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## About 63 000 SIM cards to be suspended from MTN network

BY NONGCEBO DLAMINI  
Manzini

OVER 60 000 MTN Eswatini users will be suspended from tomorrow when the mobile telecommunications giant switches off their SIM cards.

These are users whose SIM cards have not been registered with the network, in an exercise known as Vela through which every customer is mandated to register their SIM cards.

According to MTN Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Luphondvo, a total of 63 302 SIM cards would be suspended from the network.

The aim is to eventually de-register users who fail to comply with the Subscriber Registration Regulation of 2016 which requires that they should be registered.

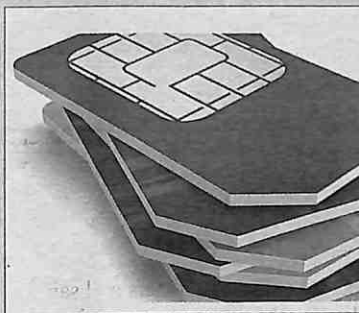
According to Luphondvo, these numbers will not be temporarily interrupted as it has been happening through multiple pre-emptive disruptions which were an attempt to remind customers to register their SIM cards. This time, he disclosed, the numbers would be suspended on the MTN network until they are fully registered.

Luphondvo also revealed that they have registered at least 872 913 SIM cards.

"According to the latest statistics 21 298 prepaid customers remain partially registered while 42 004 are still not registered," Luphondvo added.

He further disclosed that 6 094 SIM registrations were rejected but have an opportunity to re-register through submission of a national identity document and proof of residence.

Luphondvo has reminded these customers who have so far not showed up to register their SIM cards this week, saying that MTN Eswatini has applied another pre-emptive disruption before ultimate suspension of unregistered numbers tomorrow.



## DAY CARE CENTRES 'DEATH

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

...13 minors die in day care centres this year



THEY are the place where parents seek refuge for the safety and care of their young ones, while they fulfil their obligations in the places of work.

However, it turns out that day care centres are now literally death traps with an average of a child's death a month in a day care.

Negligence, irresponsibility and carelessness are usually the main causes of infant mortality.

Since the turn of the year, there have been 13 reported deaths at day care facilities. This seemingly growing trend evoked a dire need to do something about the issue as there were fears the trend

could increase.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said the main responsibility resided with parents as they were the ones

who left their children in day cares.

Vilakati said the police together with other relevant stakeholders were currently engaged in a nationwide campaign of visiting and verifying all day care centres were

operating legally and offered the standard and proper environments for caring for children of various ages.

She urged the public to assist the police with identifying illegally operating day care centres as some of them are based in residential areas which would prove challenging for the police to identify them. She added that the crime prevention units from all 24 police stations around the country were engaged in the clean-up campaign. Vilakati insisted that parents should take it upon themselves to conduct background checks of such facilities.

They had to make sure the day care facility entrusted with taking care of their children was operating legally and were registered

## Minister tables Bill to improve Building Society

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Lobamba

THOUSANDS of Building Society customers stand a chance to own shares at the bank.

The ministry of finance last month tabled the Building Societies (Amendment) Bill 2019 for deliberation and possible adoption.

In the first reading of the bill yesterday, Minister Neal Rijkenberg said the bill aimed to amend the Building Societies Act of 1962, primarily to allow for a building society to be incorporated as a company in accordance with the Companies Act.

He mentioned that the Swaziland Building Society (SBS) was established in 1962 and was a major provider of long term mortgage lending and savings products in Eswatini. "As a Building Society, the products offered by SBS are relatively limited and largely constrained by the Building Societies Act."

The minister said over the years, there has been a change in customer profile, increasing regulatory requirements and limited agility due to the legal framework under which the society operated.

He added that SBS was now facing key challenges including sustainability and being restricted by the Building Societies Act. He also stated attractiveness of the SBS in



the open market was limited due to how a building society was structured and governed as well as a limited range of products.

### Sustainability

He said one of the solutions to ensure sustainability of the SBS conversion of the building society into a bank was envisaged to address the challenges listed above. He said the amendment of the Building Societies Act would allow for the SBS to operate as a commercial bank, thus increasing the number of services provided by the society.

Senator Prince Magudvulela and Senator Princess Ntombiyenkhozi commended the minister for taking action towards amendment of the act as it was long overdue.

The senators also enquired how

the conversion of the SBS would benefit customers and citizens in general.

### Amendment

The minister said currently, there was one building society in the country and the amendment of the act would also open the door for future societies to become companies as well as commercial banks.

He stated that the host of services for any normal bank which include micro-lending, savings accounts and being able to transfer between accounts would be improved by the conversion of the society into a bank.

The minister said a lot of the banks in the country were owned outside and this would be the first bank that would be owned locally by Emaswati, who are also cus-

tomers of the institution.

"What would be very special about SBS when it does become a bank would be having all the services and facilities available which would result in the profitability of the bank increasing," he said.

The minister also said the shareholders of the bank would be the current SBS members or customers who would automatically become shareholders.

He stated that automatically there would be a few thousand people that are currently members who would become shareholders at the bank and the bank would be 100 per cent owned by Emaswati.

He stated that opening up services was creating a bank that would be profitable, and have a part to play in the country's economy.

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# TRAPS'

with the social welfare department under the deputy prime minister's office. She noted that all education facilities operating within the country were governed by certain institutions.

She also urged parents to conduct investigations on the capabilities and training of the day care employees. She said day care centres children were of various ages and needed specific attention depending on their ages and also provided with properly capacitated individuals.

"Parents should not only be attracted by lower rates without having conducted proper background checks on the facility before entrusting them with the care of their children," she said.

She also urged the day care owners and operators to ensure they hired people with the relevant qualifications and training to be able to offer the best care to children under their watch.

## 200 people go missing in three months

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

**MISSING persons reports continue to rise as over 200 persons were reported missing in a space of three months.**

Every now and again, the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) releases statements requesting the public to assist them in searching for people who have been reported missing by their families or relatives. According to the REPS performance report on recurrent and capital expenditure for the period of April to June, reports of missing persons continue to escalate and pose a security threat. The report indicated that most instances resulted from crimes such as human trafficking, murder and suicides. During the period under review,

Table showing demographics for missing persons during the period 1st April to 30th June 2019

| Months | Male | Female | 17 years and below | 18 - 24 years | 25 years and above | Located alive | Located dead | Not located |
|--------|------|--------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Apr-19 | 27   | 47     | 33                 | 26            | 15                 | 56            | 1            | 17          |
| May-19 | 29   | 52     | 37                 | 23            | 21                 | 69            | 1            | 11          |
| Jun-19 | 21   | 43     | 29                 | 21            | 14                 | 40            | 1            | 23          |
| Total  | 77   | 142    | 99                 | 70            | 50                 | 165           | 3            | 51          |
|        | 219  |        | 219                |               |                    | 219           |              |             |

a total of 219 cases of missing persons were reported. Of these reported persons, 165 persons were located alive, three were found dead whilst 51 were still under active police investigations.

The trend indicated that there were more reported cases of missing persons that were female compared to cases for males as out of

the 219 reported cases 142 were females compared to 77 cases for males.

The statistics also indicated that there were more cases of missing persons under the age of 17. Under the age of 17, 99 cases were reported, between the ages of 18 and 24 there were 70 cases while 50 cases were for persons above the age of

25. There are various factors attributed to the increase of missing persons ranging from domestic violence related matters, extra-marital affairs, female minors below the age of 17 eloping with boyfriends to male adults disappearing in search of employment opportunities without reporting to their relatives.

## Husband denied bail for hacking wife with axe

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Magistrate's Court

**A man who was arrested for hacking his wife with an axe was denied bail by the court due to the severity of her injuries.**

Sabelo Dlamini of Hlobane was arrested and charged with contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act, after he was alleged to have assaulted his wife Siphwe Shabangu by hacking her with an axe several times all over her body.

Dlamini was said to have committed this offence on Monday.

During his appearance before Magistrate Temantimandze Shongwe yesterday, the prosecution represented by Chris Sibandze applied for Dlamini to be remanded into custody until August 16, pending the setting of his trial date. Before Sibandze could inform the court that Dlamini's bail was opposed, the accused interjected, citing reasons why the court should grant him bail.

"Your Worship, I plead with the court to grant me bail so I can await trial at home. Because of my wife's hospitalisation due to the incident, there is no one at home taking care of my children and livestock. As we speak, the livestock is currently locked up as there is no one to release it," Dlamini explained.

Sibandze informed the court that the prosecution applies for bail for Dlamini to be opposed, as his wife was still hospitalised as she was being treated for her injuries. "The prosecution would like to monitor the complainant's recovery process, which it is not sure of at the moment. She is still hospitalised and once her condition improves, we can apply for bail. The charges against Dlamini can still be amended according to whether she recovers, or not," Sibandze explained.

A dejected Dlamini was seen walking out of the accused's dock with his head hanging in disappointment, after the magistrate granted the prosecution its application to oppose bail.

## SNAT goes to court over TSC chairmanship

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

**THE Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) has promised to challenge the Teaching Service Commission Chairperson Simanga Mamba's appointment in court.**

SNAT says it is challenging his term of office in court and

will today launch its legal bid to have it nullified.

According to a SNAT National Executive Council (NEC) statement issued by the SNAT Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini, they have a date in court this morning.

SNAT alleges that Mamba has been the commissioner for more than the required number of years. The association says this is against the Constitution Act of 2005.

The secretary general claims that Mamba has been passing verdicts that saw many members of the association losing their jobs.

### Alleges

It further alleges that Mamba did all of that while his membership in the commission is questionable.

"Since this case is not an industrial matter, rather a constitutional one, the same shall be

argued at the High Court of the land," reads part of the statement.

The association further alleges that Mamba has been deployed to deal with SNAT President Mbongwa Dlamini.

Mbongwa also confirmed that despite Mamba being sworn-in yesterday, they are keen to argue the case in court. He said Mamba's swearing in does not change the fact that he is illegally occupying office.



**ONE FAMILY: Teaching Service Commission (TSC) commissioners with Minister of Education Lady Howard-Mabuza and Principal Secretary Bertram Stewart after their swearing-in ceremony yesterday.**

## TSC commissioners sworn-in

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA  
THWALA  
Mbabane

**THE newly-appointed Teaching Service Commission (TSC) commissioners were sworn-in yesterday at the ministry of education and training offices.**

The commissioners sworn-in were Dr. Hugh Magagula, Regina Siphwe Shongwe, Dumsile Sigwane and Nkosilenhle Reginald Masuku.

The swearing-in ceremony was conducted by Deputy Attorney General (AG) Mndeni Vilakati who wished the commissioners well as they execute their work.

Present were the Minister of Education Lady Howard-Mabuza, newly-appointed Principal Secretary Bertram Stewart, Fanyana Mabundza, grantees, Eswatini Principals Associations President Welcome Mhlanga, senior ministry officials and family members of the commissioners.

The minister encouraged communication among the members. She said it was inevitable that as the commissioners worked together, they would step on each other's toes. "What is key is to communicate and let the other person know whatever didn't sit well with you.

This is so that when you meet there is no tension and you continue with the commission's agenda," said Mabuza. Meanwhile, the TSC Chairman Smanga Mamba appreciated

## Be transparent in all you do – Chairman

**MAMBA urged the TSC members to be transparent as they executed their work, especially in the current times where there were many qualified teachers and few vacant posts.**

"As a recruitment agency for government we must come up with new guidelines to recruit in a transparent manner. As a result we would be able to tackle legitimate complaints at the same time ensuring service delivery," he said.

He told the minister that as a commission they would bring a proposal to her on how to work going forward. In the same meeting, the minister could also share her expectations of the commission.

the previous commissioners and said they worked well together, overcoming many challenges and delivering using limited resources.

He said mainly they dealt with overstaffing in schools made sure that the quota was the expected one.

He added that they had challenges decentralising services in Lubombo and Manzini regions. "You cooperated well with me, one more year to go. I hope you do the same with the next chairman.

To the new commissioners, please note that education is the backbone of bringing development to the country, we need to hire teachers and administrators who are not only qualified but also called onto the profession," he said.





**TROPHIES:** Minister of Education and Training Lady Howard-Mabuza and other dignitaries pose for a group photo with the winners of the competition.

# MINISTER SHOUTS BAYETHE FOR NEW PS

STORIES BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Matsapha

MINISTER of Education and Training Lady Howard-Mabuza has thanked His Majesty King

Mswati III for the new PS in her ministry.

Speaking yesterday during the Schools Arts and Culture prize giving ceremony at Macmillan Education Headquarters in Matsapha yesterday, the minister welcomed the

new PS Bertram Stewart to her ministry.

She expressed her high hopes for a healthy and effective working relationship.

In her welcoming remarks, the minister said it was in her prayers

that she worked well with her team to the satisfaction of all stakeholders.

"We thank His Majesty the King for this appointment.

We will work collaboratively and make everyone happy. *Bayethe*," Mabuza said.

## Timphisini scoops top position at Macmillan Culture Competition

**TIMPHISINI** High School has proven they are a force to be reckoned with in as far as arts and culture is concerned.

This was announced at the Schools Arts and Culture prize giving ceremony in Matsapha yesterday.

Macmillan Education Eswatini is the headline sponsor of the Macmillan Schools Arts and Culture competition that ran from June to July.

Timphisini High School took the largest trophy home after aggregating a score of 93.7 per cent.

This was the tally after attaining scores of 98 per cent, 89.49 per cent and 83 per cent in drum majorettes, sibhaca and drama, respectively.

### Closely

The school was closely followed by Lobamba National High with a 91.8 per cent average.

During the presentation, Eswatini Schools Arts and Culture Association (ESACA) National President Edward Ngwenya said Macmillan's sponsorship had had a positive impact on both schools and pupils country-wide.

Ngwenya alluded to the fact that their pupils had learnt to love and appreciate arts and culture.

"We have noted that our children have grown to love their heritage because of this competition. They now look forward to the reed dance, Lusekwane and other cultural activities," he said.

He further said ESACA expected a higher turn-out at this year's Umhlanga and Lusekwane because pupils now had an understanding of the ceremonies and thus developed a desire to attend them.

### Results

#### Drama and Theatre

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Mbandzamani Primary | 1. Swazi National High |
| 2. Majombe Primary     | 2. Timphisini High     |

#### Drummers

- |                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. St. Mark's Primary   | 1. Ekukhanyeni High |
| 2. Malyaduma Primary    | 2. Somnjalose High  |
| 3. St Theresa's Primary | 3. St Mark's High   |

#### Sibhaca

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. St Aidens Primary | 1. Elangeni High    |
| 2. Maphaleni Primary | 2. Vulamasango High |
| 3. Entubeni Primary  | 3. Mhubhe High      |

#### Ummiso

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Velezizweni Primary | 1. Ngwane Park High    |
| 2. Maphaleni Primary   | 2. Lobamba High        |
| 3. St Mark's Primary   | 3. Madlangemphisi High |

#### Overall Winners

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|----------------------|
| 1. Timphisini High   |
| 2. St Mark's Primary |

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# Govt must include cultural competitions in schools budget

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

**THE Ministry of Education and Training wants government to budget for the cultural competitions so that all learners can participate.**

Minister of Education and Training Lady Howard Mabuza said this has been resolved after it had been reported that primary schools' participation in the annual competitions was low due to the Free Primary Education (FPE).

This, according to the minister, resulted to the schools complaining that such events were not budgeted for, thus the institutions have no funds to foot the extra bills that come with joining the competitions. Currently, the total number of schools that participate in the various activities under culture, drama and theatre is 145; 120 high schools and 25 primary schools. The minister was speaking during the Schools Arts and Culture prize giving ceremony at the Macmillan Education Headquarters in Matsapha yesterday. She said beseeching the government to budget for these competitions was at par with the principles of inclusive education advocated for in the contemporary education landscape as well as her ministry's Policy Document that is geared to parity of education for all. In addition, Mabuza lauded Macmillan for its continued support to the ministry of education. She said the company's sponsorship resonated well with the newly introduced Competency-based Education (CBE) that primarily

aims at tapping on learners' creative and imaginative abilities.

The legislator also mentioned that her ministry, through the Culture Inspectorate to enforce that culture is taught as part of the school curriculum, has availed resource personnel and included culture in school timetables. Speaking about her experience with learners during the competitions, the minister said the talent, excitement and dedication displayed by the learners guaranteed that learners were practically learning outside the domain of the classroom.

## Sections

"It is hoped that when it comes to some of the cultural sections in the syllabus, it will be easier for them to relate and understand what is being taught," she said. Further, Mabuza said the contribution that Macmillan has made annually towards these competitions for the past four years amounts to E850 000. Directing to the executive of Macmillan, the minister said the government appreciated such partnership and contribution in the education of the Swazi child. When making her remarks, Macmillan Education Managing Director (MD) Busisiwe Simelane said a child was not complete if they were only exposed to formal education because they also needed to be taught values of Eswatini.

"Macmillan's desire is to influence every child to respect culture. Our futuristic approach says some children are extremely talented in non-academic fields which must be thoroughly nurtured."

"The competition is important in moulding the character of the child which comes with the cultural

aspect of education," she said.

Meanwhile, Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture (ENCAC) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Stanley Dlamini said it was high time that pupils charged a fee for their services at events.

The CEO said this was to make them aware that their talents had a huge potential of rewarding them not only in applause and trophies, but also in monetary form.

This way, according to Dlamini, children would grow up knowing how much their talent is valued as well as how much it could generate income for them. Dlamini also alluded to the fact that the success

of the arts and culture competitions would not be possible without the dedication of teachers, principals and the ministry of education and training.

## Announced

On another note, the CEO announced that his organisation would be taking five children who outperformed their peers in the Macmillan's Schools Arts and Culture Competition for the Heritage Environment of our History in Robben Island. The conference will be held from August 20 to 28, 2019 and the five children will come from the following categories; drum majorettes, *sibhaca*, *ummiso*, music and theatre.

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## CONDOLENCES



The Ministry of Health takes this opportunity to express its deepest and sincere condolences to the Kunene family, friends and acquaintances of the late **Mr SIMON PHINDI KUNENE** on his sudden departure.

Mr Kunene diligently served the Government of Eswatini for a period of 34 years, having joined the Government as a Public Health Inspector in 1985. This marked the beginning of a successful journey in his career. In 1988 he joined the National Malaria Program where he exuded a lot of passion for his job and a great commitment towards the elimination of malaria in the country. To this end, he was able to link up with a number of local and international organizations towards this initiative. This earned him a promotion to the position of Program Manager of the National Malaria Program in 1993.

When he joined the Program, the country was receiving about 5000 microscopically diagnosed cases and an almost similar number of clinically diagnosed cases. He worked so hard with the team in improving laboratory diagnosis in all facilities in the country and later in clinics such that clinical diagnosis was done away with in the preceding years and all cases were microscopically diagnosed and later RDTs were used.

While working as a Program Manager, the country was awarded numerous awards for best performer in malaria control, at the level of SADC, AU and the WHO. Through his efforts, the program was elevated from Malaria Control to Malaria Elimination hence the decision by the afore-mentioned institutions to place it in the countries that were targeted to eliminate malaria by 2020. It is during his tenure that two field stations for malaria were built in Ngomane and another in Big bend with donor funds and no contribution from government. It is also during his era that the country got millions of Emalangeni from the Global Fund which money was used to supplement government funding to the program.

In August 2015, he was promoted to the position of Under Secretary (Administration) in the Ministry. He continued working hard and being a trendsetter even in this portfolio.

Mr Kunene was a man of astounding character and intelligence, hardworking and a valuable resource to the Ministry of Health and to the country at large. The Highlights of his career as articulated above, serve as testament of his commitment and passion for his work.

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- h. Police clearance or Affidavit of Non-Conviction for the Directors or partners of the Security Firm.
- i. Proof of payment or Original NMC receipt for purchase of tender document

III. There shall be a site inspection for Lot 1 of the tender as detailed in the Request for Proposal Document.

IV. Requests for clarification can be addressed to Sifiso Dlamini: [procurement@nmc.co.sz](mailto:procurement@nmc.co.sz) on or before 22nd August 2019.

V. The Deadline for submission shall be 10:00 am SAST on the 5th September 2019 and tenders must be deposited in the tender box situated at the reception area at the NMC Head Office, 11th Street Matsapha Industrial Site, Matsapha.

VI. Late tenders, as well as tenders received by telegram, facsimile, email or similar medium will not be considered.

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# ARBITRATOR WAS PARTIAL IN E30M AWARD TO MEDSCHEME - SWAZI MED

STORIES BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
High Court

AS the Swaziland Medical Aid Fund also known as Swazi Med, Medscheme court battle over E30 million award continues, Swazi Med alleges that the arbitrator was biased when granting the award.

Senior attorney representing Swazi Med in his six-hour submission before a High Court full-bench, told the court that the arbit-

trator, Judge Philip Levinson was impartial when granting the award in favour of Medscheme which leaves a lot to be desired.

Mangaliso Magagula from Mbabane based law firm Magagula, Hlophe Attorneys was making his final submissions since he began arguing the matter on Tuesday morning.

He submitted that Medscheme did not deserve the E30 million award.

The full bench comprises Judges Mbutfo Mamba, Cyril Maphanga



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medscheme

and Doris Tshabalala at the High Court. Swazi Med had instituted action proceedings in an application in which it seeks to have the award set aside.

Magagula informed the court that Medscheme was happy to get the E30 million, while his client

was still adversely affected by the judgment handed down by Judge Levinson. He submitted that the amount of E30 million was too much and Medscheme did not deserve it as they did not in any way sweat for it.

sions and Magagula would need time to reply, we think a postponement is best at this stage," advocate Kennedy said.

Judge Mamba indicated to counsel that the matter would have to be postponed to the next session of the High Court owing to the fact that the court takes a break on August 16 up until September.

After securing dates in their diary, the matter was then postponed to September 30 for continuation where advocate Kennedy is expected to make his submissions.

## Case postponed to next session, advocates fly back home

AFTER Senior Attorney Mangaliso Magagula's six-hour submissions, it transpired that the matter could not proceed yesterday afternoon.

After his submissions which began on Tuesday, Judge Mamba threw the ball in advocate Paul Kennedy's court as it was time for him to argue the matter. Advocates Kennedy and Christien Bester are instructed by senior attorney Kenneth Motsa from Robinson Bertram

law firm in the matter.

However, advocate Kennedy asked the court's indulgence and indicated that from what they had discussed with his learned friend lawyer Magagula, it transpired that the matter would need to be postponed as Magagula was expected to have an urgent meeting after the lunch adjournment.

Advocate

Advocate Kennedy also indicated that both he and advocate

Bester were also expected to catch a flight in the afternoon, hence they felt there would not be enough time to argue the matter.

"My Lords and Lady we have had occasion to discuss with my learned friend who indicated that he has a meeting, and we are also expected to catch our flight this afternoon, I do not think it would be possible to have the matter continue at this stage, I would need about two hours for my submis-

## MAN'S LIFELESS BODY FOUND FLOATING IN A DAM

BY STARKY MKHONTA  
Mtsambama

A man from Ka-Mfishane under Mtsambama constituency who went missing over a week ago was found dead and floating in a dam near a farm.

It is still unclear as to what happened to Mfiki Sibusiso Mamba (37) who disappeared at home on July 28.

His lifeless body was found Tuesday floating in a dam.

Mamba who earned a living through piece jobs in the community left many unanswered questions. A search for him started after relatives could not find

him in his house as he was last seen there.

Police from Ka-Phunga have taken the body for a postmortem so as to ascertain the cause of death.

His close relative Mfanisibili Maphalala said he was well known in the community and was of great assistance to residents.

Maphalala said on Tuesday Mamba's lifeless body was discovered by a man from the area who was on his way to a hammer mill inside the dam.

"The passerby realised that it was the same person we were looking for and raised an alarm.

The dam is located almost 2km away from his home, we still do

not know how he died, it's a puzzle that police are still trying to solve. Today (Wednesday), the police took the corpse for a post-mortem. Maybe we will know what happened once pathologists provide their findings," said Maphalala.

Meanwhile, the area's Member of Parliament Simo Shongwe sounded shocked when informed about the incident.

He said everything should be left to the police to find out what happened.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the matter. She said police were still investigating.



CONFIRMED: Chief PICO Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

## PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL CONSENT

### INTERMS OF MATSAPHA TOWN PLANNING SCHEME OF 2015

I JOEL NDAKE, The owner of J.V. PROPERTIES who is the owner of PLOT 444 TUBUNGU TOWNSHIP MATSAPHA, hereby make a Public notice in terms of clause 9.4 of the Matsapha Town Planning scheme, that I wish to apply for a Special Consent to build a ONE ADDITIONAL COTTAGE on PLOT 444 BREAM LANE which is Zoned as LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R1).

Anyone having an objection to this application may lodge their objections, in writing, with the Town Clerk at Matsapha Town Council, P.O. Box 1790, Matsapha, Swaziland, not later than 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019, that is 21 days from the last publication of the notice namely 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019.

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## Chiefs to become marriage officers

BY MBONO MDLULI  
Lobamba

### CHIEFS will soon be marriage officers under the Marriage Bill of 2017.

This was said yesterday by Zandile Dlamini (nee Matse) from the chambers of the Attorney General (AG). Dlamini was making a presentation about the Bill to Members of Parliament (MPs) who are members of the portfolio committee of the Deputy Prime Minister's Office (DPMO).

The MPs were having a workshop on this Bill at the Parliament conference room. Dlamini said under this legislation, the chiefs and Tindvuna would be made marriages officers, who would sign each time a marriage was taking place under their jurisdiction.

Dlamini said this would be the case in customary marriages taking place at chiefdoms around the country. In case of civil marriages, marriage officers could constitute pastors and

other important officials who had the necessary qualifications.

Dlamini said this piece of legislation was aimed at aligning the marriage issues with the Constitution of 2005, which gave equal rights to both women and men. The Marriages Bill of 2017 would repeal the Marriages Act of 1964, which had many contents that were not consistent with the Constitution.

For example, the Marriages Act of 1964 was enacted by the British government when the country was still under the British protectorate. The legislation did not consider the customary marriage and did not give equal right to both men and women.

The Marriages Bill of 2017 would consider customary marriages and would align itself with the Constitution.

Dlamini said it would be imperative, under this law, that marriages should be registered. During the process of registration, those who had objections to marriages would be given a chance to register the objections.

## Elderly grants distribution starts tomorrow

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

THE payment of grants for the elderly and people living with disabilities starts tomorrow.

Principal Secretary in the Deputy Prime Minister's office Makhosini Mndawe said due to unforeseen circumstances the commencement of the grants disbursement has been moved to tomorrow.

Mndawe apologised for the delay in the payment which was supposed to start today. Mndawe also thanked in advance the elderly and people living with disabilities for their cooperation as the office of the DPM strived to serve them. He said the payments shall start at Shiselweni region tomorrow.

### Schedule for the payments:

Friday (August 9, 2019)

Mtsambama  
Khuthutha  
Nkwene

Monday (August 12, 2019)

Engudzeni  
Sandleni  
Sigwe

Tuesday (August 13, 2019)

Maseyisini 2,  
Gege

Wednesday (August 14, 2019)

Hosea  
Matsanjeni  
Somntongo  
Zombodze  
Shiselweni 1

Thursday (August 15, 2019)

Matsanjeni North  
Siteki  
Mpholonjeni

Dvokodweni

Friday (August 16, 2019)

Hlane  
Lomahasha  
Mhlume

Monday (August 19, 2019)

Sithobela  
Siphofaneni

Lubulini  
Nkilongo.

Tuesday (August 20, 2019)

Motsane,  
Maphalaleni  
Mbabane East  
Mbabane West

Lobamba  
Madlangempisi

Hhukwini

Wednesday (August 21, 2019)

Mhlangatane

Mayiwane  
Timphisini

Thursday (August 22, 2019)

Ntfontjeni  
Endzingeni

Piggs Peak  
Nkhaba

Friday (August 23, 2019)

Manzini South  
Manzini North

Nhlambeni  
Kwaluseni

Ludzeludze

Mtongwaneni.

Monday (August 26, 2019)

Mafutseni  
Mkhiweni

Ekukhanyeni.

Tuesday (August 27, 2019)

Ntandozi  
Ngwempisi

Mhlangatane

Wednesday (August 28, 2019)

Lamgabhi  
Mhlambanyatsi

Mangcongco  
Lobamba Lomdzala.



# Managers need to be careful of SODV Act

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI  
Lobamba

**A manager that has a tendency of spoiling subordinates for sexual favours must be careful as the SODV Act might kick-in.**

It transpired yesterday that there were managers and other top executives in workplaces who had a tendency of having sex with their subordinates using the influence of their positions.

Some executives would even go to an extent of taking overseas vacations with the subordinates to have sex with them.

Mbongeni Mlangeni, who is a

police officer, said there were so many cases reported to them where people were victims to such abuse.

Mlangeni said the executives would have to be careful because even if they committed such crimes in far-away countries like Japan, they would come back to the country and face the wrath of the law.

He said that would be criminal because the executive would have taken the subordinate to a place where he knew that the subordinate would have nowhere to run.

This would be tantamount to rape because the sex would have been forced by the executive at a place where the subordinate would not be able to oppose the sexual advance-

ment, for fear of being left out in the middle of nowhere.

Mlangeni said sexual harassment in the workplace was real and it had to be uprooted.

**Some executives would even go to an extent of taking overseas vacations with the subordinates to have sex with them.**

Some ladies had a real challenge from their bosses such that they were no longer willing to go to their workplaces. However, they would be forced to go there because that was their place of livelihood.

One lady, according to Mlangeni, once related that every time she had to be promoted, she had to have sex with her superior.

There was nothing she could do about the situation because this was her only source of livelihood and she had children back home, which she had to take care of.

Mlangeni said such problems were faced by both males and females. No one was immune from such problems.

## Sharing nude pictures can attract SODV charges

**BY sending nude pictures through social media, one risks being charged under the SODV Act.**

Sending the nude pictures could attract charges under Section 47 of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018, which talks about flashing. However, the pictures have to show genitals and have to prove that the recipients did not consent to receiving the pictures.

Futhi Gamedze, who is a lawyer from the chambers of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) said it was dangerous to share such pictures on social media like WhatsApp and Facebook groups.

She said this yesterday during the meeting of Members of Parliament (MPs) who are members of the portfolio committee of the Deputy Prime Minister's Office (DPMO).

The MPs met at the Parliament conference room to discuss matters under the DPMO, which included SODV and the Marriages Bill of 2017.

Gamedze made an example of a video footage that recently circulated on social media, in which former South African Minister of Home Affairs Malusi Gigaba played with



**LIVING EXAMPLE: Former South African Minister of Home Affairs Malusi Gigaba.**

his manhood.

Gamedze said if Gigaba was a native of this country, with the SODV Act being in full force, he could sue many people.

The reason he could sue was because his pictures were circulated without his consent and he was in a private space when he played with his manhood.

The people who later circulated

the video footage could also risk being charged if the recipients of the video did not consent to have the video footage sent to them.

She made the Gigaba example after she told a story of a certain man who asked a woman out through WhatsApp.

The woman did not know the man, but the man insisted that he knew the woman.

The woman was not interested in entertaining the man because she did not know him. This led to a situation where the woman would ignore messages from the man.

This annoyed the man to a point of telling the woman that she did not have to ignore his messages because he had made love with girls who were prettier than her.

He started sending nude pictures of the girls he claimed he had slept with. That was before he started sending pictures of his erect manhood to the lady.

Meanwhile, Gamedze said courting (*kusoma*) was legal. It did not mean that people were no longer allowed to court because of the presence of the SODV Act.

She said some girls were starting to complain that they were no longer courted because of the fear of the SODV Act. The only thing that the Act was against was the unlawful stalking.

Unlawful stalking, according to Gamedze, constituted instances where fear would be induced to a person that is being courted. In most instances, the person courting would not say words to the person who is stalked.

## 2 housebreaking pupils beg for freedom

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
High Court

**TWO Form Five pupils arrested for housebreaking and theft, yesterday begged for freedom at the High Court as they want out of jail in order to sit for their external examination.**

The two whose names have been deliberately withheld for ethical reasons, were arrested by the Matsapha, Sigodvweni police and charged with four counts of house breaking with intent to steal around Nhlabeni area.

Through their lawyer Musa Dlamini of Makhosi Vilakati Attorneys, the two pleaded with the High Court judge to have their E10 000 bail granted by the Manzini Magistrate Court, varied as they cannot afford to pay same.

They said that they could afford to pay E3 000 in cash and E7 000 in a form of a surety and after the crown represented by senior crown counsel Khumbulani Mngomezulu indicated that it was not opposed, Judge Nkosinathi Maseko granted the review application order.

### Spree

According to the charge sheet, the two allegedly went on a housebreaking spree as they are said to have on the first count on or about March 28 at or near Nhlabeni broke into a house belonging to Themba Dlamini with intent to steal and did thereby steal items worth E25 200.

On the second count they allegedly broke in another house belonging to Mandla Ngwenya within the same area and stole a Samsung Galaxy cell phone, tablet, computer set, hard drive, cell phone for VITU money amounting to E250 and food stuffs valued at E3 875.

On the third count they broke into the house of Sipho Hlophe with the intent to steal and did thereby steal from him two bicycles valued at E2 700.

Meanwhile on the last count they unlawfully, and with intent broke into a house belonging to Nkosinathi Phungwanyo and stole a brush cutter valued at E10 000.

By the time this report was compiled, they had still not deposited the bail amount with the treasury department.

## AT THE COLD CHAIN SUMMIT

**KICK-START: Delegates and company representatives following the speeches at the opening ceremony of the Cold Chain Summit happening at Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre yesterday. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)**



U.S. Embassy Eswatini

### REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

**RFQ #: 19WZ6019Q0005 - Potable Water Treatment Service**

The requirement is for the provision of Potable Water Treatment Services to the US Mission in the Kingdom of Eswatini. For complete details regarding this requirement go to

<https://sz.usembassy.gov/embassy/mbabane/procurement/> and search by the solicitation number (19WZ6019Q0005). Please check this website periodically.



## Cold Chain Summit starts on high note

### Death Notice



#### Dr Maggie Prisca Mdanda Makhubu

We are sad to announce the demise of Dr Maggie Prisca Mdanda Makhubu who passed on the 1<sup>st</sup> August. We notify the Makhubu and Fakudze families as well as the health community and Anglican Church that her memorial service will be held at Mbabane Alliance (Selection Park) at 1 p.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Her requiem mass will be held at Usuthu Mission @ 6.a.m. on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> August and she will be laid to rest at the Makhubu gravesite. Announcement by Joy Ndwandwe and Nobantu Dube on behalf of the Makhubu Family.

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**HIGH NOTE:** Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza introducing portfolio committee members for his ministry who come from both the House of Assembly and Senate at the Cold Chain Summit happening at Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre. The summit kicked-off on a high note as hundreds of local and international delegates gathered for the inaugural summit hosted by NAMBoard. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**IN THEIR NUMBERS:** Delegates following proceedings of the day.

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## Man fined E15 000 for over 130kg dagga

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**THE courts are intent on cleaning the forests of illegal dagga dealers, as yet another dagga dealer faces five years in prison for being in possession of dagga without a licence.**

Misela Nkambule (40) of Mfeni was arrested and charged with contravening two counts under the Pharmacy Act and Opium and Habit Forming Drugs Act, when he was found to have been in possession of 130.2 kilograms of dagga, and 1.1 kilograms of dagga seeds.

Nkambule was found to have been in possession of the large consignment of the illegal herb at Mfeni area on June 14, without a licence or permit to do so.

### Appearance

During his appearance before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi, the forensic report submitted as evidence stated that the consignment was indeed dagga, and it held the scientific name 'African dagga'.

Initially, Nkambule had been arrested with his wife Thulisile Dlamini (23), however, the charges were later withdrawn.

During mitigation, Nkambule pleaded with the court to grant

him a lenient sentence, as he intended to sell the dagga to earn a living for himself and his family.

"All the dagga found at my home was all that I had. I no longer have any money, or any dagga to sell to make money. I plead with the court to allow me to pay my fine in instalments," Nkambule pleaded.

### Sentence

Before passing sentence, Principal Magistrate Nhlabatsi informed Nkambule that the court considered the weight and quality of the consignment he was found with.

She also informed Nkambule that the court had considered the prevalence of this offence in the country, as there were an alarming number of cases where people were arrested for being found in possession of the illegal herb without a licence or permit.

Nkambule was subsequently sentenced to pay a fine of E15 000 and in default of payment, serve five years in a correctional facility for being found in possession of over 130 kilograms of dagga. He was further sentenced to pay a fine of E2 000 and in default of payment, two years in prison for the dagga seeds.

# MONTIGNY SNIFFER DOGS READY TO HELP

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE  
Mbabane

**MONTIGNY Investments continues to extend a helping hand to communities in its surroundings by offering sniffer dog services free of charge.**

This was revealed by professional dog trainer Ian Pienaar from the Montigny K9 Academy in Mhlambanyatsi.

The company's assistance to the communities around Usutu comes under strict conditions and procedures that must be followed.

"Before we offer assistance to the community, a case must have been reported to the police," he said.

Pienaar said they wanted to assist the police solve criminal cases and ensure that offenders were caught and brought before justice.

The Montigny K9 Academy was started in May 2015 with just two special breed dogs that were originally bought from the Republic of South Africa.

Today, the academy boasts of 20 dogs, the products of the original two and they play an important role in protecting the forest and neighbouring communities.

According to Pienaar, the 20 blood-

hounds began their training at just three days old and have made great progress.

He said the sniffer dogs have accomplished an impressive success rate of 90 per cent in retrieving stolen property and apprehending criminals and have completed a total of 336 missions.

305 of those missions were successful.

Pienaar said the unsuccessful missions could only be attributed to cross border activities.

### Offenders

"Some offenders cross over to neighbouring countries, such as South Africa, and this proves a challenge for us. The red-tape makes it impossible to follow leads into South Africa," said Pienaar.

The high success rate is evidence enough that the dogs have been effective in reducing criminal activities, especially in the areas near the forest.

Some weeks ago, the sniffer dogs aided the police in apprehending rape and murder suspect Nkhoseng 'phile Mbuso Setilo. Pienaar said unauthorised honey-harvesting had declined immensely, thanks to the sniffer dogs who track down offenders.

He added that the company's strategy of incentivising community mem-

bers who find beehives has been a major contribution.

"To reduce the risk of fires from honey harvesting, the company gives E30 per beehive spotted and harvests the honey on behalf of the person," said Pienaar.

### Attack.

The company has long been plagued with arson attacks that have seen it suffer damages in millions of Emalangeni. However, the introduction of the sniffer dogs has increased the successful tracking of offenders. Pienaar mentioned that in the past the company experienced 168 forest fires per year, which were connected to arson, but they have decreased to only three. "It is a commendable achievement looking at where the company stood in previous years," said Pienaar.

He revealed that the winds experienced in late July present some challenges to the company. Just a few days ago, some parts of the forest were destroyed due to forest fires. "In fact, 10 fire incidences were reported in the last two weeks, which were fortunately spotted by security personnel and put out; but they did cause sizeable damage," said Pienaar.

### YSTER

On May 21 this year, Yster was called out to a break-in case at a local shop, outside the forest.

The break-in happened during the previous night, and entry was made through a window. A clear track was seen and identified as the suspect's track. Yster started on the track at 1010 hours, and followed the trail for 2.52 kilometres. The suspect's track was seen by the tracking team every now and again as they moved. Finally, Yster entered the same homestead on three occasions after checking all around that homestead for scent. The police continued to investigate the three young male suspects living at that homestead.

### CHARLEY

On March 2, Charley was called out to assist at a copper theft incident. The thieves were disturbed in progress and left their tools, so she had a good scent

## Some of the dogs' heroic exploits



article start. She trailed 6.6 kilometres and indicated at a fence where an illegal footpath entered a game reserve.

Police called off the mission at 2:11 pm

as the footpath led to a known community.

The community police continued with the investigation.

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**IT is rare to hear of cases involving a man robbing and threatening another, however, a 25-year-old man was slapped with three counts of robbery after he robbed three men at Sidvashini.**

Gift Smith of Sidvashini was arrested and charged with three counts of robbery, when he was found to have robbed three men of their belongings, including two cases of beer. According to his charge sheet, Smith

## Man (25) slapped with three counts of robbery, out on E2 000 bail

was found to have, on July 13, at Sidvashini induced submission to the taking of two cases of beer valued at E306.

Smith allegedly threatened Timothy Magagula that unless he consented to the taking of the cases of beer, and refrain from offering any resistance, he will assault him.

On the second count, Smith was said to have, on August 1 at Sidvashini, induced submission to the taking of items amounting to E400 belonging to Bheki Shiba. Smith was found to

have threatened Shiba with a bush knife that, unless he consented to the taking and refrained from offering resistance, he will assault him.

Smith succeeded in robbing Shiba of his GT cellphone valued at E300, and E50 in cash.

Smith is once again said to have, on August 1 at Sidvashini, used force by inducing submission to the taking of items belonging to Bandile Magongo. This Smith did when he was said to have threatened Magongo that unless he consented to the tak-

ing of E1 660 worth of items, and refrain from offering any resistance, he will assault him with a bush knife.

Smith succeeded in obtaining Magongo's leather wallet, All Star sneakers, socks and E830 cash. All of these items totalled E1 660. During his appearance before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini on Monday, Smith was remanded back custody until tomorrow pending the setting of his trial date. Smith was further admitted to bail of E2 000 to gain his liberality until then.

**Smith succeeded in obtaining Magongo's leather wallet, All Star sneakers, socks and E830 cash.**



BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Mbabane

# ESWATINI TO BENEFIT FROM BILATERAL RELATIONS

DIFFERENT country representatives who recently presented their letters of credence to His Majesty King Mswati III are bringing good news.

Eswatini will benefit from the bilateral relations signed by the country representatives with Eswatini.

This will be in different sectors including education, trade, training, scientific research, technology, innovation, renewable energy, agriculture and fittings.

Botswana High Commission Lameck Nthekela noted with satisfaction the relations between the two countries that were underpinned by historical and political ties.

## Relations

These relations have been in existence since both countries attained their independence from the British in the late 60s. He recognised that there is a need to consider developing a structured bilateral mechanism that could help foster co-operation between the two countries.

The two countries have enjoyed cooperation in different areas.

"These include education, the establishment of the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland (BOLESWA) in 1964 and later the University of BOLESWA in 1976. To date, there is a sizeable number of Swati students at the University of Botswana whilst



**NOTED:** Botswana High Commission to SA, Lameck Nthekela.

Botswana continue to send their children to Waterford Kamhlaba for high school education. Also, trade as both countries are signatories to a Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) which was amended in March, 2017 to conform it to International Standards on Transparency and Exchange of Information for tax purposes. Training because the Botswana Defence Force (BDF) has trained a number from the

Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force. The Botswana Police College and the International Law Enforcement Academy have also offered training to Eswatini police officers," he said.

Meanwhile, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil Carlos Alfonso Iglesias Puente said the ties between the two countries were strengthening steadily as they had signed an Agreement of Technical Cooperation

in 2008 which was ratified by the government of Brazil. Freed from ideological ties from the past, we are open to cooperate with friendly countries, aiming at the production of knowledge and mutual development. He congratulated Eswatini on the excellent work developed by the Royal Science and Technology Park which reflected the King's commitment to foster scientific research, technology and innovation in the country.

"There are several fields in which our countries could co-operate, one of them is renewable energy.

Taking into account Brazil's knowledge in ethanol production and Eswatini's potential for sugarcane farming, I think we should concentrate our efforts on building partnerships in this sector. When it comes to the best traditions of this country, it's also an honour, for me to be the first Brazilian ambassador under its new name: Kingdom of Eswatini," he said. He said they would be very pleased to see the Eswatini's flag waving on the Brazilian sky more frequently. Meanwhile Czech Republic Ambassador Michal Kral said his country understood the sentiment and pride of traditions and well proven values;

having been privileged to discover the beauty of Eswatini he considered that culture exchange could be considered.

"In March last year a mission organised by DEU in Pretoria visited Eswatini. Our embassy was represented, too. Together with local partners they evaluated economic consequences of EPA, met representatives of companies, economic chambers and other institutions.

They identified possible areas of cooperation and established valuable contacts. We have every reason to believe that this potential could and should be capitalised on," he said. Kral said the trade volume was growing steadily enjoying Eswatini's sugar, coffee, grapefruits and other commodities.

I trust that in your beautiful palace some Czech light fittings/chandeliers are in use to your satisfaction. We realise how important sufficiency of energy and water is for the economy. During our capacity building period we learned how to cope with these challenges including water treatment and renewable energy. We can provide experts, know-how and assistance. Our companies operate in this region. Why don't we ponder on" he asked.

## Local pupils arrive safely in Japan

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Mbabane

THE International Leadership Academy (ILA) team from Eswatini arrived safely in Japan for the flagship programme tomorrow.

The team comprised of three students Selusiwe Matsebula, Bandile Dlamini and Nondumiso Ndlangamandla. They were accompanied by Mbabane council's assistant information and public relations officer Siphesihle Nkwanyana.

Normally the ILA programme brings together nine countries but this time around there are only six.

They are Eswatini, USA (Mexico), Hungary, Indonesia, Italy and Japan.

Nkwanyana said since their arrival of the pupils have been touring places of interest and learning the history of the Nagaoka City. She said the pupils engaged with their counterparts and informally shared experiences in different topics.

"Today is different since we have other activities. The pupils are divided into three large groups and discussing topics such as education, responsible production and consumption like recycling. They will also discuss health and wellness issues and how the pupils can come up with solutions to deal with these problems in their respective countries," she said.

She said they would pay a courtesy visit to the deputy mayor of Nagaoka who had already interacted with the pupils in other areas. He is also expected to grace the culture night tomorrow.

"Delegation leaders who are mostly teachers also visited a martial arts school to see how they can incorporate that in their own schools. Even if it's not Japanese art but any extra curriculum activities outside the school time table," Nkwanyana said. The three pupils from Woodlands,



**SAFE ARRIVAL:** Eswatini ILA team upon arrival in Japan. (L-R) Bandile Dlamini, Nondumiso Ndlangamandla, Mbabane Municipal Council's Siphesihle Nkwanyana and Selusiwe Matsebula.



**INTERACTING:** Nagaoka Deputy Mayor interacting with the pupils.

St Francis and Mbabane Central High School underwent an extensive interview process giving the council a picture of

what they would present in Japan including culture, arts, contemporary dances, leadership and communications skills.

## Woman divorces hubby for absenteeism

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI  
Siteki

A woman has filed an application before the Magistrate's Court seeking an order to annul her six-year old marriage after her husband deserted her for several months.

Nomzamo Mavimbela has filed the application against Mbuyiseni Mavimbela on the grounds that he has neglected his responsibilities of taking care of his family. The applicant stated that she got married to the love of her life through civil rights after they dated for about a year. She alleged that their relationship was rosy until a time when she suspected that her husband was seeing another woman. She alleged that her suspicions were eventually confirmed after she found romantic text messages between her husband and the other woman. Moreover, the applicant claimed that her husband

started spending some few nights away from home, something which eventually became a common occurrence. She stated that her husband's behaviour had deprived her of conjugal rights for a number of months. For these reasons, the applicant seeks for an order declaring her marriage as null and void.

### Acknowledged

It is acknowledged that the Sexual and Domestic Violence Act of 2018 also describes the act of desertion as one which may warrant a divorce.

The Act states that a spouse may be granted a decree of divorce when it is proven that she or he had been deprived of conjugal rights for a period of three months or above.

In this case, the respondent is yet to file his responding papers, upon which the allegations levelled against him will be tested. In some instances, a divorce may be granted when the respondent does not oppose to the application.

## WOMAN ASSAULTS ROOMMATE

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE  
Eswatini National Court

A 24-year-old woman of Sidwashini under Chief Mgodzi has been fined E300 for assaulting her roommate over electricity units.

Palesa Kunene unlawfully and intentionally assaulted one Phephile Motsa with fists and kicks several times with the intention to cause her grievously bodily harm.

Motsa then reported the matter to the police. She pleaded not guilty to the offence. Motsa told the Eswatini National Court that she shared an apartment with the accused.

She said on August 2, she switched off the main switch leading to their

electricity supply after Kunene had exhausted electricity units.

"At our apartment, she brings in her friends and they finish electricity units. So I then decided to switch off the main switch with the intention to get her attention and possibly make her buy the units, however Kunene then started assaulting me," said Motsa. Motsa said she was seated on top of her bed when the defendant suddenly attacked her.

"She slapped me on the face and the rest of the body several times. She also kicked me," said Motsa.

Kunene was sentenced to five months in custody with the option to pay a fine of E300. Presiding over the matter was Court President Chief Mabhedla Hlophe.



# EKUPHELENI CARE CENTRE GETS

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

**PAINT** the World Swaziland has reached out to Ekupheleni under Motshane area paint a care centre that benefits over 30 children.

Paint the World Swaziland joined hands with Helping Hand Foundation, Waterford Paint Swaziland and Limkokwing Paint the World in giving Little Pearl Care Centre a facelift over the weekend.

Helping Hand Foundation Founder Ncamiso Mahlalela thanked the organisations for their assistance as painting the care centre.

## Believed

Mahlalela said a child friendly environment should be colourful and well looked after.

He said after visiting the area, he saw the status of the care point, hence the appeal to paint it.

On that note, Paint the World Swaziland Director of Justine Martin said



**CHANGE:** Volunteers pose with the children after painting the care centre. (Pics by Nonduduzo Kunene)

they were pleased to lighten up the day as well as the centre.

Martin said they strongly believe that children are the future and need

very pleased to see young people taking part to such initiatives," she said.

Nkosinathi Mkhonto from Limkokwing World said they were excited to be part of such a project.

## Dream

He added that as tertiary students, their dream is to see the children at the centre reaching tertiary stage.

Mkhonto said a good education

foundation begins with the environment where it is laid, hence partnering with other foundations to paint the care points.

## Initiative

"Our dream is to see more people attending tertiary institutions in future, hence we took part in this initiative," he said.

The students were excited to join the Helping Hands Foundation and make a difference to the children's lives.

Mkhonto also thanked his fellow students for their hard work as well as the companies that joined them.

## Painting

The job was also made possible by Star paint, Momentum, LTM Aluminum and Takbro Clearing.

The activities of the day were not limited to painting as the volunteers from these organisations had a chance to mingle with the children in the care point.

They had a chance to share food and eat with the children.

They further engaged in lessons and played games with the children to enlighten their day.

For grown up children in the care centre sanitary towels were also donated by Helping Hand Foundation.

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A signed and sealed tender bid clearly marked on an official envelope **TENDER NO.8 of 2019/20 CONDUCTING JOB EVALUATION EXERCISE**, containing **TECHNICAL** and **FINANCIAL** proposals, should be deposited in the tender box situated at the EEC Head Office, Eluvatsini Building, Mhlambanyatsi Road, Mbabane, Eswatini.

The closing time for receipt of the proposals is **12:00hrs on the 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2019**. Late, incomplete or telegraphic tenders will not be considered.

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## A FACELIFT



**CHANGING LIVES:** Some of the bigger girls who received sanitary towels.



**AFTER:** The care point after the splendid facelift.

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

LOCAL students pursuing studies in the Republic of Cuba want government to constantly keep in touch with them.

About five Emaswati students currently studying medicine in the Republic of Cuba on Thursday paid a courtesy visit to the Ministry of Labour and Social Security PS Thulani Mkhalihi.

The students who are enrolled in different Cuban universities are funded by government under the provisions of the bilateral agreement between the Kingdom of Eswatini and the Republic of Cuba. The scholarship directorate was also part of the meeting.

During their address to the PS, the students laid bare their challenges with studying too far from home. They requested government to make means of keeping regular contact with them.

They said they would appreciate occasional visits to assess their well-being.

The students also expressed their appreciation of the opportunity offered to them by the Eswatini Government to pursue their studies in reputable universities in Cuba. The PS promised to address their concerns and establish a very good line of communication with them so that they could be able to easily contact them in case they needed any kind of assistance.

The ministry of labour and social security Communications Officer Nomphilo

## LOCALS IN CUBAN UNIVERSITIES VISIT LABOUR PS



**EDUCATION IS KEY:** Ministry of Labour and Social Security PS Thulani Mkhalihi (l) posing with the five students currently studying medicine in various universities in the Republic of Cuba during their visit to the ministry last Thursday. (Pic: Sifiso Dlamini)

Mncina said the priority list stated that study loans offered for studying outside the country would be issued only in instances where the programme was unavailable in any of the local tertiary institutions and costs of the programme were prohibited.

She said government would only offer study support in other regions of the world in very exceptional circumstances, limited to pegged living allowances which stood at E35 000.

Tuition and other expenses were to be covered by the students themselves.

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## Wife wants in-laws interdicted from hubby's pension, death benefits

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
High Court

**HER husband died while working for Matsapha based sweets company Mondalez (Pty) Ltd.** Now the woman has taken her in-laws to court where she has filed an urgent application interdicting the company from paying out any monies from the pension and death benefits of her late husband.

Nelisiwe Valeria Dlamini (nee Mdluli) is also seeking an order declaring her father and mother-in-law Wilson Dlamini and Esther Dlamini (nee Makuwa) as undeserving beneficiaries of her late husband's pension or death benefits.

She is further seeking an order setting aside a decision by the company to grant the two 95 per cent and only five per cent of the pension and death benefits of her husband Madoda Sanecon Dlamini to her.

Represented by Manzini based lawyer Thabiso Fakudze of Fakudze Attorneys, the applicant (Nelisiwe) of Kwaluseni in her founding affidavit submitted that she was married to her husband who passed on in October 27, 2018 after succumbing to an illness.

Prior to his death, he was employed by the first respondent (the company) and the second and third respondents are his biological parents.

Mondalez is the company that was formerly known as Cadbury based at the industrial hub of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

According to the marriage certificate annexed to the application, she married the deceased through common law in September 30, 2007.

When her husband met her death, he was already staying at his parental homestead according to the applicant.

She averred that upon his death, the death was communicated to her by her in-laws telephonically and she duly proceeded to process the death certificate and produced same to the company.

It was then that the company deposited a sum of E20 000 towards the funeral expenses and a further E15 000 was contributed by SwaziMed hence she bought a casket worth E30 000 and the balance was used to cater for the remaining funeral expenses, adding that she was assisted by the human resources officer at Mondalez.

### EVERYTHING

She further informed the court that after the funeral had been conducted, her mother-in-law told her that she wanted everything that belonged to her (Nelisiwe's) husband, inclusive of the pension and death benefits.

"She informed me that if I hid anything from her she would dig it up hence I went to the company and advised them of what she had said where I was promised that I should not worry as they would process the benefits on my behalf," she submitted.



She told the court that at no point in time did her mother-in-law accept her as her daughter-in-law such that when her husband deserted their matrimonial home she (mother-in-law) was instrumental in seeing to it that they do not get back together.

She mentioned that before her husband left their matrimonial home, he had already signed the nomination form for his death benefits and he requested that she makes a copy of their marriage certificate which he submitted to his employer.

### MEETING

She contended that a meeting was scheduled by the first respondent (company) which took place on Monday this week where the human resources manager told her that the company has decided to grant her in-laws 95 per cent of the pension benefits and she (Nelisiwe) was only entitled to five per cent.

"I objected to the decision of the first respondent of paying out any monies to the second and third respondents. I advised that I would seek legal assistance and the manager said I was at liberty to do so, hence the present application," she submitted.

She submitted that when she enquired on how much were the pension benefits, the manager refused to give her the details.

The applicant also raised another issue of their child where she stated that she was advised by the manager to take the child and undergo a DNA test as the family was of the view that the child was not fathered by the deceased.

The manager, according to Nelisiwe, further undertook to make three quotations and an appointment for the child to undergo the tests which took her by surprise as this was outside the scope of her employment as a human resources manager.

She submitted that the matter is urgent by virtue of the fact that the company has decided to act on its decision adding that it is likely that the payment has already been made to the two.

**I objected to the decision of the first respondent of paying out any monies to the second and third respondents**

# NERCHA orients HIV/AIDS

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA  
Ezulwini

**THE National Emergency Response Council on HIV/AIDS (NERCHA) has oriented Members of Parliament (MPs) of the HIV/AIDS sessional committee.**

NERCHA National Director Khanya Mabuza said it was critical for his organisation to advocate political commitment towards HIV/AIDS.

He said the orientation was meant to help the committee understand the national and global dynamics which included advocating for HIV/AIDS to be part of the national agenda.

"It is also about making them understand the oversight function, that it is multi-sectoral as different ministries each have a role to play, including resource allocation. They will also ensure that HIV activities are disseminated, decentralised and implemented in their various constituencies," he said.

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Mabuza said the MPs would be HIV champions, should they lose focus Eswatini would have resurgences of HIV/AIDS.

"I know of countries that have had a turnaround in a negative way," he said.

HIV/AIDS Sessional Committee Chairman Strydom Mpanza said they were familiarising themselves with NERCHA's work and how they could cooperate with the sessional committee in Parliament.

### Obligation

He said as MPs they had an obligation with legislative and policy formation on how NERCHA worked.

Their responsibility was understanding NERCHA's function even in budget issues, how they could influence towards reaching vision 2022 of hav-

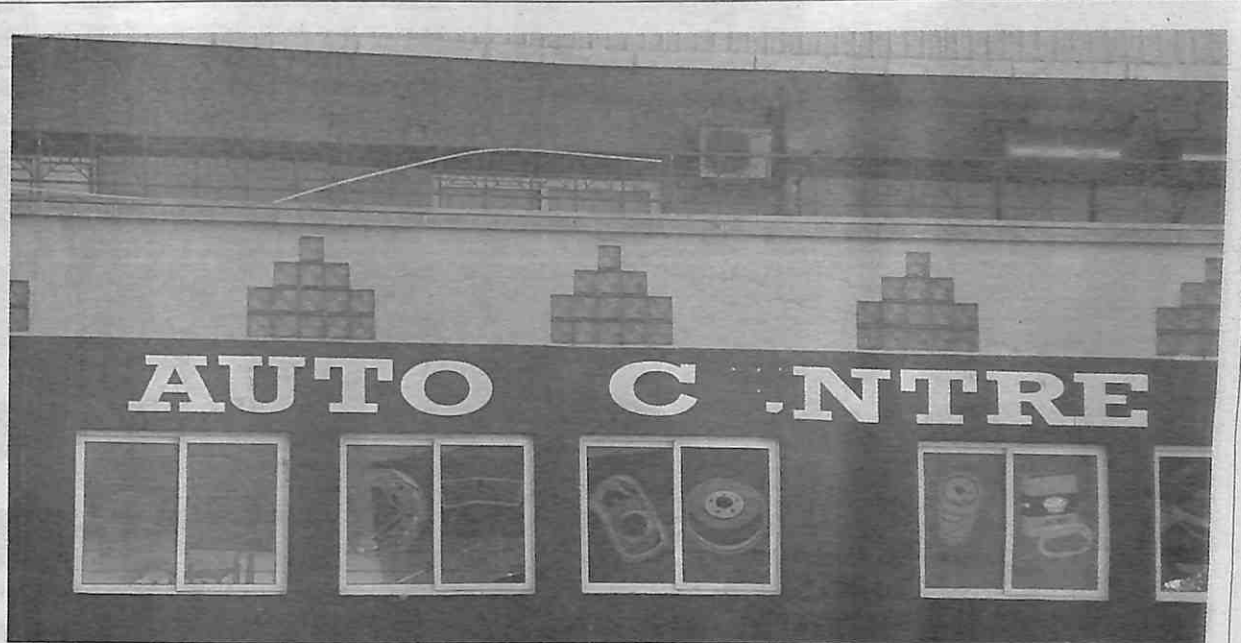
ing zero HIV cases in the country.

"We deliberated on how we would work on HIV issues, if there are existing bottlenecks how we would tackle those and how to deal with different terms of population services. Above all, we were impressed to discover that as a country we have reached a milestone of decreased incidence and death rates tremendously," he said.

Mpanza added that they were hoping to work on a plan to look at wellness of parliamentarians as they were also part of the society.

He said both entities had strategies they had to incorporate and translate these into action as parliamentarians.

"It's just that these can change frequently as they are influenced by many things, including international latest dis-



**OOPS!** The missing alphabet at the Quantum Auto Centre should be replaced before the wording centre becomes unreadable. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

## 'Keep suspect poachers in jail pending finalisation of trial'

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
High Court

**DESPITE having been granted bail by the High Court, the four suspects charged for attempted poaching might spend more time in jail pending finalisation of their trial.**

This follows an urgent application filed by the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) seeking an order that the four be interdicted, restrained from enforcing a court order issued by Judge Siphon Nkosi which granted them bail fixed at E50 000.

The order stated that they were to pay E5 000 in cash as E45 000 was in a form of a surety, which they paid.

The four Siphon Mhlana, Stanley Nhlakalufu, Isaac Mkhabela and Muzi Dlamini are facing a total of 14 counts ranging from contravening the Game Act to contravening the Prevention of Corruption Act and murder.

Mhlana has already paid the bail and was released from custody following the court order.

They were arrested by the Simunye

police and charged in that on August 11, 2017 at or near Hlane Royal National Park, the said accused persons either one or all of them acting jointly and in furtherance of a common purpose being occupants of a Nissan Sulphy and a Toyota Corolla did unlawfully attempt to hunt a specially protected game, a rhino.

One of their colleagues Lucky Mandlati Shabangu was killed during a shootout they had with the police and game rangers, hence the charge of murder.

### Trial

According to Senior Crown Counsel Lomkhosi Dlamini in her affidavit filed before court, the trial of the respondents (suspects) has been proceeding before the High Court and the applicant (DPP) has to date led about 12 witnesses and trial might be concluded sooner.

She submitted that the order which the first respondent (Mhlana) produced when he paid his bail is invalid and of no force or effect because it was subsequently by operation of the law superseded by the order of the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court on appeal by the DPP, ordered that the matter be referred

back to the High Court for determination, hence the present application they have filed before court.

### Flee

The first respondent (Mhlana) upon being released fled to a place unknown, according to the crown, and indicators are that he will flee the jurisdiction of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

The other respondents are alleged to be making sneaky efforts to gain their freedom since they are aware that the first respondent is out of custody.

She submitted that court orders granting the four suspects bail have already been prepared by the office of the registrar of the High Court and they may pay anytime.

### Matter

She averred that the matter is urgent because the first respondent has already benefited from the order challenged by the crown and may likely flee the jurisdiction of this country, which may make it difficult if not impossible to proceed with the trial.

The other respondents, according to Dlamini, are also armed with copies of the orders of the honourable court.



# sessional committee



**ORIENTED: NERCHA National Director Khanya Mabuza with the HIV/AIDS Sessional Committee at Sibane Hotel on Monday. The team comprised of Head of Parliament Research Futhi Malaza, Strydom Mpanza, Musa Ngcobo and Busi Dlamini. (Back) Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini, Musa Kunene, Allen Stewart, Primrose Mbingo and Nkhanyenti Ngwenya. (Pic: Nokuzola Thwala)**

coveries. We cannot implement these policy imperatives unless they are in line with the latest developments. We have to come up with a work plan for us to work at community level," he said. The chairman said they also consid-

ered sustainability issues as some issues kept popping up. He made an example of people defaulting ART because of lack of food.

"We can give them food now but it is not possible to feed them throughout

their lifetime. We would look at projects promoting agricultural farming that will sustain them. We borrowed from the Chinese philosophy which states that people should be taught to fish not given the fish," he said.

## WLSA continues fight against killing of women

BY NONCCEBO DLAMINI  
Manzini

**WOMEN and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA) Eswatini brought together members of the Gender Consortium in a bid to spread the word on stopping the rife killings of women in the country.**

Using the platform of their One Billion Rising Campaign, WLSA wants more organisations and people to talk against the killing of women and children.

WLSA Director Colani Hlatjwako said the One Billion Rising Campaign was the biggest mass action to end violence against women in human history. She said the campaign began as a call to action based on the staggering statistic that one in three women on the planet was beaten or raped during her lifetime.

"With the world population at seven billion, this adds up to more than one billion women and girls," she said.

Hlatjwako said the main objective of the gathering was the walk that took place from Somhlolo Park to Millennium



**FOR CHANGE: WLSA and members of the Gender Consortium displaying placards during that walk.**

Park, where the members of the Gender Consortium had placards condemning women and children abuse in the country. She said the police should act in the spirit of the SODV Act and act accordingly where crime has been committed, especially.

"We are not here to judge or point at each other, but we should all take responsibility. Service providers like NGOs

should also play their part," she said.

She said any of the organisations under the Gender Consortium should ensure that when a client comes before them, they provide the necessary services.

On that note, Coordinating Assembly for Non-Governmental Organisations' (CANGO) Hlobile Nxumalo said the issue of gender based violence affected everyone.



**The messages on the placards by the Gender Consortium.**

## Man 'accidentally' kisses, fondles woman

STORIES BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A man charged with contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018 told the court how he accidentally kissed and fondled a woman, after he had spent the better part of the day drinking buganu.**

Mfanasibili Dlamini (49) was arrested and charged with contravening the SODV Act after he was found to have, on January 27 at Ezulwini, kissed and fondled a woman.

During his appearance before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati last Wednesday, Dlamini claimed that most of what happened that day was a blur, as he had spent the whole day drinking buganu.

"Your Worship, I do not want to lie and say that I remember much of what occurred that day. I had been drinking heavily and I could have done some things.

According to witnesses to the incident, I fondled and kissed that woman in my drunken stupor. All I remember is that I slipped and fell, so that must have happened when I committed the offence," Dlamini explained, much to the amusement of the court.

Magistrate Vilakati thus warned Dlamini about conducting himself in a disrespectful manner, and also advised him to stop drinking excessively.

"You are too old to have conducted yourself in such a manner. Stop drinking excessively so that you can avoid doing things that will land you in this court room," the magistrate cautioned.

Magistrate Vilakati further sentenced Dlamini to pay a fine of E1 000 and in default of payment, serve one year in a correctional facility.

Dlamini was informed that his sentence was suspended for a period of six months, on condition that he did not commit a similar offence during this time.

## Woman steals E6 400 from employer, business shuts down

**WHILE thousands of young people remain idle due to unemployment, a young woman failed to conduct herself honourably when her thieving ways led to the demise of a business.**

Nomphilo Dlamini (21) was arrested and charged with theft after she stole E6 400 from her employer Happiness Nhleko. Dlamini is said to have stolen the money in May at the National Fire Station in Mbabane, where she conducted the Mobile Money business.

According to evidence led by Nhleko before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu last Thursday, she had established an MTN Mobile Money business, and employed Dlamini to take care of the day to day transactions.

"I had gone to check how my business was doing, as I had other businesses that kept me busy. When I arrived, I asked Dlamini to show me the books, which I noted were in a good position.

However, when I asked to see the actual money in cash, it was when Dlamini informed me that she had left it at her home in Mpolonjeni and she only had E200 in her possession," Nhleko stated.

Nhleko explained that she then called Dlamini's mother, who she asked to accompany them to her home so they could search for the money.

"As we were about to enter Dlamini's room, she confessed that she had loaned her brother E1 300, and another amount of E2 000 she had paid towards a fine after she was arrested for having committed another offence. The total amount of money I

had expected as proceeds was E6 400 which was reflected in the books. I asked her where the remaining balance was and she informed me that it had mysteriously gone missing. That was when Dlamini's mother suggested that we take her to the police station where I was likely to get answers," Nhleko stated.

Nhleko claimed that as a result of the loss of the E6 400, she had to shut down her business as she no longer had enough money to maintain it. Before passing Dlamini's sentence, Magistrate Zulu warned Dlamini about the consequences of her actions.

"You failed to practice a degree of trust with your employer, and a crime such as this is serious. With the thousands of unemployed people sitting idle because there are no jobs, your employer entrusted you with the proceeds of her business.

She had to shut her business down because of your actions. Being employed is a privilege, one that one needs to respect and be proud of," the magistrate warned.

Although Dlamini elected to remain silent when given an opportunity to tell the court why it should not find her guilty, she pleaded with the court to allow her to compensate Nhleko, as she had recently gained employment.

Magistrate Zulu granted Dlamini's application, sentencing her to pay a fine of E6 000, and in default of payment, serve two years in a correctional facility.

Dlamini's sentence was wholly suspended, on condition that she compensates Nhleko of her E6 400 on a monthly basis, with the last payment in June 2020.



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**POTATO-MAN:** Jakkie Mellet, Managing Director of Potato Seed Production introduces himself whilst Pieter le Roux, chartered accountant and co-founder of Wauko Group looks on.



**MC:** Ur Girl Zee, who is a NAMBoard staffer introducing herself. She will be directing proceedings in the young professionals breakfast today.

*"Our strategy anchors the growth of agribusiness as a key champion to the contribution of the organisation to the overall national agriculture strategy and contribution to the GDP"*



**ALL SET:** International speakers of the Cold Chain Summit pose for a group picture with NAMBoard CEO Siphephiso Dlamini and the organising committee team. This was after the welcoming dinner which was held at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel on Tuesday evening. The summit began yesterday with a keynote address by Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre. (Pics: Sibusiso Dlamini)

## NAMBoard welcomes summit with intimate dinner

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

**THE** National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard) hosted an intimate welcoming dinner for their speakers on Tuesday evening.

The event was held at the new plushy Hilton Inn Garden Hotel, where the speakers are to be accommodated for the duration of the summit.

Giving brief remarks when welcoming the speakers who had just landed in the country, NAMBoard Chief Executive Officer Siphephiso Dlamini, thanked all the speakers for honouring their invites albeit their busy schedules.

"Firstly, on behalf of His Majesty's government, I would like to thank all of you for making it here. We are honoured to have you impart knowledge to our local farmers and we hope you will enjoy your brief but eventful stay in the country," he said.

The CEO then unpacked the main reasoning behind NAMBoard's interest in hosting the summit.

"To be here today and finally see everything coming to life is heartwarming



**WELCOME:** NAMBoard CEO Siphephiso Dlamini making his remarks.

because just over three years back, this was a dream to us.

"Our strategy anchors the growth of agribusiness as a key champion to the contribution of the organisation to the overall national agriculture strategy and contribution to the GDP.

"We believe the summit will create an environment of learning, contributing, sharing experiences, networking with captains of industries and most

importantly, an opportunity to forge vital business relationships with suppliers, producers, retailers, and processors," he said.

The summit kicked off yesterday morning at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre with a keynote address by the Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini, and continues today, starting off with the young professionals breakfast session from 7am.

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## TODAY'S COLD CHAIN PROGRAM

## 7.30am - 9.00am

Break - Away Session III- Young Professionals Breakfast (Room A)  
Facilitator: Nozipho Masuku  
Smiling Through Investments- Mr. Gcina Dlamini  
Opportunities in the Agri-industry Value Chain  
Eswatini National Agric Union- Mr. Lwazi Mamba  
Young people in Agriculture - A case study of Eswatini youth  
Eat Them Green- Ms. Zanele Ntuli  
Testimonial  
IDCE- Mr. Phiyayinkhosi Ginindza  
Funding for youth entrepreneurs.

## 7.30am - 9.00am

Break - Away Session III- Women Perspectives Breakfast (Room B)  
Facilitator -EIPA- Dr. Khanyisile Dlamini  
Standard Bank - Head of Business Banking- Nomfundo Myeni  
Making finance work for women  
Agricultural entrepreneur (young woman farmer)- Ms. Nompandolo Manana

## Testimonial

ZZ2 - Ms. Princess Mogale  
Navigating the Agribusiness World - Bottom-up  
Woman Farmer Foundation- Ms. Sonia Pavia  
Women and opportunities - what have we managed to achieve in Eswatini?  
Standard Bank- Chantelle Littler  
Enterprise Banking - Packaging services to suit the Farm Business

## 9.00am - 10.30pm

Trade Show  
9.00 am - 10.30 pm  
Pre-arranged sessions  
Pre-arranged sessions between buyers and producers, equipment suppliers and service providers

## 10.30am - 11.30am

Break - Away Session IV- Climate Change, Sustainability, Soil and Plant Health (Room A)  
Facilitator: Dr. Mcklay Kanyangarara  
Madumbi- Mr. Mark Hutton  
Enhancing Soil Health for Sustainable Plant Production  
CMSA- Mr. Bheki Ginindza  
Improving Production, Environmental and Management Practices for Commercialisation.  
Thabile S Dlamini- Eswatini Environmental Authority Air Pollution Officer  
Refrigeration - Current Global Direction for protecting the environment  
Small Holder Market Led Project - Ms. Lynn Kota  
Developing New Value Chains- The opportunities in Eswatini.  
Eswatini Bank- Mazibuse Khumalo  
Financing Start-up Value Chains- Lessons Learnt

## 10.30am - 11.30am

Break - Away Session IV- Post-harvest management and packaging (Room B)  
Facilitator - May Krugel, Export Market Consultant  
CHEP- Mr. Gerhard Van Den Berg  
Keeping produce fresh in transportation - Appropriate containers.  
Themba Dlamini- Sdemane Farming Manager  
Appropriate packaging to maintain cold chain requirements.  
Simply Swazi- Mr. Marius Uys  
Harnessing solar and other alternative energy for cold chains.

## 10.30am - 11.30am

Break - Away Session IV- Transportation

- Are we set up to succeed with the current models? (Room B)  
Facilitator - Mr. Stephen Ngubeni  
Eswatini Railways  
Eswatini Railways- Mr. Gift Momezulu  
Containerisation and temperature control in rail transport:- from farm to port.  
Mediterranean Shipping Company  
Swaziland- Ms. Penny Zeeman  
Maintaining refrigerated containers (reefers) - from pack house to export customers.  
Freight Forwarders Association of Eswatini- Mr. Jabu Vilakati  
Managing invoices, source documents and clearances for swift exports.  
Lonrho Logistics- Ms. Mars Samson  
Calculating shipping costs from pack-house to the customer.

## 10.30am - 11.30am

Break - Away Session IV- Potato production, from farm to fork - Understanding the Potato value and cold chain potato (Room C)  
Facilitator- UNESWA- Prof Victor Potato Seed SA- Mr. Jakkie Mellet  
Certified Potato Seed and Appropriate Handling.  
Seed Potato Project - Dr. Patricia Carmichael  
Importance of Cold Chain maintenance in Potato Value Chain - From Seed to Market.  
Potatoes South Africa- Dr. Andre Jooste  
The global and regional potato value chain - Growth Prospects.

## 11.45am - 13.00pm

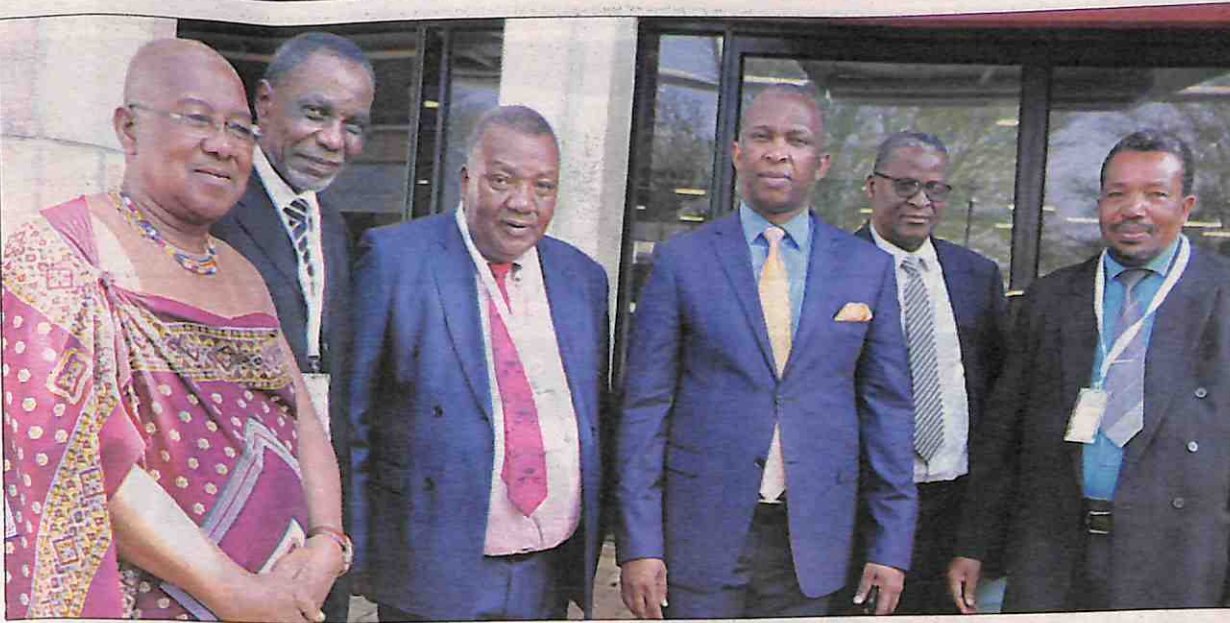
Break - Away Session V- Enhancing access to finance for cold chain and value chains (Room A)  
Facilitator - Mr. Muzikayise Dube, IDCS  
Wauko Group- Mr. Pieter le Roux  
De-risking value chain financing.  
Gateway Reinsurance - Mr. Tich Magore  
Insuring the entire cold chain system - from farm to fork.  
Industrial Development- Mr. Phiyayinkhosi Ginindza  
Funding the value chains - Is the investment worth the risk?  
FINCORP- Mr. S Mkhawubi  
Financing Cold Chain Systems - what are the prerequisites? Are they relevant to modern business?  
Standard Bank- Abrie Rautenbach  
Agricultural Finance - What is the future in Southern Africa?

## 11.45am - 13.00pm

Break - Away Session V- Innovative Funding to meet Cold Chain and Value Chain Needs (Room B)  
Facilitator- ENACTUS Mr. Wonderboy Khumalo  
Eswatini Bank- Mr. Zakhele Lukhele  
Funding options and innovations in cold-chain management.  
African Agricouncil- Mr. Manuel Singano  
Networking for value chains, the agribusiness forum, and African Food Sector Networks.  
MTN- Mr. Maloba Musenge  
Rural Coverage - Platform for quick, effective and safe transactions.  
Eswatini Mobile- Mr. Khulile Dlamini  
Making mobile platforms work throughout the value chains

## 14.30am - 16.00pm

Closing Ceremony and official Closing  
MC- NAMBoard CEO  
Swaziland National Agricultural Union Speech  
PMA vote of thanks by Andre Joost  
NAMBoard Speech  
EU Address  
Closing speech Minister for Agriculture



**PRESENT:** Manzini RA Chief Gija, NAMBoard Chairman Dr Mike Matsebula, Tibiyo TakaNgwane MD Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini, Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza, NAMBoard CEO Siphephelo Dlamini and Clearing Forwarding Association President Jabu Vilakati pictured after the official opening of the Cold Chain Summit by the PM. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**GOOD TO SEE YOU:** Manager at Tibiyo TakaNgwane John Mngometulu sharing a light moment with Sgodvo Motsa who is Tibiyo Main Committee member while Dumsani Msibi, Phumelela Motsa and Sam Dlamini look on.

**ALL SMILES:** MP Nkhanyeti Ngwenya pictured with Ndimiso Gama from Dlangeni, Tsandziwe Dlamini of Clarity Produce at Kamfishane and former MP Veli Shongwe at the summit.



**BUSINESS:** Ncobile Dladu, Lomalungelo Dlamini and Buhle Khumalo at the EU stand.





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## Features &amp; Opinions

Refresh What You Think

# NEW TERTIARY STUDENTS EQUIPPED WITH HIV PREVENTION INFORMATION

## MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO  
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Information Centre Manager  
The National HIV and AIDS Information  
and Training Centre

**THE Swaziland HIV Measurement Survey 2 (SHIMS2) 2016-2017 indicates that HIV prevalence in young people aged 15-24 years was higher in ages 20-24 years (4.2 per cent males, 20.9 per cent females) than in ages 15-19 years (3.9 per cent males, 7.2 per cent females).**

Further, among HIV-positive young people aged 15-24 years, about one-third (33.9 per cent) were unaware of their HIV-positive status (48.5 per cent males, 29.8 per cent females). Also, SHIMS2 points out that among HIV-positive young people aged 15-24 years who are living with HIV, over half (54.1 per cent) were aware of their HIV-positive status and on ART (46.8 per cent males, 56.1 per cent females) and that among HIV-positive young people aged 15-24 years, half (50.6 per cent) had suppressed viral loads (32.9 per cent males, 55.5 per cent females).

Some of these young people began their tertiary education this August, along with many others that are HIV-negative.

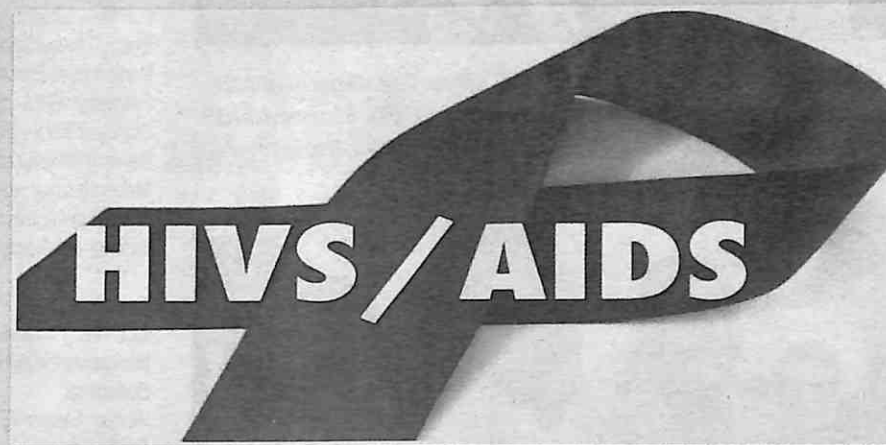
The tertiary environment itself is unforgiving and highly toxic so the group of young people beginning tertiary this year, will have a handful to deal with.

There are many personal freedoms and social interactions, which are uncharted waters for many freshmen. These new freedoms are quickly squashed by academic demands which are intellectually challenging, hence some, for one reason or another, do not meet the academic demands and then try to obtain "sexually transmitted" marks.

Some freshmen face financial challenges regarding living quarters, travelling expenses and meals, which lead to rising trends of transactional relationships among themselves and with partners older than them - some as much as 10 years or more.

This situation exists for both the female and the male students and they themselves falling prey to those with financial means.

Also, the high levels of sexual networking and cultural and/or spiritual challenges that mean that there is silence around one's sexual orientation, add to ensuring that the tertiary environment offers great opportunities for HIV high-risk behaviour.



## NERCHA ROLLING OUT HIV PREVENTION PROGRAMME AT TERTIARY

In its leadership role in the country's HIV and AIDS response, the National Emergency Response Council on HIV and AIDS (NERCHA) seeks to fully utilise all available resources (including human resource from different stakeholders) to benefit the people of Eswatini - especially the young people that are the future leaders of the country, but that are held under siege by HIV.

5<sup>th</sup> August, NERCHA kicked off the 2019 schedule of the "2019 Taking HIV and AIDS Information to Institutions of Higher Learning" programme, at the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) in Kwaluseni.

The programme is facilitated through the National HIV and AIDS Information and Training Centre (Info Centre) and strategic partners (AHF Eswatini, CHAPS, Eswatini Network of Young Positives, FLAS, PSI Eswatini, SNAP, UNFPA's Condomise Project, Matsapha City Council, MSF, Young Heroes and World Vision). The programme tailor-made for tertiary freshmen, aspires to cover all the various institutions of higher learning, countrywide.

New students are offered information on HIV and AIDS and related health issues through a series of activities developed for and targeting young people and rolled out during the orientation week of each institutions.

The programme design notes that with available technologies, especially social media, what young people need to know about HIV is a click away. This year, therefore, the programme endeavors to strengthen its presence on Facebook and other social platforms.

The programme recognises the difficulty faced by young people in figuring out their own personal roles in reducing their risk of HIV infection and provides the information needed to unravel this.

It is conscious too, that most young people find it difficult to think about and express how they feel about HIV, and avoid acknowledging how they feel because of fear, shame or the hurt arising from the loss of loved ones to HIV and AIDS.

The tertiary initiative hopes to persuade the new students to recognise that their lives matter enough for them to empower and protect themselves by accessing preventative care; to realise that caring for self is key and takes many

forms, one of which is to adopt "appropriate" behaviour so as not to contract HIV and not to spread it - if already infected.

## PROGRAMME CONTENT

The largely HIV prevention-oriented information is delivered through an interactive programme that includes facilitated presentations, edutainment, videos, question and answer sessions, and the provision of a "Market-place" where partners have information desks as well as provide minimal services. The everpopular, fascinating and informative "The Inside Story" is once again the main feature film.

Though NERCHA and her partners continue to advocate for sexual abstinence or delayed sexual debut among young people, the reality is that the group starting college constitutes those that are already sexually active, those that will choose to start in college, and those that will want to keep their virginity.

To help provide information on how to practice safer sex, the programme continues to benefit from the experienced Lindiwe Malaza (Sexual Reproductive Health Unit, MoH) who offers an entertaining but educational presentation that includes viewing some "not-so-nice" pictures of sexually transmitted infections.

There are also presentations on "Basic HIV and AIDS Facts, including new prevention technologies" offered by the MoH through SNAP and the Public Health Unit, or MSF, depending on venue; "Family Planning" by FLAS; and "HIV Prevention and Condom Use" by the Condomise Project and PSI Eswatini.

The rest of the programme line-up includes a testimonial delivered by a member of the Eswatini Network of Young Positives (ENYP+) who addresses living positively with HIV. Edutainment

is provided by the FLAS Youth Action Movement, through theatre performances and dance that educates students about HIV and AIDS, in an entertaining manner.

To further spice up the programme and encourage participation, CHAPS Eswatini returns this year to deliver the popular educational Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention game outdoor game, Grassroots MC Soccer, for those institutions in Manzini and Shiselweni. The game involves both females and males in penalty shoot-outs, with the facilitators continuously engaging the players and the crowd in discussions around the various levels of the shoot-outs. Each level makes it more difficult for the shooter to score. The various scenarios that accrue from scored goals versus those missed, are used to represent the reduced or increased HIV risks that are a result of safer sexual practice or lack thereof. In some institutions, CHAPS Eswatini has committed to also bring the popular Gedlembane and crew.

There is also a question and answer session for students to seek clarity on burning issues. These issues are earmarked for continued discussion on the newly established Facebook page, **Youth Corner**; and the NERCHA Facebook pages, as well as the NERCHA Website, for reference.

HIV testing and counseling (HTC) services will be provided by AIDS Healthcare Foundation, the Matsapha Town Council's mobile unit (for the tertiaries around the Matsapha area) and PSI Eswatini, who will also present a session on oral HIV self-testing as well as provide kits on as per dissemination standards.

## PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

The initial programme roll out which started at the University of Eswatini on Monday 5 August, saw all freshmen from the various campuses (Kwaluseni, Luyengo and Mbabane) and the Institute of Distance Education converge at the Sports Emporium in Kwaluseni.

The programme moved to Good Shepherd Nursing College yesterday; today, it is at Ngwane Teacher Training College in Nhlanguano, and is at the William Pitcher Teacher Training College in Manzini tomorrow.

The Southern Africa Nazarene Universities (SANU) and Eswatini College of Technology (ECOT) will be visited on Tuesday 13 August and Wednesday 14 August, respectively. Tentatively, the programme ends at Gwamile VOCTIM 22 August, though there is still hope that Limkokwing University of Creative Technology (LUCT) will provide a date for the programme to visit the Mbabane Campus.

## POSITIVE IMPACT

The Japanese say we have three faces: The first face we show to the world; The second face we show to our close friends and family; But we do not show the third face to anyone - and yet it's the truest reflection of who we are.

It is the third face that the programme hopes to appeal to and positively impact. It is common cause now, that in the intersection where HIV meets our lives, all the information we need about HIV is available. What matters is what is known about self.

**“The tertiary environment itself is unforgiving and highly toxic so the group of young people beginning tertiary this year, will have a handful to deal with.”**



## ON THIS DAY

...AUGUST 8

**1356** - Edward 'the Black Prince' began a raid north from Aquitaine.

**1815** - Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for St. Helena, in the South Atlantic. The remainder of his life was spent there in exile.

**1844** - After the killing of Joseph Smith on June 27, Brigham Young was chosen to lead the Mormons.

**1876** - Thomas Edison received a patent for the mimeograph. The mimeograph was a 'method of preparing autographic stencils for printing.'

**1899** - The refrigerator was patented by AT Marshall.

**1900** - In Boston, the first Davis Cup series began. The US team defeated Great Britain three matches to zero.

**1911** - The number of representatives in the US House of Representatives was established at 435. There was one member of Congress for every 211 877 residents.

**1940** - The German Luftwaffe began a series of daylight air raids on Great Britain.

**1945** - The United Nations Charter was signed by U.S. President Truman.

**1945** - During World War II, the Soviet Union declared war on Japan.

**1950** - Whataburger opened its restaurant in Corpus Christi, TX.

**1953** - The US and South Korea initiated a mutual security pact.

**1956** - Japan launched an oil tanker that was 780 feet long and weighed 84 730 tons. It was the largest oil tanker in the world.

**1966** - Michael DeBakey became the first surgeon to install an artificial heart pump in a patient.

**1974** - US President Nixon announced that he would resign the following day.

**1978** - The US launched Pioneer Venus II, which carried scientific probes to study the atmosphere of Venus.

**1988** - It was announced that a cease-fire between Iraq and Iran had begun.

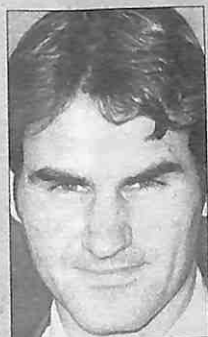
**1989** - The space shuttle Columbia took off from Cape Canaveral, FL. The trip was said to be a secret five-day military mission.

**1990** - American forces began positioning in Saudi Arabia.

**1991** - John McCarthy, a British TV producer, was released by his Lebanese kidnappers. He had been held captive for more than five years. A rival group abducted Jerome Leyraud in retaliation and threatened to kill him if any more hostages were released.

**1991** - The UN Security Council approved North and South Korea for membership.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Roger Federer**  
(Tennis player) -  
August 8, 1981 (38  
years old)



**Meagan Good**  
(Movie Actress) -  
August 8, 1981 -  
(38 years old)



# Women and Law

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## WHAT ARE THE DRIVERS OF VIOLENCE IN ESWATINI?

**YESTERDAY** Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA) engaged in a march against the increasing violence against women and children along with partner organisations.

These were made up of the Council of Swaziland Churches (CSC), Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA), World Vision, Kwakha Indvodza (KI), Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT), Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA), Swaziland Union of Students (SNUS), Swaziland Rural Women's Assembly (SRWA), SOS Children's Village and Coalition of Informal Economy Associations of Swaziland (CIEAS).

The march was also attended by the Regional Member of Parliament for the Manzini region.

This march was triggered by the fact that over the past few months, we have been reading reports of women and children being murdered by their husbands/partners and fathers, respectively. With the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act having been passed into law, the question on many people's minds is why the violence and killings are continuing despite the harsh sentences that the Act prescribes.

It would appear that the violence is increasing rather than decreasing and this trend is worrying to say the least. Many are placing the blame of the "increase" on the enactment of the SODV Act, though they are unable to explain why they arrive at this supposition.

Perhaps the supposed "increase" is due to the fact that the offences are now all charged under the SODV Act, whereas previously, the offenders were charged under various provisions of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act and Common law.

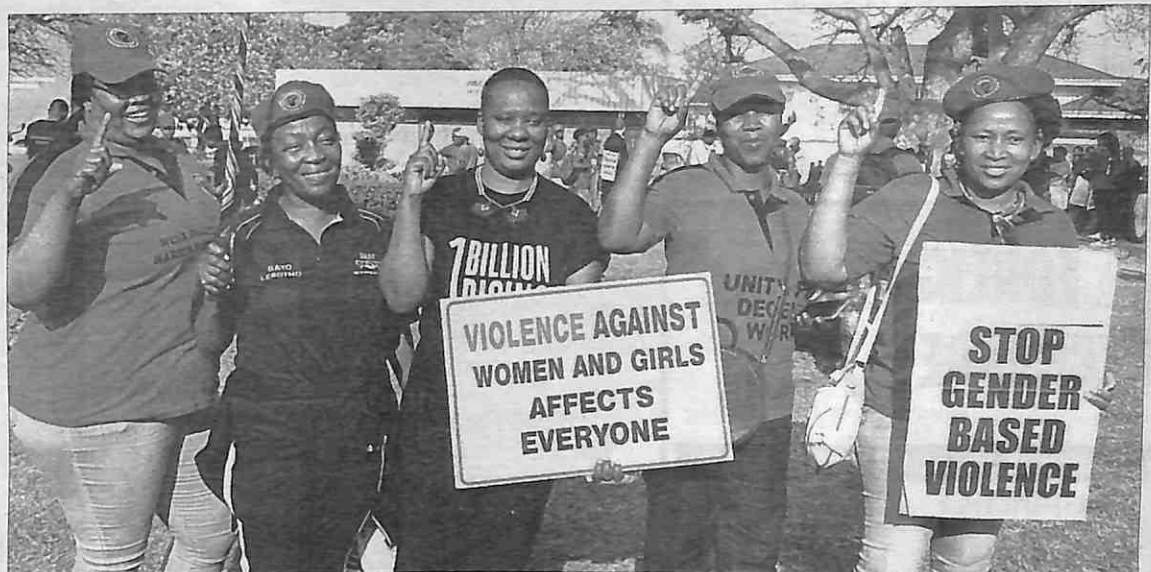
Whatever the position may be, the prevalence of violence has reached alarming proportions and the country needs to declare it an emergency. Perhaps there is a need to address it in the same manner as the HIV pandemic was addressed, and design programmes specifically for this. Resources should be availed to drive the programmes for their effectiveness.

Before the programmes can be designed, there would need to be action research conducted to inform the interventions that would need to be implemented. The research would have to identify the drivers of violence to ensure that the programs will yield results.

Though a study was conducted on the drivers of violence against children, the findings would not be rel-



**LEADING THE MARCH: Directors for peace.**



evant to the drivers of violence against women. The study commissioned by the Deputy Prime Minister's office in partnership with UNICEF was conducted and published in 2016, when there was no legislation dedicated to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and within a different context.

### Interventions

Among some of the interventions would perhaps be programmes specifically designed for perpetrators. Though it is acknowledged that the Correctional Services have programmes for offenders, they are more inclined towards rehabilitation and integration of convicts back into the communities from which they come.

The Correctional Services programmes are not necessarily reformative in nature, with the result of generating repeat offenders. There is also a supposition that perpetrators repeatedly commit the same offence because when in custody, they have all their basic needs taken care of; they have shelter, clothing, three meals a day and basic amenities taken care of by the state. They would trade their freedom for being

free from taking care of their responsibilities towards their families.

This then raises another question of whether the socio-economic situation of the country could be a contributing factor to the alarming rates of violence; the argument here being that men, out of frustration of being unable to provide for their families, then opt to kill them and end all their suffering.

### Differing views

There are so many differing views and opinions out there, that there is a need to address them all through research and not from assumptions and suppositions. These opinions are very detrimental to the fight against SGBV because they also find their ways into the justice system which should act as the protectors of victims and survivors.

All said and done, there is a very alarming component to the latest murders that people seem not to notice. These killings are not carried out in impulse or in the heat of the moment; what could be called crimes of passion. The latest killings have been premeditated by the perpetrator; this is evident from the choice of weapon that the perpetra-

tor uses. The use of guns, poison and even drowning shows that there was some planning that took place before the crime was committed. So we then come back to the question of why the perpetrator opted for murder than another solution.

This question is particularly relevant when taking into account that some of these murders are committed in the presence of other people, with no attempt to hide the evidence or to evade prosecution.

The intention of all the questions and suggestions in this article are meant to provoke a discussion that should act as a catalyst towards designing interventions that will bring an end to SGBV, including the murder of women and children.

The WLSA director at the march yesterday said "government and the police alone cannot eradicate the scourge of domestic violence" and we wish to add that "strict implementation of the SODV Act" is not enough to end violence against women and children. The problem has reached crisis levels and the nation at large is required to take a stand and address the problem in all sectors.



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## VITALS

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

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 07 AUG 2019

| CURRENCY                | BUY        | SELL    |
|-------------------------|------------|---------|
| US Dollar / SZL         | 14.9060    | 14.9560 |
| British Pound/SZL       | 18.1182    | 18.1790 |
| Japanese Yen/SZL        | 7.1035     | 7.1253  |
| Swiss Franc/SZL         | 15.2741    | 15.3238 |
| Botswana Pula/SZL       | 1.3550     | 1.3715  |
| Australian Dollar/SZL   | 10.0049    | 10.0400 |
| Canadian Dollar/SZL     | 11.2168    | 11.2510 |
| Mozambique Meticals/SZL | 5.5211     | 5.5942  |
| Euro/SZL                | 16.7007    | 16.7567 |
| Gold                    | 1,488.3700 |         |
| Oil                     | 57.77      |         |

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# JAPAN TO BUY E34M WORTH OF TRACTORS FOR ESWATINI

STORIES BY QONDILE NTIWANE

The governments of Eswatini and Japan yesterday exchanged notes on the Economic and Social Development programme which will see the procurement of tractors worth about E34 million by Japan.

Making his remarks during the event held at the ministry of finance boardroom yesterday, Minister-Counsellor in the Embassy of Japan Shuichiro Kawaguchi said through the programme, the tractors would be procured under the Japanese Grant for the people of Eswatini.

He said the purpose of this programme is to support the efforts of Eswatini government in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, one of which calls for member States to 'end hunger, achieve food security and improve nutrition and the promotion of sustainable agriculture.'

### Enhance

"The government of Japan supports this agenda and believes that the programme will assist in increasing national agricultural production, which in turn will reduce agricultural imports and enhance food security."

"Overall I hope this programme will help in improving the lives of Eswatini's most vulnerable people

... Japanese minister confident Eswatini will recover from the food instability and develop further under the leadership of His Majesty King Mswati III



**AGREEMENT:** Minister of Economic Planning and Urban Development Dr Thambo Gina and Minister-Counsellor in the Embassy of Japan Shuichiro Kawaguchi signing a Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the governments of Eswatini and Japan yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

and also the developmental challenges faced by the country," he said.

Kawaguchi added that they would be hosting the Tokyo International Conference on Africa Development (TICAD) summit, in Yokohama City on August 28-30.

"The theme of the TICAD 7 is Advancing Africa's Development through People, Technology and Innovation." Japan fully supports Africa's Development Agenda under principles of African ownership and partnership.

"I also believe that the Kingdom of Eswatini would recover from the food instability and that the country will be developed further under the leadership of His Majesty King Mswati III," he said.

### Gratitude

Meanwhile, Minister of Economic Planning and Development Dr Thambo Gina expressed gratitude to the Japanese government for their continued support.

He said Japan assisted the country in her Poverty Reduction Strategy

and Action Plan (PRSAP), where the main beneficiaries were the education and training sector, health and the food aid assistance programme.

He stated that they had noted with sincere appreciation the positive changes these projects have made to the lives of Eswatini.

### Extension

"This contribution is much appreciated as it will help improve access to farming equipment for the small scale farmers, which will significantly improve national maize production by extension food security."

"It will also enhance income generation for small scale farmers and poverty will be alleviated rural areas where most farmers are based. This therefore means Japan will assist Eswatini in achieving the first and second SDGs," he said.

He said the assistance from the Japanese government showed good relations and partnership between the two countries in pursuing economic development.

"On that regard, may I take the opportunity to appreciate the 7th official development Assistant Policy Dialogue, successfully hosted in July between the two governments, where we had the opportunity to share with you our strategy for economic development," he added.

Gina further mentioned that Eswatini was looking forward to the TICAD summit.



**APPRECIATION:** Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza and Minister-Counsellor in the Embassy of Japan Shuichiro Kawaguchi shaking hands while Dr Gina looks on.



**DONE DEAL:** Dr Gina and Kawaguchi exchanging the documents after the signing ceremony.

...Agriculture minister assures tractors will serve needs of Eswatini

MINISTER of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza has assured both the Eswatini and Japanese governments that the tractors received would be used to serve the needs of the farming community.

Making his remarks during the signing ceremony held at the ministry of finance boardroom yesterday, the minister said the agriculture sector was at the centre of the national economic recovery initiatives espoused in the Government Strategic Roadmap and requires substantial capital invest-

ment to facilitate growth.

He said the equipment to be received through this grant would go a long way in helping the farming community realise their goals of improved production and productivity.

### Resources

"Due to various reasons, agriculture has evolved to rely heavily on mechanisation and government is facing serious shortages of mechanised tillage equipment to provide services to farmers, particularly the smallholders who have limited resources

to purchase their own equipment.

"The smallholder farmers form a majority and on aggregate, hold a larger portion of land. They rely on the tractor hire service that is provided by government. It is in this regard that as we develop our sector, we cannot leave the smallholder farmer behind."

"The government of the Kingdom of Eswatini supports these farmers because they play an important role in ensuring food security and poverty reduction through small-scale com-

mercial agriculture," he said.

Mabuza said the grant came at an opportune time when the ministry was spearheading the implementation of a robust strategy that seeks to grow the economy through increased export-oriented production and agro-processing.

"This strategy involves all stakeholders in the sector and we are optimistic that the inclusive approach will lead to the successful implementation and attainment of the desired targets," he said.



# AGRICULTURE MINISTRY URGED TO STIMULATE VIBRANCY TO CREATE JOBS

BY BAHLE GAMA

... The aim is to generate over 20 000 jobs in this sector within the next three years through downstream activities such as LUSIP 1 and LUSIP 2

THE ministry of agriculture has been tasked by government with stimulating the necessary vibrancy to create much needed jobs through agriculture, drive the development of upstream and downstream economic activities as well as agro-processing.

This was disclosed by the Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini during the official opening of the Inaugural cold chain summit at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre in Manzini yesterday.

## Sectors

The PM said since the agribusiness sector had been earmarked as one of the key strategic sectors for growing the economy, the ministry was charged with ensuring that it fully embraced a commercial approach across the value chain and with export markets, including beef, goats, poultry, dairy and horticulture sectors.

He said he had been reliably informed that in a properly functioning agribusiness, one farmer had the capacity to hire at least 10 people per annum, hence saw no reason to doubt that this could be achieved in the country.

"The aim is to generate over 20 000 jobs in this sector within the next three years through downstream activities such as LUSIP 1 and LUSIP 2, and the small to medium Earth Dams project which, collectively, shall convert over 4 500 hectares of land to be under irrigation for commercial production of

non-sugar crops," he said.

He further stated that government had identified key groups for specific intervention in stimulating economic growth across all sectors in accordance with the Strategic Roadmap and that these include the youth and women, which have been included and given specific attention in the summit's programme. "This inaugural cold chain summit could not have come at a better time than now, following the pronouncement by the King that agricul-

ture should be one of the fundamental vehicles to revive the country's economy. As a result, agriculture and agro-processing were highlighted as key growth sectors for economic renewal in the Government Strategic Roadmap.

"It is for this reason that government considers this event to be of enormous significance and extremely pivotal in stimulating the objectives of the Strategic Roadmap towards improving the country's economy and ensuring that the country attains Vision 2022," he said.

The premier also mentioned that the dairy industry was set for exponential growth as the intention was to increase the volume of milk produced in the country to over 100 000 litres per annum. He added that growth was also expected in other fresh products such as beef, fish and fruits.

"May I encourage farmers to follow good cold chain management practices and standards in all operations in order to attain a good shelf life for their produce and successfully penetrate export

markets, ensuring sustainability and a reliable income.

"We need all hands on deck, so to speak, including the inclusion of people living with disability in these ventures. I am certain that the agricultural commercialisation initiatives will feed into agro-processing which relies heavily on outputs from the agriculture sector to create value upstream, thus generating money from the domestic market and realising income from exports while positively increasing the balance of trade," he said.

He added that it was encouraging to note that financial institutions had contributed a significant amount towards meeting the costs of the conference and also that they have lined up a series of packages to finance the initiatives that will come out of this summit.

The PM encouraged the farmers to use the opportunity available to them by the summit to network with peers, get expert advice and make valuable connections to service providers and customers.

## Profitable

"I am looking forward to great stories of profitable relationships forged during these intense two days. May I once again take this opportunity to recognise and thank the organisers of this summit for a job well done. I believe this is the beginning of a new dawn for the local agriculture sector, which remains a key driver to achieving our national goals as envisaged by the Government Strategic Roadmap and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. "I look forward to a fruitful summit and will await the report of outcomes, with the hope that it will deliver good news of enhanced business relationships and firm commitments that will elevate the sector," he concluded.



**POSE:** Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini joined by some of the sponsoring company executives. Present were CEO Eswatini Railway Stevenson Ngubane, SIDC CEO Phiwa Ginindza, Standard Bank CE, Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza, Tibiyo TakaNgwane MD Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini and NAMBoard CEO Sphephiso Dlamini. This was during the official opening of the Cold Chain Summit at Mavuso Trade Centre yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**OFFICIAL OPENED:** Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini delivers the keynote address at the official opening of the summit.

## ...Cold Chain Summit broadcasted in SADC region

THE Cold Chain Summit will be broadcast in Eswatini, the Republic of South Africa and other countries in the region.

This was revealed by the Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza during the official opening of the Inaugural Cold Chain Summit at Mavuso Trade Centre, Manzini yesterday.

He said this was indeed important for the country's economy as he also was informed that there were a total of 500 delegates and 30 speakers, representing every facet of the value chain.

He said during the summit, the whole industry would be equipped with skills to produce, harvest, transport and

manage products using world-class methods, standards, scientific papers on production, packaging, storage and cold storage facilities to ensure that farmers benefit immensely and change their lives through their efforts.

"We will also be engaging in useful conversations with financiers on how best the sector can have improved access to infrastructure and production finance using internationally recognised best practice that will see an unprecedented growth in the speed of transactions, especially at this time of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

This will make sure that the industry grows to be a force to reckon with in the country and the region," he added.

He also mentioned that through the summit they were declaring that the country open for business, and the agriculture sector should lead the way in ensuring that we are competitive and are ready to take on any market where the opportunity is presented for our products.

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**ATTENTIVE:** Local and international delegates listening to speeches at the officiation by the Prime Minister.



**IT'S YOURS:** NAMBoard Board Chairman Dr Mike Matsebula presenting a gift to the Prime Minister.



**SUPPORT:** Standard Bank Chief Executive Officer Mvuselelo Fakudze speaking on behalf of the sponsors.



# Catalyze, Montigny partner in wattle project

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**CATALYZE Eswatini has partnered with Montigny in their programme to create sustainable change through renewable energy supply chain and economic development initiatives.**

Catalyze, formerly Technoserve Swaziland, is a non-profit organisation whose mission is to catalyse economic development for the people of Eswatini through tailor-made, sustainable business solutions.

The NGO's sustainable partnership for agriculture, renewable energy and climate change (SPARC) project funded by the European Union (EU), sees the commercialisation of wattle, in-schools youth enterprise development programme, internships for unemployed youth and SME development across the renewable energy value chain.

Catalyze CEO Debbie Cutting said during an interview, that the main objective of the wattle project was to help communities create a sustainable living through the sale of this indigenous plant.

She highlighted that in as much as wattle trees are an evasive species, if well managed, they had the potential to provide economic benefits to rural communities and limit the impact on the ecosystems.

"In 2015 a pilot project was entered

into with Montigny while under the Technoserve banner where communities such as Lundzi, Sigangeni and Ngwempisi around Usuthu where brought together and trained on how to manage their existing wattle jungles with the aim of developing them for local and export timber markets and limiting the environmental impact.

"We are continuing with this project and want to assist the communities to rehabilitate the wattle jungles owned by the different families, thus creating income for them as there already is an open market with Montigny," she said. "In addition to this we will also be training 700 youth in schools, providing internships for 30 unemployed youth and incubating and capitalising 40 SMEs in this sector".

She said with Eswatini looking to produce its own electricity, Catalyze in 2019 seeks to expand on the technical and feasibility studies already done on renewable energy generation through biomass.

Cutting said they were looking at training 450 farmers in four constituencies namely Mhlambanyatsi, Motshane, Mangongco and Ngwempisi with Montigny offering working capital for these farmers and incorporating them in the renewable energy supply chain.

"The biomass, internship, in-schools programme and SME development initiatives create opportunities for employ-

## About Catalyze

- Formerly served Technoserve Swaziland from 2006-2018, working with the Eswatini government, international and local development organisations corporations and local businesses.
- The organisation focuses on custom-designed impact interventions in Eswatini across five strategic areas namely agriculture commercialisation, entrepreneurship and SME business, youth employment, renewable energy and climate change mitigation as well as health outcomes linked to income generation.

ment, skills development, entrepreneurship and access to finance," she said.

**"We are continuing with this project and want to assist the communities to rehabilitate the wattle jungles owned by the different families, thus creating income for them as there already is an open market with Montigny"**

## SEDCO trains young entrepreneurs

BY BAHLE GAMA

**OVER 10 young people from the Manzini South Inkhundla received training on business awareness from SEDCO.**

The main objective of the course was to help the 12 participants think of starting businesses as career option instead of looking for jobs.

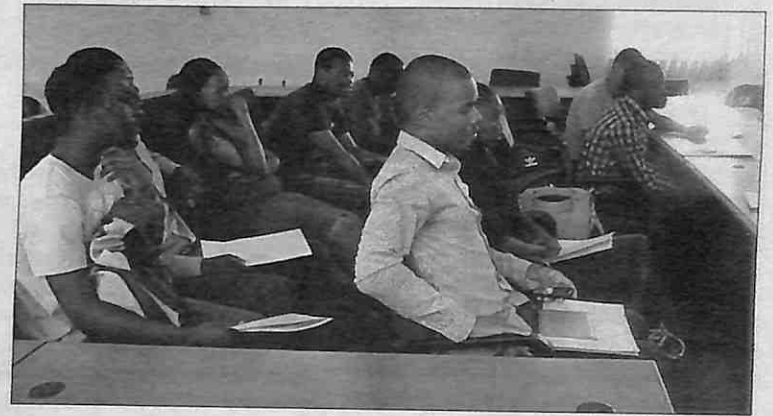
Small Enterprises Development Company (SEDCO) Senior Manager Strategy Themba Dlamini said the course was designed for young people who are not currently in business.

He said the one day training also helped participants to know more about skills and qualities of being an entrepreneur.

"One of the participants mentioned that the course was very insightful as it helped them to consider the option of starting their own business instead of looking for employment. He pointed out that some of them were already

looking into starting businesses." "The course was ideal for them because they will now look for opportunities around them with the main goal of becoming entrepreneurs and also how to access finances, which is also important to them as young people," he said.

Present during the training was the constituency's Indvuna Yenkhundla Sandile Dlamini who also shared with the audience about the Regional Development Fund. The indvuna yenkhundla thanked the participants for attending the training and encouraged them to start small and not rush into big things. "Many young people have good ideas but they are not patient enough to see their businesses grow bit by bit. They have also been left behind in different projects but now it is their time to shine," he said. He then advised them to visit the Inkhundla for assistance as they work with different institutions to get assistance.



**BUSINESS AWARENESS:** The participants following proceedings during the training.

## BUSINESS EXTRA

### Rand weakened after Moody's scathing warning on Eskom bailouts

**JOHANNESBURG - Market analyst Andre Botha said yesterday that the scathing statement by ratings agency Moody's Investor Services on Eskom's bailout has caused the rand to weaken even further, trading near R15 to the dollar on Tuesday.**

The local currency had already weakened to a low of R14.96 against the greenback on Monday following another escalation in the trade war between Beijing and Washington.

Botha, senior dealer at financial services provider TreasuryONE, said the rand traded all the way down to the R14.77 level on Tuesday, as some of the risks associated with risky assets seem to dissipate as the gen-

eral feeling was that the market was overextended. Moody's released a statement on Tuesday saying that the billions of rand transferred to Eskom will not solve its financial crisis and will not stabilise the company's debt burden. Eskom last week reported a R20.7 billion loss for the year ended 30 March as operational and debt servicing costs keep rising. The power utility was last month allocated another R59 billion for the next two years in the Special Appropriations Bill, but Moody's slammed this. "We view the additional cash transfers as credit positive, but the increased support has become necessary for Eskom to remain a going concern," Moody's said. *African News Agency*

### Time for talk shops and flowery promises over

**JOHANNESBURG - The statistics are in, and it's official.**

With more than 10 million South Africans unemployed - using the expanded definition of the term - and growing, Mzansi's joblessness is no longer a crisis. No, it's a national emergency eclipsing everything from crime to ruling party infighting. But there's a solution, a solution that has its roots in that most incendiary of terms: white privilege. And for those arguing that it didn't exist, white privilege was tangible in everything from the Group Areas Act to the Bantu Education Act.

White privilege still echoes through our country today in everything from generational wealth to the Black Tax that's alien to those with a lighter skin.

But growing up white under apartheid wasn't unalloyed ecstasy for all.

There was the small matter of national conscription - in addition to living under a system that many knew was inherently wrong. The Defence



Amendment Bill of 1967 made nine months conscription mandatory for white males, eventually increasing to a compulsory two years in the South African Defence Force or South African Police by 1977 - along with camps of 30 days annually for eight years.

Refusing conscription meant a theoretical six-year jail sentence. But many white males were vehemently opposed to conscription, with organisations like the ECC (End Conscription Campaign) enjoying massive support. *Business Report*

### ABSA to expand agriculture loan book in Africa

**JOHANNESBURG - ABSA Corporate and Investment Bank (CIB) on Tuesday said that it planned to expand its agriculture loan book to countries such as Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia, due to good long-term growth prospects**

**in the rest of the continent.**

ABSA CIB Agriculture Head Roux Wildenboer said the lender wanted to grow its footprint in both its domestic market and the rest of the continent due to strong demand.

"Agricultural debt is relatively high-

er than it was in recent history and the ability of agricultural businesses to borrow to reinvest has been curtailed, which has a snowball-effect on investment in the sector," Wildenboer said. "This is seen as a cyclical phenomenon, and even though on aggregate borrowing

is not as strong as it used to be, there are still businesses which are growing aggressively.

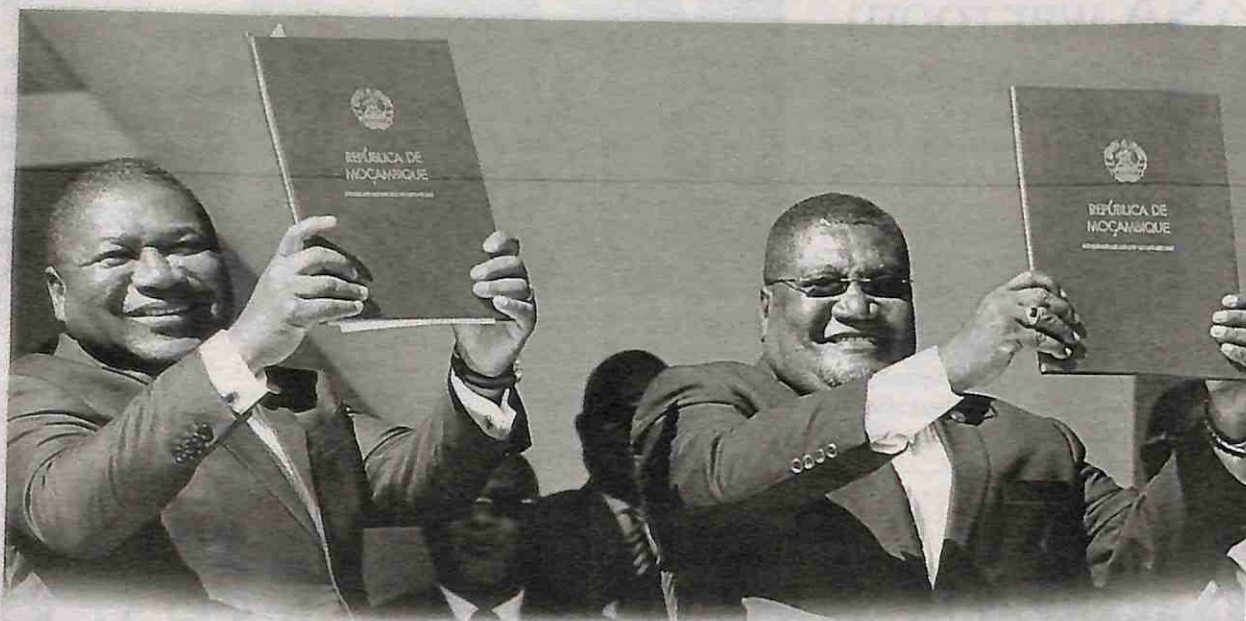
"This is the reason why ABSA is optimistic about prospects in the agricultural sector." However, ABSA CIB warned that the big concern in South Africa was the economic performance of the economy, which had stymied demand for agricultural machinery and

implements, particularly the sale of tractors and combine harvesters in the past two years. Data from the South African Agricultural Machinery Association (SAAMA) showed that July tractor sales plunged 30 per cent year-on-year in the month from 525 units to 368 units, while year-to-date combine harvester sales were almost 13 per cent down on last year. *Business Report*



# Focus on World News

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## FINAL PEACE DEAL SEALED

### ● Mozambique government, rebels reach final agreement

**MAPUTO - Mozambique's government and the ex-rebel group RENAMO completed a long-awaited peace pact on Tuesday, inking a final deal aimed at ending years of conflict.**

The deal was signed by President Filipe Nyusi and RENAMO leader Ossufo Momade in Maputo's Peace Square and witnessed by former presidents, regional and continental leaders.

Thousands of people applauded as the two leaders showed the signed document, an AFP correspondent said. The pact brought the curtain down on marathon negotiations initiated by Afonso Dhlakama, the his-

toric leader of the Mozambique National Resistance (RENAMO), who died in May last year. The UN's special envoy on Mozambique, Mirko Manzon, said it was a "truly historic day". "This agreement will bring ultimate peace in a country that has seen enough suffering," he declared.

The deal comes just two months before general elections on October 15 that the ruling FRELIMO party, the dominant political force for more than four decades, is expected to win.

RENAMO unleashed a civil war against the FRELIMO government shortly after independence from Portugal in 1975. The brutal conflict lasted 16 years and left around a mil-

lion people dead. The rebel movement then entered politics after a 1992 peace pact was signed in Rome, paving the way for multi-party elections in 1994. RENAMO lost that vote and subsequent elections and became the official opposition party.

But in October 2013, the party renounced the 1992 peace deal after the military raided its bush camp in central Sathundjira. Clashes erupted again between government forces and RENAMO soldiers, lasting until 2016.

On August 1, the two rivals signed a precursor accord in Gorongosa National Park under which they formally agreed to end military hostilities. **AFP**

### 'Latest missile tests a warning over joint military drill'

**SEOUL - Kim Jong-un issued a warning to the US and South Korea over their joint military drills after personally overseeing North Korea's fourth missile test in 12 days.**

The so-called Supreme Leader said the launch, described as featuring a new-type tactical guided weapon, was intended to "send an adequate warning to the joint military drill now underway by the US and south Korean authorities."

Seoul announced that a joint military drill with the United States - which is thought to largely involve computer-simulated exercises - was underway on Monday.

The test took place on Tuesday, which North Korea's state run media said involved missiles fired over the capital Pyongyang which struck an island target off the country's eastern coast. "The demonstration fire clearly verified the reliability,

security and actual war capacity of the new-type tactical guided weapon system," state news agency KCNA reported yesterday.

The North's four rounds of weapons demonstrations in two weeks come during a stalemate in nuclear negotiations with President Donald Trump. Trump has repeatedly dismissed the significance of the tests because they only involve short-range weapons, while he secured a commitment from Kim not to test their long-range counterparts. However, even at short-range, the weapons are able to strike at US military bases in South Korea and Japan.

Experts say Trump's downplaying of the North's weapons displays allowed the country more room to advance its capabilities and build leverage ahead of negotiations, though it is unclear when they will resume. **Daily Mail**

### Drug lord inmate found hanged

**RIO DE JANEIRO - A Brazilian inmate, whose masked attempt to break out of jail dressed as his daughter reverberated around the world, was found dead in his cell, after apparently having hanged himself, Rio de Janeiro state authorities said on Tuesday.**

Convicted Rio drug dealer Clauvino da Silva, 42, was serving a decades-long sentence when he was caught trying to break out of jail last Saturday, disguised as his daughter.

He was caught wearing an eerie plastic mask, a long black wig and women's clothes, including a bra.

A video, released by prison authorities, in which he slowly removes his surreal disguise went viral, shining a light on Brazil's longstanding struggle with its violent, overcrowded prison system, the world's third largest. On Tuesday, however, in a gruesome twist, Rio prison officials said Silva had been found dead in his cell in a high-security unit in the state's Bangu prison complex.

"The inmate appears to have hanged himself with a bed sheet," Rio's prison authority said in a statement, adding that an investigation had been opened. **Reuters**

### Uganda's Bobi Wine charged with 'annoying' president

**UGANDA - A Ugandan court on Tuesday charged pop star turned leading opposition figure Bobi Wine with "annoying" President Yoweri Museveni, his lawyer told AFP.**

The singer, whose real name is Robert Kyagulanyi, appeared in court on a prior treason charge after he and other opposition politicians allegedly stoned Museveni's convoy during a campaign

rally in August last year.

"He was charged with annoying the president in relation to the same case", his lawyer Asuman Basalirwa told AFP.

Wine, who entered Parliament in 2017, has emerged as a leading critic of Museveni - who has been in power for over three decades - and has faced multiple detentions while authorities have frustrated his efforts to perform.

He announced last month that he would take on Museveni in 2021 nation-

al elections. "This government of President Museveni is in panic mode. At first it was treason and now it is annoying President Museveni. Who on earth can't be annoyed?" Wine told AFP. "It is a ridiculous charge and am ready to challenge it in court," he said. **AFP**

### BRIEFS

#### Cops deny summoning stone-throwing boy

**ISSAWIYA -** The northern entrance leading to the East Jerusalem village of Issawiya is blocked with about a dozen security vehicles filled with paramilitary border police ready to invade the village where clashes between protesting Palestinians and Israeli security forces erupt on a daily basis. It was here the recent summoning of a four-year-old Palestinian boy for questioning by the Israeli police for allegedly throwing stones has made international headlines. The Israelis accuse the Palestinians of rioting and carrying out stoning attacks on Israeli cars and police, while the Palestinians say they are being subjected to collective and petty punishment with the security forces provoking the clashes. **ANA**

#### 1 800 dead as malaria 'epidemic' rages

**BURUNDI -** Malaria has killed more than 1 800 people in Burundi this year, the UN's humanitarian agency says, a death toll rivaling a deadly Ebola outbreak in the neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo. In its latest situation report, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said 5.7 million cases of malaria had been recorded in Burundi in 2019 - a figure roughly equal to half its entire population. Of those cases, a total of 1 801 died from the mosquito-borne disease in Burundi between January 1 and July 21, OCHA said. **AFP**

#### Residents tell Trump to stay away

**WASHINGTON -** Residents in majority-Hispanic El Paso told US President Donald Trump on Tuesday to stay away, amid fury over his anti-immigration rhetoric as he struggles to unite the country in the wake of mass shootings that killed 31 people. Trump was scheduled to travel yesterday to the Texan border city where 22 died in a weekend gun massacre, before heading around 2 400km northeast and to Dayton, Ohio where a second gunman shot nine dead hours later. The president called on Americans in a nationwide address on Monday to condemn bigotry but community leaders say his words rang hollow set against a longstanding refusal to call out white supremacy and a history of provocative tweets widely condemned as racist. **AFP**

#### Growing of industrial hemp to be legalised

**HARARE -** Zimbabwe will change its laws to allow farmers to grow industrial hemp for export, Cabinet ministers said on Tuesday, adding that the government saw the plant as a future substitute for tobacco, the country's biggest export earning crop. Industrial hemp is a strain of a cannabis species that is grown specifically for industrial uses of its derived products. Its fibre is used in textiles and paper, and it also produces edible seeds. The southern African nation's laws only allow cultivation of cannabis for medical and scientific uses. **Reuters**



# Focus on SA Scene

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## Fikile Mbalula sets up PRASA war room

**JOHANNESBURG - Deadly train crashes and safety concerns for commuters have forced Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula to establish a war room at the Passenger Rail Agency of SA (PRASA).**

The initiative is aimed at addressing long-standing passenger safety issues that have plagued commuter trains for years. The war room, to be launched today, will monitor trains, check for arrival times and address infrastructure problems at PRASA.

Mbalula's spokesperson Ayanda-

Allie Paine told Sowetan on Tuesday its objectives included the "accelerated implementation of PRASA's modernisation programme".

"The intervention is aimed at stabilising PRASA's operations and achieve tangible results within the minister's first 100 days in office."

Mbalula met with the Rail Safety Regulator board to discuss, among others, safety concerns around the passenger rail service.

This comes after it emerged last month that PRASA couldn't meet all

special conditions imposed by the regulator and attached to its operating permit issued in October with the North Gauteng High Court assuming an oversight role.

According to the 2017/2018 annual report of the regulator, there were at least 1 027 collisions, 450 train derailments and 588 people who were struck by trains. There were 745 other incidents. PRASA needed a court intervention to get its current operating permit which ensured that trains were not grounded.



**INITIATIVE: Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula.**

The regulator had raised a number of safety concerns including unfilled vacancies in key positions, infrastructure

maintenance backlogs and the reliance on manual train authorisations which were causing crashes.

Last October, the regulator raised concern about the vacant positions of train control section managers as that was mainly to blame for a series of train crashes. PRASA spokesperson Nana Zenani said: "With regards to main line passenger services, a few positions could not attract suitable candidates as they're placed in outlying areas and most applicants prefer to work in urban areas."

"The business has to advertise externally after it has exhausted all channels." *Sowetan Live*

## ANC backs Ramaphosa

...says leaked e-mails 'calculated manoeuvre'

**JOHANNESBURG - The ANC has come out in support of its President Cyril Ramaphosa, dismissing leaked e-mails as "nothing but a calculated manoeuvre to defocus and detract from the**

**immediate task of socio-economic issues and dealing with the challenges of our economy".**

In a statement issued on Tuesday, party spokesperson Pule Mabe said the ANC was not aware of any illegality in Ramaphosa's 2017 campaign to become ANC president.

This comes after News24 revealed leaked e-mails from the CR17 campaign which showed that Ramaphosa was consulted by his campaign managers on names of some potential donors, despite the fact that he consistently denied that he was actively involved in the fundraising for his campaign.

"The leaked e-mails are therefore nothing but a calculated manoeuvre to defocus and detract from the immediate task of socio-economic issues and dealing with the challenges of our economy. This is also an attempt to undermine public confidence in President Ramaphosa whose leadership has been defined by moral and ethical conduct," Mabe said.

He said the

ANC's national executive committee last week reflected on funding for political campaigning and had resolved that the ANC's top six leaders would

look into finding better ways to manage it.

"The ANC welcomes actions taken by President Ramaphosa who has acted openly and transparently by providing a detailed account to the public protector on these matters," Mabe said. The e-mails that have circulated on social media for two weeks are said to have formed part of Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane's report into complaints by the DA and EFF over a response given by Ramaphosa to DA leader Mmusi Maimane in Parliament in November 2018.

Mkhwebane found in her report that Ramaphosa deliberately misled Parliament, violated the executive ethics code, acted inconsistently with the constitution and further found evidence of money laundering.

She dismissed Ramaphosa's defence that he did not know the inner workings of the CR17 campaign and did not know that BOSASA boss Gavin Watson donated R500 000 to his campaign. Mkhwebane later said in interviews that she had evidence that Ramaphosa knew the details of the CR17 fundraising efforts.

Ramaphosa has since approached the North Gauteng High Court to take Mkhwebane's report on judicial review.

His spokesperson, Khusela Diko, said the e-mails were "just smoke and mirrors" and did not point to illegality on Ramaphosa's part. *Times Live*

## 'FEET SCATTERED AROUND THE SHACK'

**JOHANNESBURG - Malefane Ramolahlaone died a painful death when his shack caught fire on Sunday.**

The 22-year-old from Mangaung phase 7 was sleeping when the fire started. His family suspected the fire was started by a candle as he didn't have electricity.

His brother Teboho (26) said: "He was happy when I last spoke to him on Thursday. "I was at home when I was told my brother's place was on fire. "When I got there the flames were too strong and no one could do anything." He said firefighters came and put out the flames. "I could see my brother's body, but his feet were scattered around the

shack.

"We had to collect what we suspected were other parts of his body."

"My brother spent most of his time at home and went to the shack to sleep. "I kept my belongings in the shack and now I've lost everything."

Neighbour Malerato Molato said she was sleeping when she smelled smoke coming from Malefane's shack. "I peaked through the window and saw flames. The last thing I heard were him screaming for help. I called neighbours but we couldn't do anything," she said.

Police spokeswoman Sergeant Ikobeng Hlubi said an inquest docket was opened. *Daily Sun*

## Two prisoners shot dead after attempting to escape

**LIMPOPO - Two on-trial prisoners were shot and killed after they attempted to escape at the Thohoyandou High Court, police said yesterday.**

Police spokesperson Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo said the two men were being escorted to the holding cells on Tuesday afternoon after their court appearance, when they attacked a warder.

Mojapelo said the men tried to seize a R5 rifle from the warder. "During the scuffle, several

shots were randomly fired and in the process, the two prisoners were shot dead."

He said the two men were facing 90 charges including for murder, armed robberies, business robberies and cash-in-transit heist.

Police have opened cases of inquest and robbery.

The Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) will investigate the matter.

*Times Live*

## Deputy Minister Sdumo Dlamini making good progress - Presidency

**JOHANNESBURG - The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Land and Rural Development, Sdumo Dlamini who is being treated in a Durban hospital, is "making good progress", according to the Presidency.**

"President [Cyril] Ramaphosa placed a phone call from Pretoria to Dlamini in hospital today, Tuesday."

"The president was pleased to hear the deputy minister is in

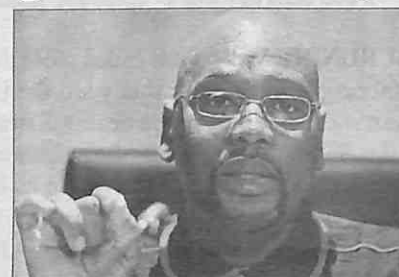
good spirits and to learn from him that he was making good progress," presidency spokesperson Khusela Diko said in a statement on Tuesday.

The minister fell ill last month and was admitted to hospital "for a severe headache," according to ministry spokesperson Reggie Ngcobo, News24 earlier reported. ANC Deputy Secretary-General Jessie Duarte, in a media briefing, however refused to speculate on rumours Dlamini might

have been poisoned.

"We are worried about him; he isn't doing very well. We just hope that the cause is not poisoning."

"But whatever it is, we wish him well and we hope he recovers. He is a valuable member of our organisation and society," she said at the time. The president, who was "heartened" by Dlamini's progress, wished him a speedy and full recovery, Diko said. *News24*



**RECOVERING: Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Land and Rural Development Sdumo Dlamini.**

## Man arrested for allegedly driving over, killing cop

**JOHANNESBURG - A 51-year-old man was arrested after he allegedly drove over and killed a senior traffic official in Masodi village outside Mokopane in Limpopo, police said yesterday.**

Constable Maphure Manamela said Superintendent Piet Baloyi, 59, was directing traffic on the R518 Marken Road next to Masodi when a white Toyota knocked him down. Manamela said Baloyi was declared dead on the scene. Albert Ledwaba, 51, was charged with culpable homicide and appeared in the Mogalakwena Magistrate's Court on Monday.

He was released on free bail and the matter was postponed to November 6. *Times Live*



# Focus on SA Scene

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## EFF claims journalists 'colluding' with ANC

**JOHANNESBURG** - The EFF claims "certain journalists" are colluding with the ANC to "squeeze" smaller parties in the country.

"Certain journalists have positioned themselves to defend President Cyril Ramaphosa and Minister Pravin Gordhan," Advocate Tembeka Ngcukaitobi SC, for the EFF, said in the equality court, sitting at the High

Court in Pretoria, on Tuesday. The court heard arguments over the alleged intimidation of journalists, which stemmed from a speech EFF leader Julius Malema made outside the state capture commission in November 2018. Gordhan was at the time testifying before the commissioner, Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo.

The SA National Editors' Forum

(SANEF) and five journalists want the court to declare that the statements by Malema are hate speech. They also want Malema and the EFF to apologise for the utterances. The journalists are News24 Editor Adriaan Basson, Daily Maverick journalist Pauli van Wyk, Tiso Blackstar's associate editor Renjeni Munusamy, Eyewitness News senior journalist

Barry Bateman and co-editor of Vrye Weekblad Max du Preez.

The EFF has denied intimidating or harassing journalists.

In its responding affidavit to the court, Malema submitted that SANEF's application with the five journalists was a "thinly veiled attempt to silence the EFF and me as an adversarial contender of the media's ability to determine the news in SA". "This is especially true where the media, in effect, collude and close ranks with the major-

ity party so as to unfavourably squeeze a smaller party like the EFF," the papers said. "Respectfully, they are engaged in a calculated process of trying to create a sufficiently damaging atmosphere that will tempt the court into granting them over-inclusive and unduly invasive relief."

He further argued that SANEF did not have judicial standing to bring the application before the court and is seeking to have the application dismissed. *Times Live*

## DOWNFALL NOT PART OF EFF'S PLAN... YET

**JOHANNESBURG** - EFF Deputy President Floyd Shivambu has hinted at a plan for President Cyril Ramaphosa's "downfall".

This after Shivambu reacted to the announcement of a media briefing from ANC leaders who were involved in the CR17 campaign for Ramaphosa to become president of the party and the country.

On Tuesday, Minister in the Presidency Jackson Mthembu announced the briefing on Twitter, before cancelling it hours later after a "discussion with the officials of our glorious movement". Mthembu said the "glorious movement" was "dealing with the matters relating" to Ramaphosa and decided to call off the briefing. However, before the cancellation was announced, Shivambu shared some strong words about the ANC's "faction".

His response led to a Twitter user asking if Ramaphosa's 'downfall' was part of the EFF's plans. In his response, Shivambu suggested that the EFF's current plan was to let the ANC "dig a deeper hole" for Ramaphosa.

"His downfall is not EFF's plan yet. If it was EFF's plan, he'd have fallen

by now. "We are cautioning the faction that they should stop making stupid mistakes because they are going to dig a deeper hole for their president."

There has been no love lost between the president and the EFF. Last month, the EFF put Ramaphosa under pressure, calling for him to fire Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan from his Cabinet with immediate effect for his alleged role in the establishment of SARS' 'rogue unit'.

The party said failure to do so, "will prompt the EFF to approach courts to enforce this binding remedial action". On July 22, the EFF called for Ramaphosa to take a leave of absence

while he took the Public Protector, Busisiwe Mkhwebane's findings against him on urgent judicial review. The party said Ramaphosa was conflicted and should be on leave until his name

was cleared. The report by Mkhwebane found Ramaphosa guilty of misleading Parliament over a R500 000 donation from BOSASA.

*Times Live*



**NOT YET: EFF Deputy President Floyd Shivambu.**

## I was right, did nothing wrong - Motsoeneng

**JOHANNESBURG** - "We did nothing wrong," Hlaudi Motsoeneng, former chief operating officer (COO) of the SABC said of a report detailing how he and several others abused their power over journalists and the newsroom at the state broadcaster.

He was referring to himself, as well as former communications minister Faith Muthambi, who was found to have abused her power as minister to influence editorial decisions by intimidating journalists and insisting on being followed by them while conducting ANC campaign work.

"You can't just be given instructions by someone you don't report to," said Motsoeneng of the findings against Muthambi.

"If people acted on wrong instructions then they are the ones who took those decisions." Defending himself, Motsoeneng said he stood by all decisions he took during his reign.

"Dating back to the time I was there these issues are not new. I stand by my decisions that I took at the time and there was nothing wrong.

We did nothing wrong. It is all public knowl-

edge," he said. "I think what is more important is that they are now hiding behind unlawful decisions and using this report as a distraction."

He was referring to the current stand-off between the SABC and sports broadcaster SuperSport, which has led to a blackout on key soccer events.

He claimed the report should not be taken seriously.

This week, DA Chief Whip John Steenhuisen said he would write to Speaker Thandi Modise to request that the findings of the report be referred to Parliament's ethics committee. He also intended opening a criminal case against Muthambi.

While the ANC remains mum on whether the parliamentarian could face any disciplinary action, tripartite alliance partner and union federation COSATU have called upon the ANC to act against Muthambi.

"We welcome the fact that management and the board have begun implementing the recommendations and taking on some of those accused of wrongdoing," Matthew Parks, the union's Parliamentary Coordinator said. *Citizen*

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# CHURCH NEWS



## WEEKLONG CRUSADE @ GNF

**GOD Never Fails (GNF) Bishop ND Nhlapho will be in the country for weeklong evening services starting from Monday until Saturday.**

The services will end on a high with an all night prayer service on Friday. Bishop Nash Shongwe will be one of the preachers lined up to minister the Word of God during the service.

Bishop Shongwe said Reverend SD Gumbi and Reverend Dr Msiza would also be preaching together Bishop Nash Shongwe.

He said the service would be dedicated to imparting the Word of God and delivering people.

"The devil has stolen and destroyed many people's lives. Many people are now living in poverty, disease and many other challenges which are the result of the devil's doing.

Bishop Nhlapho and his team of ministers of brethren so that what the Word of God will be praying for the devil has stolen is returned.

People will start living the good life that the Lord has set for them as the Bible says that God good plans to

prosper us as mankind," he said. He said the nation would be happy to know that Bishop Nhlapho would spend almost the whole week in the country.

"The bishop is an anointed man of God whom God has used in performing a lot of miracles and delivering people from all sorts of challenges.

I want to invite the nation to come in their numbers for the services every evening starting from Monday. Through the bishop's prayers, we have heard a number of testimonies and I believe God will continue to use him and his guest preachers to deliver His people," Shongwe said.

Bishop Nhlapho is one prominent South African preacher who has established a number of branches across that country and even abroad.

He also has a TV channel which disseminates God's Word.

He established a branch in the country about a year ago and recently set-up their permanent place of fellowship at Bethany where they current-



**CRUSADE: Bishop Nhlapho and Bishop Nash Shongwe.**

ly have a giant marquee which is visible from the Mbabane-Manzini highway opposite Lozitha.

## Apostle Negross Manana coming for 'Greater Works Conference'

**LIFE coach, motivational speaker and preacher of note, Apostle Negross Manana has been added in the line-up of speakers for the upcoming 'Greater Works Conference' hosted by Reverend David Chaliyumba of Destiny International Christian Centre in Ezulwini.**

The conference starts on August 19 until 25th at Greyhound Hall in Ezulwini, which in their place of fellowship.

Apostle Manana hails from Mpumalanga and is one of the prominent South African preachers who is also the host of 'Moments of Power,' a hugely followed programme on Ligwalagwala FM.

He is the founder of Turning Point International Christian Centre.

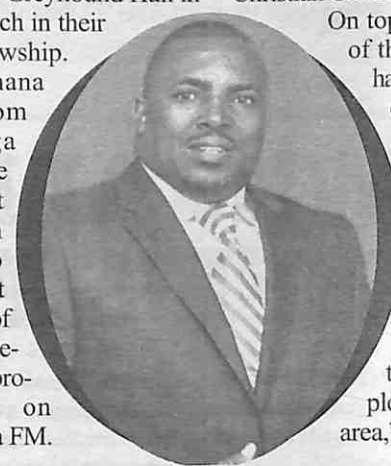
"I would like to invite the public to the upcoming 'Greater Works Conference.'

We anticipate a greater, bigger and better event.

We have powerful speakers, including Apostle Negross Manana of Turning Point International Christian Centre in Mpumalanga.

On top of the ministers of the Word, we will have music to be rendered by Fakazi Samuel, Banele Dlamini and our praise and worship team.

The conference will start at 6pm daily and we have arranged transport for people from around the area," he said.



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**Fridays**  
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**Sundays**  
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Siswati Service 11:00am - 1:00pm

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# Swazi OBSERVER ENTERTAINMENT

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## DUMI MKOKSTAD, DJ CLEO COMING TO ESWATINI

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

**THE Eswatini International Trade Fair is here!**

The Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA) yesterday revealed that this year's show will be headlined by DJ Cleo and Dummi Mkokstad.

This year's entertainment league will commence on September 1 and end on September 6.

This was revealed by EIPA Trade Promotion Manager Bongani Ntlangase yesterday.

The two seasoned artists will be joined by 'Kokota' hit-maker Kabza Da Small, LomaSoul, and Carency, DJ MBO, Nothando Hlophe, Phathwakahle, Popzin and Shongwe Nekhuphuka.

It was also revealed that DJ Cleo will be making a presentation at a business seminar for musicians before his performance. He is billed to perform on Umhlanga Day.

### Graced

For starters, DJ Cleo is the founder of Will Of Steel Productions.

He has graced many stages in the country including that of Tinker's, Pup n Grill, and Esibayeni Lodge to mention a few.

Dummi Mkokstad who will be headlining the Gospel Sunday, is a South African gospel singer and a producer as well.

Kabza Da Small is not new in the country as he has been billed to perform at several stages locally.

Kabza's journey as a house DJ in

- To perform at Eswatini International Trade Fair alongside Kabza Da Small, Popzin, Phathwakahle and Shongwe Nekhuphuka, DJ MBO
- Cleo will be making a presentation at a business seminar for musicians

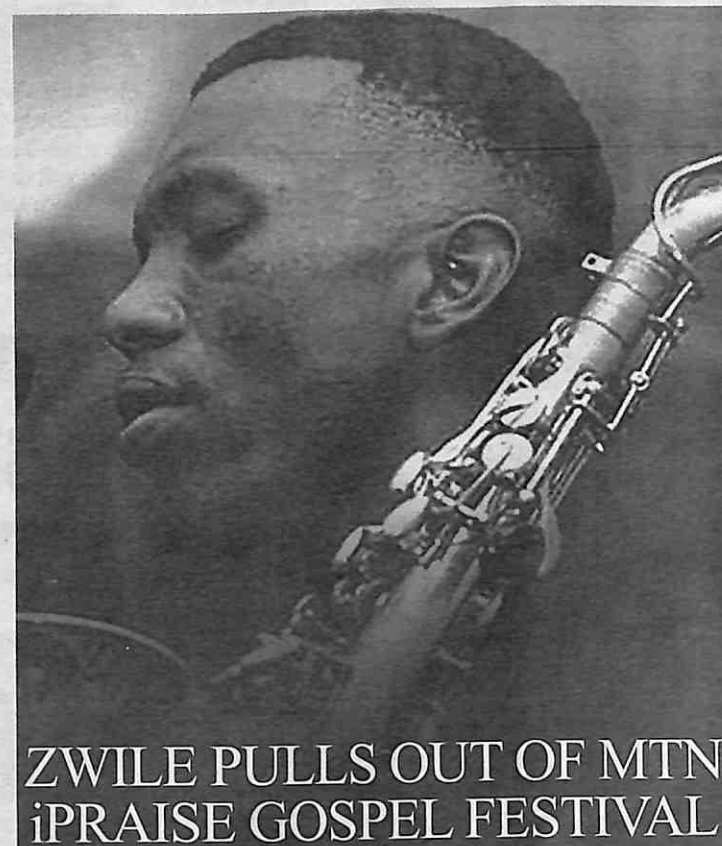


ES'KHALENI:  
DJ Cleo.

### THE TRADE FAIR FESTIVAL LINE-UP

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Gospel Sunday:                  | Nothando Hlophe, Phathakahle, Dummi Mkokstad, DJ MBO  |
| Umhlanga Day:                   | DJ Cleo, LomaSoul, and Carency, DJ MBO(resident dj)   |
| Independence Day (September 6): | Kabza Da Small, Popzin and Shongwe Nekhuphuka, DJ MBO |

the South African entertainment industry started in 2009. He has worked with quite a number of artists including DJ Mapgorisa.



## ZWILE PULLS OUT OF MTN iPRAISE GOSPEL FESTIVAL

BY DELISA THWALA

**WITH only a day to go the inaugural MTN iPraise Gospel Festival, Zwile Bhembé's fans may have to deal with a hard knock as the singer has pulled out of performing at festival.**

This was confirmed by the singer and his management yesterday morning through a formal press statement that was circulated through the saxophonist's media pages.

### Apologise

"It is with deep regret that I inform you that I will no longer be part of the MTN iPraise Gospel Festival as previously reported.

"This has been necessitated by unforeseen circumstances beyond control. I would love to apologise to everyone who was looking forward to seeing me perform.

"We sincerely wish the organisers the best as they continue to pre-

pare for the event and any further clarity on the issue may be forwarded to my management Platinum Concepts" read the statement by Bhembé.

When reached for comment Platinum Concepts' Director Khulekani Mamba said there was definitely no bad blood between the entities.

### Decision

"As much as we appreciate the consideration and opportunity afforded to us by the organisers, it is a decision we had to arrive at having considered a couple of things that were involving his engagement," shared Mamba.

"We are aware that Zwile pulled out of the festival but all questions should be directed to him and his management as they are the ones who pulled out," expressed Destiny Music and Sounds Managing Director Tom Lin when contacted about the news.

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**MTN Bushfire artists' applications are now open for the 14th edition of the annual festival.**

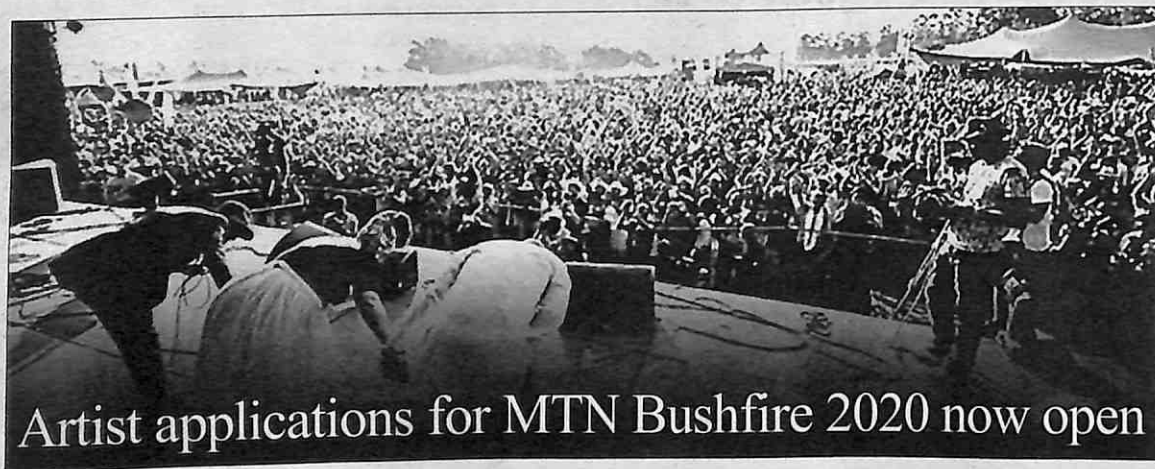
This was revealed by House on Fire assistant communications officer Phiwokuhle Dhlamini.

Dhlamini said artists who would like to be part of the on-going musical experience are invited to apply to perform at the 2020 edition of the festival that will be taking place from May 29 - 31, 2020.

### Diversity

She said the MTN Bushfire team would be looking for diversity from a range of musical styles across genres.

"Every year features an eclectic mix of world music, African music,



## Artist applications for MTN Bushfire 2020 now open

traditional and cultural music styles from across the globe; electro, afro pop, jazz, folk, rock, *gqom*, house, and a range of other diverse styles," she said.

Each year, the MTN Bushfire main stage, House on Fire Amphitheatre,

The Barn, and FireFly stage present over 70 performing acts.

For all of these artists, performing at MTN Bushfire is a memorable and powerful experience.

"MTN Bushfire is looking for live artists of the highest calibre who

share the festival's mission to celebrate creative expression while promoting social responsibility and inclusion.

In addition to musical performances, the various MTN Bushfire stages and platforms also host dance,

art exhibitions and installations, theatre, poetry, story-telling, puppetry, film, speakers, as well as themed workshops," she added.

This year, the festival saw performances by local artists such as Sooks, Ophis, Sethu, Nana Magagula and Smiles Makama to mention a few.

To apply, artists are encouraged to visit [www.mtnbushfire.howler.com](http://www.mtnbushfire.howler.com) to access the 2020 artist application form.

Dhlamini mentioned that due to the large number of submissions, only successful applicants will be contacted. The MTN Bushfire Festival is Africa's largest and most inclusive festival of music and the arts, MTN Bushfire has earned its global reputation as a distinctly African, yet globally-infused, festival experience.





BY DELISA THWALA

**KITSI Music has signed a 21-year-old deejay and aspiring producer Duke Deep from Malkerns.**

This was confirmed by Kitsi Music Public Communications Officer Tsepiso Mofokeng through a press statement. The young deejay started his music career in

## Kitsi signs new artist

2015 and this has seen him play at a couple of venues locally.

His first gig under Kitsi was in the Kingdom of Lesotho, Maseru on July 20.

### Gig

This was his first international gig which quickly introduced him to the industry hogging him fans.

He will also be playing at the Green Lifestyle Festival on August 31 at Legends Back

Packers and he has promised nothing but the best.

### Developing

Kitsi Music is Eswatini's first talent booking agency dedicated to developing with vision, expertise and integrity, the touring careers of exceptional Eswatini artists who not only connect, inspire and transform their audience but remain true to the essence of their art.

Kitsi translated as 'where we belong' is a great corner-

stone for well-established and professional artists who have soared in the SADC and are ready to soar worldwide.

Kitsi has signed 13 of the best talent in Eswatini, strictly for the purposes of book- ing agency.

Kitsi is the perfect conduit between the artists and the client (corporate, private or promoter).

The entity has further partnered with international agencies to ensure the client has access to any talent they wish to source.



## Anele Shabangu to host 'Let The Past Go' seminar

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

**PERSONALITY** Anele Shabangu will be hosting 'Let The Past Go' seminar which will be touching on depression, domestic violence and one's power as a woman and embracing their future.

Shabangu decided to host such an event as these are the issues faced by the youth.

In support of the initiative, Standard Bank will host five women for the event.

They also gave Shabangu five seats to the next Lionesses of Africa Lean event set to be held in August.

"Since it's Women's Month, I love the fact that we have all partnered to support women. Standard Bank is really doing a good job when it comes to that," she said.

To address the attendees will be life coach Laura Makhafola, entrepreneur and make-up artist Khosi Shabalala, former Miss Eswatini Nozipho Shabangu and Quantum Leap Mobile Counselling Services Director B Motsa.

The event will be held at Emfuleni Lifestyle and tickets are being sold at E200 and stalls at E450.

Shabangu mentioned that the tickets can be purchased through Mobile Money.

"People can either call me for tickets or buy them through Mobile Money, save the message as ref at the gate," she said.

# 'MUSIC FESTIVALS PROMOTE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, STIMULATE ECONOMY'

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**THE ministry of sports, culture and youth affairs praised some of Eswatini music festivals in their first quarter performance report for the year 2019/2020.**

Amongst many aspects reported about in the report, the ministry highlighted the importance and benefits of music festivals in the country.

The report states that under the Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture, the MTN Bushfire, Eswatini International Music and the Standard Bank Luju Food Festivals had contributed in a number of ways to the economy of the kingdom.

The report states how the MTN Bushfire celebrates creative expression whilst promoting social responsibility, stimulating the economy and drawing talent and tourists from across Africa and around the world.

It continues to explain how the festival counters the lack of a formal arts and culture curriculum in



**COMMENDS: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.**

public schools by presenting performance and interactive workshops for pupils and teachers from schools throughout the kingdom. According to the report, the newest festival the country has seen this

year, Eswatini International Music Festival, was one of the projects the Council partnered with to fast-track the promotion of tourism through arts.

The Standard Bank Luju Festival was also included in the report. It states that this festival encourages conversations about consumption habits and the public's role in conserving nature and the sustainability of the planet through various thematic activations.

Moreover, the report also praised that National Schools Arts and Culture competition; noting that this equips participants on various artistic skills for the many art codes that exist in the different schools.

According to the report, the competition provides a cultural foundation to the young people as they become familiar with the various culture activities and initiatives.

It also states that the schools' competition has greatly contributed to the development and promotion of culture groups across the kingdom and hence its support needs to be upscaled.

## Homebrew embracing local artists

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**THE inaugural Homebrew Music Carnival is meant to embrace and celebrate local artists.**

With a 100 per cent local line-up, the music carnival also seeks to promote up-coming artists.

Added to the line-up are Zwide SN, Judah, KrTc, Master P, Mixmash, Mozaik, Zoe Genesis, DJ Tibza, Son of Eswatini and DJ 1D.

These artists will be joining already confirmed artists Floewe, Denzel, King Terry, Zwide Bhembé, Nomalungelo, DJ Ntombi, Wicked, Knoxman and Czar.

This was confirmed by TruSoundz PRO Samukelisiwe Magagula who said this was the final line-up and they were excited to host all these artists.

Magagula said they cannot wait to make history, adding that artists were very happy to be part of the carnival.

"I must say it has been a very encouraging process getting these artists.

They are keen on having a local event of their own that recognises and gives them the recognition and experience they deserve from any other show they perform at," she said.

### Event

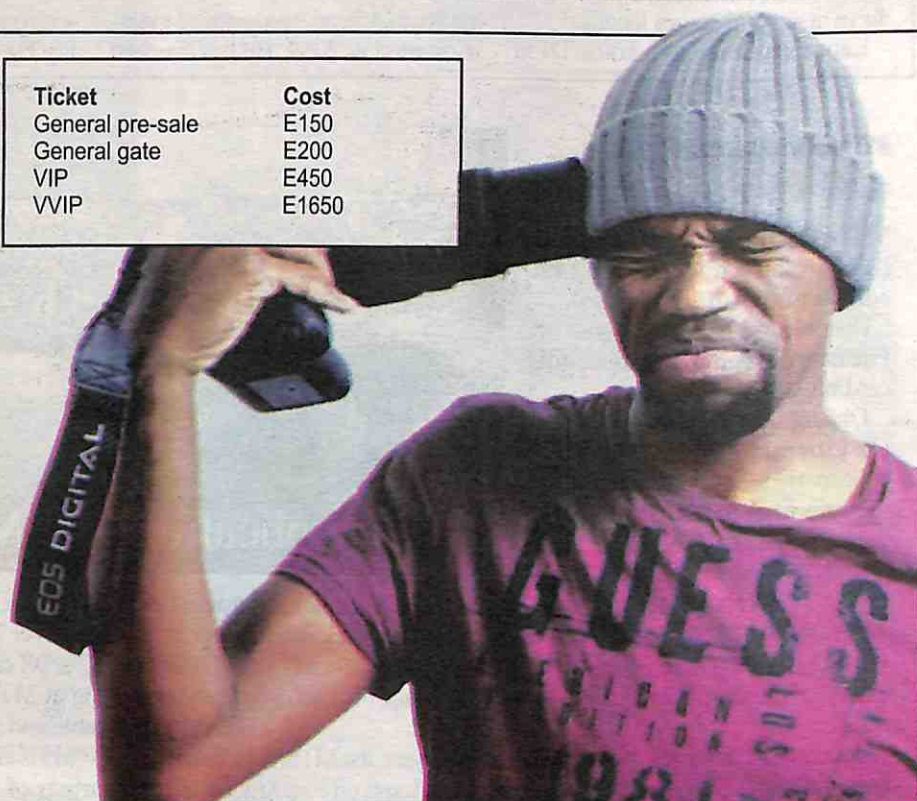
She said TruSoundz and The George Hotel were working hard to make HomeBrew a 100 per cent local event from the menu to the venue set up, stalls and the artists themselves.

"People should really come through to this one-of-a-kind event where it will be 100 per cent local artists which will also allow people to meet and greet our local artists," she added.

Tickets are selling at E150 general pre-sale, E200 at the gate, E450 for VIP and E1 650 for VVIP. The VVIP ticket also includes VIP parking, bed and breakfast at The George Hotel.

Tickets are available at The George Hotel, Ocean Basket and Galito's.

| Ticket           | Cost  |
|------------------|-------|
| General pre-sale | E150  |
| General gate     | E200  |
| VIP              | E450  |
| VVIP             | E1650 |





# OLD MUTUAL CHORAL CHOIR REGIONAL ELIMINATIONS



**VOSHO:** The man of the moment Mzwakhe Khumalo aka Tjovitjo kept the audience entertained as programme director.



**TOP THREE:** Winning conductors in the standard category posing with Nelson Majiye, Muzi Bell and Stanley Dlamini.



**CHAMPS:** Prince Sicalo joined by Old Mutual Organising Committee member Nelson Majiye and Old Mutual Eswatini CEO Muzi Bell as they present conductors Gabazi Nxumalo and Melisizwe Zwane with their awards. They lead Pure Voices and HMCS Choir who were crowned champions during the regional eliminations at Esibayeni Lodge on Sunday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



**WINNERS:** Melisizwe Zwane leading HMCS Choir as they render their western piece.



**LUNGS OUT:** Gabazi Nxumalo leading Pure Voices during the rendition of their unaccompanied piece.



**TINGCULUNGCU:** Manzini Choir preparing to render one of their songs as they competed in the large category.



**YOUNG SHALL GROW:** Thando Zwane leading St Florence Catholic Church Choir in song.



**HIGH NOTE:** Bandile Maphalala aka Mzambiya leading Royal Swazi Spa Choir during the rendition of their African piece.



**GET DOWN:** Fana Fakudze of FTM J&J Choir getting down to serious business as he leads the choir.

**BONSONDO NDZIMA:** Mxolisi Buthelezi leading Royal Eswatini Police Choir who got position four in the large category.



**LISTENING:** The panel of adjudicators Kiwiet Pali, Sifiso Shezi and Msizi Mnyandu listening to one of the renditions.





# Celebville

## International Celebrity News

### Lebyane weighs in on Zinhle, Enhle's cheating partners

CAPE TOWN - TV and radio host Penny Lebyane has shared her thoughts on a discussion between DJ Zinhle and Enhle Mbali about cheating partners. Zinhle recently sat down with Enhle Mbali on 'Yours Sincerely' on TouchHD to speak about the cheating scandals that rocked their relationships and forgiving their partners. Both women know the pain of being cheated on. Zinhle's baby daddy AKA cheated on her with Bonang and Enhle's man, Black Coffee, made headlines several years ago for hav-



**WEIGHS IN: Penny Lebyane.**

ing an affair with a model. While everyone was giving their opinions on the chat, broadcaster Flo Letoaba claimed that after watching the entire chat she felt that Enhle was looking for validation. "I got so curious I watched the whole thing. Zinhle is too smart for what Mbali was attempting to do. Of all interviews this one made me respect her. Mbali was looking for someone to validate her and almost say 'it's okay to be a clown because I'm one too', but Zinhle caught it quickly," Flo wrote. *Sowetan Live*

### Brickz's fiancée stands by her man

MIDRAND - Kwaito musician Sipho 'Brickz' Ndlovu's fiancée is sticking by her man, despite him being behind bars. Brickz was last year found guilty of raping a 17-year-old relative in 2013, and sentenced to 15 years in prison. He was released on R80 000 bail pending appeal, but later lost an appeal against his conviction. In a recent interview with Drum, his bae Cazo Cas said the pair had been together for three years. "It's not like we just started dating



**LOVED: Kwaito musician Brickz.**

now, we know a lot about each other. We've been together for three years now. I was attracted to him because of his personality. He's a very good person." The sentence didn't change her love for him after he was found guilty. "I feel like all relationships have their ups and downs and we're just going through a downhill right now. I can't leave him because times are hard right now. We've had beautiful times together so why should I leave him because he's going through a dark phase?" *Sowetan Live*

### Kylie Jenner's birthday bash about to take off

HOLLYWOOD - Kylie Jenner's about to take off with a private jet full of family and close friends to begin her birthday celebration, and 'hubby' Travis Scott is joining the festivities, TMZ has learned. Kylie and Travis will be celebrating her 22nd birthday off the coast of Italy, and it's gonna be a full flight over there. Our Kardashian-Jenner sources tell us Kris Jenner and Corey Gamble will be on board along with Kylie's assistant, Victoria, and her pals, Stassi Karanikolaou and Yris Palmer. Never one to miss a party, we're told Scott Disick and his GF, Sofia Richie,



**BIRTHDAY BASH: Kylie Jenner.**

will also be on the flight. As for where they're all headed -- TMZ broke the story, Kylie will ring in 22 on the \$250 million megayacht, 'Tranquility'. The ship comes with a staff of 29 and every possible amenity you can imagine: sauna, helipad, theatre, swimming pool and even a beauty salon. The super-dinghy normally rents for \$1.2 million per week. Interestingly, none of Kylie's sisters are on the flight today but remember, Kourtney's been vacationing in Europe since last week. *TMZ*

### Bella Hadid, The Weeknd split once again

HOLLYWOOD - So much for taking their relationship to the next level -- The Weeknd and Bella Hadid have called it quits again, and it sounds like a case of history repeating itself. Sources close to the on-and-off couple tell *TMZ*, Abel has been hyper-focused on his new album and hasn't been putting the time and hasn't been putting the time into their relationship. So, it's probably no coincidence he just tweet-



**SPLIT: Bella Hadid and The Weeknd.**

ed this, which seems to back that up. As we've reported, this isn't a first for Bella and The Weeknd. They've broken up and gotten back together a few times since they were first linked at Coachella in 2015. They reconciled again about a year ago, and it seemed they were getting more serious than ever in October, when he got a fancy condo in NYC and asked her to move in with him. *TMZ*

### Kwesta talks love, business and Spring Break

DURBAN - Hip-hop heavy-weight Kwesta spilt the tea on married life, Raplyf Records and the three-day Spring Break recently. The music event will see the 'Khethile Khethile' hitmaker share the stage with renowned musicians, the likes of AKA, Cassper Nyovest, DJ Maphorisa, Black Motion, Shekhinah and many more. In an interview with Tshisa Live ahead of the event, Kwesta said the reason he decided to host the event at Germiston



**GOOD LIFE: Kwesta.**

Lake was that he loved Ekurhuleni and loved where he came from. "There are not a lot of events and shows happening there and people don't see their favourite celebrities and musicians performing that side, that's why I decided to bring it near them." Touching on his love life, Kwesta felt that there wasn't much of a difference now that he was hitched to his long-term girlfriend of nine years, now wife, Yolanda. *Sowetan Live*

### Lerato Kganyago to launch eyelash line in SA

DURBAN - Lerato Kganyago's line has already been launched in Botswana. Love Lerato's lashes? Well, get ready to have luscious lashes just like hers. Lerato recently announced that she's working hard on securing the bag and will be launching her own lash line. She has ventured into the beauty industry with Flutter by LKG, which has already been launched in Botswana. Lerato has chosen her squad -- four influential make-up artists and a photographer. "I chose four of my make-



**LAUNCHES: Lerato Kganyago.**

up artists I absolutely love, four of the most influential in the country. It was important for me to use ones that I've travelled with and that I'm very close to. "I chose Clara Banx, Khethile Mkhabela, Xola Madube and Precious Xaba." Her photographer of choice is Tom, of 'Stills by Tom'. Lerato said she chose Tom because he understands what she's trying to achieve with her lash campaign. *Times Live*

### Nipsey Hussle's partner blasts attorney

NEW YORK - Nipsey Hussle's clothing store in South LA has been getting a bad rap in the press at the hands of the LA City attorney's office ... so claims the late rapper's business partner. L.A. businessman David Gross -- who's a co-owner of the strip mall in the Crenshaw District, where Nipsey's Marathon Clothing store is located -- is alleging the city attorney's office was running a smear campaign against the property in an ongoing, months-long effort to get them the hell out. Gross says he received the letter in February of this year -- which he

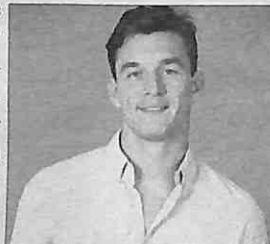


**BAD RAP: Nipsey Hussle.**

claims the city attorney's staff leaked to the New York Times -- alleging the strip mall is a hot spot for gang activity and crime, and that the city can force him out if he doesn't nip it in the bud. Nipsey's biz partner says the city attorney's office has wanted Nip and his comrades out of the area since day one -- and has stopped at nothing to accomplish that ... even after the MC's death. As reported, the LAPD and LA city attorney's office was investigating gang activity in the area around Nipsey's store, which has been a long-standing problem. *TMZ*

### Tyler Cameron ordered to attend driving school

HOLLYWOOD - Tyler Cameron is going back to class, the 'Bachelorette' finalist has to go to driving school after coping a plea in his car crash case. Tyler C pled no contest on Tuesday to a careless driving charge in Palm Beach County, Florida, and a judge ordered him to attend eight hours of driver improvement school. The crash went down in May, when Tyler rear-ended a 2014 Ford pick-



**BACK TO SCHOOL: Tyler Cameron.**

up while he was behind the wheel of his 2005 Ford Excursion in Jupiter, FL. Even if you don't remember the crash, we're guessing you recall the SUPER SEXY police body cam footage of Ty on the scene. The model's top was fully popped after the minor crash ... showing off his toned bod and rock hard abs. No major injuries from the wreck, AND we got the most beautiful body cam footage. *TMZ*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



### TODAY



**BROKE: Zungu wives.**

The Zungu wives seem about to lose their only source of income. The valley's most eligible bachelor has some surprises coming his way.



### TODAY

Much to Sechaba's distress, Palesa makes a move that badly compromises Phindile. Lalage is confronted by things she can't avoid. Makgorometsa struggles to come to terms with a rash.



**DISTRESSED: Sechaba.**



### TODAY

It seems as if Mulondo has plans for Vhutshilo, but what are they. Marang can't shake of the feeling that there is imminent danger in James' house. Vho-Mukondeleli fears that Azwindini knows of the insults hurled on social media.



**PLANS: Mulondo.**



### TODAY

Suffocate loses it during the interview at 9-Nine FM and discovers who his true friends and enemies are. When Puleng takes Cuba home, she lies and tells her she's no longer seeing her father. Rene feels betrayed by Pearl over an opening act at red Hub.



**LOSES IT: Suffocate.**



The way I enjoy taxi gossips, I don't think I'll buy a car

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## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

### Capricorn December 22 – January 19

The astral energy indicates that you may have extra money in your pocket, Capricorn. Take care to invest this money wisely rather than spend it all. You will be happier sacrificing short-term gratification for future financial gain. Positive relationships and socialising are indicated this evening. Make a point to get together with close friends and loved ones.



### Cancer June 22 – July 22

Today you may be inspired to have a little fun with your looks, Cancer. You may wish to change your haircut or experiment with different colours or styles of clothing. It would be fun to get out of your routine, even if it just means donning funky sunglasses or bright Hawaiian patterns. You will feel lighter and more flirtatious.



### Aquarius January 20 – February 18

This will be an interesting day provided you keep your eyes and ears open to the opportunities that arise. Don't be afraid to take on new challenges. Even if you feel unsure about your abilities, embrace the chance to test them. If others think you're up to the challenge, you should give yourself the same benefit of the doubt! New friends are indicated - make a point to smile.



### Leo July 23 – August 22

Today's energy has you rethinking all areas of your life, Leo. If you aren't as challenged by your job as you think you should be, perhaps it's time for a change. The trick for you will be figuring out what it is that you want to do. You have a tremendous amount of creative ability. If you aren't using these talents, why not explore a career that would let you develop them further?



### Pisces February 19 – March 20

Pisces, you finally begin to feel like you're making progress. You're intent on completing some projects that have long been in the works. After many hours of concentration and focus, you make the last adjustments and proclaim it finished. You can expect to be rewarded for your efforts. Your skills are extraordinary. You can enjoy a real sense of satisfaction. Celebrate a little!



### Virgo August 23 – September 22

You're ready for dramatic change in your life, Virgo. It isn't that you're dissatisfied with your career or personal life. Rather, you feel like you're missing out on something great, if you only knew what. Be receptive to whatever opportunities arise and explore them all. You may find the answers you seek through travel or more education. Bring a friend if you're afraid to explore on your own.



### Aries March 21 – April 19

This is a passionate, creative day, Aries. Your blood is hot and passion is on your mind. With luck, you have a significant other who can benefit! If not, you will have to find another way to burn off that energy. Invite a close friend for a jog. You're in the mood to socialize. If you can't have physical intimacy, be satisfied with emotional closeness.



### Libra September 23 – October 23

Libra, expect to meet someone new who will be a tremendous influence in your life - probably in your career. If you've been frustrated by your lack of progress up the corporate ladder, take heart. This new person may be able to show you another way up. In spite of your frustration, you should continue to work in your usual manner. You're on the right path, even though you may doubt it now.



### Taurus April 20 – May 20

You may feel a bit short on inspiration today, Taurus. Don't be discouraged! Start whatever project is in question, even if your thoughts are elsewhere. During the course of the "bad" work you may chum out at first, your muse gently alights on your shoulder. It sometimes takes a little discipline to lead to delicious rewards!



### Gemini May 21 – June 21

Gemini, you may feel like you're running in several directions at once. You're so scattered that you don't feel like you're accomplishing anything important. That's just the nature of the day. You have many loose ends to tie up. It's hard to concentrate on the big picture when you're out of groceries. Do whatever maintenance needs doing so you can move on to bigger things.



**Sagittarius November 22 – December 21**  
Foreign lands and new opportunities beckon today, Sagittarius! Keep your eyes and ears open as these opportunities may come to you from an unusual or unexpected source. You're ready for a change of some kind in your personal or professional life. It's up to you to take steps in whatever new direction you decide to go.



## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES

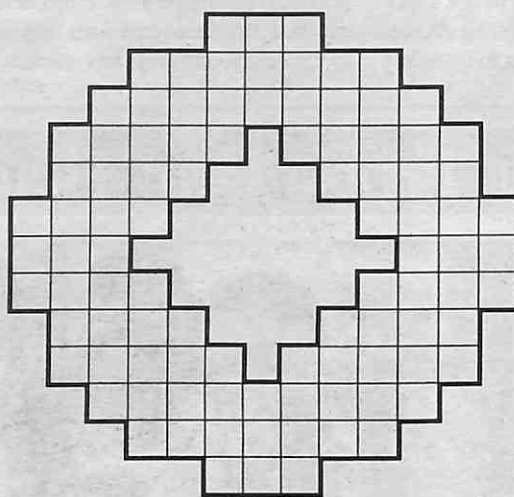


## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## Word-Wheel

Can you fit the words correctly into the grid?



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### 5 LETTER WORDS

DAILY  
EGRET  
FRISK  
PRIDE  
TAPER  
TEPID  
TIRED  
VOICE

### 4 LETTER WORDS

BANG  
BOLT  
DENY  
DIVA  
LEVY  
LODE  
RISE  
ROPE  
SICK  
SLAW  
TAIL  
TEND  
VASE  
WATT

### 7 LETTER WORDS

DYNASTY  
FLORIST  
PRIVATE  
REVENGE

### 9 LETTER WORDS

PRICETAGS  
PROPELLER  
RESIDENCY  
SEVERALLY

**LOL**  
Laughing Out Loud

## A couple

"Darling, can I go out in this dress?"

"Yes dear, it's already dark out."

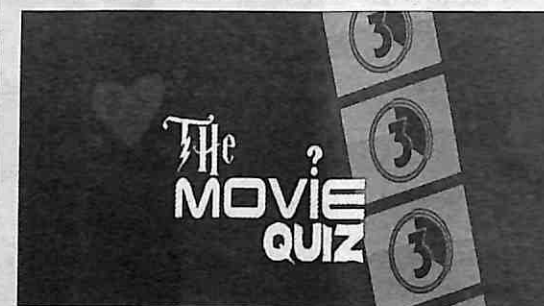
## DID YOU KNOW

1. A giraffe sometimes smells its own fart.
2. The Titanic's sinking was a true miracle to the lobsters in the kitchens.
3. Nutella's greatest achievement was successfully convincing people that

chocolate is a good idea for breakfast as long as you put it on bread.

4. Anything in New York is within walking distance - it only depends on how much time you have.

## MOVIE QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



### Yesterday's Quiz

1. Who played the obsessive character at the centre of Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977)?

Answer:  
B. Richard Dreyfuss

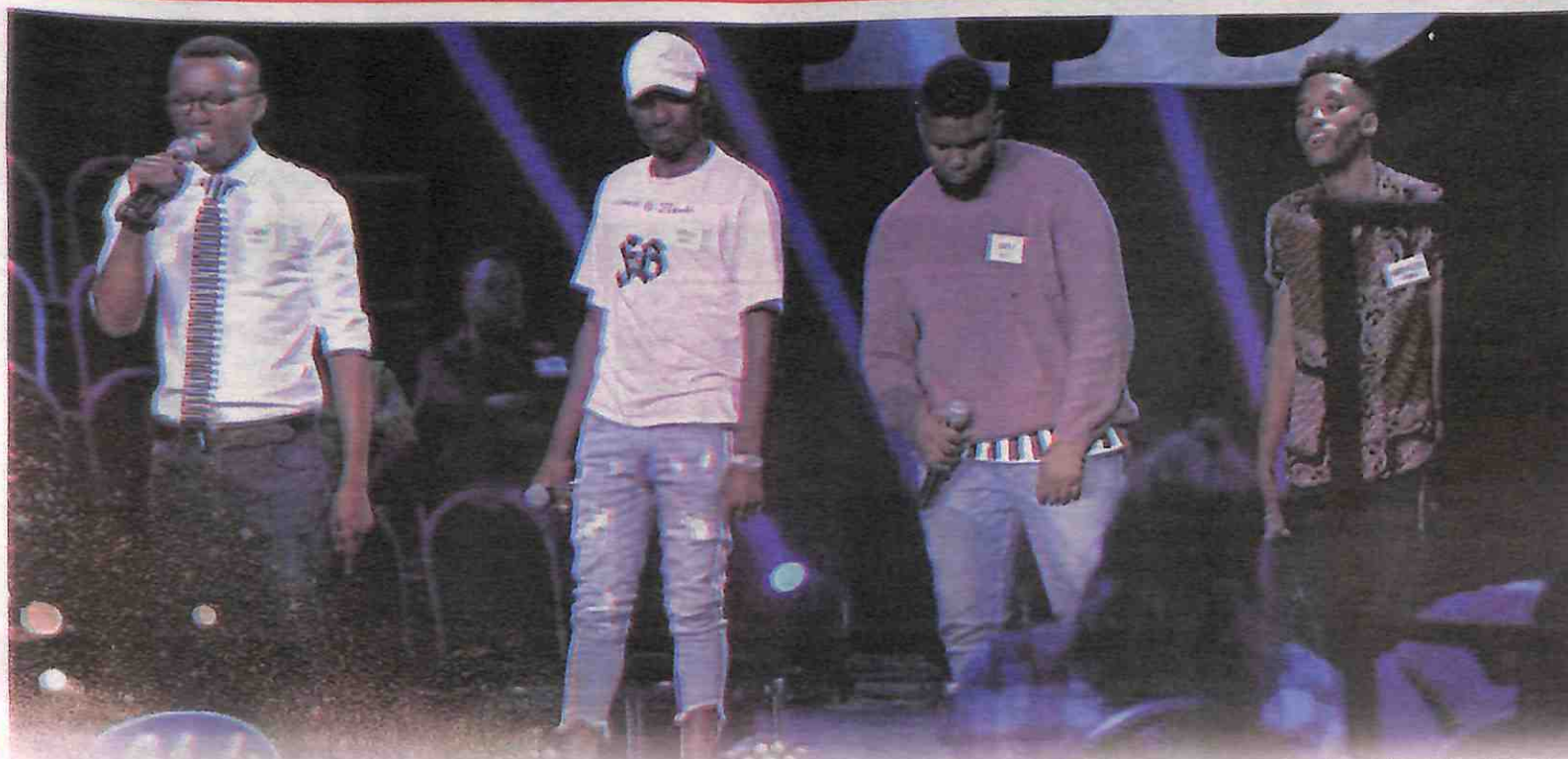
### Today's Movie Quiz

1. What was the name of the Duncan Jone's 2009 feature debut, and which actor carried the film

almost single-handedly?

Answers:  
A. Twelve B. Lopez





## THE THEATRE OF DREAMS COMES ALIVE! - IDOLS SA

**IT'S a battle to the final 16 for the Idols SA hopefuls at Theatre Week!**

It was 86 contestants battling it out for 32 coveted spots that were up for grabs. Theatre Week was fast turning into a theatre of dreams coming alive and some dreams shattering before hopefuls' eyes.

The contestants had a playlist of 10

songs to choose from. This is what many could call a professional audition with a pianist accompanying the contestants for the first time in the history of the competition.

Song choices stressed the candidates, and many of them weren't sure if they had made the right song choice. Some had chosen songs they didn't

even know.

Micayla, the Pop Up auditions golden ticket winner was the first to take the Theatre Week stage and she was also the first to get the green light to proceed to the next phase of the competition. "I started crying. It has been my dream for three years. I am through to the next round and I am excited,"

she said.

It was off to a great start, and in as much as they won't all make it, a positive start gives everyone the hope that they too will make it to the next round.

It wasn't long until the Theatre Week axe started falling on many of the aspirants as the cut to be part of the

32 continued. It was the end of the road for many of them. After day one, there were 54 survivors.

Emotions were running high and as a sign of the intensity, Melanin was very angry at her teammates. She felt as though they were not being considerate. "I shouldn't be in a place where I have to cry. I have been keeping to myself all along," she explained.

Then there was Thoriso whom Somizi and Unathi were not sure about in terms of his performance. Again, Randall revealed his compassionate side and saved him. "I'm the only one who wants to hear one of the singers sing again. Thoriso, you live to fight again," Randall explained.

Some of the groups were exceptional with all the members getting the green light, including the 'boys to men' group of Andy, Nolo, Sifiso and Sizwe who sung a memorable rendition of the real Boyz II Men's 'On Bended Knees'.

At the end of the first round of Theatre Week, 54 people saw their Idols dream and journey end. Tears and pain is what they had when they were sent back home having given it their best.

In what is dubbed the week of hell, the 32 hopefuls will be battling it out for the Top 16 spot. With the twin sisters Vicky and Virginia and brothers, Nolo and Thoriso still in the competition, we shall see if they will all secure their spots in the Top 16.

The fight for Top 16 Spot is on!

Idols SA Season 15 is on Mzansi Magic, DStv Channel 161 on Sundays at 17h30. For more information visit our website: <http://www.idolssa.tv>

## Jeff evicted from BBNaija 'Pepper Dem' House

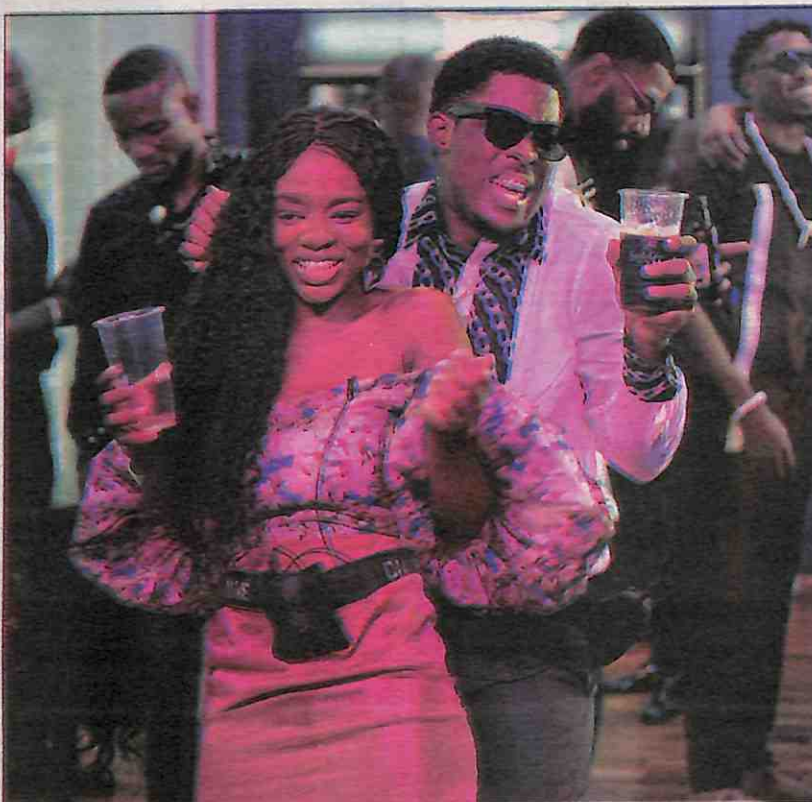
**ANOTHER Sunday, yet another eviction and this time it is Jeff that has been evicted from the Big Brother Naija 'Pepper Dem' house.**

Jeff who was evicted on Sunday, is the eighth housemate to leave during the live Sunday night show.

He faced eviction after being nominated alongside three other housemates, Mike, Omashola and Tacha. Earlier in the week, Biggie turned up the heat by introducing five new housemates, Venita, Elozanam, Enkay, Joe & Cindy bringing the total number of housemates to 19.

The BBNaija live eviction show on Sunday, featured classic performances from Nigerian singer, T-Classic who entertained the audience with his hit single 'Nobody Fine Pass You', and his other hit single 'Fall In Love' whilst DJ Sose thrilled the crowd with some hit Nigerian songs back to back.

There are now 18 housemates left in the race to win the 30 million-Naira cash and 60 million worth of prizes courtesy of Big Brother Naija, supported by Bet9ja. Viewers can now vote for their favourite housemate in the Big Brother Naija house via SMS by texting VOTE and the NAME of the HOUSEMATE to 32052 (SMS costs N30 for Nigeria only). Fans can also VOTE FOR FREE on the website and mobile site - [africamagic.tv/bigbrother](http://africamagic.tv/bigbrother). Voting starts every Monday night at 20:30 CAT right after the nomination



show and closes the following Thursday at 22:00 CAT.

Visit the website for more information. The drama continues LIVE, 24/7 on all DStv packages on channel 198 and on GOtv Max and GOtv Plus packages only

on GOtv channel 29/Ghana 129/Uganda 329.

Big Brother Naija season four is proudly sponsored by Bet9ja. For more information on the show, fans can visit [www.africamagic.tv/bigbrother](http://www.africamagic.tv/bigbrother)

## What to watch on Mzansi Bioskop!

**ALL the movies you just can't miss this week!**

There is so much to watch on Mzansi Bioskop for everyone in the family. From stories about romance to folktales to drama and action. Here are the movies we rate you simply can't miss this week!

### Romance

If you're looking for love on your screens look no further than Mzansi Bioskop. There is nothing quite like a Mzansi love story and these promise to give you heart palpitations and that warm fuzzy feeling.

### Between two lovers

A young woman finds herself in a sticky situation when she cannot seem to decide between her long-time boyfriend and her new crush.

### Romeo and Romeo

Two people from rival gangs fall in

love, but with both sides determined to bring each other down, will their love triumph above it all?

### Lefu la Bholo

A selfish, spoilt, rich young man is taught about fate and consequences after he recklessly runs over someone during a big night of drinking.

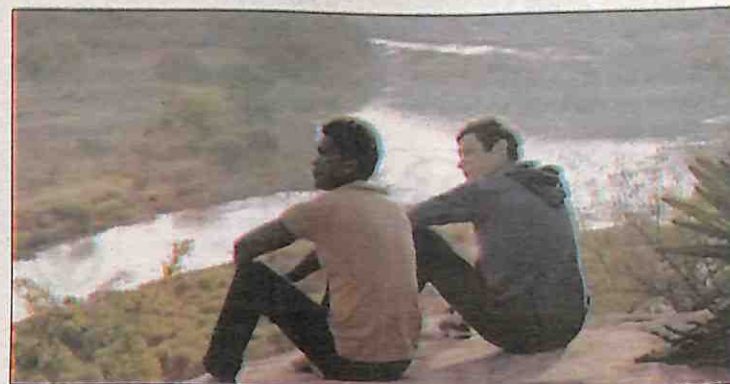
### Beyond the River

An inspiring South African true story about grit, loss and redemption. Two men from different backgrounds must conquer their demons and work together to compete in the Dusi.

### Izinkomo

A young man takes it upon himself to hunt down the thieves who have stolen cows from his family's farm and community.

Stay tuned to the home of Mzansi movies and never miss any of the drama, action and passion.





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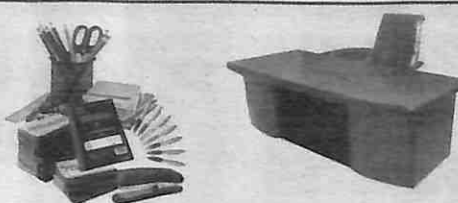
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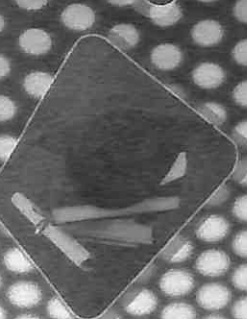
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John Sibonangaye Mlindisa



Funeral: 10/08/2019  
Vigil: 9/08/2019  
Place: eSicelwini

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Nozipho Rose Shiba



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Samuel T. Nxumalo



Funeral: 10/08/2019  
Vigil: 9/08/2019  
Place: Ekudzeni

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Funeral: 10/08/2019  
Vigil: 9/08/2019  
Place: Ematfuntini

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Zakithi Nozipho Dlamini



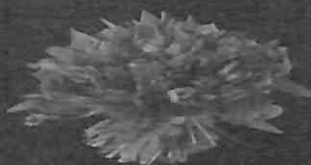
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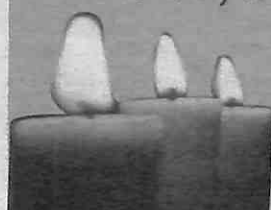


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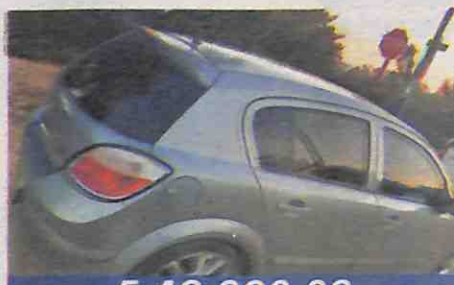
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# Bok captain Siya Kolisi starts in first WP game since 2014

**JOHANNESBURG** - Springbok captain Siya Kolisi will finally return to the pitch after a lengthy injury break tomorrow, when Western Province take on the Pumas at Newlands.

The 28-year-old loose forward won't lead WP, though, with lock Chris van Zyl retained as the skipper for the must-win clash on Women's Day (3pm kick-off).

Kolisi has been out of action since sustaining a knee problem in the 34-22 victory over the Highlanders at Newlands in late May.

He was set to be on the sidelines for about six weeks, but that has grown to nearly 10 as the Bok and Province management have opted for a more conservative approach, with the Rugby World Cup about six weeks away.

Kolisi is assured of his position as Bok captain, but for his own confidence and that of coach Rassie Erasmus, he will



**RETURNS:** Springbok captain Siya Kolisi.

look to produce a commanding display against the Pumas tomorrow in what will be just his 30th WP game, and his first since 2014.

If he comes through the game unscathed, he could feature for South Africa in the one-off Test against Argentina at Loftus Versfeld next week Saturday.

In other changes to the WP line-up, coach John Dobson will be delighted to have pacy wing Sergeal Petersen back in the starting line-up, after he came off the bench against the Lions in the 30-28 loss at Newlands.

Salmaan Moerat has to move to the bench as JD Schickerling is back at lock

15 Dillyn Leyds  
14 Sergeal Petersen  
13 Ruhan Nel  
12 Dan Kriel  
11 Seabelo Senatla  
10 Josh Stander  
9 Justin Phillips  
8 Sikhumbuzo Notshe  
7 Ernst van Rhyen  
6 Siya Kolisi  
5 JD Schickerling  
4 Chris van Zyl (captain)

## WESTERN PROVINCE TEAM

3 Wilco Louw  
2 Scarra Ntubeni  
1 Corné Fourie.  
**Bench:**  
16 Chad Solomon  
17 Kwenzo Bloose  
18 Neethling Fouché  
19 Salmaan Moerat  
20 Nama Xaba  
21 Godlen Masimla  
22 Jean-Luc du Plessis  
23 Edwill van der Merwe

— having played at flank against the Lions.

Kolisi's return sees Ernst van Rhyen at blindside flank, while Springbok Wilco Louw is also back in the No. 3 jersey.

"There is no doubt that we have to show our supporters at Newlands that we are really up for this game

and play some rugby they can be proud of," Dobson said yesterday.

"We worked hard in the week off, and now it is about going out there on Friday and showing what it means to us to play in this jersey in the Currie Cup."

**IOL Sport**

# Da Gama ready to take over Bafana coaching job

**JOHANNESBURG** - Owen da Gama is ready to take over the Bafana Bafana coaching job and will happily accept it if the South African Football Association (SAFA) asks him to succeed Stuart Baxter.

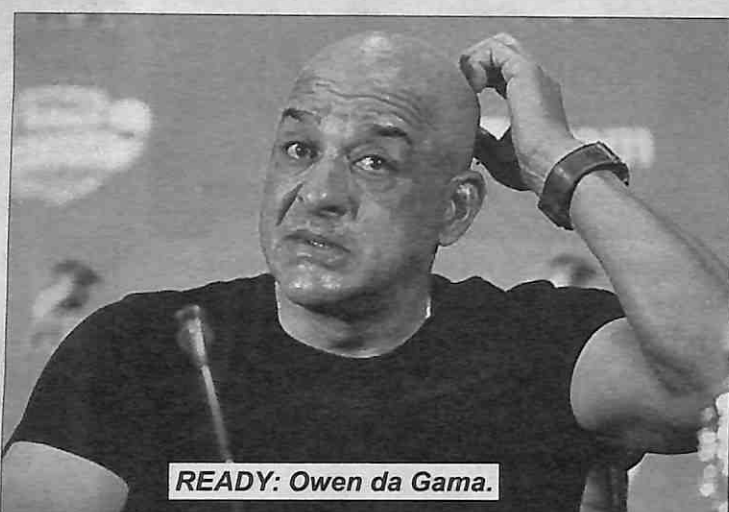
The Highlands Park coach, who previously served as Bafana assistant under Ephraim 'Shakes' Mashaba, has never hidden his desires on the job and added that Baxter's successor should be local.

Asked if he would consider the Bafana job, Da Gama said: "I think it is too early to discuss that."

"I have previously recommended quite a few coaches in your presence. I said I thought Gavin Hunt. I thought Pitso Mosimane. I thought Steve Komphela.

"So I have recommended those. It is difficult for me to answer you on that.

"But if nobody is available and I'm asked to serve the country, I will serve the country. But as you know I have made my recommendations."



**READY:** Owen da Gama.

The Bafana hot seat remains vacant after Baxter's resignation last week and Molefi Ntseki has been asked to take over on an interim basis while SAFA continues to search for a permanent replacement for the Briton.

Da Gama said Komphela (Golden Arrows), Hunt (Bidvest Wits) and Mosimane (Mamelodi Sundowns) play the kind of football that is needed at Bafana level.

"If you look at the way Wits play, if you look at the way Golden Arrows play, you look at the way Sundowns play, I think we play to our strengths and I think that is important," said Da Gama.

"I just think that the intellectual property of our soccer has to be nourished and has got to grow.

"And with coaches like Komphela, Hunt and Pitso, if we can just nurture and play to our strengths you

know, these guys understand the cultural dynamics, the diversified type of approach to the game, I think we can get there."

Da Gama said he illustrated when he was in charge of the national Under-23 team that participated at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games that the team can succeed with a local coach at the helm.

"I mean we proved it with the Under-23s when we beat Senegal to qualify for the Olympics.

"Senegal were the number one Under-23 team at the time.

"We beat them and qualified for the Olympics but we played our brand of football," said Da Gama. The Highlands coach thanked Baxter for his services.

"I have always said that Stuart Baxter, I think, has laid a good foundation for us.

"He has brought in a different dimension with a lot of discipline and we thank him for that.

"But I think we have to grow as I said that intellectual property has got to be nurtured and has got to



**AT CROSSROADS:** Philippe Coutinho.

## Philippe Coutinho at crossroads

**LIVERPOOL** - Sometimes the Germans say it better than us. There is no single word in the English language that describes taking pleasure in other people's misfortune. And there is no better word than *schadenfreude* to describe the smugness of some Liverpool fans this summer.

Less than two years have passed since Philippe Coutinho swapped Merseyside for Barcelona and became the second most-expensive player in history. That £145million move was a dream come true for the Brazilian, and a bitter blow to Liverpool's hopes of regaining their place among Europe's elite.

Fast forward to this transfer window, and Coutinho is back on the market. He has rebuffed Tottenham, who made a late move after Barcelona confirmed they will allow the midfielder to leave on loan.

Coutinho has won five trophies at the La Liga giants, amassing 21 goals and 11 assists in 76 appearances. But they are prepared to let him return to the Premier League.

Liverpool have distanced themselves from bringing Coutinho back to Anfield. Don't mistake this for spitefulness, though, rather a reflection of how the club have grown in his absence.

Jürgen Klopp does not seem like one for *schadenfreude*. But he'd be forgiven for telling Coutinho I told you so.

"Stay here and they will end up building a statue in your honour," Klopp told the Brazilian eight months before his departure. "Go somewhere else, to Barcelona, to Bayern Munich, to Real Madrid, and you will be just another player. Here you can be something more."

His words have proved prophetic, and could serve as a warning to players tempted by bright lights and thick wallets. But his comments also underlined just how talismanic Coutinho had become at Anfield.

**Daily Mail**

## DC United chasing Ozil signature - report

**LONDON** - Major League Soccer outfit DC United are reportedly eyeing a move for Arsenal playmaker Mesut Ozil as they look to replace Derby-bound Wayne Rooney.

Ozil struggled to impress new Arsenal head coach Unai Emery last season and often found himself sidelined for the bigger games.

That is despite the fact he signed a new deal in February 2018 making him the highest-paid player in the history of the club.

His wage of £350,000 a week eclipses most of the players in the current Arsenal squad and could prove a stumbling block in an attempt to move him on, with injury and illness also ruling him out of a number of games over the last couple of seasons.

**Sport 24**

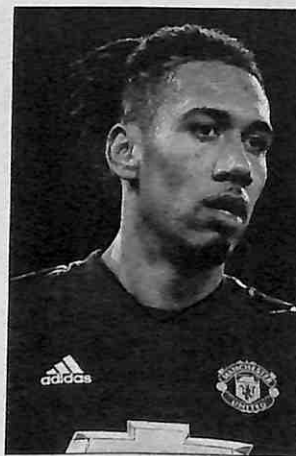
## Man U reject Everton loan bid for Chris Smalling

**MANCHESTER** - Everton have had a loan bid rejected for Manchester United defender Chris Smalling according to multiple reports.

The Toffees are chasing a number of signings before the transfer window closes at 5pm today.

Notwithstanding the Romelu Lukaku situation, Manager Ole Gunnar Solskjær is understood to be largely happy with his squad and is therefore reluctant to let Smalling go.

Marcos Rojo is among a surfeit of options at centre-back that only grew with United's world-record acquisition of



**STAYING PUT:** Chris Smalling.

Harry Maguire. Axel Tuanzebe,

Phil Jones, Victor Lindelof and the injured Eric Bailly can all play there, so too Smalling.

### Staying

According to PA, Everton asked about taking long-serving defender Smalling on loan, only to be informed he was staying put.

The 29-year-old signed a new contract at Old Trafford in December which keeps him at Old Trafford until June 2022 with an option to extend for a further year.

Smalling made 24 Premier League appearances for United last campaign.

**Daily Mail**



# SPORTS BILL WORKSHOP

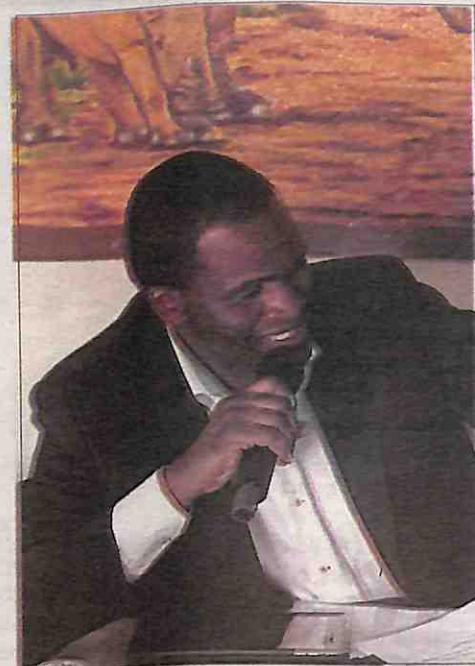
@the Esibayeni Lodge



**WELCOME:** Eswatini National Sport and Recreation Council Chief Executive Officer Darius Dlomo addressing members of local sporting associations during the workshop on the Sports Bill held at Esibayeni Lodge yesterday. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)



**APPRECIATING:** Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga applauding one of the speeches delivered next to EOCGA CEO Sydney Simelane.



**MY VIEW:** Eswatini Football Association Chief Executive Officer Frederick Mngomezulu stressing a point during the workshop.



**BROTHERHOOD:** Eswatini Cycling Association President Sihlangu Nhlabatsi follows proceedings with Eswatini Shooting Association President Sipho Ntshalintshali.



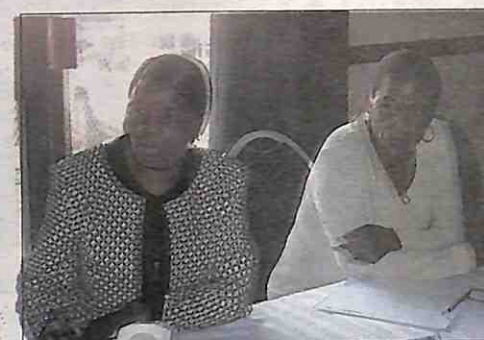
**BOXERS:** Eswatini Boxing Association President Pearl Dlamini and Vice-President Vincent Sihlongonyane focused.



**LISTENING:** Eswatini Football Association President Adam Bomber Mthethwa also attended the workshop.



**REPRESENTING:** Eswatini National Volleyball Association Vice-President Phinda Dlamini and executive member Thabo Dlamini following proceedings.



**ATTENTIVE:** Eswatini National Netball Association President Simangele Dlamini and executive member Ntombikayise Masango formed part of the participants.



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# QHAKAZA-MBABANE MUNICIPAL GAMES



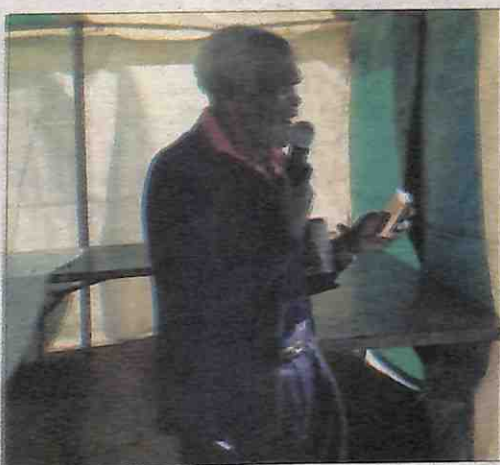
**CHAMPIONS:** Mbabane Central High School football team lift their trophy after winning the Qhakaza-Mbabane Municipal games played at the Prince of Wales. (Pics: Colisile Sacolo)



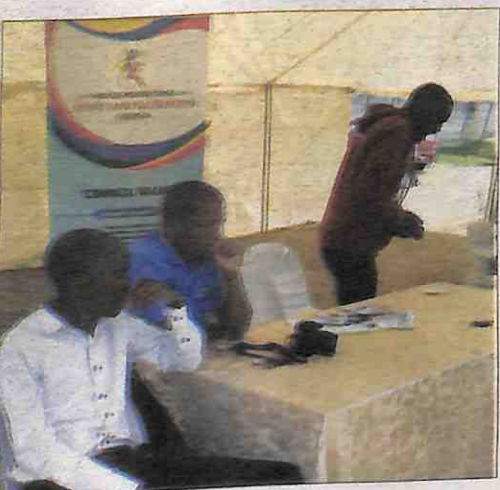
**READY:** Mbabane Central High School football team poses before their game.



**ON SHOW:** The pupils also visited the different stalls during the games.



**REMARKS:** Community police identified as Dlamini makes his remarks after the games.



**SHUKUMA ESWATINI:** Eswatini National Sport and Recreation Council representatives at the



**WELL DONE:** Mbabane Municipal Council Sports and Recreation Manager Phenga Vunga hand a trophy to Mbabane Central High School captain Ciniso Nyawo while coach Bongani Makhanya looks on.



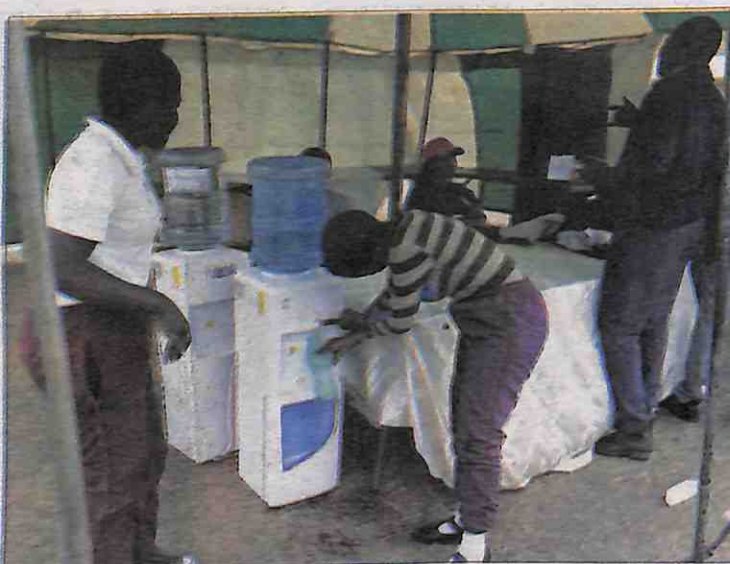
**CELEBRATION:** Mbuluzi and Mater Dolorosa High Schools netball teams celebrating with their trophies.



**OUT TO DEFEND:** Last year's champions Mater Dolorosa High School team before the start of the match.



**WINNERS:** Mbuluzi High School netball team were the overall winners.



**WATER TIME:** Some of the pupils enjoying the water sponsored by Waterman Eswatini.



**SERVING THE NATION:** EOCGA also pitched a stall during the schools' games.



# XOLILE WANTS TO STAND FOR WFA TREASURY POSITION

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**SOCCER – ROYAL Leopard Ladies soccer team Manager Xolile Dlamini has lodged a complaint after she was informed that she will not contest for the treasury vacant position in the Women League (WFA) during the Annual General Meeting to be held at Sigwagca House on Saturday.**

The Women Football Association AGM had to be rescheduled after it failed to take off on July 28 due to Sihlangu Semnikati's first leg match in the 2020 CHAN Qualifiers against Angola played at Mavuso Sports Centre. Information gathered is to the effect that after the WFA executive

screened the rightful candidates, it was discovered that the Royal Leopard manager did not meet the requirements to stand for elections.

However, it was reliably gathered that Dlamini later lodged a complaint to the WFA executive as she wanted to be reinstated.

"She lodged a complaint for her reinstatement for the treasury position to contest alongside Mfanzile Vilakati and Nkosinathi Lukhele, who have been cleared to stand for the elections. We are still waiting for the outcome of the verdict," said the source.

In the vice president position, Manzini Wanderers Management Committee member will contest

alongside Siteki Ladies soccer team Director Winile Gwebu and Nkosinathi Lukhele.

Part of the agenda on Saturday will be confirmation of minutes, address by the president, presenting of financial statement, discussions of proposals submitted by members and executive committee.

WFA President Sonnyboy Mabuza confirmed the AGM would be held on Saturday but declined to comment on the issue of nominees.

He referred all questions to WFA Secretary Aaron 'Katalala' Mavimbela. When drawn for comment Mavimbela, said they were currently dealing with the issue of Dlamini.



**CONFIRMS: WFA President Sonnyboy Mabuza.**

## CYCLING NATIONAL TEAM FOR 2019 AFRICA ROAD CUP

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**CYCLING – THE Eswatini national team has been invited to take part in the 2019 African Road Cup race to be held in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa in October.**

This follows an invite from the Confederation of African Cycling to the Eswatini Cycling to honour the second annual road race to take place from October 9-12 at the Kwazulu Natal province.

The race comprises of three categories, namely the individual time trial, criterium and road race.

The race will feature over 10 African countries. ECA President Sihlangu Nhlabatsi confirmed the invite from the continents govern-

ing mother body when contacted yesterday.

"We have received an official correspondence from CAC inviting us to take part in the second Africa Road Cup set to take place in October. We will select the team to represent the country in the competition during the on-going local road competitions," he said.

The Africa Road Cup will be the first major competition this year for the national team after failing to compete in the 2019 African Road Championship and the Tour De Limpopo due to administrative issues and financial constraints.

Some of the riders expected to form part of team Eswatini include Sihle Dlamini (Dig Deep), Gcina Banda (Dig Deep), Mduduzi Zwane and Muzi Shabangu both from MTN Khemani.

## Correctional beat log leaders Way Inn

BY COLISILE SACOLO

**POOL – WAY Inn are still sitting at the top of the Manzini Pool Club League log table despite losing to Correctional over the weekend.**

The league is sponsored by Dixie's International at a tune of E30 000.

Correctional, who were inspired by veteran captain, Flag Nxumalo won the match 13-11 to close the gap between them and Way Inn to four points. The Correctional Services side is

sitting at position five with 39 points.

In another exciting match, on form side Garrison beat Bhunya 13-8 to increase their title hopes.

The army side has accumulated 43 points as they are level with current log leaders Way Inn.

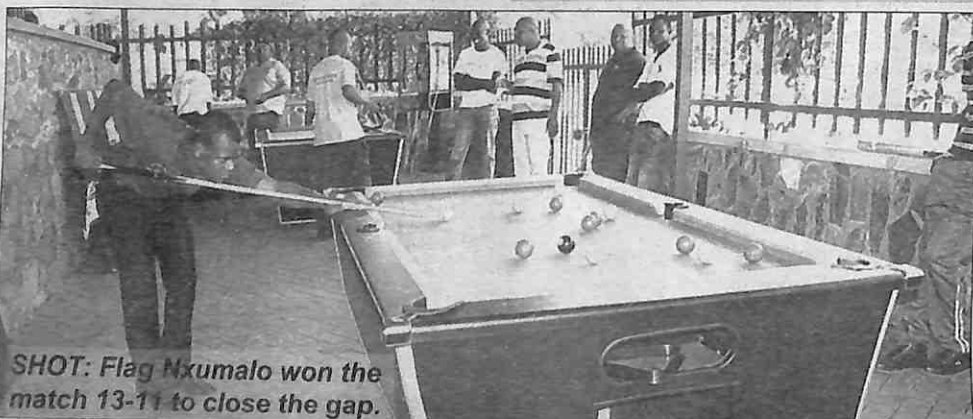
REPS lost 4-13 to Manzini Pool Club while France got the better of Figareido, winning 13-10 in a closely contested encounter with Nicks beating Stairs 13-10.

**Manzini Regional Pool League log:**

|                  | P  | W  | L  | FF  | FA  | FD  | PTS |
|------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 Way Inn        | 15 | 11 | 4  | 186 | 127 | 59  | 43  |
| 2 Mzi Pool Club  | 15 | 11 | 4  | 185 | 119 | 66  | 43  |
| 3 Garrison       | 15 | 13 | 2  | 181 | 136 | 45  | 43  |
| 4 Police Academy | 15 | 11 | 4  | 167 | 120 | 47  | 40  |
| 5 Correctional   | 15 | 10 | 5  | 179 | 143 | 36  | 39  |
| 6 France         | 15 | 9  | 6  | 166 | 151 | 15  | 34  |
| 7 Bhunya         | 15 | 7  | 8  | 154 | 162 | -8  | 29  |
| 8 Figareido      | 15 | 7  | 8  | 157 | 165 | -8  | 28  |
| 9 Nicks          | 15 | 5  | 10 | 112 | 163 | -51 | 23  |
| 10 Mankayane     | 15 | 3  | 12 | 118 | 172 | -54 | 15  |
| 11 Stairs        | 15 | 2  | 13 | 119 | 179 | -60 | 14  |
| 12 Figa 5        | 15 | 0  | 15 | 97  | 195 | -98 | 6   |

**The Full results**

|              |       |                   |
|--------------|-------|-------------------|
| REPS         | 4-13  | Manzini Pool Club |
| Garrison     | 13-8  | Bhunya            |
| France       | 13-10 | Figareido         |
| Correctional | 13-11 | Way Inn           |
| Stairs       | 10-13 | Nicks             |



**SHOT: Flag Nxumalo won the match 13-11 to close the gap.**

## We lost to a good team - Anthony

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**SOCCER – SITSEBE Samhleke coach Anthony Mdluli has accepted their defeat against Zimbabwe with an open heart.**

Sitsebe returned to the country yesterday without any silverware but dignity after they defeated Angola and Mozambique in the group of death.

The local side failed to qualify for the group stages after they were thrashed by Zimbabwe 7-0 in their third match.

Speaking to this publication after his side crashed out in the COSAFA Women Championships on Tuesday at Wolfson Stadium, Mdluli said they lost to a tactically good team that capitalised on their weaknesses.

"We lost to a team that was good both technically and tactically. They capitalised on our weaknesses as we failed to defend crosses and high balls. The weather conditions were also a contributing factor as it was very hot and windy especially in the first half, hence we had to play high balls," he said.

The former Sihlangu Semnikati coach added that his players were caught by fatigue and failed to change the intensity of the game.

"Having said that, I am so much proud of my team, they fought gallantly in the tournament until the last defeat we suffered at the hands of Zimbabwe on Tuesday. In a nutshell, I am satisfied with the overall performance of the team and we will come back strong in the next COSAFA tournament next year," he said.



**DEFEATED: Sitsebe saMhleke coach Anthony Mdluli.**

● Tottenham have reached an agreement with Juventus for the transfer of Argentina forward Paulo Dybala, 25, for a fee in the region of £62m. (Sky Sports Italia, via Mail)



● Tottenham also remain keen on signing Barcelona's 27-year-old Brazil forward Philippe Coutinho, while Arsenal were never interested. (ESPN)

● Former Liverpool player Coutinho, 27, could also be set to join Manchester United. (Express)

● Arsenal have had a £55m bid for 20-year-old French centre-back Dayot Upamecano rejected by Bundesliga side RB Leipzig. (Bild - in German, subscription required)

● RB Leipzig have told the Gunners that they have no intention of cashing in on Upamecano, who has a release clause of £92m. (Mirror)

● DC United are set for talks with representatives of Arsenal's German midfielder Mesut Ozil, 30, as they seek a replacement for Derby-bound former England captain Wayne Rooney, 33. (Mirror)



● Paris St-Germain have offered forward Neymar to Manchester United, Juventus and Real Madrid. The French champions are determined not to let Barcelona re-sign the 27-year-old Brazil international. (Sport)

● Liverpool have no intention of selling midfielder Brazil midfielder Fabinho, despite rumours linking the 25-year-old with a late move to Real Madrid. (Echo)

● Leicester City are considering Celtic's Norway defender Kristoffer Ajer, 21, as a replacement for 26-year-old England centre-back Harry Maguire. (Star)

● Manchester United are considering a surprise move for former Tottenham striker Fernando Llorente, with the 34-year-old Spaniard available on a free transfer. (Sky Sports Italy, via Metro)

● Everton are on the verge of signing Monaco's French defender Djibril Sidibe, 27, on loan. (Mail)

● Manchester United's Belgium striker Romelu Lukaku, 26, has not returned to Carrington for first team training amid speculation surrounding his future at the club. (Mirror)





# BULL'S THREE-DAY SA CAMP AHEAD OF CHARITY CUP

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**SOCCER - CAPITAL** city giants Mbabane Highlanders are out of the country as they continue with their preparations for the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup on Sunday.

The black and white ensemble has been drawn against police side Royal Leopard in what is expected to be an epic clash in the 'cup of hope' themed 'Yami Nawe, Siphakeme Futsi'.

The champions of the tournament will pocket a revised E1.1 million while runners-up will walk away with E550 000.

The Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini-led side reportedly left the country yesterday morning for the three-day camp in SA.

## Tournament

"The team is taking the tournament seriously and they have intensified their preparations by setting their camp outside the country," said an insider.

The source added that the team might officially unveil their new players when they return to the country ahead of the tournament. The team's Communications Officer Bhekisisa Dlamini neither confirmed nor denied that the team was out of the country.



**BULL'S KRAAL:** Mbabane Highlanders office situated at Ezulwini. (Pic: Melusi Mlotsa)

Meanwhile, the team has opened an office at Ezulwini.

The new office is situated in the club house premises. The team's boss Ally Kgomongwe confirmed that they had acquired a fully-fledged office as they were trying to meet club licensing standards.

"I am so happy that the team has acquired an office. During my term in office, I will

ensure the team is run professionally," he said.

Bhekisisa Dlamini also echoed Kgomongwe's words by saying after the opening of the office; the team would now be easily located and accessible to its stakeholders. He said they were also planning to sell the team's merchandise in the new office.

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**SOCCER - ROYAL** Leopard's goalkeeping department is reportedly hit by injuries ahead of their tricky clash against capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders in the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup on Sunday.

Information gathered is to the effect that first choice goalkeeper Phephisani Msibi is nursing a tendon ligament injury he suffered while doing duty for the national team in the 2020 CHAN Qualifiers against Angola on Saturday.

The former Mbabane Midas City goalkeeper, however, is reported to have started light training. The source also revealed that second choice goalkeeper Ncamiso 'Mbhonyo'

## Leopard goalkeeping department hit by injuries ahead of Charity Cup

Dlamini is also nursing an injury he sustained a week ago and is doubtful for the clash. "Goalkeeper coach Mphikeleli 'Rabo' Dlamini is likely to be between the poles if the situation does not improve. However, doctors are working around the clock for both goalkeepers to pass a late fitness test," said the source.

Royal Leopard Public Relations Officer Frank Hurube denied that the goalkeeping department was hit by injuries. He said only Lungelo Tsabedze was ruled out of the clash.

"All the players are ready for the match expect for Lungelo Tsabedze, who suffered

a hamstring injury while doing duty for the national team," he said.

The Edwin Matsebula-led side will be hoping to win the 2019 Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup after they lost to Mbabane Swallows in the final last year.

## Qualified

The side police side qualified for the finals of the prestigious tournament after beating Mhlume Peacemakers 3-1 in the play-offs final. Midfield dynamo Mxolisi 'General' Lukhele scored a brace while Sifiso Matse scored the third goal towards the dying minutes of the game.

## Council, Qhakaza happy with schools games success

BY COLISILE SACOLO

**SOCCER - THE** Mbabane Municipality is happy to partner with Qhakaza organisation for the development of schools sports in the country as the tournament held at the Prince of Wales Ground was a success.

Qhakaza collaborated with City Office Machines, Eswatini Schools Sports Association, Eswatini National Sport and Recreation Council and EOCGA in hosting the games.

Qhakaza was formed by former Ka-Schiele High School Principal Samuel 'Majojo' Mamba with the aim of promoting sports among young people in schools and in communities. Mbabane Municipal Council Sports and Recreation Manager Phenga Vunga said they were happy with the progress of the games. He said they had been hosting the games yearly for high schools around

Mbabane.

Vunga said the aim was to promote sports among young people and lure them away from crime and drugs.

"Since schools will be closing, we want to make sure that pupils engage in sport because usually when they are idle they get bored and start engaging in crime and drugs.

## Nothing

"The municipality and its stakeholders have seen it proper to host games every week to keep the pupils busy and away from bad habits," he said.

Vunga said as a municipality, they provided the playing grounds, tents and chairs for the tournaments. "Normally when the schools are open, more especially on Wednesdays and Fridays (when pupils break early) you find the pupils loitering around town till late. So we want to avoid that by having the games two days a week and we hope this

will also make the schools and parents happy," he added.

Meanwhile, Qhakaza founder Samuel 'Majojo' Mamba appreciated the sponsorship from City Office Machines and the stakeholders for helping them in many ways such as providing the resources needed to run the tournament.

Mamba said as Qhakaza, they were excited to amass a sponsorship of E100 000 in their second year of operation. City Office Machines donated E 40 000, while Mbabane Municipal Council forked out E50 000 and Waterman contributed E 10 000.

The aim is to keep the pupils out of the street and away from bad habits.

"I must say that the pupils and teachers were excited about this tournament. All the sponsors were happy to give back to the community. As Mbabane residents it is up to us to always thrive for excellence in our social life," he added.

## Gomez's future uncertain at Green Mamba

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER - GREEN** Mamba's Malawian striker Gomez Gondwe's future with the club is uncertain ahead of the 2019/20 season.

The former Malanti Chiefs and Mbabane Swallows player has not reported for camp since the Correctional Services side started its pre-season training early last month.

A source close to the matter revealed that the team was in the dark over the whereabouts of the speedy forward.

"The player has not yet returned to training ever since he was released to go home to sort his personal matters. The team is saddened and disappointed by his actions as he displayed unprofessionalism when handling his matters.

"It is yet to be seen if he will still play for the team if he eventually returns as several foreign players have expressed a desire to join the team in the new season," the source said.

Green Mamba Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Thamie Phakathi confirmed the absence of the player when also reached for comment yesterday.

"The player has not reported for training since he asked to go home to sort his personal matters," he said.

Gondwe steered the green and white ensemble to their second MTN Premier League title after netting the winner against Mbabane Highlanders last season at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

On another, Phakathi further stated that the team was gearing up for the upcoming crunch CAF Champions League assignment against Zesco United on Saturday at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

## Forward

"We are looking forward to the match and the team is working hard at training in order to make the nation happy.

We are closely monitoring our captain Banele 'Makonese' Dlamini and Mxolisi Mkhontfo, who are both recuperating from injuries sustained during their recent national assignment with Sihlangu Semnikati.

"We are confident they will be both available for selection on Saturday. Tickets for the match will be available at the stadium from 10am when the gates open," he said.

Entrance fee is E30 per head.

## Sports Bill to professionalise sports in Eswatini - 'Madze'

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SPORTS - MINISTER** of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga believes the new Sports Bill would help professionalise sports in the country.

Bulunga said the bill would help unearth hidden talent as well.

He said this during a workshop facilitated by the Eswatini National Sport and Recreation Council yesterday at Esibayeni Lodge.

"We are happy the bill has been brought for discussion among the various associations before going to Parliament. The bill will also help create jobs for youngsters since they will now be able to have fulltime jobs through their sporting talents.

"The country will now compete effectively with regional countries during international competitions since our athletes will now become professionals in their different disciplines.

We are also happy with the huge turnout from the various sporting associations," he said.

## Taught

During the workshop, the participants were taught about the importance of the bill during an open session which was conducted by Eswatini National Sport and Recreation Council Chief Executive Officer Darius Dlomo.

Some of the points that were highlighted during the workshop were that the bill would help in resolving sports matters out of court and further promote transparency.



**REMARKS:** Eswatini National Sport and Recreation Council Chief Executive Officer Darius Dlomo addressing members of local sporting associations during the workshop on the Sports Bill held at Esibayeni Lodge yesterday. (Pic: Sibusiso Masilela)



## FIXTURES

### PLAYING TOMORROW

#### ABSA PREMIERSHIP

|                   |    |                |       |
|-------------------|----|----------------|-------|
| Maritzburg United | vs | Highlands Park | 20:00 |
| Premier League    |    |                |       |
| Liverpool         | vs | Norwich City   | 21:00 |

### PLAYING ON SATURDAY

#### ABSA PREMIERSHIP

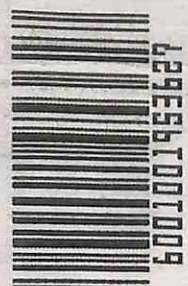
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| Polokwane City    | vs | Amazulu FC     | 15:00 |
| Cape Town City FC | vs | Stellenbosch   | 18:00 |
| Kaizer Chiefs     | vs | Black Leopards | 20:15 |

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## BSEVER

Thursday August 8, 2019



## 'BUY YOUR CHARITY CUP TICKETS EARLY'

BY COLISILE SACOLO

**SOCCER** - ESWATINI Telecom Charity Cup Management Committee Secretary and Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati has urged the nation to buy tickets early to avoid disappointment.

He said they must also keep time and come early to the stadium to avoid long queues at the gates.

The 2019 edition of the annual soccer spectacular will be played under the theme 'Yami Nawe, Siphakeme Futsi'. Vilakati said this ahead of the one day competition's finals scheduled for Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

### Condemn

"VIP tickets are only for those who will be given by the sponsor. We would like to condemn the bad habit by those who are given the tickets, especially stall-holders, who then prefer to give out the tickets to their relatives and friends and end up showing face at the gates without the ticket," he said.

He noted that gates would open at 5am for the vendors and at 6am for



**YAMI Nawe, SIPHAKEME FUTSI: EPTC Corporate Affairs Manager Nqobile Magagula displays the entry ticket for soccer fans.**

the supporters as well as stakeholders.

He said fans should respect the ticketing arrangement and not misuse it.

The four finalists will today receive their kits during a kit presentation to be held at EPTC boardroom at 9am.

Defending champions Mbabane Swallows will welcome rivals Manzini Wanderers in their quest to defend their coveted title.

The highly-anticipated match will come after a fierce battle between Mbabane Highlanders and Royal Leopard.

### EPTC CHARITY CUP FIXTURE:

|                   |    |                     |         |
|-------------------|----|---------------------|---------|
| Royal Leopard     | vs | Mbabane Highlanders | 8:30am  |
| Manzini Wanderers | vs | Mbabane Swallows    | 10:30am |

### PROGRAMME:

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|---------|--|
| 5am     | - Gates open for vendors                             |
| 6am     | - Main gates open                                    |
| 8:30am  | - Royal Leopard vs Mbabane Highlanders               |
| 10:30am | - Manzini Wanderers vs Mbabane Swallows              |
| 12:30pm | - EPTC Management vs ECCOM                           |
| 1pm     | - EPTX EXCO & CEOs vs Cabinet                        |
| 2pm     | - Trophy parade and warm-up                          |
| 3pm     | - Final game   |
| 5:30pm  | - presentation of medals to champions and runners-up |
| 5:45pm  | - Presentation of trophy to champions                |

## 'LANDERS/BLACK SWALLOWS IN ALLEN TUG-OF-WAR

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER** - MBABANE Highlanders and Pigg's Peak Black Swallows are in a tug-of-war over the services of Sihlangu striker Allen Mabuza.

The capital city giants have since taken the reigning MTN National First Division champions to the Eswatini Football Association Players Status Committee over the services of Mabuza, who was named the 2018/19 MTN National First Division player of the year.

Mabuza once played for Highlanders during the 2016/17 season before joining Black Swallows at the beginning of last season.

The matter was heard before the PSC last night at the Sigwaca House where it was postponed to tomorrow due lack of supporting documents from the involved parties.

### Matter

Black Swallows Chairman Charles Matsebula could not be reached for comment on the matter as his cell-phone was out of the MTN network when contacted last night.

Highlanders Public Relations Officer Bhokisisa Dlamini confirmed that the matter was due to take place last night but was postponed.

"It is true the matter was scheduled to take place at the Sigwaca House but I am yet to get a briefing on the

- Highlanders take matter to EFA Player's Status Committee
- Matter deferred to tomorrow afternoon
- They want to use the player during Charity Cup on Sunday



**WANTED MAN: Sihlangu striker Allen Mabuza.**

outcome," he said.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that Highlanders are now considering withdrawing the matter from the committee before the new hearing date.

The left-footed player Mabuza has already earned himself two caps in the senior national team after mak-

ing his debut during the recent CHAN second round encounter against Angola.

He played both in the first and second leg encounters where he helped the nation's pride to reach the last qualifying hurdle of the continent's second premier competition.

Another source said Highlanders wanted to use the player during the Charity Cup match on Sunday against Royal Leopard.

### Preparations

"They want to use the player on Sunday as he is wanted by the team's technical bench. He is with Black Swallows as we speak but Highlanders will pull all stops to get the player ahead of the Sunday games."

Meanwhile, the team is out of the country as they continue with their preparations for the Charity Cup.

The Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini-led side reportedly left the country on Tuesday morning for the three-day camp in SA. "The team is taking the tournament seriously and they have intensified their preparations by setting their camp outside the country," said an insider.

The source added that the team might officially unveil their new players when they return to the country ahead of the tournament and they wanted Allen to be one of the new signings.

## Go fight for the country - 'Bomber' tells Buffaloes

STORIES BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**SOCCER** - ESWATINI Football Association President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa has urged Young Buffaloes to fight for the country in Zambia when they would face Buildcon FC in the Confederation Cup match.

Speaking yesterday during the team's farewell function at Lobamba Technical Centre, Mthethwa encouraged the players to go and make history for themselves.

"Go and compete against the Zambian side. I have faith in you as I have seen the team growing in leaps and bounds," he said.

Mthethwa further said that the resurgence of the security forces teams



**FAREWELL: Young Buffaloes team posing for a group picture with EFA President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa and head of delegation Johannes 'Ace' Sibiza.**

had contributed positively to the national team Sihlangu Semnikati. "It wasn't a mistake to have the security forces in local football as they are of great benefit to the nation-

al team. I want to urge you to go and represent the country well in Zambia. Also, make the new army commander proud.

We are with you in prayer as you

## ...Buff's to spend E445 000 in Zambia trip

**SOCCER** - ARMY side Young Buffaloes will spend E445 000 in the first leg of the match against Buildcon to be played on Saturday at Luanda Levy Mwanawasa Stadium.

This was confirmed by Buffaloes Chief Executive Officer Sandile Gwebu before their departure yesterday.

"We will spend about E445 000 on air tickets to Zambia, includ-

ing accommodation," he said.

Gwebu also mentioned that the team would leave the country today at 10am by road and connect a flight in Johannesburg.

### Leave

He said they would leave with a squad of 16 players, four coaches, two doctors and four officials.

Manzini Football Association Chairman Johannes 'Ace' Sibiza will be the head of delegation.

go for the international assignment," said.

Young Buffaloes coach Dominic Kunene promised that they would perform well in the regional tournament. He said they would fight like true soldiers against the Zambian side.

"We promise to fight like the true soldiers we are against Buildcon in order to progress to the next stage of the tournament," he said.

Kunene further thanked the Eswatini Football Association for their support.