone has a line-up that will take you from the Arctic to Australia.

Break

Sweet French dance drama. After suffering an injury, a young girl does whatever she can to get back into dance.

Baby Bump(s)

Fun-filled French comedy starring Oscar-winner Juliette Binoche. A mother and daughter – with very different personalities – become pregnant at the same time.

Stroop: Journey into the Rhino Horn War

This award-winning, critically acclaimed South African documentary focuses on a harrowing investigation into the atrocities of rhino poaching and the illegal trade of rhino horns.

Watch the trailer below and find out more about the documentary here.

This is the New 30

A mid-life crisis unfolds in this delightful and charming French dram-

edy. A 50-year-old woman moves back in with her parents, after her husband leaves her for a young woman.

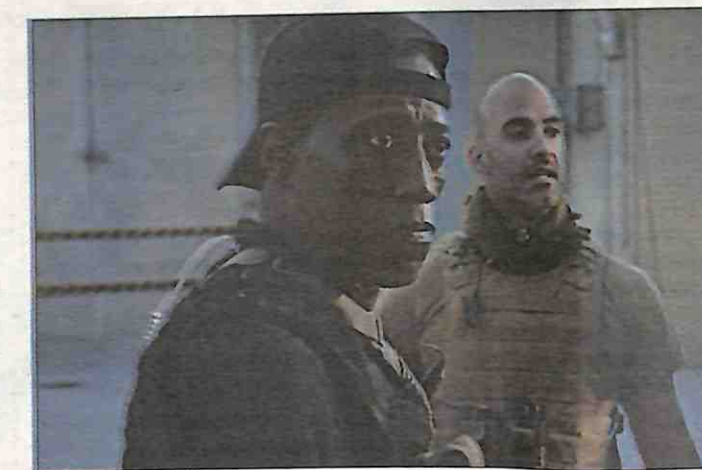
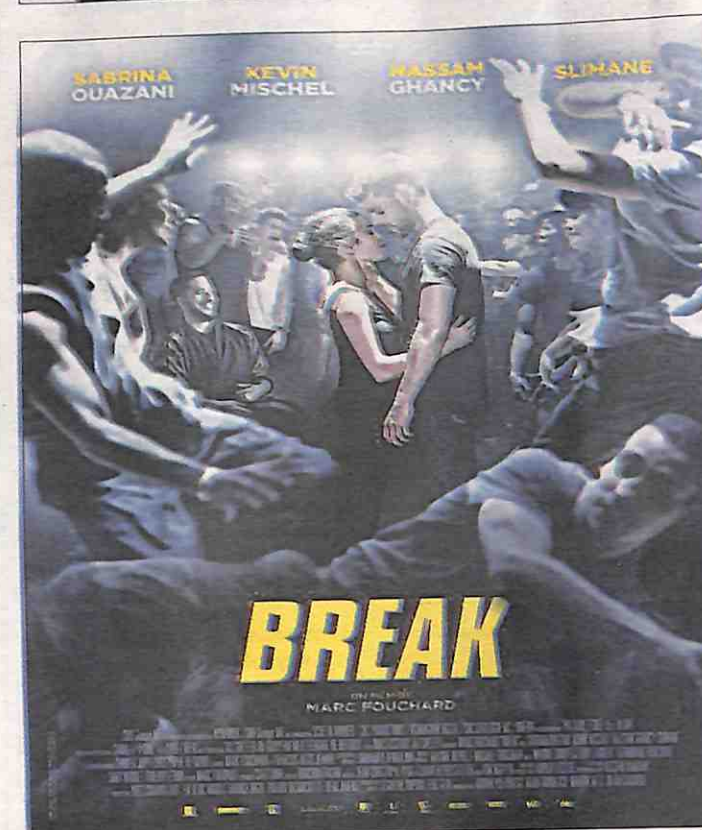
Maleficent: Mistress of Evil

We're getting a bit ahead of ourselves, since the sequel to 2014's hit only comes out in October (18/10 to be precise). But we're so excited about Angelina Jolie's return to this (sort of) villainous role, we just had to mention it now.

Mistress of Evil sees Aurora snapped away from her fairy godmother thanks to wedding vows, wedding plans, and a future mother-in-law. The latter is played by none other than Michelle Pfeiffer! Chiwetel Ejiofor also joins the cast in a role we don't really want to give away because we think it's so awesome...but if you're as curious as Alice, check out the trailer.

Knuckle City

Screened at this year's Durban International Film Festival and Silwerskermfees to roaring approval, the South African boxing film will be released in cinemas later this year. Keep an eye on this page for more details about the movie.



Oratile and Thabo's love story - OPW

AN online friendship that blossomed into love in real life.

Oratile Tingwe (30) and Thabo Keebine (37) met on Facebook in 2010 and shared a mutual crush unbeknownst to each other. By the time Thabo told Oratile he was smitten, she was in a troubled relationship with someone else so she asked Thabo to wait.

"One day she put up a status that she was in Rustenburg," he recalls. "I rushed to the taxi rank and told her I was going home with her. We kept chatting on BBM while driving in her car with her uncle. Her uncle didn't know anything. They dropped me off and I went



home." Oratile laughs softly listening to Thabo reminisce. He says he

called her later to continue their conversation.

Oratile says he kept trying his luck till 2013 when she told him she loved him too. "I was willing to see where life would take us.

We decided to fly to Durban. We got carried away, and I fell pregnant." Thabo was overjoyed, while Oratile had her reservations because she was ready for marriage at the time, but not to have children.

"Each and every couple have their ups and downs," says Thabo.

"I was out of a job for more than six months.

She made sure the rent was paid, the car had petrol, while I was looking for a job. She would always tell me that everything would be fine. I found a job and life continued." When he was ready to pay lobola, the elders went to her family for negotiations.

Oratile says: "Towards the end of 2018, in November, he bought a ring. I didn't know anything.

He planned everything with my little sister. We arrived at Spur and ordered food and we ate. He said I shouldn't eat too much since there was still dessert."

Thabo admits he was nervous and wondered how he'd feel if she said no. But there was no turning back because he had already given the waiter the ring.

"At Spur, they like singing the 'happy birthday' song," says Oratile. "I heard them sing and started singing along. Only to find they were coming to our table. When I looked up, I saw them standing in front of us with dessert. I asked whose birthday it was."

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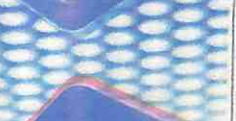


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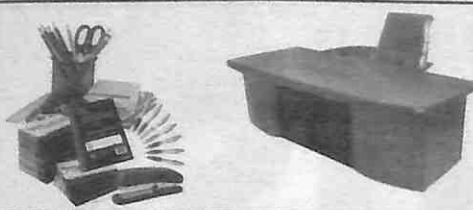
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Defender Dias and midfielder Luis both impressed in Benfica's 4-0 thrashing at Braga on Sunday, with Luis winning a penalty leading to the first goal.

United had scouts at Sunday's game, alongside a host of European clubs including Lyon, Sevilla and Norwich City, and their focus was predominantly on the two Portuguese starlets, according to Portuguese outlet A Bola.

Dias has been a regular fixture in the Benfica side since making his debut in 2017, and

was named Primeira Liga Young Player of the Year for the 2017-18 season.

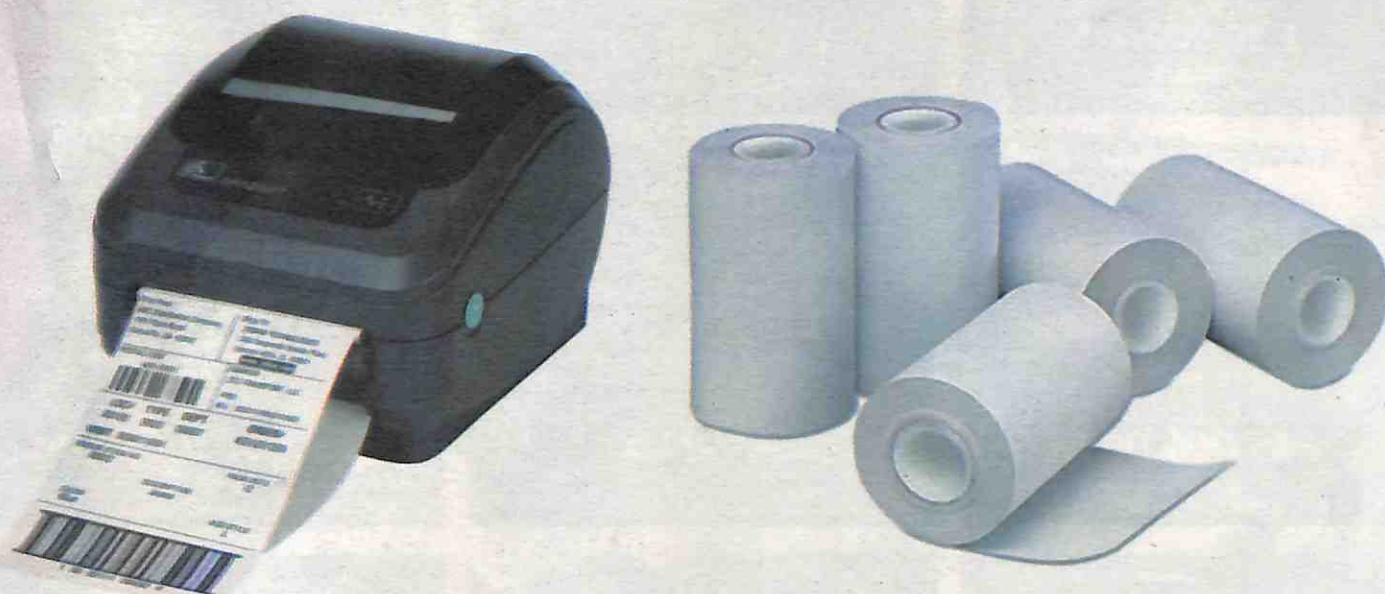
In the same season he made his international debut and was named in the Portugal squad for the World Cup, although he didn't make any appearances.

This time last summer, the 22-year-old was linked with a

move to Lyon, but he opted to stay at Benfica and extended his contract until 2023.

Last season, he made a staggering 52 appearances in all competitions, scoring four goals and being a vital cog in the side who regained the domestic title from Porto, beating them to top spot by two points.

Daily Mail



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FRUSTRATED: Christian Eriksen.

Eriksen hints frustration at not being able to leave Spurs

LONDON - Christian Eriksen wishes he could 'decide just like in Football Manager' what happens with his future as he hinted at being frustrated at not being able to leave Tottenham.

Summer transfer windows have now closed across Europe, so the Denmark international will not be making a move any time soon.

He had expressed a desire to take on a new challenge after six years in English football, with Real Madrid reported to be among his many suitors. Spurs were expected to listen to offers, if any were tabled, with Eriksen having entered the final 12 months of his contract.

No deal has been done, though, and the 27-year-old continues to head towards free agency and the chance to speak with interested parties about pre-contract terms in January.

That is the kind of position that Eriksen wishes he was in at present, with there a desire on his part to dictate what happens at an important career crossroads. He told Ekstra Bladet while on Euro 2020 qualification duty with his country: "I wish I could decide just like in Football Manager, but unfortunately I can't."

Eriksen stated publicly in June that he felt ready to make a fresh start away from north London. He has not got his wish, but has no regrets at having made his feelings clear.

Quizzed on whether his comments were a mistake, given that he now has to stay and fight for more minutes under Mauricio Pochettino, Eriksen said: "No, it wasn't. But it is football and you never know what happens in football. Many things always come into play." *Goal*

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Lebese's emotional goodbye to Downs

PRETORIA - George Lebese has penned an emotional farewell message to Mamelodi Sundowns after he parted ways with the club before the transfer window closed.

Lebese had been training on his own before it was confirmed that he is now officially a free agent, which gives him an opportunity to join a club outside of the transfer window.

While on loan to SuperSport United last season, Lebese expressed his desire not to return to Sundowns in favour of

getting his clearance. The Mamelodi-born player's wish has now been granted, and he took to Instagram to say goodbye to his home club.

"First of all, I'd like to take this moment to say thank you to everybody at Mamelodi Sundowns, from the President, to the board, to the management, the coach and technical team, and of course my teammates, for the opportunity and experience that was granted to me when I became part of that team.

"Joining Sundowns when I did was



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SA 2023 WORLD CUP BID CONFIRMED

JOHANNESBURG - The South African Football Association (SAFA) have confirmed their bid to host the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

FIFA announced yesterday that SAFA are amongst eight football federations that have launched an official bid to host the global show-piece.

In what will be the first extended edition of the Women's World Cup, a total of 32 teams will participate in month long spectacle in four years time.

The other nations in contention are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Japan, South Korea (Joint-bid with Korea DPR) and New Zealand.

The World Football governing body have now sent out the updated bidding and hosting paperwork to all eight federations, who now



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ZIDANE ALREADY FEELING THE HEAT AT REAL MADRID

MADRID - Real Madrid are only three games into the new season and they have already dropped four points.

Zinedine Zidane might not be under too much pressure over the next fortnight of international football but that is only because Barcelona have an even worse record and because Gareth Bale hasn't forgotten how to score goals.

Neither Barcelona's form nor Bale's goals can be credited to Zidane, who spent most of the summer trying to sell the Welshman.

As well as failing to do that, he also looked on helplessly as the club failed to sign his number one transfer target Paul Pogba.

Pogba will not be arriving, neither will Neymar. Kaylor Navas has left - that's something else he did not want to happen. It has not been a good close season for the returning Real Madrid coach.

Madrid's transfer market started impressively with the signing of Eden Hazard but that was as good as it got and when midfielder Casemiro spoke after the Villarreal draw of the team 'lacking everything' he was echoing the sentiments of most of the club's supporters.



FEELING THE HEAT: Zinedine Zidane has made a stuttering start to his second spell as Real Madrid manager.

'This is a team and we should defend and attack as a team' he added after the game. He is always willing to step forward after matches and speak to the media. Criticism, however, might very well start with him or at least in the position he occupies.

Compete

He is Real Madrid's only holding midfielder and he was found wanting against Villarreal. It is just one of the many failings of the summer that they have not been able to buy someone to compete with him. They appeared not to even try.

Another position they seemed to

ignore was centre-back, where Sergio Ramos begins another season knowing that he is in the team every week. He was lucky that his first-half error happened early enough for it almost to have been forgotten.

He looks past his best and yet Zidane has little option to build his defence around him and Raphael Varane because there is nothing else.

The French coach left Nacho out of his squad on Sunday and clearly has little faith in Eder Militao, whose signing was agreed before he returned to the club.

Daily Mail



IN THE DOCK: Spanish midfielder Ander Herrera is among 42 people on trial over match-fixing allegations against his old club, Real Zaragoza.

Herrera in the dock as Spain match-fixing trial opens

BARCELONA - Spain's first major match-fixing trial began Tuesday with former Manchester United midfielder Ander Herrera among 42 defendants charged over a 'suspect' 2011 match between his former club Real Zaragoza and Levante.

The accused made no comments as they arrived at the court in the eastern city of Valencia for the start of proceedings which are expected to last until September 30.

Real Zaragoza's 2-1 win on May 21, 2011, the last match of the season, spared the club relegation from the Spanish first division.

But it triggered an investigation by Spain's anti-corruption prosecutors' office over suspect payments to playing staff and coaches.

Midfielder Gabi Fernandez, who currently plays in Qatar, scored both goals in Real's crucial victory. He is among the accused along with Herrera, who moved to Paris Saint-Germain over the summer on a free transfer from Old Trafford.

Real Zaragoza's coach at the time, Mexico's Javier Aguirre, is also on trial. Aguirre was sacked as Japan's coach in 2015 over his implication in the scandal.

Prosecutors suspect Real Zaragoza deposited 965 000 euros (US\$1 000 000) in the bank accounts of some of its players and coaching staff so that they, in turn, could bribe Levante players to deliberately lose the game.

Investigating

An investigating judge shelved the long-running probe into the match in 2017 but the case was reopened following an appeal by state prosecutors, the Spanish League and Deportivo La Coruna, the club relegated as a result of Real Zaragoza's win.

Other match-fixing scandals have erupted in Spain over the years. As recently as In May police arrested several current and former players as part of a probe into a match-fixing gang that allegedly operated in the country's first and second divisions.

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SA one of eight countries vying to host 2023 Women's World Cup

LAUSANNE - Eight countries are vying to host the 2023 Women's World Cup which will include 32 teams for the first time, FIFA said yesterday.

Belgium and Bolivia have withdrawn from the original list of 10 nations ahead of the September 2 deadline for candidate submissions. A decision on the host will be announced in May.

The eight nations still in competition are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand and South Africa.

South Korea have indicated

they will seek to co-

host the event with North Korea.

France hosted 24 teams for the 2019 World Cup which proved so successful that FIFA said it had decided to expand the event to 32 teams to boost the growth of the women's game.

Sport24



Xenophobic violence puts Bafana v Zambia friendly in the balance

CAPE TOWN - Cape Town - Bafana Bafana's friendly against Zambia could be called off this weekend due to xenophobic attacks.

According to SABC Sport's journalist Thabiso Mosia, the encounter could be hanging in the balance due to the xenophobic attacks that have affected Gauteng. News24 reported that protesters and looters have targeted foreigners in different parts of Gauteng over the past few days.

According to Mosia, the attacks have put pressure on Zambia Football Association ahead of the match on Saturday at the Nkoloma Stadium in Lusaka.

Kick-off is scheduled for 15:00 on Saturday. Bafana coach Molefi Ntseki and his squad are currently in Johannesburg and are expected to depart for Zambia tomorrow.

This will be Ntseki's first official game in charge since he was appointed permanently this past weekend.

Opponent

According to Mosia, SAFA are currently trying to find a replacement opponent for this weekend if the match does not take place.

This match against Zambia will be part of the preparations for the 2021 AFCON qualifiers which commences in November.

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Mauro Icardi joins Paris Saint-Germain

PARIS - Mauro Icardi has signed a new three-year deal with Inter Milan and joined Paris Saint-Germain on a season-long loan.

According to Sky in Italy, PSG will pay the Serie A side an initial loan fee of 5m euros and will have the option to make the move permanent next summer for 65m euros. The striker flew to Paris on Monday morning along with his wife and agent Wanda Nara and thrashed out personal terms with the Ligue 1 club, with his wages thought to be around 5m euros for the season. PSG were keen to bring in an attacking reinforcement after seeing Kylian Mbappe and Edinson Cavani both suffer injuries in their Ligue 1 fixture against Toulouse last week.

Icardi is set to link up with Brazilian forward Neymar, who has agreed to stay at the Ligue 1 club after talks over

a return to Barcelona broke down.

The Argentina international was left out of the Inter squad upon new coach Antonio Conte's arrival, as he was deemed 'not part of the technical project' by the former Chelsea and Juventus boss.

Transfer

Juventus, Napoli and Roma were all interested in signing him during the summer transfer window but the 26-year-old looked to have his heart set on staying at the club despite the arrival of Manchester United duo Romelu Lukaku and Alexis Sanchez. Icardi's relationship with the club started deteriorating in February when he was stripped of his role as captain by former boss Luciano Spalletti. Associated Press reported last week Icardi is suing Inter for discrimination, claiming 1.5m euros (£1.38m)

in damages and to be allowed back into the first-team fold.

Sky Sports



NAVAS SIGNS 4-YR DEAL TO JOIN PSG

PARIS - Paris Saint-Germain and Real Madrid worked in tandem on transfer deadline day as the two clubs exchanged goalkeepers.

Keylor Navas arrived in Paris to sign a four-year deal with the Ligue 1 champions while Frenchman Alphonse Areola headed in the other direction on a one-year loan.

Navas has been a regular at Real Madrid since joining the club in 2014 and went on to win three Champions League titles having gone on to be the club's number one after Iker Casillas departed. But the 32-year-old insists he is 'really excited' about a new challenge in France.

Excited

"I'm really excited to sign for Paris Saint-Germain," Navas told the club's website.

"After my experience in Spain, I'm coming to France with high hopes. Paris Saint-Germain is a very prestigious club in Latin America and I am keen to be part of the adventure that started several years ago.

"I will do everything I can to help PSG win new titles, bringing all my experience and professionalism.

"And I will also try to win the hearts of the Parisian fans, famous throughout Europe for their passion."

In a statement confirming Navas was

... as Alphonse Areola heads in the opposite direction to join Real Madrid on one-year loan



Keylor Navas made a deadline day switch to join Paris Saint-Germain on a four-year deal.

to leave the club permanently, Real Madrid expressed their thanks for his five years at the club.

"The club wishes to express its grat-

itude and affection for the player's conduct and commitment throughout his five seasons at Real Madrid," a statement read. (Daily Mail)

Dutch legend Gullit warns de Ligt

TURIN - Ruud Gullit has warned Matthijs de Ligt to expect extra attention in Italy as a Juventus player.

The 19-year-old defender joined Juventus for £67million in the summer after starring in Ajax's Champions League semi-final run last season.

Having been left out by Maurizio Sarri for their opening Serie A win over Parma, De Ligt played in a 4-3 victory over close rivals Napoli.

"That politics is practiced at the same time around those clubs does not matter. That's how it goes. A Juventus player is approached differently by newspapers from Milan than from Turin."

Gullit added: 'Matthijs must simply swallow that t**d and continue. He can keep faith in himself because he has proven more than necessary and shows that he possesses the qualities to be able to play at the highest level.'

Confident

Despite a shaky start against Napoli, Gullit is confident the youngster can establish himself among the elite.

"I know that De Ligt is 100 per cent on top of this. At the time, he also started off badly at the age of 17 when he was a Dutch national and had a good return."

Daily Mail

VAR set to be introduced by British boxing days

LONDON - British boxing is set to introduce VAR, which has been the source of so much controversy in football.

The Board of Control will discuss the TV review system at its next council meeting and looks certain to give its approval. The move follows the WBC changing the KO of Charlie Edwards by Mexico's Julio Martinez at the O2 on Saturday night, which enabled the Londoner to keep his world flyweight title despite being counted out.

WBC President Mauricio Sulaiman intervened in the ring after studying big screen replays of Edwards being punched while down on one knee.

That ruling contravened British

Board of Control regulation which currently prohibit TV over-ruling referees' decisions but General Secretary Robert Smith says: 'We have been keeping an eye on the situation with screen replays for some time.'

'This issue will be discussed formally now. We had 268 shows in Britain last year so we have to consider whether it is right for being used only at shows where the screen replays are available. But we are always looking to improve the sport and move with the times where appropriate.'

The use of the system is unlikely to prove anything like as contentious as in football, since such incidents are usually isolated and clear cut.

Daily Mail

Osaka falls to Bencic while Vekic, Mertens win

CALIFORNIA - Top-ranked defending champion Naomi Osaka was ousted from the US Open on Monday by Belinda Bencic while Croatian Donna Vekic erased a match point to join the Swiss 13th seed in a quarter-final matchup.

Bencic's 7-5, 6-4 triumph, her WTA-best sixth over a top-five foe this year, ensured 21-year-old Japanese star Osaka will fall from atop the rankings next week and won't become the first repeat US Open winner since Serena Williams in 2014.

"The challenge cannot be bigger against Naomi," Bencic said. "I had to be at the top of my game and I'm really pleased how well I handled my nerves at the end."

Victory

Bencic, 22, matched her deepest career Grand Slam run from the 2014 US Open with her third victory of the year over Osaka, having also won at Indian Wells and Madrid. "She played pretty clean. She had a specific plan she wanted to execute," Osaka said.

"I guess just being aggressive." Australia's Ashleigh Barty, the reigning French Open champion, will move atop the rankings next Monday after the loss by Osaka, who defends her Australian Open title in January.

"I can look at this and be very disappointed and mad, but I'm not mad about it," Osaka said. "I'd like to reach higher rounds. That's definitely what I'll aim for in Australia."

Osaka's exit means there will be four different women's Grand Slam winners in a season for the third consecutive year, a first in the Open era.

Vekic, the 23rd seed, saved a match



LOSS: Japan's Naomi Osaka lost to Swiss 13th seed Belinda Bencic in the fourth round of the US Open on Monday.

point in the second set and made her first Slam quarter-final by rallying past German 26th seed Julia Goerges 6-7 (5/7), 7-5, 6-3.

"I don't even know how I won this match," Vekic said. "She was serving for the match. She had match point. I just kept fighting and believing I could win. It feels pretty amazing."

Wins

Bencic owns a 2-1 career edge over Vekic from two 2014 wins but Vekic won the most recent meeting with her friend and frequent practice partner in this year's French Open third round.

Belgian 25th seed Elise Mertens cruised past 141st-ranked US wildcard Kristie Ahn 6-1, 6-1 in 67 minutes to book a quarter-final berth against 19-year-old

Canadian 15th seed Bianca Andreescu.

"I just tried to play my best game," said Mertens, who has dropped only 16 games in four matches.

"I try to improve every time. I try to invest in my game. It's coming out this week and hopefully I can go much further than this."

The only deeper Slam run for Mertens was into last year's Australian Open semi-finals while Andreescu, whom the Belgian has never faced, extended her career-best Slam performance by defeating 116th-ranked US qualifier Taylor Townsend 6-1, 4-6, 6-2. AFP

Nadal reigns in clash of former US Open champs as Zverev exits

CALIFORNIA - Rafael Nadal ramped up his quest for a fourth US Open title Monday with an impressive win over 2014 champion Marin Cilic to advance to the quarter-finals while Alexander Zverev slumped to a four-set defeat.

Second seed Nadal - the winner at

Flushing Meadows in 2010, 2013 and 2017 -- produced some electrifying moments of brilliance to end the challenge of Croatian 22nd seed Cilic 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

After barely breaking a sweat in reaching the last 16, a run that included a second-round walkover, Nadal stared down his stiffest test so far to surge into a quarter-final meeting with Argentine 20th seed Diego Schwartzman.

Exchanged

The Spaniard exchanged the first two sets with Cilic but grasped control by breaking for 3-1 in the third, a series of dazzling winners drawing an animated fist-pump from golf legend Tiger Woods at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Nadal reeled off nine games in succession across the third and fourth sets and 12 of the final 15 to nail down a 40th Grand Slam quarter-final appearance, nine of which have come at the US Open.

AFP



Rafael Nadal came through his stiffest test so far at the US Open against Marin Cilic.

MY GAME

AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF SPORTS ISSUES

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LOCAL tennis is proving to be a sport of achievements of late, thanks to the great effort demonstrated by Eswatini National Tennis Association (ENTA) in terms of development.

I must admit, I am a staunch football person, who is known to be a writing enthusiast who would show wide knowledge in the hugely followed sport, but the developments that have been taking place in tennis have made me to fall in love with the sport. I have been keenly following the events in local tennis, and I could not resist the temptation of penning a piece about the sport our brothers and sisters love the most. Just last week as I joined the media personnel in the press conference at Hilton Gardens, launching one of the biggest tennis tournaments in the country, I was impressed by the rate at which things are taking place within the tennis fraternity since the beginning of the year. Yes, a whopping E100 000 has been pumped in by Acers Sports Academy for a Men's Tennis Open Championship slated for this weekend at the newly-built centre in Lobamba. It was revealed that the tournament will also feature players from outside the country, something which has already made the tournament a must-watch for any tennis enthusiast worth his or her salt. As I pen this, preparations are already at advanced stage for the event and no doubt the supporters must brace themselves for an entertaining competition. Even though my intention was not to specifically write about this coming

YET ANOTHER MILESTONE FOR LOCAL TENNIS



MILESTONE: Eswatini National Chess Association (ENTA) Secretary Nqaba Mkhali, Acers Sports Academy's and Businessman Sibusiso Dlamini, ENTA President Maxwell Jele and Acers Academy captain Bruce Gama during the launch of the Men's Tennis Open Championships at the Hilton Garden Hotel.

event but the impact this tournament will have to the standard of tennis has made me to have my say on that regard. Otherwise we have seen the achievements attained by the sport of late and one cannot help but applaud all the stakeholders associated with the sport for the worthy effort. Just recently the tennis association successfully constructed a state-of-the-art centre in Lobamba which has become the face

of tennis in the country.

Launched

The centre, which is named SBS National Tennis Centre, was officially launched by the Minister of Sports Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga in the presence of International Tennis Federation (ITF) Regional Development Officer, Tapiwa Masunga. This happened barely some months after the sport launched a lucra-

tive sponsorship of E140 000 courtesy of bankers, Swaziland Building Society (SBS), thus maintaining the good relationship between the two parties in terms of sponsorship. In my previous articles, I had already mentioned the milestone achieved by ENTA in fostering working relationship with their Mozambican counterparts through signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which will see the countries

sharing resources and expertise in developing the sport. And of course, progress is being made in that regard as Mozambicans have already come to the country for a series of friendly tournaments, and so are the locals who have been to Mozambique for the same.

These are some of the achievements I have been able to note, and I am sure there are some which also deserve to be highlighted in this column but due to lack of space that could not be possible.

In a nutshell, I am made to believe that tennis development taking shape in the country, hence one cannot cease to implore ENTA, the body responsible for running the sport in the country, to continue working tirelessly in bringing the improvement that will ensure that we produce great players who will go on to represent us well in international competitions. They must set out their goals and take full responsibility in bringing the desired progress in the sport. In as much as we see the glaring effort they are putting in an endeavour to take the sport to the next level, they must bear in mind that as an association a lot is expected from them in going forward. I strongly believe that this nation always desire to see locals making an impact in international competitions and this begin with the people in leadership.

It is on those grounds I urge that we give them the support as they work towards taking the sport to greater heights.

SPORTS MEDICINE SOLUTIONS

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TEAM TRAVEL



GOD has led us this far, it's the month of September and our national team Sihlangu Semnikati is already preparing for their game against Djibouti, thus today we are discussing the team travel.

One of the challenges of modern football and the international game is the need to play in different cities and countries around the world and in different time zones. There is also the matter of providing medical care for athletes in a new and foreign environment. To be able to do this effectively requires careful planning.

One of the results of international travel is jet lag – the disruption of the normal circadian rhythm and a mismatch between the 'body clock time' and the new local time. This results in a variety of mental and physical effects. The more time zones crossed, the more severe and lasting the jet lag symptoms, and the latter are usually worse after flying eastwards than westwards. This appears to be because the body's circadian set-up naturally adapts better to westward travel.

Jet lag must be differentiated from travel fatigue, which can occur even when travelling north or south without changing time zones.

Causes of jet lag

The body clock controls physiologi-

cal functions in a rhythmic manner, following a 24-hour cycle. This phenomenon is known as the circadian rhythm and has exogenous as well as endogenous inputs.

Symptoms of jet lag

There are many symptoms of jet lag. Fatigue and insomnia are the most commonly described, and recognised, symptoms. In addition to these more common symptoms, a traveller may

experience a wide range of other physical and emotional symptoms. These include:

- Intermittent periods of fatigue
- Difficulty in sleeping at the appropriate time
- Delayed onset of sleep after eastward flight
- Early awakening after westward flight
- Irritability and mood disturbances, poor concentration
- Lowered motivation, subjective fatigue above the norm

- Decreased mental and physical performance in the "new" daytime
- Potentially poor performance in training and matches
- Irritability and experiencing a buzzing in the head (headaches, disorientation)
- Poor appetite, gastrointestinal upsets

Minimising jet lag prior to departure

Performance on arrival

During the period when the body clock

is adjusting to the new time zone, the individual may be susceptible to a reduction in performance. In the ideal situation during this adaptation period (and especially over the over the first two to three days following arrival), light exercise rather than strenuous training or competitive matches is advisable.

Infectious diseases

Some countries have specific health challenges which must be considered. Fortunately, up-to-date pre-travel information is readily available online. The CDC and WHO websites are excellent resources and should be consulted prior to departure. Malaria and Dengue-Vector borne diseases, like malaria and dengue are preventable. Avoiding mosquito bites by wearing clothing which covers exposed areas, sleeping under mosquito netting or screens and the use of mosquito repellents are all effective strategies to prevent being bitten.

While vaccinations are generally recommended for all travelers, in some situation's vaccinations are not optional. Vaccination against yellow fever prior to travel to endemic regions in Africa and South America is compulsory.

Let's finally wish our pride safe journey home after the game against Djibouti. We are very confident that we will win only concern is the number of goals to be scored as we expect double figures. Till next week God bless you.



2022 FIFA WORLD CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND QUALIFIERS



FIFA WORLD CUP QUALIFIER PREVIEW:

PAPIC'S BOYS READY FOR DJIBOUTI

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

TONIGHT:

Djibouti vs Sihlangu
Hasan Galoid Stadium, 5pm

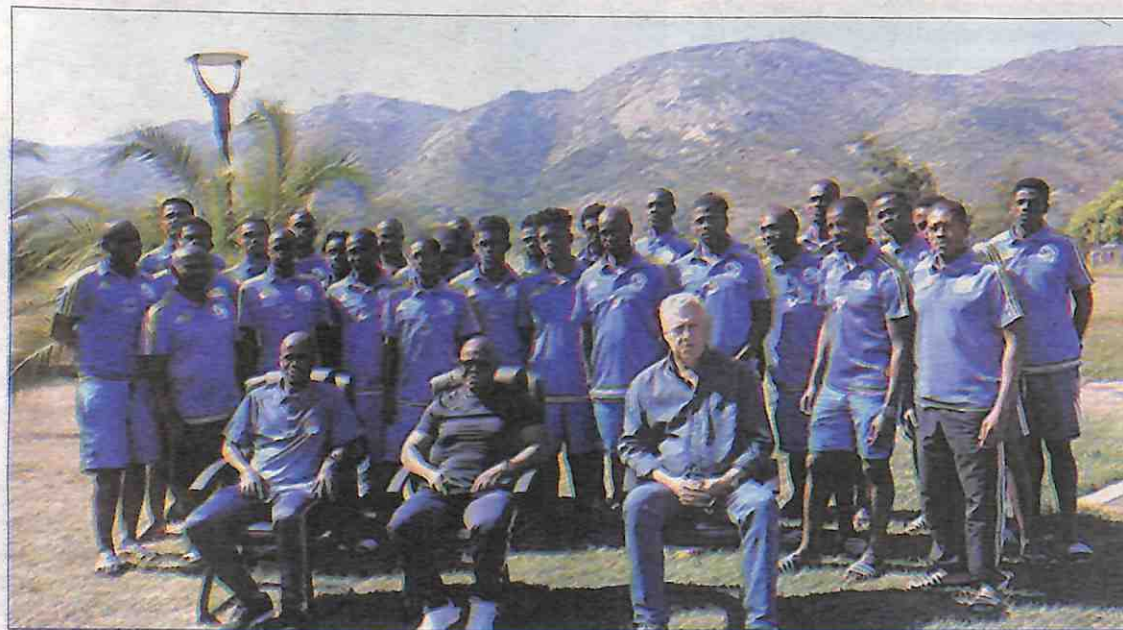
SOCCER - There is no retreat no surrender for the nation's pride Sihlangu Semnikati as they take on Djibouti today in the 2022 FIFA World Cup preliminary round qualifiers match slated for Hasan Galoud Stadium.

Under the tutelage of coach Kostadin Papic many would agree with me that that the national team is playing good football that is pleasing on the eye and no wonder some national teams are now after the signature of the former Orlando Pirates coach.

Yes, the stage has been set for Papic's boys to prove themselves that they are no longer the 'whipping boys' of Southern Africa but are now on the rise and ready to claim their fame in the international football scene. On paper, the local team look set to demolish the Djibouti national team as they did in the 2015 World Cup Qualifiers when they won 6-0 away before winning 2-1 in the second leg at home.

It is also a well-documented fact that Sihlangu are good travellers as they have recorded away victories than when playing at home. An away victory today will ease the pressure for the local team.

The Serbia-born mentor Kostadin Papic will pin his hopes on captain Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst to lead the troops inside the field of play. The lanky midfielder, who plies his trade in South Africa National First Division, Mbombela United will be a key figure in Papic's squad today and has



ALL SET: Sihlangu Semnikati before departure.

what it takes to destroy the Rivains de Mer Rouge with his God-given talent. The former Mbabane Swallows player can create and score goals.

"I am confident we will qualify for the World Cup, and this can only happen if we keep working very hard and take each game seriously, starting with the match against Djibouti. We will do our best during the preliminary round to get the desired result," said the captain before their departure on Sunday.

Victories

'Fela' is expected to partner with the likes of Menzi Sithole, Fanelo Tsabedze and Lindani Matsenjwa in the middle of the park where victories are won or lost. As it has been the norm in past games, Young Buffaloes winger Fanelo 'Order' Mamba is expected to be introduced in the later stages of the match to add more fire power upfront.

Striker Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa, who was part of the

2015 squad that demolished Djibouti 6-0, will have to bang in the vital away goals in this encounter.

However, the local team must tread carefully when facing Djibouti, a team that is regarded as the weakest in Africa.

Football is the most popular sport in Djibouti and according to a survey; the country became a member of FIFA in 1994 and has taken part in the qualifying rounds for the Africa Cup of Nations as well as the FIFA World Cup in the mid-2000. Djibouti national team nicknamed 'Riverains de la Mer Rouge' (The shore man red sea) will enter the match as underdogs but have what it takes to fight tooth and nail on their home soil. After all, they will be playing in front of their supporters who will be cheering them from the first whistle to the last. Head coach Ahmed Matte will be banking his hopes on most capped player Ahmed Daher to upset the visitors.

TEAMS:

SIHLANGU

Head coach - Kostadin Papic

Captain - Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst

Key Players - Sifiso Matse, Menzi

Sithole, Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa

Match Winner - Fanelo 'Order' Mamba

DJIBOUTI

Head Coach - Julien Matte

Key Player - Ahmed Daher

Sihlangu possible line-up

1. Phephisani Msibi
2. Linda Mkhonta
3. Melusi Dlamini
4. Machawe Dlamini
5. Siboniso Mamba
6. Sibusiso Ngwenya
7. Fanelo Tsabedze
8. Menzi Sithole
9. Sabelo 'Sikhali' Ndzinisa
10. Felix Badenhorst
11. Lindani Matsenjwa



READY: Sihlangu in one of its training sessions.

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The following deceased members' families are invited to attend a meeting on the following dates:

Monday 09 September 2019

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Msibi Phumzile	Education	3780770	29.06.2019	09h00
2. Mamba Sithembile	Education	4317748	25.07.2019	10h00
3. Dlamini Mfanimpela	Health	5359024	10.07.2019	11h00
4. Allie Allicious	Defence	8720348	22.07.2019	12h00
5. Dlamini Sabelo	Police	4682943	09.08.2019	14h15

Tuesday 10 September 2019

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Chirwa Nombulelo B	Education	3959817	04.08.2019	09h00
2. Dlamini Jabulani	Education	7384008	30.07.2019	10h00
3. Dlamini Patricia	Education	39824266	01.08.2019	11h00
4. Mamba Mfanana	Natural Resources	7158678	04.08.2019	12h00
5. Dlamini Mbuso Zipho	Police	5203868	02.07.2019	14h15

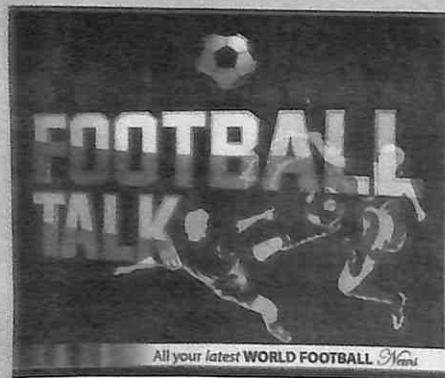
Wednesday 11 September 2019

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1. Mkhwanazi Dumsile	Police	9354038	04.08.2019	09h00
2. Maziya Sikhulile	Education	3844342	13.08.2019	10h00
3. Dlamini Nomathemba R	Education	9138432	08.08.2019	11h00
4. Manana Vusi	Agriculture	4877558	16.08.2019	12h00
5. Dlamini Innocent B	Police	2500159	20.08.2019	14h00

Thursday 12 September 2019

Name of Deceased	Ministry	Empl. No.	Date of Death	Time
1. Mkhontfo Thembekile	Education	2542119	08.08.2019	09h00
2. Makhanya Thandie	Police	4817554	09.07.2019	09h45
3. Mabuya Bonginkosi	Correctional	2718507	24.08.2019	10h30
4. Mamba Dumisa	Agriculture	2302573	26.08.2019	11h15
5. Dlamini Nonhlanhla	King's Office	4747671	13.08.2019	12h00
6. Mashwana Gueka	Defence	8295097	26.04.2019	14h15

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● England women's manager Phil Neville is the USA's number one target to replace their World Cup-winning coach Jill Ellis. **(Mail)**

● A text message from Lionel Messi may have sparked the transfer saga of the summer, with Barcelona's attempt to re-sign Brazil forward Neymar, 27, from Paris St-Germain ultimately failing to come off. **(L'Equipe - in French)**



● Borussia Dortmund's England forward Jadon Sancho, 19, has left the door open for a move to Manchester United by saying he 'wouldn't mind' a return to his homeland. **(Mirror)**

● Manchester United sent scouts to Benfica's match against Braga on Sunday to watch two Portuguese players - defender Ruben Dias, 22, and 20-year-old midfielder Florentino Luis. **(Mirror)**

● Atletico Madrid's Croatia striker Nikola Kalinic, 31, has joined Roma on a season-long loan deal, with the Serie A side sending Czech forward Patrik Schick, 23, on loan to RB Leipzig. **(Gazzetta dello Sport - in Italian)**

● Croatia striker Ante Rebic, 25, has left Eintracht Frankfurt to join AC Milan on a two-year loan deal, with Portuguese forward Andre Silva, 23, heading the other way. **(Gazzetta dello Sport - in Italian)**



● A Liverpool fan site has urged the Reds to sell Egypt striker Mohamed Salah, 27, in order to fund the purchase of 20-year-old France forward Kylian Mbappe from Paris St-Germain, Borussia Dortmund's Sancho or Germany midfielder Kai Havertz, 20, of Bayer Leverkusen. **(Mirror)**

● Brazil midfielder Rafinha Alcantara, 26, signed a contract extension with Barcelona before joining La Liga rivals Celta Vigo on a season-long loan deal. **(Marca)**

● Royal Antwerp sign Belgian midfielder Steven Defour, 31, two days after his contract with Burnley was cancelled by mutual consent. **(Het Laatste Nieuws - in Dutch)**

● Atalanta replaced 34-year-old former Liverpool defender Martin Skrtel - whose contract was terminated after just 24 days with the Serie A club - with Denmark centre-back Simon Kjaer, 30, from Sevilla. **(Goal)**

● Tottenham's 20-year-old English winger Marcus Edwards - once dubbed "mini Messi" - has left the north London side for Portuguese top-flight club Vitoria on a permanent deal. **(Sun)**

MIDAS U-20 KO FINALISTS TO RECEIVE NEW KITS

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER - FINALISTS of the Midas Under-20 knockout competitions will receive new kits for the finals to be played on Saturday.

This was revealed by Midas Marketing Manager Gcebile Vilakati during a media briefing held at Sigwaca House yesterday. She said they were happy they were now at the closing stages of the competition and applauded all the teams for taking part in the tournament.

"We would like to applaud all the teams that have made it this far in the competition.

"The finalists will get new kits as part of their prizes and we thank all teams for the commitment they have shown in the competition," Vilakati said.

She also thanked the teams for attending the life skills classes where soccer legends Mfanafuthi 'Taribo' Bhembe and Sibusiso 'Spoko' Dlamini were speakers.

Apart from the new kits, the champions will get E1 500 and a trophy, while the runners-up will get E1 000. The semi-finalists will receive E600 each.

Hhohho Youth Development Chairman Ntokozo Tsela thanked Midas for being consistent in their sponsorship and encouraged teams to continue with the good behaviour they have been demonstrating since the start of the tournament.

"I would like to congratulate the teams that



KIT: Mbabane Juniors League Vice Chairman Samkeliso Simelane, Midas Mbabane Branch Manager Alpha Mabuza, Marketing Manager Gcebile Vilakati, Hhohho Youth Development Chairman Ntokozo Tsela and HRFA Executive Member Oscar Mlotshwa display the kits that the U-20 finalists will receive during the games on Saturday.

have made it to the finals. We hope to see good football and urge all spectators to come and watch the finals. We also thank Midas for funding this tournament as it is through such initiatives that we see the sport improving," he said.

This weekend's games will begin at 8:30am with the first semi-final pitting Aces United against Multi Classic. This will be followed by the match between Hurricane and Ezulwini Aces at 10am while the finals will be played at 1pm.

Luyengo win Siteki Volleyball Tourney

BY JONGILE XUBA

VOLLEYBALL - LUYENGO Volleyball team won the Siteki Volleyball Tournament played at Matsapha Police College on Saturday.

About 10 teams took part in the competition as they were grouped into three.

The best four met in the semi-finals and hosts of the competition, Siteki were up against Luyengo in the first semis, where they lost 1 - 2. The second semi-finals saw Zakhele take on Bob Masters and the Manzini based team won 2 - 1.

Siteki then had to face Bob Masters in the loser's finals and they managed to win the match 2 - 0 to finish third. The final was a tight contest as Luyengo needed a third set to beat Zakhele 2 - 1 and eventually won the competition.

Siteki Volleyball Team representative Linda Dlamini said the match was tough and they were happy with the outcome.

"Overall, the tournament was great and we witnessed some good matches. We congratulate all

SITEKI VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Semi final		
Siteki	1-2	Luyengo
Bob Master	1-2	Zakhele
Losers final		
Siteki	2-0	Bob Master
Final		
Luyengo	2-1	Zakhele

the winners and thank the participants for making the competition a success," he said.

He went on to say they had learnt a lot from hosting the tournament.

"Hosting the competition was some back breaking work but people's perspectives were proved wrong as they could observe the drive and determination we had on our side," he said.

The competition was hosted as a fundraising initiative by the team for the running of the newly-established team that was formed this season.

Inhlonhla knockout tournament resumes this weekend

BY COLISILE SACOLO

NETBALL - FOLLOWING a one week break, the Inhlonhla Netball tournament will resume this weekend at Zakhele in Manzini.

This was confirmed by Eswatini Netball Association Vice President Nkabinde Shabalala, who said the games would all be played at Zakhele Courts.

According to the latest fixture, REPS will take on Phoenix at 10am, while UEDF have a date with Fashions in what promises to be an exciting encounter.

The other games will see RSSC clashing with Manzini Ladies with Correctional taking on Vixens in another entertaining encounter.

Illovo have a date with REPS at 1pm, while the last match of the day will be between Correctional

and Vixens (men).

Shabalala said the tournament would be in full swing this weekend. "We have interesting games this weekend and mine is to urge netball lovers to come and cheer on the players."

She said the teams were all itching for action as they were from the break.

"We are expecting to witness great games as all the teams are from a break. I also urge teams to keep time," Shabalala said.

INHLOHLA NETBALL KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT FIXTURE:

Saturday at Zakhele Court			
REPS (Men)	vs	Phoenix	10am - 11:30am
UEDF	vs	Fashions	10am - 11:30am
RSSC	vs	Manzini Ladies	11:30am - 1pm
Correctional	vs	Vixens	11:30pm - 1pm
Illovo	vs	REPS	1pm - 2:30pm
Correctional	vs	Vixens	1pm - 2:30pm

Manzini Pool Club face Nicks

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

POOL - MANZINI Pool Club will be looking to extend their lead at the top of the log when they face bottom side Nicks in the Dixie's International League on Saturday.

The league is sponsored to a tune of E30 000. The weekend games will also see Correctional Services lock horns with Figa, while Way Inn will take on unpredictable side Mankayane Pool Club.

Interesting

Other interesting games will see France clash with Garrison, while Police Academy have a date with Figa Five with Stairs clashing with Bhunya. On Sunday, Nicks will take on Manzini Pool Club.

THE FULL FIXTURE:

Saturday		
Correctional	vs	Figa
Way Inn	vs	Mankayane
France	vs	Garrison
Police Academy	vs	Figa Five
Stairs	vs	Bhunya
Sunday		
Nicks	vs	Manzini Pool Club

MANZINI REGIONAL POOL LEAGUE LOG:

TEAM	P	W	L	FF	FA	FD	PTS
Manzini Pool	17	13	4	211	129	82	51
Way Inn	17	13	4	212	146	66	49
Correctional	17	12	5	205	151	54	47
Garrison	17	14	3	199	151	48	46
REPS	17	12	5	191	142	49	44
France	17	9	8	178	177	1	35
Figaredo	17	8	9	179	171	8	33
Bhunya	17	7	10	178	181	3	30
Nicks	17	7	10	138	180	51	30
Mankayane	17	4	13	141	196	55	19
Stairs	17	2	15	128	205	77	15
Figa5	17	0	17	108	221	113	6

'Koki' leading best coach awards chart

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER - MANZINI Wanderers coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati is leading in the Premier League best coach award charts.

The voting lines opened at the beginning of July and were expected to close yesterday.

Vilakati is sitting at the top with 126 votes while Manzini Sea Birds coach Anthony Mdluli is second with 24 votes. Young Buffaloes coach Domenic Kunene is on the third position with only 10 votes.

In the National First Division, Milling Hotspurs coach Xolani Sigudla is topping with 40 votes while Rail United coach Gift Shongwe is leading in the Super League with 20 votes.

Eswatini Coaches Association's Penuel Malinga said the voting did not reach their expectations as few votes were recorded. He said they were planning to extend the voting deadline. "The voting did not reach our expectations; maybe this is due to the fact that it is a new initiative. We are tempted to postpone the 2018/19 awards and refocus on monthly awards while we make means to educate coaches on the EPTC voting platform," he said.

He further said they were happy that the Minister of Sports Culture and Youth Affairs, Harries 'Madze'

'Bulunga together with the EFA were supportive of the initiative.

"The income we will get from the voting process will be channelled towards the acquisition of land to construct a coaches' centre. We, therefore, appeal to members of the public to support this initiative," he said.

Coaches awards nominees:

Premier League

Manzini Wanderers - Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati (126 votes)

Manzini Sea Birds - Anthony Mdluli (24 votes)

Young Buffaloes - Domenic Kunene (13 votes)

Moneni Pirates - Mduduzi Shongwe (10 votes)

Green Mamba - Caleb Ngwenya (2 votes)

Royal Leopard - Edwin Malsebula (1 vote)

Best Dressed Coach

Premier League

Domenic Kunene (10 votes)

National First Division

Best Coach

Xolani Sigudla

Super League

Best Coach

Rail United - Gift Shongwe (20 votes)



TAMBUTI GOALKEEPER MLABA JOINS LEOPARD

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER - ROYAL Leopard have completed the signing of Tambuti FC highly-rated goalkeeper Mlamuli 'Mlaba' Makhanya.

The Sihlangu goal-minder was on the wanted list of the country's big teams namely, Mbabane Highlanders and Manzini Wanderers. However, the two teams could not afford the asking price of the player which was E150 000.

Information gathered is to the effect that the 22-year-old shot stopper is now a Royal Leopard player after the two parties concluded their talks recently.

A source close to the matter revealed that the player was worth E150 000 but after much negotiations it was agreed that the police side must pay E80 000.

This is due to the fact that the two sides have a long standing relationship when it comes to the buying and selling of players.

The source further revealed that the police side paid half of the amount and the balance would be settled in a few months' time.

The former Gilgal High School pupil will compete for the number one jersey in the blue and white outfit alongside Phiphisa Msibi and Ncamiso 'Mbhonyo' Dlamini.

"Mlaba" has been training with Leopard for the past weeks and I can safely say that he is now their player after both parties concluded their talks," said the source.



NEW HOME: New Leopard goalkeeper Mlamuli 'Mlaba' Makhanya.

Royal Leopard Public Relations Officer Frank Hurube referred all questions to the team's Manager Danka Fakudze.

The latter confirmed that the negotiations between the two teams were at an advanced stage and if all went well, the player would be available for selection in their next MTN league game.

"Everything has been concluded between the parties involved and we thank Tambuti for their professionalism," said Fakudze.

NKOSINATHI MKHALIPHI NEW RANGERS COACH

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER - MTN First Division (NFD) Rangers side will be coached by a new face in Nkosinathi Mkhalihi during the 2019/2020 season.

Mkhalihi was spotted on the Rangers technical bench during their MTN First Division encounter against Ludzeldzwe Killers at Manzini Club last Saturday giving instructions as they played to a 1-1 draw.

After the game, the gaffer confirmed that he was the Nhlanguano based side's new coach.

"I can confirm that I will be leading the team and I am excited at the

opportunity. I cannot reveal the length of my stint with the club but I will be here until instructed otherwise," he said. The former All Nations coach went on to add that he and his new team was still adjusting to new tactics as well as personnel. "I have been at the helm for about seven weeks now and this is our second competitive game in the league. It is still early days but with a few more training sessions, we should be at our best soon," he said.

Mkhalihi, who holds a CAF Licence C qualification, takes over from last season's mentor Thokozani Ndzinisa, who managed to lead the team to a top eight finish in the NFD last season.

Chess Club members get registration discount for Siteki open

BY JONGILE XUBA

CHESS - MEMBERS of the seven clubs under the Eswatini Chess Federation (ECF) will be given a discount on their registration fee for the upcoming Siteki Open.

This was revealed by ECF tournament Director William Siame, who said the decision was taken by the treasurer's office.

"The Siteki Open is beckoning with only two days left until the last grand prix event of the year. We are happy to announce that a few days ago the treasurer's office announced revised entry fees and offered a massive discount to players, who belong to the affiliated clubs. New fees are now E120 for men, E100 for ladies and E50 for the development section. Those who do not belong to clubs will have to pay E150," he said.

Members of Lubombo, Nhlanguano,



ALL SET: Some chess players in full concentration during a tournament held recently. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

Manzini, UNESWA, Ngwane, Mbabane and Lovefield Chess Club will all be eligible for the discounts.

Siame said the deadline for registration was tomorrow with a couple of participants already registered.

"We have about 25 people, who have registered so far with more trickling in. Participants are reminded that Thursday

(tomorrow) at 8pm registration will be closed, so they must register as soon as possible. We also encourage them to pay via Mobile Money at 7627 6443 to avoid penalties," he said.

For more information on registration and the competition, interested parties can contact the tournament's director at 7617 6916.

EFA, Build It host Nhlanguano Build IT U-13 Championship

BY COLISILE SACOLO

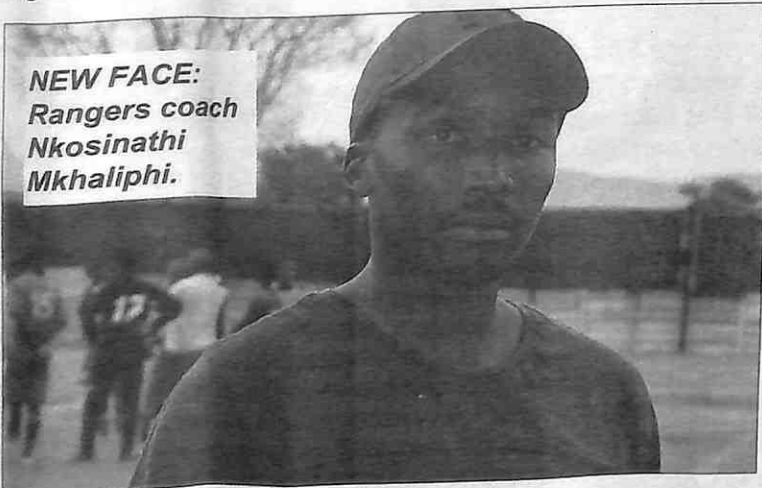
SOCCER - THE Eswatini Football Association (EFA) and Build it will host the Nhlanguano Build-it U-13 Championships at the King Sobhuza Stadium on Saturday.

This event will commence with an awareness walk from Build it Store entrance to the stadium at 7am. "The main purpose of this event is the identification of foot-

ball talent at grassroots level. Youth coaches of the EFA will be identifying players who will form the Nhlanguano Build it U-13 pick team that will compete with the pick teams formed from the other store events during the National Championship of this football development programme," reads a statement from the EFA. Parents and relatives and the general public more especially people from Nhlanguano and surroundings are invited to this event. **The teams that will be competing are as follows:**

Group A
Home Affairs
Rangers
Ngwabi
Mathendele
Group
Hlatikhulu Masters
Shiselweni Roses
Jojo
Multi Bombers

NEW FACE: Rangers coach Nkosinathi Mkhalihi.





WORLD CUP - CAF QUALIFICATION

Today		
Burundi	vs Tanzania	3pm
Eritrea	vs Namibia	3pm
Ethiopia	vs Lesotho	3pm
South Sudan	vs Equatorial Guinea	4pm
Mauritius	vs Mozambique	4:30pm
Djibouti	vs Eswatini	5pm
Sao Tome and Principe	vs Guinea-Bissau	5:30pm
Liberia	vs Sierra Leone	8pm

Birds coach Janza cleared

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows new Zambia-born coach Honour Janza has been cleared by the Eswatini Football Coaches Association to execute his duties in the country.

The news comes after the former Chipolopolo coach sat on the stands during the match between Mbabane Swallows and Tambuti FC.

Janza, who boasts a UEFA coaching badge, joined the capital city giants about three weeks ago and is said to have signed a three-year renewable contract.

Information gathered is to the effect that the Zambian coach, who is regarded as the most qualified in his native country, was cleared to work in the country last week and is now a full member of the EFCA.

This, therefore, means he can sit on the bench in the team's next league match.

Confirmed

EFCA General Secretary Musa Mamba confirmed that the former Lusaka Red Arrows coach met all the requirements of Club Licensing as he was now their member.

"Yes, it is true Janza met all the requirements of licensing and the EFA has or will issue a licence after we cleared him to coach in the country," he said.

Eswatini Football Association Communications and Marketing Manager Muzi Radebe said he was out of office when contacted on Monday.

"I will check when I return to office whether the licence had been issued to the coach or not," he said.

Meanwhile, Mamba said Mhlume Peacemakers coach Takesure Chirangi, Terisayi Changara (Tambuti) and Alou Badara (Pigg's Peak Black Swallows) were still failing to comply and are not eligible to sit on the bench.

BELOW IS A LIST OF COMPLYING COACHES:

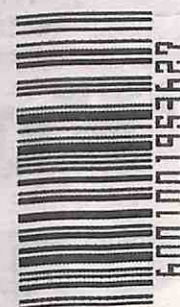
- Mbabane Swallows - Honour Janza
- Royal Leopard - Edwin Matsebula
- Mb. Highlanders - Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini
- Green Mamba - Caleb Ngwenya
- Manzini Wanderers - Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati
- Moneni Pirates - Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini
- Milling Hotspurs - Clement Mdluli
- Young Buffaloes - Domenic Kunene
- Malanti Chiefs - Raymond Dlamini
- Denver Sundowns - Christopher Ennin
- Manzini Sea Birds - Anthony Mdluli

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'KOKI', MANZINI WANDERERS PART WAYS



BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER - MANZINI Wanderers assistant coaches Mthunzi Ginindza and Nsindiso Gama will continue drilling the team following the alleged exit of the head coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

'Koki' is said to have bid farewell to the team yesterday following a lengthy meeting held in the evening. The coach returned to the club yesterday following his sick leave after he was admitted at the Mbabane Clinic about a week ago. Wanderers played their recent MTN Premier League match against Pigg's Peak Black Swallows without 'Koki' where they played to a 2-2 draw.

A source close to the matter said the news of Vilakati's exit was conveyed by one of team's senior officials, whose name is deliberately withheld by the publication.

"The players were told that the two assistant coaches have been mandated to drill the team begin-

- This follows a meeting held last night
- Mthunzi, Nsindiso to continue drilling team
- Club to issue formal statement today



PART WAYS: Coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

ning from tomorrow (today). I also heard that Vilakati bid farewell to the team last night."

The source said he was optimistic that 'Koki' would not return to the team following last night's meet-

ing.

Vilakati referred queries to the club's Management Committee when sought for comment last night.

"Please talk to the MC and I can only say something once they have said something on the matter," he said. Wanderers MC Chairman Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli could neither agree nor deny that the coach had left the team last night.

"The players know exactly what is going on as they were addressed on this matter but we will issue a formal statement regarding the matter of the head coach tomorrow (today)," he said.

Vilakati has endured a bitter-sweet stay with the hub giants since joining the team in December last year after parting ways with Mbabane Swallows.

Wanderers will take on defending champions Green Mamba on Saturday during their next MTN Premier League outing at Somhlolo National Stadium.

FNB INCREASES ALL STAR LADIES TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER - FIRST National Bank (FNB) has pumped in E15 000 towards this year's edition of the Women's Day All Star Ladies Corporate Soccer Tournament to be played on September 14 at Manzini Club.

This was revealed by FNB Brand and Communications Specialist Ntobeko Dlamini during the launch of the competition at Spur in Ezulwini (The Gables) yesterday. She said they were happy to be back for the third year, especially as it encouraged employee wellness and women participation in soccer.

"The tournament provides corporates with an ideal team building environment and empowers women to take up a sport dubbed 'the man's game'. This is why I am happy to announce that as a bank we have committed to pumping in E15 000 towards the tournament's success," she said.

She then wished all the participants the best of luck, mentioning that as defending champions FNB Ladies were ready to defend their title.



INCREASE: All Star Ladies Chairperson Sharon Maziya receives a replica cheque of the improved E15 000 sponsorship for the Women's Day All Star Ladies Corporate Soccer Tournament from FNB Brand and Communications Specialist Ntobeko Dlamini during the launch of the tournament at Shebas Spur in Ezulwini yesterday. They are joined by the All Star Ladies executive members. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

This new sponsorship saw an increment of E2 000 from last year's pack-

age of E13 000. All Star Ladies Chairperson Sharon Maziya thanked

FNB for the improved package, as well as the teams that would be participating in this year's competition. "We are very happy to be back again with another edition, which will be played next Saturday at Manzini Club. We formed the competition to promote women's wellness through soccer and have received an overwhelming response from our participants over the years and we thank them," she said. Maziya also thanked the other sponsors of the competition which include Farai Foundation, Spur, Old Mutual Eswatini, Mark Swag International and Sky World Travel Tours. The annual tournament is a 7-a-side competition that is played by corporate women's teams that have been invited to take part. It is hosted by All Star Ladies team and is in its fifth year since inception. Prizes will be available on the day with the champions getting E4 000, a trophy and gold medals while runners-up will receive E3 000 and silver medals and third place finishers getting E2 000 and bronze medals. The player of the series and top goal-scorer will get E750 and E500, respectively.