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**WELCOME TO** ESWATINI: His Majesty King Mswati III extending a warm welcome to former South Africa President Thabo Mbeki during their private meeting at Lozitha Palace last night. The former president arrived yesterday afternoon through King Mswati III International

Airport. (Pic:

Simon Shabangu)



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The lifeless body of Bheki Ngubane (33) of Luve was discovered by New Village residents yesterday morning



MIKE MAMBA OUT **ON E1 000 BAIL** 

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**PM JETS OFF TO EQUATORIAL** 







GRUESOME: The deceased police officer's body being taken away by his colleagues.

# COP KILLED, DUMPED BY ROADSIDE

#### By Bongiwe Dlamini and Sifiso Nhlabatsi

ystery surrounds the death of a police officer whose body was discovered dumped by the roadside at New Village in Manzini.

The lifeless body of Bheki Ngubane (33) of Luve was discovered by New Village residents yesterday morning. Witnesses said the officer, who was based at the Matsapha Police Academy, was not known to them.

According to Mlungisi Sifundza who made the gruesome discovery, he was with another resident when he saw a person lying next to the road at around eight in the morning. When they first saw the body near the road, he said they thought the man must have fallen asleep after a night of imbibing. However, after closely inspecting the body, they deduced that he was stone cold.

Sifundza said as time went by, a crowd gathered around the dead body while they were still waiting for the police. He added that, meanwhile, they awaited the police's arrival, one of the residents who came to look at what was going on claimed that he knew the deceased person. The witness said the man, who was later identified as Sikhumbuzo Dlamini, informed them that the deceased person was a police officer. Information gathered is that the officer had nothing on him when he was found as there was no cellphone or wallet. During an interview, Sikhumbuzo said after hearing the news



RIP: The deceased police officer Bheki Ngubane.

that a man was found dead near where he leased a flat, out of curiosity, he also went to the scene to see his body.

"When I got there I was too shocked to discover that it was my cousin. I was not aware that he was in the vicinity. I've never seen him in the area before today," he said.

The witnesses said it could not be ascertained how the officer died as he did not have any stab wounds except for a minor scratch behind the ear.

For this, some witnesses said they suspected that the officer had been beaten from somewhere else and was cleaned up before he was dumped at New Village in the early hours of yesterday.

On the other hand, others were of the view that transporting the officer would draw attention for the people who murdered him so it was unlikely that he was killed from somewhere else.

Instead, these witnesses said they believed that whatever caused the loss of life for the officer started from nearby where his body was found.

There were others who said they suspected that the officer had gone to New Village to see his girlfriend only for the course of the night to go sideways for some reason.

"He used to drink alcohol but there is no bar anywhere near where he was found so the thought of him being involved in a bar fight was ruled out," said Sikhumbuzo.

#### Intensified

The strangeness of the officer's death was further intensified by the fact that the deceased's car was said to have been parked within the Police Academy's premises.

When Ngubane's uncle Sicelo Dlamini was sought for comment, he said the family was still in shock at the news that they received yesterday morning. He said they were still confused because the information that they received left them with more questions than answers.

Dlamini said the family was still looking and hoping that they would receive more information that would shed some light on how and why their son was killed.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the matter, adding that no one has been arrested in connection with the death of the officer but investigations were ongoing.



Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini joined by his wife Portia as he bids farewell to his deputy before jetting out of the country. The PM left the country for Equatorial Guinea through the King Mswati III International Airport yesterday afternoon. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

# PM off to Equitorial Guinea

**By Simon Shabangu** 

Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini left the country for Equatorial Guinea yesterday where he will be representing His Majesty King Mswati III at the Africa Solidarity Trust Fund (ASTF) Heads of State meeting.

The PM, who was accompanied by his wife Portia and the Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza, among others, left the country after lunch through King Mswati III International Airport.

He was seen off by his deputy Themba Masuku, Minister David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala, Minister of Foreign Affairs Thuli Dladla and Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Dlamini, among others.

The head of government told the media that he has been commanded by the King to represent him at the one day meeting on Tuesday at Malabo. He said the ASTF is a United Nations initiative which was launched in 2013 as a unique financing mechanism that pools resources from African countries to support critical national and regional initiatives.

"This is an FAO-led initiative which has already benefited 41 countries in the Africa including the Kingdom of Eswatini. The country received about E2.5 million funding which assistwomen empowerment and also got funding for the training of officers from the agricultural sector, especially in the fight against army worms. This is an important forum for us, hence the command by the king for the kingdom represented," he said. Eliminate

The main goal of the fund, according to information sourced from their site, is to assist countries to eradicate hunger and malnutrition, eliminate rural poverty and manage natural resources in a sustainable manner.

The ASTF enables an effective synchrony between the priority challenges currently faced by African agriculture and food systems, and the development of solutions deployed to address them. So far, it has supported 18 projects in 41 Sub-Saharan countries.

The new phase of the ASTF seeks to expand its reach in terms of both volume of resources and scale of impact through

expanded part-

nership.

BRIEFING: The premier addressing the media before jetting out of the country.

# Parly meets to deliberate 2010 Sappi retrenchments

#### By Bodwa Mbingo

Parliamentarians will on Monday afternoon converge at the august House to deliberate on various pressing matters, including that of the mass retrenchments at SAPPI Usutu that occurred in 2010 leaving a number of employees crying foul over the payment of their severance packages.

Clerk to Parliament Ndvuna Dlamini yesterday announced that the House of Assembly sitting has been scheduled for 2:30pm on the day.

The former SAPPI Usutu employees are still nursing hopes of finally getting their dues following the closure of the company in 2010 and having sought the intervention of the Ludzidzini Council, the AG's office for legal advice and other avenues they recently turned to Parliament to urge the legislators to assist them deal with the matter through a petition.

Yesterday, the clerk confirmed that in Monday's Order Paper, the issue of the petition will be discussed on the day.

He also disclosed that other matters to be discussed include Finance Bills, Private Members Motions and Motions Without Notice as well as Questions for Oral Answers. "I am directed by the speaker of the august House of Assembly that the House resumes business on Monday June 10, 2019 at 2:30pm," read the notice.

He urged all members to attend this important meeting.

Meanwhile, as far as documents in the possession of the SAPPI former employees are concerned, the total package that was spent on the workers as their severance package was E45.5 million instead of E405.5 million that the workers say should have been forked out by SAPPI.

Their calculations reflect that some of the employees should have turned into instant millionaires once their packages were paid out, but they were nowhere near this.

Concluded

There were at least 122 employees who, according to the documents, were supposed to be paid amounts ranging between E1m and E6m each.

As per the calculations, the employee who was to receive the highest payout and become an instant millionaire would have his package standing at E5 799 964.15 after having worked for the company for almost 37 years.

However, he allegedly received E867

240.00

On another note, the Swaziland operation, Usutu, was made of 67 000 hectares of plantations, more than half of the country's timber plantations, which made it one of the most significant corporations in Eswatini. SAPPI decommissioned a pulp mill plant attached to the Usutu operation in 2010. This is after SAPPI had reportedly suffered hundreds of millions of Emalangeni in impairment losses around the plant.

## Unviable

Back then, SAPPI reported that the decommissioning of the plant affected 491 employees. A note from SAPPI's 2010 annual report said: "Adverse market conditions and the cumulative severe impact of fire damage over previous years had made the mill unviable.

A provision relating to severance, retrenchment and other related closure costs of US\$24 million was raised during fiscal 2010. At the end of fiscal 2011, the balance of the provision was US\$5 million."

SAPPI Usutu was then sold to Montigny Investments for E1 billion in 2013 in a deal that saw Montigny take over all of the company's forests, the decommissioned or redundant pulp mill site and the villages of Mhlambanyatsi and Bhunya.



SAFE JOURNEY: Secretary to Cabinet Mbuso Diamini wishing the PM a safe trip.

# MBEKI HERE, MEETS KING FOR PRIVATE TALKS

Simon Shabangu

is Majesty King Mswati III and former South Africa President Thabo Mbeki had a private meeting at Lozitha Palace last night.

The former president arrived in the country yesterday afternoon through the King Mswati III International Airport. He later proceeded to have a behind -closed doors meeting with the King.

The ex-President Mbeki, accord-

try in his capacity as the Chancellor of the University of South Africa (UNISA), as he was accompanied by a high level delegation for the university, including the Vice Chancellor Professor Mandla Makhanya and his Executive Assistant Alan Pillay, among other high ranking officers from the university. Meanwhile, the King's entourage which joined the meeting included acting Prime Minister Themba Masuku, acting Minister of Education Christian Ntshangase, Minister of Foreign Affairs and international Cooperation Thuli Dladla

ing to close sources, is in the coun- and Chief Officer in the King's Office Chief Mgwagwa Gamedze.

Also present was the Vice Chancellor of the University of Eswatini Professor Justice Thwala and Registrar Salebona Simelane. His Majesty is also the Chancellor of the University of Eswatini, Mbeki also presented the King with two cattle and one for Her Majesty the Indlovukazi, something which the King appreciated. They also exchanged gifts, as both Mbeki and His Majesty had gifts prepared to share. The delegation was thereafter hosted to a dinner by His Majesty, held at Lozitha Palace.



GOOD TO MEET YOU: His Majesty King Mswati III joined by former SA President Thabo Mbeki and his entourage Alan Pillay, acting South Africa High Commissioner Curtis Singo and UNISA Vice Chancellor Professor Mandla Makhanya at Lozitha Palace last night. (Pic: Simon Shabangu)

# DROP CHARGES AGAINST MIKE MAMBA - LAWYER

**By Bodwa Mbingo** 

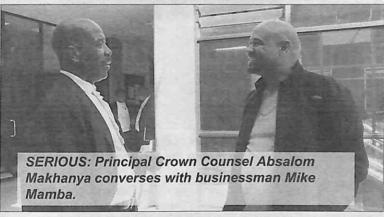
he lawyer representing Manzinibased businessman, Mike Mamba, who is one of the witnesses in the marathon case of slain soccer boss and businessman Victor Gamedze, wants the two charges levelled against him dropped by the State.

Michael Andrew Mamba was yesterday admitted to bail set at E1 000 by Senior Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi, following his brief appearance at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court, where he faces charges of perjury and contravening Section 5 of the Commissioner's Oath Act of 1942.

Hardly a day after giving evidence while led by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in the on-going trial for businessman Sipho Shongwe on Wednesday, Mamba was on Thursday arrested and charged with perjury, an offence of wilfully telling an untruth in court after having taken an oath or affirmation.

Mamba of Fairview North in Manzini is represented by top Mbabane-based

...Businessman admitted to E1 000 bail, is due back in court next Friday to answer on charges of perjury, contravening Commissioner's Oath Act



Lawyer Sabelo Bhembe in the case. Bhembe, when moving the application for bail yesterday, also did not waste time to reflect before the senior magistrate that he intends applying for the quashing of the charges against his client, as information contained in the charge sheet does not qualify for the charges.

He moved that when the case resumes next Friday, the State should be ready for his application to quash the above charges. He also moved that the bail be set at E1 000, which was not contested by the Prosecution's Chris Sibandze.

According to the charge sheet, the accused person is guilty of the crime of perjury, in that upon or about 5th June 2019 at the High Court in Mbabane he appeared as a witness in the murder trial of Sipho Shongwe before His Lordship Justice Maseko. The said accused being duly sworn unlawfully and intentionally deposed and swore in substance and to the effect that the deceased Victor Gamedze only told him that he had a problem with Shongwe emanating from football.

The charge sheet further reads that in truth, Mamba deposed and swore in an affidavit earlier on that one of the things the deceased said was that he had a problem with Shongwe and had heard that Shongwe wanted to kill him. He is alleged to have also stated that Gamedze told him that he had reported such to Labadzala, that should anything happen to him, Shongwe would be behind it and thus the accused committed the crime of perjury.

The charge sheet further reads: "The accused is guilty of contravening section 5 of the Commissioner of Oath Act of 1942, in that upon or about the 26th of June 2018 and at or near the ministry of tinkhundla in Mbabane in the Hhohho region, the said accused person did unlawfully and intentionally depose and swear there and then in substance to a founding affidavit which was submitted to the Director of Public Prosecution's Chambers and subsequently served to the defence to wit the case." It states that in paragraph 4 of the Founding Affidavit,

"The following day I went to Mbabane I received a call from Victor Gamedze saying I should follow him. We went to his house, where we had a brief conversation. One of the things he said was that he had a problem with Sipho Shongwe and he heard that Shongwe wanted to kill him. He said he had even reported to 'Labadzala' that should anything happen to him, Shongwe would be behind it. I advised him that they should sit down and solve the matter amicably". The charge sheet concluded that Mamba, when he deposed and swore as aforesaid, well knew that the statement was false and it was made with the intention to injure Sipho Shongwe. Meanwhile, it was gathered that Mamba's actions when leading



The following day I went to Mbabane where I received a call from Victor Gamedze, saying I should follow him

evidence at the High Court on Wednesday seriously annoyed the prosecuting team, led by South Africa-based Advocate Michael Hellens, who is instructed by Principal Crown Counsels Absalom Makhanya assisted by Macebo Nxumalo.

against the chief in the area.

He noted that some people have resorted to ditching respect for the chief in the area, hence the continu-

"Kute imali lenjalo," he said with conviction when arguing that there is no such money collected within Oomintaba.

'What we usually do in the area is that when people are found to have been on the wrong, we fine them and some of that money goes to the chief. Leso sondlo semntfwanenkhosi (That's monetary contribution towards the

area and that is why they are making up stories about the chief," he added.

This is despite that a petition that was presented by residents to former Shiselweni Regional Administrator (RA) Themba Masuku included complaints that they were taxed to the marrow, as they were forced to pay tax to government and further to the chief. More interviews that were done with tresidents then still alleged that they were indeed contributing monthly rental fees for the chief.

# EF GASA RETIRES FROM CO

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

hief Gasa WaNgwane of Qomintaba, who was once accused of rejecting a government house allocated to him by his employer but instead ordered residents of the drought-stricken Lavumisa to contribute monthly rental money for him to move to a bigger house, has since retired.

Otherwise referred to as Senior Superintendent Bekayiphi Dlamini at his former place of employment, the chief's last day at work was on May 5, 2019, having reached the mandatory 60 years retirement age.

The chief was employed as a senior officer at His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) under the Royal

Guard Unit. Correctional Services officers deployed under this unit are all accommodated at Sidvokodvo, where government rents houses that belong to the Eswatini

Railway. He is part of a list of 12 officers who will be leaving the department's employ-



FIT FOR A CHIEF: This is the bigger house that is occupied by Qomintaba Chief Gasa WaNgwane at Sidvokodvo, allegedly at the expense of his subjects in Lavumisa, who pay rental fees for him. (Pic: Bodwa Mbingo)

ment throughout this year.

The list was confirmed by Correctional Services Public Relations Officer (PRO) Superintendent Gugulethu Dlamini yesterday.

"At the turn of every year, a list is released of officers who are due for retirement that particular year.

We do have one at the moment of a total of 12 officers," she said briefly. There was much talk around December

2017 surrounding the chief's move to occupy the bigger house.

The soft-spoken, but extravagant chief, who also drives sleek wheels with a personalised number plate, has been staying in the bigger house.

The Observer on Saturday learnt that after the chief had been allocated a two bedroom house within the Sidvokodvo Village, he then preferred to move to a bigger one that would comfortably accommodate his fami-

The people of Lavumisa were told to contribute to the chief's monthly

rental fees in the bigger house Confirmed

At least five residents interviewed randomly around the area, back then, confirmed that they pay at least E10 monthly.

"We were told clearly that this is money that will contribute towards the chief's monthly rentals, as he rents one at his workplace.

We had to oblige to this order as we are under his chiefdom," said one resident, who preferred to remain anonymous in fear of victimisation.

However, Qomintaba Indvuna (Chiefdom's Headman) Elias Fanalakhe Ndzinisa dismissed such allegations as pure lies and a smear campaign

ous allegations against him.

chief's welfare). People have just lost respect in this



APPRECIATING: Hospice at Home Eswatini's patron Inkhosikati LaNgangaza appreciating the donation on behalf of the organisation.

LIGHT MOMENT: The Inkhosikati sharing a light moment with one of the Methodist women.



# METHODIST CHURCH WOMEN NATE TO HOSPICE AT HOME

**By Bongiwe Diamini** 

he churches work of goodwill to those in need goes a long way in healing them emotionally, physically and spiritually. This was said by Inkhosikati LaNgangaza during an event where she, as the patron of Hospice at Home Eswatini, received a donation from Methodist Church Women (Bomake Bemanyano). The event was held at the organisation's premises on Thursday.

The women were making their fourth annual donation to the organisation, which they chose to assist with food and other items pertinent in the everyday life of an ailing person.

This year, the women from the four regions of Eswatini made a donation of items valued at E40 000.

## Appreciating

When appreciating the donation, Inkhosikati LaNgangaza said such from caring people helped the organisation to make up for other expenses in its usually over-stretched budget.

In this regard, the inkhosikati said Hospice at Home employees and patrons could not effectively carry out the organisation's mandate without the support of Good Samaritans such as Methodist women, especially at a time where the economic down turn has made their work even harder due to the lack of funding and inadequate resources.

Also, Inkhosikati LaNgangaza said more than 70 per cent of the organisation's clients were the elderly who survived only on government's grant. This, she said, made it nearly impossible for the elderly to visit health facilities, and to provide for any other social needs that they may have. However, she commended government, donors and partners who continued to make provisions for meeting the various needs that the organisation had as it provided hospice care for its clients.

#### Gratitude

To the Methodist women, the inkhosikati extended her special gratitude to the initiative that has been done by the church through Bomake Bemanyano. She said from their initiative, Hospice at Home had received donation in various medical and care supplies to make the work done there more meaningful and effective.

"Because of you bomake, we can keep helping clients in distress. Reaching out to help those who cannot help themselves shows your clear understanding of the Word of God in the Bible, as recorded in Matthew 25:40," she said.

She further encouraged and implored other women in churches, businesses and everywhere to follow the kind gesture shown by the Methodist Church. She said everyone should touch lives by reaching out to those in need.

"As believers and followers of Jesus Christ, we should be found as faithful servants in doing



SPEECH: Hospice at Home patron Inkhosikati LaNgangaza conveying words of gratitude during the Methodist Church women's donation to the NGO. (Pics: Bongiwe Dlamini)

right as a great reward awaits us," she added.

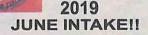
With the women's support, Inkhosikati LaNgangaza said over the years, it had remained one of the organisation's highest commitments to see everyone join hands with Hospice at Home to meet the needs of people with life limiting conditions.

She said these conditions made these individuals vulnerable due to multifaceted issues.

She said the organisation's clients still form a great part of communities so despite their conditions and issues, they need all the care and support they could be given.

"As you might all know, chronic illnesses deplete all resources from families to a point where some people would find themselves wishing to die as they perceive themselves to be a burden to their relatives, and not to matter at all. But this day is here to remind us all that we must make everyone in such life limiting conditions remember that we are here and we care,"

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# Liswati joins protest against Trump in Ireland

#### By Bodwa Mbingo

Liswati asylum seeker in Ireland, Lesley Mkoko, joined thousands of demonstrators who assembled in the Garden of Remembrance, including the famous inflatable Trump baby, to protest against American leader Donald Trump's visit to Ireland.

Just as the United States (US) president touched down at Shannon Airport, a nappy-wearing Trump took to the skies above Dublin.

According to The Herald, the rally, coordinated under the umbrella group Stop Trump Ireland, featured numerous speakers, including the asylum seeker Mkoko from Eswatini.

#### Disgraceful

"I represent Ireland Against Racism and am here today to stand against a tyrant," he is quoted as having said.

"It's disgraceful that the Irish Government has stood by and done nothing while Trump continues to cause so much harm to so many," he said.

Organisers received special permis-



sion from the Irish Aviation Authority to fly the snarling six-metre blimp, which had been brought over from London.

A coalition of civic society organisations and political parties led the colourful demonstrators down through O'Connell Street and College Green before returning to Parnell Square.

Many made their opposition to Donald Trump crystal clear by carrying placards bearing slogans that critiqued his most controversial policies.

One said, "F\*\*\* you and your guns" Another said "No wall, no borders" as well as "Trump is a climate denier".

Others held signs that directly displayed their objection towards his visit to Ireland, like "No greedy bully wanted here", "Impeach the eejit" and "Be a good yank and go home"

American-Mexican Elizabeth Jaimes (37) told The Herald that many Mexican students in the capital are "repulsed" by the president's visit.

espite having a great personality and making her mark as a celebrated media practitioner, Philile Masango never forgot her rural background as she utilised her experience in developing her community, KaLanga.

This was shared by the former journalist's brother, Adolf Masango during a memorial at Maphatsindvuku Assembly of God yesterday.

The well-travelled former journalist died in a car accident near Maphiveni last Saturday. Throngs of people from within and outside the country came to celebrate the life of the woman who was described by many as having been their support system in different spheres.

Her brother said Philile was determined to change people's lives, and had proven this through a number of community work which she voluntarily embarked on. Masango said at family level, Philile was an independent person who enjoyed her own company. She kept to herself

# SUCCESS DID NOT MAKE PHILILE FORGET HER RURAL BACKGRO



**OBITUARY: Philile Masango's** sister Ntombikayise reading the obituary while a family friend Busi comforts her.

while working hard for the betterment of her family

"She loved keeping to herself, and as a family we never thought she would achieve so much in life as she never liked disclosing her future plans," said



FOLLOWING: Family members and friends following the proceedings of the memorial service. (Pics: Wonderboy Dlamini)

Masango. Masango said the family was taken by surprise when Philile made her first debut in South African media where she was a radio presenter at Kaya FM

before joining SABC. Masango said even then, Philile always frequented home to check on her family.

This was echoed by Philile's sister,

Ntombikayise, who narrated how the former journalist eventually resigned from her prestigious and well-paying job in South Africa just so that she could return home to develop her communi-

#### Volunteered

She volunteered to teach life skills at Nyambo Primary School after leaving her employment in 2017. This was after she had also met with worldwide icon Oprah Winfrey. Ntombikayise said Philile seemed happier at home as she loved grooming youngsters in their various careers. She did consultancy work in copywriting and editing. "She lived her life fully and absolutely, often in dramatic, fantastic collision with the set modern life template," said Ntombikayise.

# ...Philile was an ambassador for her family and country

ormer journalist Philile Masango has been described by her family as an ambassador both for her family and the country at large.

Her remarkable work in neighbouring South Africa highlighted the quality of journalists that Eswatini has. This was said by her uncle Bongani Dlamini during the memorial service which was held at Maphatsindvuku Assembly of God. Dlamini said the family was always proud to refer to Philile as their child.

"Every family member was happy to associate with Philile; she was our ambassador," Dlamini said.

Dlamini said the family was shocked to learn of his niece's sudden demise while she was expected to return home. He said, however, the family has accepted this as God's call, as illustrated in the Bible.

He then thanked the community and the general public for the support they have extended to the family. Dlamini said the support to the family was also an illustration of how Philile has impacted the lives of other people. Philile was laid to rest at her parental home at KaLanga this morn-

# She had bigger plans for Nyambo Primary

part from having been a successful media practitioner, Philile Masango was also a disciplinarian who had so much love

After resigning from formal employment, for children. Masango reportedly volunteered to teach life skills at Nyambo Primary School. The school is situated at rural Matsetsa community, a place which is mostly shunned by teachers.

**Innovations** 

Nyambo Primary Principal, Thandi Masilela said the deceased had bigger plans for the school as she always came up with innovations to benefit the children. On several occasions, Masilela said Masango used her public relations skills to network with organisations which would then come and make donations to the school.

Masilela said just a day before her sudden death, Masango had promised to mobilise funds to purchase an insured decoder for the school.



# WHITE MAIZE PRICE REVIEW STATEMENT

Following its meeting held on the 26th March 2019, the Maize Advisory Committee made appropriate recommendations to the Ministry of Agriculture to review the maize price in accordance with Section 4 of The Control of Cereals, Act No 28 of 1959 as read with Legal Notice No. 218 of 2017.

## **Commodity Prices Outlook**

Episodes of high prices and extreme volatility are a major threat to food security in developing countries. Their impact falls heaviest on the poor, who may spend well over 80 percent of their income on food. This means that negative shocks in agricultural prices especially of staple food like maize make poorer countries more vulnerable to food and nutrition insecurity. We believe the country's view on the agricultural posture as being the major contributor into the economic growth will steer the attention towards the country to being self-sustainable in terms of commodity production thus wad off the net importer status.

The analysis on maize price volatility in Eswatini whose agriculture is characterised by low productivity mainly due to low investment and dominance of rain-fed subsistence farming practices continues to feel the pressure from external shocks as a result of being a net importer of maize from neighbouring states particularly the Republic of South Africa. The negative outlook perceived in the United States of America due to consistent rains coupled with the weakening local currency against major currencies is having a significant effect on the maize price.

#### **Projections and Price Review**

Whilst every effort is made to contain the costs that affect the maize price in the country both buying and selling, the country remains cognisant of the fact that we are net importers of most of our commodities and therefore the acquisition costs associated with white maize cannot be wholly suppressed due to external shocks as we are required from time to time to supplement the local requirements. In informing the white maize price, consideration was made to ensure that local producers are able to recover their production costs and traders buy at competitive prices thus improving competitiveness of the local maize industry. In this respect and in accordance with the Minstry's advice to contain the costs and also incentivising all players in the white maize value chain, the new price for maize for the next three months effective the 10th June 2019, will be as follows;

1. White Maize Selling Price will be E4, 000 (four thousand Emalangeni) per metric tonne 2. White Maize Buying Price will be E2, 800 (two thousand Eight Hundred Emalangeni) per metric tonne.

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#### Stories by Mbono Mdluli

ver E100 million is reportedly being lost in the ministry of public service because of ghost employees, among other things.

This transpired yesterday in the House of Assembly when the ministry of public service, led by acting Principal Secretary (PS) Constance Vilakati, appeared before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

Apart from ghost employees, the E100 million is said to have been lost through unclear procurement procedures and failure to recover money owed to government.

#### Discovered

This was discovered by Auditor General (AG) Timothy Matsebula in his 2018 report. This did not go down well with PAC members, who registered their disappointment with the ministry of public service for 'letting go' of such a huge amount of money.

PAC Chairperson Phila Buthelezi said the ministry of public service should put their house in order and make sure that something like this should not happen in future.

Buthelezi further informed the ministry that so many workers from government ministries made huge over-

# OVER E100M LOST ON GHOST EMPLOYEES

time claims. In some instances, those claims were higher than their basic salaries.

Buthelezi also wanted to know what was happening concerning doctors and other health practitioners who were claiming on-call allowances.

"The last time I checked, this matter was still being addressed because doctors were claiming millions of Emalangeni on on-call allowance. It is not only doctors, but pharmacists and other health practitioners were also claiming millions. Can we get the latest update on this issue?" Buthelezi enquired.

Vilakati said this matter was still being addressed at the Joint Negotiation Forum (JNF) level by the Government Negotiation Team (GNT) and the Public Sector Associations (PSAs). She said the parties concerned were still looking at how they could standardise the issue of on-call allowances.

The ministry was still waiting for results on that.

The acting PS further stated that at the moment, the ministry monitored the claiming of on-call allowances, while discussions were still on-going.

Buthelezi said the PAC would be waiting for a report next week Wednesday, during the PAC's meeting with the ministry of education and training.

PUT YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER: PAC Chairperson Phila Buthelezi.



The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) wants to discuss Knowledge Ngwenya's matter.

He is the teachers' investigator under the Teaching Service Commission (TSC)

The PAC expressed its desire to discuss this matter yesterday, when they had a date with the ministry of public service. PAC set next Wednesday to probe the matter with the education ministry.

Ngwenya is said to have been employed as a career guidance officer under questionable circumstances. However, he is now with the TSC as teachers investigator.

There are claims that Ngwenya has no qualifications for the job.

The PAC wanted to know from the ministry of public service how this happened. It was informed that Ministry of Education and Training

# PAC wants to discuss Knowledge Ngwenya's appointment



ANSWERS: The Ministry of Education and Training PS Dr Sibongile Mtshali.

PS Dr. Sibongile Mtshali approached the ministry of public service and

motivated them to promote Ngwenya because he had the capacity to do investigations as a career guidance officer

The PAC felt many of the details should be unpacked on Wednesday during the ministry of education and training's appearance.

Officials from the ministry of public service have also been invited to be part of the meeting on Wednesday.

However, the PAC was surprised on how an official could be appointed to a position he did not qualify for.

Mangcongco MP Oneboy Zikalala said it seemed as though officials of the ministry of public service did not care about the integrity of their ministry. He said it was unacceptable of them to allow a PS from another ministry to motivate them to employ someone who did not qualify to do a certain job.

#### Interviews

Ngudzeni MP BigBoy Mamba wanted to know if interviews for the job were done. He also wanted to know the number of people who were shortlisted for this job. Lobamba MP Alan Stewart called for more investigations to be done in the two ministries as far as employment was concerned.

He said it was a pity that nepotism happened while deserving citizens were at home and unemployed. PAC Chairperson Phila Buthelezi called for an adjournment of the PAC sitting until next week Monday. He said this matter would be dealt with next Wednesday.

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#### Region N. HHOHHO

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#### Region N.HHOHHO

KHOZA SANDILE M, P. O. Box 611 PIGGS
 PEAK grant of a <u>BOTTLE STORE</u> liquor Licence situated at <u>MSAHWENI</u> know as Mabona Bottle Store.

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# PAC throws out home affairs' explanation of E1.5m allowances

he Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has rejected findings made by the ministry of home affairs over E1.5 million overtime allowances devoured by the ministry.

This happened on Thursday when the PAC wanted an update on the investigations that PS Anthony Masilela was sent to conduct on the matter.

Last month, the PS was sent by the PAC to investigate how overtime allowances amounting to E1 579 564.81 were claimed in the ministry of home affairs during the financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17.

The ministry had explained back then that authority of the allowances had to be obtained from Cabinet before the workers could be paid.

#### **Authorities**

The PAC sent Masilela to get the authorities and find out if the allowances were paid in order.

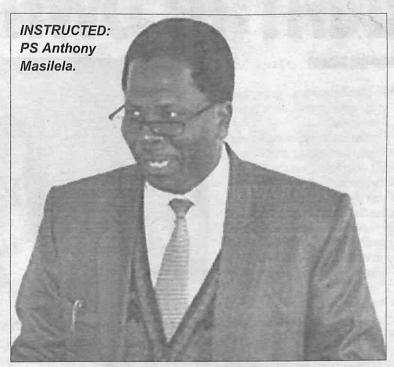
The PAC had suspected that some fraudulent activities had taken place.

On Thursday, Masilela had to update the PAC on his findings.

Masilela said he found that the claimed overtime allowances by his subordinates were in order.

Masilela said the kind of work done by the ministry of home affairs attracted overtime allowances because the works would sometimes be done during odd hours. He said the immigration department workers were stationed in the respective border gates.

The workers would work during odd hours because border gates closed in the evening or at night, while others operated for 24 hours.



The civil registration department, according to Masilela, was also busy registering births, marriages and deaths. This was an enormous type of work that called for the workers to work overtime and claimed allowances.

"We also have the refugee department that is also busy and you find that we receive refugees and asylum seekers at any time of the day. Workers will have to work even during odd hours, taking refugees to the camp at Malindza," Masilela said.

Masilela also brought authorities showing that the allowances were in order.

However, his explanation did not impress PAC members.

The PAC stated that the way in which the claims were made did not seem normal. They stated that some workers claimed money that was way above their salaries.

They said the PS could not ascertain why that was the case, yet they had sent him to also look into that.

The MPs stated that the authority could be issued by people who did not care how the allowances were claimed. That was why they sent him back to look into the way in which the claims were made and find out if that was in order or not. They afforded him a week to table a comprehensive report before the PAC.

# SACU-EAC conclude tariff bilateral negotiations

## **By Qondile Ntiwane**

he Southern Africa Customs Union (SACU) and the East African Community (EAC) have successfully concluded bilateral tariff negotiations, which marks a significant step towards realising the benefits of the COME-SA-EAC-SADC Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA) an EAC.

This was announced by the EAC in a statement released on Thursday.

The Tripartite Free Trade Area, which was launched in June 2015, aims to establish a single market for 27 African countries with a combined population of about 700 million people (57 per cent of Africa's population), and Gross Domestic Product above US\$1.4 trillion.

The TFTA is built on three pillars (market integration, infrastructure development and industrial development) and there is a parallel agreement on movement of business persons.

The Tripartite approach reflects the desire to advance regional integration from multiple fronts. As such, the TFTA would facilitate development of regional infrastructure for cross-border trade and lead to harmonisation of trade regimes amongst Tripartite Member

or Partner States stimulate industrial development through creation of value chains and facilitate movement of business persons.

As part of the market integration pillar, Member/Partner States have been engaged in bilateral tariff liberalisation negotiations.

The market access negotiations between SACU, consists Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia

and South

Africa, and the EAC - Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda

"The conclusion of the SACU-EAC negotiations marks a significant step towards realising the benefits of the TFTA. The main aim of the SACU-EAC market access negotiations has always been to provide commercially meaningful market access for the private sector in the two regions.

"The SACU-EAC private sector will thus have access to new and dynamic markets for exports as well as new sources of inputs for domestic production processes, thereby enhancing intra-regional trade," reads part of the statement.

Furthermore, it is noted that there is emphasis on the development of regional value chains in a wide range of sectors, to deepen integration between SACU and the EAC.

The conclusion of the negotiations provides an opportunity for the TFTA to be a building block and to have a coordinated approach for negotiations in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)."

The Director of Trade and Customs at the COMESA Secretariat Francis Mangeni stated that after conclusion of the EAC-SACU tar-

> iff negotiations, what has been agreed there can also be harvested into AFTA, 'so that there are no new negotiations between EAC and SACU for the ACFTA Tariffs.

HARVEST: Director of Trade and Customs at the COMESA Secretariat Francis Mangeni.

# Below is what the other PAC members said:

 Lorraine Nxumalo (Lubombo Region MP): She wanted to know why a certain worker within the ministry of home affairs would claim E53 000 for a whole month. What could have taken place for a whole month? "Which national event can last for a whole month?" Nxumalo asked. The MP further submitted that the ministry should go back because it had done nothing.

OneBoy Zikalala (Mangcongco MP):

Was also of the view that Masilela did a shoddy job in investigating the matter.

He recommended that the ministry should go back and do a thorough job. He wanted to know why a certain worker would claim E4 000 in two days. "How much does this worker make in a day?" asked Zikalala.

Mduduzi Magagula (Dvokodvweni MP): "If you take a closer look at these claims, you can see that even during normal days,

the employees claim. How sure is the PS that the money is claimed by people who have been working? There is an Assistant Civil Registrar who has claimed over E500 000. This position does not exist, yet we see a claim by this person. This must be inves-

Musa Zwane (Mbabane West MP): "I see that a worker has worked for only one day and claimed E2 000. How has that happened and how much does this worker eam?

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# Former sport, recreation minister Tokozile Xasa resigns as MP

ARLIAMENT - Tokozile Xasa has appointed sport minister in February last year resign from the National Assembly this his first reshuffle as president.

The mass exodus has seen several former ministers, who were left out of President Cyril Ramaphosa's Cabinet, resign from their parliamentary seats this week. Resignations of former ministers, Susan Shabangu, Nomaindia Mfeketo and Dipuo Letsatsi-Duba, who were in charge of ministries of social development, human settlement and state security, respectively, were announced by both Parliament and the ANC this week. "The office of the ANC chief whip confirms the resignation of former minister of sport and recreation comrade Tokozile Xasa as an ANC member of Parliament. Comrade Xasa's resignation is effective from today, June7, 2019," the ANC said in a statement. Xasa was

become the fourth former minister to when Ramaphosa reconfigured his executive in

Before that, she was minister of tourism for about a year between March 2017 and February 2018.

#### Replaced

She has been a member of Parliament for 10

'Comrade Xasa will be replaced by comrade Judy Hermans on the national-to-national list, while comrade Makhosini Nkosi was replaced by comrade Lindiwe Mjobo on the provinveeto-national list of KwaZulu-Natal.

"Comrade Hermans will therefore be swornin on Monday, June 10, with the rest of the other comrades who are scheduled to take up seats in the National Assembly," the office of the chief whip said in a statement. Sowetan Live

OUT WITH THE
OLD: A Mbabane
City Council
employee removing one of the old
signs next to
TEBA offices
yesterday. This
is part of the
city's bid to
clean and
upgrade the old
signage. (Pic:
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June 8, 2019



# 5 arrested for fake pads, hair products & foodstuff

**By Sifiso Nhlabatsi** 

swatini seems to be a haven for fake products, ranging from fake pads to fake food as wholesalers, supermarkets and grocery stores have been found to be supplying these counterfeit goods to members of the public.

This was witnessed on Thursday during an operation conducted by the Royal Eswatini Police Service in collaboration with the ministry of health.

The two entities conducted a regional joint operation code named 'OPSON VIII' from April 23 to 24, 2019. During this operation, about five people were arrested for selling fake products, which included pads, hair products and food.

The operation was carried out in all four regions of the kingdom, targeting on food fraud in general; counterfeit food and beverages and substandard food and beverages.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said food products are targeted by criminals, who spread potentially dangerous low quality products which impact on consumers' health, affect the reputation of the food and beverages industry and cast doubts

on the reliability of the food supply chain.

She said the intelligence led operation focused on areas such as wholesalers, supermarkets and grocery stores

Vilakati said the aim of OPSON was to protect public health, prevent smuggling of counterfeit foodstuff and beverages, raise awareness to consumers and identify and disrupt any existing organised criminal groups involved in these smuggling activities.

During the operation, a total of five suspects were arrested for contravening the Merchandise Act 24 of 1937

About 10 cases are still being investigated. Suspects were found displaying for sale counterfeit food condiments such as Gold Star Instant yeast, none food items such as Kiwi polish, Always sanitary pads, hair extensions and Okapi knives.

Gold Star instant yeast weighing 30.545 kilogrammes was seized from various supermarkets and grocery stores around the country. Other items seized were 11 counterfeited Okapi knives, 27 x 50ml kiwi shoe polish, 201 packets of Darling hair extensions, 44 packets of Million hair extensions and four packets of Always sanitary pads.

# WOMEN STILL DENIED RIGHT TO OWN LAND?

By Nonduduzo Kunene

The issue of women owning land in the country continues to be a thorny one.

The Constitution stipulates that women have a right to own land on Eswatini National Land (SNL), but they are still denied their constitutional rights.

Civil society organisations, as well as the media, had a four-day discussion on how they could bridge the gap between the Constitution and the real world, mostly in rural communities, where a lot of women are not allowed to own land.

This was one of the issues affecting women in society that was discussed during the four-day workshop that was organised by Advancing Rights in Southern Africa (ARISA) with support from USAID from June 3 to 6 at the Mountain Inn Hotel in Mbabane.

The progress consortium aims to implement the programme in Southern Africa to improve the recognition, awareness and enforcement of human rights in the region, including protection of the region's most vulnerable and marginalised groups.

ARISA had the training in the country with media practitioners, civil society and human rights organisations.

It was on reporting on media freedom and digital rights in Eswatini.

Journalists mingled with civil society organisations with the aim of working with each other to ensure the promotion of human rights, more especially customary women's land rights.

The workshop aimed at deepening the understanding on the state and importance of women's customary land rights in Eswatini.

It was also to raise awareness on the issues of women's customary land rights in Eswatini.

The training was to encourage journalists to tell stories of women's customary land rights in Eswatini.

Jabu Matsebula from the Eswatini Editors Forum attended the training together with Teldah Mawarire from ARISA. Also present during the work-



WANTS LAND: Some of the participants of the four-day workshop organised by Advancing Rights in Southern Africa (ARISA) with support from USAID recently at the Mountain Inn Hotel in Mbabane.

shop were representatives from civil society organisations, that included Nonhlanhla Mthethwa from the Swaziland Rural Women Association, Nelisiwe Nhlabatsi a civil rights lawyer, Nomcebo Dlamini, Doo Aphane, as well as ARISA Chief of Party Makanatsa Makonese, amongst others.

The workshop ended on a high note, as there was a round table discussion, whereby a lot of light was shed on issues involving the civil society organisations and media practitioners around customary women's rights in Eswatini.

BILLS

Nomcebo Dlamini, a human rights lawyer, shared with the rest of the group that it pains them as the civil right society that some bills on women's land right exist in paper, but not practical.

"As of today, women are forced to have a male counterpart in order for them to qualify or be considered to own land on Swazi Nation Land," she said.

Meanwhile, the meeting learnt that in the local culture women are allowed women to own land.

This was revealed by human rights lawyer Doo Aphane.

She stated that traditional laws compelled in-laws to give a piece of land to

their newly-wed bride. However, because Emaswati have grown to be selfish and greedy over the years, such is not practiced anymore.

Aphane urged all the women and the society at large to claim their right whenever they get married.

Moreover, it surfaced that the people who deprived women of their rights are families because they do not do justice to their daughters.

This is because most of the time, families consider the boy-child as heirs instead of their daughters, thus giving the sons more access than the daughters.

In addition, Nomcebo Dlamini, who is a human's rights lawyer, said in-laws are violators of women's land rights.

"I have encountered so many widows having had their land forcefully taken from them by in-laws or forcefully evicted from their homes," she said.

All human rights organisations vowed together with the media to work together in ensuring that customary women's rights do not just remain on paper but became practical.

This was because the media is a great tool to ensure that such issues get the attention they deserve.





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# MTN 21 days of Y'ello Care 2019



# Thanks to MTN



# YOUTH SET TO NET E160 000 PROFITS PER YEAR

**By Sibusiso Diamini** 

ive youth groups from different communities are set to net at least E160 000 per annum from their beekeeping businesses that will be established during this year's MTN 21 Days of Y'ello Care.

This was revealed by Eswatini Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (ESWADE) Chief Executive Officer Samson Sithole. ESWADE is one of MTN Eswatini's 21 partner companies for this year's 21 Days of Y'ello Care, and as the parent on the ground with MTN on the bee keeping project, ESWADE has pumped over E100 000ntowards the initiative.

Sithole said ESWADE would be training 100 young people from five different chiefdoms, namely; Magele, Ndushulweni, Ndlinilembi, Ngobolweni, and Mphumakudze.

These youth groups will be further assisted to establish beekeeping businesses. Worth noting is that the one at Mphumakudze was established on Thursday where ESWADE and MTNers



INVESTING: ESWADE CEO Samson Sithole delivering his speech during the launch.

went down to the Lubombo region, by the Siphofaneni mountains to help the young people set up their businesses. From the five participating communities, each one will be represented by 20 young people.

Each group will then receive a single

bee house which has 20 boxes. Sithole said the projected profit per annum for one of the 20 boxes edges at E8 000. This then means that if all goes well, each group is set to net E160 000 profit per annum. Jointly, the group have a potential to generate revenue esti-

mated at E800 000 profit per annum. "We understand that training and markets are the key components for the success of agri-business start-ups. Therefore, we have trained 45 peer mentors that will continue to offer training to these groups. We have also established a market agreement with Bulembu and we have other markets that are buying from producers, including Eswatini Kitchen and OK Foods.

# Enhance

Our objective is to empower the young people between the 18-35 age range in the project chiefdoms and to enhance food security and nutrition," he said.

Ministry of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Under Secretary (US) Nhlanhla Motsa said this intervention by MTN and her 21 Days of Y'ello Care 2019 partners would not have come at a better time, as statistics show that more than 70 per cent of the country's total population is below the age of 35.

The US said this was a mammoth task for the country to create an enabling environment for these young people to thrive and enable them to drive economic growth.



OUR FUTURE: Simphiwe Diamini and Tibusiso Fakudze helping each other as they build a bee keeping cage.





















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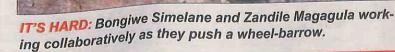














Nedbank MD Fikile Nkosi presenting a E250 000 cheque to Mbabane Mbuluzi Rotary Club President Timothy Mabaso who is joined by Chairman of the Sibebe Challenge Committee Joseph Waring and Marjorie Balarine. The presentation was at Mountain Inn on Thursday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

# NEDBANK INJECTS E250 000 FOR SIBEBE CHALLENGE 2019

By Nongcebo Dlamini

edbank Swaziland donated E250 000 towards the Mbuluzi-Mbabane Rotary Club on Thursday at the Mountain Inn Hotel during the launch of the 16th Sibebe Survivor Challenge.

The cheque was handed over to the Mbuluzi-Mbabane Rotary Club by the Nedbank Swaziland Managing Director Fikile Nkosi.

Nkosi stated that when they entered into a marriage with the Mbuluzi-Mbabane Rotary Club, they took a huge gamble as a bank as they did not know how their partnership would pen out.

"We went into this with the confidence that the Rotary Club would nurture this event into becoming what it is today," she said.

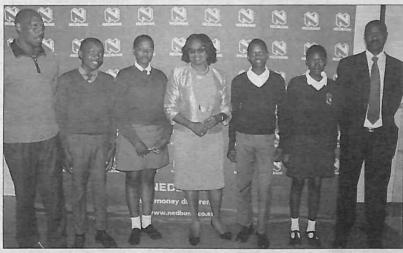
Nkosi added that having started small, they have seen the challenge steadily growing over the over years, and the Sibebe Survivor is now an internationally recognised event that draws nearly 5 000 fitness and health enthusiasts each year.

Nkosi said she was in awe that the partnership with the Rotary Club was fast approaching two decades, as this year marks the 16th year Nedbank Swaziland started supporting the Sibebe Survivor Challenge.

## Foundations

She said that as Nedbank, they were proud to be partner with an organisation that had its foundations on value that they were passionate about, which is giving back to the community.

"Drawing from our purpose of being money experts who do good, Nedbank has constantly been motivated by the social and economic impact this initia..."Drawing from our purpose of being money experts who do good, Nedbank has constantly been motivated by the social and economic impact this initiative has had on the beneficiaries as the proceeds from Sibebe Survivor are channelled towards assisting the underprivileged communities throughout the country as well as certain projects within the Mbuluzi community"



Nkosi with some of the pupils from different schools who are beneficiaries of the Sibebe Challenge walk proceeds.

tive has had on the beneficiaries as the proceeds from Sibebe Survivor are channelled towards assisting the under-privileged communities throughout the country as well as certain projects within the Mbuluzi community," she said.

Nkosi noted that over the years, millions of Emalangeni from Sibebe Survivor proceeds had been utilised in supporting different causes such as orphaned and vulnerable children, hospitals, schools and projects in various communities throughout the country.

She announced that this year's Sibebe

Survivors Challenge has been scheduled for August 4.

She urged companies and individuals to start with the registration, so that the Rotary Club would do the preparations of the event as early as possible.

On the other hand, the Sibebe Committee Chairman Joseph Waring was particularly appreciative towards Nedbank and the support it has given the Rotary Club on such a good initiative.

Waring said because of the support of the bank, the challenge was called the Nedbank Sibebe Survivor Challenge.



The Nedbank MD handing over the replica cheque to the Rotary Club members.

# Cheshire fundraising walk tomorrow

By Nokuzola Thwala

heshire Homes is more than ready to host this year's fundraising walk at Malolotja Nature Reserve tomorrow.

Cheshire Homes Chief Executive Officer Muzi Dlamini said more people had registered to partake in the walk, adding that this would united the participants as such networking would take place.

He was speaking at a stakeholders meeting.

"Each year, we experience an increase in participants and this will be our 24th year. The walk has seen even more companies registering, some with about 100 people. Participants will be able to network, form relations and help each other. There are no individual prizes because we promote unity and cooperation," he said.

Dlamini said there were seven different stakeholders to provide water who would be given a chance to use their own branding material with a message from Cheshire Homes.

These include Bulembu Water, Asihlumisane Savings Cooperative, Green Pastures Cooperatives and Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation.

The CEO added that there would be tight security at the main entrance; gates would open early to accommodate those who will want to go to church. There will also be signs for the seven kilometres and 14km routes.

Dlamini encouraged participants to keep time and respect one another.

#### PRIZES GALORE

There will be a patron's award for the company that will bring many participants, best dressed for the company with their branding with Cheshire message.

Another prize is for a group or team that will stick together from starting point until the end, supporting each other along the way. There would also be a prize for people with disabilities who will walk until the end.

"The braai area will be available and this year those interested can go see Malolotja Waterfall.

"They will be taken from the gate at 0730 hours and dropped about an hour walking distance to it at Logwaja view point then walk back



intercepting other participants in the other routes," Dlamini said.

Eswatini Sport and Recreation Council Business Development Officer Philisiwe Mhlanga added that there would be a tug-of-war and sack race.

"We expect people to form teams and the tug-of-war is promoting teamwork. All in all we expect people to have fun as much as possible whilst in groups," Mhlanga said.

#### POLLUTION DISCOURAGED

Cheshire Homes CEO Muzi Dlamini has discouraged littering and pollution, saying people should remember that the venue is a nature reserve.

Mphumuza Ngwenya from Eswatini National Trust Commission echoed the CEO's words and stated that participants should conserve nature, keep the place clean 'singayih-lukubeti imvelo.'

For the walk, they have made available litter collection points in trying to minimise littering as much as possible.

He urged the stakeholders to share their experience with others so they follow all stipulated regulations.

"Parricipants should remember that we have animals, let us no disturb them even by feeding them. As we move along the tracks, there are snakes; don't kill them just move out of their way. Paramedics will also cover tracks throughout the routes," Ngwenya said.

Meanwhile, Cheshire Homes' Phindile Mnisi said registration would be done at designated places; Pick n Pay Mbabane, Cheshire Homes Matsapha, as well as Ocean Basket at Ezulwini and Manzini.

Those who have registered will be given wristbands to make it easy for them to be identified as having paid and also get food. Only at the eating point will the wristbands be taken off.

"We emphasise that participants should not lose the wristbands as it will help them be identifiable. We need as much contributions as we can so if you feel you have more than the charged fee, the difference is welcome," said Mnisi.

Companies are expected to have a minimum of 20 people, individuals pay E150, people with disabilities, school attending, children under 12 years and elderly above 60 will contribute E150.



WE ARE READY: Cheshire Homes CEO Muzi Dlamini making his remarks about the fundraising walk that will be at Malolotja Nature Reserve tomorrow. (R) Cheshire Home's Phindile Mnisi giving details about the registration processes. (Pics: Nokuzola Thwala)



# THE SUPREME COURT OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI



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# GOVT IN CONTROL OF AIR

### Stories by Colisile Sacolo

overnment has put in place a legislative framework to control air pollution in the country.

Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati said government is currently implementing programmes aimed at reducing the accumulation of atmospheric pollutants for the betterment of the environment and human health.

He said amongst the array of activities that his ministry was undertaking, there were actions and initiatives aimed at reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and ozone depleting substances, which would tackle issues of climate change and air pollution.

Vilakati was speaking during the commemoration of World Environment Day held at the Royal Villas on Thursday.

The minister urged the companies that were dumping used syringes around Matsapha to drop such a bad habit.

He added that they were still investigating those companies and the law would take its course concerning the matter.

The minister said they want a better future in such fundamental issues and as they embark



on this journey of controlling air pollution, everyone needed to be responsible.

Vilakati said the World Environment Day is the celebration of the world's natural resources and is customarily celebrated every year on June 5, to raise a global awareness on environmental matters focusing on topical issues of concern each year.

"The Kingdom of Eswatini has, however, arranged the commemoration to take place today

in honour of the global effort towards addressing pressing environmental issues and national effort in making Eswatini safe from any environmental threats," he said.

#### **Emanating**

He stated that the theme for this year was 'Beat Air Pollution', which is very relevant in the current era of climate change.

The issue of air pollution is one of the major environmental challenges emanating from a wide range of sources.

He said a significant portion of it is human induced, which means as individuals they are somewhat to blame.

"The effects of climate change that the world is currently battling with are results of atmospheric greenhouse gases, which are a major portion of pollution, hence the importance of the theme of the year 'Beat Air Pollution'. As China led the world in commemorating such



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# Companies dumping used syringes to be dealt with

inister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati says industries and businesses can play a major role in reducing their contribution towards air pollution such as using renewable energy to power the production, reducing their waste and capturing methane and other gases for energy use.

Vilakati said individuals could use public transport, carpooling, and cycle or walk to reduce emissions from the transport sector.

Organic wastes could be composed and reduced consumption of meat and dairy to reduce methane emissions. The minister urged locals to turn off unnecessary lights and electronics to reduce energy production from fossils fuels.

He noted that people need clean air for breathing and it's everyone's duty to fight against air pollution for the purpose of livelihoods.

"Reducing air pollution will go a long way in reducing premature deaths, respiratory conditions and other health challenges. Remember, 'no clean air, no life', he said.



RENEWABLE ENERGY: Minister Vilakati speaks on reducing emissions.

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an important day yesterday, it pleases me that Eswatini is also doing her part in commemorating the day.'

The minister highlighted that the theme of the year challenged everyone to consider how they could change their everyday lives to reduce the amount of air pollution they produce.

He said this in turn would reduce the contribution to global warming and its effects to other key economic sectors like agriculture, biodiversity, energy and health.

Vilakati said the recently launched Strategic Road Map 2010-2022 recognises natural resources management and environmental sustainability as an essential aspect of socioeconomic development rooted on a clean and safe environment for all Emaswati, which also demonstrates that the country recognises the role that natural resources play to economic





PRESENT: A section of the stakeholders who attended the comemmoration.

LEFT -ATTENTIVE: Attendees listening to the minister's speech.

# Let's consider how to end plastic pollution

swatini is party to multilateral environmental agreements. Eswatini Environmental Authority (EEA) Chairperson Mfanaleni Mkhatshwa said because of being party to a number of agreements, the country was obliged to join hands with the global community in commemorating strides made towards making the earth eco-friendly.

He said globalisation has brought in its wake numerous environmental pollutants threatening both current and future generations to meet their own needs, which is evident on the amount of plastic waste that is dumped on their receiving environ-

He said government had entrusted the EEA to take a lead in matters related to environmental protection, conversation, enhancement and sustainable management of natural resources, this begins at grassroots level and as such it is the duty of every Liswati to consider how best to end plastic pollution to ensure protection against environmental pollution.

"It is, therefore, pleasing that the commemoration of this year's World Environment Day- Under The Theme 'Beat

The Plastic Pollution', takes the form of a symposium, as we will have an opportunity to appreciate presentations from different experts sharing their knowledge on issues of air pollution for major decisions to be taken to reduce. if not completely eliminate, its impact on human health," he added.

Mkhatshwa said it was disheartening that a significant portion of these plastic bags are dumped in the environment, creating disgusting sceneries and part of the dumped plastic bags are washed into rivers with the potential of causing serious

# Local Muslims celebrate Eid Al-Fitr

**By Sizwe Diamini** 

uslims in Eswatini have joined millions around the world in celebrating the annual three-day Islamic

celebration of Eid Al-Fitr. The celebration signifies the end of the annual holy fasting month of Ramadan, a fast that is compulsory for all Muslims to observe.

For 2019, the holy month of Ramadan began on May 5 and ended on Wed-

Speaking to this publication yesterday, Asian businessmen Adnan Butt, Ashfaq Ahmed and Asif Ali, all said Eid Al-Fitr signified the end of the daily fasting.

"We are happy to be celebrating this year's Eid Al-Fitr. Eid Al-Fitr i is a three-day celebra-

tion that marks the end of Ramadan. As Muslims, Ramadan is very important because it is an annual holy fast that is humbly observed by millions of Muslims worldwide. The actual daily fasting begins at 0500 hours every morning and ends

at 1800 hours. It usually begins at the beginning of May and ends in June, depending on the year and the different time zones. The main objective of the fasting is to remind all Muslims that other people on this planet are forced to live without any food on a daily basis, but after the fasting, it is time to celebrate the blessings of the fasting," they said.

The businessmen added that Eid Al-Fitr would conclude today.

The Muslims would be gearing up to celebrate the second Eid Eid Al-Adha, which is celebrated on the 10th day of Dhu al-Hijjah when Hajj or pilgrimage takes place.





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# RA'S HOUSE IN NO CONDITION FOR HUMAN OCCUPATION - MINISTER

#### Stories by Wonderboy Dlamini

government house which was initially designed for the occupation of the Lubombo regional administrator is said to be in no condition for human occupation, and needs to be demolished.

This has been the observation of Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David Ngcamphalala after his visit at the regional offices on Thursday.

The minister is currently touring regional administration offices for the purpose of making an assessment on the government structures and further welcoming the new regional administrators.

The minister was led on a tour of the currently unoccupied RA's house, which is situated opposite the Siteki Bus Rank. The house has been left unoccupied for the past five years, after it was rejected by the then RA Sylvia Mthethwa.

It has also been rejected by incumbent RA Themba Msibi, who has pointed out that the house poses a health hazard. Msibi currently commutes from Mbabane on a daily basis.

Speaking briefly after the tour, the minister highlighted that the house was indeed in a bad state, and could not be used to shelter an official.

Ngcamphalala noted that the house was too old and could collapse at any time.

It was gathered that the house was in the past be utilised by King Sobhuza II when he visited Siteki. "The house is evidently too old and needs to be demolished so that a new structure can be con-



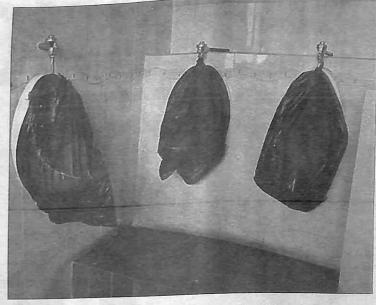
TOURING: Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David Ngcamphalala and Lubombo RA Themba Msibi touring the house which is supposed to have been occupied by the RA. (Pics: Wonderboy Dlamini)



structed," said the minister.

Ngcamphalala said, however, the min-

istry was conscious of the fact that government currently faces financial chal-



OUT OF ORDER: Toilets at the RA offices are currently out of order.

# No toilets for government offices, Magistrate's Court

overnment offices and the Magistrate's Court in Siteki are currently operating without toilets.

Officials who are deployed in these offices are compelled to abandon work and walk all the way to the public toilets when they have to answer to the call of nature. This was reported during the visit of Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David Ngcamphalala, who had come to make an assessment on the offices.

It was reported that the gov-

out toilets for the past two years. This was said to be causing an inconvenience to service delivery, as members of the public have to wait for officers when they happen to go to answer the call of nature. The nearest toilets which would be used by the officers are situated about 200 metres away from the offices. When reacting to the situation, Ngcamphalala said his ministry will collaborate with the ministry of public works and transport in finding for solutions to the situation.

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lenges, a situation which could delay the construction of a new house for the regional administrator.

The minister said for now, the ministry was simply making the assessments so that a proper report could

be compiled while hoping that government recovers from the financial challenges. He then appealed for understanding from the regional administrator and other officials who are currently without accomodation.

## By Colisile Sacolo

Simple Media launched YANDZISA LUTSANDVO - Spread Love Campaign last month, whereby they reached out to scores of children and elderly people who are living in abject poverty at Siphofaneni

The company, through its campaign, has revived hope and put smiles back to 106 people of Siphofaneni; one of the communities hard hit by poverty in the country.

This charity exercise took place at Sihlotjeni Lidladla (care-point), a facility taking care of about 20 children.

Simple Media is a small media company offering high-end, quality photography and videography service.

Simple Media Chief Executive Officer Sifiso Sigudla said the YANDZISA LUTSANDVO—Spread Love Campaign was an effort to reach out to under privileged children and elderly people in randomly selected communities; through the distribution of blankets and clothing items.

Sigudla said sometimes winter could be unfriendly, especially for multitudes of destitute children and elderly people.

"Most locals will be forced to endurecoldfreezing winter days without anything to keep them warm. Among those who benefited from the campaign are 53 children, 43 youth and 10 elderly women. Distributed items included clothes, blankets, food, toys and stationery. Not only

# SME embarks on drive to help poverty stricken communities



LAUNCHED: Simple Media members with some children of Siphofaneni during the launch of YANDZISA LUTSANDVO
Spread Love campaign last month. (Pic: Colisile Sacolo)

was this day about charity, but it was also an educational day for both the children and elderly. As the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) Siphofaneni police station officers gave a lengthy lecture on child abuse, its prevention while also the SODV Act was briefly touched on.

Cebile Zwane from Cabrin Ministries also spoke much on gender based violence and HIV prevention," he said.

He said *Gogo* Asunta Gamedze, who is among the four elderly women managing the care centre, stated that some of the major challenges faced by the care

point was food shortage, as a result they cooked once a week.

The centre also needs more teachers as it has a high number of children who depend on it.

Some teachers who were helping out deserted the centre due to lack of month-

ly stipends.

Simple Media had partnered with different individual donors in making their campaign a success, that attracted other small medium enterprises (SMEs) such as Esihlotjeni African Cuisine, which is a restaurant operating at Siphofaneni.

# ESWATINI ALIGNS WITH C-10

# Stories by Nokuzola Thwala

frican Union Committee of Ten Heads of State and Government (C-10) is a committee setup by the African Union (AU) with a mandate to advocate and canvass the African Common Position on United Nations Security Council (UNSC) reform.

The African Common Position, also known as Ezulwini Consensus and the Sirte Declaration, is named after a valley in Eswatini, where the agreement was made by African leaders in 2005, before it was adopted at an Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council of the African Union in Addis Ababa.

The minister was speaking in New York last Friday during an informal meeting of the plenary on the inter

the question of equitable representation on the increase in the membership of the Security Council and of matters related to the council.

She thanked co-chairs of the meeting for the work they had done so far in furtherance of the issue discussed.

Appreciated

She appreciated the production of the revised elements of the commonality paper and expressed resolute support in working with them to reinvigorate the IGN process and building on the gains made so far.

"I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the delegation from the Kingdom of Eswatini.

'Since it's my first time speaking before you, permit me to congratulate you on your able stewardship of this session on the United Nations

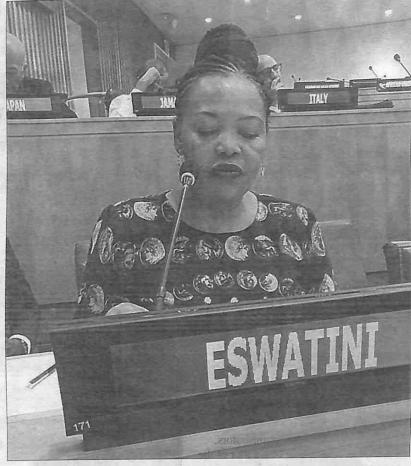
government negotiations (IGN) on (UN) General Assembly and assure you of my delegation's full support. We welcome the convening of the latest round of the Inter-Government Negotiations on Security Council Reform (IGN)," she said.

#### Work

Whilst welcoming the work of the current co-chairs, she lamented the time that was taken by the Security Council to arrive at the current point; a process that began in the last millennium and yet to bear fruit.

She emphasised that it ought to be a great source of great shame to every-

The minister added that discussions have gone on for far too, echoed the co-chairs and called for everyone to identify perceived gaps in reflection possession in the revised elements of commonality paper.



REMARKS: Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Pholile Dlamini-Shakantu says Eswatini aligns itself with the Committee of Ten (C-10).

# Minister decries lack of record for Ezulwini Consensus

inister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Pholile Dlamini-Shakantu decried the fact that in spite of repeated calls from delegations across all the different negotiation blocs, the country is yet to see the full expression of the Ezulwini Consensus in the record of proceedings.

She said when one speaks of gaps; they don't come much bigger no much more tragically than the lack of records

because they have repeatedly and constantly noted them. She emphasised her call for this anomaly to be addressed once and for all.

"It is disingenuous at best to believe that a discussion so material to the peace and security architecture can so blatantly ignore the voice of those affected by the scourge of the violent conflict and at worst calls into question the motivation of doing so. As a delegation, we believe in the Ezulwini Consensus and what is contained

therein. It speaks to an ethos that we all publicly espouse and challenges us to adopt the way that we conduct ourselves such that our words and actions are at par. Therefore, we urge the session to consider as we undertake the latest round of discussion," she said. The minister added that Eswatini subscribed that the relationship between the Security Council and general assembly must be enhanced and efforts made to ensure that is it mutually reinforcing and compli-

menting. She said it was disheartening when there is an apparent discord between two bodies as this negatively impacts upon the functioning and efficiency of the UN at large.

"It is key, therefore, that the two primary organs of the UN cooperate better, synergise effectively to a multilateralism once again imaging as the preferred image for us all. My delegation is of the view that the reforms should lead to an expansion of the Security Council with a review of working methods therein.

Africa must be recognised and given a better role, therein given the general acceptance that enlargement of the Security Council must serve thus improving the representation of the underrepresented and unrepresented regions and groups.'

"It remains a travesty in Africa that Africa remains presented completely in permitted category of seats with simultaneously non represented category. This must be attended. The delay in concluding the process adds insult to injury as this perpetuates this injustice."

## By Nonduduzo Kunene

lmost a week after Eswatini delivered the second consignment to the victims of Cyclones Kenneth and Idai in Mozambique, the African Development Bank (AfDB) has pledged to avail E700 million (US\$50m) to Mozambique.

Speaking on behalf of AfDB President Akinwumi Adesina, Pietro Toigo, Country Manager for Mozambique, said the pledge was an initial contribution to reconnect communities to markets and services and kick-start livelihoods.

## Reconstruction

"The bank aims to be a long-term partner for the reconstruction of Mozambique, and to provide intellectual and technical leadership to the reconstruction effort," he said.

The generous offer comes after Mozambique President Filipe Nyusi appealed to development partners to support the country's reconstruction following the damage to property caused by the two cyclones that hits the northern and southern part of

Mozambique. "Mozambique will lead the international efforts to mitigate climate change through better management

# AfDB's aid to Mozambique

of its forests and oceans, and will develop financial instruments to reduce climate risk for the communities," he said.

The call received a strong response from development partners, who pledged a total of US\$1.2 billion to the reconstruction efforts.

However, at the moment US\$50 million (E700 million) has been made available for Mozambique to support the reconstruction process.

The donation by AfDB adds to the over E2 million worth of donations that were made by Eswatini to Mozambique.

The Kingdom of Eswatini, through the office of the deputy prime minister's with Baphalali Red Cross Eswatini, National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) and Ministry of Tinkhundla Administration and Development was able to collect food, water, toiletries, clothes, utensils, amongst other items, for the cyclone Idai victims through a campaign named #HelpMoza.

It is worth noting that Cyclone Idai was not the only catastrophic meteorological pattern that hit Mozambique,



PLEDGE: AfDB Country Manager for Mozambique Pietro Toigo, speaking on behalf of AfDB President Akinwumi Adesin.

as the Northern apart was struck by Cyclone Kenneth just a month after

The combined impact of Cyclone

Idai in central Mozambique on March 14, 2019 and Cyclone Kenneth in the north a few weeks later, caused widespread destruction and affected

the livelihoods of two million people in Mozambique alone.

Around 140 000 people were displaced, 240 000 families had their homes totally or partially destroyed, and 1.4 million people were left in need of urgent food assistance.

Damage to socio-economic infrastructure was significant, with 3 500km of national roads and 10 200 km of electricity distribution lines significantly damaged. Almost 1 400 school buildings were affected.

#### Supported

A post-disaster needs assessment, led by the Government of Mozambique and supported by the AfDB, the European Union, the World Bank and the United Nations, assessed the cost of reconstruction at US\$3.2 billion for Mozambique alone.

AfDB will make the US\$50 million immediately available for Mozambique, as part of a regional response program that will also benefit Malawi and Zimbabwe, the other two countries affected by Idai.

This contribution is one element of the Bank's multi-layered approach to the recovery effort, which also includes emergency life-saving support; technical support for accessing financial products for climate risk management and advice for a resource mobilisation drive.

# MACMILLAN CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY



WELCOME: Prime Minister Ambrose Diamini joined by Education PS Dr Sibongile Mtshali, Minister Chief Ndlaluhlaza Ndwandwe, MD Busisiwe Simelane, Minister Christian Ntshangase, MD Macmillan Education Global Schools Emma Bourne and MD Southern Africa Brett Basel. This was during the PM's arrival for the company's 40th anniversary at their premises on Wednesday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



DECORATES: ENCAC CEO Stanley Diamini decorating Macmillan Education Southern Africa MD Brett Basel.



YOURS: Southern Africa Macmillan Education MD Brett Basel presenting the PM with a gift.



FULL: Guests of the Macmillan company listening to speeches of the day.



PRESENT: Former MD of Macmillan Ellias Ndwandwe, wife to former MD Marjorie Balarin and veteran music composer Dr Hugh Magagula sharing



EDUCATORS: Guests from the education sector also came through to be part of the celebration.



BACK: Minister of Public Service Christian Ntshangase, who is also a former employee at Macmillan, making his introductory remarks.

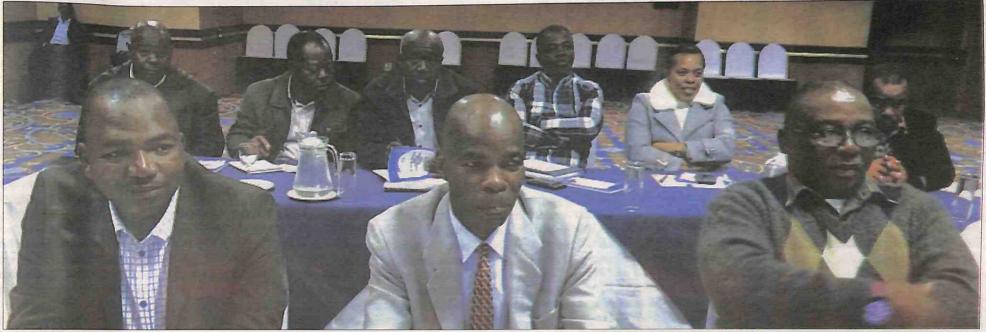


BEYOND: Local and international guests following proceedings.



BAND: A music group does its thing.





scourge which is on the rise as the police

cannot work alone if the battle is to be

He said fighting against this phenomenon

which has adopted an upward trend

requires that stakeholders such as the

health sector, Judiciary, civil society,

faith and community based organisations

to join hands. He said with the enactment

of the SODV Act, which is a very

important piece of legislation in the

curbing of domestic violence, the police

service found it prudent to orient officers

so that they can help victims and survivors

ATTENTIVE: Some of the station commanders listening to the speakers of the day during their

# 24 STATION COMMANDERS ORIENTATED ON SODV ACT

the Royal Eswatini Police Service's Domestic Violence, Children Protection and Sexual Offences Unit has embarked on a sensitisation campaign on the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act.

In the past week, a one day workshop for station commanders was conducted by the DCS Unit with the assistance of other stakeholders involved in the fight against gender based violence. In attendance were the 24 commanders from all police stations around the

Representing the Acting national commissionerof police during the opening event was Assistant Commissioner Paul Zishwili who noted that the workshop was much needed, especially at station management level so that the issues of domestic violence are tackled with the urgency needed.

He revealed that already over 250 police officers have been trained on the legislation which is so important in the

protection

vulnerable groups. Among the officers that have been trained and oriented are crime managers (desk officers), shift officers, frontline supervisors, detectives working under the DCS Unit and 14 prosecutors.

He said survivors should be confident that upon filing a report with the police necessary action will be taken, hence the need to orient all officers from management downwards.

He said the police service is also considering incorporating the orientation

of the SODV Act into the basic recruit and inservice training at Matsapha Police Academy so that all officers can be well versed about it. Zishwili said it is important that all stakeholders involved in the fight against gender based violence join hands in curbing the

REAL PROPERTY.

The assistant commissioner said this legislation aligns with international protocols, conventions and constitutions to promote the elimination of all forms of violence against vulnerable groups hence it is key that members of the service fully understand it.

with understanding.

a success

The acting national commissioner's representative urged station commanders to map a way forward that will help close operational gaps so that the SODV Act can be fully enforced.

He also pleaded with them to lead officers with diligence and commitment so the nation can be happy with the service provided by police officers.

EMISSARY: Acting national commissioner's representative Assistant Commissioner Paul Zishwili addressing the station commanders during the opening session.



KEENLY: Another section of the senior officers following the day's proceedings.

# Police rope in psychology students in combating suicide

The Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) has collaborated with Eswatini Christian Medical University Psychology Association of Students' (EMCUPAS) in orchestrating an awareness campaign aimed at combating the suicide phenomena in the country.

The campaign is in realisation that suicide continues to be a problem in the country with statistics showing that over 45 people ended their lives since the beginning of the year.

It is a continuation of the 'Sting operation' and suicide and murcampaigns which were conducted by the police service in the past.

This purpose of the campaign is to create massive awareness on suicide and likely factors that may lead to its commission in a bid to combat the phenomenon. The strategy is to extensively utilize the media, outreach programmes. social media as well as the distribution of posters and flyers with information on how to deal with suicide as a phenomenon. Emphasis

is on encouraging people in crisis situations to seek help from available structures for psychotherapy counselling or to talk to someone about their issues rather than committing suicide. The police service collaborated with the students in recognition that suicide involves contemplation, therefore, psychology can be very important for its prevention. This is because psychology is simply the study of the mine

human behaviour. The belief is that people who cor mit suicide may have felt inte sadness, loss, anger or hopele ness and thus they think death is the solution.

how it works and how it aff

Psychology as a profession involves psychotherapy where people in crisis situations talk to the psychologists who may able to help them uncover the reasons for those suicidal thoughts. Through this process, the psychologist and the client can then work out interventions or strategies to help the client in dealing with those underlying issues.

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# PRIME MINISTER'S WRITTEN



Swazi Observer Edito Alec



Swazi News Editor Thobeka Manyathela posing her question.

The country is still ranked low on governance, from both the Mo Ibrahim and other international reports, what will government do to improve on this rating, especially on the freedom of association and registration of political parties.

Government has committed itself to engage the rating agencies such as the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Freedom House and the Ease of doing Business Forum to determine the formula and criterion used in rating countries. This will help us map an appropriate way forward to ensure the country is ranked favourably and correctly.

2. What is the latest on the Circular reviewing politicians packages, has it been accepted that you will all be paid on the scale of the controversial Circular No. 2 of 2013? When can we expect the Royal Commission to finalise its report and what will become of it that now you have halfway into your terms?

There has been nothing official and finalised that has been handed over to government by the Royal Commission.

3. Ministers have been driving on borrowed government vehicles and yours and the DPM are said to be old and problematic, is there a decision now on the way forward?

The vehicles currently used by ministers were taken from within the government pool. The decision not to purchase new cars was a Cabinet resolution that was taken as a cost-saving measure propelled by the current financial situation government is faced with. Any changes to that stance will be made by Cabinet when the need arises. Currently, the cars remain ser-

4. Can we have a progress report on the status of the International Convention Centre and Hotel, when is it expected to be finished and are we still having the target to have these projects, including the highway, completed ahead of the AU meeting in July

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The final completion for the ICC is set for December 2020. There have been delays caused by some changes in the scope of interior designs to accommodate specifications of hosting high level international meetings. Similarly, the Five Star Hotel will be completed in December 2020. In overall, government is happy with the progress of both projects.

The main purpose of the International Convention Centre (ICC) and Five Star Hotel (FISH) projects is to stimulate business-oriented tourism to the Kingdom of Eswatini. This will be through the hosting of meetings, exhibitions and conferences at the ICC. International research has shown that business tourists spend, on average, three times more than leisure tourists, and up to 40 per cent of these tourists return to a destination within five (5) years. Local data shows that business tourists stay longer in Eswatini than leisure tourists, often extending their stay to tour places of interest around the country.

The ICC will, therefore, enable the kingdom to host high level meetings, conferencing and plenary sessions

for many international organisations. With regards to the highway, at this point, the project (MR3) has a year left to completion. However, there

are delays in some parts of the project, which will derail the expected completion time of the project. As of now, Lot 1 is currently well in progress and Lot 2 is

on hold

but government is working hard to ensure a quick resumption of construction as the contractor, Inyatsi Construction, has already indicated its willingness to return to site once some technicalities have been sorted out. By July 2020, even if the project is incomplete, we hope it will be in a usable state.

In relation to Eswatini hosting the AU Heads of State and Government summit, may I re-iterate that the kingdom will not host this meeting in

5. With regards to government public enterprises, is there a plan to have them under a single ministry in order to monitor their progress and ensuring that their governance is improved?

All governments plan to have PEs under one ministry, but at times it is not practical. In Eswatini, they are under the Public Enterprise Unit (PEU) in the ministry of finance. Public Enterprises are divided into two categories: Government agencies and business entities. Government agencies, for example, are your SRA, FSRA, ESCCOM - these organisations perform government functions, while business entities sell products or provide services to the public - that would include EPTC, EEC, etc. The plan is to review the Public Finance Management Act to recognise the PEs in these categories - and the monitoring of these categories will be different. We will have business targets for the PEs that fall under business entities and agency targets for those PEs that are government agencies. The review of the Act will strengthen monitoring of the PEs against the objectives of that particular enter-

6. Is government planning to establish a Public Investment Company (PIC) that will oversee the implementation

of

Strategic Roadmap?

Implementing of the Strategic Roadmap will be done at the level of ministries and the prime minister's office will strengthen the monitoring and evaluation framework through the Public Policy Coordination Unit (PPCU) and with assistance from development partners. Government has secured technical assistance for the prime minister's office to assist with the implementation of the Strategic Roadmap.

7. The prime minister has prioritised the fight against corruption in his administration. How is government planning to assist the ACC to effectively execute on its mandate in the light of the court judgement issued by Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala, which has prevented the ACC from taking search and seizure applications to court in recent times.

The matter is currently pending in the Supreme Court, and thus sub judice. In view of the doctrine of separation of powers, we have faith in the Judiciary that it will handle the matter like all cases in terms of the laws of the country.

Indeed, the ACC is a crucial organ of State that needs help in terms of resources and continuous capacitation so it can speedily and effectively deal with the cancer of corruption. To attain the objectives of the Government Roadmap, all parties, including the media and civil society, are urged to come forward and report suspicions of corruption prac-

8. The minister for finance stated in his budget speech that government is planning to sell some of its shares in several companies, includ-Eswatini Post and **Telecommunications Corporation** to generate revenue. Has government identified the shares it will be selling and how much revenue is it hoping to raise from the sale of the shares.

Government is still consulting on the criteria that will be used to identify the shares that will be disposed of. The public will be informed when the process has been finalised.

9. We are seeing a lot of companies interested in investing in the country, some are attracted by the tax holiday that comes with the special economic zones, how is government planning to ensure that the companies stay beyond the tax holiday peri-

It may be important to first and foremost give a description of Special Economic Zones and their objectives.

Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini.



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# RESPONSE TO EDITORS FORUM

A special economic zone (SEZ) is an area in which the business and trade laws are different from the rest of the country. SEZs are located within a country's national borders, and their aims include increased trade balance, employment, increased investment, job creation and effective administration.

Objectives of SEZs.

SEZs are normally established with the aim of enhancing foreign investment, especially to attract foreign direct investment (FDI), thereby increasing GDP.

In reality, government cannot stop companies that want to leave in fulfillment of their business decisions. We can only encourage them to stay and increase their investments as we have a lot to offer in terms of stabilising and boosting business growth. Government carefully considered strategies of benefit to the country from investments into SEZs. They include the following:

Companies are expected to build their own permanent structures/buildings, where production shall be carried out.

By investing on permanent buildings within the SEZ parks, if the company decides to leave at the end of the 20 years, the country shall gain ownership of the buildings which were built by the investor and they could be leased to other investors. So in a way, companies will be discouraged to leave knowing that they have invested in permanent structures.

Transformation of the business environment - lowering input costs (bringing down internet and costs of utilities). The Government of Eswatini is in the process of transforming the business environment to improve competitiveness and lower production input costs, like electricity and communications. Skills and technology transferwith the target of employing more Emaswati, we expect that by the time the 20-year-tax holiday expires -the employees of that particular company would have acquired skills and technological know-how that will help them start their own companies or seek employment

efit the country and will positively contribute to economic development By opening new market opportunities through negotiating new trade agreements, the Government shall provide companies with dynamic export possibilities. This will increase investor confidence and encourage them to stay beyond the tax

elsewhere and earn higher wages.

Infrastructure improvements that

will accrue within or outside the

zones over the 20 years will ben-

10. Government froze hiring in all sectors however the education and health sectors have a long documented shortage of personnel. Is government going

holiday.



Eswatini TV's Patience Magagula and Swazi Observer News Editor Kenneth Dlamini at the event.

to consider its decision on these erment fund to support women sectors in particular.

Government froze the hiring in all sectors as per Circular No.3 of 2018 due to the current financial challenges. However, the circular was not introduced to halt service delivery but as a cost saving measure. It is provided for in the same Circular, that where human capital is vital for effective service delivery, Cabinet would consider a request to fill that particular vacancy. As a result about a 100 health workers, including nurses and doctors, and over 1 000 teachers, have been hired since the Circular came into effect following Cabinet approval.

11. The PM is on record saying government will allow the other two arms of government to be independent.....Again with the PM being the minister responsible for Parliament. Is Parliament independent looking at what is currently happening with

The independence of the three arms of government is part of good governance, and currently there has been no breach of this constitutional requirement. I am not aware of any interference from the Executive arm of government on the operations of the PAC. I have been made aware, however, by the Speaker of the House of Assembly that the PAC is continuing with its ses-

12. Is government really addressing the Nhlangano-Sicunusa road mess? E466 million was lost.

There is an ongoing PAC session dealing with the Auditor General's report on the project. In the meantime, government is preparing to terminate the current contract. Currently, we are waiting for concurrence from the funders, which are the Arab Bank of Development in Africa (BADEA) and OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID).

13. In 2017, an organisation called FEMCOM under COMESA launched a E50 million empowin business. It's now two years, yet nothing is heard on how the fund is being accessed by women. What happened and if there are any problems, what are they?

FEMCOM and the 50 Million African Women Speak Project (not money/currency) are two different initiatives by COMESA facilitated by the Deputy Prime Minister's Office (DPMO) under the Department of Gender and Family Issues. This department has been tasked by government with the responsibility of economic empowerment of women and poverty eradication.

14. THE 50 MLLION AFRICAN WOMEN SPEAK PROJECT

The 50 Million African Women Speak Project is a networking digital platform, which will be accessed primarily through mobile devices to enable African women and youth entrepreneurs to start and expand their businesses. It was officially launched in the Kingdom of Eswatini on August 22, 2018 at Sibane Hotel. All key stakeholders, including journalists, were in attendance. It is envisaged to contribute to marketing of women in business products by showcasing local products. Currently, with the assistance of COMESA in Lusaka, government has engaged a consultant for a sixmonth contract to assist with the development of a local business content that will be showcased by the Kingdom of Eswatini in the 50 Million African Women Speak business digital networking platform as a marketing strategy. The platform will create a community of women entrepreneurs who will act as peers, mentors, advisors and financiers to each other. Women and youth will access financial and non-financial services.

It is anticipated that the platform will enable African women and youth entrepreneurs to network with 50 million regionally and globally to discuss pertinent business issues. The project is sponsored by the African Development Bank, spearheaded by COMESA and will cover 38 African countries.

FEMCOM, on the other hand, is also a COMESA initiative geared towards the economic empowerment of women through the establishment of local institutional mechanisms that will promote women in business. It was launched by government on October 25, 2017 at the George Hotel in Manzini. The country then developed and launched the FEMCOM Strategy and Website in 2017. FEMCOM's primary objective is to promote the activities of women in business in COMESA and beyond.

14. What plans does government have in the pipeline to prepare the country for the 4th industrial revolution with regards to the education system.

Government has put together plans to move our education system forward and to completely embrace ICT in the education sector. Such plans include the following:

Changing the education system from being objective based into a Competency Based Education. This type of Education embraces ICT and has already been approved by Cabinet. The first cohort of students in the implementation of the Competency Based Education is the current Grade One pupils. This type of education is promoting skills including ICT.

All pupils will be taught ICT - use of ICT as a tool for reach and teaching. Teaching of ICT will start as low as Grade 3 in all schools through the implementation of the Competency Based Curriculum. Currently, we have ICT as a subject only at High school level, but we plan to have ICT at all levels. Government is aware that this has huge financial implications, but we are working with our partners and stakeholders to solicit funding through PPPs noting that Government cannot fund this undertaking alone. Use of ICT as a management tool for managing all schools in the country. We have started to pilot a system assisted by ADEA to monitor school attendance for both pupils and teachers. This has been piloted in a few schools.

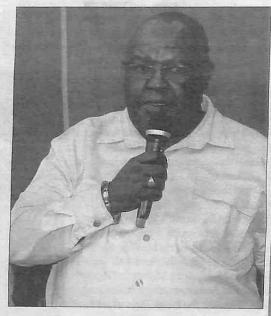
15. How will the future workforce be prepared to respond to the demands of the ever chang-

Government is cognizant of the fact that the future work force has no option, but to be ICT Savvy. Through, the Ministry of Education and Training and the Ministry of ICT we are pushing the agenda of ensuring that all our students are well equipped with all necessary ICT Skills to be effectively and efficiently ready to meet the demands of the 4th Industrial Revolution.

16. Government has failed to pay her suppliers which has result-



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Nation Editor Bheki Makhubu.



ed in some losing and closing their businesses due to failure of paying back their loans. How will they be paid to save jobs?

Government is determined to bring this issue to finality and we are aware that the pressure is emanating from previous years' commitments. Government is working on proposals to financiers to secure funding of arrears of around E3billion as at March 31, 2019.

It is important to note that payment of suppliers is an ongoing process, payments have never stopped, we pay as and when revenue is received. The figure is volatile though due to the seasonality of both revenue and commitments.





# FEMALE OFFENDERS GET 'WARMEST' WINTER GIFTS

thought to be the rightful time for giving and celebrating with relatives, family and loved ones.

Very few people realise that for the less privileged people in society, the need for such cheerful moments becomes boundless due to a number of factors.

These include orphaned and vulnerable children, those from poor family backgrounds, as well as people who have been detained in correctional centres. In fact, a life-long blessing for the less privileged is to fill them with warm memories of times together. Happy memories become treasures in the heart to pull out on the tough days of adult-hood.

Cognizant of this view, The Methodist Church of Southern Africa (Mahamba Circuit) recently paid a visit to Mawelawela Correctional Centre, where they presented several gifts to over 200 female offenders.

Led by Reverend Victor Dlamini, the congregants comprised the district's Young Women Manyano (YWM). Generally, the Eswatini Young Manyano is made up of three circuits, namely Mahamba circuit, Eswatini Central and Hhohho circuits.

Speaking during the event, Commissioner Luke Malindzisa, who was the guest speaker, expressed the department's appreciation for the kind gesture where 100 personalised tracksuits for the inmates were donated.

The donation also included sanitary towels for the offenders and toiletries. Malindzisa said the department was pleased to have such partners who have



APPRECIATIVE: HMCS Commissioner Luke Malindzisa.

over the years taken upon themselves to contribute towards ensuring humane living conditions for people who are incarcerated.

He said women in centres of detention and prisons in general have, for a long time, been marginalised by society. As a result, there are a few people who have taken the urge to associate themselves with offenders.

Malindzisa elaborated that this perception about incarceration in general has made it very difficult to fulfill some of the core responsibilities, especially



MOTIVATING: Umhlobo Wenene FM's Nomonde Vakalisa.

in an era where resources are continuously shrinking.

### Increased

Over the years, he said the department has observed that the number of women offenders who are convicted for various transgressions and eventually get admitted in correctional centres has increased dramatically and now represents a significant proportion of the total offender population under criminal justice supervision.

The commissioner further mentioned that the department was not only appre-



BLESSED IS THE HAND THAT GIVETH: Reverend Victor Diamini.

ciative of this gesture because of the material gifts, but because the church has taken a leading role in disseminating the Word of God, especially to the group of individuals who are still seeking their path, having been distracted at some point in their lives.

He encouraged the Methodist Church leadership to continue with such good character as this was a way of teaching the young generation on how to carry on with the gospel.

Also present during the event was South African co-host from Umhlobo Wenene radion station Nomonde Vakalisa, who gave a powerful sermon. Vakalisa, whose message was mainly directed to the offenders, spoke at length about not giving up in life.

Though offenders might have committed certain offences in life and found themselves behind bars, this was not the end of one's journey in life, she explained.

Vakalisa mentioned that each and every human being in life was born with a certain dream, which she or he wishes to grow up with and nurture until fruition.

#### Dreams

However, life does not always usher what one wishes for. She said it was imperative for one to soldier on in life that despite the different challenges one could possibly encounter.

She encouraged the offenders not to let go of their dreams despite the situation they may be going through, as dreams do not have boundaries nor do they have limits.

The initiative between the two organisations started in 2017, where the three YWM executives agreed to assist offenders from Mawelawela Correctional Centre, where the general population consists of young and adult female offenders. Over the past years, the inmates received sanitary towels, cosmetics and baby groceries.

The event was blessed by visitors such as Methodists from South Africa, Reverend Faleni, Reverend Mbambo from South Rand Circuit, Buhle BernaSwati Choir, Isikhonyane Church in Zion, as well as Abantwana baseWeseli.





JUBILANT: Offenders from Mawelawela celebrating after receiving personalised tracksuits. LEFT -Methodist members in song.

# FEATURES & OPINIONS

# Untipping The Societal Scales

# WITH: Dumisa Dlamini

here is an element in women especially those married to masculine husbands of wanting to be treated and recognised as queens by *amadoda abo*. That is a general perception held by all women even if they ain't married to the guy.

Banekubusa nje nekutichenya lokukhulu wherein, the man be it a boyfriend, fiancé or even husband is supposed to run around answering to their whims, cries, litany of complaints and verbal confrontations. They are being women of course and society sees nothing wrong with that. So demanding of attention are women that in the event they feel they are denied same they may even quit the stable and look for a man who would give them a queenly treatment. That said, an imbalance is quickly spotted and felt masculinely because in the same vein very few women are heard let alone seen investing their energy in treating their men like kings. Every time she desires to be treated like a queen you must know that she is devoid of the ability to care for the man as Lord of her heart. That said Scales is often confronted with societal cries, where a married woman would tell it to the mountain about her husband's outburst tempers and even tantrums in the house. Of course that would be a woman who wants out of the marital stable, ngoba adziniwe yena kutsetsiswa njengemntfwana.

A good woman Societal Scales I will say this much, will always understand, tolerate an even correct her husbands' outbursts. That takes a woman who first wants to create a king out of the man she is married to before she becomes the queen herself. It is all possible when she loves her husband with and for a purpose to give him a solid ground to stand on in their marital life. For starters, no man who is a husband to anyone should be devoid of the skill *sekutsetsa* in the house. It is so vital in the running of the household that in its absence no one, neither his wife nor his children would comprehend which path to follow.

Each outburst may be different from the other because each is determined by the intensity of the problem *leyenta umnumzane atsetse*. Of all people in the yard, the woman his wife should understand the source of these outbursts and respond accordingly. *Kute indvodza lengakafaneli kutsetsa uma inelikhaya layo*. He may be out bursting rightly so because something has gone seriously wrong and needs utmost correction. Her wife will use the outburst as a starting point of correcting the error. Scales has always said it that children will never respect a dad their mother despises.

In the event *babe atsetsa* and *umfati wakhe* atsintseke, the children will run after the mother to correct the wrong. Today women don't even want to be confronted



# A good woman would tolerate and correct her husband's outbursts

even in a clear situation that *kubonakalele*. She will go all blue, gloomy, sullen and sulking. Not only men do outburst any more, they can't even risk to point out what has gone wrong in the yard. *Bafati sekwaba tingwe*.

This wonderful women married to frustrated man would tolerate *babe* going off the rail first thing in the morning or in his first step into the house. This is her husband who may be junior at work and is having it tough with his bosses. Not that he is venting out anger unto his family, his temperamental outlet is telling his wife that he has a problem. *Ayilwisa indvodza nayitsetsa*, *uyalalela make kutsi utsetsa ngani babe*. She will prepare him something to cool him and tackle the issue in the bedroom.

#### Advise

Believe Scales, he will bring out the actual problem wherein his wife will duly advise him bese *umphosa etulu amnike Mahlalevutsiwe*. He will go back to work the next day, a better main ready to face more battles with courage because he has a wife who does not only comprehends his problems and frustrations but also tolerate them and further soothe him. Men are weak creatures by their nature and are strong when a woman who matters in his heart says so,

noma atsetsa!
Here is Mr.

Dludlu a farmer whose temper w a s

normally triggered by no coming of rains. His wife understood him well because she knew his only source of making providence for the

Whilst others would not really utter same in words, the manner they will do things around the house would be evident that they are sorry for the things they said, which may have hurt their wives. It wouldn't kill any man though to out rightly spell it out that he was wrong.

family relied on his farming projects.

This summer the rains were good, the crops and the animals were flourishing uMzomba abesolo alifu especially each time he had taken a trip to LaMatata to buy a few things for the house or fuel his vehicles. His wife soon learnt that abeganwe yintfombi lenhle at the shop lesichomoketi though and holding back all the respect his family accorded him. In one of his outburst, his wife woke him up in the still of the night, "Mteke lontfombatana loshaya itill lapha esitolo Mzomba uyakwedzelela, utawutfoba angaba ngumfati nami ngitamfundzisa kutsi uphatfwa njani wena". He jolted up and almost jumped out the bed in shock. The point is, a good wife knows her husband's outburst and responds to them

appropriately.

Scales is not by any means suggesting that men should go on a trail blaze and be tyrants in the house and terrorise everyone, their wives inclusive. At times they need direction from the very woman he is married. Luyacondziswa lulaka lwababe. A good wife would listen to all the shouting or even the complaints. When the time is right, she will approach the husband in a cool tone and clarify the position. "Akusibo bantfwana babe labashiye lizembe ngaphandle, likhohlwe nguwe itolo nawubuya emphakatsi". An equally good man would realise that his anger was unfounded and will duly apologise to his wife.

Whilst others would not really utter same in words, the manner they will do things around the house would be evident that they are sorry for the things they said, which may have hurt their wives. It wouldn't kill any man though to out rightly spell it out that he was wrong. Men are a challenged lot in all areas and spheres of life.

The best defence they have at times is only to retaliate, at times in a manner that offends, hurts and even unsettles those close to their hearts, wives, children and girlfriends. It will take a good wife to listen to all the outbursts, sieve through them and respond in the best correct manner without causing further strife in the relationship. Men have been silenced in their own houses because their wives would not let them shout anything even if there is evidently a fault. In a house where the man's word is not final, the woman becomes the subsequent head of the family and the children would do whatever they please. Scales will say, a good woman would comprehend, tolerate and even correct her husband's outbursts!

Get in touch with Scales, if you can at Dumisumlangenia gmail.com



WITH: Nomalungelo Ginindza

Diabetes Eswatini PR

ype 1 diabetes is a complex condition that can pose many problems and can make school life more difficult.

Although many schools provide good care for children with the condition, we know that this isn't always the case.

When children, parents, healthcare professionals and schools work together any difficulties can be overcome.

For a student using insulin hormone that helps the body use glucose for energy. The beta cells of the pancreas make insulin. When the body cannot make enough insulin, it is taken by injection or through use of an insulin, diabetes must be managed 24/7, including the many hours spent at school, on field trips and in extracurricular activities. Some families can send their child with diabetes to school in the morning and feel confident that the school will be prepared to provide the diabetes care that meets their child's needs. Other families worry that their child won't have access to good diabetes management, that their child will be excluded from activities or have to take an exam when blood glucose the main sugar found in the blood and the body's main source of energy, also called blood sugar levels are plummeting.

### **Managing diabetes at school**

A person with diabetes must manage this chronic illness all the time, including during the school day. Staff such as nurses, teachers, and coaches can work with you and your child on managing diabetes. This assistance may include helping your child take medications, check blood sugar levels, choose healthy foods in the cafeteria, and be physically active.

These key tips can help your child get ready for the first day of school and for the rest of the school year.

## **Check necessary diabetes supplies**

Your child needs access to supplies to manage diabetes and to treat any episodes of high or low blood sugar.

#### Make sure your child can manage diabetes at a level right for his or her age

If your child is going to monitor his or her blood sugar, ensure that he or she feels comfortable doing so.

If a trained school employee will do the monitoring, be sure your child knows where and when to go for testing.

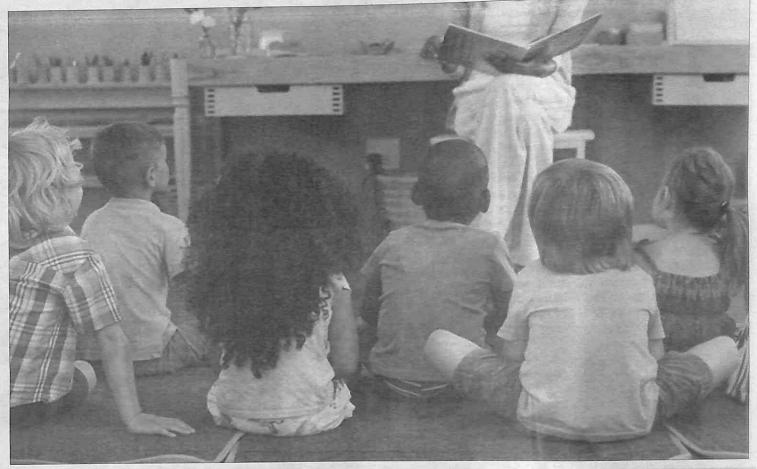
Make sure your child knows who to go to for help with high or low blood sugar episodes.

# Encourage your child to eat healthy foods

Prepare a healthy breakfast, which will help your child stay focused and active.

If you send a lunch with your child, pack a healthy meal that contains whole grains and fresh fruits and vegetables. Replace high-fat foods with low-fat options, such as low-fat turkey, reduced-fat cheese, and skim milk. Include healthy snacks, such as fruit, nuts or seeds, which your child can eat later in the day to avoid the vending machine and keep blood sugar under control.

# Children and diabetes in school



### Be sure your child gets at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day

Having diabetes doesn't mean that your child can't be physically active or participate in physical education classes. In fact, being active can help your child improve his or her blood sugar control.

Limit screen time—TV, video games and the Internet—to one to two hours a day. Being active at an early age establishes good habits for a lifetime and is a lot of fun.

Encourage your child by being active together

## Help prevent sick days

Check to be sure your child has had all recommended vaccinations, including the flu shot. If children with diabetes get sick, they can take longer to recover than children without diabetes. Talk to your child's doctor to see if your child needs any vaccinations before starting the school year.

Also, encourage your child to wash his or her hands regularly, especially before eating and after using the bathroom.

Diabetes doesn't have to get in the way of your child's good experience at school. Remember, parents and schools have the same goal: to ensure that students with diabetes are safe and that they're able to learn in a supportive environment. Make sure school staff have the information and resources they need for your child's safety and health. Help prepare your child to manage diabetes when he or she returns to school.

Schools might be prepared to deal with kids with diabetes, but parents also should be part of the process. This usually means gathering the information that the school needs, making sure that it gets to the right

people, and meeting with school officials to discuss their plans. You'll also need to prepare your child to manage diabetes away from home.

#### Working with the society

Most of the things you need to care for your child at home are needed at school, including a specific diabetes management plan,medications and testing supplies.

At school, children might need to:

- check their blood sugar levels
- take insulin or other diabetes medications
- eat snacks when necessary
- eat lunch at a certain time, with plenty of time to finish
- have easy access to water and time to take bathroom breaks
- get physical activity and participate in school events like field trips
- recognise and get treatment for low blood sugar episodes
- Diabetes management materials that need to go to school might



## **Communicating with educators**

The school staff should be made aware of your child's diagnosis and current health status. It's also good to clarify:

- your responsibilities
- the school's responsibilities
- any accommodations that the school might need to make

NB: The organisation has engaged on a campain, involving most schools in the country whereby we will be raising awareness about this condition, diabetes. This will start this month of June until july, that's why these days WE will be focusing on topics revelant to the campain.



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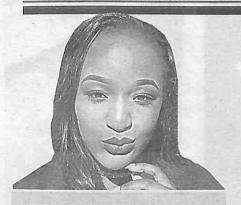
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# WRITER'S NOTE

### WITH NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

as the month of June gains momentum, we continue to serve you with the best entertainment news in the country and beyond.

This week, we bring you stories about some of Eswatini's best artists. On pages 2-3, Njabulo Dlamini speaks to Umfana weBhejisa. Maskandi artist Umfana weBhejisa, real name Thabiso Dlamini, who won the Best Newcomer Award in the MTN SWAMA 2018 awards, tells us about his life story and music career.

His new release kicks off with the title track *Sekusele kancane Ngwenyama*, which reassures His Majesty King Mswati III to surge forward with his vision of a First World Status by 2022. By the look of things, so says Umfana weBhejisa and his team, all pointers are that the vision is attainable so the track urges His Majesty not to be dissuaded but press on to the bright future that beckons across the ravine.

With the new festival, The Green Lifestyle Festival to be held in August, we talk about how festivals in the country have become very popular. We also look into how important festivals are, to encourage more people to attend these festivals as they also boost the economy of the country.

On pages 4-5, we talk to a young and ambitious newcomer in the music industry. Sarnilo tells us about how her father inspired her to venture into the music industry.

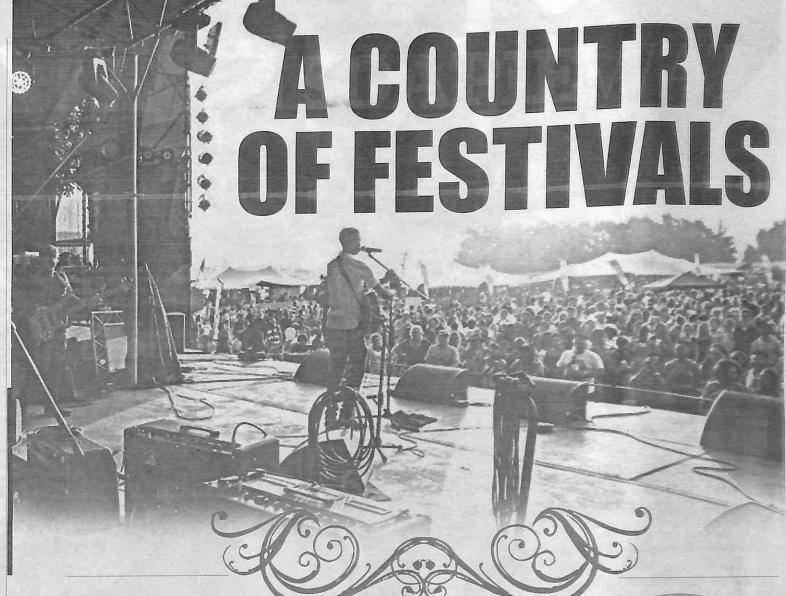
Recently featured at Eswatini's biggest annual festival, Ntando Dlamini, well-known as 'Sarnilo' has paved her way to the top of the chain in the music industry. Although Sarnilo is well-known to being an artist that sings soul music, she has proven herself to being a versatile singer.

She grew up in Mbabane, Mbangweni and was raised by both parents. Growing up, she was the only child and was a typical daddy's girl.

Read through and get to know this rising star better.

On page 6, we bring you the best international entertainment stories. I hope you read and enjoy, and most importantly, I hope you get inspired by this issue.

Till Next week Enjoy!



swatini's traditional culture finds its most spectacular expression in a number of ritual ceremonies throughout the year conducted on an impressive scale.

Although the country still has a number of traditional festivals, the number of music festivals has also escalated.

These festival do not only benefit the entertainment industry of the country but they also make a huge concession to tourism.

During festival time, a mood of celebration sweeps the nation and bands of warriors or maidens decked out in full regalia are often seen heading to or from the festivities. Not to be outdone, the current generation has created a modern new, vibrant music and arts festival that has fast established itself as an excellent international reputation.

From, the MTN Bushfire, which has been around for the past 13 years, to the new Swazi Mobile Festival Xplosion soon to debut, the country now over five festivals each year.

Some may say there are too many festivals for such a small country, but I beg to differ. First, because they all cater for a different audience; these festivals are attended by a number of people in the country and neighbouring countries.

Besides that fact, festivals are important to the country and the people in general.

Festivals are like glue in our lives. That keeps us attached to relationships in society. When we are together as a family, friends, and society, it creates a sense of unity. Unity is the most powerful weapon to fight with any obstacle in life.

When the family is connected on festivals, it's most precious and joyful time. That's why I think festivals are important in our lives.

We all work and live separately, we don't know each other, but on festivals, you pray and wish every-

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media and offline 'Happy Diwali', 'Merry Christmas', 'Happy New year'. It's because we all are the creations of God and we want great things.

# Reasons, why festivals are important in our life: —



# Festivals spread brotherhood and faith

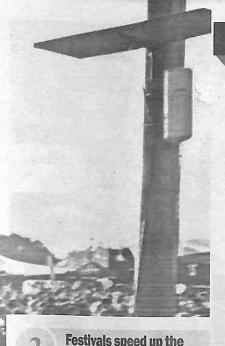
estivals spread brotherhood and faith in between all human beings. People on festivals are connected with God and lessons. Connection with God creates a positive attitude in their behaviour towards other people.

And positive behaviours towards everyone, no matter the cast, religion, colours and occupation and sense of respect for everyone it spreads brotherhood, love and faith within the society.

That's why festivals are important to celebrate. It's because festivals are the oxygen of society and the life of society, brotherhood and faith are dependent on how much we care for each other.

When everyone follows his/her duty and care about the other people and the whole part of this nature then the social development begins.

Festivals are a chance for all e people in the country and the world over to work and connect for a cause. So that spreads brotherhood, faith, love, sense of respect and duty in between people. That's why festivals are important occasions that have to be celebrated peacefully and without destroying other's emotions and beliefs.



# Festivals speed up the economic development

People buy more goods and services during festivals. It's because they get a discount on luxury items and various attractive products and services from sellers.

Government and private sector employees get special bonuses and holidays to celebrate festivals with their families.

Everyone arranges and spends money during festivals. That increases banking and cash transactions. More items sold mean more tax collection for the government. More people get money and it increases more investment later.

# Music festivals boost your outlook in the world

he power of music is an incredibly important and unique tool that aids the human experience.

When added to a social gathering, where people from all walks of life have come to celebrate this art together, it becomes a force unparalleled to anything else.

# Festivals are a uniting experience

eople are capable of becoming incredibly in sync with each other, as well as the music pumping taround them. When we connect with the people and the music around us, life becomes a movie. It's truly the most euphoric experience that one can possibly encounter in this lifetime, and music festivals are capable of providing this experience.



## Art

here's so much art to be found in a festival. Sometimes artists are hired to sell and make their art inside, and sometimes people bring and make their own. Gloving and hula hoops have become a huge trend at festivals. People will bring their accessories inside and perform for people resting in the lawn.



# Festivals will change your life for the better

There's a feeling that I'm pretty sure everyone gets when leaving a festival. While walking through the gates to your car, you get a pit in your stomach and it feels like a sense of belonging and love for everyone you just spent the last few days with. Everyone inside has a connection with each other. The connection comes through the music and it's what keeps everyone coming back again and

again. By Nokwanda Sibandze

# MUSICREVIEW





# UmfanaweBhejisa's second episode

alk of once tasted always wanted. Well, that is seemingly the attitude of Hluti-based rising *maskandi* artist Umfana weBhejisa, real name Thabiso Dlamini, who won the Best Newcomer Award in the MTN SWAMA 2018 awards

It would seem he did not rest on his laurels after bagging that inaugural crown of his promising music career. Now, the lad and his group have since released their second album which boasts 15 tracks titled 'Sekusele kancane Ngwenyama'.

Winning the Best Newcomer Award motivated the young lad to take a leap of faith forward and it has paid handsome dividends. Riding on the shoulders of giants such as Immortal 7 could only mean the sky is the limit for this gifted star from the Shiselweni region.

Immortal 7, through his company ESWASU (Eswatini Arts Super Unity), manages the young *maskandi* artist. In fact, Immortal 7 assisted Umfana weBhejisa unlock doors for his career advancement, such that they met esteemed personalities in the country, who ensured the recording of the latest album was not only expedited but a resounding success.

His new release kicks off with the title track *Sekusele kancane Ngwenyama*, which reassures His Majesty King Mswati III to surge forward with his vision of a First World status by 2022. By the look of things, so says Umfana weBhejisa and his team, all pointers are that the vision is attainable, so the track urges His Majesty not to be dissuaded but press on to the bright future that beckons across the ravine.

Next up is 'Uyivumile lengoma' DPM Themba Masuku'. Typical of the young man, he has stuck to the routine of incorporating tracks that celebrate certain characters as last time out in the debut offering he had a track acknowledging the prowess of EBIS continuity presenter Ntfombitanele 'Awu Mine' Motsa. Now the maskandi artist once again recognises the influences of someone from the south of the kingdom in the DPM who is also an acquaintance with Motsa as they hail from the same region. It is the DPM's turn to be celebrated now. Noteworthy is that the DPM is one of those esteemed individuals in society, whose contribution to the young lad's rising star is well-documented.

"The DPM constantly calls me and asks how I'm doing in my career. Not only that, he has openly voiced out his backing for my music and financially supported me at times. For that I'm eternally grateful, hence the track expressing my words of gratitude to him".

Another prominent individual who assisted in the recording of the latest album by Umfana weBhejisa is Hosea MP Bacede Mabuza of Baceth Hardware chain of stores.

Track three *Udumo lwami maskandi* could be equated to a gloating of sorts from the artist, as he claims in the track that fellow artists are jealous of his success in nearly two years in the game.

"It is true that some artists are jealous of me because my achievements thus far surpass my years in the industry".

The album was recorded in Durban so it is no surprise that there is a collaboration with an SA based *maskandi* artist.

Next up is Ayihlabi engenampondo featuring Ugqibu Mholi Mdletshe, that upcoming maskandi star from the KwaZulu-Natal Province. The comical character notes in the track that equals in the industry are envious of his accomplishments.

#### Unique

In fact this is not the only track where Umfana weBhejisa collaborated with Ugqibu as there is also *Ngithe hlala la* (track nine) where the unique voices are blended; producing not only a unique sound but one that appeals to the listener.

Track five Ngifike ngeESWASU will not only knock your socks off but leave you amused as it rejoices at the partnership created between Immortal 7 and Umfana weBhejisa. It is an open secret that Immortal 7's artists grew wings and are now soaring in skies unknown just like the eagle through the kwaito artist's help.

No wonder one legislator donated E3 000 for Umfana weBhejisa's recording through the same connection of the affable Immortal 7.

Umfana weBhejisa says he shall forever be indebted to ESWASU for the massive contribution to his career which is on an upward trajectory.

"I'm now known far and wide because of ESWASU's input to my music. I've met Cabinet ministers, won an MTN SWAMA award and performed at various stages such as the Trade Fair because of their contribution," he says.

Ngihlasela izinyosi could be equated to a synonym of *Udumo lwami* as it says the artist is troubled by nightmares and strange visions aimed at destabilising him in his career.

Ngithe hlala la (track nine) encourages the listener and fans of maskandi music to exercise patience and restraint as the artist and his members would delight them with their music.

There is also *Ukuzwana* (track 11) that urges churches, artists and generally the nation at large to unite to attain success in their various undertakings.

Other tracks to look out for are the gospel inspired ones such as *Kuyoba njani Ezulwini*, *Ongamelana nami* and *Lelivangeli*. Umfana weBhejisa says even though he is into *maskandi*, his sustenance is on God Almighty.

You can also be delighted by the songs Banomona baculi and Ngidinwa baculi. With 15 tracks in total, music fanatics are the best to decide which one most excites them.

The delivery ends with an instrumental version of the title track to end what is not only a complete but carefully orchestrated rendition from all fronts.

(By Njabulo Dlamini)



# PIECE IN THE GRAVE

The corpses lie dust- comforted In their house of bones With no frustrations With no fear With no temptations With no dreams; but sleeping.

Foes be spitting on them
Still holding grudges
Still having frustrations
Still discontent still hating still seeking for more vengeance

Friends lamenting
So pathetically
Numb they look
Dazed they are
Souls bruised from contusion"
Crying with sharp but fading voices

The corpse is resting. In great piece. Why cry cry for it?

Death must be proud.

By Nokwanda Khumalo





teacher." Dlamini's upbringing in a diverse family with a Liswati father and Malawian mother has played a great deal with regards to the kind of music she plays. She says it has helped her in being diverse when it comes to music and in business and also taught her to embrace

other cultures.

because of his job as a meteo-

get comfort.

rologist, they were still best

friends. According to her, the

passing of her father was moti-

vation and inspiration to begin

singingso that she would

"My dad passed on when

I was seven, it was very

hard for me at the time,

I mean I went from hav-

ing a person who was

my best friend to not

having one. It was trag-

ic, but I'm grateful to

have had him because

"I love being half Malawian and I love being half Liswati; I've always admired how my parents were able to merge their two cultures and became one. Business-wise, I don't try to be anything else but me because I'm unique, I've never felt similar to anyone because I didn't grow up knowing many half Malawians like myself, it's played as an advantage on my end, I think."



# ... CHALLENGES IN THE INDUSTRY

hen it comes to challenges, Sarnilo says she has not yet came across one, that was so hard to

She says everything she has ever aspired for has come to pass, including things she had never thought about, like performing at the Bushfire.

"Before this year I had never even been to Bushfire and for the first time to be on that stage that was crazy. Crazy stuff happens to me and for me, which is why I never take any of it for granted. I know that I am blessed more than most people which is why I always try to humble myself. Humble yourself and believe in God, then good things will come. That's all it takes," she said

She said the family she has made it easy for her to deal with everything that comes her way, whether good or bad. According to Samilo that is why she has been able to enjoy and take whatever life throws at her with a smile.

Dlamini said she also gets motivated by memories of his father, stating that when she thinks of giving up, she reminds herself that her father wouldn't have allowed it



# ...HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

lamini would love to get more gigs outside the country, so she would be able to show other countries that Emaswati are on another level with their talents. She says she would love to work with a lot of people, the likes of Wiz Kid and Tiwa Savage.

"I would kill to work with Burna Boy. He is one of my favourite African artist and his success inspires

"I would kill to work with Burna Boy. He is one of my favourite African artist and his success inspires me daily. I make sure I listen to Burna Boy's song 'Ye'every day. Yes it is becoming an obsession," she said.

# Songofthe Week

# Sam Smith and Normani - Dancing with a Stranger

[Intro: Sam Smith] Hmm, mhm

[Verse 1: Sam Smith]
I don't wanna be alone tonight (Alone tonight)
It's pretty clear that I'm not over you (Over you,

over you)

I'm still thinking 'bout the things you do (Things you do)

So I don't wanna be alone tonight, alone tonight, alone tonight

Can you light the fire? (Light the fire, light the fire)

I need somebody who can take control (Take control)

I know exactly what I need to do
'Cause I don't wanna be alone tonight, alone
tonight, alone tonight

#### [Chorus: Sam Smith]

Look what you made me do, I'm with somebody

Ooh, baby, baby, I'm dancing with a stranger Look what you made me do, I'm with somebody

Ooh, baby, baby, I'm dancing with a stranger Dancing with a stranger

## [Verse 2: Normani]

I wasn't even going out tonight (Out tonight)

But, boy, I need to get you off of my mind (Off of

my mind)

I know exactly what I have to do I don't wanna be alone tonight, alone tonight, alone tonight

[Chorus: Normani, Sam Smith & Both]

Look what you made me do, I'm with somebody new

Ooh, baby, baby, I'm dancing with a stranger Look what you made me do, I'm with somebody new

Ooh, baby, baby, I'm dancing with a stranger

Dancing with a stranger

Dancing with a stranger

Dancing, yeah, ooh

[Outro: Sam Smith, Normani & Both]

Look what you made me do, I'm with somebody new (Ooh)

Ooh, baby, baby, I'm dancing with a stranger Look what you made me do, I'm with somebody

Ooh, baby, baby, I'm dancing with a stranger I'm dancing, I'm dancing (Ooh)

I'm dancing, I'm dancing (Dancing with a stranger)

most importantly, this is some-

thing I do every day. Pray, that's

how you find your next move.

That's how I did it and that's

my superpower," she said.

By Setsabile Nkambule

I'm dancing, I'm dancing (Dancing with a stranger)

I'm dancing, I'm dancing (Dancing with a stranger)

# What's hot?...

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# LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO TO STAGE ISICATHAMIYA AWARDS

OHANNESBURG - Five-time Grammy award-winning Ladysmith Black Mambazo will finally stage the long-awaited Cothoza Music Awards on June 22.

The event, which will be accompanied by a festival, will take place at The Durban Playhouse. The awards will be the culmination of a three-day programme, that will include a master class on June 19 and a music concert on June 20.

Professor Joseph Shabalala, who founded the group, said: "Long-time dream for *isicathamiya* music to be recognised, not only as a national music treasure, but also as a great cultural export." The awards, the concert and masterclass are part of the group's mobile academy programme.

"This programme aims to revive and develop isicathamiya music by devel-



oping new groups and propelling established music groups who want to take their music to greater heights," says Sibongiseni Shabalala. The masterclass will explore the evolution of *isi*-

cathamiya music under the theme Evolution of *Isicathamiya* - The Past, The Present and The Future through stimulating healthy debate among industry stakeholders.

# ab- cathamiya music under the

# Mmabatho Montsho crosses frontiers to theatre

OHANNESBURG - Film and TV star Mmabatho Montsho explores new avenues as she directs her first theatre production, Frontieres.

The play is set to open at the Market Theatre in Johannesburg on Friday.

Montsho said Frontieres was a re-telling of the personal testimonies that were given by migrants from Zimbabwe, the DRC, Cameroon and Somalia, among others, about living in South Africa and elsewhere on the continent as foreigners.

Montsho said she became interested in the story because it was about borders and migration within Africa.

"I've been speaking to the Market Theatre's Artistic Director James Ngcobo for a long time. We wanted to do something for the theatre, and it was a matter of me waiting for the right project. When this came along, I was interested in it because of the subject mate.

subject matter. This is a story of people giving their testimonies and their different experiences."

Montsho believes the play is opening an important conversation in a country where xenophobia is prevalent. "I remember the effort that was made to make sure that the concept of the rainbow nation works. I believe that we should apply the same effort in making African unity work."

Asked if directing theatre was challenging, Montsho said: "Telling anybody's story is challenging in spite of the medium used.

"There are so many things to consider. You have to be ethical, truthful, authentic and balance

that with entertainment.

I do consider myself
a storyteller and
each medium
has its own
strength."



# IHASHI ELIMHLOPHE WANTS HIS MONEY

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- Maskandi
legend Ihashi
Elimhlophe is crying foul over an
unpaid performance

fee three years ago.

Born Bheki Ngcobo, the singer accuses music promoter Sipho Ndaba of ducking to pay him for two performances in Richards Bay amounting to R80 000.

Ndaba, who owns Mbawula Investments, is the organiser of the Last Dance New Year's festival that happens on December 31, normally broadcast live on SABC1. Ihashi said the problem started when he was booked to perform in 2013 for the festival and

charged R60 000. He said the promoter only paid half.

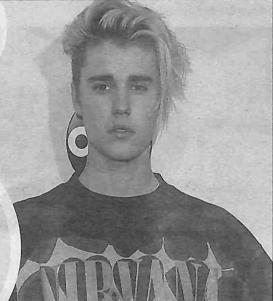
In December 2016, the promoter booked him again but allegedly failed to pay his performance fee. According to Ihashi, Ndaba has been promising to pay for the past three-and-a-half years.

"He told me that he was waiting for government payment so that he can pay me. He kept promising to pay until the year ended. But lately, he has been avoiding my calls.

"When he booked us for the second performance, he promised to pay all the money owed to us. When we got at the venue he only paid R10 000 after a lot of fighting."

Sjava pens sweet appreciation post to Nomzamo Mbatha

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for the love you always give me MaShandu. Every time I see you, or every time we converse, you leave me with words of encouragement and I am so grateful for that.



in Hollywood accident

# Justin Bieber's Limo van

O 5 NESBURG
- Sjava stepped away from the negatives vibes with which the entertainment industry is filled and sent the sweetest appreciation post

aging him with positive words.

The multi-award-winning musician, a big winner at last Saturday's 2019 SAMAs at Sun City, where Nomzamo was a host, took to Twitter to express his gratitude towards her.

to Nomzamo Mbatha for always encour-

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for the love you always give me MaShandu. Every time I see you, or every time we converse, you leave me with words of encouragement and I am so grateful for that. Thank you, your existence really makes the world



a better place," Sjava wrote.

While some tweeps felt the pair should get 'together' ... at least on a film or something, many were just impressed by aumility.

Nomzamo also saw the tweet and responded to the Mqhele hitmaker, thanking him for his honesty and promising to support him and exalt his name whenever she could.

OLLYWOOD - Justin Bieber had a little chat with cops in Hollywood on Wednesday afternoon, but it wasn't his driving that drew them out to an accident scene it was his hired driver.

Bieber's limo van was involved in a two-vehicle accident that would normally be just a tiny fender bender if the freakin' van wasn't so huge! Looks like the back end of a Hyundai Sonata met the side panel of Justin's ride. Unclear who initiated the contact, but police were there to talk to all parties ... and possibly take down an accident report.

Officers spoke to Bieber, but again he was just a passenger. Law enforcement tells us both parties exchanged info and went on their way. No harm, no foul. In other words: this is why you pay insurance premiums.

Bieber's gotta know it could have been way worse. It's a sweet van and all, but it ain't worth US\$2 million. Tracy Morgan knows what we're talking about!

Too soon?

# SOAPIEWA Preview



Monday 10 June

andla and Khanyi realise the extent of Ntwenhle's unhap piness. Sibongile and Siphokazi are pleased when Phumelele and Cebisile stick their necks out for Mpiyakhe.

Tuesday 11 June

veryone tries talking to Qaphela, only to alienate him more. Fenyang meets Mkabayi and Mpiyakhe.

enyang's personal problems intrude on his professional life. Beauty gets a surprise visit at the B&B, while Ntwenhle embraces her old 'hood'.

udas gets paranoid when Jerry searches the surveillance footage. Fenyang starts milking the Zungu money machine as Ntwenhle gets deeper into her old ways with her old friend

enyang wins a minor victory in court, but reveals his personal failings in his marriage. Ntwenhle gets herself into trouble as S'bu and Mandla arrive in Lamontville.

angoba battles with a secret that pushes him into a dark space. Lalage is shook when she finds Hendrik in a state. Gatanga puts his foot down when it comes to helping Sibiya.

A blast from Lincoln's past threatens to upset the apple cart. Tragedy brings the Lategan family together. The same tragedy casts a somber shadow over the Deep's mining community.

Wednesday 12 June

fter meeting Claudette, Lungi appears concerned about her presence in HD. The Lategans and the about her presence in HD. The Lawyer community process Hendrik's sudden demise.

andre makes a breakthrough, but will this change the family dynamic forever? Lungi gets a few sur-prises, but how will she react when one of the surprises isn't what she expected? Sibiya announces the unexpected to Gatanga and Makgorometsa.

Friday 14 June
ungi is shattered by Manqoba's dark revelation.
The Lategan family draws closer to one another
after their recent tragedy. Morongwa is inspired by her friends' plans to go to night school.



ugu can't understand what she is doing wrong with Seretse. Dee threatens Tenda that he might never see his baby. Shaz feels as though she is cursed, however there is another reason for her problem.

Tuesday 11 June

ugu finds herself in a pleasant tight spot. Dee makes an unexpected decision regarding the pregnancy. Shaz's mother give Vho-Gizara unexpected news.

Wednesday 12 June

ugu decides to make her intentions clear to Seretse. Shaz discovers a secret that was kept from her by her mother. Sundani is devastated when Thonifho refuses to return

Thursday 13 June

gugu pours her heart out to Seretse. There is a growing father and daughter relationship between Shaz and Gizara. Tenda's uncertainty and the waiting are giving him a mini

he truth has a nasty way of coming out when Gugu finds Imani in Seretse's arms. Gizara pushes for Shaz to get a



Bash prepares himself to tell CC the truth. Banele is caught hiding out at the Khuses. The water is cut off in the yard.

C finds out the truth about Bash, Banele gets the verdict from the university, the water crisis gets Wednesday 12 June

uleng struggles to cope, Bash tells CC his version of the truth, Jafta goes to war over the water.

Duleng tries to prove that she can stand alone. It is Bash's turn to learn the truth about CC. Mampho has a solution for the water crisis.

uleng drowns her miseries, Bash agrees to work with CC, Jafta has a new solution to the Khuses'



inton starts to realise he is crossing the fine line between infatuation and addiction.

uinton comes up with a plan to sort out a problem and asks the most unlikely person for help.

Wednesday 12 June uinton is compelled to play hero and protector while maintaining a big lie.

intle is worried by what she sees happening under 'her'

hado sets a diabolical plan in motion.



Monday 10 June Igagasi Bound

rutus aims accusations against Harriet. Kagiso opens up.

Tuesday 11 June Love Meets Danger

agiso and Akhona take the next step. The Khozas and the Mabuzas arrive in Durban with an invisi-

Wednesday 12 June Cover Blown

arriet finds out the Maakes might just mess up her deal. Thato is jealous of Akhona's newfound love. Harriet and Kea make amends.

Thursday 13 June

Power Play

arriet invites Jerry and Vuyiswa to have dinner with the family. Akhona's love bubble bursts.

Catch Me If You Can

arriet pulls a fast one on Jerry and Vuyiswa. Akhona is caught between Kagiso and Thato.













# **MUST WATCH MOVIES:**

## THE LION KING (2019)

ANIMATION, ADVENTURE, DRAMA | 2019

After the murder of his father, a young lion prince flees his kingdom only to learn the true meaning of responsibility and bravery.

Director: Jon Favreau

Writers: Jeff Nathanson (screenplay), Brenda Chapman (story) |

Stars: Seth Rogen, Donald Glover, Chiwetel Ejiofor



## **TOY STORY 4**

PG | 1H 40MIN | ANIMATION, ADVENTURE, COMEDY | 21 JUNE 2019 (USA)

When a new toy called "Forky" joins Woody and the gang, a road trip alongside old and new friends reveals how big the world can be for a toy.

Director: Josh Cooley

Writers: Andrew Stanton (original story by), Stephany Folsom (screenplay by)

Stars: Keanu Reeves, Christina Hendricks. Tom Hanks



#### **DETECTIVE PIKACHU**

PG7-9 | 1H 52MIN | ACTION, ADVENTURE, COMEDY

In a world where people collect Pokémon to do battle, a boy comes across an intelligent talking Pikachu who seeks to be a detective.

Director: Rob Letterman

Writer: Dan Hernandez (screenplay by), Benji Samit (screenplay

Stars: Ryan Reynolds, Justice Smith, Kathryn Newton



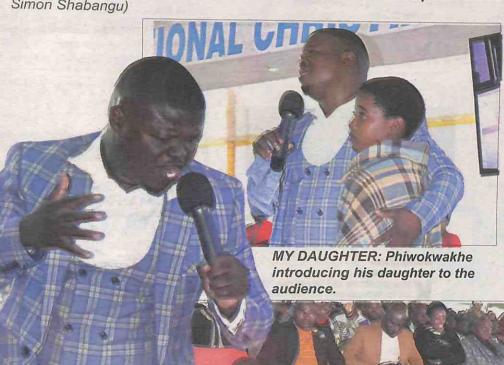
# EPIC PHIWOKWAHLE DLAMINI'S ALBUM LAUNCH



HIGHER AND HIGHER: Local gospel artist Phiwokwakhe Dlamini leading his fans in dance as he rendered one of his songs. This was during the launch of his latest album titled 'Ngihamba Nenkosi' which was successfully held at Mountain of Salvation International Church last Friday. The huge church was fully packed as people came in their numbers to witness the performance by the local golden boy. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



BASOP: Phiwokwakhe with his guest, South African Actor, Masoja Msiza, wellknown as Nkunzi on Uzalo. The SA actor was a hit among the fans.





STYLE: Phiwokwakhe leading his group in song and dance as they rendered a splendid showing on the night.



watch one of the performances.



SUPPORTIVE: Close family members of the artist were also part of the many people who were at the event.



IN NUMBERS: A section of the thousands who attended the show.



With: Thulani Lushaba

child's reading skills are important to their success in school as they will allow them to access the breadth of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills.

In addition, reading can be a fun and imaginative time for children, which opens doors to all kinds of new worlds for them.

Reading has been identified as a key area for development and must be included in the school's strategic development plans. With a busy timetable, teachers currently do not have enough time to listen to their children read as much as they would like to.

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance.

Likewise, evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who do not, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

Learning to read is a sequential process; each new skill builds on the mastery of previously learned skills. Parents are the most important educators in a child's life – even more important than their teachers – and it is never too early to start reading together.

Even before they were born, babies learn to recognise their parents' voices. Reading to your baby from birth, even for just a few minutes a day, gives them the comfort of hearing your voice and increases their exposure to language.

Learning to read is about listening and understanding as well as working out what is printed on the page.

Through hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen, which is vital as they start to read.

It is important for them to understand how stories work too. Even if your child does not understand every word, they will hear new sounds, words and phrases which they can then try out, copying what they have heard.

Irrespective of whether your child is only just beginning to learn to read or whether they are fluent, you can play an important role in helping to keep them interested in books. Find out what interests them, help them to find books that will be engaging and fun, and spend time reading the books they bring home from school together.

Through reading, you expose yourself to new things, new information, new ways to solve a problem, and new ways to achieve one thing.

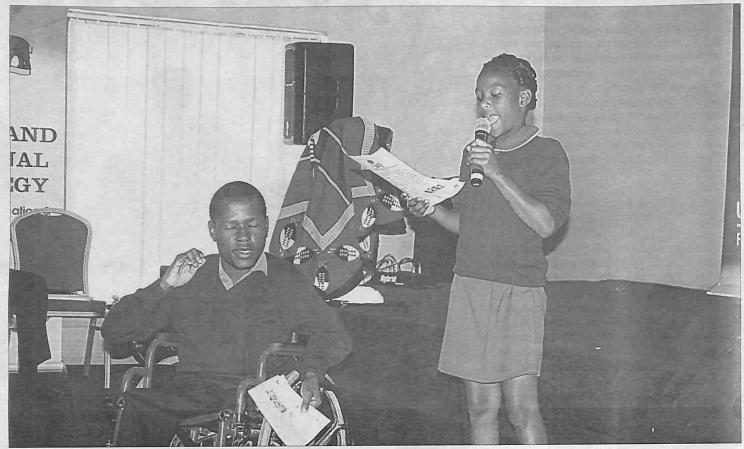
Who knows – you might find your new hobbies within it. Who knows – you might actually explore one thing you really like and it may end up becoming your career and success in the future. Exploration begins from reading and understanding.

The Reading Association of Swaziland (RAS) is promoting literacy towards vision 2022 and beyond.

RAS is a non-profit making, non-partisan and non-government organisation which was established in Swaziland in 1996. According to the Association's President Vumindaba Masuku, the Reading Association of Swaziland is committed to the fight against illiteracy in all its forms in Eswatini and the world beyond.

Masuku said as an organisation they are engaged in a number of activities to promote

# Reading Association of Eswatini promoting reading for all



reading and mobilising resources for schools to begin reading programmes.

Masuku appreciates that while the number of schools with libraries is growing, pupils are finding it hard to utilise libraries effectively because there is no trained personnel to assist children get books that will also speak to their interest, hence encouraging them to read more. "We are currently looking for partners to assist us train library volunteers who can be placed in different schools to assist our pupils to read," said Masuku during an interview with SWANCEFA.

#### Interest

Masuku said reading does help you form a better you hence as an organisation they are advocating for more people to read for fun. Through reading, Masuku said, you begin to appreciate the world better.

"Through reading, you begin to have a greater understanding on a topic that interest you; for example: how to build self confidence, how to make plan better before taking action, how to memorise things better and more. All of these self improvements start from the reading; through reading, you create a structured path towards a better understanding and better actions to take in the future," added the president of the Reading Association of Swaziland.

Masuku believes that even though we have our own challenges as a country when it comes to reading, Swaziland has equally made progress in terms of eliminating illiteracy. One of such achievements according to Masuku is the Constitutional Act of 2005 which promotes education for all and reading in both languages.

Masuku said even the King promotes reading in Eswatini this was evident in the Pan Africanist Conference that was held in 2005 where the King promised that a National Reading Centre to promote reading will be constructed.

Reading is not only a responsibility of the teacher, according to RAS president even parents at home have a role to play to promote reading. "A reading hour must be arranged in the home setting between the parent and the child, it must be a part and parcel of parenting that as parents we must be expected to do," said Masuku.

Masuku said even the Tinkhundla Centres must have a reading corner for pupils and adults to come and read anytime in particular in those areas where there are no libraries.

Through partnerships with World Vision, Macmillan Swaziland, Fundzisa Umntfwana and Schools, RAS has managed to participate in event such as Literacy Day which aims at promoting reading globally.

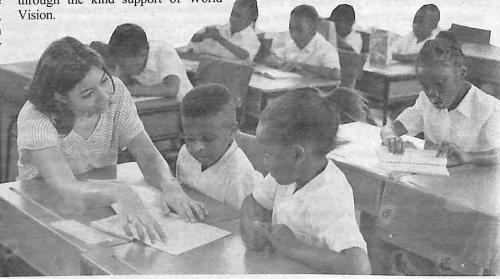
The RAS president said they target such areas because of the socioeconomic situation they face. RAS has also donated reading books for libraries in schools in the Lubombo region through the kind support of World

Communication is the most important tool which can be transmitted through reading. As you communicate through reading, you understand more, and thus you can communicate better with people.

As with a person that knows nothing, he hasn't had anything to share, and he probably doesn't even understand what people are sharing. Through reading, you build a more solid foundation for communication.

It is one of the most important tools we use every day to connect with each other. Whereas if you don't read, you can't even connect with the world and what people are talking about out there, including understanding what this article is all about. Reading connects you with the world.

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WITH: George Choongwa

our business is a symbol of your signature. If it sucks, then you too suck; if it is good, you too are good. A business follows the nature of its owner.

It is therefore, a good practice to understand that the more you neglect your business' competitiveness, the more it is likely to fail because its customers are likely to have a detestable attitude towards it. Therefore, your attitude has the power to either attract or rub off on your existing and potential customers, your staff, your suppliers, your investors and all those that you come into contact with. With this, we can say that: Your best quality in business is your attitude.

#### Attitude means everything: Lets get to the basics

Attitude in business qualifies to be the actual DNA fabric for it can either make you win or lose forever, but to start with, what is attitude?, while according to a business dictionary, attitude is: "A predisposition or a tendency to respond positively or negatively towards a certain idea, object, person, or situation. Attitude influences an individual's choice of action, and responses to challenges, incentives, and rewards (together called stimuli)." This means that your attitude is a state at which customers' response to business matters. For the sake of this small piece of article, we are going to concentrate on positive attitude.

#### **Positive attitude**

In business, there are a lot of things that take place; both good and bad, but due to attitude, it depends on your perception of things. If you maintain a positive attitude for example, the chances of it being infectious to others around you will also be high and vice versa. Everyone in your company will feel positive and customers will want to do business with you. This is one of the reasons why some advanced shops, like PnP, Spar, etc place much emphasis on their staff to be friendly, if they have a negative attitude, then be sure, the business is likely to have a nose dive.

### To the owner of the business

It is not easy to run a business. At times, it can stress you to the max, it can also make you feel like a king, but it is relevant that while everyone around seem to see no hope in the business remain standing tall, keep or maintain a positive attitude about your business. With a positive approach you will feel in control and confident and you will perform at your best, whereas a negative approach will damage confidence, harm performance, paralyse your mental skills and may also impact your health, so stay strong on this one.

#### Be forward looking

Hope counts in business and some senior businessmen once told me that in business, at times, you can end up living on hope; basically, surviving on hope from day one to the very last day of the year. This is because a positive and forward-looking mindset is a muscle that needs to be exercised every day. One of the

# You are to blame for the mess of your business



ways in which this can be done is by exposing your thoughts and ideas of successful business people. Always stay and hang around the successful ones, you will soon learn a lot from them. As the saying goes, once the sheep starts mingling with the lions, it soon learns how to eat meat. In other words, change your company; avoid any negative experiences from negative people.

## Stay on the bright side of things

The secret of staying on the bright side of things helps you to avoid pitfall of negativity, but attract more positive and powerful reward of the bigger picture. Therefore, true success is about surrounding yourself with positive ingredients such as: positive thinking, passion, persistence, experiencing adversity, and good ideas that solve problems in easy ways.

Here is another secrete in this logic, a human being by virtue like what is good and in business, good personality acts as medicine number one. Since most people seek happiness, they will always be near those the happy businesses tool. Keep this one as well. Be happy; let your business be medicine to the soul.

# Ways in which attitude increases success for your business

Here are some of the ways in which your attitude can help increase your business success:

Turn stone into bread

Business is about seeing what others cannot see. It is being a vision bearer with the ability to see even 100 years from now. This calls for positive energy. Therefore, the more positive you are the more likely you are to come up with out of the box ideas in your business. A negative person will come face to face with a mountain and will fail to turn around thing ound; a positive person will face a mountain and will find a way over or underneath it. In other words, the positive person will encounter an obstacle and will believe that there is a way to the other side; the negative person won't.

#### **Productivity blooms with positivity**

Don't just dream and hope, get to do something. When you have a positive attitude you're significantly more likely to stay motivated to attain your goals. You will feel inspired, grateful and excited to approach each day and be more productive for it. With this, keep going, but make sure you are doing and not just talking too much about your aspiration, remember, actions speak louder than words. Do something about it.

## Self-confidence blooms with positivity

You are the number one reason for the nature of your business, when you have an optimistic and happy attitude; you are more likely to believe in yourself. When you believe the world is out to get you it is harder to believe you have the skills or knowledge to be successful. Therefore, personal development is

very important, especially for business owners. The wise once said, pull up your socks, and keep warm.

### Sense of calm blooms with positivity

Positive people consider the favourable outcomes that could happen vs the negatives ones. They believe that everything will work out as intended. When you let negativity creep in, it takes you to a state of fear, a place of stress and an increased possibility for failure.

We don't know about you, but it is our belief that being positive is a choice. Make it your mission to choose to be more positive in business and life in general- it could just turn your business into a wild success faster than you can say "thank you!"

## Turn failures into strength

Michael Jordan said, "My attitude is if you push me towards something that you think is a weakness, then I will turn that perceived weakness into astrength." Athletes understand the importance of the right attitude on the court, field or ice rink as the famous South African female runner; Caster Semenya once said: "You try to be in front of me, I jump you, I keep running" Good luck.

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or years, nutritionists and doctors have preached that a low-fat diet is the key to losing weight, managing cholesterol, and preventing health problems.

But more than just the amount of fat, it's the types of fat you eat that really matter. Bad fats increase cholesterol and your risk of certain diseases, while good fats protect your heart and support overall health. In fact, good fats such as omega-3 fats are essential to physical and emotional health.

### Making sense of dietary fat

Dietary fats are found in food from plants and animals. The four major types are:

- · monounsaturated fats
- polyunsaturated fats (including omega-3s)
- otrans fats saturated fats

Despite what you may have been told, not all fats are bad guys in the waistline wars. While dietary fats all contain nine calories per gram, they can have very different effects on your health as well as your weight. "Bad" fats, such as trans fats, are guilty of the unhealthy things all fats have been blamed for weight gain, clogged arteries, and so forth. But good fats such as omega-3s have the opposite effect. In fact, healthy fats play a huge role in helping you manage your moods, stay on top of your mental game, fight fatigue, and even control your weight.

## **Unsaturated fats and oils**

Unsaturated fats are considered "good" fats and are encouraged as part of a healthy diet. Eating foods rich in monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fat can improve blood cholesterol levels and lower your risk of heart disease. These fats may also benefit insulin levels and controlling blood sugar, which can be especially helpful if you have type 2 diabetes. These good fats include:

### **Monounsaturated fats**

- Avocados
- ·Olives
- Nuts (almonds, peanuts, macadamia nuts, hazelnuts, pecans, cashews)
- •Natural peanut butter (containing just peanuts and salt)

### **Polyunsaturated fats**

- · Walnuts
- Sunflower, sesame, and pumpkin seeds
- Flaxseed
- Fatty fish (salmon, tuna, mackerel, herring, trout, sardines)

# Damaged fat: When good fats go bad

A good fat can become bad if heat, Light or oxygen damages it. Oils that are high in polyunsaturated fats (such as flaxseed oil) must be refrigerated and kept in an opaque container. Never use oils, seeds, or nuts after they begin to smell or taste rank or bitter. Cooking at high heat with some monounsaturated or polyunsaturated oils can also damage the fat.

# Getting more good fats in your diet

The best sources of healthy monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats are fish, nuts, seeds, and cold-pressed vegetable oils.

Make friends with olive oil. Use cold-pressed extra-virgin olive oil to dress salads, cooked veg-

# Choosing healthy fats



etables, or pasta dishes. Also use olive oil for stovetop cooking, rather than stick margarine or canola oil. For baking, most chefs prefer butter or ghee (clarified butter).

Dress your own salad. Commercial salad dressings are often high in calories, saturated fat, or made with damaged trans fat oils. Create your own healthy dressings with extra virgin olive oil, flaxseed oil, or sesame oil.

Eat more avocados. Try them in sandwiches or salads or make guacamole. Along with being loaded with heart and brain-healthy fats, they make for a filling and satisfying meal.

Reach for the nuts. You can also add nuts to vegetable dishes or use them instead of breadcrumbs on chicken or fish.

Snack on olives. Olives are high in healthy monounsaturated fats. But unlike most other highfat foods, they make for a low-calorie snack when eaten on their own. Try them plain or make a tapenade for dipping.

# Trans fat: eliminate this bad fat from your diet

Small amounts of naturally occurring trans fats can be found in meat and dairy products but it's the artificial trans fats that are considered dangerous. These are normal fat molecules that have been twisted and deformed during a process called hydrogenation. During this process, liquid vegetable oil is heated and combined with hydrogen gas. Partially hydrogenating vegetable oils makes them more stable and less likely to spoil, which is very good for food manufacturers and very bad

Trans fats raise your LDL ("bad") cholesterol and lower your HDL ("good") cholesterol and increases your risk of heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. No amount of trans fats is healthy.

- Commercially-baked goods (cookies, crackers, cakes, muffins, pie crusts, pizza dough, breads like hamburger buns)
- Packaged snack foods (crackers, microwave popcorn, chips, candy)
- . Solid fats (stick margarine, vegetable shorten-
- Fried foods (French fries, fried chicken, chicken nuggets, breaded fish)

- Per-mixed products (cake mix, pancake, and chocolate milk)
- Anything with "partially hydrogenated" oil listed in the ingredients.

#### Saturated fat: Good or bad?

Saturated fats are mainly found in tropical oils, dairy, and animal products such as red meat, while poultry and fish also contain some saturated fat. Eating saturated fats won't lower your risk of heart disease like monounsaturated or polyunsaturated fats, but the latest studies suggest that not all saturated fat is a dietary demon, either. People who eat lots of saturated fat do not experience more cardiovascular disease than those who eat less. In fact, recent evidence suggests that consuming whole-fat dairy may even have beneficial effects for some people, including helping to control weight.

Of course, not all saturated fat is the same. The saturated fat in whole milk, coconut oil, or salmon is different to the saturated fat found in pizza, French fries, and processed meat products (such as ham, sausage, hot dogs, salami, and other cold cuts) which have been linked to coronary disease and cancer. And just as saturated fat varies according to its source, the effect of saturated fats on blood cholesterol varies from person to person, depending on genetics and other health factors.

#### **Making smart choices** about saturated fat

- · Avoid saturated fat from processed meats, packaged meals, and takeout food.
- Don't replace healthy sources of saturated fat with refined carbohydrates or sugary snacks.
- Don't eat just red meat (beef, pork, or lamb) but vary your diet with free range chicken, eggs, fish, and vegetarian sources of protein.
- . When you choose to eat red meat, look for "organic" and "grass-fed".
- · Roast, grill, or slow cook meat and poultry instead of frying.
- Enjoy full-fat dairy and choose organic or raw milk, cheese, butter, and yoghurt when possible.

fried foods.

Avoid breaded meats and vegetables and deer

Avoid snack foods such as corn or potato chips.

#### **General guidelines for** choosing healthy fats

If you are concerned about your weight or overall health, rather than avoiding fat in your diet, try replacing trans fats and saturated fats from fried or processed foods with good fats, such as fish, olive oil, nuts, avocados, and high-quality dairy.

Try to eliminate trans fats from your diet. Check food labels for trans fats or any kind of "partially hydrogenated" oil. Avoiding commerciallybaked goods, margarines, and limiting fast food goes a long way to cutting out this dangerous fat from your diet.

Reduce or eliminate fried food. While there's a movement to ban trans fat in the U.S., that won't necessary make your French fries any healthier, especially if the food industry decides to cook them in vegetable oils that oxidize when heated. The safer option is to cut down on fried foods altogether.

Eat omega-3 fats every day. Good sources include fish and fish oil, walnuts, flax seeds, and flaxseed oil. Try adding ground flaxseed meal to your breakfast cereal or instigating a "fish Friday."

Choose your oils carefully. Cold-pressed, organic oils retain all the nutrients that are burned away in industrially manufactured oils, many of which can become toxic when heated.

## Focus on fat from real food. not processed food

There are many opinions and few absolutes in the nutrition world. For most of us, it is our overall dietary pattern that is more important than specific foods. What we do know for sure is that the typical western diet filled with fried, processed foods, packaged meals, and sugary snacks is leading to higher rates of obesity and illness. Eating less manufactured and industrially processed food and more "real", natural food fresh from the ground, the ocean, or small, local farms is a sound place to start for all your food choices, including dietary fats.

The answer for a healthy diet isn't to cut out the fat it's to replace bad fats with the good I vt promote health and well-being.

SWAZILAND ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY (SAWS) FOR VACCINATED AND STERILISED PETS PHONE

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male dog was brought to SAWS with multiple stab wounds. He had been attacked in the act of mating by the angry owner of the female dog.

You would think the dog would have fled after one stab wound and he probably tried, but nature prevented him. The stabbing was an act of savage cruelty inflicted by an ignorant dog owner.

Many dog owners have no understanding of the science of dog reproduction and this lack of understanding has resulted in extremely cruel treatment of mating dogs. To safely keep an animal in your home and garden, you should understand something about its physical and mental make-up.

Dogs are mammals and all mammals reproduce sexually with slight variations depending on the species. In wild dogs, mating occurs once a year to ensure that pups are born in spring when food is plentiful. Domestic dogs have been selectively bred for thousands of years to produce the 500 breeds recognised today. To make breed production easier, breeders have selected for fast and early breeders.

In domestic dogs sexual maturity (puberty) occurs between six to 12 months for both males and females, although this can be to two

# Dog reproduction



years of age for some large breeds. Reproduction indomestic male dogs is not cyclical and they are receptive to mating at any time. Females can come into estrus (breeding condition) at any time of year and usually twice a year. Estrus cycles are about every six months through to old age. Female dogs do not experience menopause, although their cycles will become irregular and fertility becomes unpredictable with age.

We have created dog breeding machines one breeding female and her offspring can produce 67 000 dogs in six years!

The first stage of the female reproductive cycle is proestrus which lasts about nine days. Eggs in the ovaries begin to mature and estrogen levels begin to rise. During this stage males are attracted but females are not receptive.

Estrus is the next stage in which estrogen levels are high, mature eggs are released from ovaries and the females become receptive to mating. It is only during estrus that mating will result in pregnancy. Proestrus and estrus can last anywhere from five to 21 days.

During the female's proestrus and estrus cycles males from miles around can detect her scent. Dogs can smell a thousand times better than humans. Males will gather when a female is in heat. Keeping an estrus female safe for 21 days every six months is almost impossi-

Male canids have a unique reproductive feature which locks the mating pair together for five to 20 minutes but sometimes longer. During this time the dogs cannot separate. Pulling them apart will cause serious injury and extreme pain to both dogs. It will not prevent pregnancy.

Dogs will make every attempt to breed when driven by their hormones. Being locked up for a large part of their lives to prevent breeding is cruel and unnecessary.

Sterilisation is the easy solution. Sterilised dogs do not wander in search of mates, they do not fight over mating rights, they do not contract any of the host of nasty STIs that kill many reproductive dogs. The unwanted stray population will decrease, making rabies less of a threat. Owners with fewer dogs can afford to care for them properly.

Eswatini has a huge stray dog population with corresponding rabies, dog attack and cruelty problems. We do not need any more dogs! The only reliable way to prevent more puppies is sterilisation.

Don't be cruel to mating dogs. Be a responsible owner and ...

STERILISE ALL DOGS BY SIX MONTHS OLD.



# Eswatini Standards Authority

olluting stoves and open fires kill millions every year. A new standard dedicated to clean and safe cookstoves has just been published, providing a valuable platform for the industry to grow.

Some four million people die prematurely each year thanks to polluting stoves using kerosene or solid fuels such as coal.

Respiratory diseases, heart disease and stroke are just some of the killers that result, not to mention the danger to women and children in less secure environments while gathering fuel.

To try and combat this, the United Nations Foundation launched the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, with whom ISO has been collaborating to develop standards that will help drive the market for safe and efficient cooking solutions.

The result, so far, is three documents dedicated to testing protocols and laboratory measurement procedures to assess the performance of cookstoves under controlled laboratory conditions, with others in development.

Technical report ISO/TR 19867-3, Clean cookstoves and clean cooking solutions -Harmonized laboratory test protocols - Part 3: Voluntary performance targets for cookstoves based on laboratory testing, provides voluntary performance targets for cookstoves used for small-scale household applications. It supplements ISO 19867-1, Cleancookstoves and clean cooking solutions - Harmonized laborate

# New standard in the cookstoves series just published



protocols - Part 1: Standard test sequence for emissions and performance, safety and dura-

documents two join ISO/TR 21276, Cleancookstoves and clean cooking solutions - Vocabulary, a technical report on terminology which was published ear-

Ranyee Chiang, Chair of the ISO committee that developed the standards and former Director of Standards, Technology and Fuels at the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, said this latest addition, ISO 19867-3, will provide a common way of measuring the potential perance of cookstoves and how laboratory test results can be interpreted.

"These voluntary performance targets for cookstoves will thus facilitate international trade in household energy technologies and fuels, as well as driving improvements in technology quality and performance," she said.

'In this way, they support the development of the industry for cookstoves, fuels, and other clean cooking solutions, so we can make progress on this important issue that impacts millions of people and the environment."

ISO 19867-1, ISO/TR 19867-3 and ISO/TR 21276 were developed by ISO technical committee ISO/TC 285, Clean cookstoves and clean cooking solutions, comprised of some

of the world's leading specialists from the clean cookstoves and fuels sector, with special expertise on testing, design, business and policy.

The committee is jointly led by ANSI, ISO's member for the US, and KEBS, ISO's member for Kenya, with a strong involvement from other developing countries for whom clean cookstoves are most relevant.

The documents are available from SWASA, your national ISO member.

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# By Derek Yu

aid employment is generally considered the predominant and most sustainable way of pulling people out of poverty. But the past two decades have seen a global rise in the complex phenomenon of the working poor. South Africa is no exception.

This delink between paid employment and poverty reduction is a major challenge for the government. It means that attention must be given to two things: rapid job creation, and also the creation of decent jobs.

While one may think that being employed suggests the person is immediately pulled out of poverty, this is not always the case. Finding a job does not guarantee someone will receive remuneration that is high enough to cover their basic needs and be relatively secure financially. In some cases, workers reluctantly only work part-time after failing to find full-time

Some workers are paid wages below the amount that's necessary to maintain a decent living standard. They are also not entitled to health or retirement benefits. Low-wage work is also associated with poor working conditions and job insecurity. These include poor health and safety standards, discrimination and excessive work hours.

In other words, for some workers employment no longer guarantees significant poverty reduction. Some workers remain poor because wages are too low to lift them and their families out of poverty.

#### Main findings

Comprehensive information on the extent of low-wage working poverty in South Africa wasn't available until our recently published study. We examined the data from the first four waves of the National Income Dynamics Study (NIDS), which took place between 2008 and 2015. NIDSis South Africa's first national household panel study.

We found that while low-wage poverty probability declined during the 7-year period, in 2015 nearly 20 per cent of workers were still identified as low-wage poor employed. This downward trend is similar to what was found by a 2015 study for the 1997-2012 period, though that piece of research focused on working poverty and didn't take the low wage threshold into consideration.

When it comes to demographics, low-wage poor were identified as predominantly women (slightly above 50 per cent), Africans (90 per cent), 38 years old on average, without 12 years of education. On average there were five members per household, and two of them were

Most low-wage poor were involved in elementary occupations. They were street vendors, domestic helpers and cleaners, and garbage collectors. And nearly 75 per cent of this group were in the informal sector, which is associated with a lack of job security and benefits. This finding is concerning, given the fact that the informal sector only contributes about 7per cent of the country's GDP.

# What should government do?

There are ways for the government to address these issues.

Policy is a key area where changes can be made. The government should focus on policy that provides affordable quality education and

# THE STATE OF LOW-WAGE WORKING POVERTY IN SOUTH AFRICA



skills training to previously disadvantaged communities. Moreover, education and training programmes should focus on skills and competencies demanded by the labour market.

Low-wage poverty is highly associated with the unstable work environments and insecurity that are experienced by workers in the informal sector, and workers with low-skilled occupations like domestic workers and street vendors. Policy prescriptions should therefore aim to promote economic growth and infrastructure development within the informal sector. They should also focus on increasing awareness and enforcement of labour regulations that protect workers in low-skilled or elementary occupa-

Speedy infrastructure development also helps to pave the way for the creation of more and better jobs associated with higher wages and improved working conditions.

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provide small and informal business owners with easy access to financial and organisational support. These business owners need skills and knowledge about everything from finances to supply chain processes and customer management to help them run and grow their busi-

There should also be an increase in the awareness of minimum statutory employment conditions among elementary occupation workers and employers, together with the implementation of effective mechanisms to monitor and enforce compliance.

Last but not least, increasing the national minimum wage for all sectors may be a useful, if somewhat contentious approach. Using the currently proposed minimum wage of R3 500 per. month, the low-wage poverty rate is somewhat higher (35 per cent in 2008 and 24per cent in 2015, compared to 26 per cent and 19 per cent respectively using the original lower-amount threshold adopted in the study).

Some workers argue they cannot meet their basic needs with the currently proposed minimum wage (of R3 500 per month). But a higher minimum wage helps improving their productivity and turnover. On the other hand, some employers claim they cannot afford an increased minimum wage without running the risk of retrenching workers and replacing them with cheaper capital. In this case, the state may intervene by assisting firms with special taxation benefits, wage subsidies and training opportunities for workers.

This is an extract from the journal article titled "Employed yet poor: low-wage employment and working poverty in South Africa", which the writer co-authored with Jade Feder, an Economics Masters graduate at the University of the Western Cape. The Conversation







# What you need to know about beginning HIV treatment...

You made a great step to test for HIV to know your status. If your test was HIV positive, it is important that you are started on HIV treatment immediately regardless of your CD4 count. Here are some important points to know about beginning HIV treatment.

1. Begin antiretroviral therapy 2. Who will benefit from (ART) treatment immediately to benefit you, your partner and your baby if you are pregnant.

The early acceptance of antiretroviral treatment for HIV is beneficial in several aspects of your life. Commencement of treatment for HIV early can help you look and stay healthy, live a longer life, and enable you to be a productive contributor to one's family and society without experiencing the negative effects that come with being sick from HIV infection symptoms.

Everyone testing HIV positive in eSwatini can start treatment as soon as they test HIV positive, regardless of CD4 count. ART treatment is recommended immediately for all people living with HIV no matter how long they have had the virus or how healthy they are.

### 3. When can I start treatment?

Once you test positive for HIV, immediately talk to your health care provider about starting treatment immediately. HIV treatment called antiretroviral therapy treatment (ART) involves taking medicines that slow the progression of the virus in your body.

Call 1212 for free and follow us on social media.

#### 4. What if I am not ready to 5. What does ART do? start ART?

It is normal to feel that you are not ready for treatment on the same day or immediately, but it is important to understand that it is best to start treatment immediately in order to start living a healthy life. There are dedicated expert clients who are openly living with HIV and are on ART who will provide support as well as encourage you during the process. Your testing site can help link you with the expert clients to help you cope and even assist with taking you to the ART clinic or department.



We would like to hear from you. Contact us for your feedback or question.

The sooner you start, the better, because ART has several benefits:

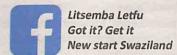
- Slows the process of HIV progression.
- · Reduces chances of getting sick from HIV.
- · Helps people living with HIV live to a near-normal life expectancy.
- Reduces the chances of transmitting HIV to children and sexual partners if you completely adhere to treatment because the virus is suppressed and cannot be transmitted
- Improves your health when you already feel healthy.
- Helps you learn ways to disclose your status to partners and spouses.
- Ensures that the community has people who are virally suppressed thus less transmission



6. Where can I start treatment?

Visit New Start or Litsemba Letfu Men's Clinic in Matsapha or you nearest health facility to access free health services such as HIV testing and counselling and HIV treatment





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Data from South Africa has shown that over two thirds of young womenare overweight and obese. This predisposes them to non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. Most women are not exercising enough, and consumption of processed and calorie-dense foods and high amounts of sugar is common.

It was this knowledge that sparked the establishment of the Health Life Trajectories Initiative. It's being run in South Africa, India, China and Canada and aims to provide interventions that can help young women stay healthy before, during and after pregnancy. In South Africa, this randomised controlled trial will provide one-on-one support as well as peer group sessions to over 6000 young women. The idea is provide them with information, and to help them set and maintain goals for healthier lifestyles.

Researchers from the Medical Research Council and Wits University's Developmental Pathways for Health Research Unit are running the South African arm of the study. We wanted to start by better understanding our target population – that is, young women aged between 18 and 24 living in Soweto. Soweto is a large, densely populated urban township which comprises one third of Johannesburg's population. Soweto is becoming rapidly urbanised, but the majority of people are still very poor and struggle to provide food for their families.

We conducted a series of focus group discussions and in depth interviews to unravel health behaviours, barriers and facilitators to wellbeing and health with young women from Soweto who had not yet had a child. We also asked them about what sorts of interventions they'd prefer to support and guide them.

The women offered important insights that

# Young women in Soweto say healthy living is hard



showed it's not enough to simply promote healthy eating and exercise without considering the very real environmental and structural constraints present in South Africa.

#### **Barriers to healthy choices**

The 29 participants spoke about many different facets of health. These included happiness and mental wellbeing, faith, social support, body image, and lifestyle behaviours.

They identified many barriers to healthy eat ing, among them the cost of and access to healthy food options. Some women also said they had little access to exercise facilities such as gyms and were afraid to exercise on the streets because they feared being assaulted or harassed. One woman said:

No. I don't feel safe because we have drug addicts, traffic, women trafficking: it's not safe for us to walk in the streets.

The women we interviewed painted a picture of an environment in which healthy behaviours are difficult to implement or sustain. One said: Small businesses that are opening up in my community and they all sell fries, literally they just all sell fries...

Women told us that cheap and unhealthy fast foods are on every street corner: "bunny chow" hollowed out bread stuffed with curry vetkoek (a fried dough bread stuffed with different fillings) and fried chips are affordable and available within a few steps of most houses. As a result, women did not want to go out of their way to purchase healthier, more expensive foods.

Our interviewees also didn't feel able to demand that healthier food be bought for their homes, because many were not contributing financially and were therefore not in a position to control food purchases. Women reported being financially dependant on relatives and male partners.

## **Exercise**

They also said that opportunities for physical activity were neither provided nor prioritised for women in Soweto. Some women said that a lack of facilities made it difficult for them to participate in any exercise, as they did not have access to gyms or fields to exercise.

Other women told us that there were gyms, sports grounds, parks, and even free aerobics

classes at community halls in their area. However these facilities often get vandalised quickly, and can no longer be used. More importantly, they didn't feel safe enough to exercise on the streets, perhaps by jogging or running. They also felt unsafe walking around in leggings or tights. Women were fearful of human trafficking, sexual assault, and violence - very real issues in this community.

Crucially, our research found that young women did not see obesity as a sufficient reason to change their behaviour. But they said they would be motivated to exercise and eat better if they were diagnosed with a non-communicable disease like diabetes.

This suggests that obesity has become normalised in South Africa - and this needs to be addressed.

#### **Policy interventions**

These findings are now being worked into our interventions, and we are cognisant of the contextual realities that may affect young women's ability to change their lifestyles. We hope that this research, along with whatever findings emerge from our interventions, will inform policy makers and motivate them to implement necessary changes in this community. Women in Soweto and in South Africa in general need support to live healthier lifestyles. This support needs to come from policy makers. If South Africa does not step up and support young women by providing them with access to safe spaces and affordable healthier foods, and by controlling the oversupply of unhealthy options, the country may not be able to curb its ever increasing rise in obesity and related noncommunicable diseases. The Conversation

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# SA Scene

# **Your Daily Mzansi News**

# RAMAPHOSA THE RIGHT PRESIDENT AT THE RIGHT TIME - CHINA

PRETORIA - Beijing's top envoy in South Africa, Ambassador Lin Songtian on Thursday praised South Africa's developmental ambitions, adding that with China's support, President Cyril Ramaphosa has the potential to save millions of South Africans from the grips of poverty and unemployment.

"We are happy now the [May 8 general] election is concluded. Sometimes Itell my friends that I am confident with the prosperity of this country...the economy and social development. South Africa is not a poor country, it has very unique strengths for development," Lin said while speaking to local and international journalists on the sidelines of asymposium hosted by the Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute in Pretoria.

"The number one challenge for President Ramaphosa is poverty, but the main mission for him is development for common prosperity. The first strength of South Africa is the resources...the mineral resources, agricultural resources, ocean resources and more importantly, the human resources. The human resource here in South Africa is one of the best in the world. You are not poor."

He said South Africa's massive human resource is a key ingredient for a nation to prosper. "The other strength is the location. You are the only country in the continent embraced by two oceans. You could be a production base for the continent and the world. We can produce here and export to the world. The



THE RIGHT MAN: South African President Cyril Ramaphosa.

third unique strength of South Africa is the foundation and condition for development. I travel around the country, your infrastructure is not poor. The highways system [in South Africa] is one of the best in the world. South Africa is one of the best in the world, especially in emerging markets." He, however, pointed out that South Africa's railway network "is old and too slow". He also remarked that South Africa's ports need modernisation.

The veteran diplomat expressed deep confidence in Ramaphosa's governance.

"I believe President Ramaphosa is the right president at the right time. He is the best choice for the people at this moment to lead this country to the right direction. We are very confident of that. We are ready to work together with this country, your country, and your people. Now the campaigning is over, remember President Ramaphosa is not a president of the ANC only. Now we are ready to join hands with him, his government and his people for win-win cooperation for development," said Lin.

Lin's media engagement was followed by a panel discussion attended by several diplomats, including Central African Republic's Ambassador to SADC (Southern African Development Community) countries and New Zealand, André Nzapayeke, and Rwanda's High Commissioner in South Africa, Vincent Karega. *African News Agency* 

# Zuma butts in on Reserve Bank debate after Ramaphosa's statement

PUMALANGA - Mpumalanga's Mabusabesala Secondary School allegedly has its own pedagogical Dirty Harry.

Teacher suspended for holding gun in

a classroom

The Mpumalanga department of education said in a statement yesterday that they had suspended a 26-year-old male teacher of Mabusabesala Secondary School in Weltevrede in the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality, who allegedly invigilated a Grade 11 mid-year examination with a gun hanging in his hand.

This incident happened on Monday while learners were writing the tourism paper.

"The department views this in serious light and has already instituted an investigation to understand the circumstances that led to this conduct," said spokesperson Jasper Zwane.

The department planned to send officials to the school next week to offer counselling to learners who may have been traumatised by

"Given the nature of this incident, the school has been directed to open a case with the police." The department would monitor the developments at the school closely. "This is an isolated incident and it may not be tolerated regardless of the circumstances. Those who are involved in the upbringing and moulding of children should always ensure that they set high moral standards."

Citizen

TOHANNESBURG - Former president Jacob Zuma took to Twitter on Thursday night to remind the ANC about its conference resolutions in relation with the debate in the South A frient Personal

surrounding the South African Reserve Bank.

Senior ANC leaders had been embroiled in a public spat following the party's lekgotla at the weekend.

ANC Secretary-General Ace Magashule had told journalists during a media briefing on Tuesday that the ANC had resolved that the central bank's mandate should be expanded beyond price stability, to also include growth and employment.

The ANC's Head of Economic Transformation, Enoch Godongwana, accused Magashule of misrepresenting the outcomes of the NEC lekgotla and said no resolution had been taken.

By Thursday afternoon, President Cyril Ramaphosa released a statement through the party's presidential office and said the mandate of the reserve bank remained unchanged.

Ramaphosa said it was the party's desire for the reserve bank to be publicly owned, but he said this would

not be happening immediately.

"We recognise that this will come at a cost, which given our current economic and fiscal situation, is simply not prudent," said Ramaphosa.

Magashule appeared to tweet his own statement from earlier in the week in protest, but this was soon deleted and labelled as a 'fake tweet'.

Added

The secretary-general then tweeted Ramaphosa's statement and added "all ANC members who love tweeting and expressing themselves are to adhere to this line of march".

About an hour after Magashule tweeted, Zuma followed and quashed at the notion of policy uncertainty.

"Is there policy uncertainty? Here is a reminder of one of the resolutions of the last ANC elective conference in Nasrec," Zuma tweeted, adding a picture of the party's resolution on the issue of the South African Reserve Bank.

On Twitter, some agreed with Zuma, but others questioned why Zuma had not acted on the resolution as it had only been reaffirmed at Nasrec.

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Family members of Daniel Bakwela leave the court after the appearance of the pupil who allegedly killed him

### I KILLED IN SELF-DEFENCE - FOREST HIGH PUPIL

OHANNESBURG - The 20-year-old pupil accused of stabbing his schoolmate to death has told the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court that he acted in self-defence.

Mohamed Mwela, a Forest High School pupil who allegedly stabbed and killed Daniel Bakwela, 16, and injured two other pupils, appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Mwela told the court during his bail application that he intended to plead not guilty on charges of murder and two counts of attempted murder.

Mwela, a Grade 11 pupil, speaking through his lawyer Mudi Mavhengeni, said he was alone and under attack when he stabbed Bakwela on Monday.

"I had come under physical attack by the members of Stouter Kinders gang as they are called. The deceased dropped the knife that he had in his hand after I had hit him with a stone. "I then picked up the said knife as I was surrounded by the members of the above-mentioned gang and stabbed one of these gang members as I tried to make a way so that I can run for my life," Mwela said in an affidavit read to court.

Mwela said the gang members chased him as he ran back to the school premises.

"Other members of this gang came from the front as I was running away and I stabbed the second member of this gang when he tried to hit me. Another member then jumped, trying to kick me as I was proceeding to run away and I then also stabbed him and then managed to get inside the school [yard]," he said.

He asked his bail application to be considered as a matter of urgency as he was still a pupil in the process of writing his Grade 11 examinations. On Tuesday, witnesses who spoke to Sowetan said the knife used had fallen from Bakwela during a scuffle. *Sowetan Live* 

# 'ANC's policy on Reserve Bank has not changed'

OHANNESBURG - President Cyril Ramaphosa has moved to the defence of Finance Minister Tito Mboweni and ANC Head of Economic Transformation Enoch Godongwana on the ANC's internal battles over the mandate for the SA Reserve Bank (SARB).

His move follows a public spat among party leaders after Secretary-General Ace Magashule announced this week that the ANC's national executive committee lekgotla had resolved to push for the expansion of the SARB's mandate.

Magashule said the lekgotla had agreed to expand the central bank's mandate beyond price stability to also include growth and employment, a claim disputed by Mboweni and Godongwana, who both said no such decision had been taken.

The two accused Magashule of recklessness and of worsening policy uncertainty through his remarks.

Following a meeting of the ANC's Top Six on Thursday, Ramaphosa said the officials had reiterated the ANC's policy positions on the inde-

pendence and role of the bank, as set out in the Constitution:

"The Constitutions sets the role of the Reserve Bank as protecting 'the value of the currency in the interest of balanced and sustainable economic growth'. It further states that this mandate must be exercised in regular consultation with government, through the Cabinet minister responsible for national financial matters. This policy has not changed," Ramaphosa said.

In 2017, the ANC resolved to nationalise the Reserve Bank, but reneged following political differences with its alliance partners.

Ramaphosa said nationalising the bank was not a priority, adding that the recent spat over the central bank risked undermining the confidence of South Africans and investors.

"It is our desire for the South African Reserve Bank to be publicly owned. However, we recognise that this will come at a cost, which, given our current economic and fiscal situation, is simply not prudent," he said.

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# Africa News

### **Continental News**

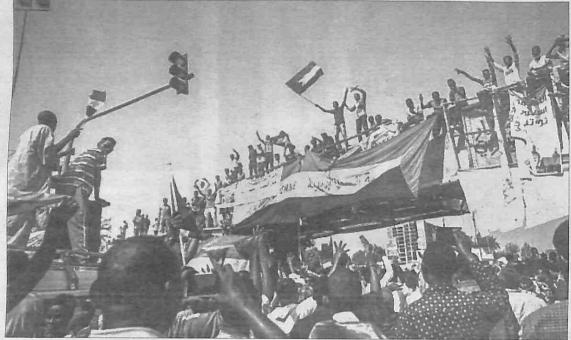
# FOREIGN STAFF LEAVE SUDAN AS FEAR GRIPS KHARTOUM

HARTOUM - The United Nations and the British embassy in Sudan are pulling their non-essential staff out of Sudan as many residents in the capital Khartoum and its twin city of Obdurman hide from the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), which evolved from the notorious Janjaweed militias.

These militias were involved in the Darfur genocide which started in 2003 and killed up to 400 000

Despite Sudan's suspension late on Thursday from the African Union (AU), and possible sanctions being levelled against some members of the Transitional Military Council (TMC), members of the RSF are continuing to roam the streets of the two cities in pick-up trucks mounted with machine guns and rocket launchers, the East African reported.

Meanwhile, non-essential staff from the UN and the British embassy are being pulled out of Sudan while the United States has warned its citizens to exercise "extreme caution" due to the uncertainty on the



A Sudanese health ministry official has asserted that the death toll had risen to 61, a figure the Central Committee for Sudanese Doctors refutes, saying the figure is at least 108 after 40 corpses were pulled from the Nile River – and warning that the figure could rise. Meanwhile, the courage of the defiant protesters has not been dented despite the brutal crackdown they have been subjected to.

As signs of life began to re-emerge on Thursday with limited public transport operating and a few cars on the road groups behind the organisation of the protests have called once again for an indefinite strike

and renewed civil disobedience. "The revolution continues and our people are victorious despite the terrorism and violence of the militias," the Sudanese Professionals Association, the group that initially launched the anti-Bashir campaign, posted on Twitter.

African News Agency

# Journalist beaten by cops, threatened with rape

OHANNESBURG - Nigerian authorities must investigate and hold accountable the police officers responsible for allegedly assaulting and threatening journalist Kofi Bartels, the Committee to Protect Journalists said yesterday.

Allegations are that on Wednesday a group of at least five police officers punched and kicked Bartels, a reporter with the privately owned Nigeria Info radio station. They beat him on the knees with pieces of wood, and arrested him for filming them, the journalist said in a Twitter post. He was taken to a police station, where Bartels alleged that a police officer told him he had "been giving them problems for a long time" with his reports on the police in Rivers state. He said the officer said he would be placed in a prison cell with an inmate who would rape him.

However, Bartels said the officers did not charge him with any crime, and instead released him about four hours after the incident began.

After he was released, Bartels said he went to a hospital where doctors examined his bruised knees and recommended he receive X-rays of his neck and spine, which he is scheduled to undergo tomorrow.

"The police officers involved in this horrific alleged assault against Kofi Bartels must be swiftly brought to justice," said Angela Quintal, CPJ's Africa programme coordinator, in Johannesburg. "The initial assault of a reporter documenting police behaviour, compounded by the brazen retaliation for past reporting, is a chilling example of a gravely consistent pattern of Nigerian security services' violence against journalists." African News Agency

# ZIM PLANS CORN TENDER, SIGNALLING **BIGGEST IMPORTS IN 3 YEARS**

ARARE - Zimbabwe's government plans to boost corn imports as adverse weather slashes the southern African nation's harvest.

The country's Grain Marketing Board will float an international tender to import 750 000 tons of the grain, Joseph Gondo, Chief Director of Zimbabwe's agriculture ministry, said by phone from Harare. Gondo declined to provide a timeframe for the tender, though he said the paperwork has been completed. That amount would mark Zimbabwe's largest corn

imports in a season in three years, according to US Department of Agriculture data.

It also comes amid surging global corn prices as relentless rains roil US grain plantings, signalling rising costs for importers.

Zimbabwe's corn crop is expected to plummet 54 per cent this year amid drought and after Cyclone Idai damaged crops in some provinces, according to the agriculture ministry. In March, a government official said the nation had seven months of grain reserves, including corn, and must begin

imports to offset a potential deficit. Neighbouring nations, including SA, have also seen harvests curbed by dryness. The bulk of the country's corn use is for human consumption, mainly from white corn. That signals that Mexico and the US may be among the suppliers in the tender, said Wandile Sihlobo, chief economist at South Africa's Agricultural Business Chamber.

South Africa may have some grain available, and Ukraine could be a supplier if the nation sources yellow corn, he said. FIN24

### US ambassador flees teargas at Malawi election protest

ILONGWE - The US ambassador to Malawi was on Thursday forced to hurriedly leave the main opposition party's headquarters as police fired teargas at protests outside over alleged election fraud, she told AFP.

Supporters of the opposition Malawi Congress Party (MCP) had gathered in the capital Lilongwe in an ongoing protest campaign after the May 21 presidential election, which their leader Lazarus Chakwera narrowly lost.

"It was my farewell call and I was saying thank you for the friendship and for the important role that he has done for Malawi over the four-and-a-half years I have been in Malawi," Ambassador Virginia Palmer

"Just as we finished the meeting, apparently rocks were thrown and the police responded with teargas. "There was teargas flying around, but my security people came and we proceeded out without inci-

MCP activists allege that Chakwera was robbed of victory in the election, which an official count showed he lost by just 159 000 votes. Chakwera has rejected the outcome as "daylight robbery" and launched a court battle to have the result annulled on the grounds of fraud.

The MCP has said there was correction fluid on many election results sheets while some from polling stations far apart bore the same handwriting.

"I just call on all parties in Malawi to exercise restraint and proceed peacefully while the MCP court case is going forward," Palmer, who is due to leave her Malawi posting shortly, said. AFP

#### BRIEFS

#### Mass distribution of antibiotics proves effective

NIGER - The mass administration of antibiotics to villages in Niger led to a reduction of a childhood mortality, without apparently creating resistance to antibiotics so feared by public health experts, according to a study published on Wednesday.

But the study doesn't provide a final answer to this question, because other research has showed a more mixed impact of such distribution. A team of researchers at the University of California San Francisco, UC Berkeley and the Carter Centre had a few years earlier carried out a first trial in Niger and some other African countries, called MORDOR 1, to confirm whether mass administration of the antibiotic azithromycin to children under five, twice a year, reduced overall mortality. AFP

#### Canadian aid workers kidnapped

ACCRA - The West African country is now on high alert for possible terror attacks and further kidnappings.

Ghanaian police are investigating the disappearance of two Canadian aid workers who were abducted from Kumai, Ghana's second city, 200 kilometres north-west of the capital Accra.

The two women aged 19 and 20, who volunteer with the Youth Challenge International, a Canadian international development organisation based in Toronto, were kidnapped on Tuesday - a rare occurrence in the West African country, the Guardian reported.

David Eklu, Assistant Commissioner of Police, said in a statement on Thursday.

African News Agency

### Egypt kills 14 suspected militants in raid AU suspends Sudan until civilian-led established

CAIRO - Egyptian security forces have killed 14 suspected militants during a raid carried out in the restive Sinai Peninsula in response to a deadly checkpoint attack, the authorities said. Wednesday's attack, claimed by the Islamic State group, left dead eight policemen southwest of El-Arish, capital of North Sinai, and five militants were killed in exchanges of fire that ensued. Some other suspected militants fled the scene before security forces tracked down and killed 14 of them in the raid, the interior ministry said in a statement. "Following the route of escaped elements responsible for the attack led to a group of terrorist elements in an abandoned hideout in an empty lot," the ministry said. AFP

ADDIS ABABA - The African Union (AU) suspended Sudan on Thursday, demanding a "civilian-led transitional authority" to resolve an entrenched and bloody crisis. Calls for the AU to take action had mounted after Monday's crackdown on protesters who had camped outside army headquarters in Khartoum. Sudanese authorities admitted dozens were killed when security forces stormed the lengthy sit-in. But an opposition-linked doctors' group said on Wednesday that 40 bodies had been pulled from the Nile, sending the death toll to at least 108. In handing down its suspension the Peace and Security Council, the AU's conflict-resolution body, said transferring power to a civilian-led authority was "the only way to allow the Sudan to exit the current crisis". *AFP* 

# Focus on Vorld News





MEETING: US President Donald Trump and Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar at Shannon Airport.

# IRELAND'S PRIME MINIS

RELAND - Ireland's Prime Minister, Leo Varadkar, met US President Donald Trump at an airport lounge on Wednesday, reportedly after rejecting Trump's wish for the two leaders to meet at his Irish golf course.

Varadkar met Trump at the VIP lounge at Shannon Airport in westem Ireland following the president's state visit to the UK.

The Irish Times reported in May, when the details of Trump's visit were being finalised, that Trump was pushing for the meeting to be held at his course in the town of Doonbeg.

It said Irish officials were "reluctant" to meet there and instead advocated another location.

The decision meant Trump was

unable to attract as much media attention to his stay at Doonbeg, with reporters keen to see him meet Varadkar.

Citing a White House source, The Irish Times said Trump had considered visiting Scotland instead of Ireland.

Trump is staying at the golf course, which he bought in 2014, during his two-day visit. Trump visited Normandy, France, for D-Day commemoration events on Thursday, but he returned to Doonbeg on Thursday night.

Trump was asked by a reporter on Wednesday if the purpose of visiting Ireland was to promote his golf course, which, according to an Irish Times report last year, has never made a profit.

"I really wanted to do this stop in Ireland," Trump said. "It was very important to me because of the relationship I have with the people and with your prime min-

Varadkar and Trump have met before, including last year in Washington, DC, for St. Patrick's

During his Wednesday meeting with Varadkar, Trump compared Ireland's desire to avoid border infrastructure between Ireland and Northern Ireland when the UK leaves the European Union to his desire to build a border wall between the US and Mexico.

"It will all work out very well, and also for you with your wall, your border," he said at a joint press conference with Varadkar. "I mean, we have a border situation in the United States, and you have one over here.

But I hear it's going to work out very well."

Varadkar said that the "main thing" Ireland wants to avoid is a border between the two countries.

He later told reporters that he did not expect Trump to have a deep understanding of the issue.

"He's the president of America, and there are nearly 200 countries in the world, so I don't think it's possible for him to have an indepth understanding of issues in every single country, which is why this engagement is important," Varadkar said.

**Business Insider** 

#### ONDON - Theresa May officially stepped down as the leader of the Conservative Party yesterday, but will remain as prime minister until her successor is chosen. May announced her resignation two weeks

ago, saying it was a matter of deep regret that she had been unable to deliver Brexit.

Theresa May

officially steps down as Tory leader

Eleven Conservative MPs are vying to replace her as party leader and ultimately, prime min-

Nominations open from 10:00 BST on Monday and close at 17:00 BST that day.

May remains acting leader while the contest takes place. The UK was originally meant to leave the European Union on 29 March. That was then pushed back to 12 April and eventually 31 October after May failed to get MPs to approve her deal. She announced her resignation, saying she had done everything she could to try to persuade MPs to support the withdrawal deal which she had negotiated with the European Union but it was now time for a new prime minister to try to deliver Brexit.

Leadership candidates need eight MPs to back them. MPs will then vote for their preferred candidates in a series of secret ballots held on 13, 18, 19 and 20 June. Charles Walker of the Conservative backbench 1922 committee, which sets the rules, said on Thursday: "We are aiming to have two people by Thursday 20 June."

The final two will be put to a vote of members of the wider Conservative Party, with a winner expected to be announced in the week of 22 July.

While the contest does not officially start until May steps down, candidates have already been jostling for position.

How the next prime minister gets a Brexit deal through Parliament and whether they would countenance a no-deal exit has been the dominant question of the campaign so far. BBC



STEPS DOWN: Theresa May.

# Russia prepared to drop START nuclear arms treaty - Putin

OSCOW - President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday Russia was prepared to drop a nuclear weapons treaty with the US and warned of "global catastrophe" if Washington keeps dismantling an international arms control regime.

Speaking to heads of international news agencies at an economic forum in the city of Saint Petersburg, Putin said Washington showed no genuine interest in conducting talks

Biden support for abortion limits

WASHINGTON - Presidential Democratic

frontrunner Joe Biden came under spirited attack

from White House rivals on Wednesday after

his campaign confirmed that he supports a ban

on federal funding for abortions that many in his

party want overturned. The pile-on within hours

by at least 11 of the candidates in the 2020 race

for the party's nomination was the clearest collective

push-back against the popular former vice president

since he entered the race in April. It highlighted

the fault lines in a sensitive debate of the hot-

button abortion issue in the run up to next year's

elections between a Democratic nominee and

President Donald Trump. Reuters

on extending the New START treaty which caps the number of nuclear warheads well below Cold War limits.

"If no-one feels like extending the agreement - New START well, we won't do it then," Putin said.

"We have said a hundred times that we are ready (to extend it)," Putin said. "There is no formal negotiating process."

The treaty was signed by US

President Barack Obama and Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev in Prague in 2010

It expires in 2021.

Together with another agreement known as the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty, New START is considered a centrepiece of superpower arms control.

Moscow suspended participation in the INF treaty in March after President Donald Trump's White House announced it would ditch

the key agreement for alleged Russian violations of the terms.

Putin accused Washington of eroding the global arms control regime by pulling out of the bilateral Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in 2002 and then dropping out of the INF treaty in February.

Putin said the potential implications of letting New START treaty expire would be huge, suggesting it could fuel a nuclear arms race.

#### BRIEFS

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#### Incompetent climbers drive Everest death toll 'Trump Baby' blimp takes flight in Ireland

**DUBLIN** - Protesters in Dublin on Thursday hoisted the 'Trump Baby' inflatable blimp that has become a staple of rallies against the US president, who was due to spend his second night in a row at a golf hotel he owns in Ireland. The six-metre high blimp, which depicts Donald Trump as a snarling, diaper-wearing orange baby, was a rallying point for thousands of anti-Trump protesters who packed central London on Tuesday and tens of thousands who protested in the city against a trip last year. Organisers said they expected at least 1 500 to attend a rally in Dublin later on Thursday, a day after Trump's sons Eric and Donald Jr. received a rapturous reception from locals in the town that adjoins Trump's golf course.

#### Police seize 1.6 tons of drug

SYDNEY - Police in Australia say they have seized almost 1.6 tons of illicit methylamphetamine hidden in stereo speakers shipped from Thailand, in the biggest ever onshore seizure of the drug commonly known as 'ice'. The Australian Border Force (ABF) said in a statement yesterday that the drugs were detected in vacuum-sealed packages lodged inside the speakers after the arrival of the shipment in Melbourne from Bangkok. In total, 1.596 tons of methylamphetamine and 37kg of heroin were detected, the ABF statement said. The seized quantity amounted to almost 16 million drug deals, with an estimated street value of \$837m, it added. Aljazeera



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Sindi Mimi Shongwe (nee Gumbi)



Funeral: 08/06/2019 Vigil:07/06/2019 Place: Sithobelweni

Relatives & Friends of Sindi Mimi Shongwe (nee Gumbi) daughter of the late Thomas Velamuva Gumbi are notified of her sudden demise. Memorial service at Mayaluka hall (Bigbend) at 10:00am 07/06/19. Funeral at Sithobelweni (eMabheleni) on 08/06/19 after a night vigil. Rest in eternal peace somkhanda. Announcement by her Husband Raphael Shongwe on behalf of family.

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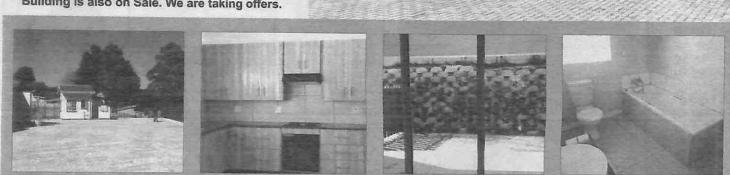


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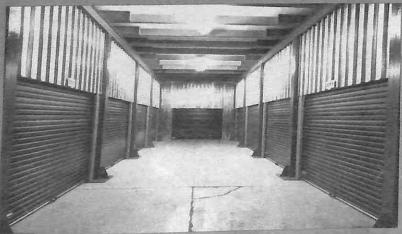
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# Barty, Vondrousova to meet in Roland Garros final

ARIS - Ashleigh Barty and Marketa Vondrousova setup a Roland Garros final showdown yesterday, shrugging off a sexism row which had seen their semi-finals shifted away from the tournament's showpiece court.

Barty reached her first final at the majors, coming back from a set and 0-3 down to defeat 17-year-old Amanda Anisimova 6-7 (4/7), 6-3, 6-3 in a rollercoaster semi-final.

Czech teenager Marketa Vondrousova also made sure of her place in a maiden final at the Slams by edging out Britain's Johanna Konta 7-5, 7-6 (7/2).

Vondrousova is the first teenager in a Paris final since Ana Ivanovic in 2007. Eighth seed Barty, 23, is the first Australian in a French Open final since Samantha Stosur finished runner-up in 2010.

"That was amazing, both good and bad," said Barty who will rise to the top three in the rankings next

"It was the hardest thing that I ever had to do.

"I am really proud of the way I fought, especially in the conditions which were cold and windy.

"Now I can't wait for the final, it's incredible."

Both semi-finals got underway after accusations of sexism were made against French Open organisers who had decided to shift the matches away from the showpiece Court Philippe Chatrier.

The main arena had already been scheduled to stage the men's semifinals between Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic against Dominic Thiem.

The WTA said the decision, taken after Wednesday's play was washed out and prompted by fears of more rain yesterday, was "unfair and inappropriate"

Former world number one Amelie Mauresmo of France said it was a "disgrace"

Barty, 23, raced into a 4-0 lead with successive breaks as Anisimova, plagued with nerves, managed just one point.

The 17-year-old saved two set points in the sixth game to finally get on the board and retrieved a break for 2-5.

She broke twice again for 6-5 but faltered when she served for the set before securing the tiebreak.

Anisimova then led 3-0 in the second set, with Barty failing to win a point. However, in a perfect capsule of the unpredictable semi-final, played out in front of a half-full Court Suzanne Lenglen, Barty claimed the next six games to level the tie. The Australian, who once famously took a break from tennis to pursue a cricket career, even recovered from a break at 1-2 down in the decider.

She eventually held her nerve as Anisimova, bidding to become the youngest finalist in Paris since Martina Hingis in 1997, fell apart despite gamely saving five match points. Over on a damp and windy Court Simonne Mathieu, world number 38 Vondrousova battled past 26th seed Konta who was bidding to become Britain's first female French Open finalist since Sue Barker won the 1976 title.

Konta looked the stronger player for large periods of the match but a staggering 41 unforced errors proved costly.

The match was played in an atmosphere more associated with firstround ties rather than semi-finals in front of a smattering of spectators on the 5 000-capacity arena.



## ...as she fends off plucky teenager Amanda Anisimova in three sets

ARIS - Australian Ashleigh Barty weathered the fierce challenge of Amanda Anisimova to end the 17-year-old's barnstorming run at the French Open and reach the final with a rollercoaster 6-7(4) 6-3 6-3 victory yesterday.

The eighth-seeded Barty, the first Australian woman to play a final here since Sam Stosur in 2010, will take on Czech teenager Marketa Vondrousova

Anisimova, who had knocked out defending champion Simona Halep in the previous round, rallied from 5-0 down to take the opening set and open a 3-0 lead in the second, only for the momentum to shift again in favour of Barty.

Anisimova, the first player born in the 2000s to reach the last eight or semifinals at a Grand Slam, put up a great fight to save five match points but Barty sealed the win on her sixth in light driz-

"I fought my hardest, it's just incred-

ible," said Barty, who will be looking to become the first Australian woman to hoist the Suzanne Lenglen Cup since Margaret Court in 1973.

"I went away from what was working but I am proud of the way I fought and found a way back into that match. It was cold, windy, very tough for the both of us. It's incredible, it's an amazing journey that I've been on. I can't wait to see what happens."

Barty took full advantage of Anisimova's early jitters on a chilly, windswept Court Suzanne Lenglen, allowing her opponent only one of the first 18 points.

It was a sobering moment for the teenager, who looked nothing like the fearless player who had beaten Halep on Thursday. But the American sprung into life at 5-0, saving two set points to bag her first game. She went on to steal Barty's serve as her game finally clicked.

Until then, Barty had been unchallenged on a windswept Court Suzanne Lenglen, spraying the court with winners down the line and cunning drop

Having found her range and her speed, Anisimova rallied back and snatched the extra break to serve for the set at 6-5, only for Barty to force a tiebreak when the American buried a backhand into the net.

The tiebreak was also a see-saw contest, Barty moving 4-2 up before Anisimova scored five points in a row to take the set with a forehand winner down the

She then raced to a 3-0 lead in the second without conceding a point.

But the momentum shifted, again, with Barty taking six games on the spin to level the tie.

Barty's crafty game prevailed in the decider as she went 5-2 up. Anisimova, who will break into the top 30 when the WTA rankings are released on Monday, piled on some more pressure on Barty as she kept saving the match points.

But the Australian kept her focus to book her place in today's finale.

Daily Mail

# Spain ready to climb their World Cup Everest, says coach Vilda



if they are to escape the hardest group of the Women's World Cup, according to their coach Jorge Vilda.

A tough draw has placed Spain in Group B with Germany, China and South Africa, with the latter their first opponents in Le Havre today.

Germany, the reigning Olympic champions, are one of the favourites to lift the trophy in France, despite their coach Martina Voss-Tecklenburg only taking over in November.

ARIS - Spain will have Meanwhile, South Africa and over 8 000 metres. to climb the equiva-lent of Mount Everest whisker of winning the Africa of our group but South Africa Women's Cup of Nations and Asian Games, respectively, last year. South Africa lost on penalties to Nigeria in the final while China were denied only by a last-minute goal from Japan.

> "I think we've been handed the hardest group of the tournament, and by far," Vilda said, in an interview with AFP.

> "If I compared it to a mountain, it would be like climbing three summits, all of them

and China are also playing at an extremely high level and it will be difficult to beat them. "South Africa have so much speed going forward but they're also solid and disciplined. Germany is one of the favourites for the title and we have never managed to beat them. And then there is China, who have a fantastic team as well." Spain enjoyed a perfect qualification campaign, winning all eight of their matches while conceding only

two goals, but their difficult draw might not end in the groups, with the United States a potential foe in the last 16. They have also never reached the knock-out stage of a World Cup but success at youth levels has created a sense of optimism this summer, helped by some impressive results in friendlies.

In November, they held Germany to a goalless draw in Erfurt before narrowly losing to the United States and beating the Netherlands, Switzerland, Brazil and Cameroon. Sport 24

# PSL PLAYERS NEEDING CAREER-SAVING MOVES

OHANNESBURG - It's just a few weeks before clubs open for pre-season and there are a number of players who will be looking to make moves to resurrect their regressing careers.

KickOff.com takes a look at players who need career saving moves.

# ARBUBAKER MOBARA (ORLANDO

Since making a move from Ajax Cape Town to Pirates, Mobara has not made much progress. In the past season, he could not break into the team regularly. The 25-year-old, who made only eight appearances, has previously been linked with a move to Cape Town City, but salary demands have been an issue. He could be on the look-out for a new club where he will get game time.

#### TEREMY BROCKIE (MAMELODI SUNDOWNS)

He joined Sundowns in Janury 2018, but it has not proven to be a good stay so far for the former SuperSport United forward. Brockie has struggled for form and regular game time. He's been linked with a move to Kaizer Chiefs in recent

#### CEORGE LEBESE (MAMELODI SUNDOWNS)

Lebese will report for pre-season training at Sundowns, but is not likely to get the warmest of receptions after opening up to the media about his time at Chloorkop. He is unlikely to get a chance to even sit on the bench, so he'll have his fingers crossed that a move back to SuperSport materialises.

#### BANTU MZWAKALI (BIDVEST WITS)

The 25-year-old former Ajax Cape Town midfielder joined the Clever Boys from Chippa United, but has watched many of his side's matches from the stands. He made just four appearances for Gavin Hunt's side and chances of him breaking into the first team next season are slim. Wits are likely to go



into the market to bolster their squad to challenge for the title, and midfield will be one of the key areas.

#### LORENZO GORDINHO (KAIZER CHIEFS)

The central defender returned from a loan spell with Bloemfontein Celtic, where he played regularly. But when he returned to Chiefs in January, things did not go so well for him. With Chiefs likely to go into the market again to sign players, Gordinho may just not be in the plans of head coach Ernst Middendorp, so another move could help him get more time on the pitch.

# JUSTICE CHABALALA (ORLANDO

The central defender is said to have an option in his contract with the Buccaneers, but chances are they are not going to take it.

It would not be such a bad thing if they do not exercise the option, because the 27-year-old's career has gone backwards in the last two campaigns.

#### MESHACK MAPHANGULE (ORLANDO PIRATES)

Competition in central midfield is far too much at Pirates and the arrival of Fortune Makaringe from Maritzburg United is going to make it even harder. The former Black Leopards, who is a promising midfielder with good vision, is linked with a move to Chippa United, where he has a better chance of playing and getting his career back on track.

#### MOGAKOLODI NGELE (MAMELODI SUNDOWNS)

A season was wasted for Ngele, who did not play a single competitive game. He is desperate for a move and talk is that Wits and SuperSport are willing to save him from the misery he has gone through.

#### NYIKO MOBBIE (FREE STATE STARS)

He is one of the most promising rightbacks in the country and going down to the National First Division with Ea Lla Koto will not be good for his career.

# South African



### Mhango, Flames have point to prove

OHANNESBURG - Malawi midfielder Gabadinho Mhango has been praying for an opportunity to play against South Africa for years and later today will battle for the COSAFA Cup plate final at Moses Mabhida Stadium.

Mhango has been playing in South Africa for seven years and today will be the first time he comes up against any South African national team.

The Bidvest Wits attacker says it is an opportunity for him to prove to those who have been undermining Malawi that as a country they can deliver good football.

"As players and country we are happy to play in the plate final, but our man ambition before this tournament was to be in the main final.

After training we told ourselves that we want to show South Africans that we are a strong team," he said.

"Personally it's a great feeling because I've been looking forward to playing against them. Whenever we talk with them they always say Malawi is not good enough and never qualify for anything. This is the time to prove that we are a good team."

Mhango has been enjoying the COSAFA Cup and has scored three goals, which gives him a chance to finish as top scorer and also three short of becoming the all-time leading scorer in the competition.

"With my teammates, anything is possible," he added. "I will just have to work hard and maybe I will get those two goals."

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# Eric Tinkler agrees new deal in principle

OHANNESBURG-A new contract has been agreed to in principle for Eric Tinkler to continue coaching at Maritzburg United, after he saved the club from relegation this past sea-

Having joined the Team of Choice in January on a shortterm deal as the club was struggling at the bottom of the log, the former Orlando Pirates, Cape Town City, SuperSport United and Chippa United coach guided the KwaZulu-Natal outfit to safety in Mzansi's top flight, following the team's impressive run in the promotion/relegation play-offs.

With the Pietermaritzburg club having already showed their intentions of wanting to keep Tinkler at the helm for



a longer stay, indications are that a new two-year contract

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has been agreed to in principle between the parties.

"Eric Tinkler is set to sign a two-year contract with an option to renew at Maritzburg. It's likely to be finalised in the coming days," said the source.

Maritzburg won all four of their matches during the playoffs as Tinkler ensured that the club kept its top-flight status with a 100 per cent winning record. Soccer Laduma

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# FITTEST TEAM WILL WIN AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS **NIGERIA COACH**

AIRO - Nigeria coach Gernot Rohr said he expects that after 'a demanding season in Europe, plus the heat in Egypt, will mean the fittest team will be crowned African

The Africa Cup of Nations will be played from June 21 to July 19 in Egypt. "We have to work hard," Franco-

German coach Rohr said at his team's training camp in the southern Nigerian town of Asaba. "We have to be fit because only the fittest team have the chance to win the Nations Cup.'

#### Staging

Three-time champions Nigeria are staging a return to the Africa Cup of Nations after they failed to qualify for the last tournaments.

"It will be very hot and there will be more games (with the expanded format of the tournament) to be played after a tough, long season for many of the players," he added. "And so we have to be fit, we want to be ready."

Nigeria are drawn in Group D, along debutants Burundi and Madagascar as well as Guinea.



Rohr, who qualified the Super Eagles to the 2018 World Cup in Russia, also admitted he will be faced with selection headaches, as he has to drop two players from the provisional squad of 25 players at the weekend.

"Everybody wants to be in Egypt and, at the same time, we have to drop two players," he said.

"It will be difficult for me and my staff to choose the final 23, because everybody is doing so well."

The coach has downplayed the injury of Leon Balogun, saying the Brighton and Hove Albion defender is only suffering from foot blisters, and that was why he has trained apart from the main squad. Sport24

# Nadal beats Federer to reach 12th French Open final

ARIS - Defending champion Rafael Nadal powered past Roger Federer in the French Open semi-finals yesterday, claiming his first win over his old rival in five years to move within one victory of a record-extending 12th Roland Garros title.

#### Produced

The 33-year-old produced a masterful performance to get past Federer 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 in the last four on Court Philippe Chatrier and set up a final clash with either world number one Novak Djokovic or Austrian fourth seed Dominic Thiem on Sunday. It will be Nadal's 12th appearance in the championship match, which he has never lost before.

Results from the 13th day of the French Openyesterday (x denotes seeding):

#### Men Semi-finals

Rafael Nadal (ESP x2) bt Roger Federer (SUI x3) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 Women

#### Semi-finals

Ashleigh Barty (AUS x8) bt Amanda Anisimova (USA) 6-7 (4/7), 6-3, 6-3 Marketa Vondrousova (CZE) bt Johanna Konta (GBR x26) 7-5, 7-6 (7/2). AFP

# Banyana coach Ellis says team ready for today

EHAVRE - Banyana Banyana coach Desiree Ellis says the Itime has come for the team to shine ahead of their Women's World Cup opener against Spain at the Stade Oceane, Le Havre, France, today (start

Ellis says it's been two years of hard work to reach this point and now it's time to perform.

"Let's not talk about the last friendly match (the 7-2 defeat to Norway). We sat down afterwards and had a look at where we went wrong and now we're moving forward.

"We have a plan, and during training, we make sure the players understand that.

"We are analysing Spain and they're doing the same. They had their people at the Norway match, but we're better than what we showed in that match. Yes it's our first World Cup and it's a difficult group. If each person understands their roles, we can get off to a good start.

"I'm excited about the team and the players. It's their time to shine on the big stage. "The whole of South Africa will be watching, the President (of SA) will be watching because that's how loved this team is.

"It's upon us now and we have to deliver although it might be a couple of levels up from Afcon. It's going to take a huge effort to start the World Cup well. "When the World Cup is over, we want people to remember South Africa." (ANA)

# Ahmad released from French custody

ARIS - CAF President Ahmad Ahmad has been released from custody and has received support from FIFA boss Gianni Infantino.

Ahmad made headlines on Thursday after he was apprehended in a luxury hotel in Paris, France on the eve of the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup, which is set to get underway this evening.

The 59-year-old was taken in by the Central Office in the fight against corruption and financial and fiscal offences (OCLIF), reportedly over allegations of corruption said to have been opened up by former CAF general secretary Ahmed Fahmy. But the FIFA vice-president was released on Tuesday and has been reprieved of charges, while further reports suggest he will depart France today after retaining his passport.

In the mean time, Infantino, who was re-elected as the head of world football on Tuesday for another term, has voiced his support for the Madagascan as well as 'Africa', but assured he will not tolerate corruption in football.

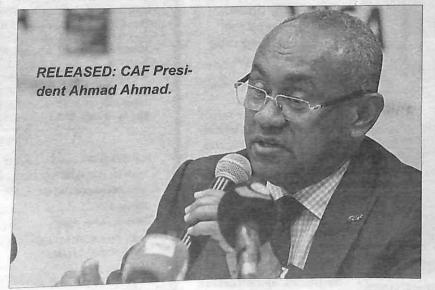
"He (Ahmad) was brought to be interrogated. We have to wait for the outcome." Infantino was quoted by Associated Press on Thursday evening.

"Of course, I said it yesterday (Wednesday) very clearly we have cleaned up FIFA. This was the first step. We need to lead by example. "If other steps are needed, we will know it when we have more information, which we don't have yet. And we hope, of course, that everything will be fine.

"If anyone thinks he can enrich himself with illicit illegal activities around football, he has no place in football.

"This is very, very clear and we will be there for Africa, as we are there for all other continents, and we will make sure that we can help in a very efficient way."

During his address at the FIFA Congress held in the French capital on Tuesday, Infantino touched on the recent ongoings within CAF but called on the continent to stick together. Sport24



# Coetzee ruled out of AFCON camp after going AWOL

OHANNESBURG- Bafana Bafana defender Rivaldo Coetzee was given permission to be excused from camp but has not communicated with coach Stuart Baxter for a number of days since. Coetzee's mother is said to be critically ill in the Northern Cape and he was initially given permission to go and be along her side. However, the Mamelodi Sundowns star has since not communicated with coach Stuart Baxter and his technical team and it seems he will now miss out on the Africa Cup of Nations tournament.

Bafana reported for the training camp on Sunday although the 22year-old was not a part of the group.

As such, Baxter has revealed he is sympathetic to Coetzee's plight though it is unlikely he will make his final 30-man squad for the

He said: "I've got to be a bit careful... Look, Rivaldo called me the day we were assembling [Sunday] and said that his mother was critically ill and he didn't think that she would make it through the

"He then asked for permission to go [home], and I said, 'Of course you can go.' I said, 'But you're going to miss training. How much have you done in

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Coetzee.

the last three weeks [since the season ended]?' "He says, OUT: Bafana

'Nothing.' I Bafana say. "Okay, that's going defender to be a chal- Rivaldo

lenge. So, we gave him permission to go to his mother and we've heard nothing for three days. We've tried to get in touch with him but we've heard nothing.

"And now, all we can tell you is that he's in the Northern Cape somewhere. So, he's basically unselectable. When I say, I've got to be careful, that's why I say it. Because if his mother is critically ill then I

don't want to make it

sound like I ' m throwing him under the bus." Sport24

# THE INSIGHT OF LOCAL GYÇLING

By Mbusi Motsa

ongratulations to David Maree, Nolan Hoffman and Asher Biggs for winning the 11th edition of the United Holdings Mafutseni race.

This trio was able to beat last year's record set by Ryan Terry by five minutes.

Well done to the female champs Sandra Haywood, Dinize Wilsch and Sebenele Magongo, respectively.

Morgan Rudd won prize for being the first Liswati to cross the finish line.

The 60km race was fast and equally exciting and won by Ncamiso Kunene from Dig Deep, Nzuzo Sibandze, Newcomm Wheels new product and Muntu Mnisi of UEDF.

On the fairer sex, Shirley Motsa and Shirley Saulos claimed the podium.

It is so sad that we are lacking on the young female development riders.

We have to work hard to address this setback. We hope that the empowerment of Mandisa Matsebula with coaching skills is the right formula to change this scenario.

Coming back to the issue of the visiting teams, they really brought competition to our race and showed the local cyclists that they still have some work to do.

I must say that one top cyclist has offered to

It is final that the next Mafutseni race will be a three-day event and we are looking to grow international participation.

Words are not enough to thank Dups and United Holdings for their commitment to this race which has grown immensely since inception

We had a bad experience where one of our riders was hit by a car from behind and thanks

This makes me wonder why a driver will not slow down when he sees that the road is littered with cyclists.

I just hope the law deals with this irresponsible driver and make him an example for the others.

We would like to thank the Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati for attending the event.

It was very humbling seeing the minister attending an event despite his busy portfolio.

This kind of support from committed officials like Vilakati can take local sports and tourism to the next level.

Today is the legendary Imvelo MTB race which has proved to be very elusive to the Swazi cyclist at the Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary.

I just hope that this year it will be championed by a local in order to emulate the defending champion Christo Caleston from South Africa.

The likes of Muzi Shabangu, Lungelo Mlangeni and my veterans Thulani Gule and William Kelly have what it takes to stand their ground and claim the podium.

We thank Nedbank and other sponsors who continue to fund this popular and oldest race I know in the kingdom.

The organisers should consider looking into the pricing of this event as it is becoming unaf-



SPEECH: Minister of Tourism and **Environmental Affairs Moses** Vilakati delivering his speech.



REMARKS: Eswatini Cycling Association President Sihlangu Nhlabatsi making his remarks.



HAD SOMETHING TO SAY: Eswatini National Sport and Recreation Council Business Development Manager Zama Tsabedze was also present on the day.



ON THE LEAD: Liqoqo Chairman Paul Dlamini and Eswatini Cycling Association President Sihlangu Nhlabatsi leading riders during the United Holdings Mafutseni Classic 130km race.



ME TOO: 60km males winners displaying their prizes.



WINNER:

champion

Hoffman

from South

crossing the

finish line.

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Nolan

Africa

THEY SHALL GROW: Junior categories winners displaying their prizes.

Wheels rider Shirley Motsa and

her son Busasizwe who was the youngest rider on the day.



CHAMPIONS: Umbelebele FC players pose with their E22 050 replica cheque after they were crowned Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League champions during the prize presentation held at Swazi Trac premises in Matsapha on Thursday evening. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)



FULL HOUSE: Some of the team representatives following proceedings during the presentation.



BACK AGAIN: Swazi Trac General Manager lan Boyd making his remarks during the event.



SWAZI TRAC PROMISES
TO INCREASE SUPER
LEAGUE PACKAGE

Stories by Jongile Xuba

OCCER - Swazi Trac has pledged to increase the Super Legue sponsorship package for season with a proposed five per cent increment on the current package of E77 000.

The news of the sponsorship increase was announced by Swazi Trac General Manager Ian Boyd during the Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League prize presentation ceremony held at Swazi Trac premises in Matsapha on Thursday evening. Boyd said they were happy to have com-

pleted another successful season of what had been 11 successful years sponsoring the Super League.

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"I am happy to announce that we will be backing the Super League competition next season and plan to increase it by five per cent. This is due to all the good we see coming out of our 11-year partnership with football," he said.

Eswatini Football Association (EFA) First Vice President Dr. Comfort Shongwe thanked the company for making a valuable contribution to the improvement of

football at regional and national level through the sponsorship. "We have seen a lot of teams from the Super League graduating to the Premier League like Pigg's Peak Black Swallows who won the Swazi Track last year and recently gained promotion. This shows that Swazi Trac is a football stakeholder ensuring that the sport grows," he said. The vice president ended his remarks by encouraging all the teams and the nation to support Swazi Trac and look into farming as a means to sustain themselves apart from jobs.

# .. Umbelebele Crowned Hhohho Super League Champions

The league's newcomers Sigodlo FC

were also awarded for being the most

OCCER - Umbelebele FC were officially crowned the champions of the Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League.

The Msunduza based outfit bagged themselves a cool E22 050, including a trophy and gold medals during the ceremony after they beat Manchester United in the play-offs to gain promotion.

The runners-up were Manchester United who got E8 400 silver medals whilst Horo Spinners finished in third place, getting E4 200 and bronze medals.

disciplined team, much to the delight of their Managing Director Samuel Ndzimandze. Individual awards were also given out on the evening with Best Player of the Series going to Umbelebele goal keeper Nkululeko Mpila. Top Goal scorer

Mfana Ngwenya who netted 19 goals. Coach of the season was won by Umbelebele's Mhlonishwa Dlamini after

award went to Horo Spinners attacker

he led his side to promotion to the National First Division.

Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) Chairman Nigel Shongwe applauded the winners, urging them to continue improving, adding he did not want to see Umbelebele back in the Super League. "We see a yearly improvement in the teams we have in the Super League and congratulations to all the winners. I hope we won't see the champions in a relegation battle next season and we wish them all the best," he said.

LIGHT MOMENT: HRFA Chairman Nigel Shongwe, EFA Vice President Dr. Comfort Shongwe, Manchester United representative Sithembiso Magagula and Swazi Trac Director William Stein share a light moment during the presentation.

(R) GOLDEN BOOT: Horo Spinners striker Mfana Ngwenya took home the top goal scorer award after he scored 19 goals.





CHAMPIONS INDEED: Freestyle FC players pose with their trophy during the Mandla Mahewu League grand closing at Msunduza Sports Ground on Saturday. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)



BIG TROPHY: Corporation All Stars captain Banele Diamini receiving the trophy from Mandla Mahewu's Lucky Simelane, who is flanked by Mbabane West MP Musa Zwane and HRFA Secretary Nkosingiphile Shongwe.

# NDLA MAHEWU LEAGUE GRAND CLOSING





HARD LUCK: Interstars FC players pose for a group photo with their silver medals after the match, which they lost 2-1 to Corporation FC.



YOUNG LEADER: Mbabane West MP Musa Zwane, Mbabane League Chairman Sifiso Jele, HRFA Vice Secretary Ntokozo Tsela, Mandla Mahewu's Chief Marketing Officer Paula Maquez, Freestyle FC captain Xolani Zwane, Lucky Simelane and HRFA Executive Secretary



DISKI DANCE: Former Manzini Wanderers player Thami 'Cheeseboy' Mofokeng also got a gold medal.



JOY: Zwane in a very happy mood.

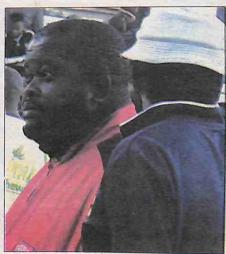


READY FOR Corporation FC pose for a

group photo.

### RIGHT -SHOCKED: Interstars FC Makhanya

coach Bongani seemed not to believe as his team trailed 1-0 to Corporation.





DRAMA as Aussies dominate West Indies

Australia's rich form helped them register their second consecutive win against West Indies in the ICC Cricket World

They dominated their opponents by 15 runs in 50 overs, proving once again their goal is winning the tournament.

Even though West Indies took a loss, their young players showed heart as they made a few mistakes and reduced the defending champions to 38-4 and 79-5, which cannot be said about their more experienced players, who should know that if you don't learn from your past mistakes, you don't improve.

West Indies started off with domination recording five wickets off the bat but became sloppy and relaxed in the middle innings, forgetting that Australia was the more formidable side.

I must say, the West Indies bowlers brought their A game, showed off some skills and started off very aggressive, a strategy that worked in their previous game against Pakistan.

#### Tossed

Sheldon Cottrell in the field also did not go unnoticed when he took a brilliant catch. His energy, the control, speed and the smarts he showed when he took a step and tossed the ball back in was just a thing of wonder, just fantastic.

His brilliancy made up for the poor calls by the umpires, who just kept making errors and getting a rise out of the fans who kept booing them.

Four errors overturned, too ordinary for a world class tournament I must say. On the up side, Australia hung in there and were able to fight back to get back in the game with the partnership of Alex Carey and Steve Smith, not to mention the allround good showing displayed by the

Mitchell Starc's 5-46 was just what the doctor had ordered for Australia to restrict the Windies.

Australia are the second team to recond two wins with the first being New Zealand and next face the formidable India in what will be an intense showing.

The Windies will go head to head with South Africa on Monday, where the Proteas will have to dig deep to get themselves out of the danger zone.

# 'SWAZI BOLT' LEADS EAA RANKINGS

#### **By Jongile Kuba**

THLETICS - Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa who leads the latest Eswatini Athletics Association rankings, is a favourite to make the Eswatini National team that will take part in the International Association of Athletics Federations

(IAAF) Qatar World Championships scheduled for October this year.

The rankings were released by Eswatini Athletics Association (EAA) Secretary General Thoba Mazibuko, who said they were looking to send two athletes to the upcom-

ing international athletics event. These will be the two best ranked athletes after the final points have

been tallied at the end of September. "We will be ranking all the athletes each month until the world championships. The highest ranked

athletes will stand a good chance of being chosen to represent the country," he said.

The Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) athlete Matsenjwa is still the highest ranked athlete in the country with 1092 points leading the charge to make the Qatar bound

He is followed by Correctional Services runner Andile Lusenga, who

> has 1090 points. Another runner, Thandaza Zwane is third with 1033, falling down the rankings as he was previously the highest ranked.

Phumlile Ndzinisa from REPS is ranked fourth overall to be the highest ranked female with 1014 points. Rounding up the top five is Erika Seyama with 1 000 points, making the second highest ranked female athlete. Also worth mentioning is that TZD's Bongiwe Mahlalela made a significant jump in the rankings to seventh overall with 947

#### THE FULL RANKINGS

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21	Dlamini	Banele	M	MAC	100m	825	
22	Sihlongonyane	Sikhumbuzo	M	UEDF	1500m	823	
23	Magagula	Nhlanhla	M	Slo	800m	815	
24	Magagula Vilakati	Bonginkhosi	M	Corr	800m	807	
25	Thusi	Ndumiso	M	REPS	1500m	806	
26	Zwane	Sakhile	M	Une	800m	788	
27	Gulwako	Mxolisi	M	REPS	800m	787	
28	Vilakati	Nolwazi	F	Une	Long Jump	785 780	
29	Mkwanazi	Skhanyiso	M	Corr Nhl	100m Triple Jump	778	
21	Shabangu Ntjalintjali	Bantu Mervin	M	Mac	Long Jump	766	
32	Tfwala	Xolane	M	NhI	Triple Jump	741	
33	Khumalo	Surprise	M	REPS	Long Jump	741	
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# REPS, Correctional looking to establish early dominance

By Jongile Xuba

ETBALL-Correctional and Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) netball teams will face each other in the opening fixture of the Swaziland Building Society (SBS) Elite Netball League today, where both teams will be looking to renew their fierce rivalry.

Correctional finished first and were crowned champions after a crushing victory over REPS to win the title.

The two teams face each other at Mavuso Sports Centre and the winner will not have the bragging rights, but establish early dominance in the league.

The match is the last fixture of the day and will be at 2:30pm, with Mbabane Raiders and Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) kicking things off at

These sides are also fierce rivals usually battling for third and third position and will be interesting which team will get the upper hand in this encounter. For the first time during a league

launch junior teams will also take part with St Theresa's and Hillside High playing at 10:30am. This is part of ENNA's development policy, which looks to increase the number of junior teams. New boys on the block Phoenix and Vixens will play in the men's division and will play each other for the first time competitively meaning an interesting match is on the cards at 12pm.

At 2:30pm, there will be the main match between Correctional and REPS lock horns in a titanic clash with both teams wanting to give fans something to cheer

**ENNA Management Committee** 

Chairman Charles Magagula urged fans to make their way to opening games, which will provide a spectacle. He also reminded spectators that they will have

to pay to watch the games. "We urge all spectators to make their way to Mavuso and it will be E10 for adults and E5 for young children. All games will be renewed rivalries so it is sure to be a great atmosphere and netball being played," he said.

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# Mhlume hosts tennis tourney

#### By Mthunzi Maziya

**TENNIS** - A tennis tourney for Under 14s and Under 18s is scheduled to take place at Etingwenyeni tennis courts in Mhlume

The event was confirmed by Eswatini National Tennis Association's (ENTA) Nqaba Mkhaliphi yesterday.

He said the games will start 09:00am, with registration set at E30 per player. "Categories are Under 14 and 18 both

boys and girls," he said.

He further urged players to keep time so that the tournament finishes early. "Prizes will include medals and ten-

nis rackets," he said.

The secretary quipped that they were expecting a very high level of play from the players, as they are from an intensive training in Mozambique last week-

# IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR AMICAALL POOL QUARTERS

#### **By Melusi Mlotsa**

OOL- The battle lines have been drawn in the AMICAALL quarter-finals slated for the Manzini Pool Club today.

Eight teams will battle it out in what is expected to be epic clashes in pursuit of the prizes at stake.

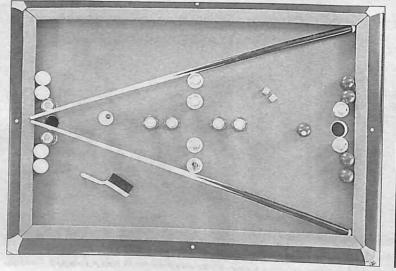
The most interesting fixture today is between Police Academy against Bel Air scheduled for 2pm.

The latter will parading well-known pool stars in the likes of Sikhatsi Dlamini, Dodge Matsebula and Nathi Sihlongonyane, to mention but only

a few. Meanwhile Police Academy will be parading the likes of Norman Khoza, Sifiso Dlamini and Khanyokuhle

AMICAALL Programme Manager Sithembiso Matsebula said the main objective of the tournament was to spread the HIV/AIDS gospel among men, especially in urban areas.

He then urged members of the public to come and watch the games today. "Today, we will be watching the AMI-CAALL pool quarter-finals, while semi-finals and finals will be held tomorrow. We urge members of the public to come in their numbers to watch the games," he said.



#### AMICAALL quarter finals fixture

Maduma vs Martins 10 am Police Academy vs Bel Air 12 pm Insumansumane vs Garrison 2pm Way Inn vs Manzini 4pm Prizes Breakdown 1ST Prize E1500, E2000 worth kit, trophy, gold medals 2nd Prize E1000, E2000 worth kit, silver medals E500, E2000 worth kit, bronze medals 4th Prize

E200, E2000 worth kit

5th to 8th Prize E2000 worth kit

# 'FASH', 'UGO' ON WANDERERS TRANSFER LIST

By Melusi Miotsa

OCCER - Five Manzini Wanderers key players are set to be offloaded by the team ahead of the upcoming 2019/20 season.

The transfer listed players include striker Mfanufikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze, Sifiso Maseko, Mcebo Mdluli, Makhosi Mtsetfwa and former Tambuti FC striker Ugochukwu Ohakwe, who have been all deemed surplus to requirements by the coach Thabo 'Koki 'Vilakati-led technical bench.

The players were signed in December by the team's boss Mehluli Nhlengetfwa who reportedly left the team early this

Information gathered is that the players have failed to impress the technical bench in the 2018/9 season, hence they will be shown the exist door.

"The technical bench is currently final-

ising a list of players that will be put on transfer. 'Fash' and 'Ugo' will not be left out after they failed to impress the technical bench," said the source.

It had been reported that 'Fash 'might head back to his former team Moneni

When sought for comment, one of the team's officials Sabelo Nxumalo denied that the players are on the transfer list. He said all the players are at training gearing themselves for the Bible Society Cup slated for next week.

"This is news to me. As far as I know all the players are at training. A transfer list has not been issued," said Nxumalo.

Reports coming within the Wanderers camp suggest that the team is currently assessing forgotten Royal Leopard winger Juries Gama.

The-left-footed player started training with the team on Thursday afternoon. Wanderers will play against rivals



Moneni Pirates in the Bible Society Cup next Saturday at Mavuso Sports Centre.

Capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders will lock horns with Manzini Sundowns in the one-day tournament.

# Bible Society rescues Bull

OCCER - In a startling revelation, the Bible Society participation fee has been used to pay rent for Mbabane Highlanders players.

This is contrary to what the new team boss Ally Kgomongwe said early in the week when he found the players stranded.

Information gathered from reliable sources within the black and white outfit revealed that on Monday all the clubs that will be participating in the Bible Society Cup received

part of their participation fee of E25 000. The money will be used to buy soccer kits for the tournament slated for June 15 at Mavuso Sports Centre.

Play

Mbabane Highlanders will play against Manzini Sundowns before Moneni Pirates take on Manzini Wanderers. In fact, the exact amount for participation fee is E75 000. This means that the clubs will soon receive E50 000 each as balances.

The source said due to the situation within the club, the E25 000 was used to pay rent for the players.

"We were shocked when we read articles from the daily newspapers with the new boss saying he paid rent for the players yet the truth of the matter is that Bible Society money rescued us," said the source.

The source added that the players are not happy that their monthly salaries for May will be slashed to 40 per cent.

"Ally felt that the old regime should have paid the salaries of the players before vacating office. He then offered to pay 40 per cent for the players' salaries. It means if your monthly salary is E5 000, you will be paid E2 000," said the source.

> The team's outgoing Chief Executive Officer Thulani Khumalo neither denied nor confirmed the news.

"I'm not in a position to say anything in relation to the issue as I am no longer in office. Please contact the rightful people who are currently at the helm," he said. The team's patron, Benson

Dlamini said this is news to him. "These are speculations," he said.

# We are ready to honour Stanley – Bull legends

**By Melusi Mlotsa** 

OCCER - Mbabane Highlanders legends are more than ready to honour Stanley Matsebula in an event that will take place in Siteki today. The football and business community

will today gather at Siteki to honour one of the greatest football stars the country has ever had in Stanley Matsebula, who died in 1975 in a car crash.

Matsebula was with teammate Ferrington Khumalo when the accident happened. However, Khumalo was confined to a wheelchair that kept him at Hlatikulu Government Hospital for a number of years until he died some years back.

Siteki Town Council CEO Sithembile Simelane, MPs and football administrators will be part of the event.

Eswatini Sports Legend Association will also commemorate the former Mbabane Highlanders great. Speaking on behalf of the Mbabane Highlanders legends, Richard 'Zidane' Anderson said they were ready to honour the fallen hero.

"We are ready for the day as we will be playing against ESLA legends. This is an important day to honour Stanley and we invite people countrywide to come in their numbers to watch how football was played in yesteryears," he said.

Zidane's words were echoed by Sifiso 'Barnes' Mkhulisi who also said they were ready to honour Matsebula and further invited football lovers to come in their numbers. "We didn't have the chance to

watch Stanley Matsebula in action but we heard how great he was in the football field. We will give it our best to rekindle those moments," he said. Meanwhile, ESLA CEO Thabo Nxumalo said the Stanley Matsebula event would definitely take place today and invited

members of the public to come in their numbers as there would be a lot of activities taking place.

The full programme

11 am - Siteki Nazarene parade

11:45 am Stanley Matsebula ESLA fans blitz, questions, legends photo-shoot, comedy, poetry, dance, music.

14:00 hrs. Siteki social team vs Mlindazwe Army Barracks

15:00 hrs. ESLA legends vs Mbabane Highlanders

18:00 till late - music, concert.

ESLA legends squad

Nathi Zubuko, Clement 'King Clay' Mdluli, Tubie Terblache, Fani Terblache, Rue Matsenjwa, Bheki 'Sbhera' Ndzimandze, Ankel 'Malume' Dlamini, Michael 'Scara' Gama, Christopher 'Tototo' Khoza, Eric 'Rounder' Mpandza, Viv Khumalo, Sydney 'Khuphuka nengwenya' Masango,

Philani 'Sir Jones' Simelane, Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibane, Mfanzile 'Fash' Dlamini, Mlamuli 'Sputla' Zwane, Botsotso Manyatsi and Lovington Mkumane.

Mbabane Highlanders squad Sipho 'Shilton' Dube , Ndumiso 'Ndura'

Khanyile, Bongani Mdaka, Sifiso 'Barnes' Mkhulisi, Khayelihle 'Karas' Dlamini, Simon 'Harare' Thwala, Norman Chambers, Sifiso Masuku, Nana 'Take me Home' Dlamini, Celmusa 'Sis Monica' Vilakati, David Madlopha, Vuyani Mazibuko, Manzi Mthupha Ayanda Mngometulu, Petros 'Brooks' Tembe, Macoma 'Gor Mahia' Nkohlo, Menzi

'Flying Ghost' Sibiya, Gcina Ndlangamandla. Chairman Nichodemus 'Ace' Mashwama **Technical Advisor** Josiah 'Digger' Dlamini Manager Mfanzile 'Fash' Bhembe Coach Musa 'Barez'.

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**Briefly about Stanley Matsebula** Played for Mbabane Highlanders

Studied in Zimbabwe University and obtained a Degree in Economics. Worked for Swazi Bank Died in 1975 at the age of 24.

# Milling Hot Spurs name new MC

BY Melusi Mlotsa

OCCER - Newly promoted side Milling Hot Spurs have named their new management committee for the 2019/20

The Manzini based outfit was promoted to the Premier League together with Pigg's Peak Black Swallows.

Hot Spurs is one of the oldest clubs in the country as it was established in 1967. They once played in the Premier League in the 70s and reached the semi-finals of the 2017 SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup.

Announcing the new MC was the team's Public Relations Officer (PRO) Muzi 'Chido' Mlotsa, who said their main aim is to compete in the Premier League and urged the team's loyalists to support the

MC.
"We are now in the Premier League and thank all those who have been with us through thick and thin. We have been in the elite league before and know what to expect.

Today we are pleased to announce the new management committee for the 2019/20 season and hope that we shall work in peace and harmony", he said .

CITED: Ally

Kgomongw

Mlotsa said the team would host roadshows soon to promote their brand. "The roadshows will be held in the Manzini corridor and we are targeting areas such as Mbekelweni, Mpholi, Makholweni and Fairview," he said.

The new MC Chairman Ivan Munro **Assistant Chairman** Blake Payne **Chief Executive Officer** Damien de Sousa **Public Relations Officer** Muzi 'Chido' Mlotsa **General Manager** Henry 'Mphilisi' Dlamini Marketing Manager Brian Earnshaw Secretary Benson Dlamini **Assistant Secretary** Mbongeni 'Mawu' Dlamini Treasurer Neil Earnshaw Coach Colani 'Jazz' Sigudla Members Louis de Souza, Tom de Souza.

# Duze crush Sihlutse in COPA Coca-Cola Big-Bend branch final

**By Meiusi Miotsa** 

OCCER - Duze High outsmarted Sihlutse High School 3-0 to stamp their seniority over the other schools in the Copa Coca-Cola Eswatini School Sports Association Big Bend Branch

Duze recorded the resounding victory over their opponents during the branch final played at the Mayaluka Stadium yesterday. Hluti were the first to get a chance in the first half through Sibonakaliso Dlamini who sent his shot wide.

At this stage, Duze were content with absorbing the pressure only staging counter attacks. Through the counters, Duze's Madlenya FC striker Sethu Ngcamphalala broke free but shot straight at the hands of the goalkeeper.

Another chance saw Njabulo's shot going across the face of goal in the 40th minute. In the second half, Duze came back recharged after their coach Fortune Dlamini's half time talk. They won a free kick in the 55th minute just outside the box after a foul on Owami Matsebula.

Muhle Mamba scored from the resultant

infringement. Sihlutse got a rare opportunity in the 67th minute through Ayanda Gadlela but Melusi pulled a great save. Duze captain Owami Gamedze scored in the 70th minute after being set up by Thobelani Gamedze. Sihlutse were awarded a penalty in the 90th minute which was sent wide by Sibonakaliso Dlamini. Duze's Owami Gamedze killed the game as a contest in referee Thulane Sibandze's added time after breaking free.

The Premier League whistle man blew the whistle to provoke wild scenes of jubilation from Duze pupils.



OTHER RESULTS						
Under-17 soccer Duze	1	Phonjwane	0			
Ladies soccer Duze	0	Sihlutse	5			
Netball Under-17 Charles	54	Sibetsaphi	11			
Open netball category Charles	39	Bekezela	37			

COSAFA CUP PLATE FINAL South Africa won 5-4 on penalties

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Zambia Wales Albania Liechtenstein Russia VS San Marino 18:00 Azerbaijan Hungary Northern Ireland VS 18:00 Estonia 18:00 Finland Bosnia-Herzegovina 20:45 Turkey France 20:45 Greece Italy 20:45 Scotland Cyprus VS Belarus Germany Belgium Kazakhstan

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# Hazard handed huge Real £400 000 per week contract

ADRID - Eden Hazard's salary will be doubled to £400 000 per week when he finalises his £130 million move to Real Madrid from Chelsea in the coming days, automatically making him one of the highest earners with the Spanish giants.

Hazard's imminent big-money transfer to the Bernabeu is expected to be announced within the next 24 hours, calling time on his hugely successful seven-year spell at Stamford Bridge.

With his pay-packet doubling to almost half a million per-week, Hazard will leapfrog some of the star names who have been part of the Los Blancos squad for the last trophy-laden decade.

According to the Evening Standard, Madrid have agreed terms with Hazard to double his current wages from £200 000 to £400 000 per week.

This will mean Hazard arr Bernabeu as the top earner in the whole squad, ahead of Wales international Gareth Bale.

Bale previously leads the way in the earning stakes for Madrid, with an eyewatering £346 000 per-week salary, or £18 million a year, after tax.

Bale now will slip into second, ahead of World Cup winner Toni Kroos, who pockets £200 000 a week with Madrid.

Captain Sergio Ramos, who also earns a weekly £200 000 in the Spanish capital, may well have his nose put out of joint a little by the developments.

An agreement has been reached between Madrid and Chelsea for Hazard, with the Spaniards agreeing to pay an initial £88m, rising to £130m dependent on various bonuses and incentives.

The deal ends Real's near two-year chase to sign Hazard and makes him the most expensive signing in their history, ahead of both Cristiano Ronaldo and Bale.

It will also be the second-largest Premier League transfer ever, beaten only by Philippe Coutinho's £145m move from Liverpool to Real's archrivals Barcelona in January 2018. Daily Mail

DOUBLE SALARY: Eden Hazard.

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