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LOMANGCEVEZA AKHWESHE: Her Majesty the Indlovukazi leads regiments during the ongoing Little Incwala dance Day 10 at Ludzidzini Royal Residence yesterday. The Little Incwala dance led by His Majesty King Mswati III also continued at Mbangweni Royal Residence yesterday, with the King expected to move to the Buhleni Royal Residence soon. (Pic: Umbutfo Maphepheni) MORE ON PAGES 4 - 5

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'Apartheid set interstate operators against one another'

Mourners at the memorial service of the late Jomo Khumalo got first-hand information on how the South African apartheid regime set local kombi interstate operators against each other.

One of the founders of the Swaziland Transport Interstate Organisation, identified as Tsabedze, narrated how the deceased's father, Agrippa Khumalo, together with himself, formed the organisation, under the leadership of the Swaziland Commercial Amadoda.

"It was very tough during those days because it was the apartheid era. One would be arrested and fined three times in a single trip and the fourth time you would have your vehicle seized," he recalled.

He said it was not until a Jewish national came to their rescue after having been briefed on what they were going through in the business in the neighbouring country.

The Jewish national wrote a letter to a lawyer based in Pretoria to assist the locals until the racist Afrikaners at the time relented in allowing locals to operate the interstate transport business, however with crossed fingers.

"Their plan was to allow as many kombis to venture into the business until it got so saturated to a point that operators would then fight and kill one another over customers," he said.

"To them, once that point had reached bloodshed level, it would be grounds for them to ban and destroy the business."

'GOVT SHOULD DO SPOT CHECKS ON ORGANISATIONS'

Pleas have been made to government to make periodic spot checks on organisations in the kingdom.

This was said by one speaker during the memorial service of slain businessman Jomo Khumalo.

The speaker, who identified himself as Tsabedze, was called to the podium to explain to the nation who Jomo Khumalo was and how the transport interstate organisation came about.

"How I wish that government could make it a priority to do spot checks on how organisations and their administrations conducted business," he said, saying what happened to Jomo was uncalled for, very bad

and that it would never be accepted in the Heavens.

Declared

He then declared to the Eswatini Transport Interstate Organisation that all vehicles that belonged to late Jomo and his father Agrippa Khumalo be given their rightful position in the business to sustain the family.

"There is no crime that Jomo ever committed. Let it be the same with all the other members who died before but still maintain their positions in the organisation," Tsabedze said, much to a round of applause inside the Divine Healing Ministries church hall, where the memorial service was held.

DON'T GRANT JOMO

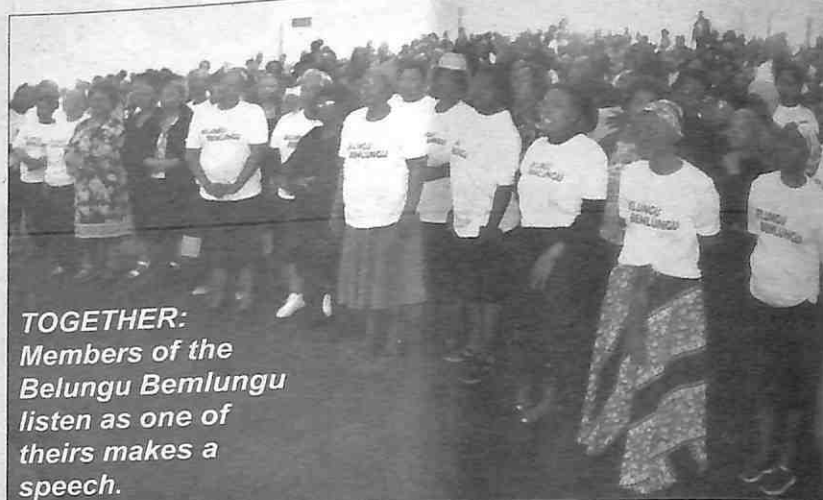
Stories by Zwelihle Sukati

The family of slain public transport operator Jomo Khumalo has pleaded with the country's justice system not to dare grant bail to the persons accused of his murder.

They said this during the memorial service of the late Khumalo, which was held at the Divine Healing Ministries yesterday.

The deceased's uncle, identified as Hlophe, said the family was very much heart-broken by the act of barbaric cowardice displayed by the murder accused persons.

Khumalo was gunned down in what could best be described as a broad daylight public assassination last week



TOGETHER: Members of the Belungu Bemlungu listen as one of theirs makes a speech.

Wednesday near Manzini Traffic Circle, which is in close proximity to Manzini

Club. He died while he was being attended to by medical practitioners at the

INTRERSTATE LEADERS TAKE A SWIPE

The Swaziland Transport Interstate Organisation came under fire from one mourner, Vusi Khumalo, who accused it of being too busy with positions in the organisation to even have the courtesy of passing condolences to the bereaved Khumalo family.

Vusi was speaking on behalf of the deceased's friends when he took a swipe at the organisation. "Who deserves to die like this?"

Jomo died like he was a criminal when he was a humble soul," he pointed out, saying for the past 20 years the deceased worked with the organisation but in the end none of the members had the courtesy to pass their condolences to the family.

In response, Bhozongo Simelane, took to the podium on behalf of the organisation, saying the Manzini Police Sta-



PRESENT: Pastor Sikhumbuzo Shongwe was also there to support the Khumalos.

tion commander barred them from going to the Khumalos because the situation was a very sensitive one.

"Apologies to the last speaker, don't rush to shoot. Exercise restraint. I told

the organisation's chairman to send condolences to the Khumalos but - I will be frank with this, the station commander wasivimba (barred us), probably because of the situation," Simelane said.



Hawker 'relives' Jomo shooting

As many of the mourners comprised hawkers, one took to the podium after dancing to music rendered by the Police Gospel Messengers to give her version of what it meant for

Jomo to have seven bullets pumped into his body.

"He was shot seven times but what we are saying is 'Hallelujah'. For seven means the completeness of God," said the speaker

much to a deafening applause and ululations from the mourners. "Stop killing people for nothing, for there is nothing that you will gain except for sleeping and eating next to a bucket."

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SUSPECT KILLERS BAIL - FAMILY

Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM) Hospital. Seven bullets were lodged in his body.

Hlophe commended the police for their swift action in having the suspects arrested to face the full wrath of the law. Two prominent businessmen are currently in custody awaiting trial for his murder.

Throngs of mourners came in to celebrate and bid farewell to the late Khumalo.

Speaking on behalf of friends, Vusi Khumalo, minced no words in saying the people accused of killing Jomo were not businessmen but criminals.

Pastor Mduduzi Makhanya

moved the emotions of mourners when he told how one of Jomo's children, aged 5, narrated how her father was gunned down while she watched.

Pastor Makhanya was also the programme director during the deceased's memorial service held at the Divine Healing Ministries.

"It was very sad to hear from a five year-old narrating the tragedy as it unfolded," Pastor Makhanya said briefly, before calling on everyone in the fully-packed church hall to stand up and observe a moment of silence.

The police were all over the Divine Healing Ministries,

including traffic police officers.

At the start of the memorial service the programme director, Pastor Makhanya, announced that the presence of the police was not to ensure peace because of any possible threat, but had come to celebrate the life of the late Khumalo who was a friend to everyone.

"Therefore, let this service be a peaceful one, just like Jomo who was a man of peace," the programme director said.

The Police Gospel Messengers even serenaded mourners with music, which saw attendees being spiritually moved as they danced to their songs.

Jomo Khumalo Foundation on the cards

A Jomo Khumalo Foundation is on the cards - that is if the suggestions made during the deceased's memorial service are anything to go by.

This was a suggestion from Pastor Mduduzi Makhanya, as he made his remarks after one speaker on behalf of the hawkers.

"A Jomo Foundation is to be established. We want a Jomo Foundation that will support even the hawkers in their business, for instance where one might have fallen and needed a boost to kick-start their business," Pastor Makhanya said. He said Jomo used to have a good heart and once loaned money to a hawker who lost cash during their shopping. "You know what he said?"

"He told the woman 'you will pay me back the money once you are done selling your wares back at home. That is how good a man he was at heart.'"

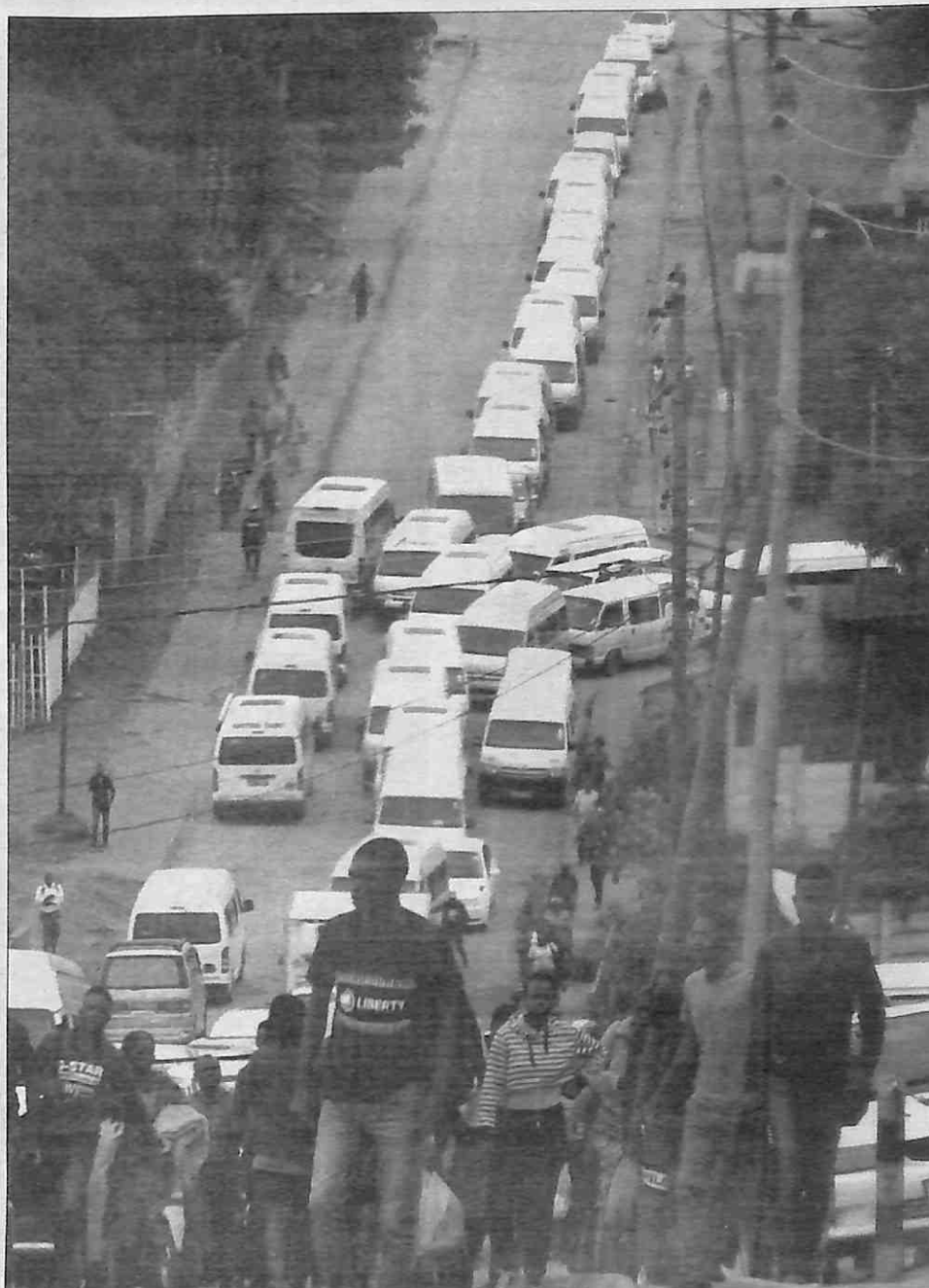


Jomo Khumalo's obituary

Jomo Khumalo was born on the 26th of June, 1974 at the Mbabane Government Hospital to Gangile Joyce Hlophe and Agrippa Fonto Khumalo.

He attended his primary education at the Matsapha Government Primary School, and proceeded to St Christopher's High School where he completed his O'level studies in 1993.

Due to his passion for the transport industry and his urge to assist his father, he chose not to proceed with tertiary education but joined his father in the business. He is survived by his wife, three sons, three daughters, brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces.



STANDSTILL: Traffic came to a standstill in Manzini as the convoy of the late Jomo Khumalo's hearse passed through the bus rank.

Daughter Nokwanda touches many

Nokwanda Khumalo, the third born of Jomo's children, touched many mourners when she revealed how she wished she could have often told her dad that she loved him so dearly. Nokwanda, who was overcome by tense emotions, said she last saw her father on Tuesday when he drove her to the hostel. "I felt that I was about to lose my dad and I even told a friend of what I was feeling; a sudden intense fear of an imminent loss," she said in between sobs.

"I never used to tell my father that I loved him and likewise he wasn't used to telling me that.

This pains me the most, that I never got the chance to tell my father that I loved him." Another child to Jomo, Bakitsi Khumalo, said as they sat at home last week as a family, there was this terrible piece to the family puzzle that was missing and that was their father. "Those who did this thought they were burying him, not knowing that they were planting. It is important and humane that when you have something against someone, you face that somebody. Not this."

Bhozongo cites 'eye for an eye' in the Bible

Bhozongo Simelane left many confused when he recited an old teaching in the Old Testament, which says 'an eye for an eye'.

Simelane was speaking on behalf of the Transport Interstate Organisation. He said the late Jomo Khumalo used to call him grandpa and never had any qualms whatsoever with him. Simelane narrated how they even worked well together in 2015 when he was still in office.

However, he said there were old wars in the transport industry and recalled an incident when Jomo's father, Agrippa Khumalo, was put inside a car trunk (boot) in Johannesburg and he was the one who came to save his life.

"I was a good shooter when it came to gun-fights and they knew that. I would hit an egg on a person's head with a gun-shot. That is how good I was. When I came to his (Agrippa) rescue, they let him free and I took him to the police station," he narrated.

After making his speech, Simelane then told the mourners that someone even tried to



OLD HORSE: Reverend Bhozongo Simelane arrives at the service.

prevent him from attending the memorial service, but said he came anyway. As he was about to end his speech, he then said, "The Bible says an eye for an

eye." However, the programme directors, when taking over, said Jesus came to correct that notion, and that it was no longer applicable.

'If I had it my way I'd speed up this case'

"If I had things my way, this case would be a speedy one so that we can find closure."

This was another submission from one family member, who was identified as Dlamini.

His remarks came after another who said his wish was for the justice system not to grant bail to the persons accused of having killed Jomo Khumalo. Maxwell Khumalo and Senzo Sithole stand accused of the murder of Khumalo. Their charges have been revised and increased from five to nine.

Court documents state that in addition to the murder charge of killing businessman Jomo Khumalo and attempted murder charges that they both faced, each of the suspects had other charges levelled against them, as they were found in the possession of illegal firearms and live rounds of ammunition.

The attempted murders of the three Khumalo members were committed on November 27, the same time that Khumalo was killed in broad daylight while near the Manzini Traffic Circle. The Khumalo family members are Phiwinhlanhla, Zamantungwa and Bakitsi.

The charge sheet states that Nkambule and Sithole jointly shot at these persons several times. On the other hand, Nkambule faced three additional charges as he was last Friday found in the possession of 12 live rounds of ammunition while at Mbikwakhe area in Matsapha.

LITTLE INCWALA DANCE - DAY 10



LOMANGCEVEZA: Her Majesty the Indlovukazi dance at the Little Incwala Day 10 at Ludzidzini Royal Residence yesterday. (Pics: Umbutfo Maphepheni)



SENIOR: Prince Masitsela (r) and others in song.



SIGODLO: Emakhosikati LaMatsebula and LaMagongo dance at the Little Incwala.



SING: Libutfo dancing to one of the Incwala songs.



SUPPORT: Some of members of the Royal family who were present.



ENGOMENI: Emajaha dance at Ludzidzini Royal Residence.



KWASA MALAWU: Libutfo on its way to the dancing arena.



AYIBUKELWA: Part of Lutsango regiment who attended the cultural event.



UMKHUMBI: Emaswati sing and dance during the Little Incwala Day 10 at Ludzidzini.



PARTAKE: Imbali from His Majesty's Correctional Services at the Little Incwala.



EMAJAHA: Lacwebetelako sing and dancing at Ludzidzini Royal Residence.



LIKE THIS: Libutfo dancing to one of the Incwala songs.



TRIO: Nge Dlamini, Nono Dlamini and Phili Mabuza from the Correctional Services also joined the Little Incwala dance.



KUYO: Prince Sicalo and Prince Mavela sing and dance with other warriors.



IN SONG: Warriors dancing the Little Incwala.



FORCES: Regiment from His Majesty's Correctional Services enjoying themselves as they dance to Incwala songs.



WARN: Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

Police issue stern warning

Tampering with a crime scene where police will have to work on is criminal and tantamount to defeating the ends of justice. This was said by Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati when reached for comment on what transpired at Feedmaster, where police found Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) footage deleted and the scene where Neliswa Majahonkhe Nkambule was crushed unconscious by work material – pallets, and eventually succumbed to death, was found sparkling clean. “Tampering with evidence or concealing it makes it hard for investigating officers to do their work, and this might draw more charges to that person found to have done that, because that on its own is like defeating the ends of justice,” Supt. Vilakati said in general. “Crime scenes or scenes where police will have to work must not be interfered with. It is evidence on its own. It is so technical that you may never know what will be of help to the police as they do their work,” she pointed out.

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Evidence 'disappears' after death at Feedmaster

Stories By Zwelihle Sukati

Strange! This is what family, relatives and friends of deceased employee of Feedmaster said when told that management allegedly tampered with crucial evidence giving a chronology to the events that led to the death of Neliswa Majahonkhe Nkambule.

The deceased died after sustaining severe head injuries at his workplace about two weeks ago, November 23, when a pile of pallets allegedly fell on him outside his workstation as he passed by.

Information gathered by this publication is that so heavy was the merchandise that fell from him, probably due to lack of insufficient support of the pile, that it left him bleeding profusely from the head. Operations are said to have come to a standstill with traumatised fellow workers not knowing what to do.

The deceased Nkambule, 25, lay in the pool of blood motionless for over 30 minutes as he bled even through the ears, it is alleged by fellow workers as they vividly recall the tragic incident.

As he lay unconscious, accord-

ing to the eyewitnesses, none of the managers was willing to take the motionless Nkambule to the nearest hospital in their own cars until the arrival of the deceased's uncle from Manzini, who is a police officer.

“He was left for dead. That is the only conclusion one can come up with. Even worse, the company had no first aid kit! We all just stood there in shock like people under a hypnosis spell,” said one of the workers, who will not be identified for obvious reasons.

Alerted

It is said that the wait was for the arrival of the police. When the deceased's uncle arrived after having been alerted of the incident, he was equally shocked to find his nephew in that bloody condition, with no immediate help.

“He demanded answers from the managers as to why he had not been taken to hospital or given first aid, that he was told they were still waiting for the arrival of the police. It is then that the company made haste arrangements to transport Nkambule to hospital in a mini-lorry that used to ferry the animal feed,” the workers alleged.

The injured employee was later certified dead at Mkhiwa Clinic. It has also been brought to the attention of this publication that some employees at the company work without protective wear, such as helmets. Therefore, it is said, the injuries sustained by the deceased could not have been so severe had the deceased been wearing a helmet, something he did not have despite having been working as a casual for over two years. It is alleged that most are provided with face masks.

What has left the deceased's family even the more shocked is that when police eventually arrived at to the accident scene, everything had been cleaned-up. Immediately after Nkambule was ferried to hospital, an order was allegedly issued too staff by management to clean up the blood at the accident scene and that workers should go back to work. It is also alleged that a well fence was erected to prevent the pallets from falling on someone's head again. “When the police eventually arrived, everything was spot clean.”

The puzzled police officers who had come to the scene of incident

are said to have wondered if they had come to the right place. The last straw was when they sought for footage of the incident.

It had also been allegedly deleted. Explanation said to have been given by management for deleting the footage was that it was disturbing to watch, thus the directive was issued to have it wiped out.

Tampered

“Who on earth does this? Would one be wrong to conclude that management tampered with the evidence police had to work on? What was the need of deleting the camera footage because everything now has to be relied on as hearsay?” wondered a dejected relative, who suspected the company's actions left them with more questions than answers. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that police could not find anything to work on when they arrived at the scene. She said as much as it was a good thing to rush a victim to hospital to save a life but it was criminal to tamper with a crime scene.

Neliswa Majahonkhe Nkambule, 25, died last month on November 13 and his day of burial coincided with his date of birth.

The deceased died following an injury he sustained at his place of employment, Feedmaster. He was certified dead at Mkhiwa Clinic on the day he was injured. He sustained multiple injuries

BURIAL ON BIRTHDAY

after pallets fell on him as he was passing from outside his workstation and crashed him unconscious and never woke up even when medical practitioners attended to him.

A pallet (also called a skid) is a flat transport structure, which

supports stable fashion while being lifted by a forklift, a palletjack, a front loader, a jacking device, or erect crane. While most pallets are wooden, pallets can also be made of plastic, metal, paper and recycled materials.



Feedmaster Human Resources office mum

The office of the human resources could not commit itself on the matter nor was it in any position to come clear as to what transpired, leading to the tampering and erasing of crucial evidence of what transpired on that fateful day.

Takhona Nsibandze denied she was the human resources

manager, saying she only works at the human resources office.

She said the human resources manager was either the general manager or the financial manager.

“Either way I wouldn't be of much help to you because when the incident happened I was on maternity leave and only got

to hear of the death in the company upon my return on Monday,” she said.

“In fact, I am not even in the right position to answer to those questions as those are matters that need the attention of the superiors of the company, who will only be available next week.”

Family traumatised, needs counselling

A clinical psychologist has been booked to provide counselling for two relatives of the deceased who are also Feedmaster employees.

One is uncle to the deceased Neliswa Majahonkhe Nkambule, while the other is a cousin. They were both at the scene of the incident and watched helplessly as one of their own lay in a pool of blood with no emergency in taking him to hospital. Equally disturbed were other family members when they retrieved the deceased's body from the morgue. “He had a cracked skull and we were advised against removing the bandages that covered his head because of the gory sight due to the severity of the injuries he sustained when the over-piled pallets fell on him,” said Sanele Sukati, one of his uncles.

“My brother, even I cannot shake off my head the image of his disfigured head. I think the impact was so hard to his head which was not even covered with a helmet.”

He said the family had already booked counselling sessions for the traumatised family members at their own expense after having noted their condition to be deteriorating mentally, especially during the night. “They just cannot stop crying. And even worse the company only gave them three days off work to attend the funeral and that was it.”

SODV case:

BISHOP STAYS AWAY FROM HOME

By Sicelo Maziya

New Covenant of Jesus Christ Ministries Founder Bishop Enoch Maseko claims to have adhered to a court order barring him from entering his home following his arrest on charges under the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act for allegedly bashing his son.

The man of the cloth who doubles up as a solidier was yesterday found busy at his church at KaHlobile in Matsapha doing church chores. He expressed displeasure at the members of the Fourth estate for not understanding his side of the story.

Whilst reluctant to comment on anything regarding what has befallen him, he said everything was sub-judice. He said "as you can see I'm still in the very same clothes I was wearing when I was released. I cannot comment on the matter and if you want you can go to my home

and ask about where I slept," said Bishop Maseko.

He was also mum when asked if he was going to challenge the order. Even his lawyer Mancoba Thwala cited that he could not say anything unless his client advised him to do so.

When asked where his client currently resided, Mancoba said it was a matter of security that could not be discussed with the press.

The bishop's home is situated at Boyane, near Mbekelweni in Manzini. His son, who reported his father for assault said he could not say much about the matter at hand.

He said he last saw his father in court when the order was made.

The shy looking lad reluctantly shared that his father looked after the family. Maseko is currently out on bail after Public Prosecutor Landokuhle Nsibande told the court that it would be improper for the bishop to return to his home while the assault case was still pending.

Bishop Enoch Maseko is a member of the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF), is charged for allegedly assaulting his son with fists, open hands and a water pipe all over the body. It is also alleged that he scratched his son with a spear on the chest.

Community members shared their disgruntlement with the bishop for all happening and tarnishing his reputation as a bishop. "He started well and had a vision and now he is losing the plot. He should just excuse himself from the pulpit and sort his issues first before he destroys his church," said a concerned resident.

Residents further revealed that the man of the cloth had started chasing away his own sons describing such action as unSwazi. The resident said he would regret such acts as he might die alone without a church and family to take care of him if he did not overcome his current challenges.

He was also described as a strict person who orders everyone around.



AWAY: Bishop Maseko's church at kaHlobile where he was found after being asked to stay away from his home at Boyane.

Cops detain placard carrying student at blocked march

By Bodwa Mbingo

A planned march along the streets of Manzini City that was thwarted by police officers even before it commenced from the Millennium Park claimed one casualty in a student who was taken in for questioning by the officers after brandishing a placard that carried an explicit message.

It appeared this message was unacceptable to the over 300 armed police officers that had crammed the Millennium Park opposite the Old Trade Fair Ground yesterday in anticipation of the planned march. Limkokwing University of Creative Technology (LUCT) third year student, Mhlonishwa Mtsetfwa, as a result was yesterday taken into custody by the Manzini police officers for questioning around the messaging on the placard he was carrying. The message carried in the placard will not be repeated due to its sensitive nature.

Rural Women Assembly (RWA) had planned a march around the city to commemorate the Human Rights Day that is usually celebrated on December 10 every year. However, the organisation could not obtain permission from the Municipal Council of Manzini, hence

the move by the armed police officers to pounce on the about 50 marchers and stop them from proceeding with the march.

Mtsetfwa was among the eager marchers as he proceeded to lift his placard something that caused the police officers to question him on his intentions. He was openly asked on what he meant with the message on the placard and was later taken to the Manzini police station for further questioning.

Revealed

Chief Police Information and Communication Officer (PICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati when reached confirmed that the Limkokwing student was taken in for questioning by the Manzini police. She further revealed that the student had not been charged for any crime by last evening.

The local Rural Women's Assembly is part of a self-organised network or alliance of national rural women's movements, assemblies, grassroots organisations and chapters of mixed peasant unions, federations and movements across eight countries in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

Over a period of four years, they have

gathered together poor, rural women into regional Rural Women's Assemblies; into international platforms coinciding with major multi-lateral events, such as COP 17 and Rio +20; and into regional lobbying processes that have run parallel to SADC meetings, as well. National chapters of the RWA have also organised their own lobbying events and activities to coincide with important national meetings, summits and on international days, such as International Rural Women's Day and International Women's Day.

As per procedure, before embarking on a march, the Public Order Act of 2017 provides that any formation is obliged to make an application to a local authority pertaining to the march.

Municipal Council of Manzini Public Relations Officer (PRO) Mathokoza Thwala explained that while they received the application, but they could not grant them for reasons they explained to them.

"Yes, we did receive an application for a march on the city streets from the Rural Women Assembly. Unfortunately, we do not grant such permission in December due to the pedestrian and vehicular volumes that usually obtain at this time of the year," he disclosed.

SARS' refusal to hand over Zuma's tax records could 'attract criminal sanctions'

JOHANNESBURG - Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane maintains she does have the power to obtain former president Jacob Zuma's tax information from the South African Revenue Service (SARS) whose refusal to provide it could result in "criminal sanctions".

Mkhwebane is seeking to get hold of Zuma's tax records from SARS as part of her investigation into allegations that, early in his presidency, he had received undeclared payments from a security company.

But according to SARS, the institution is, by law, unable to disclose taxpayers' information bar a few institutions, and launched an urgent court application to prevent Mkhwebane from obtaining Zuma's tax information.

While there are various laws governing the issue, including the Public Protector Act and Tax Administration Act, Mkhwebane, in court papers filed last week, said she denied she was prohibited from obtaining taxpayer information.

"I maintain my denial that I am precluded by any law from obtaining or subpoenaing taxpayer information from SARS.

"I have been advised that Section 7 of the Public Protector Act gives me the powers to subpoena any information that will assist me in conducting and completing an investigation," she said.

Her attempts to subpoena these records were not "coercive", Mkhwebane said, adding SARS' refusal to hand the information over could be a criminal violation. "I deny that my power to subpoena such information is

unrelenting and encompasses coercive measures," she added, saying SARS' refusal was a violation of the Constitution.

"It can never be seen as a threat by me to an applicant that its failure to co-operate has criminal consequences. By law, these violations attract criminal sanctions."

Following tweets by Zuma on the matter, Mkhwebane said she intended to obtain an affidavit from him in support of her attempt.

She added she intended to obtain a confirmatory affidavit from Zuma himself but was unable to do so before the required deadline.

As such, she made do with his tweets instead, which she included in her court papers.

In early November, Zuma offered his take on the matter, maintaining he had nothing to hide. He tweeted if the public protector wanted his records, she must have them.

"If the @PublicProtector wants to see my SARS records she is free to do so. We should not make the job of the PP difficult. If she wants my records, she must have them," he tweeted.

It must be known that I have nothing to hide. If the @PublicProtector wants to see my SARS records she is free to do so. We should not make the job of the PP difficult. If she wants my records, she must have them.

Mkhwebane added she had obtained a second legal opinion (in addition to SARS' one) by Zuma's advocate, Muzi Sikhakhane SC, who reached a different conclusion to that of SARS.

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JOMO KHUMALO'S MEMORIAL SERVICE



HAMBA KAHLE: A portrait of the late Jomo Khumalo being lifted during the businessman's memorial service held at the Devine Healing Ministries yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



WE WILL MISS YOU: Children to the late Jomo say their last words.



COMFORT: Gospel singer Linda Dlamini singing at the service.



IN THE COLD: Vusi Khumalo speaks on behalf of friends.



EMOTIONAL: A relative sorbs as the children to the late Jomo bid farewell to their father.



SAD LOSS: Widow to the late Jomo Khumalo follows proceedings.



MOMENT OF SILENCE: The congregation observes a moment of silence.



FROM THE BOOK: Nosipho Khumalo reading the late Jomo Khumalo's obituary.



MADVUDVU: A relative Nkululeko Hlophe sends his condolences to the family.



GOODBYE: Khumalo's siblings say their last words as they bid farewell.



SOMBRE: A section of the relatives in a sombre mood as different speakers take to the podium.



FAREWELL: Some of the hawkers sing and dance during the service.

Death Notice



It is with great sadness that the Management and Staff of Tibiyo Insurance Group announce the passing of **Musa Israel Mlambo**. Musa Mlambo passed away on Wednesday morning. He had been a valued member of the Company since 1988. We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife, his children and the Mlambo Family. We further send condolences to his clients with whom he had worked with for a long time. Musa will be greatly missed. Lala ngekuthula Chibi Tibane.

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MTN RESTORES EYESIGHT FOR CLOSE TO 1 400 PATIENTS

By Saturday Observer Reporter

The MTN Ministry of Health Cataract Project has restored the eyesight of close to 1 400 people suffering from cataracts since the project inception in 2010 to date.

According to medical practitioners, cataracts are caused when protein slowly builds up and clouds the eye's lens, leading to blurred vision and eventually blindness. But they are easily treatable.

After a 15-minute surgery, the vast majority of patients will regain their sight.

However, there are significant barriers to treatment including affordability.

Therefore, since inception in 2010, MTN Eswatini has injected E650 000 to close the treatment gap and save Emaswati from the life-limiting disease which is the leading cause of blindness around the world.

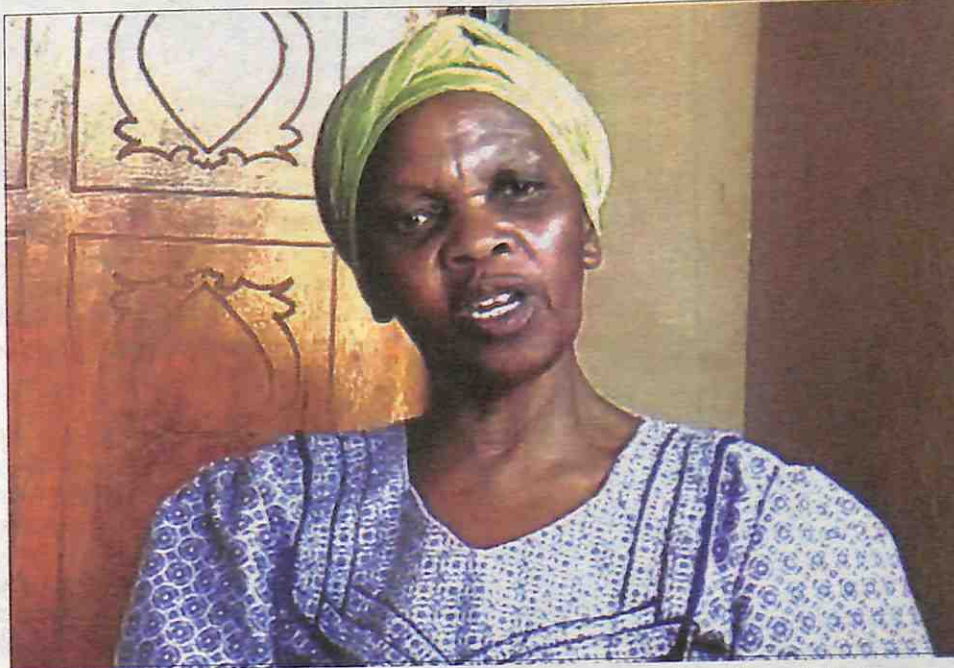
The project entails screening and identification of affected people with cataract in communities as well as transportation to and from hospital for surgery.

All this is provided for free as MTN Eswatini offers financial support.

"My life has totally changed," said Thoko Dube (66) from Ekupheleni who had a cataract operation.

She is one of the beneficiaries of the MTN Ministry of Health Cataract Project.

"I can now move, cook, clean and help my grandchildren do their homework."



SAVED: One of MTN Ministry of Health Cataract Project beneficiaries Thoko Dube who was given a second chance at life.

She was operated in January this year at the Mbabane Government Hospital. She started having the problem around 1994 and started using eye glasses. However, as time went by, even the glasses did not help her. She was nearly blind.

"I could hardly see anything. I was not even able to read my favourite book-the Bible because

I could hardly see. I was also not able to help my grandchildren with their homework as I used to do.

"I also loved sewing ever since my early childhood. I used this skill to support my family and

moved on to use the same skill to support my marital family and to raise our children. But as I was slowly losing eyesight, I began struggling and eventually stopped sewing. Not being able to do all the things that had become part of my life was both hurting and stressful."

After removing the bandages, the first thing that shocked her to the core was her husband.

"I didn't know he had become so old and had grey hair," she said.

That was not enough, when she got home, she got another bit of surprise.

"I went to the mirror and looked at myself. I could not believe it that I had gotten so old and have grey hair too. It was like I was born on this day."

She also found her home filthy both outside and inside.

"I honestly did not see this before. I immediately started cleaning. When my children came to visit for the first time after my operation, they were extremely happy to find the home clean," she said.

She is now able to also read the Bible and to type and text on WhatsApp.

"I really thank MTN for taking care of us. Now I see clearly without using eye glasses. I can even see flies hovering over my food and keep them away. For this, I will forever be indebted to MTN."

HUSBAND CHOPS OFF WIFE'S ARM, CRACKS HER SKULL!

KWAZULU-NATAL - Acting KwaZulu-Natal premier Ravi Pillay has visited a 35-year-old woman from uMkhuzi who lost her arm after she was brutally attacked, allegedly by her husband.

She also has a cracked skull. The gruesome incident occurred on Tuesday in full view of the victim's two-year-old child.

She was immediately airlifted to St Augustine's Hospital, where she is undergoing a number of surgical procedures, including one to reattach her arms.

A plastic and reconstructive surgeon described the severe nature of her injuries to media.

"What has happened to her is that she has lost the arm from the left, she has got multiple cuts on the arms and eight wounds on the hand ... her life will never be the same," said the surgeon.

He added that as a teacher, she "needs a hand and one of her hands has lost function, but we will try to restore function to that hand. It will take multiple surgeries."

The attack occurred during

16 days of activism as the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide continues to haunt women and children in South Africa.

Pillay visited the woman in hospital on Thursday and called the case "one of the most gruesome" to emerge in the province since the start of the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against

Women and Children Campaign.

"We are grateful that she is alive; she is in good hands and I want to thank the medical team for excellent work in saving the one hand."

"It does not take away the horror of the crime - another case of brutal violence against women we have to condemn unreservedly," Pillay said. *Dailysun*

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Preference will be given to local contractors, with at least 60% Swazi shareholding, and registered with the Construction Industry Council of Eswatini. Tender documents may be obtained after payment of a non-refundable tender fee of E350.00 to the Eswatini Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (ESWADE). Documents will be on sale from the 06 December 2019, starting at 0830hrs to 1600hrs at the ESWADE Siphofaneni Office up to the day of a compulsory clarification meeting and site visit with representatives of the Employer which will be held at ESWADE Siphofaneni Offices, LUSIP boardroom.

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GOOD FOR NOTHING



BROKEN: The owner of this umbrella decided to dump it in this rubbish bin after it broke. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

Sex crazed teacher once ordered lights off bus during trip

By Ackel Zwane

In one of the bizarre episodes by the Sigombeni High School teacher accused of having slept with nine pupils and impregnating four, he is said to have ordered the driver of a bus to switch off the lights so he could enjoy what he wanted to do.

The schoolchildren together with a contingent of teachers and some parents were part of the outside trip. It has been reliably learnt that on the trip was one of the school committee members who, even though did not take action at the time, returned to inform parents about that episode.

The parent is said to have first released details of the episode at a marketplace near Jericho church centre on the way to the school, the parent does business there.

This matter is said to have resurfaced among parents attending a meeting at the school last Saturday after they had learnt that the sex pest had left the school with all his benefits. Some of the parents wanted the school to be part of the process of securing maintenance moneys for the children of the girls he had impregnated.

On the side the matter of the school trip was being discussed where it transpired that it was the same teacher who wanted to fondle the girls at the back of the bus under the cover of darkness now that the lights of the bus would

have been switched off in the cabin.

The parents were said to have also been interested in laying hands on the sexually overcharged educator.

His escape from the wrath of the community follows that of early last month when a group of schoolboys attacked his house within the teachers' quarters only to find him out thus consoling themselves by beating the daylight out of his colleagues they found in his house.

Pupils and parents had all along known that the teachers' house was in fact a sex den where some of the perverts would assembly and have sex with the schoolgirls.

This is also the same teacher who was on transfer from another school because of his sexual appetites for schoolgirls.

Victimising

In the case of the main sex pest the altercation with the boys was over his intrusion into their territory by dating the same girls they were dating then victimising them over marks. The attack on his house was partly a form of revenge.

Some teachers through one of the many Swaziland National Association of teachers Whatsapp groups advised the teacher to leave the profession because of the growing number of cases against him regarding his conduct with the schoolgirls he is supposed to mentor and protect.

However he felt he could not relinquish possibilities of a promotion as he was already due.

By Ackel Zwane

Moyamunye Investments the alleged buyer of a portion of Murray Camp farm in Manzini that seeks to evict over 35 families is owned by the late Kenneth Dlamini, the son to Former Prime Minister Prince Mbilini.

Moyamunye Investment's claim to property development is traced to Moyamunye Shopping Complex at Sikhunyana Township not far from Portion 2 of farm 266, the property purported to have been acquired by Moyamunye. However dwellers in the farm feel they have been bypassed in the sale of the farm despite that they consider themselves to be legitimate farm dwellers who have lived on the property for over 50 years and therefore should be given priority when it comes to selling the farm.

The other property developed by Moyamunye is a rundown shopping complex along the Yithi Abantu Highway at New Village. Both shopping complexes are called Moyamunye.

Properties at the entire Murray Camp farm are struggling to secure titles because of the unavailability of basic documentation since the passing on of the original owners of the farm and subsequent accumulation of outstanding rates which at some point were said to have surpassed E1 million.

Sources say Moyamunye Investments is not the first to fend off resistance

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Children playing under a tree at Murray camp. (Pic: Sicelo Maziya)

from the farm residents. There was also one Black Kambizi who was sent packing after residents uprooted a board announcing the upgrading of the area back in 2012.

Announce

This was during a meeting allegedly convened by the local municipality to announce the coming of Kambizi's development plan and that he had taken over. The signboard also announced imminent evictions. At the time residents say they were required to pay E5 000 commitment fee with the

amounting rising to E40 000 for a plot after the subdivision.

The residents argue that there were agreements between the owners of the farm, the Tshabalalas, dating back to the first person to request temporary stay on the farm whereby in recent times they paid E5 per month and also performed allegiance duties of weeding the Tshabalala field as per agreed terms.

It was therefore not true that these were intruders or squatters who had no rights to be on the farm. They argue

Previous buyer relates how he was kicked out

STORIES BY ZWELINLE SUKATI

The move to eject and demolish homes belonging to over 35 families at Murray Camp in Manzini, home to 2 000 residents, has turned to a controversial circus, following a 10-day ultimatum given to the residents by the lawyers representing the new owners of the Plot 2 of Farm 266.

A cloud of uncertainty and a future of homelessness, coupled with fear of destruction of their homes and property, has engulfed hundreds of affected residents residing at Murray Camp.

This comes after a fresh notice of eviction was served to residents by the said new owners of the portion of the farm, Moyamunye Investments, represented by attorneys from Zonke Magagula and Company. The Murray Camp residents are not new to threats of eviction.

In 2012, residents went berserk after the Manzini Municipality sold a portion of Farm 266 to businessman Black Kambizi, known to Murray Camp residents as Mister Black.

The municipality had seized the sold portion after owners defaulted on rate payments and the property had accumulated a huge debt. Kambizi bought the portion from the municipality with a view to invest. The portion in question belonged to a Tshabalala family, likewise as is the current portion two of the same farm 266, which has now become yet another controversial ground.

Things turned ugly when Kambizi turned up for a meeting with the farm occupants, said to be farm dwellers or squatters. It turned out Kambizi bought the farm much to the anger of residents

who demanded answers from the businessman on who sold him the plot.

One of the questions thrown at the businessman was, according to media reports, "Did the seller tell you that the plot is occupied by trees or people?" This publication has since gathered that Kambizi left that meeting prematurely as he feared for his safety. Police had to intervene.

The Saturday Observer this week got hold of Kambizi over the latest turn of events in the area and this is what he had to say: "There is a huge problem here and the truth is that those occupants are squatters. But even if that is the case, I learnt the hard way that whether people are farm dwellers or squatters they still have rights. You do not just come to remove them anyhow."

Kambizi said at the time he had the best offer that could never be matched by any standards but it was rejected. "When I bought the farm I had a subdivision plan and wanted to give the people free plots. Each person was to get about 200 to 300 square metres per plot. There were around 50 homesteads at the time," he declared.

He said the portion measured about 8.143 hectares, of which he needed only four hectares. The remaining four hectares he said he had planned to develop and build decent homes for the dwellers.

The only thing needed were proper structures for the people.

"When I presented that idea to the farm occupants 70 per cent, if not all of them, were sceptical. The reaction from the people was that even if they were to get free plots they cared less as they were not interested."

He said what later transpired was that

the Tshabalala family challenged the Manzini Municipality on how they sold the land to him. The Manzini municipality was challenged in court by the family for having engaged only one family member for the debts accumulated by the property over rates when the property was registered under the names of three siblings.

"On technical grounds the municipality lost the case as it transpired that the land was in the name of three children of the deceased principal owner."

Kambizi said eventually the municipality paid him back the money he had spent in the purchase of the portion.

Efforts to draw comment from the Manzini Municipality were unsuccessful until time of going to press yesterday. The municipality's public relations officer Mathokoza Thwala could not be reached as his phone was not available on the network and a questionnaire sent to his office had not been responded to until time of compiling this report.

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MANZINI EVICTIONS

that for nearly five decades, they did not quarrel with the farm owners, the Umnumzane, until he passed on.

A Deed of Transfer in our possession states that the Registrar Barend Jacobus was given the power of attorney by Anastasia Nomawazi Sikhunyana, born January 23, 1920, a major spinster, and Boniface Mbuso Sikhunyana, born August 9, 1916, dated July 11, 1977 and signed at Durban, Natal; and by Ellen Sikhunyana born January 1, 1897, a widow, Willbard Tshabalala born in April 1920 and Engelbert Polycarp Tshabalala born July 2, 1920; dated the 3rd day of March 1977 and signed in Manzini; that as Crown Grant No. 12/1920 in favour of Herbert Martin Mesi on the 24th day of December 1919 and subsequent Deeds of Transfer the last of which Deed of Transfer No. 242/1972 made in favour of the Apparent Principals on the 13th day of September, 1972 will spell out the particulars.

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Now the farm itself was shared among the two brothers, Willbard and Polycarp, both of whom have passed on, leaving behind successors.

Polycarp for one spent his life in the foreign service having lived both in Kenya and United Kingdom for a relatively long time.

The developed western end of the farm bears names of the second generation of Anastasia's posterity, her grandchildren.

The residents on the farm now want to know exactly who among the successors sold the portion to Moyamunye and what the provisions of the estates of the late brothers specified.

Residents shun meeting

Even though faced with evictions, having been given a 10-day ultimatum to vacate the farm, Murray Camp residents to be affected by the looming expulsion are the least fazed – it seems.

These are residents who claim they cannot be intimidated with eviction on land they have called home for nearly five decades.

This publication has since gathered that the affected residents were called to a meeting last Sunday over the served notice of eviction by the new owners.

However, the turnout was so poor that the meeting had to be called off and postponed to tomorrow.

James Dlamini, the chairperson of Asibemunye Murray Camp community, confirmed the poor turnout and the eventual postponement of the meeting. Next week Wednesday will mark the elapse of the 10-day notice given to the residents, having been served with the letter to the chairman on November 27, last week.

That is when counting for the 10 working days started.

From whom did Moyamunye buy the farm?

The question is who did the current investor, Moyamunye Investments, buy the said portion 2 of Farm 266 from? Was the Manzini municipality involved in this?

These are some of the questions posed by the occupants who might soon find themselves in the wilderness should an order be granted for their eviction.

This publication got hold of one of the senior members of the Tshabalala family members who own the disputed farm. Trevor Tshabalala expressed shock to that the land in question had

been sold and was now owned by someone who intended to throw out people living there. This is the former engineer at the Buildings Department in the ministry of public works and transport.

"I have no idea of any land sale of the portion by any of us in the family. As far as I am aware, that land portion belongs to my late auntie and none of us as her siblings is aware of any land sale or transfer," Tshabalala said when contacted early in the week. "I am yet to investigate on how this could have been and how Moyamunye Investments got own-

ership of the land in question."

He clarified that the farm referred to was not the one which businessman Black Kambizi had bought from the Manzini Municipality. "It is a separate portion from the same farm 266 and this one belongs to my auntie."

When reached again on Thursday, Tshabalala said the Manzini Municipality said they were equally blank on how Moyamunye bought the land as they were only shown title deeds claiming ownership.

"I am yet to get hold of all the documentation."



An aerial view of the farm.

Eswatini's Legal Framework – Amnesty International

Although the Eswatini Constitution does not explicitly include a provision for the right to adequate housing, Section 19(2) of the Constitution prohibits arbitrary deprivation of property and eviction from land without fair and adequate compensation.

A report by Amnesty International on forced evictions in the country, titled 'They don't see us as people', says despite this provision, however, people's experiences reveal that they are not being protected, indicating a disconnect between policy and practice.

It says the Eswatini Government is obligated under a range of international and regional human rights laws to respect, protect and fulfil the right to adequate housing.

"While the Constitution does not contain provisions for the right to adequate housing, the state is still bound by this obligation, which arises from its ratification of a number of treaties. These include the African Charter on Human and People's Rights, the International Covenant on Economic,

Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), the International Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC); the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)," reads the report in part.

It goes on to cite article 11 of the ICESCR which guarantees the right to adequate housing. The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (the monitoring body set up under the ICESCR) advocates a broad interpretation of the right to adequate housing 'as the right to live somewhere in security, peace and dignity.'

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Protection from forced eviction

International human rights standards are unequivocal: protection from forced evictions is available to all, even to those without a legally recognised right to the house or land that they occupy.

Further, the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in its General Comment 7 stresses that even when an eviction is considered justified, "it should be carried out in strict compliance with the relevant provisions of international human rights law and in accordance with the general principles of reasonableness and proportionality".

According to international human rights law as outlined in General Comment 7, the threshold for lawful evictions includes seven elements: genuine consultation; adequate and reasonable notice; information on the proposed eviction; government officials to be present during evictions; evictions not to take place in bad weather or during the night; provision of legal remedies; and provision of legal aid.

Emphasises

The Committee also emphasises in General Comment 7 that no one should be rendered homeless or vulnerable to other human rights violations as a result of an eviction.

The responsibility for ensuring that forced evictions do not take place lies with the state. Where forced evictions are carried out by actors other than the state, for example private individuals or companies, the authorities have a duty to protect the affected people and intervene to prevent forced evictions.

As noted by Amnesty International in their 2018 report on the Nokwane and Malkerns evictions, the duty of the Eswatini state's to protect people from forced evictions also includes ensuring that human rights safeguards are in place regardless of whether the evictions have been ordered by a public or private body.

Free advice to new Murray Camp land owner

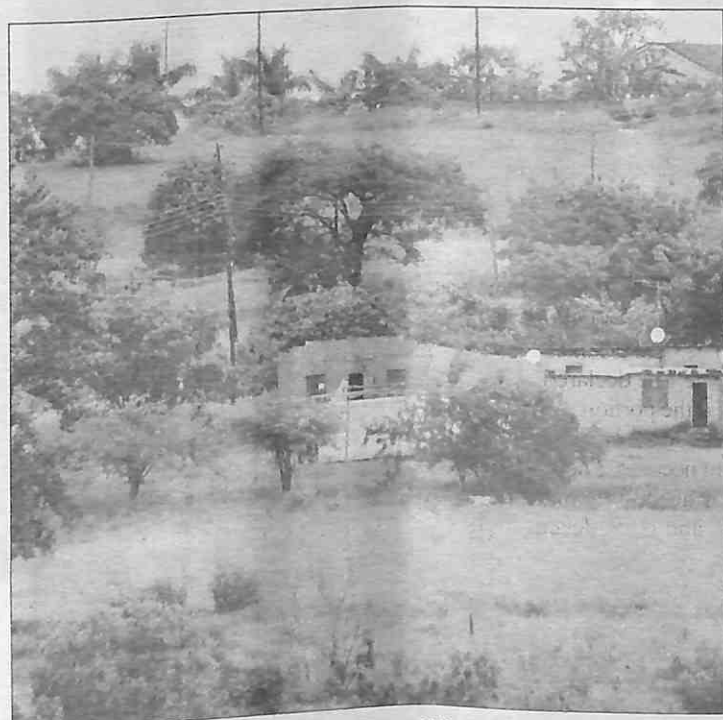
"The investor must be aware at this point that the people occupying the said land he now claims ownership over will not allow this."

This was said by businessman Black Kambizi, who once bought a farm portion of Murray Camp from the Manzini Municipality, a farm portion which was previously owned by the Tshabalala family.

Kambizi said the residents Moyamunye Investments now want out of the purchased portion will not budge. "The investor must consider his investment as one that has gone down the drain and I am speaking through experience here," Kambizi said. He said if the people living there refused his offer of free ownership of title deeds and houses in 2012, what would make them relent for one

where they would have developed plots sold to them even at very high prices.

"No investor can afford to match my offer on what I wanted to do for the people, which was free land ownership. What I did required humanity at its highest level and I have nothing but pity for the new land owner because these people *balukhuni* (not easy to please)."



GOING: The Murray Camp demolition will soon be implemented as families which have been farm dwellers have been ordered to vacate the land.

SHOCKER: 77 OUT OF 100 000 EMASWATI RAPED

By Bodwa Mbingo

...Report shows Eswatini rape incidence is 4th highest in Africa

Despite the milestone enactment of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018, a World Population Review report that shows rape cases by country and population in 2019 indicates that the rate in Eswatini is the fourth highest in Africa.

The neighbouring South Africa tops the list on the continent with a rate of 132.4, closely followed by Botswana with 92.9, Lesotho at 82.7 and Eswatini at 77.5.

The rate is calculated per every 100 000 citizens. However, says the report, a large number of rape cases go unreported and are presumed to be significantly higher.

The report comes in the wake of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, an annual international campaign that calls for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.

The campaign started on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and runs until December 10, which is Human Rights Day. This year's theme is 'Orange the World: Generation, Equality Stands Against Rape.'

The report coincides with a recent survey conducted among University of Eswatini (UNESWA) students which revealed that female students were over six times more likely to

report forced or coerced sex in the previous 12 months than has been previously reported in the general population.

These shocking statistics are contained in a journal titled 'Epidemiology of Campus Sexual Assault among University Women in Eswatini'.

The authors listed in the study are Rebecca Fielding-Miller, Fortunate Shabalala, Sakhile Masuku and Anita Raj. In the journal, it is stated that sexual assault on university campuses has attracted growing attention.

The aim of the study, according to the journal was to measure the prevalence of campus sexual assault among female students at UNESWA and describe the experience of survivors using a mixed-methods study design.

During the survey, it was found that women in university were over six times more likely to report forced or coerced sex in the previous 12 months than has been previously reported in the general population.

The report states that 60 per cent of participants reported experiencing an attempted or completed sexual assault in their lifetime, and a total of 38 per cent reported an assault in the past 12 months. "The vast majority (93 per cent) of assailants were known to their victims, and the majority (56

per cent) of perpetrators were romantic partners," part of the report reads.

The majority of participants, according to the study, had never disclosed their assault, and victims blaming and stigma emerged as highly salient themes during in-depth qualitative interviews.

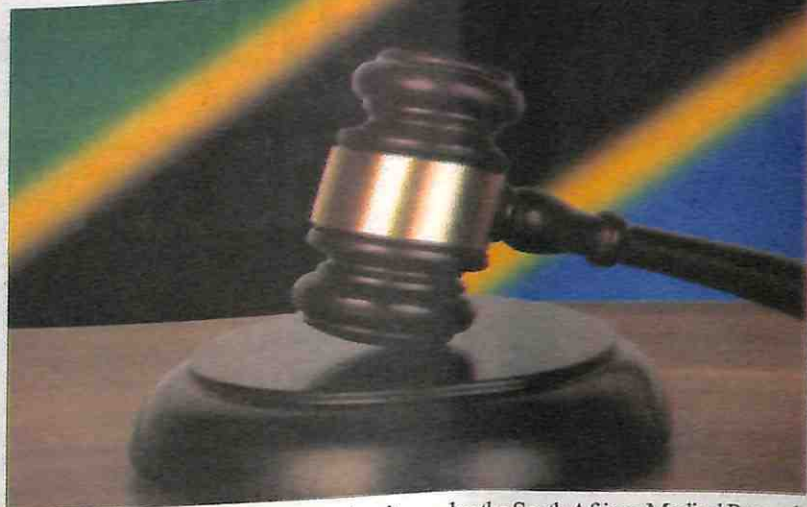
Some of the factors that were listed by the students as contributing to their situation were food insecurity, losing a parent before the age of 21 and hazardous drinking.

These, according to the study, were all significantly associated with experiencing sexual assault in the previous 12 months as was experiencing a previous assault before the age of 18.

It is stated that this is the first generalisable study of campus sexual assault prevalence conducted in the Southern Africa region.

Explaining more about the findings, the report states that these were from women who were randomly sampled from a list of all full-time female university students provided by the office of the registrar.

Participants, according to the report, completed a brief behavioural survey in a private study office using a tablet with computer-assisted self-interview software. "Women who indicated experiences of sexual vio-



lence during the survey were invited to self-identify themselves to study staff to participate in a follow-up qualitative interview.

"We measured sexual assault using the Sexual Experiences Survey-Short Form Version (SES-SFV)," the report states.

According to the World Population Review report, it is estimated that approximately 35 per cent of women worldwide have experienced some form of sexual harassment in their lifetime.

Most countries that have data available on rape report that 40 per cent of women who experience sexual violence seek help, the report adds.

Less than 10 per cent seek help from law enforcement. Because many women, who experience sexual violence rarely report it, the exact rape numbers are challenging to report.

The top 10 countries with the highest rates of rape are South Africa at 132.4, Botswana at 92.9, Lesotho at 82.7, Eswatini at 77.5, Bermuda at 67.3, Sweden at 63.5, Suriname at 45.2, Costa Rica at 36.7, Nicaragua at 31.6 and Grenada at 30.6.

According to a survey conducted

by the South African Medical Research Council, approximately one in four men surveyed admitted to committing rape. Although the South African parliament enacted a criminal law to amend and strengthen all laws dealing with sexual violence, the rates of reported rape, sexual abuse of children and domestic violence have continued to rise.

The report notes that the United States (US) has a rape rate of 27.3. As in many other countries, it says, rape is grossly underreported in the superpower due to victim shaming, fear of reprisal, fear of family knowing, cases not being taken seriously by law enforcement, and possible lack of persecution for the perpetrator. Only nine per cent of rapists in the US get prosecuted and only three per cent of rapists will spend a day in prison. In the US, 97 per cent of rapists will walk free.

If this is a reflection of the issue across the world, it is clear that victims rarely attain justice and see reporting the perpetrators as a losing battle, and one that puts them at high risk of shunning by society and exposure to their attackers.



TO THE RESCUE: The rescue 977 team administering first aid to the driver of the Honda Fit after he lost control of it and it overturned while going down Malagwane Hill yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

HONDA FIT OVERTURNS @ MALAGWANE HILL



SAVED: Paramedics attend to the driver of the Honda Fit after he lost control of it down the Malagwane Hill.



BE STRONG: The Good Samaritan comforts the driver as the paramedics take him to the ambulance.



GET MY PHONES: The driver instructs members of the public to search for his mobile phones inside the car.



DOWN AND OUT: The position in which the sedan landed during the accident.

WE HAVE SEXUAL DESIRES TOO - YOUNG WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES

By Bodwa Mbingo

With Tuesday having marked the celebration of the United Nations (UN) International Day of Persons with Disabilities, young women with disabilities around the world had their voices heard that they also have sexual desires like everyone in spite of their disabilities.

For Liswati, Sithembile Mabuza, people living with disabilities are also human beings like the rest in this world.

"We are human beings. We want to have a family. I want to have a husband someday. I want to have a husband and children," Sithembile is quoted as having said by UNFPA News.

"Women and young persons with disabilities are the experts on their own needs"

Hlobisile Masinga from South Africa affirmed; "Women with disabilities are still sexual beings, with sexual feelings."

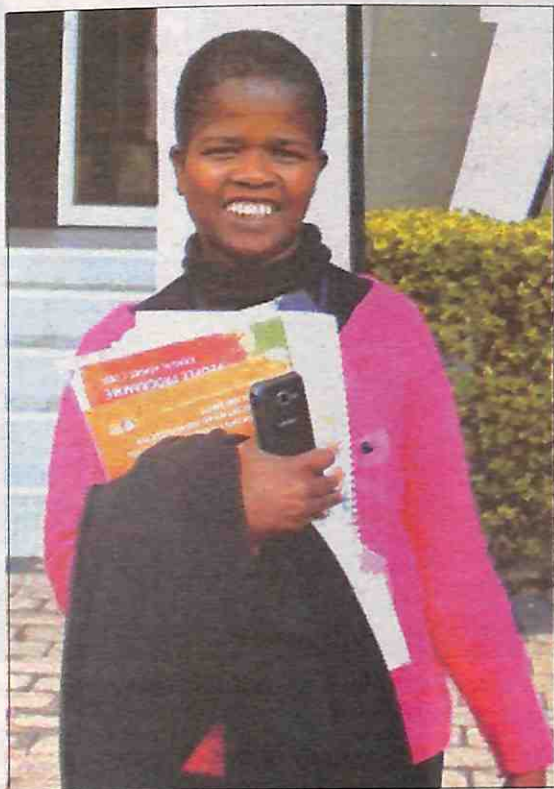
"[But] health service staff don't inform us because they don't expect us to be having sex."

In August, this publication made a damning revelation when women with disabilities alleged that they are constantly being forced to become sterile by health practitioners, who view them as incapable of being mothers.

It was alleged that some health practitioners chastise them for falling pregnant. This publication was made to understand that the health practitioners coerce them into removing their uterus, as they are told that they were incapable of mothering children because of their disabilities. A uterus is the organ in the lower body of a woman or female mammal where offspring are conceived and in which they gestate before birth; the womb.

To extend gender-based violence protection and sexual and reproductive health to all young people, everywhere, an October 2018 United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) report called for ending stigma and discrimination, including the misconception that young people with disabilities are uninterested in sex or unable to make decisions about their bodies. The report also contained guidelines that aim to make sexual and reproductive health services more inclusive of, and accessible to, women and young persons with disabilities. The guidelines urge health providers to always ask the person with a disability if he or she needs services because women and young persons with disabilities are the experts on their own needs, the barriers they experience, and the accommodations they require for equal access to services. Although the guidelines were well received, the advocates gathered in Johannesburg noted that they must be fully implemented to make real progress.

"If we really implement what's in the guideline and all the actions required by different actors... we would really get a solution for most of the challenges we are dealing with," said Selawem Tsenga from the Special Needs



FOR WIFE: Sithembile Mabuza from Eswatini has a disability but she still wants to have a husband and children. (Pic UNFPA)



ADVOCATED: The UNFPA guidelines were well received by advocates for people with disabilities in Johannesburg.

INVOLVED: People with disabilities want to change the perception that they don't need information on sexual and reproductive health.



Department at the Ethiopian Ministry of Education. For Anisia Byukusenge, gender-based violence is the number one threat to visually-impaired women and girls. If she were to experience violence as a blind woman, she does not feel confident she could access justice.

"My testimony would be useless. The perpetrator knows that nothing will happen to him," Byukusenge, a member of the National Council for Persons with Disability in Rwanda, is quoted in the same publication as having said last May at a conference on sexual and reproductive rights for young people with disabilities in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Byukusenge noted that people like her deserve to look forward to a future where their rights are defended:

"We women and young people with disabilities deserve respect, we deserve dignity, we deserve to live without any violence. This is not a favour, I swear - this is completely our right."

Tuesday, December 3, was the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, a day to recognise the unmet needs of this population. Around the world, the rights of people with disabilities are undermined both by discrimination and lack of accessible reproductive health services.

Without the information they need, they are often unable to navigate sex and relationships safely, leaving them highly vulnerable to gender-based violence. In fact, some women with disabilities face up to 10 times more gender-based violence than women without disabilities. Children and young people with disabilities face up to four times as much violence as their peers without disabilities.

Young people with disabilities are widely believed to not need information on sexual and reproductive health.

They are often regarded as incapable of making decisions about their bodies. That perception must change, advocates urge.

"Most of the time it is assumed that women with disabilities are asexual, do not want to plan their families or have children," said Lizzie Kiama, Director of the Kenya-based Thisability organisation. That is why, she pointed out, many health providers do not bother to extend information on sexual and reproductive rights to women with disabilities. And when they do, the information is neither comprehensive nor inclusive. Meanwhile, a woman with a disability told this publication back in August of her nasty experience in the hands of a nurse, while in labour at one of the government's referral hospitals.

The woman lived to tell of her horrible experience at the maternity section when she was ridiculed by nursing staff for coming to give birth to her second child.

She still moves around in a wheelchair and is 25 years old.

"One nurse at first wanted to know how I was going to mother the baby because I myself needed to be taken care of," she disclosed then during the interview with this publication.

She said her conversation was joined by two other nurses who told her "kipha lesinye ngoba ngatsi awukhoni kuhlala ungalali, ne-condom awuyifuni (get your uterus removed because you can't stay away from having sex and you fail to use protection)".

She said she felt humiliated as the comments turned into a comedy from the other females in the ward. She said the nurses seemed curious about her sexuality and also how she had managed to raise her other child as a single mother. Her second child is fathered

by a different man. "I felt like I was being stripped naked. The conversation turned serious when I was told to consider being made sterile before I leave the hospital."

After giving birth, the young woman told of her experience to her auntie. She advised her against taking anything that would make her sterile. "My auntie said children were a blessing from God. No matter how poor and how people identify me with my disability, I am still human and a future filled with so many possibilities."

After having refused to be made

sterile and fearing not being capable of having any more children, one nurse made remarks to the effect that next time she returned there would be no negotiations. She said one of the nurses, when she was about to be discharged, said: "Bafa baka-Social Welfare ngetinkinga tebantfwana letenti-wa ngamabomu. Uialitsini leliswane umalo anti wakho anemkhuhlane? (The Social Welfare department has enough issues of children problems caused deliberately. How are you going to care for this baby when your auntie is sick?)"

Uterus removal has its side effects. According to experts, ovaries and tubes are also removed, if necessary.

Risks, however include potentially longer recovery periods and scarring may be more noticeable. The surgeon removes the uterus and possibly other organs as well, through the private parts. This procedure can sometimes result in vaginal damage. Meanwhile, Disabled Women of Swaziland Director Buyi Masuku said her organisation had been made aware of individual experiences of some women with disabilities when being attended to in public health institutions. It is said some now fear going to the clinics to get treatment for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) because of the chastisement, humiliation and derogatory remarks they are bound to be subjected to. "It is like they are not supposed to be sexually active because of their disabilities," Masuku told the Saturday Observer.

"Attending to them is like they are being granted a favour, as they are persons who shouldn't be having sex in the first place, let alone falling pregnant, according to some who have shared their horrible experiences."

She said the attitude was so heart-breaking that government needed to do a lot of education in all sectors about service delivery and persons with disabilities.

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E500 000 MANSION RAZED AT

Stories by Sicelo Maziya

A E500 000 mansion has been demolished by an *impi* unleashed allegedly by a former groundsman of Sigcineni Clinic, who is alleged to be terrorising the community and is law unto himself.

He is alleged to be marauding as a leader in the community while at the same time allocating land and resettling people from outside other communities without due authority.

He is alleged to be doing all this without the approval of traditional authorities of Sigcineni because he has imposed himself as *indvuna* of the area.

He is also alleged to be executing his self-acquired powers with an iron fist on those who disagree with his orders and he threatens to demolish their property. The area is under Chief Madubula Manyatsi, who passed on a long time ago.

Morris Zwane, the designated chairperson for Sigcineni umphakatsi inner council overseeing development in the area, confirmed the destruction of the house at a Sikhondze household. "It was disheartening to learn of a destruction of property that was near completion. We as a community of Sigcineni are very sorry for what befell the family," said Zwane.

He said the Sikhondze family was not like they were a new family but instead they were returning to their father's home. The only people who can vouch for them is the inner council and not self-imposed persons who unleash a reign of terror on the community because of arbitrary connections.



NO STORM: This house belongs to a Sikhondze family and was allegedly destroyed by a former groundsman who has assumed unknown and unlimited powers at Sigcineni community.

tions.

"Sikhondze is a son of a community member who informed the *umphakatsi* of his son who was staying with his mother. His father requested Sigcineni authorities to accommodate his son when he grew up and was returning to his parental home, his home to be precise. He pleaded with the community that he be allowed to build a home at his parent's place even if that would happen after he had passed on," disclosed Zwane.

Zwane said Sikhondze was not like the other mushrooming homes that are allocated by the terror man, who does not even bother to obtain author-

ity from the traditional leadership.

He further informed this publication that they noted the mushrooming homes but as community leadership there was no way they could demolish the structures without due authority.

"We have on several occasions tried to get audience with the Manzini Regional Administrator (RA) for his intervention but our efforts have been blocked by a liaison officer every time we tried to get an appointment with him. We have come to his office several times but denied entry into the RAs office," said Zwane.

Zwane further lamented that it was

a pity that such shenanigans of this man seemed to receive blessings from influential corrupt elements within the police service.

He said the man was always under police escort when he demolished people's homes, as was the case in his last attack on the Sikhondze family where officers appeared to be on the side of this man.

"We called the police toll free number and we were assured polices would not allow anyone to break the law. It's a pity that the family structure was destroyed in the presence of the police," said Zwane.

Community members confirmed

seeing police when the news broke out that the new house at the Sikhondze had been destroyed by people who sympathised with and supported the former groundsman.

Clashes have been the order of the day allegedly at the insistence of the former groundsman, who masquerades as the area's *indvuna* much to the objection of the community of Sigcineni.

Called

This so called self appointed *indvuna* is alleged to be responsible for a number of new homes that have mushroomed in the area, while the traditional authorities are kept at bay.

Form 5 pupil drowns at 'haunted' Mtilane

by Sicelo Maziya

In yet another shocking drowning incident a Form Five Langeni High School pupil drowned at the notorious yet quiet waters of Mtilane River, this being the fourth drowning incident around the same spot and almost the same time of the year.

Langelethu Dlamini is said to have been part of a contingent of young people in the area who were playing soccer at the local ground at Zombodze when they decided to go and cool off at the river.

The scorching heat-waves of last week, forced the boys to visit the nearest Mtilane river to cool off. Dlamini, as if some inner voice was telling him not to join his friends, is said to have delayed going to the river.

Decided

However, he only decided to follow them when they had already reached the river, where it is feared there were mysterious spirits owning that part, reason being that hardly any adult dare to pass near this spot known as Emaphovelani.

Having dived into water, he is said to have been the only one among the group of 50 boys who suddenly disappeared into the bowels of the waters.

The young man is said to be the fourth person to have died inside the



CONFIRMED:
Chief PICO
Superintendent
Phindile Vilakati.

river in recent times.

The local boys said last year at about the same time of the year between the months of December a young person drowned there. In the previous year, an elderly Mthetfwa resident, who was said to be a son to former Indvuna TV 'Cisha logesi' Mtsetfwa also died there.

The local boys said the fourth other person is said to have drowned closer to the same spot as the three.

The boys said it now dawned on them that the area was haunted. "We have now noticed the trend that we are losing a person every year at the same spot but as we grew up here, it's one of the part of the river, where it is easier for us to swim," said one of the boys.

But they cannot just stop swimming save for this week as it was raining. "I don't think we will stop swimming there, it's unfortunate that even on the very same hot day of Friday, a lot of young people continued to swim save for the few who were close to the deceased," said one of the young men of Zombodze.

The boys narrated that when their friend joined them he disappeared immediately, when he entered into the river. "We were surprised not to see him reappear, even the best divers cannot take so much time in the water without any gear to support the breathing. We called for him to no avail, we started to search for him but we failed," said the boys.

They said a drowning person did not

just disappear, he showed his struggles and called for help, but it was not to be with this one. "We searched for him some time and vigorously tried every trick only to find his body later on. We had already called for the assistance of police scuba divers and the fire-fighters who responded to our call but they found that we had already discovered his corpse down stream," said one of the boys.

The deceased's family, a Msibi family confirmed the news of their grandson's death and further pleaded with the community to be extra vigilant and cautioned other children of the area. The family elder, who was only identified as Gogo Leah, shared her sadness about the tragedy that befell the family.

"As a family, we are saddened by the challenges that befell us and it's disheartening that he had just finished writing his exams at Elangeni High School," said Gogo Leah.

She further sent a warning to children of the area to stay away from the rivers, stating that if they wanted to cool off they must do it at home. She further shared that whilst one of their own was taken to the morgue, there were 50 more children who continued swimming at the very same spot where he drowned.

Other youths of the area disclosed that they were aware of the fairy tales about Emaphovelani mysteries but

there was nothing they could do on a hot Friday afternoon but to go for a swim.

Crazy

For years, crazy conspiracy theories have emerged and disappeared where serial killings or serial accidents happens in some rivers in the country. Mtilane river is known for mysterious things and it has for years been used as reference for anything that disappears without trace, "Wemuka NeMtilane".

Chief Police Information and Communication Officer (PICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the accident. "Yes, our officers did attend to a scene at the river where an 18-year-old young man from the area drowned and later recovered dead after a massive search.

...soon after the body of their friend was retrieved and taken away the close to 50 boys returned to the river to continue cooling themselves

TROUBLED SIGCINENI

Now Sigcineni is regarded as a divided community that has suddenly become two chiefdoms with the other being run by the marauding *indvuna*.

This *indvuna* has also established his own enclave he allegedly calls *umphakatsi*, set of traditional authority.

Called to comment on allegations that he, in the company of police and his impi were responsible for the destruction caused at the Sikhondze homestead the so called *indvuna* arrogantly asked the journalist what his business was on the issue.

He said he could not discuss such an issue over the phone with a stranger before hanging up his phone.

The journalist informed him that all he wanted to know was where he got the authority to destroy the Sikhondze home and who appointed him *Indvuna* of Sigcineni. He became very angry and wanted to cut short the conversation.

"So what is your business on that issue, I don't even know you and you want me to discuss such issues over the phone with a stranger".

The issue of Sigcineni is not new as it called for residents to stand their ground during the elections registration reclaiming their allegiance to Sigcineni royal residence as



TROUBLE: Total loss as house razed by self imposed *indvuna*.

being the legitimate place to hold elections registration. Chief Gija then chairperson of the Elections and Boundary Commissions (EBC) resolved that dispute during the registration for elections.

However, it has come back to haunt him again as the Manzini Regional Administrator (RA). The residents resolved to stand their

ground and further want to register concerns with the RA that they are having challenges in holding meetings at their *umphakatsi* because they are always confronted by the police. Chief Police Information and Communication Officers (PICO) Phindile Vilakati confirmed getting information on the destruction of a house in Sigcineni.

Cops accused of supporting 'destruction man'

The community of Sigcineni almost boycotted voting in the last elections after police blocked their meeting and stopped it.

This led to a serious clash between the police from the Operational Support Services Unit (OSSU) and residents.

According to residents, they were taken aback because the meeting was applied and approved as scheduled for the day but as early as 6am on the day police were already at the *umphakatsi* where the meeting was supposed to take place. According to residents police were turning back anyone who was coming to attend the meeting. The police interference into the local politics of Sigcineni *Umphakatsi* is not new. Police were using a single car, soon after called for back-up and within a short period of time, police officers from the OSSU stormed the area using their Caspir, which is used to disperse rowdy crowds.

A resident said this was after residents forced their way into their *Umphakatsi* occupied by the police who were turning residents away on the grounds that they were at the wrong *umphakatsi*.

Recall

Residents also recall that there were MTN employees who had come to the *umphakatsi* with the intention of registering residents through Vela service which required every citizen to register their sim card. MTN staffers fell victim of the confrontation.



DESTRUCTION: What remained after the destruction of the house.



BLOWN: Iron sheets scattered all over the place.

Eswatini has 20 per cent female jurists

By Bodwa Mbingo

Despite the fact that figures are lower elsewhere in the region, Eswatini's female judges are currently standing at 20 per cent, while Namibia is at 15 per cent.

According to the New Era, statistics indicate that the Southern African Development Community (SADC) has gender bias in the justice delivery system, with a low representation of women in management positions of the judiciary and those sitting on the bench.

According to the SADC gender and development monitor 2016 report, Seychelles is so far the only country whose chief justice is a woman, appointed to office in 2015.

Botswana and Mozambique are the only member states with a woman attorney general.

The report indicates that in 2010, Tanzania had more women judges than men, with 55.6 per cent representation at the court of appeal and 56



FEMALE JURIST: Justice Qinisile Mabuza is one of the country's female judges of the High Court.

per cent at the High Court.

As a result of these numbers, the women judges in that country organised themselves into the Tanzania Women Judges Association, which routinely collects decisions that affect

women and children, ensuring that judges and magistrates know about them.

Show

The report also shows Zimbabwe is moving in this direction, with women

judges currently standing at 48 per cent: 26 female judges and 28 male judges.

South Africa's women judges constitute 34 per cent, made up of 18 female judges and 157 male ones.

Further, the report states that greater representation of women in the judiciary and on the bench, as well as other sectors of the justice delivery system can lead to greater access to justice intervention options by fostering greater confidence in women to approach the courts, who would otherwise be intimidated by the male-centred outlook of the personnel of the courts.

In addition, it has been indicated that it is the contention that an increase in women judges can lead to greater ethos for gender-aligned judgments and accelerate the uptake of the judiciary and legislative transformation of laws that member states are working so hard to put in place.

"This is because women's access to justice is not facilitated primarily by the various legislative enactments but by the state's capacity to weave them into accessible national tools that shift structural inhibitors to women's access to its facilities," the report stated.

On legal aid schemes, Namibia among other member states has been lauded for offering legal aid for criminal, civil and divorce cases to unemployed people and low-income earners below a specific threshold.



THANKS: Recipients of the donations pose for a group photo with Eswatini Airlink management during the presentation ceremony at Bethel Court in Ezulwini on Thursday. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)



BOOST: Nokuthula Zwane (L) and Phumaphi Mamba (R) receive a cheque of E50 000 on behalf of Diabetes Eswatini from Eswatini Airlinks acting MD Joseph Dlamini.

ESWATINI AIRLINK SPLASHES E370 000 ON CSI

BY BODWA MBINGO

With the Christmas spirit already upon us, Eswatini Airlink, true to the spirit of giving around this time of the year, has splashed a total of E370 000 to nine lucky organisations as part of their Corporate Social Investment (CSI) programme.

This was during a presentation ceremony that took place at Bethel Court on Thursday.

The organisations that benefitted from the company's benevolence include Hope House, Hospice at Home, Diabetes Eswatini and the Eswatini Cycling Association (ECA), all of which received E50 000 each. Others include Philani Maswati Charity Organisation, S.O.S Children's Village and Junior Achievers, who all received E40 000 each. The rest of the beneficiaries are Cheshire Homes (E30 000) and the Family Life Association of Eswatini (FLAS) Centre for Learning and Innovations (E20 000).

Eswatini Airlink acting General Manager (GM) Joseph Dlamini, making the presentation, highlighted that since they will be celebrating their 21st birthday as a company next year they found it appropriate to give something to keep the nine organisations going. He said



SUPPORT: Eswatini Airlink acting MD Joseph Dlamini making his remarks during the presentation yesterday.

while what they were giving was not necessarily enough to cater for the beneficiaries' needs, but it was meant as a motivation to them to keep doing the good work they perform in society.

Dlamini said as part of their CSI they are working with the youth to make them responsible citizens for the future while they also do not leave out the elderly who still possess a wealth of knowledge necessary for the future.

"We still value the old people and we want to create an environment, which will be conducive for everyone when they grow old. We have seen most of the organisations that we're giving to today making a difference out there.

"We have seen most educating us about a host of diseases out there

while others have made notable interventions in assisting the sick. I know what we're giving you is not enough, but half a loaf is better than nothing. This is a matter of encouraging you to continue doing what we can't," he remarked.

Dlamini also thanked the various organisations' support in their business of flying people in and outside the country and hoped they would continue supporting them.

Hope House's Harry Nxumalo, who spoke on behalf of all the organisations thanked Eswatini Airlink for the kind gesture. He said the donations by the company gave them a lot of hope as they pursue their agendas of making the lives of Emaswati better and comfortable. He also wished the company a lot of success as they continue doing business in the country.

THE BENEFICIARIES:

Hope House – E50 000
Hospice at Home – E50 000
Diabetes Eswatini – E50 000
Eswatini Cycling Association E50 000
Philani Maswati Charity Organisation E40 000
S.O.S Children's Village – E40 000
Junior Achievers – E40 000
Cheshire Homes E30 000
FLAS Centre for Learning and Innovations – E20 000



HOME: Hospice at Home Executive Director Zodwa Gamedze also receiving a cheque on behalf of the organisation.



FAMILY: FLAS Centre for Learning and Innovations Director Bongani Msibi (R) receiving a E20 000 cheque from Dlamini.



BOGOGO: Philani Maswati Charity Organisation Chairman Lutfu Dlamini (R) receiving a cheque of E40 000 from the Eswatini Airlink acting MD on behalf of the organisation.



CHEQUE: Cheshire Homes' Phindile Dlamini and Sinqobile Mabuza receive a cheque of E30 000 from Dlamini.



YOURS: Junior Achiever's Sipheshile Mkhonta and Nothando Dlamini receiving a cheque of E40 000 from Dlamini.



JOINING HANDS: Some of the dignitaries who took part in the march.



IN SONG: The beginning of the march.

FINES FOR TRAFFIC OFFENCES UNDER REVIEW

As motorists and pedestrians continue to exhibit wayward and inconsiderate behaviour which compromises safety in the country's roads, a process of reviewing fines for traffic offences has been instigated.

This was revealed by the Minister of Public Works and Transport - Chief Ndlaluhlaza during a Road Accident Prevention Campaign with the theme "Together Making Eswatini Roads Safer for Everyone" held at Mafutseni Sports Ground last Saturday. The minister stated that fines for traffic offences by their making are not deterrent therefore road users conduct themselves in a wayward manner. He revealed that the ministry is working on reviewing traffic fines so that they can pack a punch to ensure road users behave accordingly and in the process prevent road accidents.

The minister commended the police who are custodians of the country's traffic and transport laws for showing vast knowledge as they ensure road users comply with the law.

Lives

He noted that the volume of traffic has increased considerably hence there is need to raise levels of observing traffic laws as well as an added patience while on the country's roads in order to prevent accidents and the loss of life.

Chief Ndlaluhlaza warned motorists to adhere to the regulated speed limits to ensure that they are always in control of their motor vehicles and prevent accidents. He urged pedestrians to always walk on the right side of the road, cross in designated areas and use regulated passenger pick-up points in order to strengthen their safety on the road.

The minister sounded a strong caution to those who imbibed in alcohol to stay away from the road to avoid the occurrence of accidents. He expressed shock that motorists are more concerned with avoiding police arrest rather than preventing accidents. He further urged farmers to remove livestock on the roads as this has been a cause of many accidents which have resulted in fatalities.

Speaking during the campaign which was preceded by a march, the National Commissioner

of Police William Tsitsibala Dlamini stated that even though there has been a slight decline in numbers, road traffic accidents remain a concern with statistics showing that from January to October 129 fatal accidents have been recorded compared to 143 in 2018. He noted that 155 lives were lost in the process comprising of 62 pedestrians, 51 passengers and 42 drivers. He stressed the need to join efforts in devising pragmatic strategies to militate effectively against road carnage since a single life lost is one too many.

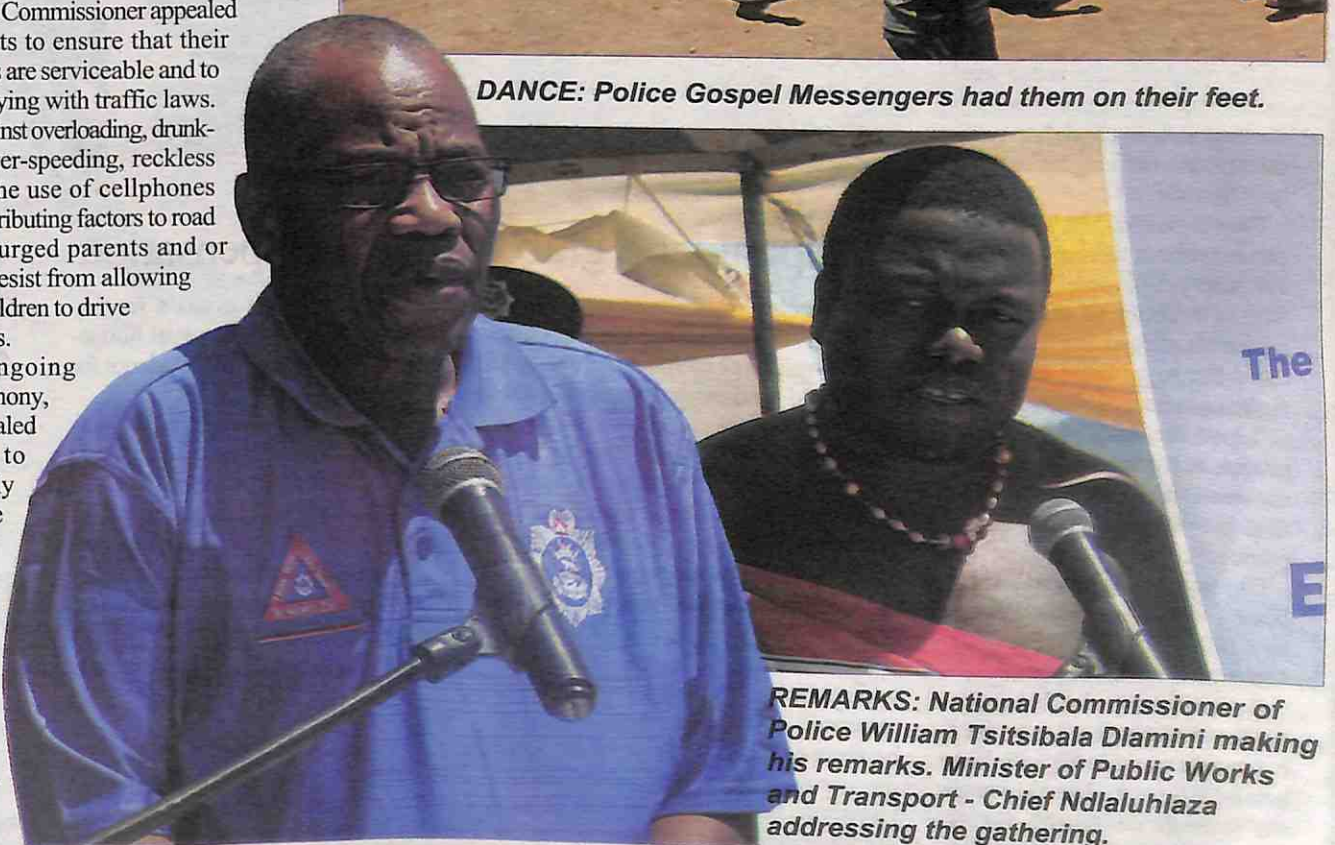
Dlamini stated that changing the mindset of road users is vital in preventing and reducing road traffic accidents. He revealed that police are all out to curtail road carnage by rolling out programmes and operations aimed at both sensitising road users as well as enforcing compliance to road traffic laws with a zero tolerant approach to insolent road behaviour.

The National Commissioner appealed to all motorists to ensure that their motor vehicles are serviceable and to always complying with traffic laws. He warned against overloading, drunken driving, over-speeding, reckless driving and the use of cellphones which are contributing factors to road carnage. He urged parents and or guardians to desist from allowing unlicensed children to drive motor vehicles.

With the ongoing Incwala Ceremony, Dlamini appealed to motorists to drive cautiously in areas where the Libutfo will be using the roads. He urged road users to follow police directives so that safety could be optimised.



DANCE: Police Gospel Messengers had them on their feet.



REMARKS: National Commissioner of Police William Tsitsibala Dlamini making his remarks. Minister of Public Works and Transport - Chief Ndlaluhlaza addressing the gathering.

UNWANTED NGCINA INDVUNA WON'T LET GO

Stories by Nonduduzo Kunene

...despite that Abraham Magagula was cited in court as being implicated in the case of the human arm of a murdered Mozambican man

Irate residents of Ngcina in the Lubombo Region have tabled a petition to the local princes' council calling for the removal of their indvuna.

Indvuna Abraham Magagula is somewhat linked or mentioned in a hair-raising court matter concluded in recent weeks whereby a human hand of a murdered Mozambican man was found in the area.

Following the murder of the Mozambican man in Mbabane, Magagula was implicated as those who murdered the man were housed at his homestead. Magagula is also a practicing traditional healer.

Issues

The residents drew up a petition to free Magagula from the responsibility of being indvuna of the area if he is implicated in such heinous acts. The petition delivered Saturday with the council contains 18 issues.

Over and above the 18 'burning issues' there are other matters specific to Magagula's alleged malpractices. Magagula is pitted alongside a senior prince of Ngcina Royal Kraal, Musa Dlamini.

Sources said drama unfolded when the residents presented the petition with the senior prince getting hot under the collar and storming out of the gathering because the residents were leveling allegations against Magagula.

Residents pay E200 to rent chief's stamp

In the petition residents allege that Abraham Magagula is using the Royal Kraal stamp to fundraise by charging ridiculous amounts just to authenticate certain official documents.

"The royal kraal should intervene as indvuna is misusing the stamp by charging not less than E200 for it," reads the petition.

The residents also stated they feared that Magagula would sell the land in their jurisdiction without anyone noticing and calling him to order.

This is because he signs any paper without talking or asking for help yet his level of education is in doubt. In addition the residents alleged that Magagula used the royal kraal stamp for fighting personal battles.

"Upon the death of one of the princes at Ngcina, Magagula took the stamp and ran to his Indumba thus preventing the burial of the prince."

The stamp was needed to validate a letter from the royal kraal to Ludzidzini for the burial at Mdzimba, reads the petition.

A resident revealed that a tractor that was supposed to be used by residents was still with him and he refuses to sign and stamp the relevant documents for its release. The resident added that the use of foul language by the indvuna was uncouth.



OUT OF TOWN: Pupils from highly impoverished Ngcina where the community is battling to get rid of their indvuna. This picture is courtesy of His Hands Support Ministries.

He insisted that he would not hear a single complaint as long as the residents pointed a finger at Magagula.

Duties

On the other hand residents felt Magagula should be relieved of his duties until the murder case had been finalised completely because his presence at the helm was tainting the otherwise good image of the area.

Furthermore, the residents said that Magagula was unlawfully occupying the position since he was given

some time off from his duties during elections time. "He joined the elections race for Indvuna Yenkhundla," said the source.

Therefore the residents said after he lost the election he simply resumed his duties without notifying the residents. It was the residents who should have readmitted him into the position of indvuna after losing the election not for him to return automatically.

In a brief telephonic interview Magagula said no one had the power

to relieve him of his powers as Indvuna of Ngcina. Magagula added that the area had several disputes that included the installing of a chief. He said those disputes had nothing to do with him. However, he did not want to delve much into the disputes as he said he was not in a position to disclose the chieftaincy affairs.

During an independent investigation it was learnt that there is a family dispute of the installation of a new chief of the area following the death

of Ngcina's former chief Prince Mpini in 2008.

Magagula retained the position of indvuna following the death of Mpini as per the provisions of customary rule.

As the years went by his older son Vusi Dlamini had to take over the chieftaincy. However, early this year he passed away after battling an illness. The royal kraal appointed Musa Dlamini as the senior prince to act as caretaker until a successor had been identified.

Seemingly, the senior prince has elevated himself to an acting chief. Upon the death of Vusi the council resolved that Vusi's younger brother be the next option. However, the senior prince and Magagula want the late Vusi's son to be the next chief.

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Death of heir used to prevent Bemanti

It is alleged that Bemanti (water party for the sacred Incwala ceremony) had a hard time carrying out their duties and entering the Ngcina Royal Kraal.

This newspaper can reveal that when the most crucial cultural group had to carry out their duties within the community, the senior prince and indvuna prevented them.

Argument

The two argued that the royal kraal was still mourning the death of the heir Vusi Dlamini.

An impeccable source narrated that an argument unfolded over welcoming Bemanti. After several discussions they were then received.

During the discussions the source said it was stated cleared that Bemanti were only prevented if the chief had recently died.

"Bemanti abangeni nakuwe ingcongwane."

Meanwhile, a traditionalist said after a cleansing ceremony had been conducted all processes were allowed to flow, it becomes business as usual.

He added that there was a certain period when they were prevented, when the death was recent.

However, in this case the death was over 10 months and all cleansing processes had been conducted.



Rampant land grab without compensation

Ngcina residents complain that there is a select special committee of members of the royal household who work through the indvuna to repossess land from the poor residents and redistribute it to the land.

To substantiate this there is a piece of land reserved for development but that entire portion of land has been allocated to one single person. Residents request the return of that land to the area.

There is also a Dlamini homestead where fields were confiscated and relocated to someone who is said to be resuscitating the ruins of his family, *uvusa tindzala takagogo wakhe*. However, residents know that he is a grandson and therefore belongs to his own family name where he can lay claim to land.

Furthermore that gogo's family returned the land to the royal household and subsequently to residents for reallocation.

While still surprised at what was happening the residents say they were surprised to see the same individual of the gogo story being allocated another piece of land over and above what he had already been given.

In the midst of things one of the influential leaders was seen driving a brand new car which he is said to have been given as a gift by the controversial individual.

"We request the chief's council to revisit this matter because he is suspected to be pushing corruption especially because even the select committee has failed to address this issue as it is compromised."

Indvuna accused of extreme arrogance

In the long list of reasons why residents have had enough of the indvuna, he is accused of using harsh words threatening subjects as he is revered in the community for his association with magical powers especially because he has two *indumba* (consultations and/or operations rooms) at his homestead.

Trust

They further recall the words used by the late Prince Mpini that he trusted Magagula when he appointed him because of

his prowess in the area of medicine, *uyentayenta lokwetim-bita*.

Work

They want the current prince to look into whether the population can still continue to live under constant threats.

They complain that if a resident disagrees with the indvuna he assumes a negative attitude towards that person.

That then results in the indvuna failing to work with the people including members of the royal household.

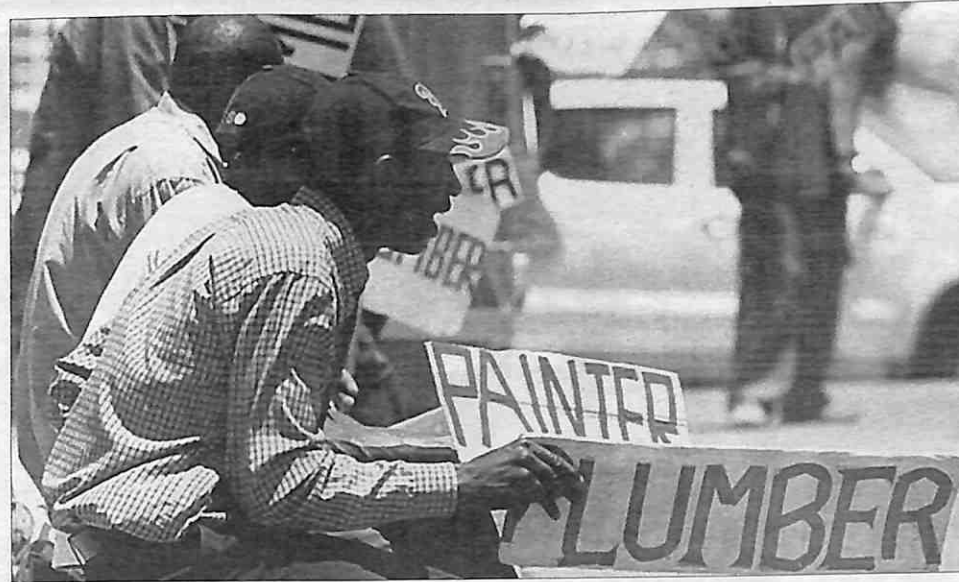
UNEMPLOYED CAN'T WAIT FOR THOSE THOUSANDS OF JOBS

Kingsgate Clothing to employ a massive 1000 people to work in their factory when the project becomes operational in February. It is the largest buyer of Eswatini made garments under the current, Cut Make and Trim (CMT) initiative

By Ackel Zwane

Recently government has been on a crusade to holler about thousands of jobs coming for hordes of the unemployed who had been waiting impatiently since the launch of the strategic roadmap.

The first such promise at the beginning of the year appears not to have been what the public was promised when Commerce Minister Maqhawe Khumalo went to Buhleni to announce 1045 factory jobs with investors from the Durban-based Kingsgate Clothing Company, as well as snack manufacturer, Euro Swazi Investments (PTY) LTD. At least there is little noise about the snack manufacturer but there seems to have been some hiccups regarding the clothing fac-



tory with changes in ownership in the first year of operation.

"Kingsgate Clothing to employ a massive 1000 people to work in their factory when the project becomes operational in February. It is the largest buyer of Eswatini made garments under the current, Cut Make and Trim (CMT)

initiative." Kingsgate was to invest E5 million towards its project implementation which was anticipated to kickoff the following month, last February. The second factory shell houses Euro Swazi Investments, that was to invest E8 million for the corn chips snacks where 45 people were to be employed.

In mid May government announced eight investment projects that will see major companies investing over E1 billion and creating 3 439 job opportunities in food and clothing, environmental cleaning, medicinal products and art refinery.

Two of the eight companies pledged a whopping E400 million investment each, these being Clockwork Giant Clothing which promised 850 jobs while Avapharm said it could take in only 90; Jonsson Wear talked about E100 million bringing home 2 000 jobs. Recipe and food producers Kellogg's talked about E180 million to take in 270 unemployed. Other investors were R.M.E Bullion, Taiwan Avocado Company and Air Liquide.

Prime Minister Mandvulo Dlamini told editors last month that the May announcement of the eight companies had come to fruition. Whatever that meant, he expressed his joy that government had been able to create 7 000 unfortunately he did not point at where the jobs were but hinted that there was a sizeable number of indirect employment through investments from multinational companies such as Kellogg's, Jonsson Workwear and TRIOMF Fertiliser, among others.

Eswatini halfway towards achieving SDGs – Report

By Bodwa Mbingo

According to an analysis by Bineswaree Bolaky, progress towards the United Nations (UN) Sustainable and Development Goals (SDGs) can be characterised as challenging in general in Africa, but faring relatively better in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

The recent 2019 Africa SDG Index and Dashboard Report ranks Mauritius as the top performer in Africa on progress towards the SDGs with a score of 66.19. In SADC, Botswana ranked eighth (score: 61.64), South Africa 10th (score: 60.43), and Namibia 13 (score: 57.09).

11 out of the 15 SADC countries that were included in the index (Mauritius, Botswana, South Africa, Namibia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Eswatini, Malawi, Mozambique and Lesotho) scored above 50, indicating they are at least half way towards achieving their SDGs.

Stakeholders

The report highlights a lack of funding and resources as the single most significant challenge for implementing the SDGs as well as a lack of understanding on how to achieve them.

The report also notes a lack of engagement with the public and stakeholders, with significant scope for countries to develop online portals where citizens can witness progress towards SDGs in their country and a need for more awareness-raising activities.

In the SADC region, most countries are on track on SDG 13 (action on climate change) which is a common trend in Africa but no country is on track on SDG2, SDG3, SDG4, SDG7, SDG8, SDG9, SDG11, and SDG14.

The United Nations encourages countries to conduct voluntary national reviews (VNRs), as part of its mechanisms to follow up and review progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. VNRs are meant to be national reviews of progress being made to achieve SDGs at country level and are intended to be led by the member states themselves on a voluntary basis and conducted through an inclusive process involving major stake-

holders. VNRs are usually presented in New York at the High-Level Political Forum convened by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). They also serve the purpose of facilitating the sharing of experiences, and lessons learned among countries prod governments to identify and act on needed policy and institutional reforms and mobilise multi-stakeholder support and partnerships for a more effective implementation of Agenda 2030.

SADC countries that have conducted VNRs or are planning to conduct one include: Botswana (2017), Democratic Republic of Congo (2020), Eswatini (2019), Lesotho (2019), Madagascar (2016), Malawi (2020), Mauritius (2019), Mozambique (2020), Namibia (2018), Seychelles (2020), South Africa (2019), Tanzania (2019), Zambia (2020), and Zimbabwe (2017 and 2020). Only Angola and Comoros are missing from that list.

Examples of potential challenges mentioned in the concluded VNRs relate to: limited resources for effective implementation along with need for capacity building in SDGs-based planning and programming (Eswatini), enormous resources needed to build the required robust database to inform SDG implementation and tracking of progress (Botswana), sustaining political stability and increasing good governance, mobilising and harnessing existing resources, and innovation and use of technology (Lesotho), maintaining prudent fiscal and debt policies and engaging in fund management (Mauritius), human capital constraints (Namibia), curtailing of illicit financial flows, improved access to technology, increased capacity for managing synergies and trade-offs among the SDGs

and the need for stronger alliances, collaboration and partnerships with and between governments, private sector actors, civil society, academia and international development partners (South Africa).

Achievement

Most country VNRs highlight challenges faced for achieving SDGs but financing, in the face of limited domestic resources, is common across all of them. The Addis Ababa

Action Agenda, however, clearly calls on developing countries to increasingly engage in domestic resource mobilisation. This in turn calls for African countries to engage in and maintain a high and stable economic growth trajectory.

In the SADC region, SDG 9 (build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation) has been recognised as a critical pillar for achieving progress on Agenda 2030 and is central to converting the Vision of Agenda 2063 into reality.

SDG9 is central to the achievement of many SDGs in southern Africa. Industrialisation through trade (especially through the AfCFTA), accompanied by large-scale decent job creation, can have an impact on poverty (SDG1), hunger (SDG2), inclusive economic growth (SDG8), and reduction of inequality (SDG10), and strengthen domestic resource mobilisation for generating the revenues to address the other SDGs. The implementation of SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap (2015-2063) can provide an important linchpin to fast-track the implementation of both Agenda 2030 and Agenda2063 in the SADC region.

Bolaky is the Economic Affairs officer, ECA sub-regional office for Southern Africa.

To charge or not to charge uniformed forces with SODVA

By Sicelo Maziya

It would seem members of the uniformed forces are unaware of their protection in the event they are found to be in violation of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act when in the line of duty such as violently arresting suspects while not in uniform.

Following the arrest of Bishop Enoch Maseko, a soldier by profession, who could have pleaded that he was instilling discipline on a wayward child, but finally got himself arrested, members of the services and the army were asked what exactly happens if civilians would argue that they were actually being sexually and violently molested during an arrest.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Superintended Phindile Vilakati said their work as officers was that of securing both the administration of laws of the land and the operation of police based upon the principle of fairness, at the same time efficiently performing the police duties so as to protect the rights and liberties of an individual and maintain public safety and order.

She said the SODV Act was new and it was being given the very same principles as any other law in the land. Supt. Vilakati said she could not comment about protection of officers when on duty in terms of the law. However, she did state that as a police service they had a huge responsibility and in the administration and execution of the Act they had a responsibility not to be found wanting on the law. She said as a new law they were getting all the assistance on its sensitisation not just on the execution of it but even on the general understanding.

"Learning is a process and theoretically we may have an understanding but as we continue to execute the law we gain experience and better ways of how to execute the SODV Act effectively without compromising and putting the police services in disrepute," said Supt. Vilakati. She further shared that as a police service their organisation had responsibilities and duties to protect life, physical body and property of an individual and take charge of prevention, suppression and investigation of crimes, as well as apprehension of suspects, traffic control and other affairs concerning the maintenance of public safety and order.



GRADUATES: Inmates from the various Correctional Centres pose with HMCS officials and Sebenta National Institute at the Correctional Staff College while Commissioner Bongani Khumalo makes his remarks. This was during the closure of their training on how to teach out of school children, Youth and Adult learners on basic literacy.

The role played by education within the correctional setting cannot be underestimated as it represents a fundamental component of rehabilitative programming offered across the different centres in the country.

Considering that correctional populations are over-represented with offenders having below average levels of education attainment, Commissioner General of His Majesty's Correctional Services Lamakhosini Phindile Dlamini has presented a total of 33 offenders with the opportunity to be trained on Basic Literacy and Numeracy skills.

Through assistance from the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Sebenta National Institute, the department over the past week held a workshop for the inmates who represented the different correctional centres. The UNESCO funded course was held at the Correctional Staff College in Matsapha. UNESCO provides global and regional leadership in education, strengthens education systems worldwide and responds to contemporary global challenges through education with gender equality an underlying principle.

Speaking during the official opening of the workshop, Commissioner of Correctional Services Bongani Khumalo who represented the commissioner general expressed gratitude for the generous gesture by UNESCO which came at a time when the department intends to strengthen its rehabilitation initiatives through enforcing education for all offenders admitted in the facilities. He said the commissioner general has noted with concern the number of offenders who are admitted with low levels of education attainment, which also makes it difficult for them to be enrolled in some of the rehabilitation programmes at a level that could best enhance their transformation. Education being the most powerful weapon which is used to change the world, Khumalo said it is for this reason that the commissioner general has taken a stance not to allow a single offender to idle within the premises

EDUCATION TO SHAPE FUTURE OF OFFENDERS

...As over 30 inmate volunteers trained on Basic Literacy and Numeracy skills.



SUPPORT: Sebenta CEO Dr Tibekile Manana.



APPLAUSE: Senior Assistant Commissioner Kenneth Nhlengethwa.



CONGRATS: Director DIVT Ernest Simelane handing over a certificate to an inmate.

of the correctional centres without being enrolled in any rehabilitation programme. However, for this approach to be effective, offenders who have not had the opportunity to go to school will be enrolled through the Sebenta programme for Basic literacy or non-formal education. Through this approach, education will henceforth dovetail the other rehabilitation programmes such as vocational training, psychology, social work and chaplaincy.

Khumalo further mentioned that in the past, offenders have had access to certain privileges but it was now time they embraced that such privileges would be earned. He explained that such privileges should reflect and be

influenced by the value that each offender has put towards his or her rehabilitation journey. Khumalo mentioned that the department was fully cognizant of the obligation it has in regards to offender rehabilitation. He said offenders who had made bad choices that landed them in prison still deserved to be treated as human beings.

Rehabilitation

This requires ensuring that they are given the rehabilitation training and education that will allow them to make better choices when they eventually complete their sentences.

He then took time to congratulate the group of offenders who are now ready to be torch bearers in their various cor-

rectional facilities as they are expected to impart all their knowledge to their fellow brothers and sisters. Khumalo explained that as the role of Corrections continues to evolve and expand in modern times; offenders alike have a major role to play towards ensuring their effective rehabilitation and reintegration. While correctional officers are entrusted with a responsibility to provide a suitable platform for offenders to realise and acknowledge their wrong deeds in society then thrive towards transformation, offenders themselves must exhibit the required willingness and desire to become productive and law abiding citizens upon release from custody. On the other hand, UNESCO's

acting Secretary General thanked the Commissioner General for promoting education with the correctional setting and realizing that role it plays in transforming lives and communities. She said as an organisation, they were cognizant that the programme which the department has undertaken will play a mammoth role in improving the literacy rate amongst inmates who will soon or later join their families and make be expected to make a difference in their communities. The 33 volunteer inmates were yesterday awarded with certificates during the closure of their workshop, having completed the course on Basic Literacy and Numeracy Skills.

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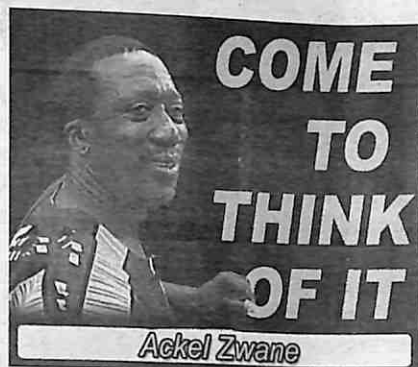
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COLUMNS & OPINION



Ackel Zwane
Saturday Observer Editor

Coming out of International Day of Disabled Persons 2019 on Tuesday was the realisation that, after all, people with disabilities are sexual citizens, too, just like their non-disabled peers.

For a long time people with disabilities have been hidden in the closet of obscure life, far away from the public eye to the devastating effect that they were marginalised and literally ostracised from the rest of human activity all because they are physically or mentally different from everybody who call themselves non-disabled.

Until recently it took huge courage to date someone with disabilities in public otherwise people would rather whet their sexual appetites hidden deep in the woods than to hug and kiss a disabled person on the dance floor unless after downing several cold ones. In 2017 when the legendary Lebohang Monyatsi represented South Africa at the Miss Wheelchair World pageant in Warsaw, Poland, it was most likely for the first time that she became ever omnipresent in her space in the world, a space that had been appearing vacant most of her life. Now even the likes of my person would not mind brushing shoulders with sis' Lebohang.

Ndoda and Maureen the visually impaired married couple may have other reasons why they decided to get closer together. It could have been to share the warmth of their love but also the misery of being stigmatised for the visual disability.

Who knows how long it took to finally find love. For this two, however, it was not love at first sight but yes love at first touch, at least it was love.

Closer to home the country has succeeded in burying one of the most upcoming competitions the Miss Deaf all because, it would seem, someone had issues with Miss Deaf Africa organiser Nokuthula Mbatha but whatever the case this inflicted more harm to the deaf community who had finally found an opportunity to strut their stuff, their beauty. Five years down the line Sizakele Dladla has completely forgotten that she looked stunning and scooped the Miss Deaf

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES NEED IT, JUST LIKE YOU DO

...This week's star is Sithembile Mabuza who has a disability but drew all attention to herself when she was quoted saying "We are human beings. We want to have a family. I want to have a family someday. I want to have a husband and children."



EQUAL TO THE TASK: Sithembile Mabuza who has a disability.



BEAU: Lebohang Monyatsi who represented South Africa at the 2017 Miss Wheelchair World pageant in Warsaw, Poland.

crown as queen. She was the last beauty queen among the deaf to be worth the salt.

"As a consequence, they are more vulnerable to "bad sex"—relationships, which are considered to be exploitative and disempowering in different ways.

Access to good sex and relationships education for disabled young people is, therefore, not only important for them to learn about sexual rights, sexual identity, and sexual expression but also about how to ensure their sexual safety," says Sonali Shah of the Centre for Disability Research, Institute of Health and Wellbeing, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, United Kingdom.

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According to the repository on disability rights in Africa living with a disability in Eswatini presents significant challenges particularly for women. There is a general belief that those who have a disability are bewitched or inflicted by bad spirits. Many believe that being around people with disabilities can bring bad luck. As a result,

many people with disabilities are hidden in their homesteads and are not given an opportunity to participate and contribute to society.

Women and girls with disabilities face dual discrimination and are often worse off than men. They are particularly vulnerable to sexual violence and there have been reported cases of forced sterilisation. According to a 2008 study, women with disabilities described experiences of sexual exploitation and abuse, which was perceived to be higher amongst disabled women than their non-disabled peers; they felt this was because disabled women were perceived to be 'free' from the HIV virus by non-disabled men.

RIGHT TO REPLY: COMMERCIAL AMADODA

Good day Mangweni. Your article is largely spot; however, I differ on some of the solutions you propose.

The MAIN problem, in my view, is the mere existence of a body to regulate businesses on ENL while we have chiefdoms with chiefs & councils. We don't need an SOE to regulate ENL business either cause we all know that SOEs milk taxpayers & are nothing but largely a societal burden especial-

ly in corrupt countries like ours. The ERA & MVA buildings are a direct product of the current ongoing over taxation of the populace. Billions of our taxes go towards sustaining the countless loss-making SOE headed by people with all the degrees in the world! Coming back to the main issue, I believe that every chiefdom MUST have it's own business-committee that approves all businesses within the chiefdom, no need for another struc-

ture like CA (Commercial Amadoda) or an SOE (state Owned Enterprise). My chiefdom has such a committee. However, when one applies for a license at the ministry, we are told about CA. One of the requirements in the application process is that one must submit a recommendation letter from CA. The ministry owes the nation an explanation as to what legal instrument (even a verbal one to be supported by independent witnesses) con-

nects it to the CA; let alone it's mere existence. As business people, we need to know who is this CA. Nothing is as annoying as running up & down to open a business that will pay taxes at the end of the day. The business-committees can hire someone from within the chiefdoms on a full-time basis as the LINK between the ministry & the chiefdom & the overall overseer of businesses within the chiefdom. I'm sure every chiefdom has

a college business graduate sitting at home, no need for expensive MBA people who deliver nothing at the end of the day. The businesses within the chiefdom would pay a monthly rent to the committee, which would in turn pay a salary to the employee. After all, ENL is free, so why not contribute something!!! ENL is painfully under-utilised because of needles bickering, jealousy & stupidity (pardon my language) Sir! *Ali Dlamini*



Dealing with Diabetes

WITH: Nomalungelo Ginindza

Diabetes
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QUOTE

Diabetes is a great example whereby, giving the patient the tools, you can manage yourself very well.

- Clayton M. Christensen

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Unexplained weight loss is the term used to describe a decrease in body weight that occurs unintentionally and can be a warning sign of diabetes.

The amount you weigh is determined by a number of factors including age, your calorie intake and overall health.

Once you reach middle adulthood, your weight should remain relatively stable from year to year.

Losing or gaining a few pounds here and there is normal, but unexplained weight loss that is significant (10 lbs/4.5kg or more or over five per cent of your body weight) or persistent may signal an underlying medical condition.

Unexplained weight loss means weight loss that occurs without trying through dieting or exercising.

What are the possible causes of unexplained weight loss?

Unintentional or unexplained weight loss can be caused by a number of things, including depression, certain medication and diabetes.

Potential causes of unexplained weight loss include:

- Addison's disease
- Cancer
- Coeliac disease
- Chronic diarrhoea
- Dementia
- Depression
- Diabetes mellitus
- Eating disorders (anorexia and bulimia)
- Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency
- HIV/AIDS
- Hyperkalaemia
- Hyperthyroidism
- Infection
- Malnutrition
- Medicines, including chemotherapy drugs, laxatives, and thyroid medications
- Parkinson's disease
- Recreational drugs, including amphetamines and cocaine
- Smoking
- Tuberculosis

Diabetes and sudden weight loss

In people with diabetes, insufficient insulin prevents the body from getting glucose from the blood into the body's cells to use as energy.

When this occurs, the body starts burning fat and muscle for energy, causing a reduction in overall body weight.

Unexpected weight loss is often noticed in people prior to a diagnosis of type 1 diabetes but it may also affect people with type 2 diabetes.

When to call your doctor

If you have unintentionally lost more than five per cent of your normal body weight, or more than 10 lbs (4.5 kg) in six to 12 months or less, you should consult your doctor.

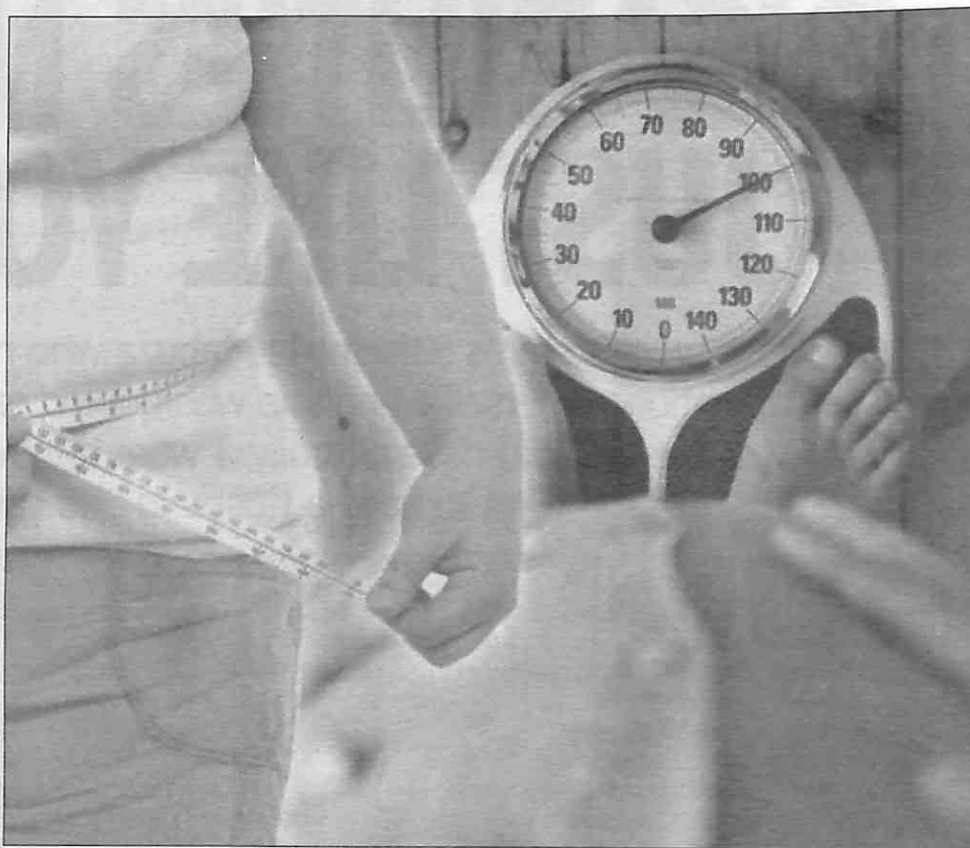
They will be able to determine what's causing the weight loss (e.g. undiagnosed diabetes) and the best way to treat the problem.

However, losing weight can also be a positive method to prevent diabetes and hypertension.

Type 2 Diabetes: Tips to Lose Weight Successfully

The benefits of weight loss, especially if you were recently diagnosed with type 2 diabetes,

Diabetes and weight loss



may actually be able to reverse the disease; for others, it will reduce the risks of common but serious complications.

Since nearly nine in 10 people who are diagnosed with type 2 diabetes are overweight or have obesity, it is likely that your doctor will discuss the benefits—and they are significant—to achieving weight loss. There is some urgency to this recommendation since added adipose tissue increases your insulin resistance (which occurs when your body can't properly use the hormone insulin to metabolize sugar), and leads to further weight gain.

Weight loss can protect your health in many ways

It's more important that you focus on reducing the weight around your middle (waist circumference) since the evidence points to central adiposity as the greatest risk for heart disease and other adverse side effects of diabetes.

Losing weight around your belly is the most important sign that you are reducing the health risks associated with type 2 diabetes.

If you have been told you have prediabetes, or you are newly diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, by decreasing your weight by about 10 per cent—which is no more than 10-15 lbs for many people—you may be able to reverse your diabetes, putting it into remission, or putting off developing it at all.

By losing weight, people with type 2 diabetes can improve glucose tolerance which is important to be able to use insulin better.

Even more compelling, weight loss will likely protect you from developing common diabetes-related complications like eye diseases

(retinopathy), neuropathy (nerve damage especially to your feet, which may lead to amputation), kidney failure, liver damage, high blood pressure, stroke, and heart disease.

If you've recently been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and have been advised to lose weight, you're probably saying to yourself: "easier said than done," or more likely, "don't you think I've tried everything to do that already?"

Understanding how to achieve lasting weight loss starts with a focused assessment of how you are currently eating so you can pinpoint habits that may be holding you back from succeeding.

For many, the best way to do this may be to work with a registered dietitian or certified diabetes educator to help you design a plan that will work for you—a healthy meal plan, physical activity, and to set realistic goals to help you reach a healthy weight.

Eating to beat diabetes is much more about making wise food adjustments than it is about denial and deprivation. A better way to look at a diet when you have diabetes is one that helps you establish a new normal when it comes to your eating habits and food choices.

There are many advantages to losing weight (even beyond the benefits related to diabetes):

- You will feel a boost in energy
- Your blood cholesterol levels will drop
- You'll protect against heart disease
- Controlling your blood sugar will be much easier, and will reduce the need for medication
- It will lead to improved haemoglobin A1c levels
- You will likely sleep better

While losing weight can be a challenge, even

a struggle, you can't let that stop you. Rather, realise that you can do it because you want to, then make sure you have the right support to stay motivated.

There are three food-related factors that lead to weight gain:

- Eating more calories than your body can burn. You can succeed by making small changes. Start by reviewing your portions. Change to a nine-inch plate since a plate that looks full tends to help you feel more satisfied.

- Eat most of your food earlier in the day. A big breakfast (and if you are one of those who isn't hungry first thing in the morning, make your first meal the biggest).

If you get hungry between meals, drink water, tea, coffee (without sugar), seltzer or have a serving of fresh fruit, or raw vegetables for satisfying crunch. This is a sure way to reduce the total amount of calories you consume each day, and the best method to avoid snacking on foods that offer only empty calories, and the likelihood of weight gain.

There are three other important behaviours that have a major influence on weight gain as increasing your physical activity, getting sufficient quality sleep, and finding ways to reduce daily stress.

Tricks that improve long-term successful weight loss

Find cookbooks or search the web for recipes that will inspire you to make-over your favourite dishes.

Work with a registered dietitian who specialises in diabetes to help you set reasonable goals, and to develop an eating plan that fits your schedule, makes sense for your family, recognises your likes and dislikes, and feels right. And remember, weight loss is a temporary process; the real challenge, as you likely know from past experience, is keeping off the lost weight. To achieve this goal, you must embrace a new way of eating, one that is agreeable but meets the healthy view of the new you. Physical activity is probably the best strategy to help keep you from regaining the lost weight, and in the article on exercising when you have type 2 diabetes, you can learn about how to start an exercise plan.

Committing to weight management is for life

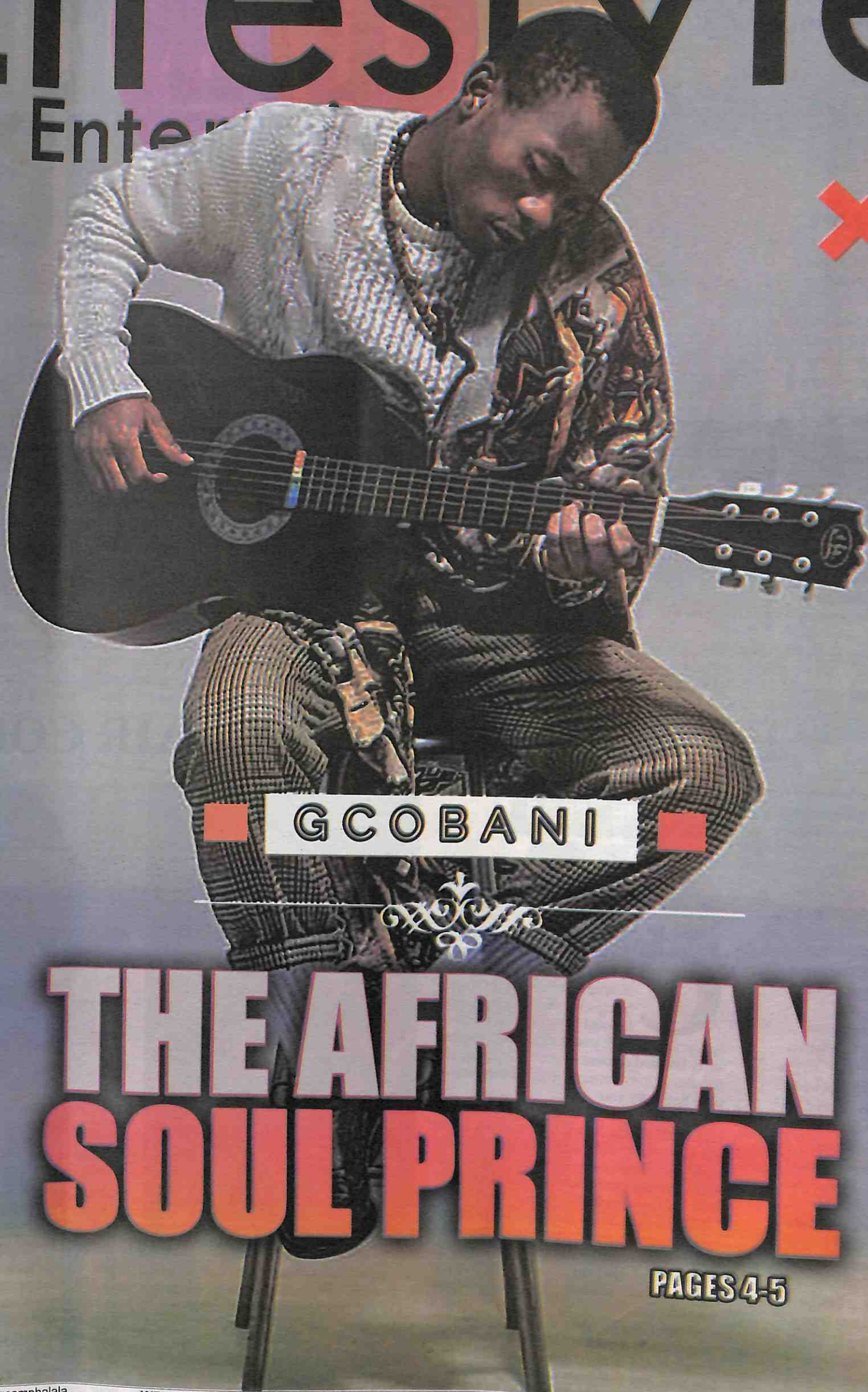
For some people, losing weight may not be enough to control blood glucose levels at target levels, and that's all right. It may mean that your doctor will prescribe medication to help regulate your blood glucose level to keep it in the normal range.

Even so, by eating healthier foods and increasing your physical activity, eventually, you may be able to stop taking the medication so keep up your efforts and focus on reducing the fat around your middle so you are better able to regulate your blood sugar on your own.

Of course, whether you have diabetes or not, everyone should strive for a healthy weight (as based on your body type—BODY MASS INDEX). Losing weight can help improve your body's ability to effectively respond to insulin resistance, but if it doesn't help you achieve better blood glucose control, that doesn't mean you should give up. Losing and then maintaining a healthy weight are important choices for life—whether you have type 2 diabetes, or not. This is a life-long commitment that each and every one of us must strive for.

Lifestyle

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■ GCOBANI ■

**THE AFRICAN
SOUL PRINCE**

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WRITER'S NOTE

WITH NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

Welcome to the Festive season and as social media fanatics would say we are within.

So let's get into it, this week we take you on a journey. On pages 2-3 we talk about changing yourself for the better. From changing your hair colour to changing the way you spend your holidays. We give you tips and tricks on how to do it all right.

On Try the Trend, we beg that you try the coolest trend right now which is a bold and colourful hair dye. There a number of things to consider when dying your hair, one being using safe products to do it. Read through and get to know how you can do it the right way without damaging your hair.

On L&E Guide, we give the low down on how to spend your holidays this festive season. We know how this season's spending and eating can get out of hand, so we are here to help you stop all those regrets that usually make in January.

Our Young and Upcoming this week is Fezile Sibane Nkululeko Dlamini also known as CanulaTonez. Read through and get to know Nkululeko more.

On pages 4-5, we talk to singer, Gcobani Masuku. Gcobani has entered a number of singing competitions in the Kingdom and did well in all of them. He mentions he has not had it easy; in 2015 he entered the T55 Talent Search and he made it through to the top 10. This year, he tried again at the MTN Spotlight. He also made it through to the top eight, until he encountered certain challenges but both competitions taught him a great deal and he would have never learnt any of the things he knows now if it was not for those challenges.

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Read through and get to know more about this young and talented singer. Remember to follow us on Instagram and Facebook, we love hearing from you. Also read about the play Inhlitiyo and the Heart. The play opened to a warm reception this past Monday at the Mbabane Theatre Club. Written and directed by Sakhile Gumbi, it has been described by audiences as funny, intense and thought-provoking.

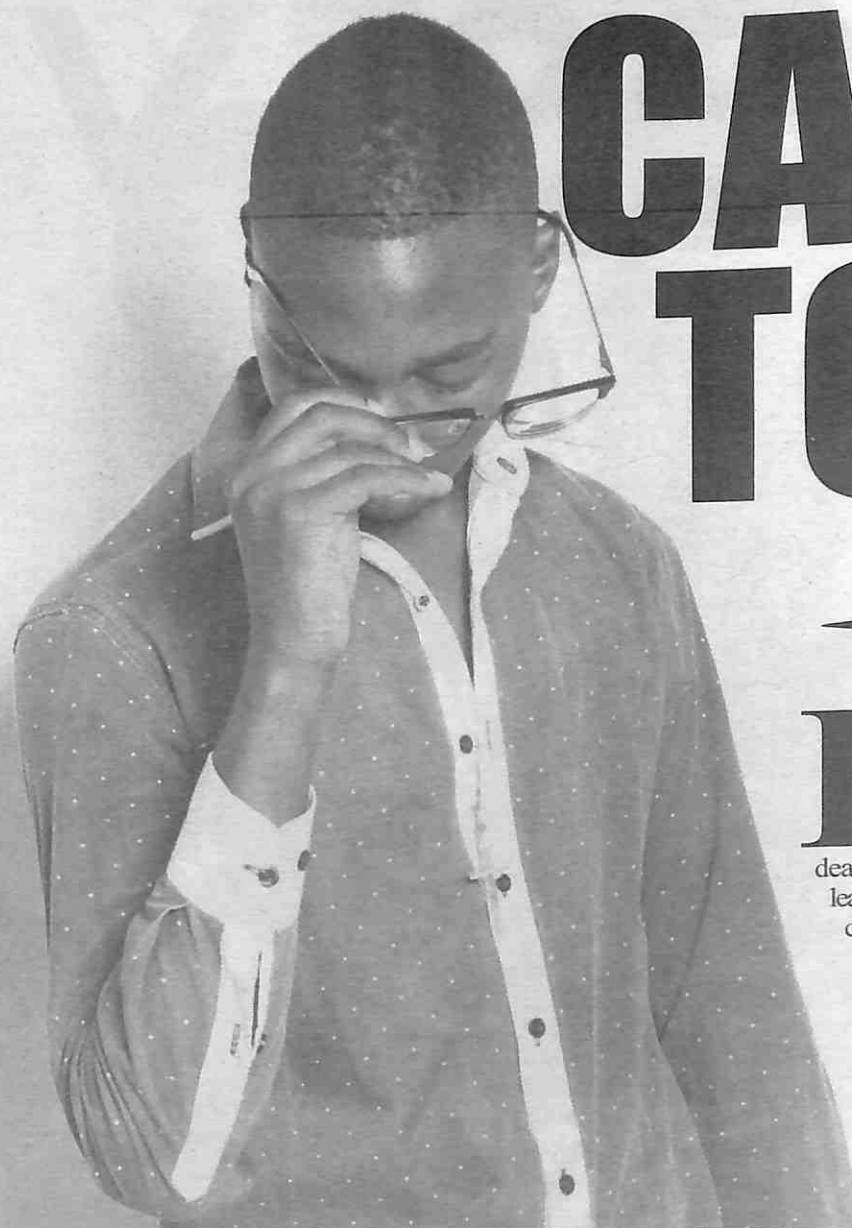
I hope you read and enjoy this issue but most importantly I hope you get inspired.

Till next week

Enjoy!

YOUNG & UPCOMING

CANULA TONEZ



It is when one escapes near death that they learn to appreciate life and live it to the fullest. In today's Young and

Upcoming we talk about the very highs and lows of Fezile Sibane Nkululeko Dlamini also known as CanulaTonez.

He is a 19 year old Hip-Hop, Rap, Classical, Emo and rock artist who was born and raised in Manzini.

He started his career in the year 2013 releasing his first single, a diss track titled "Get Outta My Face" a song he recorded at Lifindvo Studio Productions.

"I recorded the song when I was in Grade 6 during my time at Khanyisile Primary School. This song was repetitive and it was something best kept in the past. People unfortunately to this day, still have it on their phones and I don't know if I should be proud of myself or embar-



Try the trend

Colour You Beautiful; trust me it's the thing. It's officially summer! You've been looking for ways to bring some excitement into your life and have decided your best option is to change your hair colour. Wanting to try unusual colours in your hair is fun, and you choose to give it a go. So the mission impossible began for you.

What hair dye brand do you use? What colour ideas should you follow? Should you try an unusual colour? How will your hairstyle look with your choice of hair colour? Should you stick with traditional colours or fun colour ideas? Will you have fun hair or boring hair?

Well, sit back, relax, and read below as this will be the only guide you need to review to make that summer-fun hair colour choices. And by the end of this read, you'll be ready to try some crazy hair colours and look amazing all summer.

All hair types do come in three textures, but what does this mean for your straight hair? Well, if your type 1 straight hair is a texture 1 than you have hair that tends to be very soft, oily, and is difficult to curl. Your type 1a hair will

CRAZY HAIR COLOUR



also be difficult to damage as it will not mend to the many styles you'll want to try which will make you stick to wearing it in simple straight styles.

When it comes to hair dye being used on your type 1a hair, it can also be a difficult situation even though you have the most coveted hair



type. Though your type 1a hair is sleek, stylish, and shiny; you still want to change the styles and colours now and then, this could prove to be an impossible task if you either don't know what you're doing or can't afford a pricey trip to the beautician.

Here are things you need to know before dying your hair.



eight times for Eswatini Hip Hop Awards, Signed to Rehegoo Music Group, which is a label from the UK,

"I've been in the industry for six years and I'm also the founder of a company called Interview Me sponsored by Ikhaya Lethu Productions and it features a talk show called Interview Me, a talk show which was sounded on the of May 1, 2019. It uses the YouTube platform). I'm the youngest and first to perform on Eswatini TV's Kusile Talk Show, former model for Reign Entertainment and Magazine International 2015-2017. I cracked the top 20 Bushfire Firefly list this year at number 15 and that was my first appearance. I've opened for DJ Speedsta and Shane Eagle on two separate occasions. I've made the cover for Gcwala Magazine as an influencer and I released my first studio album on the 15 of December 2018. So far I got to say that I'm on a roll and I'm not going to stop now," he said.

He added that in future as a hip-hop artist, he would love his music to feature on Billboards hot list, feature with top talents like Juice Wrld, Upcoming Talent, Octavian, Lil Keed, Travis Scott, Eminem, Ski Mask The Slump God Khalid, Kanye West etc.

"I want to work with Nasty C, Anatii, Cassper Nyovest, Lady Zamar, Kwesta, Sjava and so much more talent. I want to reach international status because I want to build my own charity but when it comes to me as Fezile, I want to act in soapies and movies, I want to be an actor, work with Kevin Hart, David Spade, Sello Maake Ka-Ncube, Tom Hanks, Samuel L. Jackson, Will Smith and so much more. Right now my goal is to get Interview Me a lot of content, I want Interview Me radio station, Podcast, TV show and so much more, I basically want a huge company called CTZ Productions and a huge clothing brand behind it all but the whole goal is to help others," he said.

By Setsabile Nkambule

rassed because the song was for a particular student in my class during the time I liked her and unfortunately she didn't like me back and that's how it all started I guess," he said.

He's featured with Daryll Bhembe professionally known as Steez on so many songs and they are potentially forming a rap duo, he's featured Sisekelo Shawn on his Debut album inspiration and former member of a disbanded rap group called The Viperz.

After a few years in his music career he was diagnosed with stage 3 Lymphoma Cancer at the age of 13 and was taken to Pretoria at Little Company of Mary Hospital to get chemotherapy treatment. It was not long after that that he found out that he was epileptic. With the help from his family, he has been able to overcome all challenges life brought.

He has been able to make great strides in his career. He has been a nominee



1. You're probably going to have to bleach your hair.
2. This is going to be a process. It won't happen overnight.
3. Have professional bleach your hair for you.

4. Invest in some awesome (and sometimes expensive) products.
5. It's going to fade
6. Wash your hair in cold water.
7. Some colours will never come out.
8. Prepare for colour to get literally

everywhere.

9. You're going to get a lot of attention, and some of it isn't so nice.
10. Use your colourful hair as a learning opportunity.



Lifestyle Guide

HOW TO SURVIVE FESTIVE SEASON

Ah, the December holidays. It's that time of the year; where everyone feels the pressure to be with family and friends but most of all to spend money like January isn't already knocking on the door.

It's 100 per cent okay to enjoy the festive season, I mean *ke Dezember!* Exactly but at the same time let us bear in mind that a new year is beginning and we need money to go through the next coming months and everyone knows how January can get if you do not have enough money.

It's supposed to be that time of the year where we all get a little "R&R" but usually we end up stressing about visiting relatives, last minute shopping excursions for festive fare and rushing around from function to party to event.

But have no fear this year – we have your back and we bring you top tips on how to survive festive season with some tips from *real-buzz.com*.

TAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF

If you aren't taking care of yourself, how can you take care of others? Use this holiday time to do just that – take a holiday. Schedule in some time for yourself amongst all the busy holiday activities – go for a walk on the beach, spend some time in the garden or "check-out" with a pamper day.

MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOURSELF

Loath facing the

shopping malls, driving around for hours trying to find parking, in an attempt to find the perfect gift? Stop! Opt for something meaningful and easier to obtain this festive season – a donation to your loved one's favourite charity in lieu of gifts, a beautiful plant with some seed packets or a hand-crafted item.

SKIP THE STRESS OF COOKING

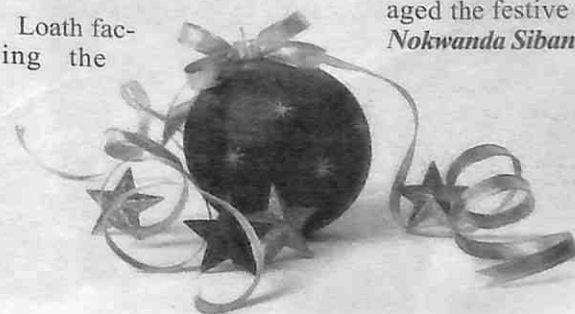
Hosting Christmas Day Lunch and stressed about cooking the steak just perfect for all your uncles making sure your mother-in-law's trifle recipe tastes "just as it should" or worried about what to serve your newly vegan nephew? It's enough to make you need another holiday! Take the stress off your plate.

LET SOMEONE ELSE DO THE BEAUTY WORK

Worried about bringing in 2015 with chipped nails and dull skin? Book a Spa Treatment with a therapist to get yourself tip-toe ready for the beach, that New Year's party of end-of-year function – let someone else worry about your nails or bikini wax – you've got enough to worry about!

DETOX

Worried about the overindulgence of mince pies, champagne and gammon? We've got a little help on the way! We hope you find these "survival tips" helpful! We'd love to hear how you managed the festive madness! By *Nokwanda Sibandze*





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G C O B A N I

THE

AFRICAN SOUL PRINCE

● “Music means everything to me. It is my heart and life, whatever I am to achieve it will be through music. Music is my future.”

Gcobani Sisekelo Masuku a guitarist, a singer and MTN Spotlight Top 10 finalists. This young man does not only have a unique sound but he also has skills when it comes to playing the guitar.

Gcobani is also a songwriter. This week we caught up with the 21-years-old and he told us everything about his journey as an upcoming artist in the music industry.

“I am from Hlatikulu, Salem and I went to Christ The King High School.”

The very shy singer said he grew up with his grandparents since his parents separated when he was very young.

“I would describe myself as self motivated and ambitious and definitely God-fearing person. I also love what I do and I believe I am blessed with a gift that I need to share with the world.”

He says he loves what he does so much that even during his spare time all his energy was directed to anything musical. “When I am free, I watch music videos, compose songs with my guitar. It gives me peace of mind and generally makes me happy. I am mostly happy when I am listening or composing music.”

His love for music grew through inspiration from his grandmother as she was fond of African music.

“My grandmother listened a lot to Miriam Makeba, Hugh Masekela, Ringo Madlingozi and many others. To tell the truth it was not my favourite music until she passed away. When my grandmother passed I started seeing the importance of the music she listened to but what made me fall in love with this type of music more was when I realised

that, that type of music was what my grandmother left for me as my inheritance.”

Gcobani said he realised he was in love with making music at the age of 12.

“I remember very well, it was 2007, when I was 12 I realised that I liked music. I would sing with my siblings most of the time and sometimes we would compete at home and I would be the winner most of the time, *hehe*.”

Gcobani then started saving his pocket money and would take a bus from Nhlengano to Mbabane to Subjamz Studios just to record a few songs.

“I would run away from school and with the little pocket money I had, I would make sure that it was

enough for me to get to Mbabane and at least record one song.”

He says he would also make sure he sings during events such as Speech and Prize Day at school. “I would sing and the audience would be entertained through my singing, and seeing that made me even hungrier for this thing called music.”

For his first guitar, he exchanged school shoes for a guitar.

“I had to exchange my shoes which I loved most for my first guitar. That is when I got the opportunity to play a guitar. I also taught myself how to play with the help of other people that I met playing.”

After trying to push his music and career, in 2017 Gcobani shared the stage with South African band The Muffins at The Place in Manzini.

Then in the same year he recorded a track with Bhloja with David Felgeirolles, a producer from France.

Gcobani has entered a number of singing competitions in the kingdom and did well in all of them. “It

has not been easy; in 2015 I entered the T55 Talent Search and I made it through to the top 10. This year, I tried again at the MTN Spotlight. I also made it through to the top eight, until I encountered certain challenges but both competitions taught me a great deal and

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learnt not of the things I know now if it was not for those challenges."

One of the people that have inspired Gcobani to keep strong has been producer Subjamz.

"From when I was still in school, he would record my songs at a reasonable price. He has truly been my inspiration."

He says his journey has been tough as he has encountered a number of challenges.

"Besides other things,

I use a very old guitar which makes it harder for me to play for a larger audience because it cannot be connected through the mixer. I also have a challenge on when recording. I compose songs almost every day. I cannot afford the recording hence I have recorded a few. Studio sessions are expensive."

He plays African music

which was his grandmother's favourite music.

Speaking on his dreams and aspirations, Gcobani hopes to record albums and make good music.

"I want to go beyond borders perform with international artists and local on big stages. I want to win SWAMA awards, to win BET awards. I have big dreams and every day I wake up and work hard to achieve those goals."

Gcobani also wants to be a music producer.

"I have a lot of dreams and am inspired by local artists such as Velemseni, Bhloja, MoCats, Thobile Makhoyane and Sands."

By Nokwanda Sibandze

(Pics courtesy of Motion Skies)



'Inhlitiyo' play captures audience's hearts

The play *Inhlitiyo* and the Heart opened to a warm reception this past Monday at the Mbabane Theatre Club.

Written and directed by Sakhile Gumbi, it has been described by audiences as funny, intense and thought-provoking. "Inhlitiyo is a story about people and what they find themselves doing as a result of the circumstances they are in. It's about how their past builds and affects their present character," he said. If you still haven't seen it, tickets are available, with the last show going live on the December 10. Born and raised in Eswatini, Gumbi is a man of many talents: a painter, singer, composer and photographer, he called on all of his skills in putting together this production which is set to change the theatre game in Eswatini.

Set in the rolling, rocky township of Skom in Mbabane, *Inhlitiyo* is a truly original piece of theatre. While this country has the label of being a safe, quiet and largely Christian country where the things that are explored in the play supposedly don't happen, we are also aware of a duality that is present and only a door away from one person to the next. "On a practical note, I was interested in creating some new theatre in the context of Eswatini, both thematically and technically, that would grow our understanding of theatre past the 'sketch'," Gumbi said. Local theatre productions also tend to run on weekends, and Gumbi decided to stage the play on weeknights instead. "I'd like to see a culture cultivated where we don't all hold events on the weekend," he added.

As a result of the events culture being mostly confined to the weekends, the cast and crew have been fielding questions on whether or not the play is in fact a series. "It's not a series, it's the same beautiful show, running for six nights," Gumbi further explained.

The play was originally workshopped by Ngqaba Tsela and Gumbi, as they staged and explored different ideas around the secret lives of the people of Eswatini. This eventually led them down the rabbit hole that leads to uMkhobo, a zombie. "The idea then became to write a contemporary story using an ancient traditional character like uMkhobo, and to put it in the now, around subjects that we deal with currently," Tsela said. This includes things such as our contemporary addiction to technology like smartphones. "With the expansion of technology and social media, there is a growing apathy and detachment that is happening amongst people. The zombie in the play is also a metaphor for how we are as a people, in the now," Gumbi added. Through music, dance, poetry, prose and video, *Inhlitiyo* tells a beautiful and intense story of three people existing together under extremely peculiar circumstances. Magendza is an old bachelor living in his dead father's house, a traditional healer embroiled in the underground trade of human flesh. His character is brought to life by Tsela, a seasoned veteran most recently seen in the widely popular *Buhle Buyeza*. "Tsela brings an energy to the stage that can only come with years of practice, and he is always a marvel to watch", according to an audience member from Monday. His performance of the sometimes abhorrent protagonist is both funny and serious, a balance he achieves with ease,



making the audience shake their heads as easily as he makes them roar with laughter.

Magendza's nephew, Tony, arrives under cover of darkness one night but doesn't exactly make his intentions for visiting known. Tony is vibrant, energetic, young, and fashionable; he seems relaxed at first, but he, too is keeping secrets. This character offers an opportunity for rising young talent Lethu Nxumalo to spread his wings, as he takes on the challenge of expressing the character through dance as well as prose. "The way he moves is beautiful", remarked an audience member after Tuesday's show. "He brings the kind of energy to his performance that makes you believe he's going to be a star one day," said one member of Wednesday's audience.

Silently occupying the spaces between the men is Natalie, Magendza's zombie, whom Tony is unable to see. Rodah Mwakio is excellent in this role, and provides an unsettling reminder of how the world can be towards women. Mwakio not only performs the role of Natalie with aplomb, she wrote and developed Natalie's story as well. "She is gorgeous, and so talented," said singer Thobile Makhoyane, who attended Monday night's premiere.

Ignored

Through Natalie's story, the play explores themes which are very real in Eswatini and yet often ignored by most. "Drug abuse is a growing problem in the country amongst the youth and working class, but nobody talks about it," Gumbi said. Socially, alcohol is acceptably consumed when going out on weekends. However, existing parallel to that is the secret world of hard drugs that are used in these very spaces. Drugs are used by people we know and love, people we respect, people that participate in society, so it doesn't seem like a big deal. And at this point we are still not ready to face this reality or to admit it. The play brings it forward in the life of Natalie and leaves the audience with a serious question," he added. *Inhlitiyo* also looks at human trafficking, a continuing epidemic in Africa and another black market that exists domestically in the country. "The play tries to talk about this issue in a non-prescriptive way, bringing it to light but leaving it up to the audience to interpret it. We get to see and understand the people that trade in human bodies, and, in so doing, get to peer into a world that would other-

wise remain foreign," Gumbi said. "The time around the last national elections unveiled how real human trafficking is in Eswatini, and exposed how close some of these things are to all of us. And how, even in this modern day and age, some of these practices are seemingly still relevant in the pursuit for power," Gumbi said. "As irrational as some of these practices may seem, people are trafficked for the benefit of the respectable 'suit and tie' types suits and white shirts, and not how we would imagine it in some dusty backward rural area for a regressive audience," he continued. The play is set in an urban plot to highlight this misconception.

As the story progresses, Natalie and Tony find themselves victims of circumstance, and the play explores how much of this is as a result of their own decisions. Through them, *Inhlitiyo* looks at what happens to the girl and boy child when they are not nurtured through the vulnerable stages of their lives. We see what happens to both Tony and Natalie as they get lost in worlds that lead them into other worlds. By the time they can do anything about it, they find it may be too late. On a literary note, the play is written in four languages: siSiswati, isiZulu, Chichewa and English. This captures some of their backgrounds and reflects their travels. "The text tries to have the main characters Magendza and Tony talk to each other in the two official languages of the country in a way that is natural in Eswatini, with the old speaking in siSwati and the young Tony speaking and responding primarily in English. There is also some poetry and prose with their monologues, which makes some of what they say rich and complex. Also in attendance at the premiere were singer Velemseni, poet Qibho Intalektual and Nokuthula September, who drove in from Johannesburg to see the first show. "It feels like the start of something huge and it's definitely going to be big in Johannesburg. I'm very excited about this production's prospects," she said. Wednesday's show included Andisiwe, who travelled all the way from Durban and said she enjoyed herself very much. Ralph Smit, one half of Eswatini based internationally acclaimed music duo Mr. Freddy was also in attendance on Wednesday night. *Inhlitiyo* and the Heart runs until the December 10, 2019 at the Mbabane Theatre Club. Tickets are E120 at the door and the show starts at 7pm.

Lifestyle

Celebville

01

AMAPIANO FILLED
WITH RECYCLED
LYRICS - JR

JOHANNESBURG - Rapper Tabure Thabo Bogopa Junior, also known as JR, dropped some wisdoms on amapiano. JR has a hand in some of the

biggest hits that have come out of Mzansi, so when he took to the Twitter pulpit this week to preach a note on amapiano, everyone was listening. 'Yano has swept Mzansi like a flood, but as the genre becomes bigger the lyrics have got more and more attention.

JR took to Twitter this week to weigh in on your favourite genre, claiming that there is only "a handful of songwriters" in the genre. He said the rest was recycled lyrics. The sad thing about amapiano is that there's a handful of songwriters. Everyone else is just (recycling emoji). [I] was speaking to some artists last week who said 'This is Piano haona di rules'."

02

'I WAS ONLY SEMI-AROUSED
IN DELETED IG POST'

HOLLYWOOD - Jason Derulo says he's a victim of a social media double standard and he informed us about this while totally gloating about the size of his junk. Well played, JD.

We ran into the singer on Wednesday hours after Instagram deleted his famous underwear pic by a pool in Bali the very definition of living large. IG's explanation was that Jason was showing off "aroused genitalia" with the giant bulge in his briefs.

Jason's throwing cold water on that theory though telling he wasn't all that aroused in the photo, calling it more of a "semi" sitch.

He says basic knowledge of the male anatomy supports his claim. Buckle up for Prof. Derulo's lesson, class.

Now, as for any potential shrinkage he was emerging from a pool, after all Jason admits that was NOT an issue.

Yeah, as they say in ancient Rome ... *res ipsa loquitur*. The thing speaks for itself. Here is a serious point Jason wants to get across -- he believes IG is discriminating against his natural blessings. He's demanding equality, and he's ready to chat with Facebook and Instagram about it. We wouldn't suggest a pool-side meeting. (TMZ)

03

Kourtney Kardashian hits club with ex Younes Bendjima

MIAAMI - Kourtney Kardashian keeps her friends and family close and her exes closer partying it up behind the DJ booth with Younes Bendjima.

Kourt was spotted at LIV in Miami Beach at around 2 am Thursday with her ex-boyfriend, and we're told they were together and very cozy the entire time at the nightclub.

One witness says they looked very much like a couple talking, laughing and enjoying the music but also seemed like they were trying to avoid being seen they mostly remained in a little corner of the club.

This isn't the first time they've been

back together since their August 2018 breakup though we got them at a coffee shop earlier this year, and they appeared to be on very good terms then too. Kourtney and Younes are in Miami for Art Basel. They also both attended the Dior Men's Fall 2020 fashion show on Tuesday, though not together.

Of course, Kendall Jenner and Bella Hadid are also hanging out in Miami this week and both ladies were

partying at LIV as well. They also were spotted eating at Swan Restaurant and hanging out at E11even Nightclub. (TMZ)



05

MAPHORISA LABELLED
'COMEDIAN OF THE YEAR'

JOHANNESBURG - Award-winning producer Maphorisa has again been dragged into conversations about Faith Nketsi's music career, after her first performances as a rapper went a bit pear-shaped. Maphorisa, who has been working with Faith as she launches her music career, found himself trending on Twitter this week after videos of Faith's first few gigs went viral.

Faith first shared a video of a performance on her Instagram account,

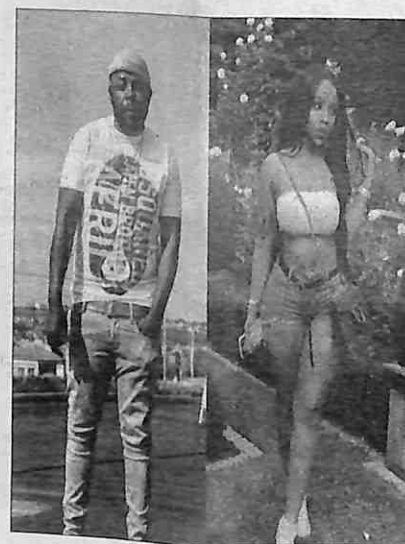
to mixed reactions. Most followers said she should stick to twerking or reality shows, while others said she was played by the sound guy. It got

worse when another video emerged, showing the audience standing still during her performance and others walking away.

Tweeps soon weighed in on the concert "flop", labelling Maphorisa the "comedian of the year" for his "prank" on SA music fans.

Last month, Maphorisa was accused of "sabotaging" Faith's career, after a video of her in studio with the producer went viral. In it, Faith can be heard dropping bars while Maphorisa makes noises in approval. Maphorisa responded to the backlash, saying

SA hip-hop needed Faith and defended his decision to work with her. (Times Live)



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It's not every day you get to be introduced by Oprah

JOHANNESBURG - Actress Nomzamo Mbatha is doing the most in these streets and people can't do anything but stan.

Just last week she was rubbing shoulders with Formula 1 champion Lewis Hamilton and on Wednesday afternoon she got introduced by America's very own Oprah Winfrey at the talk-show host's Leadership Academy for Girls in Gauteng.

As one of the keynote speakers at the Class of 2019 Valedictory ceremony, Oprah gave Nomzamo a lengthy introduction in which she mentioned her achievements and how she had made a name of herself in the entertainment industry in a short space of time.

"And in just a short period of time, her journey has taken her from an

unknown in TV Africa's [talent search] to one of the most sought-after women of influence on the continent of Africa," said Oprah. Filled with gratitude and excitement, Nomzamo shared on Instagram how badly she wanted to attend the academy when she was a teenager, but couldn't because she was already grades ahead. "It's not every day that you get to be introduced by the incomparable Oprah Winfrey. I remember when I was 14 and the announcement was made that she would be conducting interviews with young girls across the country that would join the academy. I was devastated.

"I even considered dropping two grades down just so I could attend. To have the opportunity. To be in an institution that nurtures young girls from all backgrounds."

While her life was way dif-

ferent to what she had expected, the renowned actress was grateful for how it had turned out, especially having her name being uttered from Oprah's lips. (Times Live)



Movie watch



MANOU

PG | 1H 42MIN | ANIMATION, ADVENTURE, COMEDY
The little swift Manou grows up believing he's a seagull. Learning to fly he finds out he never will be. Shocked, he runs away from home. He meets birds of his own species and finds out who...
DIRECTOR: Christian Haas, Andrea Block (co-director)
WRITER: Axel Melzener, Andrea Block
STARS: Kate Winslet, Willem Dafoe, Josh Keaton



COUPLE'S NIGHT

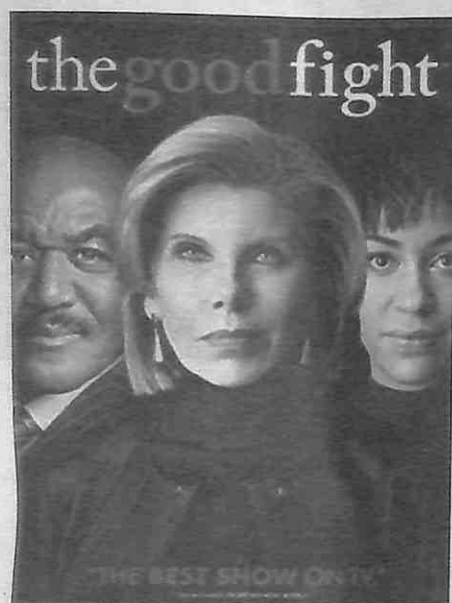
PG | 1H 32MIN | ROMANCE
A mid-western couple is transferred to Washington DC for work and meet the neighbors, a super-intense couple. As their friendships develop, confusion unfolds in this country mice meet city mice adventure.
DIRECTOR: Mark Harris
WRITER: Ytasha Womack
STARS: Charles Malik Whitfield, Reagan Gomez-Preston, Clifton Powell



JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL (2019)

PG-13 | 2H 3MIN | ACTION, ADVENTURE, COMEDY |
In Jumanji: The Next Level, the gang is back but the game has changed. As they return to rescue one of their own, the players will have to brave parts unknown from arid deserts to snowy mountains, to escape the world's most dangerous game.
DIRECTOR: Jake Kasdan
WRITERS: Jake Kasdan, Jeff Pinkner | 2 more credits »
STARS: Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart

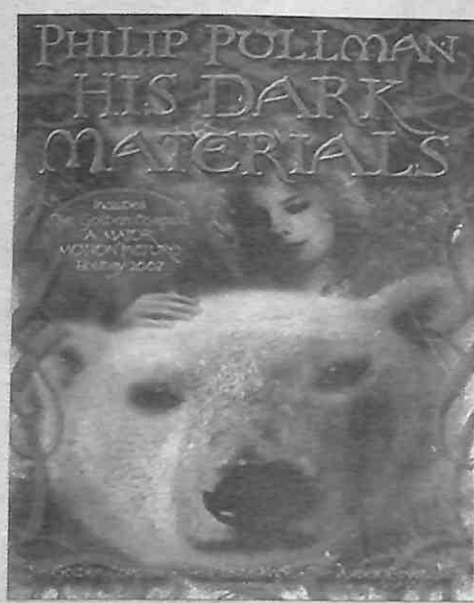
TV Shows (Series)



THE GOOD FIGHT

SEASON 3

Missing The Good Wife? Thankfully Diane Lockhart (Christine Baranski in an Emmy-nominated role) and Lucca Quinn (Cush Jumbo in a Critics Choice nominated role) are back in the sequel, The Good Fight, which picks up a year later as a financial scam wipes out Diane's life savings, and good reputation, forcing her to start from scratch at a historically black law firm, Reddick, Boseman, & Kolstad.



HIS DARK MATERIALS

SEASON 1

Lyra's search for a kidnapped friend uncovers a sinister plot involving stolen children, setting off a quest through parallel worlds to understand a mysterious phenomenon called Dust. The fantasy's cast includes child stars Dafne Keen and Amir Wilson as Lyra and Will, supported by Golden Globe winner Ruth Wilson (The Affair, Luther), Golden Globe nominee James McAvoy (X-Men), and BAFTA winner Helen McCrory (Harry Potter, The Queen). Oscar winner Tom Hooper (The King's Speech) is one of the directors.



WHAT WE DO IN THE SHADOWS

SEASON 1

From Jemaine Clement (Flight Of The Conchords) and Taika Waititi (Thor: Ragnarok), the hit mockumentary What We Do In The Shadows is a look into the daily (or rather, nightly) lives of three vampires who've lived together in New York for over 100 years – plenty of time to get on each other's nerves.

SONG OF THE WEEK

Dance Monkey - Tones and I

[Verse 1]

They say, "Oh my God, I see the way you shine
Take your hands, my dear, and place them both in mine"
You know you stopped me dead while I was passing by
And now I beg to see you dance just one more time

[Pre-Chorus]

Ooh, I see you, see you, see you every time
And oh my, I, I like your style
You, you make me, make me, make me wanna cry
And now I beg to see you dance just one more time

[Chorus]

So they say
Dance for me, dance for me, dance for me, oh-oh-oh
I've never seen anybody do the things you do before
They say
Move for me, move for me, move for me, ayy-ayy-ayy
And when you're done, I'll make you do it all again

[Verse 2]

I said, "Oh my God, I see you walking by
Take my hands, my dear, and look me in my eyes"
Just like a monkey, I've been dancin' my whole life
But you just beg to see me dance just one more time

[Pre-Chorus]

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And oh my, I, I like your style
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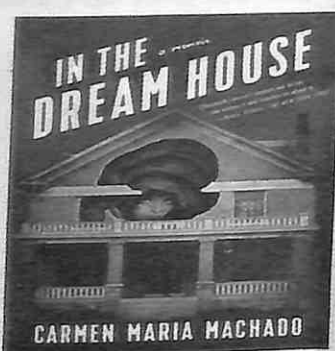
[Bridge]

Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh
(Do it all again, do it all again, do it all again)
Oh-oh, oh-oh, oh
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh-oh
(Do it all again, do it all again, do it all again)
Ooh, ah-ah, ah-ah

[Chorus]

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oh-oh, oh-oh
I've never seen anybody do the things you do before
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And when you're done, I'll make you do it all again
All again

Book Review



IN THE DREAM HOUSE

BY CARMEN MARIA MACHADO

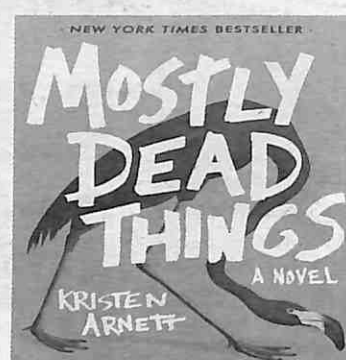
This memoir, which tells the story of Machado's abusive relationship with another woman, is an act of personal and formal bravery: a narrative refracted through multiple genres—"Dream House as Creature Feature," "Dream House as Word Problem"—that explores vulnerability but vibrates with power. Machado heightens a sense of dislocation by seeming to practice literary criticism on herself. (Right before her prologue, she writes, "I never read prologues. If what the author has to say is so important, why relegate it to the paratext? What are they trying to hide?")



GIRL, WOMAN, OTHER

BY BERNARDINE EVARISTO

Evaristo's eighth novel, which shared this year's Booker Prize with "The Testaments," by Margaret Atwood, creates a symphony of black womanhood. Each chapter centers on a different character—a feminist playwright, her goth-alien daughter, the "separatist lesbian house-builder" dating her friend—and their connections emerge gradually. At different times, Evaristo's tone is either ringing or confiding, amused or stricken. Her language spills over the page in free verse that suggests Ntozake Shange but lays down its own rhythms.



MOSTLY DEAD THINGS

BY KRISTEN ARNETT

This debut novel follows a taxidermist, Jessa-Lynn, who lives in central Florida and is mourning the death of her father. Jessa-Lynn's lover, who is also her brother's wife, has run off. Her mother is taking apart her father's specimens—he, too, was a taxidermist—and turning them into erotic art installations. Black humor meets lush prose; Arnett's Florida—a world of sensuousness and danger—expresses the freedom that her characters seek, as taxidermy itself becomes a figure for queerness, sex, art, and loss.



BIRCHCOOPER GRADUATE INSTITUTE '19 GRADUATION

CEREMONY



DAPPER: Sikelela Sibandze in a blue E1 600 suit.



PRETTY: Noncedo Ngcamphalala wore a blue dress which cost E600.



HAPPY: Takagwane Dlamini went for a white dress with sheer sleeves.



MONEY: Nozipho Mabuza's dress costs E2 200, shoes E700, and hair worth E6 000.



FLOWER GIRL: Siphwe Dlamini looked beautiful in a orange dress with a flowing top.



TUTU: Babhekwa Dlamini decided on a pink tutu that cost E1500.



LEG: Samukelisiwe Nhlabatsi shows off some skin.



YELLOW LADY: Tasengudzeni Mamba went for a yellow dress.



DIFFERENT: Temalangen Dlamini went for a different look with her pants suit outfit.



BLUE SUIT: Xolani Mkhonta went for a E2 500 suit and shoes that cost E3 000.



BLACK AND WHITE: Zakhele Nxumalo went for a classic black and white suit.



BOSS LADY: Buhle Dlamini decided on a pants suit for her graduation.



BEAUTIFUL: Nomsa Hlophe looked stunning in her red dress.



GREEN: Nomcebo Mdluli went for a green dress which cost E300.

By Roksana Panashchuk

A Kazakh woman who snatched a newborn baby girl from a maternity hospital and sold her for more than £1,500 has been sentenced to seven years in prison.

Asel Zhapanova, 22, stole the child from the Taraz Regional Maternity Hospital in Southern Jambyl Province of Kazakhstan, a court heard.

She entered a ward and placed the child inside a sports bag while her mother was away from the room, investigators said.

Zhapanova then left the hospital through the service entrance without staff noticing the child was hidden on her person.

CCTV footage shows the woman, dressed in a long pink dress, hurriedly walking away from the hospital while carrying the child in a bag.

The newborn was left unsupervised after her mother went to have a bite in a local canteen and the carer left to answer a quick phone call, the court heard.

When the carer returned, she discovered the child missing and called the police.

Officers immediately checked all surveillance cameras and tracked down Zhapanova who had entered a hotel near the hospital.

Police officer Zharaskan Akberdiev said: "The woman and the baby were found in a room of at the Astana Hotel located near the hospital.

"The woman had just sold the child for 800 000 Kazakhstani tenges (£1 576) when she and the buyers were arrested.

"The newborn's condition was normal and her life was not in danger. She was returned to her mother.

Woman steals baby from hospital, sells her for £1500



Asel Zhapanova, 22, stole a baby girl from the Taraz Regional Maternity Hospital in southern Jambyl province of Kazakhstan, a court heard



"It took the police two hours to solve the case."

Reports said the hospital staff knew Zhapanova and allowed her into the hospital as she had given birth to her

third child at the ward there just three days before the incident.

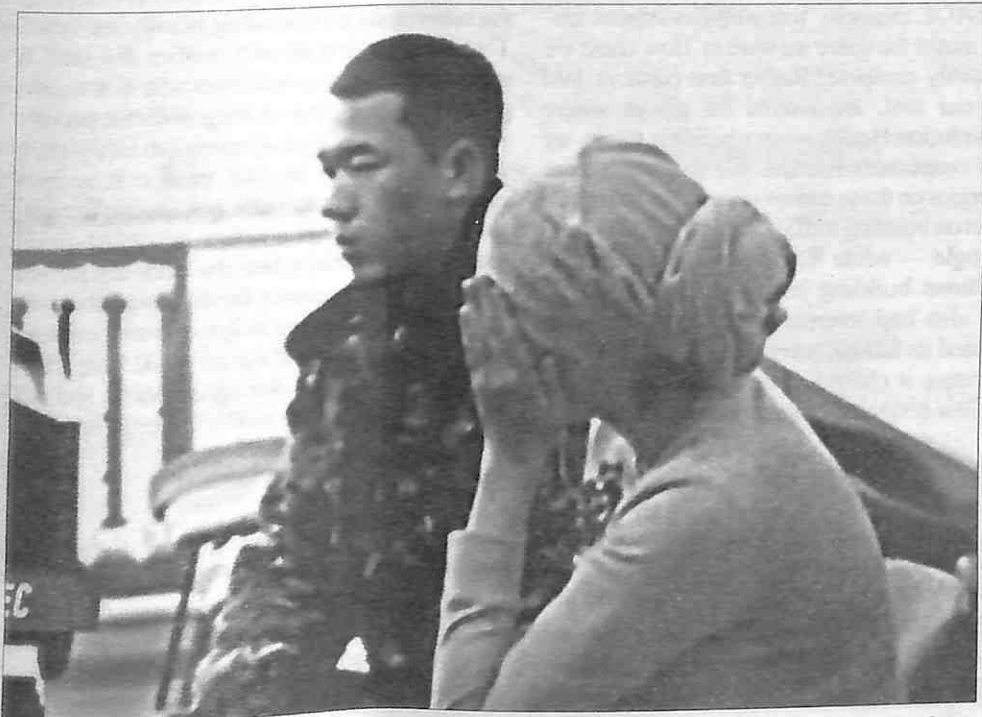
Visiting

The woman told staff she was visiting an acquaintance.

Judge Erbol Duysenbayev said: "The guilt of the defendant Zhapanova is fully proved by witnesses' testimonies, the video from the hospital and other evidence con-

sidered during court hearings."

Asel Zhapanova was charged with kidnapping and human trafficking. She was sentenced to seven years in prison. *Mail Online*



Asel Zhapanova during the court hearing in which she was sentenced to seven years in prison



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ECONOMICS TODAY

WITH: George Choongwa

QUOTE

I believe that economics is based on scarcity of markets. And it's possible to monetize your art without compromising the integrity of it for commerce.

- Nipsey Huddle

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Nurturing sustainable growth

One of the key features of a business person is resilience! By definition, resilience is the ability to withstand tough situations. It can also mean the ability to get back to original position after having gone through tough situation.

Business is never smooth all the time, it is a challenge and journey. Therefore, one needs to build a strong resilience. For this course, I wish to share with you an important article written by Mitch Rothschild who brings out the following key practices about resilience which include:

.....The fighter Mike Tyson once said, "Everybody has a plan, until they get punched in the mouth." As an entrepreneur, you need to roll with the punches. Complacency is deadly in business. Kodak, Blackberry, are cautionary tales of what happens when business leaders fail to adapt during changing times.

My own coat challenge was just one way to keep myself sharp. I'll drive new routes home so I don't fall into patterns. I'll show up in a new city with only US\$10 in my pocket and no credit cards to see if I can figure out how to get my destination. I've even tried eating healthy off a food stamp budget for two weeks, learning how to keep what's crucial and eliminate what's superfluous.

Some people, by virtue of their DNA, are just born more resilient. Research shows that those naturally selected have a higher proportion of neuropeptide, a transmitter in the brain, that makes them more psychologically hearty and resistant to high-pressure situations. Luckily, research shows that resiliency can be as much nurture as it is nature.

While some of my self-imposed challenges may seem bizarre, resiliency training helps me rise to the demands of operating a business. Rather than let obstacles get the better of me, I've practiced the fine art of calculation, regulating my emotions in order to stay focused and find the clear path forward.

In my view, there are four things resilient individuals — and organizations — must do in order to rise above adversity.

Remain realistic

Optimism is great, but big challenges require a sober grasp of reality. It's important for business leaders to ask, "Do I truly understand — and accept — the reality of the situation?"

People who are overly positive are less likely to foresee pitfalls. Worse, they're prone to slip into denial, rather than tackle the hard issues in front of them. The truth is, facing reality is often uncomfortable and requires a certain gut-check. But business leaders need that kind of cool, unblinking courage to confront difficult situations and move forward toward success.

Reframe problems into lessons

When the going gets tough, we all know people who start to lament, "Why me?" But playing the victim doesn't solve problems. Tough times are going to happen. The resilient leader asks, "What have I learned from this experience?" Not, "What have I lost?" The lessons of past experiences only help to inform future chances to do it better next time. That's something all successful businesses and individuals understand.

Related facts

This is related to the a case study from my own experience which states that our health search business had a vision of getting into the cost transparency-business. And our exuberant sales team sold it but it was slideware, not software. The product had to be built under a tight deadline. The client, thinking it was already done, asked for customized modifications, which we had to build into the core product against a deadline. In the end, we ended up with a piece of customized software but violated the basic business rule: Build it once, sell it a hundred times.

Be resourceful

Making do with what's at hand takes discipline and a keen eye. Often, creative individuals with a varied skill set are able to come up with the best solutions. When the going gets tough, these leaders imagine possibilities and improvise their way toward a solution, whereas others may stay idle and remain confounded. Resourceful individuals are more resilient since they're able to rise above stress and thrive

with changing times. Another case study: Soon after we launched our website, a formidable competitor burst onto the scene. Revolution Health, founded by Steve Case of AOL here's my AOL example was well-funded and taking aim at the space we were in. How could we possibly compete? Rather than panic or fold up our tent, we looked for places where Revolution Health wasn't building things we felt consumers needed. We focused all our energies on those narrow spaces. And we made a bet on building traffic through free SEO from Google — while Revolution burned through millions building its brand. This competitor also had internal issues that ultimately caused its failure, leaving the field wide open, because it chased some of the other smaller, less resilient competitors out of the way.

Work for a higher purpose

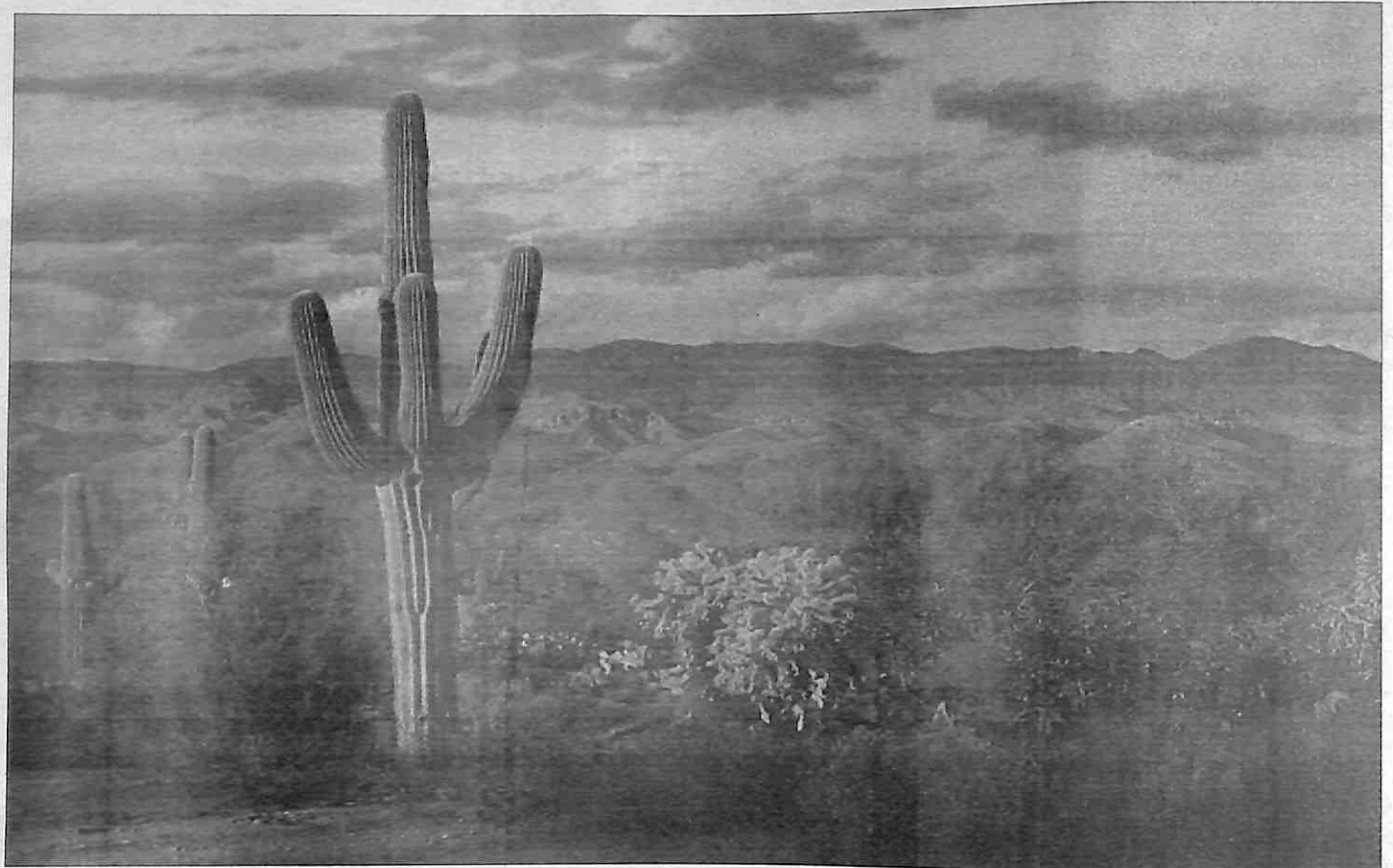
Leaders would be wise to practice what Austrian psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor Viktor E. Frankl termed "meaning therapy." Simply put, it teaches people to look past their immediate hardships to think of the greater meaning of their lives. In business, purpose and

profits don't have to be at odds. A company that cares deeply about a cause creates intrinsic value for both the workers and the customers. At Vitals, we're committed to making the experience of choosing healthcare better. That mission drives and unifies the staff. It makes it likely that employees will stick together and not jump ship during difficult periods. And it's something customers can easily grasp and get behind. In the end, no one in business can expect to simply walk out among the raindrops. Resiliency is a reflex, a way of understanding the world when the odds are stacked against you. It requires facing down the competition, improvising solutions and creating something meaningful out of work. This is how Vitals has survived during setbacks and will continue to when the next challenge arrives.

Conclusion

Every business has grown because of resilience because to any form of growth, resistance has always been there, hence the two go hand in hand, there is no growth of a business without resistance and every resistance is challenged by resilience. I wish you the best.

Resilience is the way to go in business



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QUOTE

Eating is so intimate. It's very sensual. When you invite someone to sit at your table and you want to cook for them, you're inviting a person into your life.

- Maya Angelou



LIVE SMART, BE ACTIVE,
EAT WISELY

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Dietary guidelines around the world recommend an increased consumption of fruits and vegetables, as good sources of dietary fiber, essential nutrients and beneficial phytochemicals, to improve global health and reduce chronic disease risk.

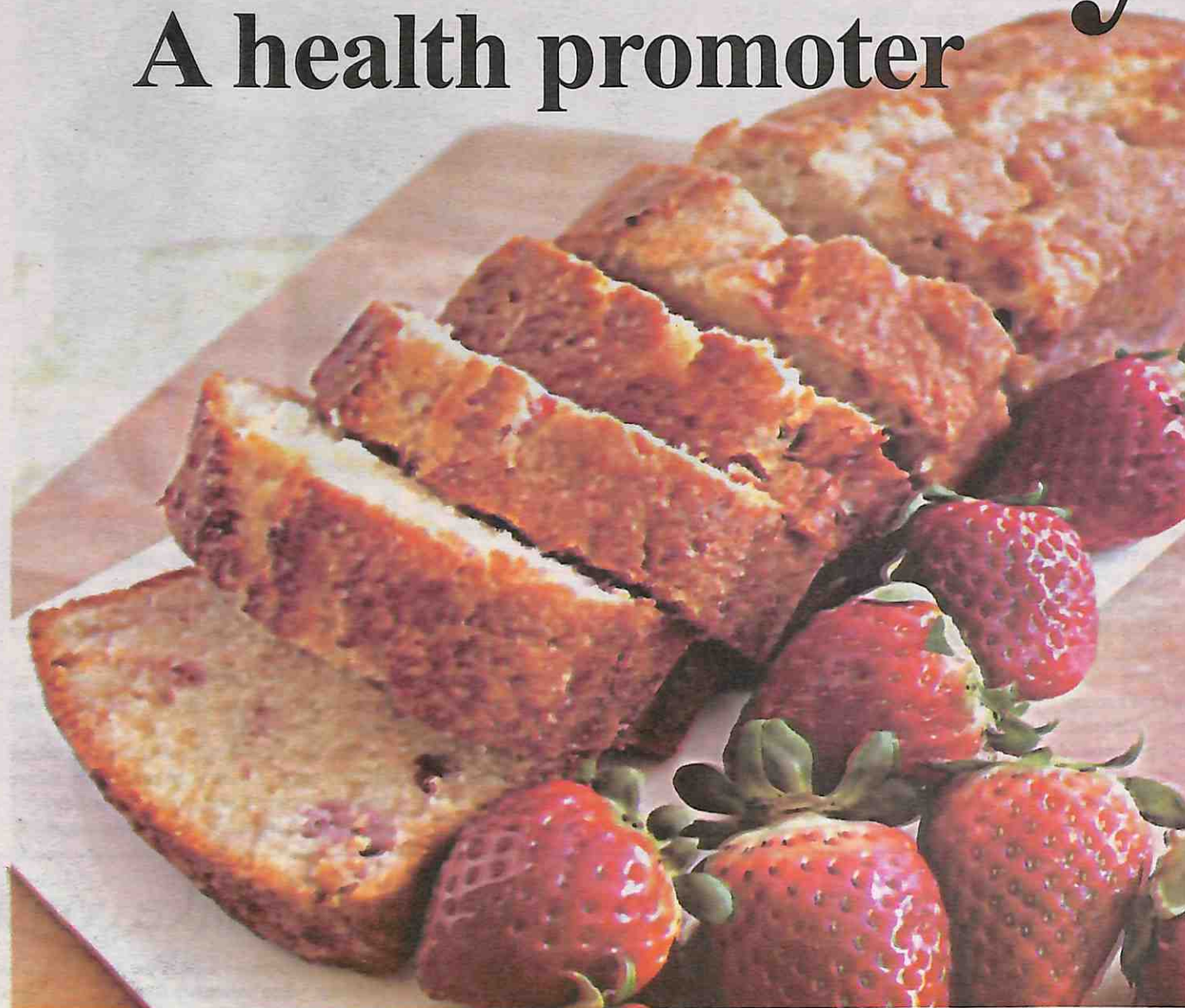
A diet rich in fruits and vegetables is indeed associated with a lower incidence of several degenerative pathologies, including obesity, cancer, cardiovascular and neurological diseases, therefore, increasing the consumption of fruits and vegetables may be a practical strategy for prevention. Berries provide noteworthy health benefits among fruits because of their highly nutritive compounds, including minerals, vitamins, fatty acids and dietary fiber, as well as a wide range of polyphenolic phytochemicals (flavonoids, phenolic acids, lignans, and tannins). Among berries, strawberries are spherical, dark red in colour and tasty when fully ripened. They are popularly consumed not only in fresh and frozen forms but also as processed and derived products, including yoghurts, beverages, jams and jellies and marmalades. They are also used in medicine as antiseptics, diuretics and laxatives. Recently, strawberry extracts have also been used as ingredients in functional foods and dietary supplements, combined with other colorful fruits, vegetables and herbal extracts. The Strawberry is called 'the queen of fruits' In Asian countries because it's packed with health benefits. Compared to fruits like apples, oranges or bananas, strawberries have the highest amount of nutrients. These juicy heart-shaped delights have much more to offer beyond sweetness and flavour. Regarding their nutritional and phytochemical composition, strawberries contain fat-soluble vitamins, including carotenoids, vitamin A, vitamin E and vitamin K, but one of the aspects of major nutritional relevance is their high content of vitamin C (about 60 mg per 100 g fresh fruit) and albeit to a lower extent, a sufficiently good source of several other vitamins, such as thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, and vitamin B6. Another significant nutritional feature is the concentration of folate (24 µg per 100 g fresh fruit). Among other fruits, strawberries are one of the richest natural sources of this indispensable micronutrient, which represents an essential factor in health promotion and disease prevention. Strawberries are also a notable source of manganese and a good source of iodine, magnesium, copper, iron and phosphorus. Moreover, both their dietary fiber and fructose contents may contribute to regulating blood sugar levels by slowing digestion, while the fiber content may control calorie intake by its satiating effect. In addition to traditional nutrients, strawberries are among the richest dietary sources of phytochemicals, mainly represented by phenolic compounds, a large and heterogeneous group of biologically active non-nutrients, showing many nonessential functions in plants and huge biological potentialities in humans. Indeed, strawberry phenolics are best known for their antioxidant and anti-inflammatory action and possess direct and indirect antimicrobial, anti-allergy, and anti-hypertensive properties, as well as the capacity for inhibiting the activities of some physiological enzymes and receptors, preventing oxidative stress-related diseases.

Health benefits of Strawberries

The beneficial advantages of strawberries are their role in prevention of inflammation, oxidative stress and cardiovascular disease (CVD),

Strawberry

A health promoter



certain types of cancers, type 2 diabetes, obesity and neuro degeneration. Strawberries inhibit different types of cancer cell transformation and proliferation in vitro and in decreasing the early and late progression of experimentally induced tumors. Therefore strawberry extracts protect against carcinogenesis.

Helps burn stored fat

The red coloring in strawberries contains anthocyanins, which stimulate the burning of stored fat.

Boost short term memory

The anthocyanins in strawberries boost short term memory.

Low in calories

Strawberries are high in fibre (one cup contains only 54 calories).

Ease inflammation

Strawberries lower blood levels of C-reactive protein (CRP), a signal of inflammation in the

body.

Lower cardiovascular disease

Flavonoids, which are responsible for the colour and flavour of strawberries, lower the risk for heart disease.

Promote bone health

Strawberries contain potassium, vitamin K and magnesium which are important for bone health.

Prevent oesophageal cancer

Freeze-dried strawberry powder may help prevent human oesophageal cancer.

Anti-aging properties

Strawberries are filled with biotin, which helps build strong hair and nails. They also contain the antioxidant ellagic acid, which protects the elastic fibers in our skin to prevent sagging.

Good for weigh loss

The compound nitrate found in strawberries promotes blood flow and oxygen in our body, which is great for weight loss.

Promote eye health

Eating three or more servings of fruit like strawberries may lower the risk of macular degeneration, a condition resulting in vision loss.

Recipe

Strawberry Smoothie

Ingredients

1 cup orange juice
2 large bananas, peeled and sliced
2 cups fresh or frozen strawberries, thawed
2 cups low fat vanilla yogurt
10 ice cubes

Method

Combine orange juice, banana, and half the strawberries into a blender container. Blend until smooth.

Add yogurt, remaining strawberries, and ice cubes. Blend until smooth.
Serve immediately in cups.

PET OBSERVER

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QUOTE

Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend.
Inside of a dog it's too dark to read.

- Groucho Marx

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Holidays affect pets, too, and often in negative ways.

Make sure visitors understand and keep in place your normal safety measures regarding pets, e.g. keeping gates closed so the dogs can't wander into the road.

- Do not leave kittens or puppies with small children. Children can hurt them and break fragile bones.

- Make sure that kittens and puppies do not chew on electrical cords for fairy lights.

- Make sure that small toys do not get swallowed by puppies.

- Make sure that your dog does not have access to your, or your neighbour's, rubbish bags. The decaying food may smell good to the pet but result in severe gastroenteritis and or pancreatitis.

- If you have a braai be aware that bones given to dogs can result in blockages.

- Be aware of wooden kebab sticks – they can be swallowed whole!

- If your pet is frightened by fireworks take precautions.

- Amid holiday chaos, remember to make sure that your pet's water bowl is kept full – it's a hot time of year.

- Make sure you have enough pet food to tide over the holidays.

- Stick to your flea control regimen.

- Don't take your pet shopping and leave it in the car. When the shops are busy, you can't guarantee how long you'll be and a hot car is the same as a hot oven to a pet or small child.

- Don't accept a pet as a gift unless you are committed to a lifetime of care and are properly prepared (correct food, bowls, bedding, kennel, collar, and leash).

- Don't give a pet as a gift unless you are 100

Pets and holidays



per cent sure the recipient is prepared for and wants it – for a lifetime.

If you are going away and leaving pets at home

- Make sure your house sitter has your phone number in case of emergency.

- Make sure you leave more than enough food and any medication your pet is taking.

- Make sure that your pet is microchipped or has a collar tag.

If you are leaving pets at SAWS for safety

- Make kennel reservations WELL IN ADVANCE. The kennels get very busy over holidays.

- Make sure your pet's vaccinations are up to date and take the vaccination certificate along.

- Leave an emergency contact number where either a relative/friend can be found or where you can be located throughout your holiday.

- Let the kennel know who your usual vet-

erinarian is. Let him/her know when you'll be away.

- Make sure your pet has been treated for fleas and ticks.

- So that the experience is less traumatic for your pet, take along his own food, bedding and some toys.

- If your pet is on medication, take enough to last through his stay at the kennel.

If your pet is travelling with you

- Have your veterinarian examine your pet within two weeks of travel.

- Make sure your pet's vaccinations are up-to-date.

- Bring vaccine and health records with you. (Pets can't cross the border without a "passport".)

- Put an ID tag on your pet's collar and carry a current photo of it.

- Bring more than sufficient of your pet's food.

- Bring bowls for food and water.

- Bring bottles of water for times when your pet is thirsty and water is not available.

- Bring leashes, toys and bedding.

- Make sure your pet has been treated for fleas and ticks.

- If your pet is on medication bring enough to last throughout the trip.

- Bring a carrier for your pet to travel in safely.

- Bring bags to clear up dog poop.

Happy holidays to you and your pets!



Eswatini Standards Authority

In early February 2009, a consumer toll free line was set up in the Information Centre. The rationale behind this move was to create a platform on which consumers who are the fundamental stakeholders in SQAM issues, can air concerns affecting them in the local trade in goods and services markets.

Information and data gathered from consumer calls are expected to inform SWASA strategic direction especially her core operations which naturally should focus on addressing national needs. SWASA aspires to create an informed standards and quality culture; a vision which can only be optimally attained and maintained through continuous interactions with national stakeholders especially the consumer. At the time of reporting, SWASA has received over one hundred (300) consumer complaints spanning a wide spectrum of issues from substandard consumer goods (mainly electronic and food products) to issues that are not related to the Authority's core business like labour issues. There are also complaints on trade services as well where consumers feel that they

are not getting their monies worth for the services provided. I asked the Consumer Liaisons Officer if he had any advice he would like to impart on local consumers, to help us help them in successfully resolving their grievances.

It is true that most of us have been victims of being sold substandard goods or services. Yet consumers can still do something about getting redress for products/services that do not meet their expectations after purchase. Consumers have internationally accepted consumer rights, instead of getting angry and deciding never to buy from that shop, there is a way you can complain and let your voice be heard. Consumers need to be smart, clever and firm whenever something goes wrong with products/services they have purchased. Below are a few tips on how to ensure a consumer complaint is properly attended;

Things you do after realising a problem in goods

Consumer Liason Officer: You need to consider the following after realising there is a problem;

Stop using it

Act as soon as possible

Keep a record of all extra costs

Collect all supporting evidence

Never get angry

How to successfully make consumer complaints

CLO: Customers usually get mad when complaining, when sometimes their issue is so small that it can be easily resolved. Some complaints do not necessarily have to drag, but because consumers just lash out rudely at the suppliers you find that their issue is ignored or aggravated.

Know what you want to happen

CLO: This is always the most critical part before you can start to file a complaint. Ask yourself the following questions to ensure you make a thoroughly thought decision;

Would you like goods to be repaired or exchanged?

Would you want a refund?

Would you like to be compensated and if yes what kind of compensation?

These questions are critical in making sure that you know exactly what you want and make sure that you get your facts straight.

Clearly state your problem to the right person

CLO: After you have done your planning, the next step is to make the complaint. Make sure you complain to the right person who can be able to answer all the questions you may have. This can be done through a written letter of complaint, preferably to the store manager, or telephonically. If then your case is not attended, you can visit them in person.

What to do when making the complaint

CLO: As mentioned before, you can either write a letter of complaint or make a phone call, but sometimes you may need to take the goods to the shop so that they can also see why you are making that complaint. Remember to bring with you the original receipt and/or all relevant paperwork with you. Keep the originals with you as that is your most vital evidence. For those of you who may make the complaint telephonically, always ask the name of the person you spoke to, record briefly what you spoke about and note the time when you made the call. Your next step can be to contact their head office and put your complaint in writing to them. If you receive a telephone call from the head office, explain to them exactly what happened, presenting all the evidence collected when making your first complaint to their branch store. Failing which you can contact the Eswatini Standards Authority (SWASA) on 2518 4610/33 and ask to talk to the Consumer Liaison Officer (CLO) or call our consumer toll free line (800 5050).

In spite of these challenges, consumers expect the Authority to assist them with their grievances and redress issues. It must be said that the few cases he has handled in 2013 have been successful in that in most of the cases where consumers had been obviously ripped off were compensated fairly.

Untipping The Societal Scales

WITH: Dumisa Dlamini

QUOTE

There is always some madness in love. But there is also always some reason in madness.

- Friedrich Nietzsche

Life is like a strutting shadow, here today and mysteriously disappearing the next moment.

We are born and live in such a way that everyday can, may be and is the last day of our breathing. Whether we are young, old, fresh, wasted, health or ill none of us shall escape the natural opportunity to breathe our last, someday, sometime or some moment, sooner, in the not so distant future or much later. However, all souls live like they have eternity to be on earth. As a man leaves his house every morning that could be his last day out and never to come back alive-through the same door. Nobody is aware and alive to the latter possibility like a married woman. Though she will not expressly put it and though it will not signify they are ever ready for it, a married woman is always cognizant of the fact that her husband can die anytime, any day and anywhere. In their heart of hearts women, generally, especially the married, believe their husbands would die first. For that reason, they are posthumously ever ready with a solid plan for their hubbies' remains and estate. From the time she has been married to the man, she knows his worth in terms of fluid and frozen cash but most of all she knows who is against her in the family. Those factors and variables make her prepare for the worst of times in their marriage-after the death of her husband.

The moment she receives the news of the demise of *umnumzane*, she will not spend as much time crying. Rather she will make a swift move to pack away anything that may attract relatives' attention and desire to have. Once they are locked safely away, she will call her sisters and friends and charge them as generals *walomsebenti wonkhe* and they would only report to her. That is a woman who knows who in the family will give her trouble or opposition. *Uyabati nalokutsi bate lutfo lutimbasha*. She will sit through the family meeting waiting for them to come forth with contributions for their son, brother, cousin or anything. As the norm is, nobody is eager to contribute, first because *beswele*, but mostly because they believe *umufi ubenetintfo takhe* that could be used to give him a good send off. That is when the widow-your wife takes over. First she will not declare what is there and how much is available. Instead she will decide when would be your burial, where it should be and how it shall be conducted. She would only accept opinions and ideas from influential in-laws on her side or anything that does not go contrarily to what she wishes. The woman, under the cover of the mourning blanket will grow a thick skin and employ skilful debating tactics to parry any opposition. The manner in which she would conduct the funeral may be largely influenced by how much she stands to benefit from your estate. A poor man will get something close to a paupers funeral because *tonkhe letimbasha letichuba lomsebenti takhe make*. With the chap having last been on a payroll 10 years ago, he had nothing absolutely.

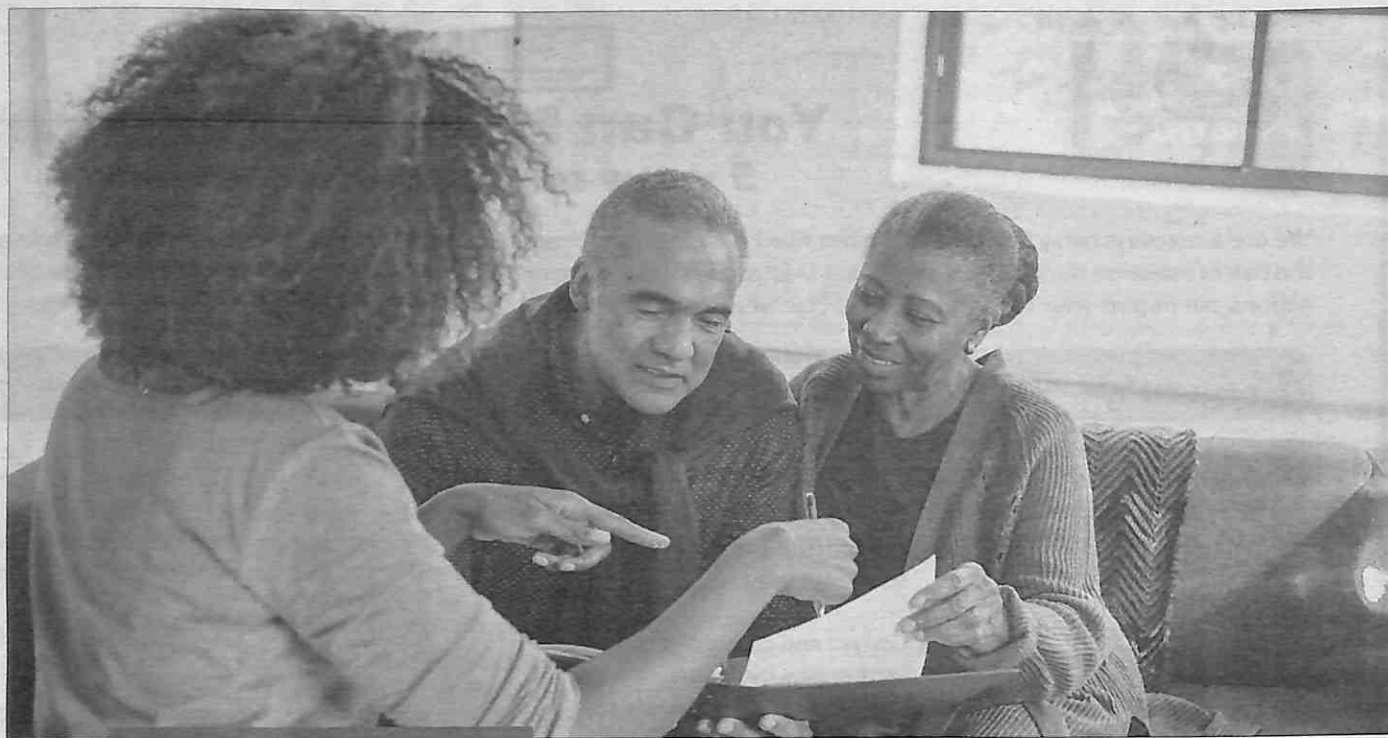
The terrain is different when the deceased husband was a man of means. The woman starts lobbying her influential in-laws and lets them buy unto her ideas. She will buy the most expensive casket, arrange the best memorial service and hire the best pastors this country ever paraded. The paradox would be, this guy had never been to church in his entire 56 years of living. The good send-off would be courtesy of his wife who would be lobbying the

public as well to find her a good, loving and caring wife to the husband until death did them asunder yet *Babe* Mnamatseli Ginindza had been sleeping in the cottage outside the main house because his wife LaGamedze would not have him in the bedroom.



After the funeral, married women are ever aware who in the family and outside would attempt to wrangle the estate out of their hands. Having lobbied a few members of the family, she will go to the relevant government offices to register, demand and collect all what her husband was worth.

She had brought her grown up daughters to share the marital bedroom with her. The com-



Posthumously, your wife has solid plans for your estate!

munity knew that their life together was not good at all. However, when he died, leaving a healthy bank account, several cars in the yard and a big herd of cattle in the kraal, his wife became the most loving and heartbroken widow. She threw the best funeral ever witnessed eNzongomane. The community was astounded but the family understand her ploy. She was gunning for the estate and did not want opposition.

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This is a woman who may be well aware the man she was married to had more children outside marriage who still need their dad's money. The latter would be lucky if she agrees that they feed from her hand. Often times than not, she will not let them have anything.

As for the greedy brothers, like wolves, preying over their brother's estate, widows will always sort them out and cut them out as members of the family. Mgibeni Matsenjwa had a tendency of coming over to his deceased brother's homestead *ntsambama* so that he would sleep over. He thought he would woo *umkhula wakhe ameyame ngengculu* so that she could melt and give him *timbasha temnakabo*. He never got any, instead he was shocked one day when he got an invitation from *skoni*. He found a stranger, a very tall, well-built man sitting in the lounge in a very

relaxed manner. The woman introduced the agenda and reminded him that *yena wange-na ngemshado lomhlophe kaMatsenjwa*. After the demise of her husband she was free to date and marry a man of her choice. "*Ngitsi angetfule nangu Khumalo ke mkhula wami lesengitsandzana naye*." Ultimately he was warned never to come visiting, unannounced and uninvited *la, selikhaya lalenye indvodza*.

This is not to say they may not be heartbroken or they don't grieve. They will do all that, however, she knows exactly what to do with you once you are dead. You will catch them chatting, "*Hawu sisi mine nakungafa Dlamini, ngeke nje ngijjelwe ngunina kutsi ngenteni, futsi angeke angcwajwe eMgomfolweni, ngamtsengela umgodzi sisi kaTown Council*."

As a man lives, his wife knows whom he dates, where he has children and who amongst his people hate her with a purple passion. Most of all she knows what the man is worth. She is always arranging her plans what to do with all those people and that estate in the event the man dies. She is ready to execute the plan the moment she gets married. Also she knows how to access that money amidst opposition. Societal Scales doesn't find this strange or bad even.

However, this is a gender that truly comprehends that life is ephemeral, especially for men and choose to plan right ahead so that they are not caught off-guard. *Emadvodza wona*, often times than not are caught off guard when their wives die, hence, they would lose the very estate of their spouses!

QUOTE



You Can Make a Difference: 5 ways to prevent HIV infection

We are a few days away from the festivities filled with lots of excitement with our partners and loved ones. While a lot has been achieved in the fight against HIV, the risk of infection remains. It is important that you and your partner reduce the chances of HIV infection while in the celebration mood. Small decisions and small actions can impact your life in great ways. This week, we share with you 5 important ways to prevent HIV infection.

1 KNOW YOUR STATUS

Firstly, it is very important that you know your status so that you take the appropriate actions for your life and loved ones. Knowing your status will enable you to make informed decision about your health and lifestyle. You are encouraged to test together with your partner so that you make your decisions and plans together.



2 CORRECT & CONSISTENT CONDOM USE

Condoms offer the following protection:

- I. Correct and consistent condom use protects you from STI's including HIV.
- II. Correct and consistent use further provides most protection from unplanned pregnancies.



3 VOLUNTARY MEDICAL MALE CIRCUMCISION (VMMC)

If you are not circumcised, go for voluntary medical male circumcision to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted infections such as HIV, syphilis, genital warts, and herpes. VMMC also boosts personal hygiene. Visit Litsemba Letfu Men's Clinic in Matsapha or call us at 1212 to get information on a site that performs VMMC near you.



4 PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PrEP)

PrEP is a way for people who do not have HIV, but are at substantial risk of getting it, to prevent HIV infection. When you have a partner who is HIV positive and you are negative, consider PrEP as it can work for you to keep the virus from establishing a permanent infection. PrEP is available at Litsemba Letfu and New Start clinic in Matsapha you can also call 1212 for referral to other sites near you.



5 POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PEP)

Post-exposure prophylaxis is a medication taken after one high-risk event to prevent HIV infection. PEP should be used only in emergency situations and must be started within 72 hours after a recent possible exposure to HIV. If you think you've recently been exposed to HIV, talk to your health care provider about PEP right away.



We would like to hear from you. Contact us for your feedback or question. Call 1212 for free and follow us on social media.



Special Feature

By Natalia Penza

A dog filmed being dragged along the ground by its owner after allegedly being shot for giving birth to puppies has died.

A horrified onlooker videoed a Spanish hunter mistreating the animal last Saturday.

It was rescued seriously injured, but on Tuesday it was confirmed it had died at the animal clinic in Lugo, Galicia, where vets were trying to save its life.

The unidentified owner, a man said to be aged around 60, could face a prison sentence of nearly two years and a fine of more than £25 000.

Animal welfare groups and a local vets association have already pledged to take legal action against him.

An online petition titled Justice for Alma, the name of the tragic dog, has already been signed by thousands of people calling for 'the full weight of the law to fall on this lunatic.'

The petition says: 'Alma is a dog who has young pups and is fighting for her life after her owner gave her a beating and shot her twice causing her serious injuries.'

"When he saw he hadn't killed her he dragged her along the ground to finish off the killing at home."

"Thanks to someone who was passing through, footage was taken and this miscreant was reported to police."

"Today we are asking for everyone's cooperation so this crime doesn't go unpunished and the full weight of the law falls on this madman."

Asturias, northern Spain-based animal wel-

OWNER SHOOTS DOG FOR GIVING BIRTH TO PUPPIES



fare group Mundo Vivo, which published a photo of the dog and the footage of the incident in the municipality of Chantada near Lugo before confirmation it had died, said: "This happened in Chantada, Lugo."

"After shooting it and breaking its humeri but not killing it, it was beaten around the head and dragged home so its owner could finish the job."

"Its crime was to give birth. The mother is in

a serious condition in a hospital in Lugo and the puppies are being cared for by the local vet.

"Mundo Vivo will take legal action. Please share this video so that when this case reaches trial, the judges will be implacable with this scum of the earth."

Photos

A spokesman added alongside photos of the dog's pups, which are just three weeks old and are said to be in good health: 'These are the babies of the dog that is fighting for its life, the animal that was shot, beaten and dragged along the ground by a hunter in Chantada, Lugo.'

"We hope this scum receives the justice he deserves. We need exemplary sentences for these monsters."

Laura Duarte, President of Spanish animal rights' party PACMA, said: 'The revulsion and rage these images make me feel is indescribable. "In this country this savagery is not always punished by way of a prison sentence."

"We are fighting against that. In the next few hours we will be informing you about the action we intend taking."

The unnamed dog owner can be overheard arguing with the man filming him dragging the agonising animal along the ground.

He tells him he's taking it home as he reaches an underpass before yelling: "Stop filming me" as the Good Samaritan replies: "What you are doing is inhuman, I'm not filming you, I'm filming the animal and what you're doing."

Local reports claimed the sadist claimed at one point: "I can shoot whoever the f**k I want to shoot" in reference to the bullet he allegedly put into his dog.

A horrified Maria Clara Celada wrote on

Facebook: "He has to be punished. These acts of animal mistreatment cannot go unpunished. Thanks God the dog's life was saved. God Bless the person who helped her."

Another added: "These are examples of some of the psychopaths that live in our midst. Then they shoot their wives dead and we're surprised!"

Virginia Gonzalez, who videoed the mistreatment with her husband Ramon Feijoo, told a local TV station: 'We heard a shot and then a dog barking and saw this man with a gun.'

'He said he was taking the animal home, that he was a hunter and that he could do it. When we said we were going to call the police he started to drag it along the ground with a rope round its neck.'

"My husband began to film him because we didn't know what was going to happen."

The footage was later shared by animal rights organisations Mundo Vivo and PACMA.

The footage shows the moment the hunter drags the injured animal through a tunnel before dumping the dog on the ground.

The man then abandoned the dog which was later taken to the Rof Codina Animal Hospital.

Meanwhile, her six puppies, only 15 days old, were taken to an animal protection centre.

The organisation also shared some pictures of the puppies with the message: "These are the babies of the dog that is fighting for its life, the one that was shot, beaten up and dragged by a hunter in Chantada, Lugo... we hope that he will face the full force of the law... we need exemplary sentences for those monsters... who only deserve death". Mundo Vivo also said that the puppies are in good health. *Mail Online*

Focus on SA Scene

Your Daily Mzansi News

DA'S STEVENS MOKGALAPA OUSTED AS TSHWANE MAYOR

TSHWANE - Stevens Mokgalapa has been removed as Tshwane Mayor through a successful motion of no confidence during a special council sitting on Thursday night.

With the votes in and counted, 111 councillors voted in favour of the motion. DA councillors did not cast a vote in protest. Earlier in the evening DA was dealt another blow after the Tshwane speaker Katlego Mathebe was removed from council also through a motion of no confidence. The special council meeting meant to deal with the motion against

Mathebe got off to a chaotic start after the speaker opened the session and then recused herself. Mathebe's recusal, because the motion involved her, was met with anger from both the ANC and EFF. Councillors protested against the recusal because they were not happy with Zweli Khumalo taking over as speaker. At least two scuffles between different parties also broke out as councillors disagreed about who should replace Mathebe as the speaker. The ANC Tshwane Chairperson Kgosi Maepa argued that Mathebe should have stayed

on as speaker until the motion of no confidence was brought before council. He also accused Khumalo of being drunk. A member of the Gauteng Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs then stepped in to facilitate a process to appoint a temporary speaker to hear the motion of no confidence. EFF Tshwane councillor Obakeng Ramabodi was elected by the ANC and the EFF, while the DA did not give a candidate as they were protesting the illegality of the process.

News24

Mashaba launches The People's Dialogue

JOHANNESBURG - Former Johannesburg mayor and DA member Herman Mashaba has announced the launch of a new platform "to engage South Africans from all walks of life about how we can build a South Africa that we can all be proud of".

In a statement yesterday, Mashaba said he made this decision to launch The People's Dialogue after he resigned from the DA and gave up his seat as mayor. "Like many South Africans, I have lost faith in our political system. Nothing could demonstrate this more than the events that have taken place over the past 48 hours across major metros in South Africa," Mashaba said.

This week, the ANC's Geoff Makhubo was elected as Mashaba's replacement. Makhubo is a divisive figure. Although popular among ANC branches, there are serious questions about an estimated R30 million that his company received from Regiments Capital, a firm deeply implicated in State Capture.

And in Tshwane, the DA's Stevens Mokgalapa was removed as mayor through a successful motion of no confidence during a special council sitting on Thursday night. The DA was dealt another blow after Tshwane Speaker Katlego Mathebe

was also removed from council through a motion of no confidence. "Through all of this, I have come to the view that political parties and politicians operate with self-interest as their primary driver of decision making, and not in the interest of ordinary South Africans," Mashaba said.

"Despite this, in my time as the mayor of Johannesburg, I have been fortunate to meet thousands of South Africans from all backgrounds. They have confirmed my deep-seated belief that our country is loaded with potential. We are a proud people and desire to live in a country that works, but we are held back from that possibility by our political system." According to Mashaba, while South Africa faces many challenges as a nation, he believes that "we are capable of finding innovative solutions to these, driven by the countless talented individuals who share my desire to save our country". He said he launched The People's Dialogue because ordinary South Africans needed to engage in a conversation about the future of the country.

"Going forward, I will begin to engage on my Twitter and Facebook pages, and on a micro-website." News24

Zuma family enter into private agreement over Joburg house

JOHANNESBURG - The details of an out-of-court settlement between former president Jacob Zuma's family and an ANC MP in their battle over a Joburg suburb house have been wrapped under confidentiality.

A lawyer for Zephrona Sizani Dubazana, the litigant, arrived at the South Gauteng High Court, Johannesburg, to ask Judge Ingrid Opperman to remove the matter from the roll as an agreement had been

reached. "The matter has been resolved by agreement. May it please be removed from roll," said the lawyer in proceedings that lasted no more than 30 seconds. Judge Opperman obliged. She had been informed on Monday that negotiations were under way to find a last-minute solution to the impasse between Dubazana and Zuma's family over the posh house in Forest Town.

Zuma has been renting out the house from Dubazana since 2005. Dubazana dragged his family to court as she wanted

to gain access to the house for purposes of selling it, as Zuma had allegedly defaulted on rent. Judge Opperman was not told the nature of the settlement. It emerged after the brief proceedings that the parties agreed to keep the details confidential.

Brian Clayton, Dubazana's attorney, told The Star all parties agreed not to disclose publicly whether the house would be sold via an estate agency or whether the Zumas would pay Dubazana and keep it. Times Live

Ace Magashule's former PA testifies at State Capture hearings

JOHANNESBURG - Moroadi Cholota took the stand at the State Capture hearings yesterday morning.

Cholota started working at the office of former Free State premier Ace Magashule on August 1 2013 as a personal assistant (PA).

Cholota said one part of her duties was to manage travel arrangements for the premier.

The inquiry heard how Cholota dealt with an e-mail she sent to Ignatius Mpambani requesting funding. The email Cholota sent to Mpambani was requesting travel fund-

ing amounting to R250 000.

Cholota said the funding was meant for groups of students and artists who needed travel assistance.

Cholota said although there were bursary schemes offered by government, there were students who needed funding, and that is when business people were approached by her for assistance.

Cholota said she was the one who identified business people to contact for assistance. The former premier's former PA said she used a database she found at the premier's office.

She said Mpambani was not the only business person she approached, although e-mail evidence before the Zondo commission shows that most requests were sent to Mpambani.

The commission will resume on January 13, 2020.

Timeslive

DA is on self-destruction path, says Patricia de Lille

URBAN - Amid the ongoing political woes of the Democratic Alliance (DA), the leader of the Good Party and Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Patricia de Lille, says her former party is on a path of self-destruction.

De Lille who resigned from the DA and as Cape Town mayor in October last year after engaging in several legal battles with the party said the best that could be done is to leave the party to do so without being interrupted and alone.

"I am not really interested in what is happening to the DA. The DA tried to destroy me and they failed and now they're on a path of self-destruction, so it's best we leave them alone," she said.

Responding to Independent Media late on Thursday after the group's political desk, amongst other ques-



MY NOTE: leader of the Good Party and Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Patricia de Lille.

tions, asked her whether the recent ousting of the DA in pounding seats of two metros was a signal that the chickens are coming home to roost said the problems with the party were beyond that.

She said according to her, the major undoing of the DA after losing Johannesburg and Tshwane on Wednesday and Thursday respec-

tively, to the ANC, was because the party doesn't understand coalition politics. Instead of cooperating, she said the DA seeks total control of the other coalition partners.

"The DA doesn't understand that in coalition politics, not one single party received an outright majority and therefore you have to consult."

Political Bureau

DA IN TSHWANE TAKES LEGAL STEPS AFTER ACTING SPEAKER ELECTION

TSHWANE - The legality of events at the special meeting of the Tshwane council on Thursday evening was brought into question after an acting speaker was elected because Speaker Katlego Mathebe recused herself.

The special council meeting, meant to deal with a motion of no confidence against Mathebe, got off to a chaotic start after the speaker opened the session and then recused herself. Mathebe did this because the motion involved her directly. Her subsequent

stand-in, Zweli Khumalo, was met with protest from both the ANC and EFF as members from the opposition benches apparently did not want Khumalo as the stand-in speaker.

This led to arguments and scuffles breaking out in council.

ANC and EFF councillors said that Khumalo reeked of alcohol and that a councillor should be nominated and elected in that sitting to deal with the motion.

However, according to a motion passed in 2017, which News24 has

seen, Khumalo was appointed to act as speaker in the event that Mathebe was unavailable or unable to perform her duties for any specific reason.

Council

The resolution was taken because the Municipal Structures Act does not provide for the election of a deputy speaker.

Khumalo, who is a DA councillor, was nominated while the ANC nominated JP Rammushi. Khumalo received 119 votes and Rammushi 81.

During the special council sitting

on Thursday, EFF Tshwane regional chairperson Moafrika Mabogwana called for the rescinding of the resolution.

A member of the Gauteng Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, who has since been identified as Deputy Director-General Willy Bila, stepped in and facilitated a process to appoint a temporary speaker to hear the motion of no confidence.

EFF Tshwane Councillor Obakeng Ramabodu was elected by the ANC

and the EFF, while the DA did not provide a candidate as it was protesting the illegality of the process.

The motion against Mathebe then went to a vote where 110 councillors voted for the motion, while no member of council voted against it.

DA Gauteng leader John Moodey said Ramabodu's appointment as acting speaker was illegal and that the ANC and EFF were "aided and abetted by an ANC-deployed Cogta official" in flouting the processes.

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RULING PARTY MILITIA FORCING CITIZENS TO FUND 2020 VOTE

NAIROBI - Burundi's ruling party youth league is forcing citizens to donate money to fund next year's election, Human Rights Watch said yesterday, as fears of abuses and renewed violence grow ahead of the vote.

For years, the Imbonerakure, the ruling CNDD-FDD party's youth wing, have beat, tortured and executed activists, suspected opponents and journalists, according to United Nations investigations. The government dismisses those allegations, saying the group is purely political.

Human Rights Watch said in its report that youth league members are extorting citizens for cash and food ranging in value from the equivalent of \$1 to more than \$500.

The young men often use violence and intimidation and block roads and access to services to collect funds, the report found.

One farmer said he fled Burundi in May after Imbonerakure members beat him. "They said, 'If you want to live in peace, you have to pay for the elections,'" the farmer was quoted in the report as saying.

"The rampant abuses committed by Imbonerakure members...in collecting the contributions demonstrates a frightening level of control over the population," said Lewis Mudge, Central



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Africa Director at Human Rights Watch. Human Rights Minister Martin Nivyabandi dismissed the findings. He told Reuters: "No youth are being used to forcibly collect contributions from the population."

Reuters spoke with six Burundians who said they paid under duress. "At first I refused, but given I was alone and defenseless, I paid and ran off," said one man stopped by members manning a roadblock in the capital. The central African nation is one of

the world's poorest, according to the World Bank. The government long relied on foreign aid, but many donors suspended budget support in the aftermath of the 2015 election, when President Pierre Nkurunziza ran for a third, disputed term in office.

To fund the 2020 vote, the government announced in 2017 it would collect "voluntary contributions" from citizens in several ways, including as deductions from civil servant and other public worker salaries.

TB, armed guards, lack of food at UN migrant centre in Libya

TRIPOLI — The United Nations centre in Libya was opened as an "alternative to detention," a last, safe stop for migrants before they were resettled in other countries. Now, just a year later, it looks increasingly like the notorious Libyan lockups it was supposed to replace.

The facility is jam-packed with nearly 1 200 migrants — about twice the number it was built for — including hundreds who fled from abuse at other detention centres in hopes of sanctuary. Dozens of patients with tuberculosis languish in a room crammed with mattresses. Sewage is overflowing, and armed guards from a local militia have effectively turned the centre into a prison.

Unable to cope, the U.N. last week offered migrants the equivalent of \$112 each to leave, and warned that food, already down to emergency rations, would be cut off on Jan. 1 for unapproved arrivals.

"This is very dangerous because among us there are people who are malnourished," said a 27-year-old Sudanese man who arrived at the centre in July. "If they cut food, they won't be able to stand it."

He, like the rest of the nearly dozen migrants who spoke with The Associated Press from the compound, asked to withhold his name

because of fears of retaliation. Libyan security officials and U.N. and other aid workers confirmed that the U.N. had lost control of the facility.

Predicament

The conditions at the centre underscore the predicament the U.N. finds itself in over migration. The UN has criticised the detention of migrants in Libya — a position it reiterated last month when Italy suggested the U.N. High Commissioner on Refugees run more centres as a solution to rampant abuse in Libyan prisons.

"UNHCR does not and will not run places of detention in Libya," its spokesman, Charlie Yaxley, told the AP.

Yet that is effectively what the Tripoli facility has become.

"It's not the best possible scenario," acknowledged Jean-Paul Cavalieri, the head of the UNHCR in Libya.

Cavalieri lamented the chaos that has accelerated as migrants, acting on their own, escape other detention centres with torture, rape, slave labor and trafficking to what they hope will be UN protection. He said the UNHCR is glad they are free of detention but cannot handle them at its centre, known as the Gathering and Departure Facility, where people are supposed to be there for days now spend months, stuck in a bureaucratic limbo. **AP**

Kenya public prosecutor orders arrest of governor

NAIROBI - Kenya's public prosecutor yesterday ordered the arrest of the Nairobi County governor on suspicion of economic crimes, in one of the most high profile arrests since the government launched an anti-corruption push last year.

Noordin Haji, the country's top prosecutor, told a news conference that he had sufficient evidence to order the arrest and arraignment of Governor Mike Mbuvi Sonko.

He also named county government officials whom he said he

had evidence to prosecute for various economic crimes, as well as a number of businesspeople over alleged money laundering related to Sonko's alleged crimes.

Sonko's whereabouts were not immediately clear.

He spends significant periods of time outside of Nairobi in his hometown of Machakos southeast of the capital. Calls to Sonko's phone numbers went unanswered immediately after the prosecutor's news conference.

News24

'Highly problematic' that peace winner silent

COPENHAGEN - The director of the Norwegian Nobel Institute has called it "highly problematic" that the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize winner won't attend any event next week where he could be asked questions publicly, while the spokeswoman for Ethiopia's prime minister cited "pressing" domestic issues and the leader's "humble disposition."

Organisers "had wished that Abiy Ahmed would have agreed to meet the Norwegian and international press," Olav Njoesstad said, telling Norwegian broadcaster NRK on Wednesday that

most Peace Prize winners have no problem putting aside three or four days for traditional Nobel events.

"We have been very clear about this and have clarified that there are several reasons we find this highly problematic," Njoesstad said. "I think it has to do in part with the challenges he faces at home, and his religious faith and personal humility."

Abiy's press secretary, Billene Seyoum, told The Associated Press that it is "quite challenging" for a head of state to dedicate many days to the extensive Nobel programme, particularly since "domes-

tic issues are pressing and warrant attention." Abiy will attend essential events in consultation with the Nobel Institute "to honor and respect the Nobel tradition." At the same time, "the humble disposition of the prime minister, rooted in our cultural context, is not in alignment with the very public nature of the Nobel award," Billene said. "The prime minister is humbled and grateful for the recognition."

Skipping the media isn't unprecedented. US President Barack Obama also declined to speak to reporters when he won the Peace Prize in 2009. **AP**

BRIEFS

City of Beira submerged by rains

BEIRA - The city of Beira in Mozambique's north has been submerged after heavy rains battered the area, the office of the Mayor said in a social media post on Thursday, December 5. The message accompanied with photos of the floods said large parts of Beira had been adversely affected by the rainfall. It said the situation had hit "at a time when the population seeks to rise after Cyclone Idai." The Beira Municipal Council, added that it had okayed the opening of some canals to allow for water to run into the sea. It blamed the flooding largely on the irresponsible disposal of waste by residents. A journalist and rights activist, Zenaida Machado, wrote on Twitter that the city continues to experience extreme temperatures over the last few days. **Africa News**

Ex-Nigerian governor, jailed

LAGOS - A former governor of Nigeria's southeastern Abia State has been jailed 12-years for fraud by a court sitting in the commercial capital, Lagos. The country's anti-graft outfit, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, announced securing judgement on Kalu and two others in a fraud case that involved 7.65 billion naira (about \$20.9m.) Also convicted were two other defendants, his firm Slok Nigeria and an official that served under him as Abia State governor. "The judge also ordered that Slok Nigeria Limited be wound up and its assets forfeited to the Federal Government," the EFCC statement added. He served two maximum terms as governor between 1999 and 2007. He is currently a sitting Senator representing Abia North. **Africa news**

March helped patrons keep fit - President

KAMPALA - Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni says an extra benefit that citizens who joined an anti-corruption walk in the capital Kampala got was being able to exercise their bodies. Thousands of civil servants, police officers and supporters of the government took part in the December 4 march in Kampala. It ended with keep fit exercises. The president's social media handle posted photos of the former military man engaged in the exercise routines. He said the march "symbolises our willingness to fight corruption." Additionally, this walk has been a fitness exercise. The increase in cases of diabetes, heart diseases especially in urban areas is because people eat too much and do not exercise," he stressed. **Africa news**

Mugabe's daughter to identify his assets

HARARE - A court in Zimbabwe on Thursday appointed Robert Mugabe's daughter to identify assets left by the late former leader so they can be distributed to his beneficiaries, his lawyer said. Zimbabweans are keen to know how much wealth Mugabe accrued during his 37 years in power. Many assume that he and his family amassed a vast fortune — perhaps as much as \$1 billion, according to a leaked U.S. diplomatic cable from 2001. The Master of High Court in Harare appointed Bona Chikore executor of her father's estate, the Mugabe family lawyer Terrence Hussein told reporters, adding that this had been agreed to by family members. **Reuters**

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TRUMP IS SO MUCH CLOSER TO IMPEACHMENT

WASHINGTON - House Speaker Nancy Pelosi moved the House much closer to impeachment Thursday when she officially directed the Judiciary Committee to draw up articles of impeachment.

But her announcement all but guarantees that President Donald Trump will be impeached.

Trump welcomes the fight -- Rather than trying to avoid impeachment, the President is now welcoming a swift vote so he can defend himself in a subsequent trial in the Senate, where Republicans are in the majority.

Shortly before Pelosi's announcement, he had tweeted, "If you are going to impeach me, do it now, fast." Remember: The White House sought to block nearly all cooperation with the impeachment inquiry.

No more questions -- CNN's Manu Raju asked Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy if it's ever OK for a president to investigate someone like Joe Biden (a domestic political rival).

The California Republican said something about the Democrats having always wanted to impeach Trump, mentioned the warning of the Founding Fathers and then walked away.

Biden, who Republicans may try to force to testify in a Senate trial, became angry with a voter in New



IT'S NOW OR NEVER: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Hampton, Iowa, after the man challenged him over his son's involvement with Burisma, a Ukrainian natural gas company.

Fitness

"You're a damn liar, man, that's not true," Biden responded. "And no one has ever said that, no one has proved that." He also challenged the man to a pushup or IQ contest when the man challenged his age and mental fitness.

This is a good place to note that the ultimate toll Trump's Ukraine scandal will have on Biden -- regardless of whether the facts are on the former

vice president's side -- is unknown.

Democrats appear poised to include elements from former special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia report, which documented potential obstruction of justice by Trump but was barred from recommending prosecution for him.

There was not a critical mass for impeaching Trump last spring after the Mueller report was released. It was Trump's Ukraine phone call that amplified support for impeaching the President.

Daily Mail



CHANGE OF HEART: President Donald Trump, left, met with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at the North Korean side of the border at the village of Panmunjom in Demilitarized Zone early this year.

NORTH KOREA THREATENS TO RESUME CALLING TRUMP 'DOTARD'

SEOUL -- North Korea threatened Thursday to resume insults of U.S. President Donald Trump and consider him a "dotard" if he keeps using provocative language, such as referring to its leader as "rocket man."

Choe Son Hui, the first vice foreign minister, issued the warning via state media days after Trump spoke of possible military action toward the North and revived his "rocket man" nickname for North Korean ruler Kim Jong Un.

The comments came as prospects dim for a resumption of nuclear diplomacy between the two countries. In recent months, North Korea has hinted at lifting its moratorium on nuclear and long-range missile tests if the Trump administration fails to make substantial concessions in nuclear diplomacy before the end of the year.

Choe said Trump's remarks

"prompted the waves of hatred of our people against the U.S." because they showed "no courtesy when referring to the supreme leadership of dignity" of North Korea.

She said North Korea will respond with its own harsh language if Trump again uses similar phrases and shows that he is intentionally provoking North Korea.

"If any language and expressions stoking the atmosphere of confrontation are used once again ... that must really be diagnosed as the relapse of the dotage of a dotard," Choe said.

On Wednesday, the North's military chief, Pak Jong Chon, also warned that the use of force against the North would cause a "horrible" consequence for the U.S. He said North Korea would take unspecified "prompt corresponding actions at any level" if the US takes any military action. *Daily Mail*

Russia, Turkey working on new S-400 missile contract

MOSCOW - Russia and Turkey are working on a contract for the delivery of a new batch of Russian S-400 missile systems, the Interfax news agency cited a senior official at a Russian military cooperation agency as saying yesterday.

Such a deal would be likely to further strain Ankara's relations with Washington which has suspended

Turkey from the US F-35 stealth fighter jet programme, in which it was a producer and buyer, to penalise it for buying S-400 batteries this year.

"We're gradually working on this question. Most importantly, both sides are intent on continuing cooperation in this sphere," the head of Russia's Federal Service for Military-Technical Cooperation was quoted as saying.

Reuters

Police kill suspects in Indian vet's rape and murder

HYDERABAD - Indian police have shot dead four men suspected of raping and killing a young female vet in Hyderabad last week.

The men were in police detention and were taken back to the scene of the crime in the early hours of yesterday.

The suspects were shot when they tried to steal the officers' guns and escape, police told BBC Telugu.

The 27-year-old victim's charred remains were discovered last Thursday - leading to outrage and protests over

alleged police inaction.

After news of the killings broke, the victim's mother told the BBC that "justice has been done".

Meanwhile, neighbours celebrated with firecrackers, and thousands of people took to the streets to hail the police.

Cyberabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar told BBC Telugu that police took the accused to the scene to reconstruct the crime.

Police shot the men when they tried to grab the officers' guns and escape, he said.

Two police officers were also injured.

The police were heavily criticised after the rape and murder of the vet - particularly when the victim's family accused them of inaction for two hours.

BBC Telugu's Deepthi Bathini visited the family in their home, where neighbours could be seen celebrating the news by bursting firecrackers and distributing sweets.

"I can't put it into words. I felt happiness but also grief because my daughter will never come home," the victim's mother said. *BBC*

BRIEFS

6 000 US sexual assaults reported

NEW YORK - Nearly 6 000 instances of sexual assault, including more than 450 cases of rape, were reported to Uber in the United States in 2017 and 2018, the ride-sharing company said in a report on safety released Thursday. It is the first time that Uber has released the figures -- which also revealed 19 fatal assaults related to the company over the two-year period -- as it and rival Lyft face increasing pressure to cope with the growing number of complaints of abuse. The company received 464 reports of non-consensual sexual penetration and 587 of attempted non-consensual sexual penetration in 2017 and 2018. *AFP*

Trudeau clears first hurdle

OTTAWA - Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau cleared a first hurdle on Thursday after the leader of the opposition Bloc Quebecois party said he would support the new minority government's priorities, at least initially. Trudeau's Liberals were re-elected in October but lost their parliamentary majority and need the support of at least one opposition party to stay in power and pass legislation. "Some believe that minority governments are incapable of getting things done. But Canada's history tells us otherwise," Governor General Julie Payette said. *Reuters*

Police sound alarm over explosives

HONG KONG - Hong Kong's much-maligned police force provided a rare behind-the-scenes look yesterday at its bomb disposal squad to show the potentially deadly destructive force of homemade explosives seized during months of protests that have shaken the Chinese territory. In a demonstration for media cameras, the bomb squad set off a series of controlled explosions in a disused quarry overlooking the city's high-rise skyline, blowing up a watermelon and shredding the front of a minivan. In July, police announced the seizure of about 2 kilograms (4.4 pounds) of TATP, which has been used in terrorist attacks worldwide. *AP*

'Civilization is at stake'

WASHINGTON - House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said on Thursday that "civilization as we know it today is at stake" in the 2020 presidential election, saying that she does not want to "contemplate" the possibility that President Donald Trump could be elected to serve as second term in office. "Let's not even contemplate that," Pelosi said at a CNN town hall Thursday evening in response to an audience question about what checks will exist in the House of Representatives if Trump is reelected and the impeachment process is over. *AP*

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Abel Mabukakazulu
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Funeral: 08/12/19
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Place: eSiteki

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Themba Joseph Dlamini



Funeral: 08/12/19
Vigil: 07/12/2019
Place: Siphofaneni

Friends and relatives of Themba Joseph Dlamini known as Shoes are notified of his demise. He will be laid to rest at Siphofaneni Lugegedze on the 8th of December After a night vigil announcement by his wife on behalf of the Family.

Josephina Tfohi Mhlanga



Funeral: 07/12/19
Vigil: kute
Place: eLudzeludze

Kwatiswa tihlobo ta Josephina Tfohi Mhlanga kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhakhakhe ka Hhohho, base Sterns(South Africa) nebaka Shabangu eMaphalaleni kutsi utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 07/12/2019 eLudzeludze eMphelaphi emva kwemthantazo lomfisha. Kute umlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni

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Funeral: 08/12/19
Vigil: 07/12/2019
Place: kaShoba

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Minah Thikazi Dlamini
nee LaNgwenya

Funeral: 08/12/19
Vigil: 07/12/2019
Place: eSiphocosini

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Salom Ngoje Dlamini



Funeral: 08/12/19
Vigil: 07/12/2019
Place: Maliyaduma

Friends and relatives of Salom Ngoje Dlamini are notified of her demise. She will be laid to rest at Maliyaduma 08/12/2019 after a night vigil. We inform her family at Luhlangotsini, Joliga and the Tfwala family at Maliyaduma and her church God at Work (Madonsa). Announcement by her children.

Busisiwe Mamba



Funeral: 08/12/19
Vigil: kute
Place: eNgwane Park

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Musa Israel Mlambo



Funeral: 08/12/19
Vigil: 07/12/2019
Place: Kwaluseni

Relatives and friends of Musa Israel Mlambo are notified that he is late. He will be laid to rest on Sunday 8th of December 2019. Night vigil will be on Saturday 7 December 2019 at Kwaluseni after a memorial service at Zakhele F.E.A at 1pm. Rest in peace Chibikhulu. Announcement by his wife on behalf of family.

Hlobile B Mamba



Funeral: 08/12/19
Vigil: 07/12/2019

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Hlobile B Mamba kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Umngcwabo ungelisonfho emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni waka Mamba

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CHELSEA'S FIFA TRANSFER BAN REDUCED

LONDON - Chelsea's FIFA transfer ban for breaking youth transfer rules has been reduced after their appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) was successful.

The outcome means that Blues Manager Frank Lampard will be able to sign new players in the January trans-



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fer window.

Chelsea were given a two-window ban last season after failing to register young overseas players over a number of seasons but that has been reduced to a one following a successful appeal.

The Premier League club has therefore already served the suspension as they were not able to make any new addi-

tions last summer.

Lampard will now be able to try to bring in new recruits next month. Chelsea did welcome winger Christian Pulisic from Borussia Dortmund during the 2019 summer transfer window after signing him last January.

The Blues were also able to bring in Mateo Kovacic on a permanent deal from Real Madrid as he was already registered with FIFA having spent last season on loan at Stamford Bridge.

Chelsea challenged verdicts by FIFA's disciplinary and appeal committees which stated that they had violated rules protecting minors from trafficking on 150 occasions. Those cases involved about 70 players.

The Premier League club also broke rules prohibiting third-party influence on players, with FIFA imposing a fine of £467,000. Chelsea denied any wrongdoing.

Daily Mail

Cape Town City use video evidence to shorten Mpho Makola's sentence

CAPE TOWN - Veteran midfielder Mpho Makola and Cape Town City will present footage as evidence in mitigating circumstances at an appeal hearing yesterday in a bid to have the player's six-month ban reduced to four matches.

The 33-year-old Makola appealed against the Premier Soccer League's disciplinary committee's six-month ban imposed on him last month for "assaulting a match official."

The appeal hearing will start at 5pm at the offices of the SA Football Association's (SAFA) headquarters in Nasrec, Johannesburg.

The hearing will be overseen by the chairman of SAFA's appeals board Advocate Sthembiso Mdladla. In their mitigating arguments, TimesLIVE has been reliably informed that City will present a video footage of an incident almost identical to Makola's case to prove that a six-month ban was unjust.

The video clip in question is that of Mamelodi Sundowns' captain Hlompho Kekana pushing a referee in frustration during a Caf Champions League match in August.

In the video clip, which TimesLIVE has seen, Kekana shoved the referee and was duly sent off.

Kekana's two-match suspension was doubled to a four-match ban as per Article 129(a) of Caf's disciplinary code. Kekana quietly served the four-match ban.

Makola, in the heat of the moment in City's penalties Telkom Knockout final defeat to Kaizer Chiefs at Cape Town Stadium on October 19, shoved referee Abongile Tom

in a manner that clearly warranted a sending-off. Instead he only received a booking.

It appears that the PSL prosecutor used Article 57.2.1.2 of the National Soccer League (NSL) Handbook, which carries "at least six (6) months for assaulting a Match Official".

City will argue that Makola's charge of "assault" was harsh, and that misconduct would be more proper in the circumstances.

They will motivate that Kekana's actions are no different to that of Makola and therefore a similar four-match ban should also be applied to their influential player.

City chairman Comititis did not want to be drawn into the merits of their case but said that Makola's hefty ban is unjust and should be set aside.

"We hope that humanity and sanity will prevail on Friday so that Mpho can be sanctioned accordingly," Comititis told TimesLIVE on Thursday.

"Whilst we don't condone his misconduct against the referee, the club and football fraternity must fight for our player over a correct sentence. The sentence for misconduct against a referee is a four-match ban, perhaps the correct determination.

Times Live



Standard Bank cuts sponsorship of Cricket SA

JOHANNESBURG - Standard Bank yesterday informed Cricket South Africa (CSA) that it will not renew its agreement as title sponsor of the SA men's cricket team when it concludes on April 30, 2020.

Standard Bank Group Chief Marketing and Communications Officer, Thulani Sibeko, said the decision not to renew the sponsorship agreement was not taken lightly.

"Standard Bank is committed to upholding the highest levels of leadership, integrity and governance. In light of recent developments at CSA, which are a culmination of long standing problems which have damaged Standard Bank's reputation, it has decided not to renew its partnership with CSA," said Sibeko.

"We wish the national cricket team well in the years ahead. The Test, ODI and T20 teams have made South Africans immensely proud over the years and we are grateful to have been a part of their journey." The latest controversy surrounding CSA came on December 1 as the decision was taken to revoke the accreditations of five cricket journalists covering the Mzansi Super League. The accreditations were later reinstated, but only after a huge public uproar with the damage already done as CSA was seen as trying to 'silence the media'. One of the issues CSA failed to handle according to their self-imposed timeline is appointing a new Director of Cricket, after the Cricket World Cup (CWC) which ended in July. CSA CEO Thabang Moroe told SAFM, CSA would make an announcement on the job on November 22, but they missed that deadline.

Former SA Test captain Graeme Smith had been the frontrunner to take up the position. Smith, 38, withdrew his application but is still in ongoing discussions with CSA in connection with the position.

South Africa come off one of the worst seasons in their history, losing five matches at the CWC during the group stages and failing to make the semifinals. After the tournament, SA coach Ottis Gibson was sacked by CSA. Switching to Test cricket, South Africa were thumped 3-0 against hosts India in October with interim coach Enoch Nkwe taking charge of the team. With the Mzansi Super League currently in full swing and ending on December 16, there will be just 10 days for selectors to decide on the SA team for the first Test against England. There will be just a two-day Tour match in Benoni starting on December 17 against an SA invitational side, a three-day Tour match also at the same venue against SA A, and one round of the domestic four-day series starting on December 19 for the SA players to find form in the longest format of the game. *News24*



Man United have been in touch to support Smalling and Lukaku

MANCHESTER - Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has revealed that Manchester United have offered Chris Smalling their support after he was the subject of Corriere dello Sport's 'Black Friday' headline.

Smalling, on loan at Roma, featured on the front page of the Italian paper alongside his former United team-mate Romelu Lukaku, now at Inter Milan, with the headline 'Black Friday'. Both players have criticised the headline.

The Italian daily has since claimed that it is a victim of 'lynching' but Solskjaer delivered a damning verdict of their attempt to preview last Friday's match between Lukaku's Inter and Smalling's Roma.

First of all, when you see that paper you say: 'Wow. Really? Is that possible?', Solskjaer said. "It's the worst front page I've ever seen. It has to be.

"Of course we have been in touch



with Chris, just so he knows that we'll back him and we support him. And with Romelu as well.

"I don't work in your line of business but, wow, that's incredible - and at least we don't see that here.

"We can see lots of different things but we don't see that, so that has to be stamped down (on)."

Smalling released a statement on Thursday.

"While I would have liked to spend the day focusing on the big game tomorrow, it is important that I acknowledge that what occurred this morning was wrong and highly insensitive," said Smalling on Twitter.

"I hope the editors involved in running this headline take responsibility and understand the power they possess through words, and the impact those words can have.

"A big shout out to AS Roma for the support!"

Lukaku also released a statement saying: 'Instead of focusing on a battle between two teams, Corriere dello Sport comes with the most dumbest of headlines I have ever seen in my career.

"You guys keep fuelling the negativity and the racism issue instead of talking about the beautiful game that's going to be played at San Siro between two great clubs.

"Education is key. You guys of Corriere dello Sport should do a better job at that.

"Thanks to all the fans and other journalists for the support and let's all look forward to tomorrow's game."

Daily Mail



Man U hoping to have Pogba back for New Year

MANCHESTER - Manchester United are still hoping to have Paul Pogba back before the New Year and are ready to welcome Anthony Martial into the fold for a derby date with

Manchester City today.

One France international remains out of contention for a trip to the Etihad Stadium, with World Cup winner Pogba yet to fully recover from a niggling ankle complaint.

His fellow countryman, Martial, has returned to full fitness, though, and could step back into Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's starting XI after sitting out Wednesday's 2-1 win over Tottenham.

"We hope to have Anthony definitely for part of the game, not sure if he's able to start, Paul won't be, no," Solskjaer told reporters when asked for an update on two key men.

He added on when he expects to have Pogba back: "As soon as possible, he's out on the grass training, I said in 2019 so hopefully before the New Year."

Goal



Arsenal 'hold first interviews with managerial candidates'

LONDON - Arsenal have held their first interviews with candidates looking to replace Unai Emery as the club's permanent head coach, according to The Daily Telegraph.

Emery was sacked as Gunners boss after their Europa League defeat by Eintracht Frankfurt last Thursday, with Freddie Ljungberg being named as interim manager having been the Spaniard's number two this season.

But despite the great faith that the club are said to have in Ljungberg, they are actively seeking a manager to replace Emery on a more permanent basis.

It is a search that the report states will be led primarily by technical director Edu and supported by head of football Raul Sanllehi, director of football operations Huss Fahmy and managing director Vinai Venkatesham.

Replace

Chiefs at the north London club are said to prefer candidates who are currently out of work to permanently replace Emery and who would be available to take control of the team immediately and attempt to arrest the club's slide down the Premier League table.

That criteria would appear to put Mauricio Pochettino and Massimiliano Allegri as the clear favourites for the job, but it is still unknown whether the former would sabotage his excellent relationship with Tottenham fans, while the latter has maintained that he will not return to football before June.

Daily Mail

DE GEA RELISHING UPCOMING DERBY

MANCHESTER - Manchester United goalkeeper David de Gea is relishing the prospect of taking on rivals City in the derby tonight.

The 29-year-old Spaniard has described the clash as 'special', and is eager to take on Pep Guardiola's title chasers at the Etihad. Both sides will take to the field after collecting victories in mid-week, with United easing the pressure on boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, and stopper de Gea stressed the importance of shutting out their city rivals.

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side who have a clear way of playing and like to knock the ball around. "With all their pressure you have to be very good defensively. As I say, it's always a special game and I can't wait for the game to come around.

"I'm keen to try and put in a good performance so we can go away with the three points which would be really great for us."

The former Atletico Madrid star also reflected on United's past successes in the fixture, with the red half of the city emerging dramatic 3-2 victors in both 2012 and 2018.

Daily Mail



Man City vs. Man United - prediction, team news, line-ups

MANCHESTER - Manchester City welcome Manchester United to the Etihad Stadium today for the 179th edition of the Manchester derby as both sides look to build on midweek wins.

The champions cruised to a 4-1 victory over Burnley at Turf Moor to return to winning ways, whereas United beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-1 on former manager Jose Mourinho's first return to Old Trafford.

The matches continue to come thick and fast for Man City as they gear up for a festive period in which the quality and depth of their squad will be tested to the limit.

December could hardly have got off to a better start as Pep Guardiola's side eased to only their second win from their last six games across all competitions at Turf Moor, with misfiring striker Gabriel Jesus also ending his drought in the process with a well-taken brace.

However, things only get harder from hereon in, with City's three remaining league games before Christmas seeing them come up against United, Arsenal and Leicester City, the latter of whom current sit between the champions and runaway leaders Liverpool in the table.

One positive is that Guardiola will have opportunities to rest players

between those matches - they have already secured their place in the last 16 of the Champions League ahead of next week's match at Dinamo Zagreb, while a second or even third-string City side will still be fancied to beat League One Oxford United in the EFL Cup quarter-finals.

It is still a challenging run of fixtures at the most difficult stage of the season, though, and with City having already dropped 13 points this season - only three fewer than the whole of last term and one fewer than their 100-point campaign - those opponents will fancy their chances of further denting the champions' title defence.

Successive

Man City have not won successive league games since the start of November, which is a wildly inconsistent spell by their standards, and a patchy recent home record against their near neighbours suggests that they may have their work cut out to end that relative drought this weekend.

In general, though, City's record at the Etihad is exemplary, with 23 wins and only one defeat from their 26 home outings across all competitions in 2019.

In the Premier League alone they have won 24 of their last 27 home games, scoring 81 goals in that time,

although they have already dropped more points in front of their fans this season than they did throughout the whole of 2018-19.

Another slight concern may be the fact that they have only kept one clean sheet in their last seven matches at the Etihad, while home and away it is now eight games since they last managed a shutout - a curious problem which has also affected title rivals Liverpool in recent months.

Nonetheless, a trip to the Etihad remains a daunting proposition for any visiting team, and United's own away record will do nothing to fill their travelling supporters with belief.

Sportsmole

POSSIBLE LINE UPS

MAN CITY POSSIBLE STARTING LINE-UP:

Ederson; Walker, Stones, Fernandinho, Mendy; De Bruyne, Rodri, D Silva; Mahrez, Jesus, Sterling

MAN UNITED POSSIBLE STARTING LINE-UP:

De Gea; Wan-Bissaka, Lindelof, Maguire, Williams; McTominay, Fred; James, Pereira, Rashford; Greenwood

ANCELOTTI JOINS VITOR PEREIRA ON EVERTON SHORTLIST

LONDON - Carlo Ancelotti is the latest name to join Vitor Pereira on the shortlist of candidates to replace Marco Silva as Everton manager.

The 60-year-old Italian has come under increasing pressure at Napoli amid an open revolt between players and the club's hierarchy.

And Sportsmail understands that Everton have identified Ancelotti as a potential successor for the outgoing Silva, who was sacked on Thursday.

David Moyes is also believed to still be in contention for the vacancy, but the fact that the former boss has still not been appointed despite being out of work shows some of Everton's top brass may hold doubts over his suitability.

Ancelotti is also believed to be on Arsenal's radar, with the top-flight strugglers' woes continuing after a home defeat by Brighton and the replacement for Unai Emery still unclear.

Everton had finally pulled the trigger on Silva's turbulent reign at Goodison Park after a 5-2 rout at table-toppers

Liverpool in the Merseyside derby left them languishing in 18th.

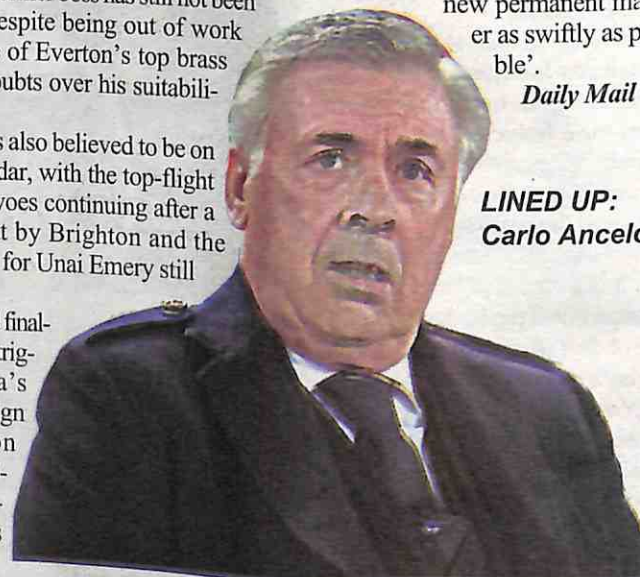
Pereira is currently managing in China, having finished third in the Chinese Super League at the helm of Shanghai SIPG. Sky Sports believe the Portuguese is willing to consider an anticipated offer from Everton.

The 51-year-old had previously taken up a role in Turkey with Fenerbache, and had also managed Porto.

Duncan Ferguson is set to take temporary charge of the Everton first team for their clash with Chelsea today. The club have stated they aim to 'confirm a new permanent manager as swiftly as possible'.

Daily Mail

LINED UP:
Carlo Ancelotti.



South African SOCCER

PSL club addresses Shabba rumours

JOHANNESBURG - Highlands Park head coach Owen Da Gama has rubbished reports that they are looking to sign former Kaizer Chiefs midfielder Siphwe Tshabalala. According to reports in the media the likes of Maritzburg United, Moroka Swallows and Highlands are in the race for the clubless Soweto-born star.

The 35-year-old 'Shabba' was last on the books of Turkish side BB Erzurumspor but left them when they failed to honour their contract with him.

His business Manager Jazzman Mahlakgane has been trying to get the former Bafana Bafana icon another overseas move since then.

Da Gama, who signed Tshabalala's former teammate Renielwe Letsholonyane not so long ago, says they have enough experienced players in his team.

"No, I don't know anything, I saw it [the story]. I've never heard of anything like that [from club management]," he tells KickOff.com. *Kick Off*



STARTING: Daniel Akpeyi.

Middendorp: Akpeyi will start, Khune isn't ready

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs head coach Ernst Middendorp has confirmed that Daniel Akpeyi will start in goal against Bloemfontein Celtic as Itumeleng Khune is not ready yet.

Khune only recently completed his recovery from a groin injury and Middendorp has made it clear that even though the Bafana Bafana international is training again he isn't quite fit to play.

"I am so happy that... I was really irritated and confused that no one is asking about Khune," Middendorp told the media as quoted by Phakaaathi.

"As I said, he is not injured, he is in training now. We have to make a decision about who now from a point of competitiveness is best prepared for this game we have on Saturday evening.

"It is Daniel Akpeyi and it is he who will play. The second best prepared at the moment is Bruce Bvuma and he will be the second goalkeeper."

Amakhosi will be hoping to consolidate their 10-point lead at the top of the ABSA Premiership standings when they take on Phunya Sele Sele at Moses Mabhida Stadium today.

Kick-off is at 20:15.

Sport24

'MICHIO RETURN WOULD DESTABILISE PIRATES'

JOHANNESBURG - Milutin Sredojevic's former right-hand man at Orlando Pirates believes the club management would be shooting themselves in the foot if they decide to bring back the Serbian coach.

'Micho', who surprisingly left Pirates for Zamalek earlier this sea-

son, has been fired by the Egyptians after 137 days since joining in August.

During his 12 matches in charge of the North African side he won seven games, lost four and drew one.

There has been a loud call from some of the Pirates fans begging the club to bring back Sredojevic

to steer the ship but Benson Mhlango, who worked with both Micho and Rhulani Mokwena as a third assistant, believes that would only destabilise the camp.

"No, I think Rhulani is doing well, honestly. I think they should stick to coach Rhulani," Mhlango tells KickOff.com.

"Others are being given two, three seasons in their clubs, let's give him a chance also. They are playing very well, it's just luck of scoring goals... but ja, I think he deserves a chance."

'Mayanga' believes the supporters and the club management should take a leaf out of Kaizer Chiefs' book and learn from their Soweto rivals before deciding anything on the Micho situation. *Kick Off*

PITSO PLOTTING TO BREAK WYDAD HOODOO



PRETORIA - In his seven years as Mamelodi Sundowns head coach, Pitso Mosimane has failed to win the MTN8 title and he has equated that failure to that of struggling to beat CAF Champions League rivals Wydad Casablanca in Morocco.

Mosimane says he simply cannot crack the winning formula but his undying attitude and will to win will see "Jingles" have another

go at Wydad for the fifth time away hoping this time that they will not return with a loss, as it has been the case since 2017.

"It is a big one for me, I think that one is like winning the top eight, I just cannot crack it.

It is tough there, we have not won there and we haven't drawn, we lose but we score goals.

We needed a goal last year at home to eliminate the (from the semi-finals)," said Mosimane ahead of the side's fifth meeting in this calendar year as they will lock horns on Saturday night in match-day two of the group

stage round.

"We will try again because it means we have not tried hard enough, you need more. If we says we have put more, that means we need more than that. Maybe this is the time [to beat them]. This will be the ninth time that we meet them... they are stubborn. We don't struggle with them in Pretoria," he said.

"Jingles" added: "They know how to play the Champions League, they have the experience. I saw 45 minutes of their game away to USM Alger and USM scored early but I knew Wydad would score."

The Citizen

I CAN SCORE A LOT FOR PIRATES - NTULI

DURBAN - AmaZulu's only goalscorer Bongi Ntuli says he would win the Absa Premiership Golden Boot if he signed for Orlando Pirates.

Ntuli, who is tied in second place on the Absa Premiership leading scorers' chart with Cape Town City's Kermit Erasmus on seven goals, is only one goal shy of leaders Knox

Mutizwa and Peter Shalulile.

If the 28-year-old does move to Pirates, having been linked with the Soweto club in the media, it would not be the first time he joins a big club as his time at Mamelodi Sundowns is well documented.

The Buccaneers are believed to be in search of a striker, with names such as Bradley Grobler also thought

to be on top of their shopping list.

According to Ntuli, playing alongside a talented bunch of players like the ones at Pirates could easily win him the ABSA Premiership Golden Boot award.

"I would be very happy hey. I would be very happy to play for a big team," Ntuli tells KickOff.com. "No [offer has been made yet], at

the moment it's been something I only see in the papers."

Ntuli says there are things he would do differently to what he did during his time at Sundowns if he could get another opportunity to join one of the big three.

"Working hard in the gym, being serious, then I'm sure I can also be given a chance. As a striker I can add something like scoring goals maybe," he says. *Kick Off*

Middendorp opens up on Billiat problem

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs star Khama Billiat is not injured but cannot play this weekend, and coach Ernst Middendorp has given more clarity on why.

Billiat has been ruled out of the Bloemfontein Celtic match in Durban on Saturday evening due to the medical team's advice that he should rest.

The coach has now explained why the Zimbabwean star is not getting more minutes this weekend and suggested the player is already suffering from fatigue.

"We said it in September, you can go to your own report about it, I was very vocal about it in August and September," Middendorp said.

"Going to COSAFA on the 19th of May [he] was then rushed to Zimbabwe to prepare for Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt and played there.

"Coming back in the middle of our pre-season already, he was then rushed to play in the Carling Black Label Cup because supporters voted for him. I wouldn't have played

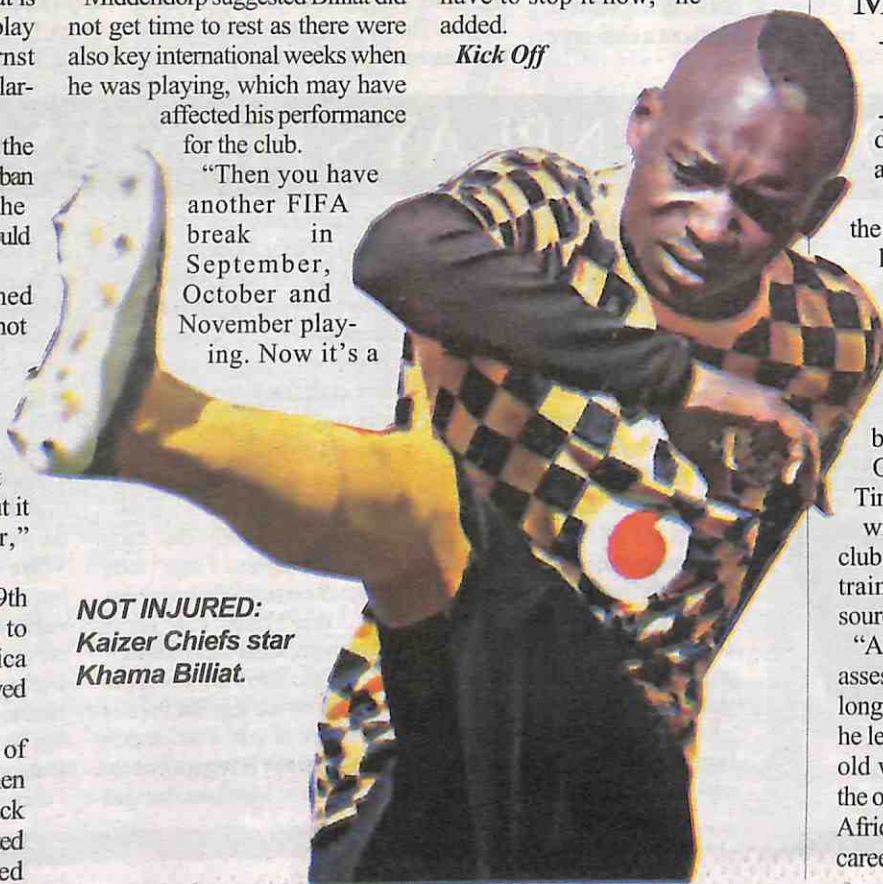
him but we had to respect that."

Middendorp suggested Billiat did not get time to rest as there were also key international weeks when he was playing, which may have affected his performance for the club.

"Then you have another FIFA break in September, October and November playing. Now it's a

combination of tiredness so we have to stop it now," he added.

Kick Off



NOT INJURED:
Kaizer Chiefs star
Khama Billiat.

ONYANGO RETURNS TO MARITZBURG

DURBAN - KickOff.com can confirm that Kenyan defender Brian Onyango is back at Maritzburg United.

Former captain Onyango left the Team of Choice at the end of last season after his contract was not renewed.

The Kenyan, who was sidelined for a long time through injury, was earlier linked with a move to Orlando Pirates but a deal did not materialise.

Onyango is now back in Eric Tinkler's squad with the view to winning a new contract with the club. "Brian Onyango is back and training with the club," a close source tells KickOff.com.

"At the moment the club is still assessing his fitness following his long-term injury sustained before he left the country." The 25-year-old went home to Kenya during the off-season but is back in South Africa and hoping to pick up his career where he left off. *Kick Off*

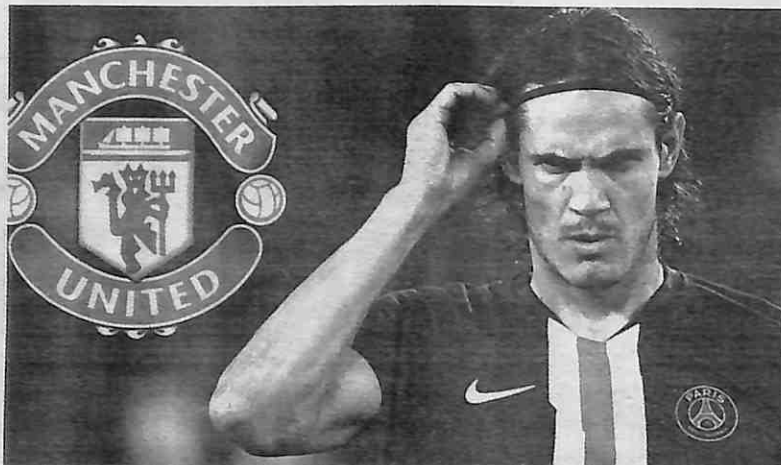
MAN UTD SHOULD SIGN CAVANI - SAHA

MANCHESTER - Manchester United should try to sign Edinson Cavani from Paris Saint Germain, according to Louis Saha, who thinks the experienced forward would challenge Anthony Martial and Marcus Rashford to improve.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer opted to allow attacking duo Romelu Lukaku and Alexis Sanchez to join Inter during the summer, which has left him short of options in attack in the 2019-20 season. Martial has been promoted into a first-choice central striker role, with Marcus Rashford providing support from the left and 18-year-old Mason Greenwood stepping into the senior fold to serve as a back-up.

Rashford has been forced to shoulder United's main goalscoring burden this season, amid a number of niggling injury concerns for Martial - who is once again a doubt for their next Premier League outing at Manchester City tomorrow.

Despite the fact that Rashford has hit a credible nine goals in 15 appearances, the Red Devils find themselves in sixth in the top-flight standings, some 22 points behind runaway leaders Liverpool already. It has been suggested that Solskjaer will look to bring in an extra forward in January, with Saha of the



opinion that Cavani would be a 'great signing' for his former club.

"Manchester United are the Premier League team that need to strengthen the most in January and they should look at signing Edinson Cavani from PSG," Saha told Bwin.

"They need to bring in players to challenge the existing players and create competition; Cavani would push Rashford and Martial and make them even better. 'Sir Alex (Ferguson) didn't like signing players in the January transfer window but times are different now; United need to strengthen sooner rather than later. I would love to see Cavani join the Premier League; he would be

a great signing for Manchester United."

United are interested in signing Borussia Dortmund star Jadon Sancho although they face competition from Chelsea, with Goal having revealed that the Blues are ready to break their transfer record for the winger.

But Saha hopes he ultimately decides to move to Old Trafford in the future, while also expressing his belief that Barcelona defender Samuel Umtiti would be a good signing for the club.

"I'd also love to see Dortmund's Jadon Sancho or Barcelona's Samuel Umtiti; they would both fit right into the Premier League," The ex-United striker said.

Goal

'I see Hazard winning the Ballon d'Or'

MADRID - Eden Hazard has been described as the Michael Jordan of football as Belgium boss Roberto Martinez tipped the Real Madrid star to win the Ballon d'Or.

Hazard - regarded as one of the best players in the world - swapped Premier League outfit Chelsea for La Liga powerhouse Madrid in a blockbuster transfer prior to the start of the season.

The Belgium international has showed flashes of his brilliance, earning praise for his performances prior to suffering a small ankle fracture.

Asked about Hazard, Martinez likened the Red Devils captain to Chicago Bulls great and NBA Hall of Famer Jordan.

"I see Hazard winning the Ballon d'Or," Martinez told Cadena Ser program El Larguero. "He has the role of being a Ballon d'Or winner."

"What he has done is the level of the Ballon d'Or and he is always eligible for the prize."

"He has done it at Chelsea, in France. It is difficult for a foreigner to be at the reference of a project that works to win the league."

"He is a last-pass player, a Michael Jordan. Hazard

is the Michael Jordan of football."

Hazard - who has scored once this season - will miss El Clasico against Barcelona on December 18 due to a small fracture in his ankle. The Madrid forward was forced off in the 2-2 Champions League draw with Paris Saint-Germain last month. "It's more the process of the injury," Martinez said on Thursday. "In the game against PSG, he had a setback and now we've discovered that he will spend a bit more time out than expected."

"There's nothing to worry about. You want a player like Eden to be 100 per cent, and now he'd established himself in the team and he was playing well."

"He's in very good physical condition and he'll be back very soon. You don't want to lose players of

his level, but a team always has to deal with injuries, suspensions... Real Madrid are well prepared for this."

Hazard has made 13 appearances for Real Madrid in all competitions this season, scoring one goal and contributing one assist in the process.

Goal



PSL Club distances itself from Lebesse talk

JOHANNESBURG - George Lebesse will have to continue his search for new club, after the team he was recently linked with, confirmed that there was no interest in his services.

It had been thought that AmaZulu would be keen to give Lebesse a chance, following the KwaZulu-Natal club's recent signing of the former Kaizer Chiefs duo of Mario Booysen and Tsepo Masilela.

However, the coach of the Durban-based side Jozef Vukusic

says the 30-year-old Mamelodi-bom player has never been thought of as part of the plans for Uthutu, as reported in edition 1152 of Soccer Laduma.

"He was never in AmaZulu's plans," the Slovakian coach told the Siya crew. Having returned to Mamelodi Sundowns at the end of last season from a loan stint with SuperSport United, Lebesse parted ways with the Chloorkop outfit in September, and has been without a club since.

Soccer Laduma

Middendorp celebrates one year in style

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs coach Ernst Middendorp plans to celebrate his one-year anniversary since returning to the club in style.

Amakhosi will take on Celtic at the Moses Mabhida Stadium tomorrow (8.15pm).

It was on December 7 last year that Chiefs shocked the local football fraternity by firing Giovanni Solinas and announcing the appointment of Middendorp on the same day.

The German was hauled back from the wilderness where he had been working in Thailand to take up what is arguably the most sought-after job in the local league. The 61-year-old reflected on the one-year mark since his return to Naturena.

"A lot has happened over the year ... when you look at that we were in position nine last year in December and now a year later we are on top of the table," he told Sowetan at their media day yesterday. "I think it's a huge achievement. Of course, there were some changes here and there but in one year we have done well."

Middendorp showed a brave approach to games and has not been shy to field youngsters like Happy Mashiane, Yagan Sasman and Njabulo Blom.

Chiefs have indeed come a long way and are guaranteed to end the year at the top of the table. With their 31 points from 12 games, they recently won the quarter one Q-Innovation. *Sowetan live*

The Conte effect:

'The Messi of coaches' has put Inter back on top of Serie A

MILAN - From sublime recruitment to bizarre sex advice, Antonio Conte is waking a sleeping giant of Italian football.

For the first time in years, Juventus now face a battle for supremacy in Serie A as Conte's revitalised Inter are making a legitimate push for the title. With the Nerazzurri now into their 10th season without a Scudetto success, the Italian manager arrived in Milan on a mission to restore the proud club to its former glory. The early signs are certainly encouraging.

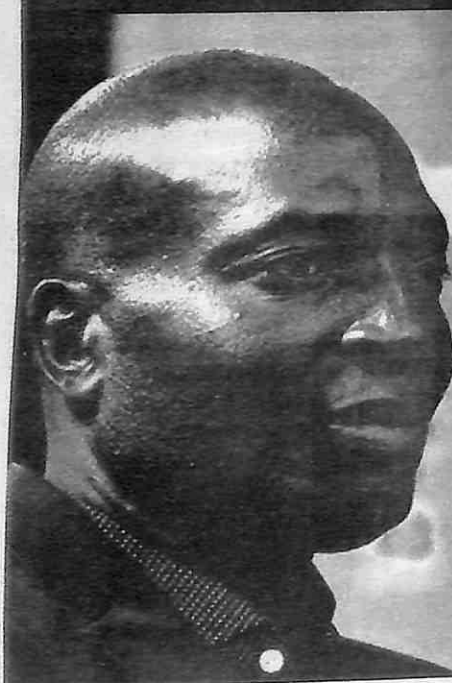
Inter's hard fought 2-1 win over SPAL on December 1, combined with Juve's 2-2 draw against Sassuolo, has seen Conte's side climb to the Serie A summit.

Though only one point separates the top two, and the season isn't even halfway through, Inter finally look ready to go the distance.

Since 2011, the year when they last lifted silverware, the club have gone through 11 managers, with Conte arriving in May to become No.12. While his Juventus roots had some fans sceptical, the 50-year-old wasted no time in showing the Inter faithful that he meant business as he made a number of shrewd signings in the summer. From veteran defender Diego Godin to Manchester United duo Romelu Lukaku, Conte got a number of impressive deals done before deadline day. He also put his cards on the table as he boldly declared he would bend for no-one, vowing to manage his way.

"One last thing about taking over at Inter as a former Bianconero: I think of myself as an honest and loyal person on all points, I believe in work, effort, sacrifice," Conte told L'Espresso in November. *Goal*

NYIRENDA DOWNPLAYS PIRATES CLASH



DURBAN - Baroka coach Wedson Nyirenda has downplayed the gravity of tomorrow's showdown against Orlando Pirates at Peter Mokaba Stadium (3.30pm).

While some tacticians place a high premium on winning against a side of Pirates' calibre, Nyirenda is of a different sentiment.

"This game is just as important as any other game for me. We need points. It doesn't matter if it's Pirates or whoever, all the games are equal because they all give you three points if you win," Nyirenda told Sowetan yesterday.

For a coach who has been rumoured to be living on borrowed time, you'd expect Nyirenda

to be prepared to move mountains to beat the Buccaneers and silence his doubters, while also endearing himself to the Bakgaga hierarchy.

However, Nyirenda insists that a win or defeat tomorrow won't determine his fate.

The Zambian, who's also a pastor, has put everything regarding his future in God's hands.

"I enjoy what I do, I take each game as it comes. I don't care whatever comes. Whatever happens, I don't care. I care about the present, what is here now."

"Yes, we need the points to move up on the log, but I really don't care about what comes next," said the Bakgaga coach.

"Win or lose I don't care because

everything is taken care of by my God.

"We work hard as coaches, but sometimes we need God to help us and he never fails."

Baroka, alongside AmaZulu, have the least goals in the league, having each managed only seven in 13 outings.

Nyirenda admits bluntness in front of goal is the reason they are threatened by relegation.

"We've been playing very well but we fail to score from the chances we create, that's why we are there (12th on the table). But we've been working very hard to correct that and I am hoping we get it right on Saturday (tomorrow)."

Sowetan live

RUIZ VS JOSHUA 2 PREVIEW:

HOW THE FIGHTERS MATCH UP

RIYADH - Today on DAZN from Saudi Arabia, Andy Ruiz Jr and Anthony Joshua hook it up again, six months after their first stunner of a bout that set the boxing and sports world ablaze. Let's take a look at the matchup, which certainly feels a lot different this time around.

What's at stake?

Ruiz is defending the WBA, IBF, and WBO titles that he won from Joshua on June 1 in New York. More than that, this is just plain a huge fight, will be one of the biggest of the year. This is can't-miss stuff.

How did Andy Ruiz Jr get here?

Andy Ruiz Jr was a good amateur boxer in Mexico with a reported 105-5 record, but he never quite broke through on the international level, with notable losses to the likes of Michael Hunter, Zhang Zhilei, Robert Alfonso, and Oscar Rivas. He went pro in 2009 at the age of 19, weighing in at 297½ pounds. 11 months later, he'd gotten himself down to 250 for his third pro bout, but a month after that he was back up to 271½. Weight has been a common theme for Ruiz's career and those who have tried to judge his upside. And let's be completely honest: Andy Ruiz is fat. He's not boxing writer fat, but he's fat. It is what it is. And it has just never made a real difference in his career, other than how he's been treated promotionally, at least until now.

Ruiz was with Top Rank for the bulk of his pro career, and there was constantly talk that he "needed" to lose weight, that he "needed" to look better. He never



IT'S ON: Andy Ruiz Jr and Anthony Joshua meet again this weekend, and you don't want to miss it!

quite got the push that he might have if he were muscular and lean. In 2013, he beat Joe Hanks, then an unbeaten prospect who definitely looked the part, stopping Hanks in four. But he kept floating under the radar. It was clear he had some skills, but he wasn't really being pushed much by his opposition, either.

Who's the favourite?

As of this writing, Joshua is the favourite again, but obviously by far less than the first fight. Joshua closed at -3 000 last time around after opening at -2 000. This time he opened at around -350 and the odds have tightened a bit, with Joshua now averaging around -275 and Ruiz at +140 or so. But there's still the sense among the oddsmakers that the first fight was something of a fluke.

Bad Left Hook

RUIZ HAS AGREED A MEGA-BUCKS FIGHT WITH WILDER

RIYADH - The conventional wisdom is that a boxer risks ill fortune and toys dangerously with distraction if he so much as thinks about the next opponent after the one about to come gunning for him out of the opposite corner. Let alone talks about it.

But then, as the self-described chubby kid, Andy Ruiz Jr has been defying the preconceptions of prize-fighting since his father took him to a gym at the age of six and he started beating up older and taller boys.

So he has no hesitation in revealing that he and Deontay Wilder are negotiating a mega-

bucks super fight for the undisputed world heavyweight championship, even as he readies himself to defend the titles already in his possession in his desert rematch against Anthony Joshua tonight.

'Yep, it's all arranged,' says the rotund Ruiz, who came out of nowhere to spring one of the most amazing upsets in the annals of the ring by knocking out Joshua in New York this summer.

Of Wilder, the Bronze Bomber whose explosive fists knock down all who dare to challenge for his WBC title, Ruiz says: 'Deontay's a good friend of mine.'

'We talk on the telephone all the time.'

For their grand design to become golden reality, not only must Ruiz beat Joshua a second time but Wilder has to win the

February rematch of his epic draw with Tyson Fury.

Daily Mail



'The defeat in the first fight could destroy him'

RIYADH - Mike Tyson says Anthony Joshua's defeat to Andy Ruiz Jr could 'destroy him' ahead of the rematch between the pair tonight.

Joshua was stopped in the seventh round of their first contest at Madison Square Garden on June 1 in one of the biggest upsets in box-

ing history.

The 30-year-old had knocked Ruiz down in the third round but was then caught by a huge left hook just seconds later - a shot he never fully recovered from.

Pundits and fans are now divided over the outcome of the rematch in Saudi Arabia, including former

heavyweight world champion, Tyson.

"He's humbled now," Tyson said on the BBC Sport documentary 'One Night'. "It either makes him a better individual, a better fighter, a better person or it might just destroy him."

Tyson fell victim to arguably the most stunning upset the sport has

ever seen when he was knocked out by Buster Douglas in Tokyo back in 1990.

Underdog

Douglas was a 40-1 underdog on the night (Ruiz Jr was 15-1 prior to his fight with Joshua) and Tyson revealed what it felt like to suffer such a loss.

"It just takes one punch, especially these guys, they are big guys," he

said. [When you get hurt] 'It's debilitating, it's like being on the outside of your body watching him beat on you and there's nothing you can do about it.'

"This never happened to him [Joshua] before, he's never been hurt before, he's never been in this situation before and you kind of panic a little bit."

Daily Mail

RODGERS SIGNS NEW FIVE-AND-A-HALF YEAR DEAL

LEICESTER - Brendan Rodgers has signed a new contract with Leicester designed to keep him at the club until at least 2025.

The Northern Irishman has done an outstanding job since moving to the King Power Stadium from Celtic in February, helping them to second in the Premier League this season, and the new deal will include a significant pay rise.

Rodgers, 46, had been the subject of strong interest from Arsenal around the time of Unai Emery's sacking, but he made clear his commitment to the Foxes after they beat Everton last Sunday - despite the presence of a £14 million release clause in his contract.

Leicester will hope that Rodgers' decision to commit himself to the club will influence key members of the squad. Midfielder James Maddison is admired by Manchester United, while defender Ben Chilwell is a target for Chelsea.

Earlier this week, Rodgers said: "I'm very happy, so I've no need to look



DEAL INKED: Manager Brendan Rodgers has signed a new contract with Leicester until at least 2025.

elsewhere," he said. "I think logic would tell you - and I know there is gossip and speculation - but why would I want to leave Leicester City at this moment in time?"

"I repeat, I'm happy here, very happy, and have great relations with all the people, and I feel I want to continue

with that. The message is clear. I made a choice nine months ago to come here for a purpose. The purpose was very clear in that I wanted to help this club move forward out of where it was when I came in, and with a group I feel has huge potential".

Daily Mail

ATP Challenger tennis returns to SA

CAPE TOWN - South African tennis has been boosted by the news that Tennis South Africa (TSA) has secured the rights to bring an ATP Challenger tournament to the country in 2020.

The ATP Challenger 50 event will take place at the new tennis complex at North-West University (NWU), Potchefstroom in March 2020.

Challenger events are the second highest level of international men's ATP tennis tournaments, after the ATP Tour (250, 500 and Masters events). The last ATP Challenger to take place in South Africa was hosted in Soweto in 2013.

The event has been made possible thanks to an innovative commercial joint venture between TSA and Henico Schalekamp, Corporate Finance Partner at PKF Octagon, as well as support from the ATP. The JV sees TSA and Schalekamp partner to co-fund the event, with the objective of growing and elevating

the profile and stature of the tournament in future years.

Schalekamp is excited to have helped bring an ATP Challenger event to South Africa: "As a passionate tennis player I have been keen for some time to help grow our sport and invest in international tournaments to South Africa. I have been very impressed with the work being done at Tennis South Africa over the last few years and now seems the right time to get involved in my personal capacity. Both TSA and I have big plans for this event and together we hope to take it from strength to strength in the coming years."

North-West University is the official host venue for the 2020 tournament, and as part of their partnership with TSA are making available the new world class tennis facility at their Potchefstroom Campus, which is due to be completed in early 2020. *Sport24*

MTN Premier League 2019/20 PREVIEW

ACTION CONTINUES IN MTN PREMIER LEAGUE

By Melusi Mlotso

SOCCER – Action continues today in the MTN Premier League.

Eight teams will be battling out at different stadiums.

With two games remaining before the first round curtain falls down, football lovers are

anxiously waiting to see the team that will eventually clinch the E350 000 first round incentive.

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG:

| Team | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Pts |
|---------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Young Buffaloes | 11 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 26 | 7 | 19 | 26 |
| Mbabane Swallows | 11 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 6 | 16 | 26 |
| Moneni Pirates | 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 9 | 7 | 21 |
| Royal Leopard | 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 8 | 7 | 21 |
| Green Mamba | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 8 | 8 | 17 |
| Mbabane Highlanders | 11 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 15 |
| Manzini Wanderers | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 15 | -3 | 15 |
| Tambuti | 11 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 13 | 22 | -9 | 12 |
| Mhlume Peacemakers | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 11 | 1 | 11 |
| Sea Birds | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 17 | -7 | 11 |
| Denver Sundowns | 11 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 17 | -7 | 10 |
| Milling Hotspurs | 11 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 14 | -7 | 10 |
| Black Swallows | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 21 | -9 | 10 |
| Malanti Chiefs | 11 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 17 | -12 | 6 |

Will Inyok'eluhlazana bite Leopard?

Royal Leopard vs Green Mamba
(3:30pm, Mhlume Stadium.)

Correctional Services Green Mamba will be aiming to record another win



when they visit Royal Leopard at Mhlume in what is expected to be an epic clash.

Sitting on position five with 17 points, the defending champions will be out to dent the police services side's chances of winning the first round.

The Caleb Ngwenya-led charges will be going into this match oozing with confidence after they beat Young Buffaloes 1-0 last weekend at King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium.

Pint sized midfielder Njabulo Thwala will be carrying the hopes of 'Inyoka 'Eluhlazana' in this encounter.

He is expected to call the shots at the middle of the park and supply those killer passes.

On form attacking midfielder Mcolisi Mkhontfo will be expected to once again break the Royal Leopard defence just like he did against the army side.

However, Green Mamba have a tall order to beat the wounded Ingwemabalabala'.

It is a fact that the police side have been without a win for the past games. In this encounter, they will be hoping to redeem themselves and give their supporters something to cheer about.

Former Mbabane Highlanders twins Fanelo Tsabedze and Lungelo are carrying the hopes of Edwin Matsebula who have been blowing hot and cold this season.

TEAMS

GREEN MAMBA

Coach: Caleb Ngwenya

Captain: Banele Dlamini

Key players: Njabulo Thwala, Phinda Dlamini, Solomon Oladele

Match winner: Mcolisi Mkhontfo

ROYAL LEOPARD

Coach: Edwin Matsebula

Captain: Berry Steenkamp

Key players: Sifiso Matse, Lungelo Tsabedze, Ncamiso 'Mbhonyo' Dlamini

Match winner: Fanelo Tsabedze

Will 'Weslians' bounce back to winning ways?

Denver Sundowns vs Manzini Wanderers
(3:30pm, Somhlolo National Stadium)

Out of all the internal problems engulfing the team, threatening its peace and stability, hub Manzini Wanderers will have to switch their focus and beat Denver Sundowns

this afternoon at the Mavuso Sports Centre during the hub derby.

The Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe charges will be all out for maximum points so that they finish in a respectable position in the log standings.

'Crooks' will bank his hopes on his experience troops in the likes of Mike Dombo,

Johnson Mensah and Thami Zulu to do the job.

However, the maroon and white have a mountain to climb to beat the youthful Denver Sundowns troops who last weekend held capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders.

Christopher Ennin charges will be hoping to display another good performance against their rivals. Veteran midfielder kingpin Phinda Ginindza will be expected to boss the belly of the park and frustrate the Weslians.

This is one of the exciting matches this weekend.

TEAMS

MANZINI WANDERERS

Coach: Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe

Captain: Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya

Key players: Housessou Chafiou, Thami Zulu, Laurent Abah

Match winner: Mike Dombo

DENVER SUNDOWNS

Coach: Christopher Ennin

Captain: Enzo Motsa

Key players: Linda Maphalala, Phinda Ginindza, Sibonelo Dlamini

Match winner: Mcolisi Bhembe



Will Malanti halt Birds title hopes?

Mbabane Swallows vs Malanti Chiefs
(3:30pm, Somhlolo National Stadium)

Revamped side Malanti Chiefs will be aiming to dent Mbabane Swallows first round incentive hopes when the two sides meet this afternoon.

After a poor start in the league, Malanti Chiefs are slowly but surely finding their rhythm.

The last weekend win against Tambuti FC is a clear indication that the gold and black outfit has turned the corner.

However, the Northern Hhohho based outfit must tread carefully as they will be meeting a side that hopes to bag the first round prize by all means.

Sitting in position two with 26 points, the Honour Janza charges are eyeing the E350 000 incentive and will all out for the maximum points.

Enterprising youngster Sizolwethu Shabalala will be the one to watch in this encounter for the Beautiful Birds

alongside the tried and tested Tony 'TT' Tsabedze.

TEAMS

MALANTI CHIEFS

Coach: Christopher Tembo

Captain: Thembumenzi

Key players: Sifiso 'Bhubezi' Mazibuko, Thokozani Dlamini, Innocent Jere

Match winner: Charles Molopo

MBABANE SWALLOWS

Coach: Honour Janza

Captain: Tony 'TT' Tsabedze

Key players: Sandile Hlatshwako, Mncedisi Dlamini, Nhlanhla Ngwenya

Match winner: Sizolwethu Shabalala



Bufs ready for Black Swallows

Young Buffaloes vs Pigg's Peak Black Swallows
(3:30pm, King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium)

After last weekend's defeat against Green Mamba, Young Buffaloes are ready to redeem themselves at the expense of Pigg's Peak Black Swallows.

The army side who will be without their coach, Dominic Kunene who is away with the national under-20 squad, will be hoping to collect the maximum points so that they are in better chances for winning the first round carrot.

Senior players in the likes of Nhlanhla Gwebu, Sihlangu Mkhwanazi, and Wandile 'Skosh' Shabangu must stamp their authority in this encounter.

It will be a tricky affair for the

army side to play against the Northern Hhohho based outfit who are coached by their former employee, Mandla 'Sitofu' Dlamini. Dlamini who is also a soldier by profession knows the weaknesses and strengths of the 'Amathole'.

TEAMS

YOUNG BUFFALOES

Stand in coach: Sabelo Mnisi

Captain: Nhlanhla Gwebu

Key players: Phiwa Dlamini, Wandile 'Skosh' Shabangu, Sihlangu Mkhwanazi

Match winner: Fanelo 'Order' Mamba

P.PEAK BLACK SWALLOWS

Coach: Mandla 'Sitofu' Dlamini

Captain: Mbuso Mabuza

Key players: Siyabonga 'Msholozzi' Mdluli, Jonathan Bafoe, Lihle Shabangu

Match winner: Allen Mabuza



CYCLING UPDATES

By Mbusi Motsa
(Guest writer)

It excites me that the reigning champion Gcina Banda will be competing with the sole purpose of defending his trophy with the assistance of teammate Sihle Dlamini.

This duo is fresh from a UCI high performance training camp in Cape Town.

It will be interesting to see how they will fare against MTN Khemani's Muzi Shabangu who has returned from his study leave.

Another threat being Forever Cycling's duo, Morgan Rudd and Calvin Louw. Personally I feel Muzi has to dig deep to win this one.

With limited race miles it will be tough for him.

I do know him to be an intelligent cyclist who is able to read his opposition and play tricks on them which gives him an edge over the Dig Deep pair.

Another exciting one is that the Mozambicans are coming in numbers. I have seen some of them training on the very route recently. It will be of interest to see if they can beat the locals on home turf.

Thank you Mduduzi Kaudi

I would like to thank Mduduzi Kaudi for the previous article. I enjoyed reading it and it evoked the suffer-

CYCLING SEASON ENDING WITH SITEKI ROAD RACE



start until the end. In a race as big as that you will always find cyclists who are worse of in fitness levels.

Advice to cyclists

Finally I wish to advice cyclists that since we are wrapping up the cycling year tomorrow it is a time to do some reflections. Conclude your year by ticking what you achieved and what you failed to achieve and why. What are you gonna do differently etc. You have to start planning what you would like to achieve in the 2020 season.

Good luck to all Siteki Road classic participants

I am also excited with the fact that I will also be wrapping up the cycling year on my bike for a change.

This will be my first local road race this year and ideally I will be in my home town. I did mention in a previous article that this was my very first race 12 years ago.

ing I endured at the 2019 Discovery 94.7 race. I did exactly what I would never teach my subjects. Doing a marathon with very little training.

The worse part being that my training never exceeded 60km. Frankly I went on a suicide mission by doing a 95km race.

As a matter of fact completing the race brought me a rich sense of achievement one of my comforting moments was that I was overtaking from the



By Mbusi Sigudla
(Guest writer)

When children are engaged in activities which align with their particular interests, their psychosocial development is enhanced.

They not only learn a variety of useful skills, they learn to express themselves, go on a journey of self-discovery, and grow into adulthood with an authentic set of characteristics and values. Here, however, we will focus on those important activities which impact children's health and body development – participation in sports.

According to the latest Youth Risk Behaviour Surveillance in the United States (2016), 14 per cent of children reported not having any kind of physical activity at least once a week prior to taking part in the survey, while 27 per cent of the children reported having been physically active every day of the week for at least 60 minutes per day.

Also, 14 per cent of the children were found to be obese, while 16 per cent were overweight.

Why children should take up sports



The results of this study clearly suggest that taking up sports as an extracurricular activity is an especially good idea. In this article, we'll take a look not only at the obvious benefits of sports on physical health, but also at a much-neglected topic – how sports help in developing children's personalities and positive forms of behaviour.

Age groups

In the training programme, fundamentals movement in a fun way comprise of 60 per cent movement skills and 20 per cent balling skills.

For example basketball skills, soccer skills, volleyball skills and net-

ball skills.

- 5-7-year old females
- 6-8-year old males

Learn to train 20 per cent movement skills 20 per cent balling skills in a fun inclusive environment

- 7-8-year old females
- 8-9-year old males

Learn to train 20 per cent movement skills 20 per cent balling skills in a fun inclusive environment

- 8-11-year old females
- 9-12-year old males

Train to train new skills and excelling.

- 11-15-year old female
- 12-16-year old males

Fundamentals modified games 30 per cent movement skills and 40 per cent balling skills

How they gain fitness cards and balance

- Two feet and two elbows
- Head two hands and two elbows
- Bottom and two hands
- One knee and one foot
- Elbow to knee
- Knee to ankle
- Hand to shoulder
- Hand to foot
- Foot to head
- Passing ball
- Vary the way of travelling around in space
- Kangaroo walk
- Crazy crab
- Monkey walk

- Jumping jacks
- Slalom jump
- Ski jump
- Squat thrust with push
- Shuttle runs with the ball

Physical benefits

- Better body shape
- Agility increases
- Gives the body a good exercise
- At the end of the day all a child wants to do is to have fun
- Their minds are always shifting from one thing to the next
- Body awareness
- Flow of moving
- Speed of moving
- Force of effort moving

Conclusion

Physical activity should be fun and part of a child's daily life. Active play is the way young children are physically active. For this reason it is recommended to steer clear a continuous adult organised sporting programmes. Children with disabilities are encouraged to take part in organised physical activity and active play. It is important for the healthy development of children with disabilities that they acquire the habits of lifelong activity. Children during this time rapidly outgrow their mobility aids such as basketball, soccer and rope skipping.

Children are a heritage of GOD and the fruit of the womb is his reward (Psalms 127:3)

ECL tour cascading to four regions of Eswatini

By Lungelo Sambo

Eswatini Corporate League (ECL) is on, and it is going to be a wave that sweeps through the land of Eswatini spreading wellness, health and creating networking platforms for the workforce of Eswatini.

Lubombo, Shiselweni, Manzini and Hhohho, all the four corners of Eswatini, be prepared to have Eswatini Corporate League coming to your area for an explosion of fun, football and the spirit of community.

ECL is aimed at upscaling and maximising the efficiency, health and wellness of the workforce in Eswatini. The entire Eswatini workforce is encouraged to participate.

ECL is tailored to assist all workers and industry players achieve their ambitions and goals by making sure that they are mentally and physically in the right shape to perform at their best and also live longer. Health is a major priority for every person, whether in the workplace or anywhere, in order to make an impact in the world, one has to have lesser and lesser sick notes, by learning to exercise correctly, eating right and creating the right atmosphere around them. Perhaps, the greatest surprise is the rare opportunity to have an all-inclusive programme like the ECL, which is packaged to fit everyone and all ages as there is football, jumping castles for children and aerobics amongst other things, and of course an environment that is charged with positivity and full of life.

Manzini has already felt the spirit of the ECL as Manzini Club and the Old Trade Fair grounds have already rolled the red carpet for the initiative and a lot of corporates came in numbers for an array of activities, football being one of the main events. We have all heard it many times before - regular exercise is good for you, and it can help you lose weight, fight diabetes, improve bodily functions, mood and a lot of other benefits that can fill volumes of books. If you are like many Emaswati, you are busy, you have a sedentary job, and you haven't yet changed your exercise habits; the good news is that it's never too late to start. You can start slowly, and find ways to fit more physical activity in your life through the Eswatini Corporate League. In the fitness and health world, it is always encouraged that one should have a workout partner, be active with friends and family. Having a workout partner may make you more likely to enjoy the exercise, so imagine the big ECL family that is growing with each rising sun, how much you would be stimulated and inspired to do more and exceed your expectations. In the Eswatini Corporate League, the greatest winner is the body as it gets healthier and more revitalised and the greatest loser is also the body in the sense that you lose weight and all the negativity that causes stress or is brought on by stress. As Eswatini Corporate League, we are not trying to reinvent the 'fitness wheel', our focus and heart lies with the people who wake up every morning, go to work and still juggle family life and its demands, we want to help make the load lighter and make their lives better. It shows the magnitude of care, servitude and courtesy for its employees, when we see institutions such as Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA), Montigny Group and Eswatini Communications Commission as part of the Eswatini Corporate League participants, not forgetting Eswatini's print media teams, Eswatini Observer and The Times of Eswatini football teams participate in the ECL. The 'fuel' behind Eswatini Corporate League - Rockefeller Alkaline Water and Dixies International - are surely the 'Neil Armstrong's' of the League as we activate and unleash the potential of our workforce by assisting in improving people's lives through wellness and health initiatives. ECL stalls are available, and more organizations and companies are more than welcome to participate in our maiden ECL season, which has been an amazing experience thus far. For more information, please contact 7606 0645/7608 2878. Get your training equipment ready, ECL is coming to your region soon!

5 U-13 stars for AmaZulu trials

By Nomalungelo Phiri

SOCCER- Five players from the U-13 Build It Football Development Programme have been invited by ABSA Premiership side AmaZulu FC to be part of the youth trials to be held in Durban, South Africa.

The players are Siwakhile Mayisela, Junior Mtsetfwa, Andiswa Malaza, Solomon Salim and Mayibongwe Mdluli and they were selected during the 2019 Build It U-13 National Championship held at Mavuso Sports Centre on July 6, 2019.

Accompanied

This was revealed by Eswatini Football Association (EFA) Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe.

The players will be accompanied by the Eswatini Football Association Technical Director Bhekisisa Mkhonta. They will leave the country on Monday and they are expected to be back home on Thursday December 12.

Radebe stated that it was the



POSE: 2019 Build It champions Matsapha posing with dignitaries led by Prince Sicalo after beating Buhleni 3-1 at the Mavuso Sports Centre. (courtesy pic)

second time AmaZulu engaged Eswatini youngsters to be part of the trials, saying the camp was part and parcel of AmaZulu to identify talent. "It is good for the children, hence the training will be a platform to showcase their talent," said Radebe. He acknowledged Build It for being an eye-

opener to the children and further grooming them into what they were now.

Appreciation

"My sincere appreciation also goes to AmaZulu for supporting Eswatini and further providing the children with this delightful opportunity," he said.

He further thanked parents for their supporting since they were key stakeholders in the upbringing of the children."

EFA advocates the parent's effort and support from soccer kits, soccer boots and the entire sacrifices they make to see their children shine.

ALL SET FOR SWAZI INDUSTRIAL STAR MANZINI OPEN

By Jongile Kuba

GOLF- The draw for the Swazi Industrial has been completed as golfers prepare to take the field in the competition scheduled for Manzini Golf

Course tomorrow.

The draw was revealed by Manzini Golf Club's Wakie Lawrence, who said preparations for tomorrow's competition had been completed and urged the golfers who were registered to be on time for their respective tee off

times. The tournament will have 60 golfers from around the country play 36 holes in a one day competition to determine the winner.

PLAYERS ON STANDBY

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| William Kelly | 24 |
| Robert Kagara | 24 |

| Time | Player | HCP 1 | Player | HCP 1 | Player | HCP 1 | Player | HCP 1 |
|---------|----------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| 6:10 | Brandon Rennie | 4.4 | Sifiso Vilane | 2 | Jabulani Mabaso | 0 | Sanele Myeni | 0.6 |
| 6:17:00 | Sibusiso Mkhwanazi | 1.8 | Nicholas Vilakati | 3.2 | Moses Sifundza | 3.4 | John Fakudze | 3.7 |
| 6:24 | Khanyisa Nhlengethwa | 4 | Bambo Kunene | 4.7 | John Nyakanyaka | 5.4 | Mduduzi Maphalala | 5.9 |
| 6:31 | Valentine Maziya | 6.2 | Bonginkosi Myeni | 6.3 | Machawe Maziya | 7 | Andreas Mkhatswa | 7.3 |
| 6:38 | Rasheed Mohammed | 7.5 | Sive Dlamini | 7.6 | Zwelisha Dlamini | 8 | Benedict Bennett | 8.2 |
| 6:45 | Louis Hassane | 7.4 | Andrew Mkhonta | 8.2 | Sandile Simelane | 8.3 | Walter Dlamini | 8.9 |
| 6:52 | Musa Shongwe | 9.2 | Siphos P Dlamini | 9.3 | Clement Nhlako | 10 | Melusi Dlamini | 10 |
| 6:59 | Khulile Dlamini | 10.9 | ME Dlamini | 11 | Dumisani Hlatshwayo | 11.9 | Elwyn Dlamini | 11.9 |
| 7:13 | Mibonga Dlamini | 11.9 | Clement Dlamini | 12 | Simon Molsa | 13 | Lwazi Druha | 13 |
| 7:20 | Richard Dlamini | 13 | Phillipe D Sousa | 15.7 | Dumisani Msihi | 13.3 | Robert Mgcinah | 13.4 |
| 7:27 | John Mngomezulu | 13.8 | Ivan Groening | 14 | BJ Simelane | 14.2 | Cosmo Mthethwa | 14.4 |
| 7:34 | Banele Ngcamphalala | 14.5 | Thulani Xaba | 14.8 | Mphumelo Makhubu | 15 | Raymond Dlamini | 15.7 |
| 7:41 | Sifiso Zubuko | 15.8 | Nkululeko Nxumalo | 16.1 | Siphos L Dlamini | 16.2 | Elliot Nkambule | 16.3 |
| 7:48 | Nkululeko Druha | 16.5 | Ncamiso Matse | 16.5 | Wandile Nhlengethwa | 16.5 | Sifiso Nhlengethwa | 16.9 |
| 7:55 | Wakie Lawrence | 17 | Aubrey Mkhonta | 17.1 | Matthews Musonda | 18.1 | Ishmael Mavhengi | 20.69 |

EFA hosts women development tourney

By Nomalungelo Phiri

SOCCER- Eswatini Football Association (EFA) will today host the U-20 Madelezini Women Football Development Programme at the Wermer Sports Ground, in Northern Hhohho under the Mhlangatane constituency. The programme aims at developing woman football in the country. This is according to EFA Marketing and Communication Officer Muzi Radebe. When asked

why their focus was only at Madeleni, Radebe said similar programmes would be implemented around the country. "We have limited resources and we will soon be working with other constituencies.

Our mandate is to develop women football from grassroots and we are getting a positive response from the community members since they are also in full support of the programme. The programme started this year and will continue even next year. Such programs will not only ben-

| THE FULL FIXTURE | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| TEAM A | TEAM B | TIME |
| Lonhlanane vs | Wermer | 9:00 am |
| Tingonini Ladies vs | Sinhoye Ladies | 10:00 am |
| Mpofu vs | Happy Girls | 11:00 am |
| Manchester Ladies vs | Thuluzubone | 12:00 pm |
| Gasa Ladies vs | Special Killers | 1:00 pm |
| Manengeni vs | City Stars | 2pm |

efit EFA, however it will also help Premier League teams to pick talented players from the regional teams. With more resources there could be more development programmes and more talent could be identified." The first match is scheduled to start at 9:00 am.

ENVA TO SEND TEAMS TO LADYSMITH VB OPEN

By Jongile Kuba

VOLLEYBALL - After receiving an invitation from the organisers of the Ladysmith Volleyball Open, Eswatini National Volleyball Association (ENVA) is looking for interested teams to participate in the competition.

This was revealed by ENVA Secretary General Nonophile 'Afi' Dlamini, who said after failing to send a team to the upcoming Zone 6 Club Championships in Malawi, they had received an invitation to the KwaZulu-Natal based tournament. "We are hoping to send teams to the Ladysmith Open after the organisers contacted us about coming to participate. We have accepted the invitation and are looking at which teams we can send down to the competition. We would like to send teams that were meant to go to Malawi for the Zone VI competitions or any that will express interest," she said.

The Ladysmith Open is scheduled for next week from December 13 with teams from around South Africa taking part in the competition. The invitation is in line with the associations objectives of getting local team's more exposure with international games as mandated by the president during the league closing ceremony two weeks ago.

Some of the teams likely to attend the Ulundi Open are REPS, Bob Cats and Correctional.

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'WE WILL MAKE THE COUNTRY PROUD' – TAEKWONDO COACH

By Melusi Mlota

TAEKWONDO – Eswatini Taekwondo Federation national team coach, Mancoba Mlota says they will make the country proud in the 2019 Confederation of Southern Africa Taekwondo Association (COSATA) games.

The tournament is scheduled today at Mavuso Sports Centre, beginning at 8am.

The national team coach said preparations went well and they were ready for the tournament. He invited Emaswati to come in their large numbers for the tournament.

"We prepared for the tournament and what I can say is that we are ready. We are also confident that we will hoist the country flag," he said.

Mlota added that they will be using squads that participated in the previous tournament.

He also mentioned that gifted artist, Wandile Maziya who was in South Korea is also back for the annual regional championships. Meanwhile



the tournament will see 10 countries from the SADC region participating. Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Zambia, Kenya, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Malawi, Lesotho to mention but a few.

On Wednesday, the Eswatini Taekwondo Federation received equip-

ment worth E190 000 from World Taekwondo Federation. The equipment will be used today for the COSATA games. Eswatini are the defending champions of the COSATA games after successfully winning the previous edition which was held in Botswana last year.

Papic hands over EFA car

By Melusi Mlota

SOCCER – Outgoing Sihlangu Semnikati head coach Kostadin Papic has handed over the car he was using to the Eswatini Football Association.

This comes after the mother body parted ways with the Serbian born coach last week allegedly due to increment as he was allegedly demanding a salary increment amounting to E120 000.

The former Orlando Pirates mentor was also provided with a house (water and electricity bills as part of his package.

Information gathered is to the effect that the coach handed the car to the mother body beginning of the week before his departure to his native country.

A source close to the matter revealed that the car, a Mazda CX -3 valued over E300 000 belongs to the mother body and it will be now used by another coach who will take the reins.

"It's true that Papic handed over the car to EFA. In fact, it will be used by the next coach," said the source.

The Mazda CX-5 was the second car purchased by the EFA. The first one, a Toyota bakkie worth over E350 000, was used by the then Sihlangu coach Ephraim 'Shakes' Mashaba. However, the car was stolen while parked in Johannesburg in 2010.

Meanwhile, Papic will be keeping his fingers crossed for the 'Chipolopolo' coaching job that has a salary pegged at US\$10 000 which is equivalent to E140 000 a month double his current salary and way above what the FA had budgeted.



HANDS OVER: Outgoing Sihlangu Semnikati head coach Kostadin Papic.

Birds, Bull chasing Allen signature

By Melusi Mlota

SOCCER – With the January transfer window around the corner, sworn rivals, Mbabane Highlanders and Mbabane Swallows are reportedly chasing the signature of Pigg's Peak Black Swallows lanky striker, Allen Mabuza.

Information gathered from a source close to the matter revealed that both teams are dangling lucrative offers to lure the Sihlangu player.

Mbabane Highlanders are reportedly desperately in need of the lanky striker. Have seen the player as a solution in their striking force that is currently struggling to score goals.

"It's true that, both teams are making frantic efforts to win the signature of the player. It will be remain to be seen which team eventually," said the source.

Unanswered

The lanky striker was the Player of the Year last season in the national first division. He has currently five goals under his belt in the MTN Premier League.

Pigg's Peak Black Swallows Chairman Charles Matsebula's phone repeatedly rang unanswered when called yesterday afternoon.

Mbabane Highlanders communications officer, Bhakisisa Dlamini said the coach is yet to release a list of players he would like to sign in January.

"We will wait for our coach to say which player he wants, we will then take it from there," said Dlamini.

Mbabane Swallows marketing and communications officer, Mancoba Mabuza said there were stages fol-



WANTED: Allen Mabuza.

lowed when recruiting a player in the club. He said the head coach will submit a comprehensive assessment report to the management committee.

"After recommendations, the report will then submit to the president for blessings. Thereafter, negotiations, signings commence," he said.

The player was recently involved a tug of war between capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders and Pigg's Peak Black Swallows.

This was after the capital city giants submitted that Mabuza was their player after he signed a three year contract with them during the beginning of the 2019/20 season.

The EFA adhoc Players Status Committee headed by Pigg's Peak Magistrate Siphosinu Dlamini ruled in favour of the Pigg's Peak Black Swallows.

Sitsebe to face Malawi in 2020 Women AFCON

By Jongile Xuba

SOCCER – Sitsebe Samhlekezi will face Malawi in the 2020 Women Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers.

This follows a draw conducted on Wednesday afternoon in Cairo where 36 African Nation confirmed the participation in the next edition of the women's continents showpiece.

The first round of qualifiers takes place in April 2020, with the qualification series reaching an end in June 2020.

| THE FULL DRAW | | |
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| Zambia | vs | Mozambique |
| Zimbabwe | vs | Mauritius |
| Malawi | vs | Eswatini |
| Namibia | vs | Botswana |
| Gabon | vs | Central Africa Republic |
| Angola | vs | Congo |
| Tanzania | vs | Kenya |
| Burundi | vs | Uganda |
| Ethiopia | vs | Djibouti |
| Liberia | vs | Senegal |
| Togo | vs | Niger |
| Algeria | vs | Burkina Faso |

The final tournament is set to be staged between 23 November and 1 December 2020 at a venue yet to be confirmed

following the withdrawal of the Republic of Congo.

The previous largest number of participating teams was 24 in the Ghana 2018 Women AFCON qualifiers, which means 12 more teams will take part in the 2020 edition of the women showpiece.

For the first time, 12 teams will take part in the finals of the 12th edition of the tournament instead of eight teams as it was the case before.

South Africa, Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon, Morocco, Mali, Ghana, Nigeria and Côte d'Ivoire received a bye to the second round.

Social teams to participate in Bogandaganda fundraiser

By Jongile Xuba

SOCCER – Social teams will be part of the Mhlume Peacemakers fundraising initiative that will take place at Tshaneni Sports Ground today.

Some of the teams include Mhlume Social, Sihoye Social, Mhlume Peacemakers legends and MP's soccer team to name a few.

Mhlume Peacemakers public relations officer Bheka Magagula said this initiative was started by some of the team's supporters in order to help the club.

"I would like to invite Bogandaganda fans and members of the public to our family fun day which will also feature a raffle draw. This event is aimed at helping raise funds for the running of the club house and we thank our fans for coming up with the brilliant idea," he said. Magagula said raffle draw tick-



ets would cost E50 each.

He added they would also be registering supporters for E200 after which they will receive a team replica and that merchandise will be on sale.

We are inviting everyone to support the fundraising campaign for Mhlume Peacemakers to be held at Tshaneni Sports Ground. Some of the enter-

tainment and guests will feature Miss Madlangempisi, Miss Mayiwane, Miss Pigg's Peak and Comedian Macebelengwane. Local musicians Vutsi Umlilo, Bruno, Zwistos, Mjongeni will perform. Magagula urged the public to join them with their families as the event is also about integrating the team with the community.

FIKTURES

TODAY

PREMIER LEAGUE

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|-------|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 14:30 | Everton | vs | Chelsea |
| 17:00 | Tottenham Hotspur | vs | Burnley |
| 17:00 | AFC Bournemouth | vs | Liverpool |
| 17:00 | Watford | vs | Crystal Palace |
| 19:30 | Manchester City | vs | Manchester United |

ABSA PREMIERSHIP

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|-------|----------------|----|-----------------|
| 15:30 | Baroka FC | vs | Orlando Pirates |
| 15:30 | Black Leopards | vs | Amazulu FC |
| 18:00 | Cape Town City | vs | Chippa United |
| 20:15 | Kaizer Chiefs | vs | Bloem Celtic |

SPANISH LALIGA

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|-------|-------------|----|------------------|
| 14:00 | Real Madrid | vs | Espanyol |
| 17:00 | Granada | vs | Deportivo Alavés |
| 19:30 | Levante | vs | Valencia |
| 22:00 | Barcelona | vs | Mallorca |

RESULT

ABSA PREMIERSHIP

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BULL, BIRDS CHASING ALLEN SIGNATURE



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WE WILL SOLDIER ON - 'SHANA'

By Nomalungelo Phiri

SOCCER - HUB giants Manzini Wanderers captain Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya says they comprehend the current financial crisis faced by the club.

The maroon and white ensemble were reportedly boycotting training sessions. Maziya stated they met with the Management Committee (MC) and everything was now back to normal.

"We are aware of the salary delays and we will wait until everything is finalised, hence the MC assured us they are doing everything to stabilise the situation," Maziya said.

Questioned on how his teammates' felt about the salary delays, the former Sihlangu player declined to comment insisting that they would continue with their normal training sessions.

Manzini Wanderers MC revealed that the club spends close to E260 000 in running the club per month. This was revealed by the MC's Chairman Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli during a press conference held at Mountain Inn Thursday.

The club also spends E20 000 to cover weekly expenses which total

E80 000 per month.

Mdluli stated that they had identified several solutions to sort out the financial crisis in the team but said he was not in a position to discuss in detail.

Wanderers will play Denver Sundowns today at the Mavuso Sports Centre, kick-off

is at 3pm before taking on Tambuti in their last encounter in the MTN Premier League first round.



SOLDIERING ON:
Manzini Wanderers captain Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya.

