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WELCOME: His Majesty King Mswati III received letters of credence from five envoys yesterday at Lozitha Palace. (Above) The King meets Nuala O'Brien, the Ireland Ambassador to the kingdom. (Pics: Simon Shabangu) **STORY ON PAGE 4**



BAYETTE: High Commissioner of Australia Gita Kamath smiles while shaking hands with the King.

DRUNK MOM **SLITS** TODDLER'S THROAT

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COMMENT

NATURALLY, the law says that we should wait until Nontobeko Mamba has been found guilty to pronounce her as such.

However, the young woman who heartlessly ripped her toddler's throat does not deserve even that basic fair principle. She is, in our eyes—even before getting her chance to make her confession—a sorry excuse of a mother.

The gut-wrenching manner in which she killed her son leaves us

SORRY EXCUSE OF A MOTHER

with no words to describe our disgust, anger and sheer disbelief as to what kind of mother and in her senses would bring herself to committing such a heinous crime, is enough for us to say that she does not even deserve the title of mother.

Mamba might have had one drink too many, too sloshed to comprehend her actions.

However, this can't be the excuse for her to commit this callous crime. It cannot be any reason to justify her sitting there and watching her own child bleed to his death.

We know too that there will be many who will want to use other excuses for her; such as the work of the devil, or that she was in an unstable mind, or that she was overcome by emotions. All of that, does

not cut it.

Mamba knew what she was doing. She was in her rightful mind. She was in her senses.

Claimed

We even question that she was not sober, for it is claimed that she got into a fight with her sister before going on to kill her child.

There was no way all of that would happen if she had lost her sanity.

What we know is that for the manner she sat there and sliced her child's throat until he died is enough for us to call that she deserves the highest possible punishment she can get.

And that to us is firstly refusing to acknowledge her as a mother. The second is for the courts to lock her up and throw away the key.

We will in the meantime be asking ourselves what has gone wrong with this society, because, honestly, this can't be who we are.

Devilish mom!

SHOCK AS DRUNK MOTHER SLITS HER 8-MONTH-OLD TODDLER'S THROAT

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A 12-year-old girl got the shock of her life when she witnessed a brutal murder of her eight-month-old relative by his mother.

The incident is said to have happened on Wednesday afternoon at Nhlambeni.

According to sources, the mother of the eight-month-old baby, Nontobeko Mamba (23) is said to have committed this gruesome murder after an intense fight with one of her sisters who was also at home.

Leading to this gruesome murder, Nontobeko is said to have returned

home from a drinking spree in the afternoon and she was shouting that she was pleased with the manner in which she had dealt with one LaShongwe.

She is understood to have had a fight with LaShongwe whom she was with at the drinking hall after the two failed to see-eye-to-eye, although the bone of contention is not quite clear.

Shouted

When Mamba shouted at the top of her voice that she had dealt with LaShongwe for everyone who cared to listen, the unnamed sister is said to have light-heartedly said Mamba would be arrested for assaulting people when drunk.

This did not sit well with the 23-

year-old and she verbally tormented her sister, asking why she interfered in her business. At this point, she is also alleged to have gone for a bush knife and attempted to hack the sister.

The sibling however, is said to have managed to dodge the weapon and retaliated.

The physical altercation is said to have continued for some time as none of the two wanted to give up.

The situation was eventually helped by their brother who broke them up. In doing this, the brother reportedly led Mamba into a house in which he locked her.

The intention for this was to calm her down as she was intoxicated, lit-

tle did he know that this would lead to even bigger problem.

While in the house, Mamba is said to have lost her sanity and slit the toddler's throat with a bread knife.

The sound from the toddler's screams is said to have attracted the 12-year-old girl's attention.

Since she was outside the room in which the incident happened, the teen peeked through the window only for her to witness the horrific incident.

The gory sight she witnessed cannot be repeated, especially given the graphic nature of what she witnessed.

Out of shock, the teen girl is said to have called out to her uncle to tell him that Mamba was murdering her young son.

Reliable sources claimed that when asked about the matter, Mamba said she did not know what came over her that caused her to harm the innocent soul.

The child's father, according to sources, was at a loss for words when told of the shocking incident, saying that he was shocked by her actions.

Asked

When asked whether they had issues that might have led her to react in the manner that she did, the man claimed to have been in good relations with his partner.

Mamba was arrested and faces a murder charge. She appeared in court but was remanded in custody pending committal to the High Court.

This incident comes about two weeks after a two-year-old's throat was slit open by a 15-year-old at Mbikwakhe. Before committing the offence, the teen boy allegedly placed the toddler's head on a log before he aimed for his throat.

Mkhulu (88) shot dead at Magwanyana

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

POLICE are investigating a case of murder where an elderly man of Magwanyana was shot dead by unknown person(s) while at a nearby forest.

The man who has been identified as Macumbane Mamba (88) is believed to have been shot on Tuesday afternoon while at the forest where he is said to have gone to cut some logs. He was eventually discovered by two women on Wednesday morning on their way to fetch water from a pond.

At the time he was discovered, Mamba was still alive and trying to crawl towards his home with a wound on his back. Sources close to the matter said the elderly man left home on Tuesday afternoon and headed towards a forest which is situated about two kilometres away from his home.

Used

The elderly man's wife reported that her husband did not return home on the day. The forest is also used as a hunting ground as it is reportedly infested with wild animals.

During a closer inspection of the wound, it was concluded that the deceased had been shot using a gun which has not yet been described.

The two women who made the shocking discovery raised an alarm while making arrangements to have the man rushed to hospital. He was taken to his homestead while paramedics and the police were called.

The man is said to have succumbed to death before the arrival of the paramedics and police. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the matter. Vilakati said police were still investigating the incident which is likely to be a case of murder.

"There has been no arrest as yet, but police are on the ground for investigations," said Vilakati.

Charles Jele granted bail pending appeal

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
Supreme Court

FORMER Eswatini Royal National Airways Corporation Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Charles 'Ace' Jele who is serving a five-year sentence, has been released on bail by the Supreme Court pending his appeal.

Jele was yesterday a happy man as he was expected to spend his first night at the comfort of his home after spending 11 months in jail following his sentence by the High Court to five years imprisonment without an option of a fine. Jele's appeal was supposed to be heard by the Supreme Court yesterday morning, however it transpired that some important information on his pension monies and rate currency issues had to be considered by the court in the appeal.

The court comprising the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala, Justices Stanley Maphalala and Robert Cloete took an adjournment and resumed before noon.

It was then that the court ordered that both Jele's defence counsel Derrick Ndo Jele, and the crown represented by principal crown counsel Thabo Dlamini should obtain Jele's pension and how the money he is alleged to have stolen was off-set against his pension. An application for bail pending the appeal was then made and the court ordered that he be released

on the initial E30 000 bail he paid before trial and further that the same bail conditions given by the High Court should apply.

The former CEO has filed an appeal at the Supreme Court where he is amongst others challenging the sentence viewed as harsh and inducing a sense of shock, further he is also challenging the currency rate in which the money he is expected to repay the ERNAC was calculated before his conviction.

Convicted

The applicant (Jele) was convicted and sentenced to five years for stealing over E400 000 from his employer and he was further ordered to pay back the over E400 000 he stole.

Principal Judge Qinsile Mabuza suspended two years of the five-year sentence on condition he pays back the money. This effectively means that Jele is expected to do time in jail for three years. The total sum of money he stole from his employer is E414 781 84, which was stolen on four different occasions as he was facing a total of four counts which he pleaded guilty to. On the first count, he was found guilty to have stolen E34 080, on the second count he stole E45 000 and on the third count he stole E13 736, while on the last count he



stole E321 965, totaling to the E414 781 84.

When passing sentence, Judge Mabuza took into account that Jele was 60 years of age and that he is a first time offender who lost his job after being fired as a result of the theft from his employer.

Judge Mabuza also took into account that Jele went through a disciplinary process and that he was before court in respect of the same matter, hence the court is of the view that he was being punished twice for the same transgression. Citing the former Mhlathane principal corruption case, Judge Mabuza also took into account that a jail sentence would be hard on Jele and considered a suspended sentence ordering repayment as

per the Rex versus Makhubu matter. "The crime with which the accused is charged has become steadily prevalent, that is, in stealing from an employer, the accused in this case abused the position of trust that he occupied, the amount stolen may seem small but the complainant suffered prejudice as a result of the accused's theft, what is most disturbing is that he was a CEO at his place of employment which means he was completely trusted," Judge Mabuza had said during sentencing last year.

She mentioned that Jele previously enjoyed a position of respect and esteem in the community as CEO, however high standards of behaviour are expected of those who hold responsible positions.

E77 000 SALARY FOR PM

BY BODWA MBINGO
Mbabane

PRIME Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini's monthly salary has now been set at E77 197.

Annually, the prime minister will earn E926 370 excluding allowances.

The Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Themba Masuku's monthly salary, on the other hand, has been set at E73 051 totaling to E876 614 annually, while Cabinet ministers will earn an annual salary of E741 095 which is set at E61 757 monthly. Chief Justice (CJ) Bheki Maphalala will earn E73 051 with the two parliament presiding officers having their monthly salaries set at E65 617.

This is contained in a new remuneration framework that will be fixed for the next three years of the 11th Parliament.

This is according to a summary report of the Royal Commission that was appointed by His Majesty King Mswati III in March last year to review the terms and conditions of service of the 11th Parliament and statutory Boards and Commissions.

Submitted

The report that has already been submitted to the King for approval and was also presented to Cabinet this week is in preparation of a circular to be issued by the ministry of finance on the terms and conditions of service of the politicians, the Attorney General (AG) and *Emabandla* (Commissions).

Following previous countless calls by members of the public for reviews of the politicians' hefty salaries, especially that of Cabinet ministers having fallen on deaf ears, pleas presented to His Majesty during the people's par-

liament (Sibaya) about three years ago were finally heard and the King took the bull by its horns. His reaction was to appoint the seven member commission headed by Swaziland Sugar Association (SSA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Phil Mnisi as Chairman with top Mbabane based lawyer Sidumo Mdladla being the Secretary to undertake the review.

The public reacted furiously to Circular Number 2 of 2013 that was prepared by Pricewaterhouse Coopers and approved by His Majesty also reviewing the politicians' salaries.

Appointing

This is what led to the King appointing the Commission that was completed by Dr. Sikhomba Gumbi, Nomathemba Hlophe, Kobla Quarshie, Mvuselelo Fakudze and Joe Shilubane

In its summary report, the Commission points out that the new terms and conditions have been developed at a time

when the country is facing severe cash flow challenges.

It also states that, however, due care has been taken to ensure that the remuneration framework, as developed, recognises that it is important to appoint into Parliament and *Emabandla* competent nationals so that the country can benefit from their expertise in pursuit of its development and growth agenda.

"The framework also recognises that a career in politics is a calling and a privilege, therefore, while it is important to pay competitive salaries in recognition of their skills and competencies, it is equally important to balance this against what the country can afford.

"The framework has also considered the affordability of the different levels of remuneration of the political office bearers. A bench-marking exercise to understand what obtains in the region, the government, parastatals and private sector companies were also taken," reads the report in part.

Then Prime Minister

PROVISIONS OF ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT:

Parliamentarian	Ratio to PM's salary	Basic Salary	Monthly Salary
Prime Minister	1.00	E926 370	-E77 197
Chief Justice	0.95	E876 614	-E73 051
Deputy Prime Minister	0.90	E833 732	-E69 477
Presiding Officers	0.85	E787 415	-E65 617
Cabinet Ministers	0.80	E741 095	-E61 757
Attorney General	0.80	E741 095	-E61 757
Chairperson Ligoqo	0.80	E741 095	-E61 757
Chairperson EBC	0.80	E741 095	-E61 757
Chairperson LMB	0.80	E741 095	-E61 757
Chairperson CSC	0.80	E741 095	-E61 757
Chairperson MMB	0.80	E741 095	-E61 757
Chairperson Ludzidzini Council	0.80	E741 095	-E61 757
Chairperson BDSC	0.80	E741 095	-E61 757
Regional Administrator	0.75	E694 776	-E57 898
Deputy Chairperson BDSC	0.75	E694 776	-E57 898
Deputy Chairperson EBC	0.75	E694 776	-E57 898
Deputy Presiding Officer	0.70	E648 459	-E54 038
Member EBC	0.60	E555 822	-E46 318
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Member Ligoqo	0.60	E555 822	-E46 318
Member Ludzidzini Council	0.60	E555 822	-E46 318
Member BDSC	0.60	E555 822	-E46 318
Member CSC	0.60	E555 822	-E46 318
Tindvuna Tetinkhundla	0.11	E101 900	E8 491
Bucopho Betinkhundla	0.09	E83 733	E6 977

WHAT FINANCE CIRCULAR NO.2 OF 2013 PROVIDED:

Parliamentarian	Ratio to PM's salary	Basic Salary	Monthly Salary
Prime Minister	1.00	E617 646	E51 470
Deputy Prime Minister	0.90	E555 881	E46 323
Presiding Officers	0.85	E494 117	E41 176
Cabinet Ministers	0.80	E463 235	E38 602
Regional Administrators	0.75	E432 352	E36 029
Deputy Presiding Officers	0.70	E420 000	E35 000
Members of Parliament	0.60	E370 588	E30 882
Tindvuna Tetinkhundla	0.11	E67 491	E5 624
Bucopho Betinkhundla	0.09	E55 588	E4 632

Dr Sibusiso Barnabas Dlamini when announcing the Commission's Terms of Reference said they included performing the reviews taking into account the role, status, duties, functions and responsibilities or relevant public office bearers; the affordability of different levels of remuneration of political office bearers; and current principles and levels of remuneration in society generally.

He said they would also take into account allowance to the effect of inflation; the resources available to the State; the remuneration structure of the private and public

sector, including State owned entities; the linkage between politicians' salaries and allowances and those of civil servants; and how they can be incorporated into remuneration and implemented accordingly; and any other factors that the commission may consider relevant.

Disclosed

Dlamini disclosed that the Royal Commission would, where necessary, visit other SADC countries for knowledge sharing and benchmarking in order to enable it to keep abreast of international trends and that it will also mediate in any disputes regarding the circular that will set out its recommendations on the respective terms and conditions of service.

TO EARN: Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini.

Tigwadzi against SODV - DPM

BY MBONO MDLULI
Lobamba

MEN who are afraid of courting girls are the ones who say the SODV Act does not allow men to ask girls out.

'Tigwadzi' is a plural SiSwati word used to refer to men who are generally considered to be afraid of courting women or girls because of various reasons, including fear of rejection and embarrassment.

Men like these are considered a misfit in society because they fail to do what was normally done by men.

Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Themba Masuku yesterday said men like these were the ones that

were spreading such false message about the SODV Act of 2018. He said this during the workshop on SODV, and other matters under the DPM's office, which included teenage pregnancy and gender-based violence. The workshop was organised by his office for MPs who are in the DPM's office's portfolio committee and was held at the Parliament conference room.

Masuku said it was wrong for people to send wrong messages about the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act. The Act did not discourage people to court girls, but instead, it did allow people to do that very act.

Masuku said people did not realise that courting girls called for one to be respectful and sincere to the girl

asked out. A man had to be brave enough to appeal to a woman's feeling and make her feel loved.

The DPM further said real men who were wise would see if the girl they approached had feelings for them or not. If the girl did not have feelings, a real man would realise and accept that.

Those signs would usually be there when the man was still courting the girl.

Masuku made an example of his wife, saying he realised when he was still courting her that he was going to win her heart.

"As I speak to you now, she is still a citizen of Lawuba and she has spent many years being a citizen of that area," Masuku said. Lawuba is one of the chiefdoms in the

Shiselweni region, under Hosea Inkhundla. The DPM hails from that place.

The DPM said the SODV Act was enacted by Parliament last year because there was a need for the Legislature to respond to the rising number of violent cases in the country.

The SODV Act, according to Masuku, aimed at helping both men and women who were abused by their partners.

He said there were men out there who were beaten by their women, but were afraid to report such cases. Masuku said he personally came across such cases. He pleaded with the MPs to influence people to embrace this Act because it was there to help.



TIGWADZI: Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku.

COUNTRIES NEED EACH OTHER - KING

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Lozitha

HIS Majesty King Mswati III says in order to bring change, countries should work as a collective because they need each other.

He was speaking at Lozitha Palace as five country representatives presented their letters of credence to him.

"There is no country that can work on its own. Every country needs another to bring change. It is imperative to work in unity cooperating with each other. It is a pleasure to receive letters of credence from your leaders as they accredit you as you represent your respective countries in Eswatini," he said.

The King said he was pleased that Eswatini had a relationship with the countries having enjoyed great bilateral relations in trade.

He said he was hoping that these

appointments would further strengthen the cooperation and ties that already exist between the countries.

His Majesty said he was aware that some of these countries contributed immensely to Eswatini bilaterally and some through organisations. Some were making contributions in the social welfare of Eswatini.

Generations

"We have a dream of implementing a programme to have our country a fully-developed one by 2022. We want to fulfil the dream so that future generations find it better. I am grateful to know that you appreciate our endeavour," he said.

The King disclosed that he recently returned from Niger, where they recited how to make Africa a better place as AU countries want to achieve Agenda 2063. "We hope that by 2030 a brief programme building up to the 2063 would have been implemented. There will be progress and programmes in



ADDRESS: His Majesty King Mswati III addresses Ambassadors and High Commissioners who presented letters of credence at Lozitha Palace yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations; all people being able to access basic needs. We are all committed and determined to making a huge difference. We hope that we will all contribute

towards this AU agenda. You are representing different parts of the world; Africa, Europe and Australia. The EU has been supportive in different programmes as we recently had ACP-EU and it was discussed how to improve

the already existing programmes.

"We are looking forward to the conclusion of these discussions in the near future. We hope that your offices will also contribute where possible to make a better partnership," His Majesty said.

Australia has also contributed a lot through bilateral formations and the Global Fund. Global Fund, EU and some African countries have helped. Global Fund has assisted a lot in fighting several diseases including Malaria, Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS. We are hopeful to overcome some of the challenges with your assistance.

"Our citizens take full responsibility practising healthy lifestyles. You support doesn't go unnoticed; it actually goes a long way.

"I assure you that Eswatini will give you all the support you need. May you give yourself enough time to visit the many places in Eswatini, meeting many Emaswati so that you understand how they live," His Majesty said.

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

1. Denmark - H.E. Tobias Elling Rehfeld
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3. Republic of Guinea - H.E. Hawa Diakate-Kaba
4. Republic of Nigeria - H.E. Karibu Bala
5. Ireland - H.E. Nuala O'Brien

YOU ARE WELCOME: Ambassador Hawa Diakate-Kaba of Guinea gets a warm welcome from the King.



WENA WAPHAKATHI: Australia's Gita Kamath receives the King's speech. **RIGHT - POSE:** His Majesty poses with Nigeria's High Commissioner Karibu Bala and his delegation after their presentation.



BAYETHE: Ireland Ambassador to Eswatini Nuala O'Brien receives the King's speech after presenting her letters of credence.



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MTN ESWATINI AWARDED SABPP ACCREDITATION

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Ezulwini

MTN Eswatini has set the trend once again in human resource management by becoming the first company to be accredited by the South African Board of People Practices (SABPP).

This achievement places MTN Eswatini to be the first in the MTN Group of operations to receive such a recognition, and further becomes the first company to both undergo such an audit and attain accreditation in the country.

The accreditation certificate was handed over to MTN yesterday during a celebratory function by SABPP Head of Human Resources Audit Annetjie Moore at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre, Ezulwini.

MTN Eswatini, in their quest to continuously improve people management practices, invited SABPP to audit its people practices.

MTN Eswatini acting CEO Sibusiso Nhleko likened the certificate awarding as embarking on mission to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. He said this was the beginning of a greater journey.

Assessment

"This is a gathering of different stakeholders to celebrate another milestone in our journey. We went through an assessment against standard people's management services. This is alongside other achievements that we attained in 2016 and 2018 respectively.

"We are the first company in Africa to achieve this. We are part of the one per cent of global companies assessed for people's management services, we are basically competing with the best," he said.

In 2016, MTN Eswatini was awarded Gold Accreditation by an international body known as



DONE DEAL: Southern African Board of People Practices (SABPP) Head of HR Audit Annetjie Moore presents the certificate to MTN Eswatini acting CEO Sibusiso Nhleko at Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre yesterday. (Pics: Nokuzola Thwala)

Investors in People (IIP), which is based in the United Kingdom (UK), making it one of two operations in the MTN Group to achieve this milestone. And, two years later, MTN Eswatini received Platinum accreditation, a first in the Group, Africa and part of the one per cent IIP participating organisations worldwide.

Grateful

Nhleko appreciated the contribution of the company's former CEO, Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini. He said Dlamini set the tone. "We are grateful that MTN Eswatini has a very compelling employee contribution. Research has shown that when employees are happy they treat customers well and an institution's performance increases. We will reach the peak of our Mount Kilimanjaro," he said.

In May 2019, MTN Eswatini was audited against 13 standards and successfully met the qualification criteria against all the standards.

Moore said the full accreditation process takes between two to three years and it was not an easy audit.

"I can count in one hand the total number of companies who

have managed to get accreditation for these standards both this year and last year," she said.

Amongst the things that are looked into during the accreditation process, is finding out if the company's HR strategy aligns to the business targets, HR risks, and staff engagement.

Utilises

They also look at how service delivery impacts the business, how the organisation utilises technology, and effective communication.

"This whole process links to continuous improvement of the company's people and the business," said Moore.

Prior to the audit, Moore said MTN had to present evidence and she applauded the MTN HR team for a job well done during the assessment.

She said the accreditation will help the company to continue building a strong brand and employee value proposition to drive the country's economy.

Moore encouraged other companies to approach MTN and find out how they can get accredited for the standards.

"Never stop, keep on being the great people you are," she said.

Minister congratulates MTN

MINISTER of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati has congratulated MTN Eswatini for their achievement.

"It is important for companies to utilise human resource standards as a tool to optimise production and improve customer experience," he said.

He said most of what companies could do, was done through its people, which makes human resource issues critical for any sustainable and profitable com-

pany. "Even when institutions are not profit-making, they still need to have sound human resource policies in place to ensure that staff is equipped to pursue their organisation's mandate as best as they can. This therefore means people are a company's greatest resource which needs to be nurtured," he said.

As the country seeks to stimulate well-rounded development as it moves towards First World Status by 2022, Vilakati said,

human resource development is one of the key areas that needs special attention and MTN has done well to remind the nation the significance of such pursuit.

"Such achievements remind other countries that there is a lot of good in the Kingdom of Eswatini. It reminds investors that Eswatini is open for business. Our challenge to MTN Eswatini is that they keep getting better – not just in their human resource landscape. The nation will additionally scrutinise the quality of service they provide," said Vilakati.

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STORIES BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High Court

SENIOR Attorney Siboniso Clement Dlamini is a fugitive of justice as he is in continued contempt of court for being in defiance of court orders to pay monthly maintenance to a widow from her husband's estate.

This was a submission made by Senior Attorney Zweli Jele of Robinson Bertram Attorneys who is representing the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala in application filed by Dlamini, where he is challenging the CJ in banning him from appearing in the country's courts.

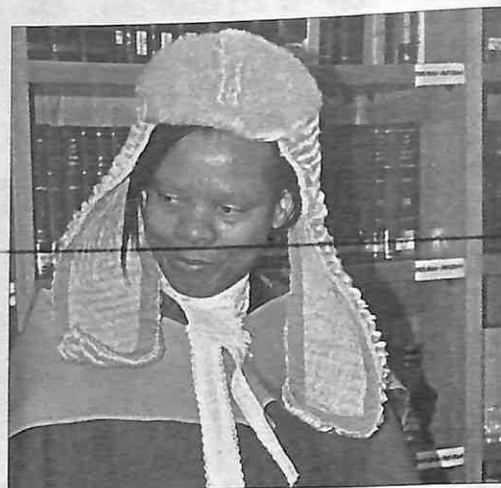
The CJ issued a directive last year that Dlamini should not appear in any of the courts in Eswatini pending compliance with an order that he pays about E8 000 monthly towards maintenance to a widow Phindile Ndzinisa whose husband Martin died and left her with an estate worth more than E1 million. The Master of the High Court appointed lawyer

Dlamini as an executor of the estate allegedly failed to account for the monies since 2014.

Making submissions before a full bench comprising Judges Mumcy Dlamini, Ticheme Dlamini and Cyril Maphanga, Jele informed the court that despite orders by the High Court and the Supreme Court, the applicant (Dlamini) has been in continued contempt as he is failing, refusing, or neglecting to pay the monthly maintenance to the widow.

"My Lords' and Lady, the court should take judicial notice that the applicant did not wind up the estate and file a liquidation and distribution account as per the administration of estates following the death of Martin Ndzinisa after being appointed executor even when called to do so and the widow had to institute proceedings to have the applicant account to monies from the estate," Jele submitted.

Jele informed the court that following his non-compliance with the court orders, he was held in contempt and an order was issued that he should be sent to jail for a period of 30 days. However due to his diet arrangements at the correctional facility, his incarceration was put on hold. When the deputy



PRESIDING: High Court Judge Mumcy Dlamini.

sheriff and the police sought him later, he could not be found at his residential address as he was reported to be now in South Africa despite several messages that he was wanted by the sheriff and the police.

tutional right to file an application before court and be heard. Maseko denied that Dlamini is a fugitive of justice adding that he stands to be heard by the full bench in the present application. Judge Mumcy Dlamini after submissions had been made indicated that judgment would be reserved to a later date to be conveyed to both counsel.

Lawyer has right to be heard - Maseko

REPRESENTING Dlamini in the matter was Lawyer Thulani Maseko who in his submissions argued that Dlamini has a right to be heard in the present application.

Maseko informed the court that his client came

to court with clean hands as he submitted himself for the content of court charge but was later released. Maseko informed the court that whilst the court may bar anyone from appearing before it, it however stands that a litigant has a consti-

Court should not entertain Dlamini's application- Jele

IN his further submissions lawyer Zweli Jele applied that the court should not entertain the present application filed by Clement Dlamini, where he is challenging the CJ on his ban from courts as he came to court with dirty hands.

Jele submitted that the applicant (Dlamini) had defied all courts and was now approaching the court with an I don't care attitude in the present application as he did not want to contribute the monthly maintenance to the widow.

"The court should set an example in Dlamini's case in order for society to have confidence in the justice system in as far as administration of estates by lawyers is concerned.

There has been an outcry from the public concerning monies misappropriated in estates involving widows and orphans," Jele said.

Jele said the country cannot have a society running in such a manner and implored the court to save the dignity of the country's courts by declining to hear Dlamini's application.

Jele further informed the court that so serious is Dlamini's matter that the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has indicted the senior lawyer for criminal charges in the same matter, a matter that is expected in Court in the next session of the High Court.

He stressed that the applicant is not entitled to be heard on his present application but should purge his contempt of court.



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Madibhane arrested for theft of 20 cows

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
High Court

CHARGED with contravening the Stock Theft Act of 1982, a government veterinary assistant (Madibhane) has been arrested for the theft of 20 cows within the Hhohho region.

Grace Matsinye who has been charged together with five others yesterday filed an urgent application for bail at the High Court following her arrest on August 3 by the Pigg's Peak Police Stock Theft Unit.

Matsinye and one of her co-accused Thulani Dlamini were yesterday represented by Lawyer Sabelo 'Chicken' Dlamini in their bail application, while the other four have not yet moved their applications before court.

Charge

The charge sheet states that Matsinye together with the five are facing a total of 20 counts in that they stole cattle from 20 different people on different occasions and areas within the Hhohho region.

The charge sheet annexed to their bail application further states that the most expensive beast they stole was a bullock worth E15 000 while the lowest was red cow worth E5 000.

Motivating her application in her founding affidavit, she submitted that she together with the five Thulani Dlamini, Norman Tsabedze, Senzo Dlamini, Bheki Sengwayo and Wonder Senzo Lukhele were arrested by the Pigg's Peak Police and subsequently slapped with the 20 counts.

She informed the court that she is currently kept at the Pigg's Peak Police Station awaiting to be transferred to the correctional facility and pending hearing of her case, she is desirous to be admitted on bail.

The applicant further told the court that she is employed as a veterinary assistant and has 10 dependents who look up to her for their well being and amongst these are six of her children, four of whom are still school going with one at tertiary level in South Africa while the three are in high school.

Submitted

She submitted that one of the children is deaf and that she needs her attention adding that she is a sickly person with a chronic illness and also suffers from high blood pressure.

"My continued incarceration will not only be detrimental to my health and job but also to the well being of my entire family, hence the interest of justice clearly favours that I be admitted to bail," she submitted.

She averred that no one will be prejudiced as she has been verily advised that the police have completed their investigations in the matter.

Also annexing his confirmatory affidavit in the application was Thulani Dlamini who stated that he is a brick layer and has a family of 10 inclusive his wife and two minor children.

He also submitted in his confirmatory affidavit that he has a sickly mother to take care of, hence his continued incarceration will not only be detrimental to his future but also to the well being of his family as a whole.

The list some of victims whose cows were stolen

• Amos Dlamini of Mantiyane area	—	Ox valued at	E8 500
• Ndukwane Hlatjwako of Mhlangatane	—	red cow valued at	E5 000
• Khisimusi Mahlalela of Mkhuzweni	—	red ox valued at	E7 500
• Johane Dlamini of Matibe area	—	Heifer valued at	E6 000
• Samuel Masuku of Matibe area	—	Heifer valued at	E6 000
• Msheleni Magagula of Mucuba area	—	Bullock valued at	E15 000

Home Affairs generates E8m

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

THE ministry of home affairs has successfully collected over E8 million in revenue for the first quarter.

According to the ministry's first quarter performance report; the issuing of permits was the main source of revenue followed by the issuing of travel documents (passports) both international and general. The total revenue collected in the reporting period was E8 207 455.

Minister of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe said the distribution of this revenue indicated that 63.9 per cent amounting to E 5 246 950 of this amount was generated from the issuance of permits and 19.7 per cent amounting to E 1 619 630 was from the issuance of travel documents. The remaining 16.4 per cent includes IDs, BMDs, visas, penalties to name a few.

The minister said the staggering amount collected from permits was a result of more temporal permits issued to foreigners. She said the revenue collection was an important indicator of where the ministry needed to improve and strengthen the service provision. She added that it also informed the ministry of where they needed to prioritise its resource allocation.

Performance

The minister said a snapshot of the performance by departments showed that regardless of the country's current economic position, Emaswati were keen to travel for various reasons.

"This is reflected by the number of travel documents that have been issued in the reporting period," she said. She said the total number of travel documents that were issued was 21 422 with the majority of the documents issued in Mbabane.

She said the ministry was taking strides that would lead to the development of a modern immigration system which will lead to the improvement of the issuance of permits and visas.

Woman fined E150 for stealing tights at Truworths

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A woman has been taken to court for stealing tights at Truworths store in Mbabane.

Dudu Tsabedze was arrested and charged with theft after she was found to have, on Tuesday at Truworths in Mbabane, stolen three pairs of opaque tights valued at E150.

Tights are a clothing item defined as a woman's thin, close-fitting garment, typically made of nylon or other knitted yarn, covering the legs, hips, and bottom. During her appearance before Magistrate

Tematimandze Shongwe on Thursday, Tsabedze expressed that her strong desire to own tights led her to commit the offence. "There is no other explanation but that I am impoverished and these are things that I cannot afford to buy.

Due to my incarceration, I plead with the court to give me a lenient sentence as my children are left alone at home, as I am their sole provider and minder. I apologise sincerely for the offence that I have committed out of pure desire," Magongo pleaded. After hearing her mitigation, Magistrate Shongwe sentenced Magongo to pay a fine of E150 and in default of payment, serve one month in a correctional facility.

STOLEN: The three pairs of tights that were presented as evidence against Dudu Tsabedze in her theft case at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court yesterday.



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Resource Mobilization Services

Assignment Title:	Comprehensive Resource Mobilization for Disaster Risk Management
Purpose of the Consultancy:	To undertake Resource Mobilization for implementing National Programme for Disaster Risk Management
Country of Assignment:	The Kingdom of Eswatini
Application Deadline:	20 August 2019 (on or before 12noon)
Copy Available	www.sppra.co.sz for further details and download.

1.0. Background

The Kingdom of Eswatini, consist of a population of around 1.2 million, thriving on an agrocentric economy, is one of the countries vulnerable to natural hazards and has faced some major disasters in the recent decades, which include drought disasters that are normally compounded by localized flooding, windstorms and hailstorm. These disasters incur not only very high costs of response, recovery (rehabilitation) and reconstruction, but also have significant financial implications for the government, businesses, communities and households through direct damages to infrastructure and property as well as disruptions to economic, social activities and livelihoods. The aforementioned disasters have highlighted the inadequate financing and risk management capacity of the government, the business sector and critical institutions affected by disaster risks over a long period of time. This is against the widening funding gap recorded due to the increasing frequency and magnitude of disasters and the paradigm shift towards building resilience through ensuring risk sensitive and informed development planning and practice.

The government of Eswatini remains the major source of disaster risk management funding in the country, particularly for emergency response operations. Meaningful progress has been made by the government to strengthen institutional and legislative capacity for disaster risk management including establishing a financial mechanism for dealing with disaster losses by allocating an annual budget for emergency response, there still exists a huge funding gap in implementing the national comprehensive programme for disaster risk reduction, an equivalent of Climate Change Adaptation (CCA). The current fiscal crisis has compounded and already dire situation and has diminished the capacity for the government and private sector to support adequately all initiatives and programmes aimed at reducing the risk of exposure to disaster and alleviating human suffering.

The deteriorating funding capacity has provided basis for the NDMA to determine exploiting other avenues of finance in order to sustain implementation of the comprehensive national programme for disaster risk management programme, that are outside the treasury appropriations of government. In the same wave the NDMA has developed a comprehensive resource mobilisation strategy to mitigate the nagging DRM funding deficits and seeks the services of a consultant to translate its strategic ambition to implementation. The consultant is required to provide support and create results in line with the NDMA's resource mobilisation endeavor.

2.0. Broad Requirements of Assignment

The assignment has the following broad requirements:

- To carry out mapping and analysis of funding policies for domestic and global level resource partners to gain understanding of their funding approaches and priorities in relation to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.
- To identify available and potential funding windows, avenues and opportunities consistent with the overall mandate of the NDMA relative to disaster prevention, preparedness, response impact mitigation, climate change adaptation, and recovery (rehabilitation and reconstruction).
- Coordinate the proposal development process in collaboration with relevant departments.
- Directly contribute to the proposal writing process by writing, reviewing and submitting funding applications/proposals to resource partners/donors.
- Ensure proposals achieve tangible measures of success in attracting relevant funding and stimulate realistic expectations for applications to be reviewed favorably and funded.

3.0. Deliverables

The consultant will deliver the following in relations to assigned tasks and duties of the consultancy:

- Timely identification of open and potential funding opportunities and advise the NDMA.
- Processing writing and submission of funding proposals/applications in response to open resource mobilisation opportunities.
- Timely submission of high-quality applications for funding to both solicited and unsolicited opportunities.
- A detailed donor mapping report with the following information: potential donors supporting climate change adaptation and disaster risk management programmes and activities, outlining the programmatic funding focus areas, current funding priorities, nature of funding (short term, long-term, size of grants); current partners supported in the country; modes of establishing partnerships (solicited calls for proposals, unsolicited applications).

4.0. Consultants eligibility and Qualifications

All interested candidates/individual consultants must demonstrate that they meet the following criteria to qualify for submission of Request for Proposal:

Qualifications

- A Master's Degree in Economics/Finance/Disaster Risk Management/Environmental Science/ Social Sciences
- APHD is preferred, providing an added advantage.

Experience, Competencies and Skills

- General and proven experience in writing and submitting proposals/applications, with clear evidence for writing winning proposals in a wide range of funding sources.
- In-depth knowledge of fundraising approaches, donor priorities, funding cycles and modalities.
- Exceptional presentation, reporting and facilitation skills to effect consensus building among stakeholders at various levels.
- Proficiency, past knowledge and experience in developing funding proposals and engagement of resource partners/donors.

5.0. Accompanying Documents

Interested individuals must further submit the following documents in support of their Expression of Interest:

- A detailed profile showing similar services conducted in the past five years
- A list of contactable references in line with the proposed or required services.
- A detailed curriculum vitae (CV) for the lead consultant.

Deadline for Application: 20 August 2019 (on or before 12Noon).

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Agric minister engages chiefs on commercialising Eswatini Nation Land

STORIES BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

AS government pulls all available strings in a bid to resuscitate the country's ailing economy, the ministry of agriculture is looking at commercialising Eswatini Nation Land (ENL) as one of the strategies.

The ministry is currently in the process of engaging traditional authorities on a proposed Bill which will see ordinary citizens accessing loans from financial institutions to start businesses on ENL.

On Wednesday, Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza presented the Eswatini Nation Land Agricultural Commercialisation Bill of 2019 before Lubombo chiefs.

If the Bill eventually gets endorsed to be an Act, citizens would be able to use their land on ENL as surety to access loans from financial institutions such as banks. At present, most financial institutions do not accept land on ENL as surety.

This is mostly because even when one has acquired land through *kukhonta*, that land remains a property for the nation, entrusted to the authorities of the country.

Mabuza explained that the Bill would not change anything on that regard, but seeks to grant liability to a citizen of the country who would want to start an agricultural business on Eswatini Nation Land.

This would be done by issuing a Commercial Khonta Certificate to an aspiring business person

after proving a potential for commercial farming

The certificate would be issued to an individual after a thorough assessment has been done.

Mabuza said the assessment would be done by different committees, of which one of them would be appointed by the traditional leader of that particular community.

The certificate will state clear demarcations of that particular land, which will be used for commercial farming. Mabuza said his ministry would engage a land surveyor to ensure that the demarcations of that land are well documented.

He explained that the said certificate would be revoked if the person who was granted eventually fails to utilise the land for the intended purpose, or if he or she has breached some of the rules and regulations.

"Basically this Bill seeks to improve the economy of the country by helping the ordinary Emaswati to do business in their rural areas," said the minister. Mabuza said the Bill was necessary mostly because a greater fraction of the country was on ENL.

Meanwhile, the traditional leaders welcomed the Bill as it was presented by the minister. Prince Chief Kusa said they were happy that the ministry was looking at possibilities of empowering ordinary citizens.

The prince said however, they were still to consult with the higher authorities of the country and take a directive on whether or not they can approve the Bill. The traditional authorities then set another date for further deliberations on the Bill.



MEETING: Chiefs Mawandla Gamedze, Mvimbi Matse and Prince Kusa following proceedings during the Lubombo Chiefs' meeting held at Siteki Hotel. (Pic: Sizwe Dlamini)

Asians would not be granted commercial khonta certificate

THE proposed Commercial Khonta Certificate will only be issued to Emaswati by birth, and not foreigners.

This was emphasised by Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza when presenting a Bill which seek to empower ordinary Emaswati to start agricultural businesses on Eswatini Nation

Land (ENL). Mabuza said when drafting the Bill, the ministry was cautious not to change anything on the customary laws and norms.

On another note, Mabuza said the Bill also had a clause which would prevent financial institutions from repossessing the land when the debtor fails to pay back the loan.

Chiefs fine minister E500 for late coming

MINISTER of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza was fined E500 for arriving late at the chiefs' meeting.

The minister kept the traditional leaders waiting for over three hours as he was said to have been delayed by other assignments.

When the minister finally arrived, Indvuna

Ntjege Mamba raised a concern and asked the minister to pay a fine of E500 for keeping the traditional leaders waiting.

The minister's team was also fined E100 for the same offence. Mabuza explained that he was delayed by another assignment which he had with Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini.

Anthony Masilela introduced as Lubombo RS

FORMER principal secretary in the ministry of home affairs Anthony Masilela has been redeployed as Lubombo Regional Secretary.

Masilela on Wednesday was introduced by

RA Themba Msibi to the staff members.

Speaking briefly after introducing the new RS, Msibi said the office was happy to have an experienced official. Msibi said the RS would commence his duties anytime soon.



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GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP DEFAULTERS TO BE PROSECUTED

STORIES BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

PEOPLE who have been employed for more than three months and have not been paying their study loans through by the Study Loan Recovery Consortium will be taken to court by the consortium.

This was revealed by the Study Loan Recovery Consortium Project Leader Sidumo Mdladla during a meeting with the Parliament portfolio committee yesterday.

The committee visited the ministry of labour and social security during a tour which ended at the Study Loan Recovery Consortium Offices.

The consortium is involved in a costly and time consuming exercise of tracking down those who benefited from the government scholarship.

The consortium has even engaged Trans-Union to track down owing former students who are outside the

country, staying and working in South Africa.

Advertisements and a series of articles were run in the print media urging people to pay.

The consortium even went to the extent of offering those who will come forward a chance of paying half the amount.

However, some people continued ignoring the request to visit the consortium's offices so as to start paying.

Mdladla said the cost of advertising in the print media is very expensive, as in South Africa a page cost about E90 000 while here in Eswatini it is E30 000.

Addressing the Members of Parliament (MPs) and other stakeholders at the ministry of labour and social security conference room on taking debtors who are employed but refusing to re-pay government, Mdladla said they are reluctant to take the court route. However, he said it must be



PROSECUTE: Study Loan Recovery Consortium Project Leader lawyer Sidumo Mdladla makes his presentation before the Parliament Portfolio Committee on labour and social security. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

noted that there are people who have paid their study loans and there are those that are still paying.

Mdladla said these people had to be protected and to protect them, everyone must pay.

Mdladla said they are at a stage

where they were planning to go to court.

"By the end of August we will take those in defiance to the courts. The Study Loan and Scholarship Agreement Order of 1977 will back us. This Act allows government to implement the

full repayment in the event a beneficiary fails to adhere to some of its provisions, that include reporting within three months after gaining employment."

Meanwhile, Ministry of Labour and Social Security Portfolio Committee Chairperson Lutfo Dlamini applauded the work done by Mdladla and his team.

He said now that they are taking the court route, perhaps they should consider having a parliamentary Act that will back them.

Mdladla assured Dlamini that they would be using an Act, which is the Scholarship Recovery Act.

Yesterday it was revealed that currently government is owed E2.1 billion in scholarship loans.

The consortium has been able to collect E74 million as at July 31. The consortium revealed that it makes a collection of E4.5 million per month. In the period of January to June 2019 the Scholarship Recovery Consortium was able to collect a total of E24 630 315.

According to the debt recovery summary, beneficiaries who have been identified but have not yet secured consent stand at 18 000.

WE ARE COMING FOR DEFAULTERS-LOAN CONSORTIUM

THE Scholarship Management and Recovery team has lined up strategies so as to nab study loans defaulters.

Mdladla said there is a proposed integration of the Scholarship Recovery System with home affairs civil registration and immigration systems.

This integration would enable the pre-screening of all individuals seeking services, whether as primary beneficiaries or secondary attestors to documents to determine if they benefited from government scholarship.

Mdladla said pre-screening would be for the purpose of getting the scholarship defaulting individual to sign an acknowledgement of debt and repayment plan. Defaulting beneficiaries, according to the strategy, would be flagged at all points of entry and exit in the country.



BRIEFS: Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Labour and Social Security Thulani Mkhaliphi explains a point to MP Lutfo Dlamini during the tour of the ministry's offices where files for students are kept.

The team would go to the extent of integrating the Scholarship Recovery System with other government systems, such as motor vehicle registration, business licence

application to track defaulters from all angles. The recovery team is also proposing a partnership with the Eswatini Revenue Authority to leverage on their efficient clear-

ance system prior to accessing certain services, be they in the broader commercial services sector or tendering for public sector contracts.

Uproar as over E450 000 monthly interest from scholarship loans lost

THE Parliament Portfolio Committee for the Ministry of Labour and Social Security is not happy with the way government has wasted an opportunity of saving E450 000 per month.

The E450 000 is interest of the E74 million that has been collected by the Study Loan Recovery Consortium and is kept at Standard Bank. It surfaced yesterday that the money could be generating an interest of E450 000 a month.

Mdladla said if the E74 million was generating interest, the project would be paying itself and saving government a lot of money as government would not fork out anything. Mdladla said the account for the recovered money is with Standard Bank and because the money belongs

to government, they as the consortium only check if money has been deposited monthly and if everyone who is supposed to pay has paid.

He said they have no rights or say in the accounts.

Project

The project leader indicated that with the money that is in the account being E74 million, it is supposed to be generating an interest of E450 000 a month.

When, Lutfo Dlamini, who is the chairperson of the committee asked who is getting the interest now, Mdladla said it is supposed to be government. However, it surfaced that there is no interest because of a conflict between the ministry of labour and the treasury department.

Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Labour and Security Thulani Mkhaliphi said this is one complex issue because the money was saved in a current account at Standard Bank and therefore it is not earning an interest.

Mkhaliphi said the directive is that government says it is illegal to save money in a commercial bank account.

Mkhaliphi said they were not in agreement with the treasury department, he said the treasury department was taking them to task as signatories of the account on why they were keeping the money with a commercial bank let alone an interest earning account.

Mkhaliphi said they had initially kept the money where they saw

that it has a potential of getting an interest so that when they create a fund for the recovered money, the funds find that "we are still fighting those kind of wars with the treasury department" Mkhaliphi stated.

MP Dlamini, the Chairperson of the Parliament Portfolio Committee, said it was not right for government to lose so much money because of the misunderstanding on where the money should be kept. He said they will deal with the issue as Parliament. Dlamini said such must not happen when government is in a financial crisis.

He said the saved interest can help government a long way. Dlamini said this was a serious issue as close to half a million a month is wasted while everyone knows that government is broke. The chairperson said the money could be used to help even other students who need scholarship loans.

First years to get allowance via e-Mali and MoMo

THIS year there might be less or no protest actions by students from intentions of higher learning.

This is because government has devised a way of paying students allowances in stages. Ministry of Labour Principal Secretary Thulani Mkhaliphi revealed that the disbursement has been inefficient before and now they have decided to disburse the money on a monthly basis.

He said they will be using Mobile Money and e-Mali.

The PS said for example if someone is supposed to get an allowance of E10 000, that money would be stretched over a period of 10 months and it will just be enough for a student to be able to use the money for rent transport food and other basic needs.

The Parliament Portfolio Committee saw this as a good move that will help in preventing students from spending the money extravagantly, like going on shopping sprees in Durban or buying cars or building houses.

The principal secretary said as from today they will be engaging with institutions of higher learning about the new project.

He said immediately after registration, they will start counting the 30 days and after a month students will receive their monthly allowances. Mkhaliphi indicated that suggestions from the public are welcome.

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Red Cross Society embarks on fundraising campaign

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE
Mbabane

BAPHALALI Eswatini Red Cross Society has embarked on a fundraising campaign to boost its coffers.

Baphalali Communications Manager Mongi Mncina said due to natural and man-made disasters that the country is currently faced with, Red Cross needs more resources to reach out to the vulnerable members of the society.

"Baphalali Eswatini Red Cross Society aims to help Emaswati that are affected by natural and man-made disasters," said Mncina.

He said the recent winds and fires that

hit the country have affected almost half the population.

The situation is even worse, especially for the vulnerable in society and needs serious attention.

"Currently, Red Cross doesn't have enough funds to carry out its outreach programmes, hence we embarked on a fund raising campaign," said Mncina.

On that note, Baphalali Mobilisation Officer Treasure Masilela appealed to local companies and individuals to continue making contributions to the organisation.

"Red Cross is a non-profit organisation, we continue to offer free services

to vulnerable people of the Kingdom of Eswatini. One of the campaigns we

have put in place to raise the needed funds is a raffle draw. We are

currently selling the tickets at E10 each," said Masilela.

Masilela further urged their stakeholders at Baphalali Eswatini Red Cross to make contributions of any kind, financially

and through material donations.

She said the organisation continued to work with its volunteers to reach out to the vulnerable in society.



FUNDRAISING: Red Cross Communications Officer Mongi Mncina and Mobilisation Officer Treasure Masilela.

MEDICAL ERRORS MUST BE AVOIDED

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Ezulwini

A significant number of patients are harmed or die yearly due to unsafe health care, resulting in a high public health burden worldwide.

Government, through the ministry of health is optimistic that the health sector can play a significant role in minimising fatalities caused by medical errors.

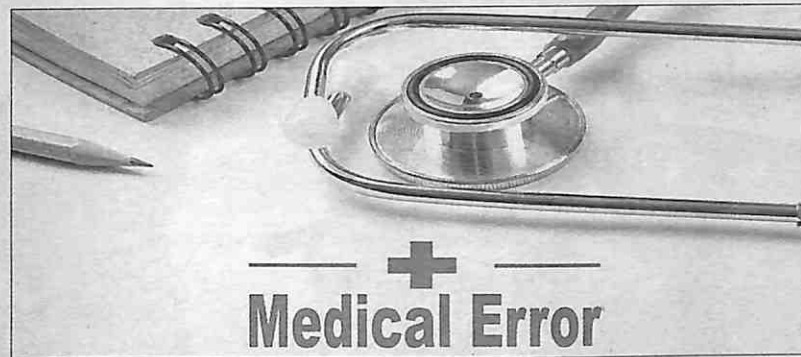
Ministry of Health Chief Pharmacist Fortunate Bhembe said medical errors could come from both a medical practitioner and a patient due to different reasons. She was speaking during a Medical Errors Symposium held at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention on Wednesday.

Bhembe said from the side of a patient, a medical error could occur because of the information that can be very confusing which the patient will not understand. This then, according to Bhembe, could lead to a patient administering the prescribed medication wrongly leading to a medical error.

She said there was need for governments to recognise the scale of avoidable harm linked with unsafe medication practices and medication errors.

She added that it was a bad thing for

...Government, through the ministry of health is optimistic that the health sector can play a significant role in minimising fatalities caused by medical errors



governments and private medical companies to face and deal with lawsuits and claims due to a medical error.

Eligibility

When asked about the eligibility of some pharmacists and public medical practitioners, Bhembe said there were councils that are put in place to screen the qualifications of practitioners before they are employed into the field.

Bhembe said there were standard procedures that need to be followed before a medical practitioner could be either a nurse, doctor or a pharmacist.

Bhembe said with the reported over 400 qualified nurses who are still not employed, it was advisable that they

make sure that they keep themselves up to date with the medical world, do clinical attachments to familiarise themselves with the dynamic field.

She said for those who are already employed, they need to upgrade themselves to stay competitive in the field.

Bhembe said confusion and medication error, including discrepancies at transitions, could be reduced by naming, packaging and labelling of medication that communicates the key information prominently including the name, strength, and form which can ensure medication information is readily accessible to and usable by patients and health care professionals.

Govt must set flexible budget to meet medication demand

ADVISORY Group of South Africa Doctor Brad Beira says adverse procedures are now estimated to be the 14th leading cause of illnesses and mortality in the world, putting patients harm in the same league as tuberculosis and malaria.

He said the most important challenge in the field of patient safety was how to prevent harm, particularly avoidable harm, to patients during their care.

"Patient safety is one of the most important components of health care delivery which is essential to achieve universal health coverage," he said.

Beira said without good guidance and training programmes for healthcare workers in developing countries, patients could be at an increased risk of medication errors and preventable adverse

reactions.

Most of the harm caused by wrong use and administering of medication is preventable.

He mentioned that the possibility of harm is high, especially if adverse reactions are not monitored by a strategy aimed at good reporting and early detection, review and management.

"The complex challenge of improving medication safety during transitions of care requires long-term commitment from health care leaders and cohesive efforts from health care professionals to substantially reduce potential patient harm," he said.

He said technological advances such as computerised drug to drug interaction software packages were gaining increased recognition as means to reduce

medication errors. They are likely to represent the standard of care in all pharmacies, dispensaries and hospitals in the future.

To minimise medical errors, Beira suggested that doctors and nurses should attend paediatric training, pharmacists working in wards could be assisted with reconstitution and dosage calculations of medications, and ward protocols need to be updated and followed.

He said there was need for government to address the drug issue with great urgency. He said the ministry of health should going forward spend enough money on the required medications at the right time. He said government should set a flexible budget that would cater for the ever increasing demand of medication.

ETA intensifies marketing activities

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

ESWATINI Tourism Authority (ETA) is bringing back its radio programme.

The programme, Tekuvakasha, has already started being aired on Eswatini Broadcasting Information Service (EBIS) Radio One.

The first broadcast was last Friday, which saw an introduction of a series with definitions of simple tourism concepts.

ETA Chief Executive Officer Linda Nxumalo said the programme would air from 1115 hours to 1130 hours on EBIS One every Friday for the next six months.

The 15-minute programme would cover ground on all things on tourism and other industries that are linked to tourism.

Nxumalo mentioned that ETA's marketing department would be in charge of content development and production of the show.

"They will set the stage and give direction per show as there will be many different topics and issues to be tackled in just six months," she said.

Nxumalo said the programme had been designed such that there would be a presenter from EBIS as host, an officer from the marketing department and a guest from the other departments within the organisation.

"Instead of the ETA hosting the show, a presenter from EBIS will chair the discussion so that we get to the core of certain issues as we market the country. To get a holistic picture of the tourism industry, we will also be hosting some of ETA's other departments such as

product development, research and some of our information offices," she said.

Nxumalo said they would be hosting guests from the industry and stakeholders to allow for consistency as ETA had numerous partners who played a pivotal role in the development and growth of tourism in the country.

The show's comeback was deemed imperative because tourism had been identified by government as one of the lynchpins of Eswatini's national economic development strategy.

"Our mandate this year is to strategically support and promote events for economic development, nation-building and cultural tourism, through keeping our local consumers in the loop. That can only be efficiently attained by robust information dissemination," said Nxumalo.

The CEO added that the show would be interactive in the sense that there would be occasional call-ins from the public.

The programme is part of a concerted drive to promote Eswatini as the preferred destination and disseminate tourism information to the domestic market.

Meanwhile, ETA Acting Marketing Manager Chunky Mdluli said the department was prepared to work tirelessly to ensure that relevant content was developed and available to feed the programme on a consistent basis. "The marketing department is ready for the task at hand, especially in terms of information dissemination for our domestic market. The show is solely for taking care of key issues faced by the tourism industry within our borders," she said.



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HAPPY TIMES: Members of Parliament Bomber Mamba, Musa Mabuza and Nkhanyeti Ngwenya share a light moment with Nedbank MD Fikile Nkosi. This was during the cocktail dinner sponsored by Nedbank at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre on Wednesday evening. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



PRESENT: Some of the dignitaries who were present during the event.



THANK YOU: NAMBoard CEO Siphephiso Dlamini addresses the gathering.



STRESSING A POINT: Nedbank MD Fikile Nkosi addresses the delegates.



APPRECIATION: Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza presents the Farm Group's Trevor Dukes with a token of appreciation.



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HERE FOR YOU: Speaker Dukes makes his remarks.

Cold Chain Summit Eswatini.



WELCOME: Minister Mabuza greets Nedbank MD Fikile Nkosi, whilst businesswoman Sonia Paiva watches on.



HAPPY: Farmers network while enjoying themselves at the dinner.



INTEREST: Agriculture's US Eric Maziya and Environmental Authority's Gcina Dladla follow proceedings.



FIRE: Local Afro-pop star Mbongiseni 'Bholoja' Ngubane entertains the audience.



FOCUSED: A section of the guests follows proceedings.



SPEECHES: Delegates listen to different speakers during the event.



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Taiwan injects E1m for Tinkhundla network system

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
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THE Republic of China (Taiwan) has pumped over E1 million for the networking of tinkhundla centres in the country.

Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala extended government's gratitude to Taiwan for funding the networking of Tinkhundla at E1 021 000. He said the project was a network expansion of government infrastructure and would facilitate the decentralisation of e-government of the communities through the Tinkhundla centres. However, due to financial constraints the minister disclosed that the rehabilitation of Tinkhundla centres and the provision of security at Tinkhundla Centres has been put on hold in the current financial year, something which was not well received by some members of Parliament (MPs). Nkhaba MP Zakhele Magongo asked as to when the networking would be completed.

The minister said the network is being implemented in two phases.

He disclosed that currently the local area network had been installed in 59 Tinkhundla centres in the country.

"Phase one has been implemented in 59 Tinkhundla centres in the country," he said.

The minister added that the second phase would be the installation of the wide area network. After the installation of the wide area network, the minister said Tinkhundla will be able to access the government main frame.

This is contained in the Tinkhundla Administration and Development portfolio committee on the debate of the ministry's quarterly performance report for the 2019/20 financial year.



As soon as these funds are transferred, the ministry will start utilising the money. Currently, the ministry is making follow-ups with the ministry of finance weekly to expedite the transfer of funds to the RDF account



E55 MILLION FOR RDF

The ministry of tinkhundla administration and development has received about E55 million for the Regional Development Fund (RDF).

This is contained in the ministry's quarterly report for 2019/20. Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala pleaded that priority should be given to projects that had been appraised.

Somntongo MP asked when the ministry would start utilising money from RDF.

The minister explained that the funds had to be transferred to the RDF account.

"As soon as these funds are transferred, the ministry will start utilising the money. Currently, the ministry is making follow-ups with the ministry of finance weekly to expedite the transfer of funds to the RDF account."

The minister emphasised that implemented projects are those that have been appraised through the previous RDF regulations subject to the prioritising of the respective Tinkhundla.

It is worth noting that five per cent of the released money is administrative costs, which amounts to E2 750 000.

Shiselweni chiefs rally behind 'It Takes Eswatini' campaign

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Nhlango

PRINCES and chiefs from the Shiselweni region say they feel they have let children down as sexual violence perpetrated against them has carried on for too long unabated.

This was articulated by Mkhwakhweni Chief Prince Fipha during their meeting at the regional administration offices in Nhlango.

The chiefs were being introduced to the 'It Takes Eswatini to End Sexual Violence against Children' campaign on Monday.

The chiefs have since resorted to forming a task team to ensure that Shiselweni worked hard at being a sexual violence free region by supporting the campaign.

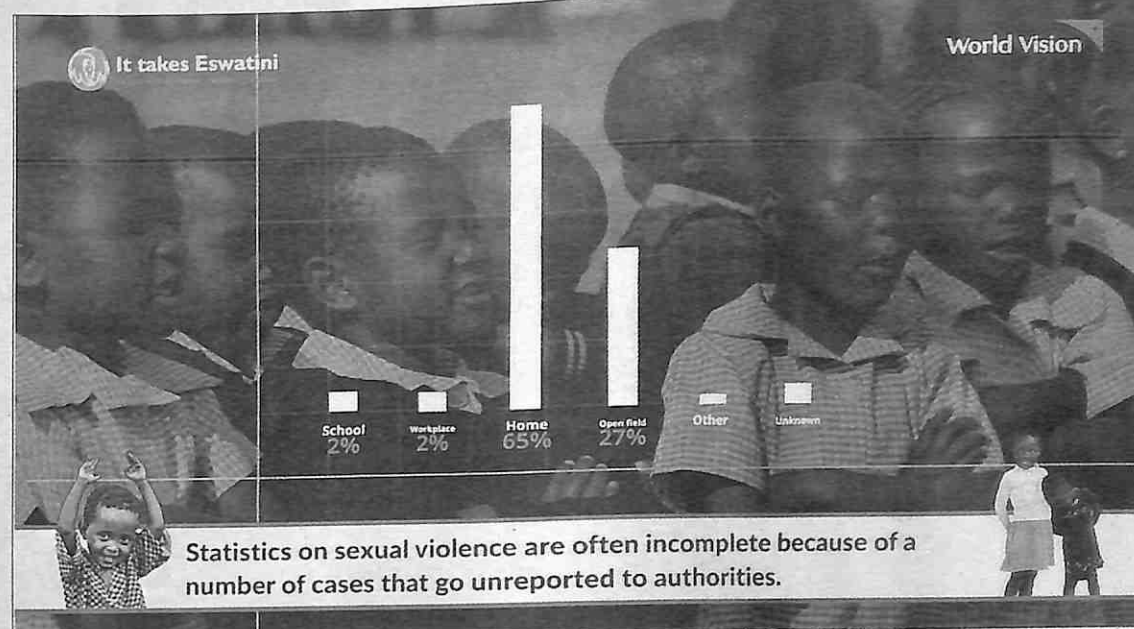
The committee comprises Regional Administrator Dr Vincent Mhlango, Prince Fipha, Chief Makhosikhosi, Chief Mbane and others.

During their meeting, the chiefs delved into reasons behind the surge in sexual violence cases.

They said they had noted a myriad of issues which should be looked into. Several of them decried the introduction of children's rights, which they said was at the expense of traditional values.

As a result, they said children are unmanageable and parents are unable to protect them from abuse or warn them against falling into abusive situations.

They noted how children now date



without informing parents, something which was not the case in yesteryears, where dating was officially acknowledged by both families and was only done by mature people who were of marrying age.

Most of the chiefs decried the deterioration of traditional values due to modern life, as well as exposure to bad behaviours at a young age. They decried how watching TV exposed children to sex at an early age as well as violence and killings.

They called for a return to traditional structures which will see children taught actively by parents and the community on how to take care of themselves so that future generations remain morally astute.

On the other hand, Chief Makhosikhosi Khumalo said the

expectation that the country would return to traditional practices is not possible because, even as they were meeting, most of them would return home late at night and no longer have time to properly sit down with their children and impart to them the values they grew up with.

"It is time that we look at ways of marrying the modern times with traditional values because our children are of a completely different era," he said.

Zombodze Emuva's Lipha Nsibandze said there were different teachings between the home and church, which sees people most likely to run to their pastors and inform them of anything that is happening.

"We should note that when some

of our children want to get married, they now run to their pastors first and tell them about their plans. In this regard, churches should also be roped in to play a role in this campaign," he noted.

Nsibandze further highlighted how parents no longer had access to their children because they had many meetings in churches whereas they would have ordinarily spent their time at home.

He also decried how members of Parliament (MPs) approved the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018, but were not assisting parents when they took children out of the homestead through the varying number of soccer competitions which caused them to return very late at home.

'Rape survivors must be protected from perpetrators'

SHISELWENI Regional Administrator (RA) Dr Vincent Mhlango says convicted rapists should be monitored so as to ensure that they do not return to their criminal ways or bother their victims.

He said this was important if children were to be protected even after their ordeal.

The RA said there had to be a way of monitoring rapists to ensure that they did not rape again.

He pleaded that this should

be done without the former convicts knowing they were being watched.

"I don't know how it can be done, however, there must be a way of ensuring that they do not revert to the horrendous crimes they were convicted for," said Dr Mhlango.

He said he noted how a convict visited a victim and reminded the child that he was once arrested because of her and proceeded to rape her again.

"The child then kept quiet

after noting that the rapist could do this again despite having reported it previously," said the RA.

He added that the child ended up falling pregnant by her rapist, something which could have been avoided had the child been protected when the convict was released.

This, he said, would be one way of ensuring that the children who are victims do not come into contact with their abusers again.

Counselling rooms needed in schools

ONDINGANENI Community representative Harry Nxumalo requested that counselling rooms be mandatory within schools.

He said it was paramount that children have a place of safety and solace within the school setting so that they could communicate when things were amiss.

He called for the rooms to also be used as means to prevent abusive behaviour, in that organisations such as World Vision should use them to instil values which build children to be respectable members of society.

Tempted

"Once all children are taught at a young age about respecting their fellow human beings, we will reduce incidences of sexual violence because this will have been instilled when everyone was young and no one will be tempted to do it later on in life," he said.

Nxumalo requested that each family should revert to the practise of having their own sessions of teachings so that values and principles are taught to children at a young age.

"Parents should stop leaving everything to teachers and other.

"They should take charge and take care of their own children's needs where education on character and morals is concerned," he said.



Company director accused of selling same property twice

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

THE director of a company is accused of selling the same property twice to different people for over E2 million.

Thandi Maziya, who is the Director for Swaziland Perishable Foods, is alleged to have sold plot number 684 situated at Matsapha Industrial Sites to a company operating under the name Van Wyk and Sons Property Limited in January 2015.

Van Wyk and Sons managed to pay E750 000 upfront plus two properties at Tubungu valued at E1.3 million before the sale agreement was made.

This then led to the two parties signing a written agreement in respect of the sale and exchange with the director.

However, it is said the director then failed to hold up her end of the deal, which was transferring the 4 138 square metre plot to Van Wyk and Sons despite having signed the agreement.

It is then that the company ran to court to apply for enforcement of the implementation of the agreement.

The court, after arguments, issued an order in favour of Van Wyk and Sons where Maziya was expected to transfer the property and further refrain from selling the plot to anyone else.

During this period, the Registrar of Deeds is also said to have been actively involved and it was ordered by the court not to register the plot

to anyone else.

This led to a meeting by Van Wyk and Sons' trustee Cindy Ann Van Wyk with Swaziland Development Finance Corporation's (FINCORP) and representatives of the other respondents that they were still interested in retaining the plot and were even willing to pay more for it.

Offer

However, the Van Wyks were told that there was another offer of E3 million for the same plot. Indeed, in February this year, Maziya, in her capacity as the director of Swaziland Perishable Foods allegedly sold the same plot to Jasha Investments, for E2.5 million despite the fact that the guarantee that was issued is to elapse on October 2, 2019.

The Van Wyks want the sale to Jasha Investments to be reversed because they are of the view that Maziya has no regard for the law since the matter was to be heard by the appeal court in October.

The Registrar of Deeds' Lindile Dlamini is said to have already authorised and issued a Title Deed in favour of Jasha, much against the order of the court.

Van Wyk said it was urgent that the reversal is made because already, the new supposed owner is executing a lease agreement with the current tenants, from whom the Indian will expect rent effective from July 1, 2019.

The trustee said this was wrong because by law, she was the owner of the property and that the tenants should pay rent to her and not Jasha Investments.



Two granted E5 000 bail each for theft of electric cables

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

TWO men have been granted bail of E5 000 after they were said to have stolen electric house wiring cables valued at over E30 000.

Vusi Ndzabandzaba and Samkelo Mdluli were arrested and charged with theft after they were said to have stolen electric cables from Rob's Electric at Sidwashini Industrial Site. The duo is said to have committed this offence recently at Sidwashini.

According to their charge sheet, Ndzabandzaba and Mdluli were said to have, in the month of August, at Rob's Electric at Sidwashini Industrial Site, acted jointly in the furtherance of a common purpose when they intentionally stole electric house wiring cables valued at E31 720.

These electric wiring cables were said to have been in the lawful possession of Portia Magagula, thus committing the offence of fraud.

During their appearance before Magistrate Tematimandze Shongwe on Wednesday, the duo was remanded into custody until August 16, pending their trial date set for August 20.

When making their application for bail, Ndzabandzaba informed the court that he was a breadwinner and he had children whose needs he was taking care of. Mdluli pleaded with the court to allow him to await his trial from home, as he also had children, and a cousin whose needs he was solely responsible for.

After hearing their bail applications, Magistrate Shongwe granted the duo to a bail amount of E5 000, which they were to each pay in order to await their trial out of custody.

Woman thanks Indlovukazi, Phalala Fund for E1 m surgery

BY SIZWE DLAMINI
Pigg's Peak

A woman from Malanda, a township in Pigg's Peak has thanked Her Majesty the Indlovukazi for coming through for her as she needed E1 million for heart surgery which was performed at Kempton Park, South Africa.

Philile Zwane, a single mother of four, who has now fully recovered, makes a living from selling *shisanyama* in Pigg's Peak.

The payment for the surgery, transportation and hospital accommodation was paid for by Phalala Fund in July 2019. Zwane disclosed that her heart surgery was successful.

She said she had been suffering from the heart condition since 1996 when she was incorrectly diagnosed with asthma.

"In 1996, I suffered from chest pains, so I visited the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital where I was diagnosed with asthma. For 20 years I was on asthma medication. However, in 2018 I approached chest specialist Dr Abednego Mnisi in Manzini.

Surgery

"During this visit, I learnt that I was actually suffering from a heart condition that required heart surgery which costs about E800 000.

"I could not afford it, I almost gave up hope then Mnisi advised me to approach the Phalala Fund in September 2018 for help," she said.

Ten months after registering her request with Phalala Fund, she was called and informed that she would be travelling to South Africa for the surgery.

"The surgery was done after two weeks of preparation treatment at a special



THANKFUL: Philile Zwane who was 'saved' by Phalala Fund.

clinic.

"It is important to mention that during these two weeks I received food and accommodation all paid for by Phalala

Fund.

"Dr Peter Scoles performed the surgery. I thank the Queen Mother and Phalala Fund for saving me," she added.

Woman, two men nabbed for dagga possession

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

DAGGA dealing without a permit or licence continues to be one of the most illegal business activities in the country, as three more people have found themselves on the wrong side of the law.

Bonisile Nxumalo, Themba Hlophe and Sifiso Mndzebele were nabbed with dagga, thus contravening the Pharmacy Act.

Appearing before Magistrate Tematimandze Shongwe, Nxumalo claimed to be trying to make a living for her children.

Nxumalo was arrested and charged with contravening the Pharmacy Act after she was found to have been in the possession of 3.496 kilogrammes of dagga at Ngwenya Border Gate on Tuesday.

"Your Worship, as I stand here, I am an orphan as I have no mother or father to support me.

"I have no other option but to resort to this illegal practice to make money to support my children."

After hearing her mitigation, Magistrate

Shongwe sentenced Nxumalo to pay a fine of E2 000 and in default of payment, serve two years in prison.

When questioned about the reason for his arrest, Hlophe said he was only trying to make a living out of selling dagga.

"Your Worship, although I am self-employed, I need more money as I have children whose needs must be met, daily. I apologise to the court for committing this crime, and I hope I will never have to resort to this again," Hlophe stated.

According to his charge sheet, Hlophe was said to have been nabbed with 6.5 kilogrammes of dagga and 0.27 kilogrammes of dagga seeds at Nkomanzi on Monday.

Mitigation

After hearing his mitigation, Magistrate Shongwe also sentenced Hlophe to two years in a correctional facility, with the option to pay a fine of E2 000. He was further sentenced to pay a fine of E200 or serve two months in prison for being found in possession of dagga seeds.

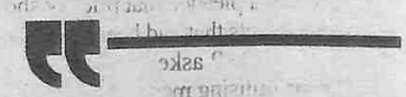
Meanwhile, when Sifiso Mndzebele pleaded guilty to contravening the Pharmacy Act, he explained to the court that he used dagga as a way to treat his asthma.

"Your Worship, I use dagga to treat

asthma. I crush it and brew tea so that I can be better. It really works wonders. I do not sell or smoke it," Mndzebele explained.

When Magistrate Shongwe questioned him on what alternative medication he would use because dagga was illegal in the country, Mndzebele informed the court that he would have to resort to traditional medicines to treat his condition.

Mndzebele was found to be in possession of 0.21 kilogrammes of dagga at Nkoyoyo on Wednesday morning.



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ATTENTIVE: Farmers and stakeholders listen attentively to the speakers.

COME GET IDLE GOVT FARMS - MINISTER TELLS FARMERS

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

THE Ministry Agriculture through Minister Jabulani 'Buy Cash' Mabuza has urged farmers in the country to come to the light and make use of the numerous idle farms owned by the Government of Eswatini.

The minister said this when making his remarks during the Cold Chain Summit Networking cocktail dinner hosted by Nedbank on Wednesday evening.

Agriculture is one of the ministries that have been noted as one of the key sectors in the Economic Strategic Roadmap that the country launched recently. Agriculture has a potential to contribute massively to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

"As a ministry, we can only try and make sure that farmers have the opportunity to farm and do any agricultural activities. We want to make sure that we have enough medium and small dams and to help farmers in their production.

"Another opportunity that we urge

farmers to make use of are the government farms that are lying idle. We invite farmers to please show up and speak to the ministry of agriculture, engage us and request to use these farms. We will sit down with you, look at your business plan, and if it makes sense we will recommend that you get those farms. They are ready and available," he said.

The minister further encouraged all the farmers present to get into goat production.

"Another jewel that farmers can tap into is goat production. The markets are available both locally and internationally, and as a ministry, we will be more than happy to help any farmer that comes up and shows interest in goat production.

"Again, with all the knowledge you are getting in this summit, please do make use of it, because it won't help knowing what to do, but not doing it," Minister Mabuza said.

Meanwhile, Nedbank Managing Director (MD) Fikile Nkosi firstly thanked NAMBoard and the Ministry of Agricultural, stating that the bank believed that the summit was the per-



WELCOME NOTE: Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza makes his remarks at the Cold Chain Summit welcome cocktail on Wednesday evening. The cocktail event was sponsored by Nedbank. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

fect start of 'great things' for the nation.

"Firstly, we would like to thank NAMBoard and the ministry of Agriculture for this summit.

"This is a great opportunity for farmers because we have all the stakeholders in the food chain together in one roof, so there's major opportunities. It was for this reasons that we saw it prudent to partner with NAMBoard and we hope many part-

nerships will be forged from this summit, and we are proud to be a part of it.

"Agriculture plays a significant role to the prosperity of many developed countries and has always been of vital importance to our economy as well. There is an estimate that reveals that the demand for food will increase by 70 per cent by 2050 and therefore 70 billion US dollars needs to be invest-

ed annually if we are to meet this demand, and it's needless to say that the bulk of it should come from the private sector," she said.

Nkosi further added that the bank comprehended challenges that farmers in the country are faced with, and were willing to be of assistance.

"Nedbank is cognizant of the challenges faced by farmers, such as lack of funding and a market. Now, the Cold Chain Summit is an opportunity to network and get markets for farmers, and then we as a bank come through with the funding.

"Agri- financing is strategic and important in alleviating poverty and shared prosperity. The benefits to the country's economy is immense, hence we can only promise farmers to help them with commercialisation, better technologies, access to financial tools, smooth transition of the consolidation of farms, as well as implementing agri-finance strategies," Nkosi concluded.

Entertainment on the day was provided by the Vulamasango Choir as well as seasoned afro-jazz star Mbongiseni 'Bholoja' Ngubane.

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TOUR: BS Roy of Overseas Investments briefing the Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini who was joined by Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza and their entourage as they tour some of the stands. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



HIGH VALUE: LnL Fresh Produce was also one of the exhibitors at the summit. Delegates pictured getting some information about the company.



ALL EARS: Local and international journalists listening to presentations of the day.



PRESENT: Dr Khanyisile Dlamini from EIPA, NMC Chief Executive Officer Sabelo Msibi and Senator Chief Magudvulela at the event.

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1942 - CBS radio debuted 'Our Secret Weapon'.

1944 - The Forest Service and Wartime Advertising Council created 'Smokey the Bear'.

1945 - The US dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki. The bombing came three days after the bombing of Hiroshima. About 74 000 people were killed. Japan surrendered August 14.

1945 - The first network television broadcast occurred in Washington, DC. The program announced the bombing of Nagasaki, Japan.

1956 - The first statewide, state-supported educational television network went on the air in Alabama.

1965 - Singapore proclaimed its independence from the Malaysian Federation.

1973 - The US Senate committee investigating the Watergate affair filed suit against President Richard Nixon.

1974 - US President Richard Nixon formally resigned. Gerald R Ford took his place, and became the 38th president of the US.

1975 - The New Orleans Superdome as officially opened when the Saints played the Houston Oilers in exhibition football. The new Superdome cost US\$163 million to build.

1981 - Major league baseball teams resumed play at the conclusion of the first mid-season players' strike.

1984 - Daley Thompson, of Britain, won his second successive Olympic decathlon.

1985 - Arthur J Walker, a retired Navy officer, was found guilty of seven counts of spying for the Soviet Union.

1988 - Wayne Gretzky (Edmonton Oilers) was traded. The trade was at Gretzky's request. He was sent to the Los Angeles Kings.

1996 - Boris Yeltsin was sworn in as president of Russia for the second time.

1999 - Russian President Boris Yeltsin fired Prime Minister Sergei Stepashin and his entire cabinet for the fourth time in 17 months.

2001 - US President George W Bush announced he would support federal funding for limited medical research on embryonic stem cells.

2004 - Donald Duck received the 2 257th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

2004 - Trump Hotel and Casino Resorts announced plans to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Anna Kendrick
(Movie Actress)
August 9, 1985
(34 years old)



Bill Skarsgard
(Movie Actor)
August 9, 1990
(29 years old)

TRIBUTE TO VUSI TSHABALALA

BY WELILE DLAMINI

Former EBIS News Editor, Editor-In-Chief and Director

VUSI Tshabalala son of the late Soweto tycoon Ephraim Tshabalala popularly known as ET died of pneumonia on July 25, 2019 in Johannesburg.

Tshabalala inherited his father's business empire that included grocery shops, dry cleaners, garages, cinemas and petrol filling stations both in Johannesburg and Manzini in Eswatini.

As a progressive young businessman he also ventured into showbiz. In 1976 Tshabalala with a little help from his brother-in-law Peter Vundla organised the biggest music festival ever in the Kingdom of Eswatini known as the Swazi Summer 1976 scheduled to take place behind Somhlolo National Stadium.

A massive music stage was created where popular US artists like Earth Wind & Fire, Commodores, Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes featuring Teddy Pendergrass, The Temptations, The Spinners and The Whispers to mention a few were supposed to perform. The festival collapsed a few hours before it took off due to reasons I can't go into. Before it was announced that the festival had been called off millions of music lovers and tourists from all over the world were already in the country. The situation was so bad that all hotels were fully booked such that tourists were stranded and Mbabane and Manzini ran out of food.

Tshabalala did not only promote music festivals in Eswatini alone but as well as in South Africa. Among those he brought to South Africa were the Staple Singers, a family group of five ladies managed by their father Pop Staple who also sang with the group. The Staple Singers performed at Orlando Stadium. Both the late Percy Sledge and Brook Benson were amongst the US music singers brought by Tshabalala to perform in South Africa.

My relationship with the late Vusi Tshabalala began at Salesian High School. The two of us were joined by the late Mike Alexander and became the three-musketeers of our time.

Upon finishing high school, I left Eswatini to study journalism at the Ghana School of Journalism. Vusi and Mike joined their family business empires. Whilst studying in Ghana Vusi sent me a card telling me he was getting married to Princess Dlalile, King Sobhuza's daughter from Inkhosikati La-Masuku.

When I came back from studying Tshabalala, Mike and myself continued with our strong friendship. Tshabalala opened a restaurant at White City named Swazi Lounge. The restaurant was followed by a disco. He asked me to be a resident DJ at the disco which attracted a lot of patrons from Soweto.

Erupted

When the 1976 Soweto uprising erupted Tshabalala and I were in Soweto. Vusi quickly organised a car and we drove out of Soweto back to Eswatini.

In 1980 Tshabalala stole his father's Mercedes car and we drove it into Zimbabwe to witness that country's independence celebrations. As we left Harare coming back home, Tshabalala hit a dog damaging the car seriously. We drove in it as far as Rustenburg where we put it in a garage for repairs. I left him in Rustenburg and got a ride from SS Mokgokong who was in that town for a graduation back to Eswatini.

In 198, Tshabalala left Johannesburg for Boston Massachusset to study business administration.



KHETHILE KHETHILE:
Vusi Tshabalala and his wife Princess Dlalile on their wedding day.



CHAMPAGNE: Vusi Tshabalala and his wife Princess Dlalile during their wedding at Carlton Centre in South Africa. Next to them is Themba Vundla and Michael Alexandre.



ESWATINI RIDERS: Vusi Tshabalala (l) and his brother in law Peter Vundla with their employee (c).

The following year (1982) I too left Eswatini for Princeton University New Jersey to further my studies in journalism. Tshabalala's father asked me to pick up a parcel from him to deliver to him. The parcel consisted of money and several bottles of whisky. On arrival in New Jersey, US, I called Tshabalala to come collect his parcel.

Two weeks previously to his death, he and his friend Eddie Dipuku checked on me in Mbabane,

Eswatini. He looked well.

There was no sign of ill-health. I was however, saddened and shocked when I got a call from a friend Winston Mndebele in the middle of the night telling me about Vusi's sudden demise. Seeing Vusi just before his death is a sure sign that he came to bid me farewell before taking his last breath.

Hamba kahle Mshengu Tshabalala. We shall meet in the next world.

HEALTH ISSUES

SNACKS ARE GOOD FOR PEOPLE ON NIGHT SHIFT

OVERNIGHT workers have now been given the go-ahead to grab a midnight snack by scientists.

In the first study of its kind, University of South Australia researchers investigated how eating patterns can affect performance at work.

They found a snack was the best way to fuel those working a night shift, rather than a heavy meal, such as a sandwich or curry.

Their reaction times were quicker, most likely because a large meal can make us feel exceptionally sleepy halfway through the night, the scientists said.

Participants in the study were given cheese and crackers and pretzels. Millions of shift workers complain of their diet being ruined because they have got used to eating throughout the night.

Research shows nurses - who regularly work late shifts - are more likely to be obese, possibly due to the body clock being disrupted or bad food choices.

Lead researcher and PhD candidate Charlotte Gupta said many work industries are increasingly relying on employees to work round the clock.

She said: "We know many night shift workers eat on shift to help them stay awake."

"But until now, no research has shown whether this is good or bad for their health and performance."

"This is the first study to investigate how workers feel and perform after eating different amounts of food."

Over the course of a week, 44 healthy participants, who were not night shift workers, were split into three eating conditions, according to the study published in the journal *Nutrients*. They were observed in a laboratory where researchers made them stay awake overnight and sleep during the day.

All groups ate enough calories during the 24-hour period, ranging from 1900 to 2 600 calories - but their meal times varied.

One group was given a big meal

- Study participants were given either a snack, meal or no food at midnight
- They were involved in a seven-day study that mimicked night shift sleep times
- They performed tests and rated their level of sleepiness and hunger



at midnight and one group was given a snack at midnight, such as cheese and crackers with pretzels, or an apple with a muesli bar.

The midnight meal made up 30 per cent of the participants daily calories and the snack was just 10 per cent. One group wasn't given any food at all, having their dinner around 10pm, breakfast at 3am, and snacks throughout the day.

Gupta said: "We had them do a lot of performance tests and give us ratings on how they were feeling."

Participants also rated their level of hunger, gut reaction and sleepiness after eating at midnight.

Gupta said participants who had a snack just after midnight felt more awake than the other two groups, were the most satisfied with the amount of food and performed best in tests.

Gupta said: "They were reacting faster. We had them do a driving simulator and they were driving safer. So, there were less crashes and they were staying in the speed limit with that small snack, opposed to the big meal."

"Those that didn't have any food performed better and more alert than those that had the big meal

but the snack group still felt and performed the best."

"The findings will inform the most strategic eating patterns on-shift and can hopefully contribute to more alert and better performing workers."

Primed

Despite the meal causing drowsiness, the researchers do not advise skipping meal times and eating snacks instead during the day.

Gupta said: "We find there is always that post lunch lull in alertness, which is just part of our circadian rhythm. We just feel sleepier at that time of day."

"Having a really big heavy meal can make us feel sleepier, but the body is also primed to be digesting food and it wants to be digesting food and digesting it during the day."

"But at night when our body isn't fine to be digesting food that's when a snack is better."

The circadian rhythm is a 24-hour cycle, often called the 'body clock', that regulates people's sleep, eating, body temperature and digestion. Gupta said research should now look into the best snacks for shift workers.

She added: "We gave people a

muesli bar and an apple, which is a fairly healthy snack, but we know that many shift workers are limited in what they can buy, or are getting food from vending machines."

Crisps, chocolate, biscuits and energy drinks are a common choice to keep workers going through the night. Gupta said: "There's also a craving during the middle of the night, when you're working a hard night shift, for chocolate or something a bit more exciting to eat. So, we want to know what the different types of snack do in how people perform during the night."

One in four nurses are obese according to a study by Edinburgh Napier University and London South Bank University in 2017.

Although researchers weren't able to clarify the reasons behind the high levels of obesity seen in health-care staff, they suggested it may be the result of disruptive work shifts.

Nurses have also reported increased rates of irritable bowel syndrome, while flight attendants who eat during the night suffer more stomach aches, bloating, disturbed appetite, diarrhea, and constipation, Ms Gupta and colleagues report.

Daily Mail

Wit and Wisdom

● "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." — *Oscar Wilde*

● "You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching, Love like you'll never be hurt, Sing like there's nobody listening, And live like it's heaven on earth." — *William W Purkey*

● "Be the change that you wish to see in the world." — *Mahatma Gandhi*

● "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." — *Eleanor Roosevelt, This is My Story*

● "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." — *Mahatma Gandhi*

● "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." — *Martin Luther King Jr, A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches*

● "Without music, life would be a mistake." — *Friedrich Nietzsche, Twilight of the Idols*

● "We accept the love we think we deserve." — *Stephen Chbosky, The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

● "Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring." — *Marilyn Monroe*

● "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." — *Albert Einstein*

● "We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars." — *Oscar Wilde, Lady Windermere's Fan*

● "Fairy tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten." — *Neil Gaiman, Coraline*

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

● "I have not failed. I've just found 10 000 ways that won't work." — *Thomas A. Edison*

● "The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference." — *Elie Wiesel*

● "I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world." — *Albert Einstein*

● "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..." — *Dr Seuss*

Just three cups of coffee a day can trigger migraine attacks

LONDON - If you suffer from migraines, it might be time to kick that coffee habit.

Researchers have found that drinking three or more cups a day substantially increases the risk of an attack.

The study tracked 98 sufferers of 'episodic' migraines - defined as having the debilitating headaches on up to 14 days a month.

They found that drinking up to two cups of coffee or other caffeinated drinks made no difference

to their chance of a migraine.

But when they drank three cups, the risk of having an attack the same day went up by 40 per cent. If they had five cups, it rose by 161 per cent.

Study leader Elizabeth Mostofsky, of Harvard University, said: "Drinking one or two caffeinated beverages in a day does not appear to be linked to developing a migraine but three or more servings may be associated with higher odds of developing a headache."

More than eight million Britons - three-quarters of them women - suffer migraine attacks, which involve dizziness, nausea and headaches. Episodes can last from four to 72 hours.

The problem affects more people than diabetes, asthma and epilepsy combined, and is the sixth most common cause of disability in the world. The researchers, whose findings are published in the *American Journal of Medicine*, said the impact of caffeine on migraines is com-

plex because it depends on dose and frequency. And while it may trigger an attack, it can also have a painkilling effect.

Participants completed diaries twice a day for six weeks reporting on the frequency and severity of migraines and their intake of caffeinated drinks.

Fellow researcher Dr Suzanne Bertisch said: "There have been few studies on the immediate risk of migraines with daily changes in caffeine intake." *Daily Mail*

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Petrol (u)	E12.80 per litre
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Diesel	E12.80 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.15 per litre
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Chrisilda Transport goes under the hammer at E9m

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

PROPERTY belonging to Chrisilda Transport Company will go under the hammer at a reserve price of E9 million.

The company situated at Lot No. 564 in Matsapha, measuring 7 880 square metres will be sold by public auction outside the Regional Administrator's Office in Manzini on August 30 starting at 2.30pm. The property also includes that of Shangri-La holdings (Pty) Limited and WDK Investments (PTY) Limited.

This is pursuant to a writ of Execution issued by the High Court in which Standard Bank Eswatini has been cited as the Plaintiff.

The property includes an office block comprising five offices, a reception, boardroom, kitchen and ablutions, a workshop with an office, and storeroom. Other improvements include a garage canopy, gate house with storeroom and

...Matsapha based company owing standard bank and will be sold by public auction on August 30



carports.

The order stated that conditions of sale were available for inspection at the office of the Sheriff in the High Court building in Mbabane and at the offices of the RA, Manzini.

"Chrisilda Transport is company that undertakes the transport of literally any type of cargo from machinery, chemicals, plastic, foodstuffs, pulp, steel to containers and abnormal cargo in

Southern Africa. The bulk of the transport work done is within the SADC region and is mainly cross border work.

In line with the business's objectives, Chrisilda has a fleet of 18 trucks, with the capacity and flexibility to take on needs of larger customers.

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CT Lab nets E1.2m EEC tender contract

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

A South African company CT Lab has bagged an over E1.2 million tender contract from the Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC).

The company was awarded an exact tender contract worth E1 245 494 for the supply of Power Quality Instruments for Substation.

The company beat five other companies, three South African and two local to the tender after recording a total evaluation score of 83 per cent.

The companies are Nextec (SA) which tabled a bid price of E1 861 537.78 and scored a total evaluation of 73 per cent, while HV Test (SA) and Advanced Technologies (Swati) scored less than the minimum technical score of 70 per cent. ATCOM from SA scored 78 per cent with a bid price of E1 452 927. 25, while local Sikhune Electrical managed a 67 per cent after tabling E2 035 773.75

According to information sourced from the Eswatini Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (ESPPRA), in terms of section 45(2) of the Act, the above contract award decision does not constitute a contract.

Further, in terms of Section 45(4), 46, and 47 of the Act, all tenderers who submitted bids are hereby notified that a period of 10 working days is hereby allowed for submission of any application for review from the above stated date of first publication of this notice.

DETAILS OF BEST EVALUATED RESPONSIVE TENDERS

Name	CT Lab
Nationality	South African
Proposed Contract Price	E1 245 494.00
Total Evaluation Score	83 per cent

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

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STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA

"AGRIBUSINESS start-ups are capital intensive in their nature, it is worse if they have to factor in the use of technology"

These remarks were made by Industrial Development Company of Eswatini (IDCE) CEO Phiwayinkhosi Ginindza during the young professionals breakfast meeting at the Cold Chain Summit held at Mavuso Exhibition and Trade Centre yesterday.

He said most financial institutions did not have appetite for such start-ups and regarded them, in particular young upcoming entrepreneurs as high risk.

Investment

"If we continue to ignore investment into agribusiness start-ups, particularly where the youth is involved, as a country we will find ourselves with old farmers who have lost strength to continue farming. That would be when the nation is running out of food to feed itself," he said.

He added that at IDCE they have realised that if they wished to see new innovative products, they must start supporting youth entrepreneurship

Phiwayinkhosi urges for investment into agribusiness

initiatives, especially those that involve technology.

"Youth entrepreneurship can only be enhanced if the financier is willing to go an extra mile and invest in the capacity building of the young entrepreneurs. Youth inclusive financing models include ensuring adequate capacity to the entrepreneurs before financing, providing low cost funding with affordable terms as well as continuous mentorship and coaching to ensure sustainability of the businesses," he continued.

Ginindza also disclosed that as they receive and assess youth business loans referred to their office by the youth fund, they realised that lack of funding for their businesses was not the main barrier for business start-ups.

Young people lack exposure to be creative, innovative and think outside the box, they cannot easily identify

opportunities at their disposal. They lack capacity to enable them to put together quality and convincing business proposals to be able to run successful businesses in a sustainable manner. He added that the youth often lack the entrepreneurial culture, to regard entrepreneurship as another option in their career choices as opposed to regarding it as a fall back plan.

Funds

They also lack initiatives like the youth fund or other grant funds to de-risk the start-ups, to eventually increase appetite for the development finance institutions like IDCE to finance the growth of the businesses.

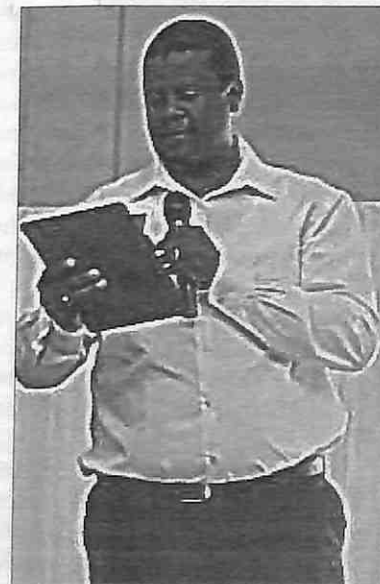
"As consumers living standards continue to improve, the requirements for high-quality produce also increases. In order to ensure that the products maintain the expected high quality, it is important to improve the cold chain

enterprises. It is time to attract outstanding young intellectuals to participate in the cold chain enterprises and introduce innovation and technology," he said. He further stated that such improvements could not be possible without the availability of funding.

Challenged

He, therefore, challenged the youth to grasp as much information as possible from the summit and come up with innovative business ideas in the agribusiness sector to take advantage of the export opportunities that come with the cold chain development.

"I further wish to assure them that government has taken the lead to provide funding for them through the YERF in partnership with IDCE. IDCE is also ready to finance expansion of those businesses, as well as those that require amounts beyond YERF's limits," he concluded.



IDCE CEO Phiwayinkhosi Ginindza.



SUPPORTERS: Sponsors, stakeholders and delegates listen to speeches of the day at the Cold Chain Summit.

...Govt needs to invest in us we are the future - young farmers

YOUNG farmers need to be invested on because they are the future of the country in terms of energy and ideas.

This was said by Zanele Ntuli, a young farmer from South Africa, Pretoria who was one of the speakers for the youth's breakfast session at the Cold Chain Summit held at Mavuso trade Center.

The 28-year-old is a chairperson of YARD and owns a company called Eat them Green, where they produce vegetables and herbs. Ntuli said as young farmers, the government needs to prioritise young farmers the most and assist them.

"Government needs to provide technical and financial support. In terms of technical support we mean offer us training and help us develop our skills. If we are not invested, on it will be more difficult for the economy to grow," she said. She said that as young farmers it is difficult

to apply for a loan because of the red tapes in the way, whereby they need to comply with certain things and requirements. She added that some banks are sceptical to loan them capital because of the risks involved in the process, as some of these farmers do not have collateral when they start their businesses.

Economy

"As the prime minister mentioned that Agriculture is the main sector that is most likely to grow the economy of Eswatini, so the government should ensure that they provide grants for farmers as well which can be invested by farmers into each other," she added. She also advised farmers to enjoy farming as it is not only about being scorched by the sun but to enjoy the benefits of their produce as well.

BUSINESS EXTRA

Samsung's new Note takes on Huawei in selfie beauty pageant



With two screen sizes of 6.3 inches and 6.8 inches, the Note 10 boasts enhanced video effects such as augmented reality and stabilisation modes, and a front-facing camera centrally located at the top of the display for better selfies.

It lacks a headphone jack, a tweak Apple Inc made to its smartphones three years ago. The Note 10 will be sold starting at US\$949.99 while the bigger Note 10 plus

will start at \$1,099. The Note 10 model with 5G capability will start at US\$1,299.99

The phone will go on sale from Aug. 23 and square off against Apple's latest iPhones, which are widely expected to come out later this year. Samsung declined to disclose its sales target for the new Note series, but said it expected to achieve higher sales volume than the predecessor Note 9 models. *Reuters*

GOVT SLOWLY BUT SURELY SUFFOCATING BUSINESSES' ABILITY TO CREATE JOBS

JOHANNESBURG – You cannot legislate people out of poverty. You cannot regulate jobs into existence.

Jobs need to be created, and at the moment, the South African government is slowly but surely suffocating businesses' ability to create jobs by continuously adding more and more burdens on both employers and the unemployed – the latest being the National Minimum Wage (NMW). The NMW is a disincentive for businesses to employ more people. The only "real" jobs in an economy are found in businesses that are providing goods and services to consumers. All government jobs are paid for by current and future taxpayers. For the first time in history, the number of unemployed people (as per the expanded definition) is more than 10 million. The higher the price of

a good, the less of that particular good people will buy. This basic law of economics is ignored by the government, but it cannot escape the consequences of implementing laws and policies which contradict this law. According to StatsSA, the unemployment rate increased by 1.4 percentage points from 27.6 per cent in the first quarter of 2019 to 29 per cent in the second quarter. This means an increase of 455 000 in the number of people who are unemployed.

The expanded definition of unemployment, which includes those who have stopped looking for work, is 38.5 per cent – 10 226 000 people. South Africa must change course from policies such as the NMW, which inflate the price of labour and contribute to such an astronomically high unemployment level. *Business Report Online*

INTERNATIONAL - Samsung unveiled a new version of the Galaxy Note smartphone on Wednesday with fast 5G network connection and improved camera features, hoping the premium model helps it revive slumping profit and widen the gap with struggling rival Huawei.

Samsung Electronics Co Ltd has emerged as the biggest beneficiary of Huawei Technologies Co Ltd's trouble in the second quarter with a nearly seven per cent jump in smartphone sales, as the Chinese firm sold fewer phones in the global market after it was put on a US trade blacklist in May.

With emphasis on improved video and photography features, which helped Huawei become the world's No.2 smartphone vendor, Samsung hopes the Galaxy Note 10 will appeal to YouTube and fans of social media.

Along with its first foldable phone, the big-screen Note 10, unveiled at an event in New York on Wednesday, is the South Korean tech firm's most important new product planned in the second half of this year to expand its mobile sales.

MOLEFE DEALT FATAL BLOW BY CONCOURT

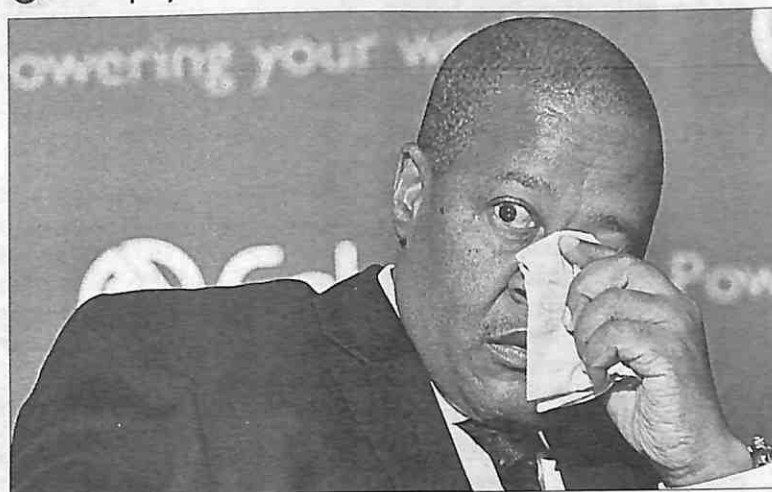
JOHANNESBURG – Former Eskom boss Brian Molefe will have to pay back the utility R10 million of a R30m golden handshake he received when he resigned from the embattled power utility after his last-ditch attempt to keep the money was dealt a fatal blow by the Constitutional Court.

Molefe will have to comply with the Constitutional Court order, as he has no other avenues to appeal the matter as the court is the apex court in the land.

Trade union Solidarity, which opposed Molefe's numerous appeals, yesterday said it would immediately institute action to collect the cost order and to ensure the R10m Molefe received from the Eskom Pension Fund was paid back without delay.

Solidarity chief operating officer

● must pay back R10m golden handshake



BLOW: Former Eskom boss Brian Molefe.

Dirk Hermann said Molefe had tried to use litigation to shirk his responsibilities.

"We are delighted with the ruling. One can only hide in the courts up to a certain point, but the law always

prevails. It is sad that the courts have to take over the role of a person's conscience. Solidarity knows its way about the courts and Brian Molefe underestimated us. We will not let injustice happen," Hermann said.

Molefe has also been ordered to pay the lions share of Solidarity's legal fees.

Hermann insisted that the Constitutional Court's ruling opened the door for the union to pursue criminal proceedings against Molefe.

"As Solidarity is getting no response from the National Prosecuting Authority, we have already initiated discussions with Advocate Gerrie Nel about possible private prosecution."

Molefe could not be reached for comment on the Constitutional Court ruling.

Molefe resigned from Eskom in

November 2016 after a damning report by erstwhile public protector Thuli Madonsela found that Molefe had a cosy relationship with the Gupta family, a family that is alleged to be at the centre of plundering Eskom and Transnet's resources.

Madonsela in her report said Molefe and Ajay Gupta, the eldest of the Gupta brothers, had made 58 telephone calls to one another between August 2015 and March 2016.

Wayne Duvenage, the chief executive of the Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse, said he was happy with the Constitutional Court judgment.

"We always maintained that he (Molefe) did not qualify for such an exuberant amount in the short time he spent as Eskom's employee."

He was inside the state capture vehicle both at Eskom and Transnet and should now be held accountable for being a key state capture enabler," Duvenage said.

Transnet chairperson Popo Molefe in May told the state capture commission that the rail, port and pipeline company wanted (Brian) Molefe to pay it back R79m for payments made to Gupta-linked Regiments for work not done. **Business Report**

BUSA, BBC and NEDLAC sign agreement

JOHANNESBURG – Two entities, Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) and the Black Business Council (BBC) have signed a working agreement.

This agreement will see both entities collaborate on broad-based black economic empowerment and socio-economic transformation, small, medium and micro-sized enterprises development, infrastructure development and the Fourth Industrial Revolution, as these are among the most pressing challenges facing the country.

In a statement yesterday, the organisations said in terms of National Economic Development and Labour Council (NEDLAC), there will be co-operation on Nedlac structures and processes flowing from the institution, under the auspices of Busa's membership of NEDLAC.

The organisations have agreed to a code of conduct; a communication and reporting protocol; and to collaborate on platforms such as the BBC Black Business Summit

and the Busa Business Economic Indaba, the Investment Summit and other business forums.

"This development is a huge milestone as it will allow the BBC to participate at the Nedlac.

It will also enable business to speak with one voice on business matters. The agreement is timely as the country is crying for leadership on economic matters and BBC and Busa should rise to the equation and take leadership" said Kganki Matabane, the Chief Executive of the BBC. The framework agreement will be implemented through the four-a-side steering committee, with a working group on each of the four areas of economic focus.

"We have made good progress in ensuring that we understand each other better and are now focused on ensuring the strongest possible role for business in building the economy and contributing to inclusive economic growth," said Busa acting chief executive Cas Coovadia.

Business Report

STANDARD BANK INTERIM EARNINGS UP 5%

JOHANNESBURG - Standard Bank yesterday reported a five percent increase to 837 cents in headline earnings per share for the six months to June 30 and declared a dividend of 454 cents per share, up six percent from the same period last year.

"Standard Bank group's African-focused strategy has delivered continued headline earnings growth, driven by the strong underlying momentum in our core operations," group CEO Sim Tshabalala said.

The bank said strong balance sheet growth supported net interest income while pressure on fees and continued customer migration to digital channels dampened non-interest revenue growth.

On the back of continued strong earnings growth, Africa Regions' contribution to banking headline earnings grew to 34 per cent from 32 per cent in the first half of 2018, with the top six contributors being Angola, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria and Uganda.

Standard Bank said the persistent uncertainty associated with the United States-China trade war and the threat of a global slow-down weighed on markets in the first half of 2019, although a change in the US interest rate outlook provided some



support to emerging markets flows in the second quarter, as investors searched for yield.

In South Africa, ongoing uncertainty weighed on confidence, spending and investment.

"Given SA's fiscal constraints and weak consumer and business confidence, consumption and investment are likely to remain subdued," it said. "Against a backdrop of a deteriorating fiscal position, increasing unemployment and slower than expected reform, GDP growth expectations have been reduced to 0.6 per cent

for 2019."

Tshabalala said while there might be headwinds in certain markets, the diversity of Standard Bank's businesses and the breadth of its footprint provided it with some shelter.

"In addition, our on-the-ground presence and deep understanding of the macro, political and regulatory dynamics in each of these markets, enable the group to continue to support our customers and our employees, whilst managing risk appropriately," he said.

African News Agency

Cell C rings in new era with Douglas Stevenson at the helm

JOHANNESBURG – Cash-strapped Cell C rang in a new era yesterday as it appointed Douglas Craigie Stevenson as its new chief executive.

It also finalised a national roaming agreement with MTN that lays the foundation for 'a quicker, more efficient and more cost-effective means to roll out future technologies'.

Stevenson slides behind the wheel as Cell C grapples with challenges that include a high debt burden, liquidity problems, and poor business performance, having lost market share to its rivals.

In July Stevenson penned an open letter about the problems the telco was facing, saying the company would imple-

ment a new business plan which would simplify its business model. He said Cell C planned to pursue a recapitalisation drive to optimise the capital structure.

Cell C Chairperson Kuben Pillay said yesterday that over the past five months, Stevenson – who was acting chief executive – and his team had led the company to improved financial stability.

"His permanent appointment was unanimously approved by the board and we are fully behind his efforts to lead Cell C," said Pillay.

Stevenson joined Cell C in October 2017 as chief operating officer soon after Blue Label Telecoms became a majority shareholder following a R5 billion recapitali-

sation.

Stevenson took over from Jose Dos Santos who had been the chief executive for six years.

In terms of the roaming agreement, Stevenson said Cell C would be able to manage its network capacity requirements in a more scalable and cost-efficient manner. He said under the terms of the agreement, Cell C would be able to manage its network capacity requirements in a more scalable and cost-efficient manner.

"This is in line with our commitment to launch a business model that drives efficiency throughout the business," said Stevenson.

Business Report

Aveng sells Duraset Alrode engineering supplier for R50 m

CAPE TOWN – Beleaguered construction group Aveng has sold its Aveng Duraset Alrode engineering supplier operation for R50 million in cash as part of its strategy to reduce debt and dispose of non-core assets.

Aveng Chief Executive Sean Flanagan said in a statement yesterday they had entered into a binding agreement to sell Duraset Alrode to Videx Wire Product, subject to certain contractual conditions.

Duraset Alrode is a diversified supplier of engineered support solutions to the mining and geotechnical indus-

tries and a leading supplier of critical safety products to the mining industry. Videx has been a leading manufacturer and supplier of roof support systems and ventilation ducting for the mining industry since 1984. The sale is expected to be completed by October 31.

Aveng management have been simplifying and optimising the portfolio of core businesses due to the challenging market environment in many of the sectors the group operates in and reduced infrastructure investment in the country.

Business Report

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US NOT SAFER

● Amnesty International warns that if you travel to the US, you are likely to be shot

WASHINGTON - Amnesty International has issued a travel advisory for people going to the United States due to "ongoing high levels of gun violence in the country".

"The Amnesty International travel advisory for the country of the United States of America calls on people worldwide to exercise caution and have an emergency contingency plan when travelling throughout the USA," their alert declared on Wednesday.

Those travelling to the US would need to be "extra vigilant at all times and be wary of the ubiquity of firearms among the population," to "avoid places where large number of people gather, especially cultural events, places of worship, schools, and shopping malls" and to "exercise increased caution when visit-

ing local bars, nightclubs, and casinos".

The international rights group warned that travellers could be at a higher risk of being targeted with gun violence in the country depending on their gender identity, race, country of origin, ethnic background or sexual orientation.

"Under international human rights law, the United States has an obligation to enact a range of measures at the federal, state, and local levels to regulate access to firearms and to protect the rights of people to live and move freely without the threat of gun violence," they added in the advisory. "The government has not taken sufficient steps to meet this obligation."

US President Donald Trump has called for "great" reforms to gun laws following recent horrific back-to-back shoot-

ings, but while narrow congressional measures may be taken, comprehensive change is unlikely in a divided Washington.

Trump consoled victims of mass shootings in Ohio and Texas on Wednesday, but despite promising a message of unity, he continued to rail at opponents while facing protests that his rhetoric on race has fuelled extremism. Trump flew to El Paso, Texas, where a self-declared white supremacist murdered 22 people last weekend at a Walmart heavily frequented by customers of Hispanic origin.

He spent about an hour and a half at a hospital with staff and victims before he and his wife Melania were driven to the city's emergency operations centre to meet with police officers.

AFP

Remains of UK student who fell from plane now found

MADAGASCAR - Police in Madagascar on Wednesday said villagers had found the remains of a British student who apparently jumped from a plane after opening the aircraft door in mid-air.

Nineteen-year-old Cambridge University student Alana Cutland, who was on a research trip, fell from a light aircraft shortly after it took off from an airport in remote northwestern Madagascar.

Her body was found on Tuesday in the Mahadroka forest, police said.

"Villagers have finally found Alana Cutland's body after a fortnight of searching," Chief Investigator Spinola Edvin Nomenjanahary said.

Police said she apparently jumped from the plane just five minutes after it took off from a small airport at Anjajavy on a flight to the capital Antananarivo on July 25.

The pilot and another passenger, Ruth Johnson, say they tried in vain to stop her, investigators report.

Anjajavy villagers launched a search for her body the day after the incident.

On Monday they performed a ritual called "joro" that involved the sacrificial slaughter of a prized zebu cow to seek help from a Malagasy god named Zanahary. They located Cutland's remains the following day, Edvin Nomenjanahary said. "We only found 40 per cent of the body," he said. The remains are expected to be flown to Antananarivo on Wednesday.

According to investigators, Cutland had displayed erratic behaviour before the incident. The natural sciences student was supposed to have stayed 45 days in Anjajavy to study crabs but quit after 10 days.

In a statement issued through the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the family described her as "a bright, independent young woman".

"She was particularly excited to be embarking on the next stage of her education, on an internship in Madagascar complementing her studies in natural sciences".

"Her thirst for discovering more of the world always ensured she made the most of every second of her action-packed young life."

AFP

MP LIKENS CHINA'S RISE TO NAZI GERMANY

CANBERRA - The chair of the Australian Parliament's powerful security and intelligence committee has warned against China's rise, likening Australia's current experience with China to that of France in the face of an aggressive Nazi Germany in the 1940s.

In an opinion piece published yesterday, Andrew Hastie, a conservative government lawmaker, wrote that Australia faces its biggest economic and national security challenges in the next decade from the rise of China.

"If we don't understand the challenge ahead... choices will be made for us. Our sovereignty, our free-

doms, will be diminished," he wrote.

The West once believed economic liberalisation would naturally lead to China becoming a democracy, just as the French believed steel and concrete forts would guard against a German advance in 1940, he said. "But their thinking failed catastrophically," Hastie, a former SAS captain, said in an op-ed piece in newspapers the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age.

Hastie said the French "had failed to appreciate the evolution of mobile warfare," similar to Australia failing "to see how mobile our authoritarian neighbour has become."

DPA

MP kicked out of parliament for breastfeeding baby

JOHANNESBURG - Kenyans are divided over a decision by the Kenyan National Assembly to kick out a Member of Parliament for breastfeeding her five-month-old baby.

MP Zulekha Hassan was escorted out of Parliament on Wednesday by the sergeant-at-arms as she attempted to nurse her baby, leading to a halt in the morning's parliamentary proceedings,

Africa News reported. Hassan's actions were termed as "unprecedented" by the speaker while the majority leader termed the action "out of order" and "gross misconduct".

However, the Woman's Representative for Kwale in southern Kenya, explained that she had brought her baby into Parliament due to an emergency and that if Parliament had provided a crèche she

would have left her baby there.

Hassan further argued that if Kenya wanted to have more female MPs they needed to be provided with a supportive atmosphere. The incident has divided opinion on social media where a section of Kenyans, mostly women, berated her removal while others insisted her expulsion was a needless furore that she had created. *African News Agency*

BRIEFS

Rally to protest against Kashmir move

NEW DELHI - Hundreds of people have rallied in the Indian capital to protest against the scrapping of a constitutional provision that granted special status to Indian-administered Kashmir. In the lead-up to its controversial move on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government sent thousands of additional troops to the disputed region, imposing a curfew on parts of it, arrested political leaders and shut down telecommunication lines. Calling it as the "death of Indian democracy", the protesters in New Delhi on Wednesday demanded the recently reelected government of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party to reconsider its decision.

Aljazeera

ISIS 'resurging' as US pulls troops

SYRIA - The Islamic State (ISIS) jihadist group is "resurging" in Syria even as the United States withdrew troops, and is solidifying its insurgent capabilities in neighbouring Iraq, a Defence Department watchdog said on Tuesday. The jihadists - who suffered major territorial losses at the hands of Iraqi and Syrian forces backed by a US-led international air campaign - are exploiting weaknesses in local forces to make gains, the report from the Office of Inspector General said. "Despite losing its territorial 'caliphate,' the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) solidified its insurgent capabilities in Iraq and was resurging in Syria this quarter."

AFP

More Zimbabweans on the brink of starvation

HARARE - More than two million Zimbabweans are on the cusp of "starvation", the United Nations food agency has said, launching a \$331.5m aid appeal to help the southern African country recover from a devastating drought. David Beasley, Executive director of the World Food Programme (WFP), said on Tuesday that 2.3 million people in rural Zimbabwe were in "crisis emergency mode" and need food aid now. "We are talking about people who truly are marching towards starvation if we are not here to help them," Beasley said. "We are facing a drought unlike any that we have seen in a long time."

Aljazeera

Rwanda to stop Ebola from spreading from DRC

RWANDA - Rwanda is taking emergency measures to try and stop the Ebola virus from spreading across the border from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Since the latest outbreak was discovered in the Democratic Republic of the Congo a year ago, the disease has killed at least 1 800 people. The health ministers of both countries have met to agree to a plan of action to prevent the spread of the epidemic.



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PROMINENT: Dr Naledi Pandor and Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma are Cabinet ministers and two of the most prominent women parliamentarians in South Africa today.

Women still getting short end of the stick

CAPE TOWN - South African women are seemingly under siege as they are generally underpaid, under-represented and are likely to be killed by their intimate partners.

As the country marks Women's Day tomorrow, despite many strides and having one of the most progressive laws and policies on women empowerment and development, SA women still largely remain on the periphery in business, government and leadership in general. Women are also at the forefront of the country's unemployment crisis, rising poverty levels and face violence even from those who are supposed to protect them.

It has been reported that more than one in five women experience physical violence, with femicide reportedly being five times higher than the

global average in SA, according to gender activists.

Every day, at least three women die at the hands of their intimate partners.

In April 2017, Karabo Mokoena died at the hands of her boyfriend Sandile Mantsoe, who was convicted and sentenced to 32 years in prison in May last year.

In almost a similar case, a 21-year-old Mangosuthu University of Technology student Zolile Khumalo was shot and killed allegedly by Thabani Mzolo, her boyfriend who's currently on trial for murder.

Despite women being in the majority of the population, only two of the country's nine premiers are women - Sisi Ntombela in the Free State and Refilwe Mtsweni in Mpumalanga.

Statistics SA estimates that women

make up 51.2 per cent, approximately 30-million, of the population but the recently elected sixth parliament's National Assembly reflects a 45 per cent women representation.

Although this reflected a slight improvement from the 42.7 per cent representation in the fifth parliament, women continue to be under-represented.

A report released by PwC found that SA women were consistently paid less than men, and to make matters even worse, there is no industry where they are paid more than men.

The PwC executive directors practices and remuneration trends report for South Africa released showed that in the technology industry, men are paid 22.9 per cent more, while in health-care men were paid roughly 28.1 per cent more than women. *Sowetan Live*

Court rules in favour of Ramaphosa in Public Protector matter

PRETORIA - The North Gauteng High Court has ruled that President Cyril Ramaphosa has complied with Public Protector Advocate Busisiwe Mkhwebane's remedial action made against the Minister of Public Enterprise Pravin Gordhan by deferring disciplinary action pending judicial review.

Judge Letty Molopa-Sethosa delivered her judgment on Thursday and stressed that in Ramaphosa seeking to wait for Gordhan's review application before taking disciplinary action against the minister, the president's decision was rational.

The judge said it was 'mind-boggling' that Mkhwebane would not consent to Ramaphosa's request to suspend the remedial action against Gordhan as similar cases had recently been heard and interdicts were approved. The court battle between the president and the public protector was heard last week on an urgent basis.

In May, Mkhwebane released her report into her investigation into

Gordhan's handling of former deputy SARS commissioner Ivan Pillay's early retirement. She had found that Gordhan acted unlawfully when he signed off on Pillay's early retirement in 2010. He was the finance minister at the time. As part of her remedial action, Mkhwebane stated that Ramaphosa should take action against Gordhan for violating the constitution.

Both Gordhan and Ramaphosa took issue with the report and its remedial action. Gordhan has filed papers to challenge the report and its findings. Ramaphosa brought the interdict on Thursday and largely argued that he sought the court stay the remedial action pending Gordhan's review application. Advocate Dali Mpofu, who represented Mkhwebane, told the court that President Cyril Ramaphosa was allowing himself to be a proxy for Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan in applying to stay the disciplinary action recommended by Mkhwebane.

ANA

7 cops arrested for corruption following Joburg CBD raids

JOHANNESBURG - Gauteng police have arrested seven of their own for an alleged corruption and defeating the ends of justice following the Johannesburg CBD raid on Wednesday.

According to Gauteng police spokesperson Brigadier Mathapelo Peters, the five police officers - a warrant officer and four constables - were arrested at the Johannesburg Central police station after they were allegedly caught attempting to resell the confiscated goods back to the illegal traders.

Additionally, two officers from the Tactical Response Team (TRT) were also arrested following a police probe into a possible leak of information on the planned raid in the Johannesburg CBD. "The two were linked through investigations and on an eye witness account. Police believe the loot found

in 46 vehicles in the basement parking at Lister Building, could have been the cargo that was removed the night before, after the illegal traders had received a tip-off," she said.

Peters said the raids were set to continue and confirmed that during the Wednesday raid, police took over 560 undocumented foreign nationals under processing.

"Their status in the country will be determined by the Department of Home Affairs while the Local Criminal Record Centre from the SAPS will determine criminal records," Peters added. She further added that police recovered 16 unlicensed firearms, including six rifles, six pistols and four handguns, as well as hundreds of assorted ammunition in a room at the 12th Floor of the Medical One Shopping Centre in Rahima Moosa Street. *The Star*

DA, ANC retain seats in by-elections

RUSTENBURG - The DA and the ANC retained their seats during by-elections in Rustenburg.

The DA won ward 16 in Rustenburg municipality with an increased margin of 73, 26 per cent compared to 58.99 per cent in the 2016 municipal election.

Johan Cornel Cronje won ward 16 with 1,414 votes, Botshelo Ishmael Mpete of the ANC received 428 votes, and Ralepeetsa Levy Ramagogodi of the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) 88 votes.

The ward became vacant when Cheryl Phillips resigned as a councillor to take up a seat in the national assembly as a member of parliament. The ANC retained ward 26 with an increased margin of 71.79 per cent compared to the 70.29 per cent they obtained in the 2016 municipal election.

Hendrick Baleseng Mogotsi won the ward with 1 781 votes, Kagiso Gabriel Seabelo from the EFF obtained 513 votes, and Dannyboy Dikute, an independent candidate obtained 187 votes. The ward became vacant as a result of the death of ANC councillor Salome Mmakgabe Letlape.

African News Agency

Crowd funding drive for Mkhwebane's legal fees raises R90K

JOHANNESBURG - Civil society organisation Democracy in Action has only raised a fraction of its fundraising target for the legal fees of Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane.

The estimated amount the Public Protector has to pay is in the region of R900 000.

"We have received money from ordinary South Africans from as little as R5, with most of the donations ranging between R100 and R500," Democracy in Action chairperson Thabo Mtsweni told News24 on Wednesday.

The fees stem from a Constitutional Court case in which it was found that

Mkhwebane's ABSA/Bankorp investigations were flawed. Her report was set aside as well as the remedial action she recommended.

She was ordered to personally pay some of her opponents' legal costs, News24 earlier reported.

But the organisation feels that the Constitutional Court's judgment is "unfortunate".

"As the organisation, we feel that the judgment by the Constitutional Court was very unfortunate and the minority judgment supports our view clearly on this matter.

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'I WILL TELL THE TRUTH ONE DAY'



I'LL TALK: Suspended eThekweni Mayor Zandile Gumede.

DURBAN - Speaking ahead of her much-anticipated court appearance yesterday morning, suspended eThekweni Mayor Zandile Gumede has implied that the corruption and fraud charges laid against her are politically motivated and when the time is right, she "will talk".

This assertion concurs with the suspicions of her loyal supporters who often claim that she was criminally charged in a bid to eliminate her from the mayoral position. This prevented her from returning

as eThekweni ANC regional chairperson, a powerful political position in the entire party.

Addressing her Methodist church members and supporters from the ANC during a prayer session held at KwaMashu in the north of Durban, Gumede who spoke mainly in biblical parables, said people have been pleading with her to talk instead of facing the fire alone, but opted to remain silent.

"Some people are saying to me 'please talk, why are you keeping quiet and finding yourself in trouble alone?'. Name them because you know them. I just say to them 'I know the God I am worshipping, I am just waiting for the right time which is known by my God,'" Gumede said in Zulu.

The prayer service was billed to be held at the G2 Methodist church but it was later moved when the local leadership of the church refused to host it, saying it cannot be seen as supporting people who are accused of corruption.

Political Bureau

'Mkhwebane ducking another scathing ruling'

CAPE TOWN - Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane's decision not to challenge President Cyril Ramaphosa's interdict against her Bosasa report was allegedly aimed at avoiding another scathing High Court ruling against her.

More than a week ago, the North Gauteng High Court interdicted the implementation of Mkhwebane's remedial action against Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan after finding she had failed to pro-

vide Gordhan with an opportunity to respond to her prior to publishing her findings on the so-called "SARS Rogue Unit" report.

Now, Ramaphosa has also filed an urgent interdict, arguing that Mkhwebane also failed to allow him an opportunity to comment on her preliminary findings before releasing her Bosasa report in July.

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TENDER NO. ESWADE 0424

Tenders are invited from suitably qualified and licensed service providers wishing to tender for the **PROVISION OF POTABLE WATER TANKER SERVICE FOR LUSIP II RESETTLED HOMESTEADS** including the collection and distribution of potable water to various listed homesteads in the LUSIP II Extension Project Area in the Lubombo Region. Service providers must have specially adapted and appropriately licensed vehicles restricted to carry **CLEAN WATER ONLY**.

Tenders will only be accepted from a company which is registered in Eswatini and of which at least 60% of the controlling shares are owned by Eswatini Citizens.

A E350.00 non-refundable deposit is required for each tender document, from the prospective tenderer on issue of the tender document. **Only cash or bank guaranteed cheques made out to "ESWADE" will be accepted.**

Queries relating to the issue of these documents, administrative and technical matters may be addressed to Ms Futhi Dlamini, Tel No.: 23441682, Fax No.: 23441665, e-mail: futhid@swade.co.sz

Documents will be on sale from LUSIP II Extension offices, Big Bend, between 0830hrs and 1600hrs from Tuesday 06th August 2019 up to Friday, 22nd August 2019.

Completed Tenders must be submitted on the closing date at the ESWADE Head Office, 3rd Floor MVA Building, Mbabane. **All tenders shall be opened at ESWADE Head Office.**

The closing date for submission of tenders is **Tuesday, 10th September 2019 at 1400 hrs.** Tenders must be sealed and addressed to **The Chairman of the Tender Committee.** A tender must remain valid for a period of 90 days from closing date for the submission of tenders, during which period the tender may not be amended or withdrawn and may be accepted at any time by ESWADE.

Telegraphic, telephonic, telex, facsimile, e-mail and late tenders will not be accepted. ESWADE will accept no responsibility for the late delivery of tenders by courier services or any other means.

ESWADE does not bind herself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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Police uncover Umhlanga drug den

DURBAN - KwaZulu-Natal police have uncovered a drug den operating out of a home in Umhlanga, in the Durban north area.

The raid led to an arrest of a 39-year-old woman. Provincial police spokesperson, Lieutenant Colonel Thulani Zwane, said police received information about the den operating in the area.

"Armed with a search warrant, a joint multi-disciplinary operation was conducted at Umhlanga to follow up on intelligence with regards to the drug den. The officers pounced on the identified premises and the suspect was searched," he said. Zwane said police found 1 094 heroin capsules,

1611 mandrax tablets, 11 000 empty capsules, 689 ecstasy pills, 70g crushed ecstasy pills, 10g heroin powder and 754g of bulking powder were recovered. "The estimated street value of recovered drugs is R227,770. A female suspect was arrested and charged with dealing in drugs. She is expected to appear at the Verulam Magistrates Court on charges of dealing in drugs. The seized drugs will be subjected to forensic analysis," he said. This arrest comes after six suspects were arrested for possession of drugs by the eThekweni Outer South Cluster.

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On another note, Into The Music Society brings you chilled vibes with jazz music.

We also have a house music party happening at Esibayeni Lodge, where DJ Oscar MBO will also be celebrating his birthday.

The talent search for Eswatini's next biggest superstar is not over.

The Spotlight hits Pigg's Peak this weekend so be sure you are at Gobolondlo Hall by 7am to stand a chance to win.

As you enjoy your weekend grab your family and friends and make sure you stay safe.

TONIGHT

MANDISI DYNTYIS QUINTET

Where: Eswatini Theatre Club

Time: 7pm

Born and raised in Port Elizabeth, Mandisi began playing the trumpet at the age of eight. He

Studied Classical music throughout his schooling career (Pearson High School) and emerged from the University of Cape Town with a BMus Honours Degree in Jazz Studies. Go watch him as he performs his SAMA Award winning song 'Somandla'. Tickets cost E150

TOMORROW

OSCAR MBO'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Where: Déjà vu, Esibayeni Lodge

Time: 6pm

South African house DJ Oscar MBO will be at Déjà vu dishing out the hottest house jams for his fans while he celebrates his birthday. Catch the DJ at 6pm and grab a friend and go have the time of your life.

The Spotlight

Where: Gobolondlo Hall, Pigg's Peak

Time: 7am

Pigg's Peak be ready as The Spotlight will be hitting your area this weekend. If you know you can sing, rap or do both visit the Gobolondlo Hall and stand a chance to win yourself a yellow ticket which will take you to the next round of the competition. Be sure you are registered on *7768# or visit www.mtnspotlight.com. Entry is free.

Eswatini Gospel Music Talent Search

Where: Pigg's Peak Club

Time: 8am

This competition is looking for the next biggest gospel music singer in the country and if you know you have what it takes make your way to Pigg's Peak Club and audition.

Entry is free

MTN iPraise Gospel Music Festival

Where: Mavuso

Trade Centre

Time: 6pm

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When: September 1

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Oscar Mbo.

Tim-Godfrey.

Dr Tumi.

Pageant Eswatini happy with pageants applications

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

THE allure of pageants Eswatini has arisen again as more young girls are taking part in different pageants.

Pageant Eswatini is happy with the response they are receiving from Miss Eswatini, Miss Cultural Heritage and Miss Teen Eswatini pageants.

HAPPY: Pageant Eswatini Catrine Potgieter.

Pageant Eswatini President Catrine Potgieter said they were currently receiving more applications from interested candidates than expected.

Response

"The response on both the pageants has been promising and we would like to let the public know that application forms are still available for anyone who is interested," she said.

She said aspiring girls who wish to

represent their regions in the top pageants should visit their offices and social media platforms to get more details on how to join the biggest beauty contest in the country.

The entry form for Miss Eswatini costs E100 and those interested in joining should be between the ages of 18 and 24.

Contestants

"The aspiring contestants should not be married nor have tattoos inked on any part of their bodies.

"For Miss Teen, the aspiring contestants should be between the ages of 14 and 17, while the Miss Cultural Heritage age restriction is similar to that of Miss Eswatini," said Potgieter.

The closing dates for the application will be announced at a later stage.

The current title-holder for Miss Eswatini is Nosipho Dlamini, while Miss Cultural Heritage beauty queen is Nokulunga Dvuba.

Tyra Johnson is the current Miss Teen title-holder.



LUNGS OUT: These contestants could not miss out on an opportunity to showcase their talent.

15 PEOPLE FOR GOSPEL TALENT SEARCH SO FAR

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

THE first-ever gospel music talent search has selected 15 contestants who will be moving on to the next round.

This was confirmed by contest search organiser Thulani Mthethwa yesterday.

He said they were happy with the number of contestants and hoping that they get more as the competition progresses.

"The auditions were a great success in Nhlanguano and we have seen more than what we anticipated in that region. We had 24 people who were auditioned and six were successful," he said.

He said they had fun in this region as some of them left judges in stitches.

"Some were very emotional on the other side as they were shedding tears after the auditions in disappointment from the results pronounced by the judges," he added.

The next auditions will take place at



JUDGES: Thabiso Themba and DT Masina were the judges in Nhlanguano.

Pigg's Peak Club tomorrow contestants are expected to be at the venue as early as 7am for registration.

Mthethwa went on to say that the aim of the talent show was to push some-one towards their destination and to

influence the quality of gospel music in the country. The talent search will run up until November while regional auditions will run up until September 7. After the regional auditions, contestants will be mentored and eliminated.

I CAN: This young woman also sang for the judges.



DUO: These two gentlemen decided to partner up for the auditions.

POPZIN'S ALBUM FLYING OFF SHELVES

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

POPZIN'S debut album; 'Imphendvulo' is selling fast.

This was revealed by his manager Kenneth Tsabedze yesterday.

He stated that they had to add more copies as the first bunch were flying off the shelves. The singer recently launched his album at Sibane Hotel

"The album sales are going very well. We will be getting our next stock next week. The response is overwhelming.

We want to give people a chance to purchase individual songs from the album, hence we are working around the clock to have strategic distribution points around the country.

We will notify the public soon on where they will be buying the individual songs," he said.

He stated that the album was available at Sdeez, Young Inc, Mgavuzza and it cost E100.

Tsabedze mentioned that they would also have the album available on selected retail outlets throughout the country in due time and the public would be informed.

Popzin, according his manager, was working on a new video for one of the most loved songs in the album; 'Korobela'.

"We are happy that Popzin is working on so much to give his fans. People should look out for him as he will soon be collaborating with a number of artists.

Meanwhile, though we are working on promoting his album even beyond borders," he said.

UNESCO to host hip-hop show for youth

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

THE Eswatini National Commission under United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will be hosting a hip-hop show for the youth.

Dubbed 'Spit yours Hip Hop Session Vol. 1', the event will be held on August 17 at the Eswatini Theatre Club.

Event

The event is set to unite the hip-hop community in Eswatini.

The organisers of the event believe that the culture of hip hop music gives young people a medium to express their feelings and situation in life.

They also believe that there is no big hip hop culture in Eswatini out of the lack of venues, which

is what the event will try to change.

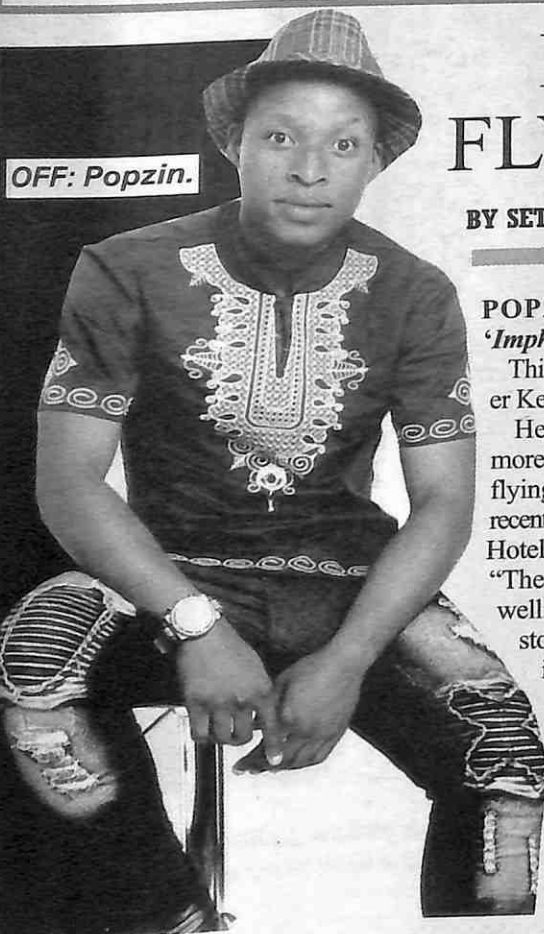
It is planned to be the first edition with more to come.

Especially unknown Hip Hop artists get the chance to perform in front of a loving crowd.

Moreover, there will be space for open mic breaks, so everybody who is inspired by the beats and want to show their skills will be invited to spit.

The main objective of UNESCO is to contribute to peace and security in the world by promoting collaboration among nations through education, science, culture and communication in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law and for the human rights amongst many others.

Entrance to the event is E50 and the show will commence at 6pm.



OFF: Popzin.

Recap from The Spotlight auditions



MINE: First male to get a ticket Lunga Masilela rendered a John Legend song.



JUDGES: The Spotlight judges Ndumiso Dlamini, Velemsemi and Khulekani Mamba pose with Nhlango guest judge Sands before the auditions began at The Spotlight Nhlango auditions held at Evelyn Baring High School last Saturday. (Pics: Nokwanda Sibandze)



YES!: The last contestant of the day Mlandvo Zwane from Gege also walked away with a ticket. (R) First ticket winner Zuziwe Simelane smiles after getting a green light to the next round of the competition.



MADE IT: Rina Mthethwa poses with her yellow ticket together with her sisters Zanele and Ncobile. (R) Y'ELLO: Sibongiseni Malambe was the first rapper of the day to get a yellow ticket.



1. Pamela Nhlabatsi and Setsabile Nkonyane hold their tickets in the air. 2. Samkele Dlamini was the first contestant to get a yellow ticket from the judges. 3. Sifiso Matsebula tunes his guitar before facing the judges. 4. Gcobani holds his yellow ticket after he blew the judges away with his performance.



GUEST: Swazi Observer Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbingo.

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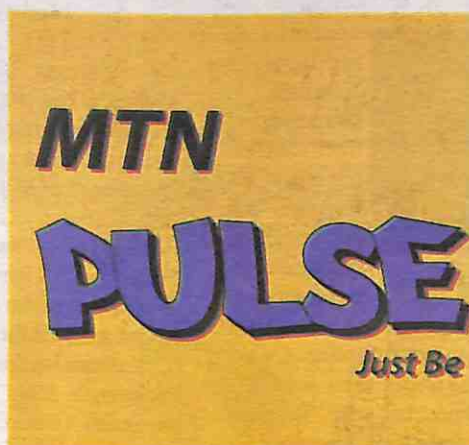
STORIES BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

YOU only have to dial *7768# to stand a chance to audition for Eswatini's very first voice talent search; **The Spotlight**.

Contestants are required to apply to audition by dialing the number or visit www.mtnspotlight.com. When contestants get to the auditioning venue, they are supposed to have applied via one of the two platforms.

The guest judge for this week will be Swazi Observer Managing Editor Mbongeni Mbingo who will join The Spotlight judges for the Pigg's Peak leg.

MTN Pulse is tailored for the youth who understand what MTN can do to support their hustle and ambitions; those that have no fear to pursue their passion, regardless of what the world might say.



MTN Eswatini has injected a whopping E2m towards the talent contest for the youth and a lucky winner will walk home with a brand new yellow Kia Picanto.

This is a vocal competition and contestants

will be judged on their vocal abilities.

Judges of the contest are pioneers of the industry and include Velemseni, Ndumiso Dlamini and Khulekani 'Karly B' Mamba.

All contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 30 at the time of registration. Entrants under 18 must have a consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Artists are also reminded that by entering the competition, they agree to the use of their images and videos for advertising, TV screening and other commercial purposes by MTN Eswatini.



TUNE IN: MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko was there to witness the talent.

...Show airing on Eswatini TV from Sunday

THE biggest talent search show in the country will be aired on Eswatini TV from Sunday.

According to MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko the show will air every Sunday from 5pm to 6pm.

Maseko said they were excited that the show would now be airing on national TV, where viewers would also get a chance to be part of it.

"We want people to get used to the show so it becomes a national show. We will also engage viewers from the theatre week stage to vote for their favourite contestants," said Maseko.

He said the public should ensure that they watch the show so they choose their favourite acts and be able to vote for them during the course of the week after the show has aired.

"We encourage viewers to be part of this show as we will unearth the next biggest star of Eswatini," he said.

Maseko said the reason for airing the show was to allow the public to see how much talent Eswatini has and to give artists exposure, so they take their art seriously and be able to turn it into a business.

Catch The Spotlight on Eswatini TV.

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'I hate being far away'

MIDRAND - Finding it hard being away from his family while on the road, Mi Casa frontman J'Something has shared an archived video he sent his wife Coco years ago. In the video, J'Something serenades her - and now us - with his romantic voice, as he pours his heart out about how hard it is to be away from home. In an Instagram post accompanying the video, he wrote: "I found this video I sent to my wife years ago when I was on tour. It's a weird thing."



IT'S HARD: J' Something.

I love being on the road performing, but being away from my wife and family is hella hard." J'Something and Coco travelled together to Portugal last year, visiting historic churches and landmarks. The singer has never been scared to gush over his missus, waxing lyrical about their love in a Instagram post last year: "We were born to learn to love. *Sowetan Live*

Lira opens fab new chapter in life at 40

SANDTON - First she separated from Robin Kohl, her husband of almost 10 years, late last month and then on Tuesday she became the first African woman to have a Barbie doll made in her image. Lira, real name Lerato Molapo, is also opening a new chapter in her life having just turned 40. "Turning 40 means new beginnings. There is nothing to be ashamed of. It means new achievements as well," she says. "I like my life and how I look. I like how I feel and what's happening in my life. I just feel great."



NEW CHAPTER: Lira.

Three months ago Lira received a life-changing phone call when Barbie's parent company Mattel contacted her. It was a secret she had to guard with her life, even keeping it from her mother until the morning of the announcement on Tuesday. Growing up in the streets of Daveyton, an East Rand township, such a history-making feat was never a possibility. Lira held her very first Barbie at age 10. *Sowetan Live*

Kylie Jenner, Travis Scott shop before boarding Yacht

ITALY - Kylie Jenner, Travis Scott and the rest of the brood arrived on Italian soil, but before they traded land for sea, they did what every self-respecting tourist does in Italia, they shopped. Kylie and Co. arrived in Positano, where they joined Scott Disick and Sofia Richie, Kris Jenner, Corey Gamble and Kylie's friends just days ahead of her 22nd birthday. The group beelined it for a couple stores before boarding a tender that chugged its way to their floating palace ... the \$250 million mega-



ARRIVE: Kylie Jenner and Travis Scott.

yacht, "Tranquility."

TMZ broke the story, Kylie & Co. boarded a private jet Tuesday filled with family and close friends to begin her big bday celebration. It's gonna be extravagant, with a little help from the 29-person crew. TMZ broke the story, Kylie boarded the private jet with the train of what looks like a wedding dress poking out of the garment bag as it was dragged along the tarmac. *TMZ*

Gwyneth's bikini-clad double date with Chris Martin

HOLLYWOOD - Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin just planted their conscious uncoupling in the sand for a double date with their new partners, and it looks pretty damn hot. Gwyn and Chris recoupled in the Hamptons this week, along with her screenwriter hubby, Brad Falchuk, and the Coldplay frontman's girlfriend, 'Fifty Shades' star Dakota Johnson. The



HOT: Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin.

fab four found a spot together on the beach, yukking it up while taking in the views. There was even some mouth-on-mouth PDA between GP and her husband. The new one, that is. We've seen Gwyn and Chris, who have been divorced for three years, kick it together before, so it's nice to see them bringing their new mates into the fold. *TMZ*

Bulelani Mokoena elated by nomination

SOWETO - Traditional Afro-soul singer Bulelani

Mokoena has launched himself with his debut album *Ibuyambo* (Renaissance) as a noteworthy singer.

Popularly known as Ndyabo Imvumi Yomthonyama, the Xhosa singer released the slam-dunk album late last year. Mokoena's debut is nominated in the South African Afro-pop Music Awards taking place next month.



ELATED: Bulelani Mokoena.

Born and bred in Dimbaza in King Williams, Eastern Cape, the 30-year-old singer's album got a nod in the best Afro-pop album category. The rising star, who began his professional career in 2009 when he bought his first guitar, is excited about the achievement.

Ndyabo says that the nomination will open doors for him. "I am excited to be nominated in the first album. *Times Live*

Actress wants to break the Khelobedu dialect stereotypes

MIDRAND - Growing up, actress Mokokobale Makgopa was shy to speak her mother tongue, Khelobedu, out of fear of being isolated or seen as different. Now her love for the Northern Sotho dialect has seen her grab the attention of SA in a role on hit TV show *Scandal!*

Khelobedu is spoken by the Balobedu tribe in parts of Limpopo and is one of several Northern Sotho dialects spoken in the region. There's been a major push for it to become the nation's 12th official language. Makgopa, who grew up in

Lenyenyee, Limpopo, plays the role of a nurse called Selewa on the

e.tv soapie, where she has captivated audiences by speaking the language. "Using the language was deliberate to dismantle the stereotypes around the language," she says. Too often



NO FEAR: Mokokobale Makgopa.

people who speak Khelobedu are laughed at or seen as the joker. There has been an overwhelming response, especially from speakers of the language in Limpopo who see someone who looks and speaks like them. *Times Live*

Trainor, Daryl Sabara down for 'Spy Kids' reboot

NEW YORK - Meghan Trainor and Daryl Sabara want in on the remake craze, telling us they're super down to reboot his breakout role, with a twist.

We got Meghan and her husband Wednesday in New York City, and because everyone is freaking out about Disney re-imagining "Home Alone," our guy gauged the couple's interest in bringing back to life another movie about kick-ass children.

Meghan's crossing her fingers the franchise gets the green light for new

installments, telling us she would absolutely love to join the cast alongside her hubby.



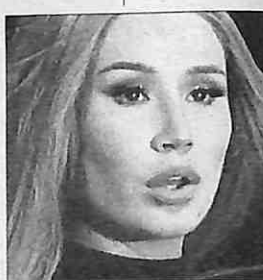
WANT IN: Meghan Trainor and Daryl Sabara.

Daryl, who starred in the OG version way back in 2001, is super down too, and explains why Meghan would have to get a role this time around. He also has some ideas about what has to be different.

Anyway, it's no wonder Meghan and Daryl want a slice of reboot pie, studios are making a killing on remakes this year, including "The Lion King" and "Aladdin." *TMZ*

Iggy Azalea opens up about seeking treatment

HOLLYWOOD - Iggy Azalea got super candid about the time she sought treatment for her mental health. Two years ago, the rapper's management team encouraged her to seek help after the tumultuous couple of years she had. In 2016, she ended her relationship with fiancé Nick Young after a huge cheating scandal, which took a toll on her mental health. But though she knew she needed time



OPENS UP: Iggy Azalea.

to heal, she resisted treatment at first. Now, in a new interview with *Cosmopolitan*, Azalea discussed why she decided to give in and get the help she needed to not "f-k up [her] life." She explained, "they just didn't want me to f-k up my own life, basically. I just couldn't get out of functioning at this insanity level. Where you're like, 'Whoa, hold on, don't operate the vehicle.'" *TMZ*

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



STEPS IN: Qondi.

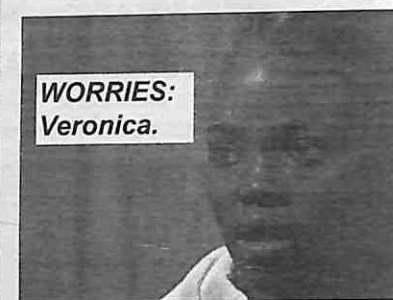
Things go from bad to worse for the Zungu family. Mkabayi and Fezile prepare for war. Qondi steps in to save Duma, and Mabuyi proves she can hold her own.



TODAY

Kgothalo tries to talk Phindile out of leaving HD. Lalage and Anja's day out is ruined by Claudette. Veronica worries when she doesn't hear from Makgorometsa.

WORRIES: Veronica.



TODAY

Tenda puts his life on the line for Vhutshilo. Marang fears that her life is at risk and she is being followed. Teboho comes across scandalous information about the royal house.



DISCOVERY: Teboho.



TODAY

As Suffo tries to find a way round the murder accusation, he only adds fuel to the fire. Cuba agrees not to intervene further in Puleng's attempts to get to know her father. Puleng reaches out to him but things take a turn for the worse.



ATTEMPTS: Puleng.

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Things may get a bit hostile today, Capricorn. No one wants to budge from his or her position. You could be caught between mind and heart issues. Both sides are unforgiving and unwilling to give up control. Your best bet is to try to find compromise wherever possible. You may not get the exact solution you want, but you will get one that's workable for all parties involved.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

You may think that everything is perfect, Aquarius, when suddenly, there's a great surge of unyielding emotional energy. Be on the lookout because such situations are likely to crop up and add intensity to your journey. Pool your knowledge with that of other people instead of trying to come up with all the answers by yourself.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

Others are apt to play a big role in the events that unfold today, Pisces. It's likely that closely communing with others will be very important. Despite this, you may still feel alone. Even within a large group, your heart may yearn to bond tightly with just one other person. Do your best to stay positive regardless of the combative forces likely to be at work on a day like this.



Aries March 21 – April 19

You may be in a difficult position today, Aries, as if you're being pulled in two directions with little say as to how things are supposed to end. The acting forces could be manipulative, so you should take special care that no one takes advantage of you. This may be easier said than done at a time like this.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

It's very possible that the best solution today is to simply give up control, Taurus. When it comes to matters of the heart, other people may be in a whirl of turmoil. Trying to figure out their state of mind will be impossible so don't even try. You may just want to let things ride and see where you end up tomorrow before making any major moves.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

Mind your manners today, Gemini. Make sure your charm is turned up high. Merging with the group is essential as you keep the momentum of the energy going. The more the merrier. Once you get the ball rolling in the right direction, there will be plenty of momentum to help it up the next hill. The important thing is that you take responsibility for your actions.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

Situations and people with strong opinions about how things are done may impede your trajectory today, Cancer. Issues of love and romance may be the most affected by this tense energy. The key is to remember that everyone isn't your enemy. Try not to get paranoid about this. Do your best to take a relaxed approach and have confidence that things will work out fine.



Leo July 23 – August 22

Your adventurous spirit is noble, Leo, but you might find that this is one of those days in which you're asked to justify your actions. Other people could be jealous of you and your lifestyle, so they're trying to find fault with the things you do. Don't get tricked into thinking that anything you're doing is necessarily wrong or bad just because someone doesn't agree with it.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

The warrior within may be stirred today. You might also have some self-doubt about your actions, Virgo. Stay confident that you're on the right path at all times. There may be a bit of tension in your world, but try not to get too worked up over it. This is just a passing phase. You shouldn't overreact and think that you're completely wrong regarding something you're doing.



Libra September 23 – October 23

Be aware that you might feel overshadowed or that your efforts won't be recognized, Libra. You could feel like you do all the work for others and get nothing in return. The key is to make sure that you do the things you do because you want to. Do them for you. Don't do them for others because you expect that they will do something for you in return.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Issues regarding love and romance may be confusing today, Scorpio. You should be aware that strong forces are at work to tangle the current situation. Try not to get too discouraged by whatever transpires as a result of this energy. Keep in mind that this, too, shall pass, and things will become clear again. Right now you should just sit back and take things with a grain of salt.

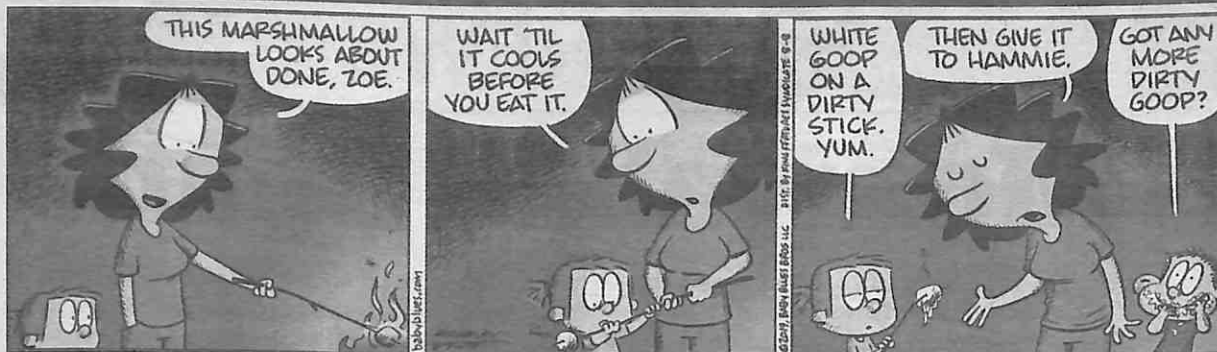


Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Focus on the information coming your way today, Sagittarius. Try not to get too emotional about the consequences of the information. More than likely, a neutral approach is best in any situation you encounter. If you already have a strong preconceived notion of how things are going to be, you will fail to notice the valuable nuances that are being presented to you now.



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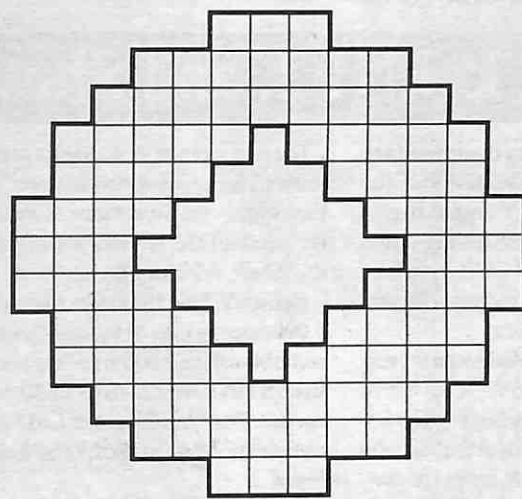


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they began to tremble. Suddenly, Dan came out of the room. His father, surprised, commanded, "Go inside!" Dan shouted back, "Dad, you forgot to put water into the gun." Dan's father is currently in the hospital receiving treatment.

DID YOU KNOW

1. It would be good if toothpaste producers would make the tubes transparent; squeezing out the remaining toothpaste would be much more efficient.
2. When you rob a bank, you can stop worrying about rent/food bills for several years – regardless of whether you get caught or

not.
3. Chances are, good looking nurses and doctors never get accurate blood pressure level readings from their patients of the opposite gender.
4. A spider builds its home from its body products. If a human wanted to achieve the same, they'd literally have to shit bricks.

MOVIE QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The MOVIE QUIZ

Yesterday's Quiz

1. What was the name of the Duncan Jone's 2009 feature debut, and which actor carried the film almost single-handedly?

Answer:
A. Twelve

Today's Movie Quiz

1. What was the name of the possessed girl, played by Linda Blair in the Exorcist?

Answer:
A. Regan B. Megan



Is Monwabisi Dead?

Friday night's third episode of **Grassroots** left us with a deadly cliffhanger.

We now know two things about Miss Busika's call to ban the long running tradition of initiation at St. Sebestien; it was meant with resistance.

Mr. Vioen, the rugby coach put his foot down to Miss Busika's transformative shift or regulation, accusing her of messing with traditions just to protect Asanda and Monwabisi. The second thing is that she might have been too late.

In fact, the new ban on initiation tactics lies at the centre of what might be the biggest scandal dealt by the school. Carl and the rest of the rugby team all decided to retaliate by subjecting both Asanda and Monwabisi to their most extreme initiation methods yet.

Taking it too far, they load Monwabisi onto a locker, locked it and tossed it inside the pool.

As you can imagine, there's not enough oxygen doing the rounds in that thing. It's also not waterproof, so water started flooding right in the minute the

locker sunk to the depths of the pool, in the middle of the night. And not to mention, we don't know much about Monwabisi's ability to swim his way out, even if the boys were to try and rescue him on time.

Now we are left with a potential situation of a really dark outcome. Monwabisi could sustain some pretty serious injuries in the process. Worst still, we could be having the first death at St. Seb's. What's going to happen?

All eyes are on **Grassroots**, Fridays at 19:30 on 1Magic, DStv channel 103.



What's hot on Mzansi Magic tonight

Ngithande at 18:00

A rich girl falls in love with a poor driving instructor who gives her a sense of freedom, but their love is severely tested by social differences and her parent's interference.

Isithembiso Season 3 at 19:30

[Episode 95]

Cheez ends up alone with Mike. Ethel schemes behind Banzi's back. Disaster strikes during Ayanda's exam. Khensani shows Chunks her claws.

Let's Eat With Siphokazi Season 4 at 20:00

[Episode 05]



Let's Eat With Siphokazi, a hit among culinary fans, promises fresh and tantalising menus as this season's guests include local heroes and celebrities.

Isibaya Season 7 at 20:30

[Episode 110]

Things go from bad to worse for the Zungu family. Mkabayi and Fezile prepare for war. Qondi steps in to save Duma, and Mabuyi proves she can hold her own.

The Queen Season 4 at 21:00

[Episode 10: This Is A Stick Up]

Harriet will not rest until she serves up her revenge. Schumacher becomes a target for Shaka and Brutus. Mmabatho takes Baby Mzi's safety into her own hands.

Massive Music Season 3 at 21:30

[Episode 19]

Hosted by Lalla Hirayama, Smash Afrika and Anele "Ney" Zondo this hot music show offers artist interviews, captivating studio performances, and a weekly music chart.

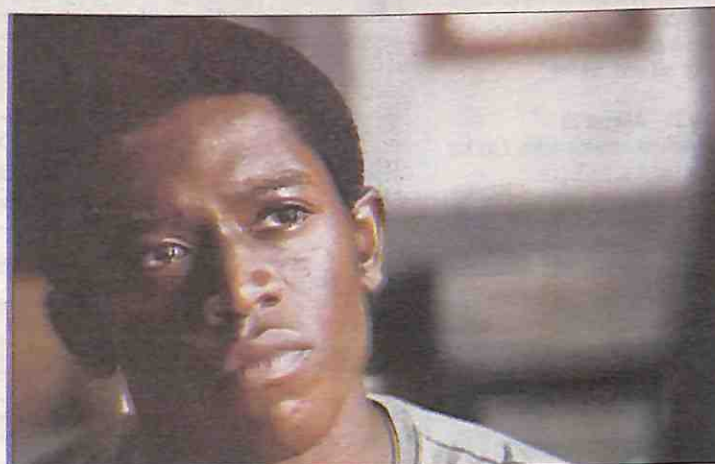
SNOWFALL SEASON 3 PREMIERES ON 1MAGIC

FX's epic drama series **Snowfall** premieres this week on 1Magic.

This week marks the return of FX's epic drama **Snowfall**; a series that explores the darker side of the 1980s in Los Angeles, a time in which crack cocaine first penetrated the city of angels.

According to FX, **Snowfall** Season 3 will be set in the summer of 1984 as crack cocaine infiltrated the streets of South Central Los Angeles like wildfire.

As a consequence, police in LA become more alert to the growing epidemic. Sergeant Andre Wright, played by Marcus Henderson, will start keeping a very close eye on



his next-door neighbour, Franklin Saint.

Meanwhile, Teddy McDonald (Carter Hudson) and the CIA are

increasing their efforts to ensure that cocaine keeps making its way into the city.

Of course, the untimely passing of the show's co-creator John Singleton cannot be ignored. Speaking to Deadline, **Snowfall**'s Executive Producer Trevor Engelson said that Singleton's loss would be hard-felt.

Touching on the show's speedy turnaround strategy, Engelson said that the show had to go especially because that's what Singleton would have wanted.

"It felt like the actors were hearing what John would've said, 'Use that real-life emotion in your performance.'"

M-Net, kykNET, and ShowMax Showcasing STROOP

THE extraordinary documentary nabs double nominations at the 'Oscars' of nature filmmaking!

South Africa's hard-hitting documentary film, **STROOP** - journey into the rhino horn war has been taking the world by storm.

On Tuesday, it added another prestigious accolade to its long list of international kudos when it was nominated for two awards at the Jackson Wild Media Awards, an event considered to be the 'Oscars® of nature filmmaking' around the globe. The announcement was made in Jackson, Wyoming in the USA.

To date, **STROOP** has won 23 awards at 30 international film festivals and has received wide recognition for its achievements in carrying the rhino crisis to a global audience.

The two Jackson Wild Media nominations are exceptional however, as they signify the acceptance of industry peers of the worldwide impact this South African film has made.

Jackson Wild's 250 judges reviewed 5 000 hours worth of footage from a record-breaking 1 000 entries to nominate **STROOP** in two out of 30 categories: Best Host/Presenter Led Film category and Best Impact Film - Long Form.

Nominated

Susan Scott, Director of **STROOP** says the Impact Film category is a biggie, as no South African film has been nominated for this before; but an even bigger achievement is Bonné de Bod's recognition for her presenting work in the film.

"The BBC's David Attenborough

usually wins the presenter category and the other nominees in this normally male-dominated category are Animal Planet and National Geographic presenters, but alongside them is the rare sight of female nominees in 2019: Dame Judi Dench and our very own Bonné de Bod holding the South African flag high!

Not only is Bonné part of making history here, but that she stands alongside such incredible talent is testimony to her four-year investigative odyssey in uncovering what is happening to our rhinos and showing it to the world."

And how does Bonné de Bod feel about the incredible honour coming her way?

"Seeing what I've seen in this species war on the ground, the huge

emotion from the men and women fighting with integrity and courage to protect rhinos for us...it's very hard to convey that adequately on screen and I've tried to get that across as best I could. So to be recognised for that effort is just humbling. All I want is for people to see what is happening so that no-one can say, 'they didn't know,'" she says.

The crowdfunded, independent film is among only a handful of multiple finalist nominees at Jackson Wild and will compete against multi-million dollar budget feature documentaries and landmark series from the world's biggest broadcasters.

The winners will be announced at the Grand Teton Awards Gala Celebration in Jackson, Wyoming on Thursday, 26 September 2019.



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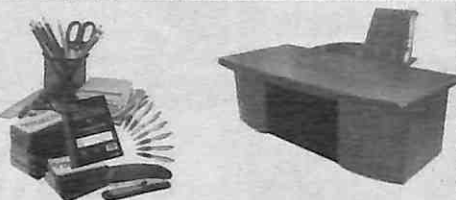
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John Sibonangaye Mlindisa



Funeral: 10/08/2019
Vigil: 9/08/2019
Place: eSicelwini

Relatives and friends of John Sibonangaye Mlindisa area notified of his demise. Memorial Service is on Friday, 9th August 2019 at Manzini Nazarene Sharpe Church at 1pm. Funeral is at Ngwane Park Cemetery on 10 August 2019 after a night vigil at home eSicelwini below Sobhuza clinic. Funeral service starts at 7am. Announcement by Family

Nozipho Rose Shiba



Funeral: 11/08/2019
Vigil: 10/08/2019
Place: Hhukwane

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baNozipho Rose Shiba lobekendze kaSihlongonyane kuMaphungwane kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawubekwa endlini yakhe yekugcina ngelisonfio ekuseni mhlaka 11/08/19 emvakwe mlindzelo. Inkozo yakhe yesikhumbuto itawuba ise Hhukwane Nazarene Church ngemgcibelo nga 3:00pm Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Welcome Sihlongonyane egameni lemndeni

Samuel T. Nnumalo



Funeral: 10/08/2019
Vigil: 9/08/2019
Place: Ekudzeni

Kwatiswa Tihlobo nebangani ba Samuel T. Nnumalo kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawubekwa endlini yakhe yekugcina ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 10/08/2019 Ekudzeni emvakwemlindzelo simemetelo sikhishwa nguYise wakhe Jackson Nnumalo.

Theminkosi Juzzy Mangwe



Funeral: 10/08/2019
Vigil: 9/08/2019
Place: Ematfuntini

Friends and relatives of Theminkosi Juzzy Mangwe, are notified of his sudden dismiss. He will be laid to rest on Saturday 10/08/19 at Lomahasha Ematfuntini after a night vigil. Announcement by his father

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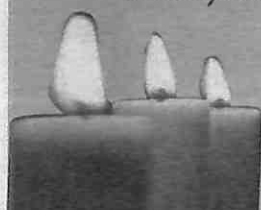
Death is only a bridge towards eternal life with God. Certainly Heaven is rejoicing for another soul has finally reached his true home.



Death brings pain that time can only heal, no words could ease what we truly feel but with God, her joy is eternally sealed, and cherish her memories that

death can't even steal

Condolences



JOB 13:15

Though He slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face.

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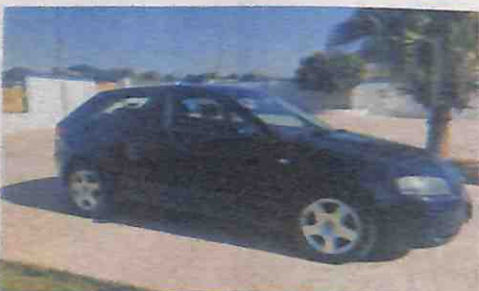
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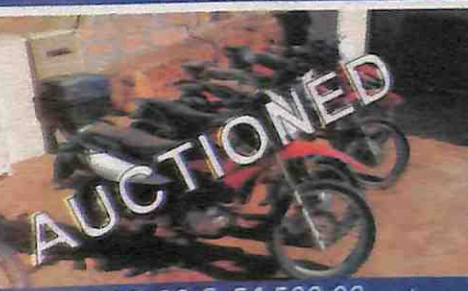
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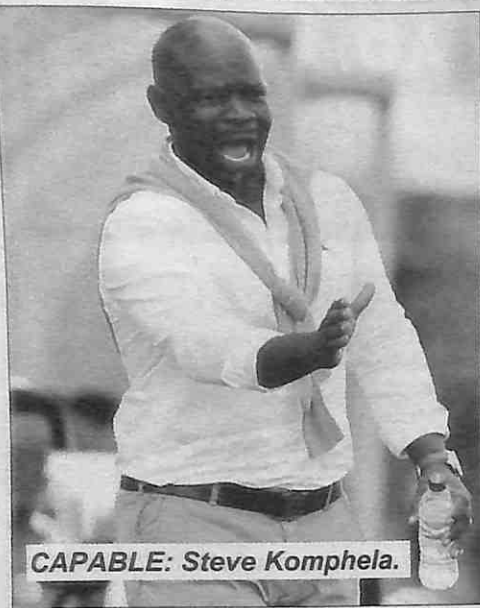
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CAPABLE: Steve Komphela.

Komphela can be top class for Bafana - Vilakazi

JOHANNESBURG - Golden Arrows assistant coach Vusumuzi Vilakazi believes Steve Komphela can transform the fortunes of Bafana Bafana if he is given the opportunity.

The Bafana position lies vacant following the resignation of former incumbent Stuart Baxter, who departed after the Africa Cup of Nations tournament in Egypt where the country went out at the quarter-final stage. Komphela's name has since been put forward as a candidate to replace Baxter, although Molefi Ntseki will serve as interim coach until the South African Football Association decide on a full-time replacement. Vilakazi, who is Komphela's number two at Arrows, told reporters: "Steve Komphela is top class my brother."

"In all the coaches that came I know everyone has his own flows but I've never seen someone so informed about football in my life."

"He breaks it down nicely and having been a teacher helps him a lot to make things easy for everyone at Arrows, from players to coaches, we learn a lot from him. If he can get the job in the national team I'm sure Bafana Bafana will be something else, but I'm not firing him at Arrows (laughs)!" *Sport 24*

Drogba to run for IFF presidency?

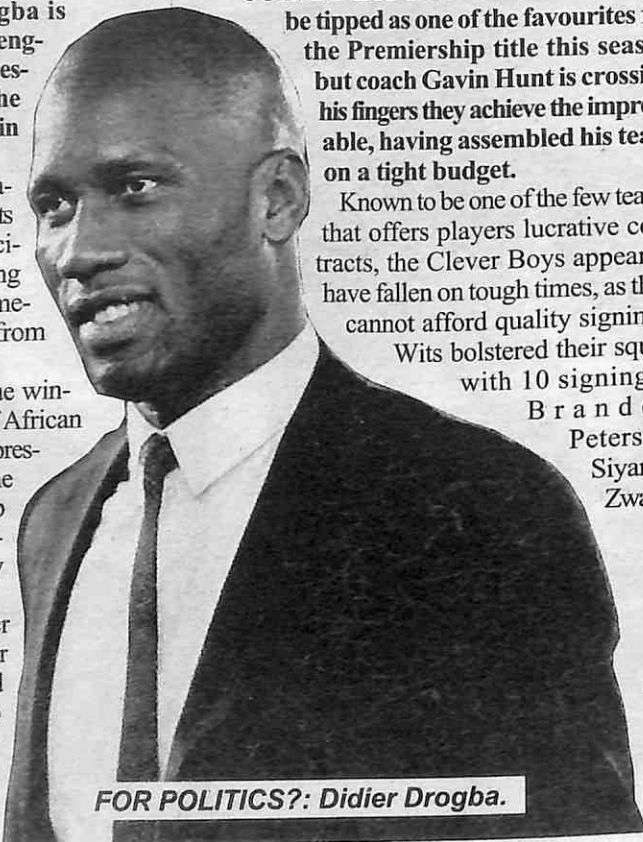
YAMOOUSSOUKRO - Drogba is reportedly considering challenging Augustin Sidy Diallo as president of the IFF, ahead of the next election set to take place in November this year.

According to French publication, L'Equipe, the former Elephants captain is mulling over the decision to run for the top footballing administrative position in his homeland just months after retiring from professional football.

The four-time Premier League winner joined the Confederation of African Football (CAF) as an advisor to president Ahmad Ahmad before the start of the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations and his role alongside Samuel Eto'o was recently clarified.

The report added the former African Footballer of the Year award winner has already opened talks with the IFF advisers who are now consulting the major stakeholders in the game for their feedback.

Kick Off



FOR POLITICS?: Didier Drogba.

DON'T TAKE BAFANA BAFANA COACHING SEAT - MAHLANGU

JOHANNESBURG - Former Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates star Jabu Mahlangu says Benni McCarthy should not accept the Bafana Bafana coaching job if he is approached by the SA Football Association (SAFA) in the coming weeks.

The Bafana seat remains vacant after Stuart Baxter's resignation last week and Molefi Ntseki has been asked to take over as caretaker while SAFA continues to search for a permanent replacement for the Briton.

Mahlangu said the Bafana job could destroy his former team-mate at this early stage of his promising coaching career and he should reject any offer from SAFA.



DON'T: Jabu Mahlangu.

"I have heard a lot of people talking about Benni McCarthy to coach Bafana and it appears he wants the job," the outspoken Mahlangu said.

"But if I was close to him, I would advise him not to take the job because that responsibility could destroy him."

"I know the good job that he has done at Cape Town City and he is definitely our coach for the future, but he is still a baby for Bafana."

McCarthy has emerged as one of the more popular choices to succeed Baxter and even his Cape Town City boss John Comitis gave him his blessing a few days ago.

Mamelodi Sundowns coach Pitso Mosimane, himself a favourite for the job, also gave his backing to McCarthy.

But Mahlangu warned that McCarthy should ignore all these endorsements of his coaching ability stay clear of Bafana at the moment until later in his career.

Times Live

Romelu Lukaku greeted by wild Inter Milan fans

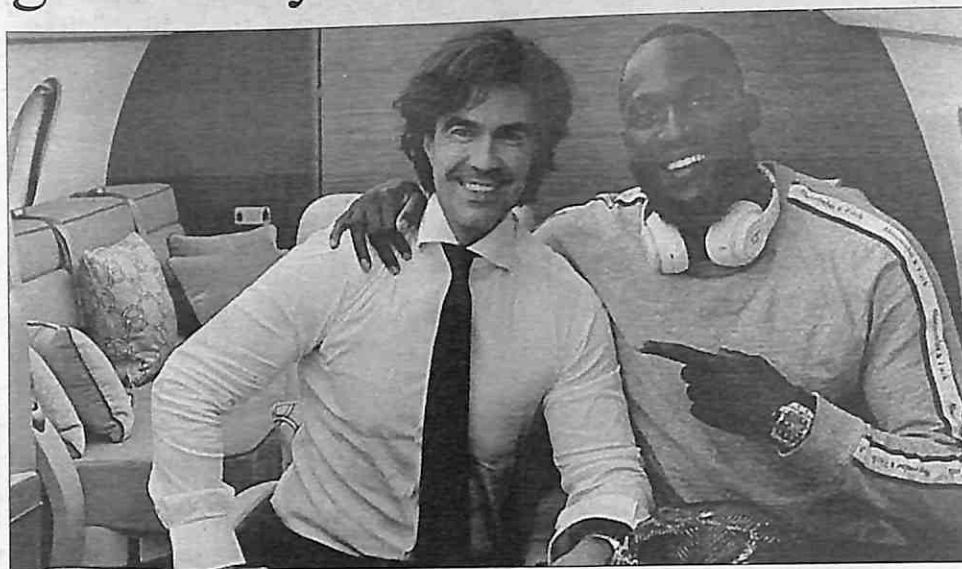
MILAN - Romelu Lukaku joined Inter Milan from Manchester United yesterday with Italian media reporting he will sign a contract immediately after undergoing a medical.

The Belgian forward, who enjoyed a bright start at United before ending his second season battling for a place in the team, arrived at Malpensa airport in the early hours of the morning amid reports the two clubs had agreed an 80 million euros (US\$9.77 million) deal for the 26-year-old.

Television pictures showed dozens of jubilant Inter Milan fans gathered at Malpensa to welcome Lukaku, who had been training with Belgian side Anderlecht for the last few days.

He waved to the fans before being led away to another door.

Gazzetta dello Sport and other Italian media said Lukaku's medical was booked for around 0800 GMT and he would put pen to paper afterwards. Inter's new coach Antonio Conte has been chasing Lukaku for some time and had also tried to sign him when he was manager of Chelsea.



CELEBRATED: Romelu Lukaku, pictured with his agent, is clearly delighted with his Italian job.

Serie A champions Juventus were also reported as being interested in the player.

Lukaku joined United from Everton in 2017. He scored 42 goals in 96 appearances in all com-

petitions, with 11 of those goals coming in his first two months at the club.

He scored only five league goals for United in the second half of last season. *Reuters*

Out-of-pocket Hunt to 'battle away' with free agents

JOHANNESBURG - Bidvest Wits may be tipped as one of the favourites for the Premiership title this season but coach Gavin Hunt is crossing his fingers they achieve the improbable, having assembled his team on a tight budget.

Known to be one of the few teams that offers players lucrative contracts, the Clever Boys appear to have fallen on tough times, as they cannot afford quality signings.

Wits bolstered their squad with 10 signings - **B r a n d o n Petersen, Siyanda Zwane,**

Phathu Nange, Sameehg Doutie, Prince Nxumalo, Zitha Macheke, Carl Lark, Ivan Mahangwahaya, Nigerian defender Kenneth Sebastian and Joseph Douhadji, a Togolese centre back.

However, the majority of those players were signed on pre-contracts and as free agents.

"We can't buy anybody so we are not going to buy anybody," said Hunt after their 1-0 loss to Baroka FC at Bidvest Stadium on Tuesday night.

"What do you think (I'd do if I had the money) I'd buy a team, wouldn't I? I won the league by 20 points (when I had the money)."

It's the South African economy, people are losing jobs. They're cutting back everywhere, but it's understandable. We are working in tough times and football is an industry that you'd pull back the plug in. We are okay. I don't know the ins and outs of everything but I know that things have been cut and people have left for financial reasons."

The 10 new players will have to work their socks off to replace some of the players that were shipped out during the transfer window. However, Hunt has already been impressed by how some of his newbies have adjusted. Macheke, Lark and Doutie have already featured for the Clever Boys.

"We've spent no money and we haven't bought anybody, so it is what it is," Hunt explained. "I've got to battle away. We've got good hard-working players (but) we are going to need hard-working players along the line."

"With all due respect to the previous players, but I think we got some good players here, for free. On Tuesday, the results were not where we wanted them especially after Saturday. But I can't fault them, they gave me all - the quality was just lacking."

While Hunt will need a few tricks up his sleeves to turn somewhat of an "average" team into "championship material", there are increasing rumours that some of his talismen are top priorities on rival teams' lists.

Captain Thulani Hlatshwayo is said to be wanted by Orlando Pirates, while Thabang Monare is sought after by Kaizer Chiefs. Wits have reiterated Hlatshwayo is not for sale locally, while Hunt admits that he's given the duo "honest advice".

"The boys are fine," Hunt explained. "Obviously it's disturbing when you open up a football paper, and there's a story about one of them."

They talk to me and I talk to them. But I'll always give them the best advice."

The Star



WELCOME TO THE BULL'S KRAAL



THE 'CUP OF HOPE' IS HERE BOMAGEBHULA

IT'S a pleasure for me to once again talk to you *boMagebhula* and the soccer loving community on issues touching on our beloved team.

We are exactly two days away from the 2019 EPTC Charity Cup finals.

This is the cup of hope for the least privileged Emaswati people. Thomas Aquinas argues that charity brings to life those who are spiritually dead while one English proverb says 'He who has no charity deserves no mercy'.

Highlander's family and soccer loving people, let's cram the Somhlolo National Stadium in support of charity. By doing so, we will be bringing hope to all our less privileged fellow Emaswati people.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SIHLANGU & SITSEBE

Thank you for the good run displayed by our national soccer teams. We are proud of you. Sitsebe SaMhlekezazi has been a marvel to watch and Africa now knows, how Emaswati ladies can do in the field of play. The results against Zimbabwe should not discourage us at all. Our impact was felt 'Siyabuya'. Sisters please note that success is not final, failure is not fatal, but it is the courage to continue that counts.

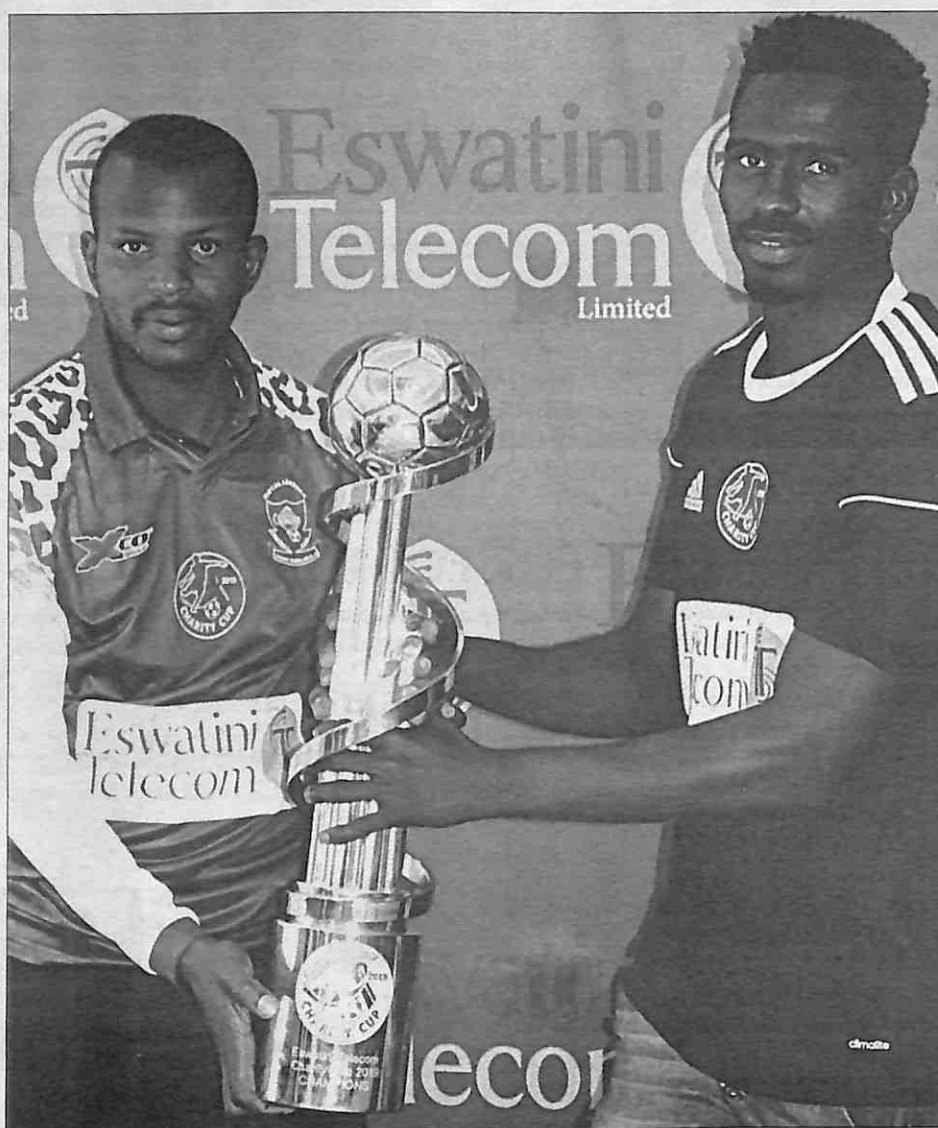
As for Sihlangu our next opponents are worried because we are no longer walk-overs but Sihlangu is in for competition. Our boys are sending a strong message to the world that they are tired of mingling with chickens and they are now flying with eagles.

CHARITY DRAW

We have been drawn against Royal Leopard and we are ready for them. This is our season and we need to annex this cup to give a strong signal that we are back with a bang 'Yam Nawe S'phakeme Futsi'. The team is planning the most effective way to approach this game in order to reach the finals. All our games against Leopards are always played at high pace and we believe this is what the supporters have been waiting for. The team is ready *Bomagebhula*.

PLAYERS' RESPONSE TO TECHNICAL TACTICS

Firstly, we are happy with the players we have registered so far for this weekend's charity cup. These boys are responding positively to the



technical team's instructions and we believe that we will be the last man standing come Sunday. The assurance we have to our supporters is that we are coming with a competitive team for this charity cup.

Our players have been warned that talent wins you games, but teamwork and intelligence wins you championships.

MOMENT OF TRUTH

At the moment of truth, there are either reasons or results *boMagebhula* for all the teams who will be sweating it out on Sunday.

Preparations for this charity cup are done and

dusted and the team is eager for these games, especially now that the draw has been concluded. It's now the testing point of character and competence for the four teams who will be participating in the upcoming EPTC Charity Cup finals on Sunday.

As a team, we believe that there are no secrets to success but it is the results of good preparations, hard work and learning from our past failures.

The moment of truth is now *boMagebhula* and we expect the boys to apply themselves against our opponents for us to get this cup for our chairman. To all our supporters, this is the



time for you to show everyone that Highlanders is the most followed team in the country, please come and paint the stadium black and white on Sunday.

As family, we have to come together to celebrate the new season in song 'Ngwaza nkunze mnyama udlalangami'.

SPECIAL REQUEST TO HIGHLANDERS SUPPORTERS

Your presence in the stadium is always a motivating factor to the boys inside the field of play. On Sunday may we request your usual engagement in such games of rallying behind the players.

BoMagebhula, we don't need to provoke other teams no matter what the circumstances are. The director's message is clear *boMagebhula*, he wants the Highlanders family to unite and rebuild the team to chase for honours.

We thank you for cheering the team and without you the puzzle is not complete. We believe our different branches are busy organising transport for the supporters for Sunday's Charity games. No matter what the score is, let us accept the results. However, we are optimistic for favourable results.

Gwaza Nkuzi



DU'S CORNER

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LET'S MAKE IT A 'CHARITABLE' SUNDAY FOR ESWATINI!

THIS column will start by congratulating the four teams in defending champions Mbabane Swallows, Mbabane Highlanders, Manzini Wanderers and Royal Leopard who will have the benefit of competing in this season-opening tournament at the country's only MECCA, Somhlolo National Stadium.

These are games everybody has been waiting for since the off-season break and football followers in the country can expect nothing but fireworks. We all know that Swallows, Wanderers and Highlanders command the biggest support base in the country, and there is no iota of doubt that the stadium will be filled to capacity on Sunday.

You go to the bus ranks, hospitals and public transport; everybody is talking about the Charity Cup games. It is obvious that local football lovers are hungry for football action and this being the season-opening tournament, expectations are very high.

After all, this is a tournament that provides the four teams with the platform to show their multitudes of followers what to expect in the new season as most of them will be parading new players.

History will show that this tournament has never failed to live to expectations and expect the four teams to fire from all cylinders as there is a lot at stake, with over E1 million prize money up for grabs for the winners.

It will be another historic day for local



football and most importantly, charity should be the winner at the end.

SUPPORTERS MUST BE AT THEIR BEST BEHAVIOUR

Not only are we expecting local football lovers to fill the stadium to the brim on Sunday, but their behaviour will be of paramount importance as well. They should go there with clear minds that there will only be one eventual winner on the day, which basically means they should accept results in the field of play like true sports people.

Those who end up on the losing side should accept their fate without behaving like hooligans and likewise, those who win should act like mature people while celebrating. In this kind of a tournament, there are only two possible results, which is a win or defeat hence

people should not expect a draw.

Somhlolo will not be a place for hooligans on Sunday and those who like causing unnecessary fights should save us all the trouble and stay at home because those are not boxing matches. It would also be nice for the supporters to dress up well for the games by donning their favourite teams' colours and blowing their *vuvuzelas* to create a carnival atmosphere.

EPTC ARE THE TRUE CHAMPIONS

EPTC management, led by the ever-green Petros Dlamini have once again outdone themselves. As we count the years since the launch of the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup, we realise the positive impact this incredible tournament has brought to our society.

The radical transformation of people's lives through this tournament cannot even be qualified in words because it is immense and there for everybody to see, which makes us very fortunate to have a company like EPTC.

A lot of good has been done by EPTC through this tournament and some of us can attest to that. Today, there are people who would proudly say that they did not have shelter but through the generosity of EPTC, they now have roofs over the heads in terms of new houses. Some were weak and hungry but are now strong and healthy because EPTC fed them through soup kitchens, gardens and goat shells. Others were bought new clothes, while some now enjoy proper education through EPTC. Underprivileged people in our communities were hopeless and weary but

are now full of life and hope. This is not a theory but factual because evidence is there for all people to see.

I have countless number of reasons to take EPTC seriously as a person and you should do likewise. The efforts put up by the Managing Director (MD), his management and entire staff over the years when it is time for the Charity Cup games cannot even be measured because they always thrive to make it better than the previous one.

It is through companies like EPTC that the country will realize Vision 2022 in line with His Majesty King Mswati III's dream. EPTC should continue doing good for the country, especially for the underprivileged people in our communities.

CORPORATE/MARKETING DEPARTMENTS

EPTC is blessed with smart individuals in the corporate and marketing departments, especially where the Charity Cup is concerned.

I am referring to people who think outside the box and always come up with fresh innovative ideas to make this tournament better every year. Let me make special mention of Corporate Affairs Manager Nqobile Magagula, a person who knows the right buttons to press in organising these games.

I think the football background she acquired through her stint as Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) CEO in the past is proving an added advantage for her. She seems to understand the dynamics of organising such games and doing it with great conviction and excellence better than most people.

Her football experience is clearly rubbing off her colleagues at EPTC and this has made the tournament very big.

We say keep up the good work!

IT'S AN EXCITING DRAW INDEED FOR FOOTBALL LOVERS!

SWALLOWS VS WANDERERS

Swallows are the defending champions and all eyes will be on them to retain this trophy, but in Wanderers, they are facing old foes that are hungry for glory.

It will be an entertaining game without a doubt considering that both teams have been very busy

in the transfer market and will be parading a number of new players. They have already declared war against each other and we certainly can expect a heart-stopping 90 minutes of football action between these two giants.

The irony of this match is the fact that Wanderers' coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati was at the helm of

Swallows when they won this trophy the last time around and will no doubt be aiming to make history by doing same with the 'Weslians' this time. May the best team win!

LEOPARD VS HIGHLANDERS

Leopard defied all odds to reach this stage of

the tournament after managing to win in the play-offs. Highlanders come into this tournament with high ambitions and have already declared that they want to be champions, especially under their new leader Ally Kgomongwe.

The expectations are high in both camps and if their preparations for these games are anything to go by, then expect nail-biting action from the two teams in this game.



COME SUNDAY: Mbabane Swallows team doctor Samkeliso Mdluli seems to be saying to Manzini Wanderers PRO Sandile 'Ntofo' Dlamini as they have a feel of the Charity Cup trophy at the kit presentation.



Congrats Sihlangu seMnikati for making country proud

IT is only fair that we take time to congratulate our senior national soccer team Sihlangu seMnikati for hoisting the country's flag high in the CHAN Championships.

The nation's pride achieved history last weekend after beating Angola away from home to set up a game against Zambia in the third round

of this tournament, something that has never been achieved before.

The effort from the squad deserves full credit and there is now new belief that good times are back in the national team.

Keep up the good work Kostadin Papic and your team!



CHARITY CUP 2019



KIT PRESENTATION

YAMI NAWE S'PHAKEME FUTSI



DIRECTOR: Eswatini Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC) Corporate Affairs Manager Nqobile Magagula directing the proceedings.



GUEST: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga with EPTC Managing Director Petros Dlamini during the EswatiniTelecom Charity Cup kit presentation at the company's boardroom yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



FOLLOWING: EPTC General Manager Finance Muzi Dlamini with PLE COO Pat Vilakati.



MANAGERS: EPTC General Manager Eswatini-Telecom Francis Dlamini and General Manager Corporate Strategy Amon Dlamini were also present.



COME SUNDAY: Royal Leopard's Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo and Mbabane Highlanders' Jimoh Moses promised fire works on Sunday.



YAMI NAWE: Manzini Wanderers captain Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya and Mbabane Swallows counterpart Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko display the trophy.



LET'S ALL DRESS SMART: Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) Chairman Peter Magagula appealing to the charity cup participating teams.



NEW JERSEYS: The players clad in their new kits.



RIGHT - CONCENTRATION: Mbabane Highlanders defender Jimoh Moses with Charity Cup ambassador Tony Tsabedze.



SIPHAKEME FUTSI: Royal Leopard PRO Frank Hurube speaks while his Mbabane Highlanders counterpart Paul 'Magidza' Masilela looks on.

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EFA, BUILD IT HOST THE MATSAPHA BUILD IT U-13 CHAMPIONSHIP

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER - THE Eswatini Football Association (EFA) and Build It will tomorrow host the Build it U-13 Matsapha Championship.

This marks the beginning of the store events for year for this annual football development programme which ends with the implementation of the National Championship where the Build It pick teams compete at a national phase.

The event will commence at 8am at the Matsapha Correctional Services.

A total of 16 teams will compete and the youth coaches from the EFA will be identifying players, who will form the Matsapha Build It U-13 pick team.



BEGINS: Juniors involved in a parade before the start of the tournament in 2018.

They will be competing with the other pick teams that will be formed during the other stores' events.

"The public more especially the parents and relatives of these young-

sters are cordially invited to this event as their presence also motivates these players," reads a statement from the Eswatini Football Association.

The teams that will be competing are as follows:

GROUP A

Young Buffaloes FC
Super 16 FC
Ludzeludze Kicks FC
Lozitha Stars FC

Group B

Young Heroes FC
Chelsea FC
Christ like FC
Bafundisi FC

Group C

Nhlambeni FC
Royal Leopards FC
Malandela FC
Zero Boys FC

Group D

Ludzeludze Killers FC
Sipikiri FC
Professionals FC
Brave Stars FC

Participants invited to ENVA Beach VB tourney

BY JONGILE XUBA

VOLLEYBALL - ESWATINI National Volleyball Association (ENVA) has invited teams and individuals to be part of the Beach Volleyball Tournament to be played at Tums Water World tomorrow.

This was revealed by ENVA vice Secretary General Eric Zwane, who said the tournament was an open competition which would be played in pairs.

He said the competition would be broken into two categories and the joining fee was E100 per team.

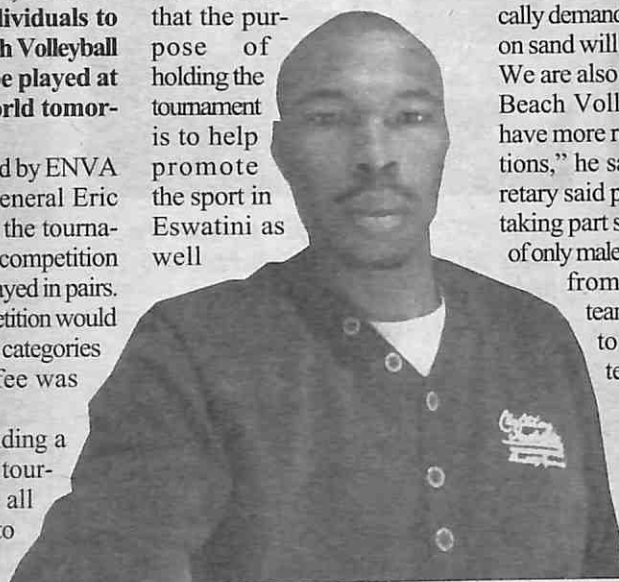
"We will be holding a beach volleyball tournament and urge all interested parties to indicate. We will

have males and females teams of two, where the winners will get E200 with runners-up getting E150 while the third finishers will receive E100," he said. Zwane added that the purpose of holding the tournament is to help promote the sport in Eswatini as well

as help players keep fit during the league break.

"I urge all league players to attend the competition to ensure they don't miss a step during the break. The sport is physically demanding, having to play on sand will benefit them a lot. We are also trying to promote Beach Volleyball so we can have more regulated competitions," he said. The vice secretary said pairs that would be taking part should be made up of only males or females. Players from different league teams are also allowed to pair-up and form teams.

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ESRIC DARTS LEAGUE ENDS TOMORROW

BY JONGILE XUBA

DARTS - THE Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation (ESRIC) E100 000 Darts League will come to an end tomorrow as teams play their final fixtures.

This was confirmed by Eswatini National Darts Association (ENDA) Vice Secretary Mduduzi Masango, who said they were happy with the progress of the tournament as they would be wrapping up the league this weekend.

The games will be played at Correctional Gymnasium in Matsapha, starting at 2pm.

"We will be playing our final games this weekend after what has been very competitive season of darts.

Although the league title has already been a decided, we encourage teams to attend the last games," he said.

**ESRIC E100 000 Darts League fixtures:
Tomorrow at Correctional Gymnasium
At 2pm**

Umlilo	vs	Smesh & Bonz
Mbabane	vs	Ubombo sugar
Remnants	vs	RSSC
Malkems	vs	ESRIC
Umjovo	vs	Scarass

At 4pm

Umlilo	vs	Remnants
Mbabane	vs	Malkems

REPS	vs	Ubombo
Correctional	vs	ESRIC
Kilowatts B	vs	Smesh & Bonz
RSSC	vs	Umjovo
Luswebhu	vs	Railway

At 6pm

Kilowatts B	vs	Ubombo sugar
Kilowatts	vs	RSSC
Umlilo	vs	ESRIC
Correctional	vs	Scarass
Smesh	vs	Luswebhu
Railway	vs	Correctional II

Masango added that despite Malkems winning the league with two games in hand, the tournament was very competitive with new teams showing gradual improvement.

Champions elect Malkems will play ESRIC at 2pm followed by the game against Mbabane City Council at 4pm. Correctional, who are second will also face ESRIC at 4pm followed by Scarass at 6pm.

Other fixtures see Umjovo take on RSSC at 4pm with Smesh and Bonz clashing with Luswebhu at 6pm.

The prize presentation will be held at a date, yet to be announced.



FNB Nomads junior competitions next Tuesday

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

GOLF - THE first edition of the First National Bank, Eswatini Nomads junior competition will take place next Tuesday at the Royal Swazi Sun.

This will be the first edition of the junior competition since the financial institution pumped in a sum of E180 000 towards the local development programme about two months ago.

Eswatini Nomads coach Meshack Zwane invited young golfers to attend the upcoming competition in their numbers.

"We are proud to announce the first junior competition which will take place next Tuesday at the Royal Sun, starting from 8am.

We invite all junior golfers to attend the competition in their numbers. We will have a prize presentation later on the day where the outstanding golfers will be awarded.

"The next edition of the competition will take place next Thursday at the Mbabane Club and tee off time will be at 8am.

We would like to thank our sponsors Eswatini Nomads, First National Bank and Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation for their continuous support," he said.

The competitions will be used to select the Eswatini junior national side to compete in the 2020 All Africa Junior competition slated for next year in Egypt



Real Madrid have opened talks with Paris St-Germain over a deal to sign Brazil striker Neymar, 27. *(Sky Sports)*

Manchester United are willing to pay the £81m release clause of Athletic Bilbao and Spain forward Inaki Williams, 25. *(El Chiringuito TV - via Mail)*

Leroy Sané's proposed move from Manchester City to Bayern Munich has been complicated by a knee injury sustained by the 23-year-old Germany international. *(Mail)*



Chelsea's Brazilian defender David Luiz, 32, will be allowed to join Arsenal for £8m. *(Mirror)*

Crystal Palace forward Wilfried Zaha has handed in a transfer request, with the 26-year-old Ivory Coast international keen to force through a move to Everton. *(Express)*

Palace have told Everton they will not accept less than £100m for Zaha. *(Guardian)*

Everton will move for Chelsea's England Under-21 defender Fikayo Tomori, 21, and Bournemouth's Netherlands central defender Nathan Ake, 24. *(Sun)*



Burnley have made a late bid to sign England midfielder Danny Drinkwater, 29, on loan from Chelsea. *(Mail)*

Newcastle are on the verge of signing Swedish right-back Emil Krafth, 25, from French side Amiens. *(Newcastle Chronicle)*

Former England goalkeeper Scott Carson, 34, could move to Premier League champions Manchester City from Derby on a season-long loan. *(Sun)*



Atletico Madrid are preparing to sign Tottenham and Denmark midfielder Christian Eriksen, 27. *(Independent)*

Juventus midfielder Sami Khedira, 32, has turned down two moves because he is holding out for the chance to join Arsenal. *(Star)*

Norwich have made a £15m bid for FC Lorient's French striker Alexis Claude-Maurice, 21. *(Le Telegramme)*

Monaco are keen on Liverpool and Switzerland forward Xherdan Shaqiri, 27. *(Blick)*

Alcohol banned during Charity Cup

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – THE Charity Cup Management Committee has announced that alcohol will not be allowed into the stadium during the 'Yami Nawe, Siphakeme Futsi' finals at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

This was announced by Charity Cup Management Committee Secretary Pat Vilakati during the kit presentation yesterday.

"We will not allow the selling of alcohol in and outside the stadium on Sunday. We will ensure that this doesn't happen by deploying securi-

ty personnel around the stadium as we also want to safeguard against illegal entry points to the venue," he said.

Meanwhile, Premier League of Eswatini Chairman Peter 'Touch' Magagula appealed for respect from the nation during the tournament.

"We are calling upon everyone to demonstrate respect on the day.

Urge

We further urge governors and team official's to dress properly and look presentable on the day," he said.

Meanwhile, about E15 000 tickets will be circulated for the Sunday games, where the country's big three teams will be in action.

The tournament's MC Secretary Pat

Vilakati said this was meant to accommodate the multitude of supporters expected to attend the games at the country's only football mecca.

Prepared

"We have prepared E15 000 tickets, which include 1 000 VIP's and urge the nation to continue purchasing the tickets at the various areas. Tickets have been distributed to the Eswatini Posts and Telecommunications branches at Lobamba and Gables. Tickets will still be on sale on Sunday until 1pm which is two hours before the finals," he said.

Gates will be opened at 5am for vendors and an hour later for members of the public and football lovers.

EPTC MD congratulates Sihlangu, Sitsebe for beating Angola

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – ESWATINI Post and Telecommunications Managing Director Petros Dlamini has congratulated the country's national teams Sihlangu Semnikati and Sitsebe Samhleka for their recent wins over Angola last weekend.

Dlamini hailed the two national sides for both beating Angola during the 2020 CHAN Qualifiers and the 2019 COSAFA Senior Women Championships, respectively.

He said this during the 2019 Charity Cup kit presentation at the EPTC boardroom yesterday.

"Congratulations are in order for our male and female national teams for beating Angola as this shows that we are improving as a country in the international scenes. We all need to support our national teams in order for the country to succeed," he said.

Dlamini further congratulated Premier

League of Eswatini Chairman Peter 'Touch' Magagula for retaining the chairmanship position.

"We are happy Magagula will continue as the PLE Chairman which is good for the sport. We also congratulate the four teams for making it through to the finals of the competition and we hope they will show us top football on Sunday," he further said.

Contribution

Meanwhile, Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga said they were happy with the contribution of the Charity Cup towards the development of football in the country.

"We are also happy because this tournament helps the less-privileged citizens in the country. We will continue supporting the initiative and we also appeal for sportsmanship from all the four teams that will be competing on Sunday," he said.

Birds to occupy North stand during Charity Cup

STORIES BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER – MBABANE Swallows fans will use the North stands during the finals of the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup final on Sunday.

This was revealed by Charity Cup Management Committee Secretary Pat Vilakati during the stadium inspection yesterday.

"Mbabane Swallows supporters will take the north stand with Manzini Wanderers be occupying the south stand. Royal Leopard will be on the right hand side of the Royal Box, while Mbabane Highlanders will take up the left stand," he said.

Supporters

Vilakati urged all supporters to respect the seating arrangement and not wonder into seats that would not be designated for them.

"We will have marshals as well as police around the designated seats and if you do not have the right tag you will not be allowed into that area. We ask fans to respect the arrangement we have laid out."

He also clarified that the yellow and red seats on opposite sides of the royal box would be reserved for VIP ticket holders.



READY: Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup Management Committee Secretary Pat Vilakati, addressing the delegates during the stadium inspection at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)

Eswatini Post and Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC) Corporate Communications Manager Nqobile Magagula reminded fans to purchase their tickets and tags early. She also urged them



BRING THEM: Eswatini Post and Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC) Corporate Communications Manager Nqobile Magagula showing tags to be used during the final.

not to put them on themselves. "We would like to remind fans that tickets will not be sold at the gate. Those who do have tags must wait until they get to the stadium so we put the tags on them.

This is so they do not cover the bar code we scan," she said.

the main gates to reduce this congestion," he said. The chairman added there would be a designated gate for VIP ticket holders as well as parking. Main Gates will open at 6am with kick-off between Leopards and Mbabane Highlanders slated for 8:30am. As always fans are urged to get to the stadium early to find proper seating.

Comfort Shongwe during the stadium inspection yesterday. Shongwe said the gate behind the North stand would be used by general ticket holders.

"We realised after last year that a lot of fans swarm in just before kick-off. So we decided to use an extra gate besides

EXTRA GATE TO BE OPENED

SOCCER – IN a bid to reduce congestion and traffic, an extra gate will be provided during the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup final at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

This was revealed by the Charity Cup Management committee Chairman Dr

Leon Manyisa finally joins Wanderers

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – HUB giants Manzini Wanderers have finally completed the signing of Vovovo FC starlet Leon Manyisa ahead of the 2019 Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup.

The player is said to have penned a contract with the Weslians yesterday morning after attracting strong interest from two of the country's crowd pullers in Mbabane Swallows and Mbabane Highlanders.

Swallows, however, announced that they were pulling out of the race to sign the former Green Mamba development player earlier this week.

Vovovo Chairman Sipho Tsetla confirmed the news

when contacted yesterday.

"We have cleared the player to Manzini Wanderers and we would like to thank Wanderers for showing professionalism during the negotiations," he said. Wanderers Public Relations Officer Sandile 'Ntofo' Dlamini also confirmed that the player was now part of the 'Weslians' family.

Happy

"We are happy to announce that Leon Manyisa is now our player and will be playing for the team during the Charity Cup on Sunday," he said.

The former national Under-20 player is the second player to join the maroon and white ensemble this season from the Motshane based side after Benin midfielder Aboudou Housesou.



BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER – MONENI Pirates are calling all their Hhohho region supporters to gather for a meeting to be held at the Mbabane Library tomorrow at 2pm.

Making the announcement was Moneni Pirates supporters Chairman Themba Matsenjwa, who urged all

their supporters to make their way to the meeting.

The chairman said the meeting would discuss various issues including the club's membership.

"We invite all our fans and supporters in the Hhohho region to attend the supporters meeting taking place

tomorrow. This is to discuss the state of the club and the new membership fees and how new members can join," he said.

Matsenjwa said this would be the third supporters meeting ahead of the upcoming season.

He said they also visited the Lubombo

and Shiselweni regions where the response was good.

"This is the next stop of our *vusela* mission, where we visit all the regions and club branches. Attendance has been good and we hope that Hhohho fans will also respond the same way," he said. He added that supporters

could contact him at 7634 0183 for more details about the meeting.

Supporters

This will also be a fund raising exercise by the supporters, where they will be collecting any form of assistance the supporters will be willing to offer.

Moneni Pirates call all Hhohho supporters to meeting

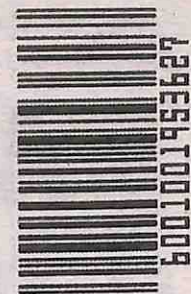
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Kaizer Chiefs	vs	Black Leopards	20:15

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HIGHLANDERS WITHDRAW ALLEN'S MATTER

STORIES BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – MBABANE Highlanders have reportedly withdrawn their letter of complaint against Pigg's Peak Black Swallows with the Eswatini Football Association Players Status Committee over the services of Sihlangu striker Allen Mabuza.

The capital city giants are said to have filed an urgent letter before the national football mother body yesterday, removing the case which was expected to be heard this afternoon at the Sigwaca House. A source close to the matter revealed that the two parties were now expected to settle the issue away from the committee.

"Highlanders have submitted their letter requesting that the matter should not be discussed by the PSC. A meeting between the two teams was arranged late last night at one of the restaurants in Mbabane, where Highlanders were expected to make a bid for the player," the source said.

Developments

Highlanders Secretary Bhekisisa Dlamini could neither agree nor deny the matter when reached for comment last night.

"I haven't heard any new developments over the matter other than that it will be heard tomorrow (tonight) at the Sigwaca House," he said.

Efforts to get Black Swallows Chairman Charles Matsebula proved futile as his cellphone was out of the MTN network when tried yesterday.

Highlanders are said to be hoping to sign the player before the 2019 Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup semi-final clash against Royal Leopard at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

Mabuza has caps with the senior national team Sihlangu Semnikati as he featured during the recent 2020 CHAN second round qualifiers against Angola, which they won.

Palma takes 'Birds' to Status Committee

SOCCER – TRANSFERRED Mbabane Swallows player Mandla Palma has since taken his former employers to the Eswatini Football Association Players Status Committee.

The towering former Sihlangu defender is demanding his clearance from the capital city giants after signing a three-year contract with hub giants Manzini Wanderers ahead of the 2019 Charity Cup clash between Swallows and Wanderers at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

The matter was scheduled to be heard last night at the Sigwaca House, but it was postponed to this evening at the same venue.

This after Swallows asked for the postponement of the matter through their senior official Sandile Dlamini.

Palma was present during the hearing and was accompanied by Wanderers Management Committee Chairman Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli and Legal Affairs Vusi Thomo.

Mdluli said they were hoping that the matter would soon be resolved when reached last night.

"We are now waiting for the ruling of the committee so that the player can play for a team of his choice," he said.



IYAWULALA IBONENE: The four teams participating in the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup representatives Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko (Mbabane Swallows), Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo (Royal Leopard), Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya (Manzini Wanderers) and Jimmoh Moses (Mbabane Highlanders) hold the trophy during the kit presentation yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

WE ARE TAKING IT HOME - BIRDS

STORIES BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – CHARITY Cup defending champions Mbabane Swallows have vowed to clinch the 2019 Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup ahead of their crunch semi-final clash against Manzini Wanderers at the Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

Team doctor Samkeliso Mdluli said this during the kit presentation held at Eswatini Posts and Telecommunications Corporation boardroom yesterday.

Mdluli said they would do their level best to win their third consecutive charity cup in order to take the trophy home.

"We will win the tournament on Sunday since our main is to own the trophy by winning it three times in a row. We promise to do that at the expense of Wanderers. We are not afraid of Wanderers and we invite football lovers and the nation at large to attend the games in their numbers," he said.

Meanwhile, the team's vice-captain Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko said they had done all the necessary preparations for the tournament.

"We are looking forward to the tournament as we have all done all the preparations. We will reach the finals by beating Manzini Wanderers," he said.

On the other hand, Manzini Wanderers Public Relations Officer Sandile 'Ntofo' Dlamini said they were on a mission to revive the hub giants.

"This is the right time to revive the big brand and the opportunity came at the right time as we will play against Mbabane Swallows. We promise to make our supporters happy as we are not intimidated by Swallows," he said.

WE WILL STOP LEOPARD – BULL

SOCCER – CAPITAL city giants Mbabane Highlanders have promised to send Royal Leopard packing in the 2019 Charity Cup ahead of the two teams' battle slated for Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

Landers Public Relations Officer Paul 'Magidza' Masilela said it was now over for Leopard.

"A lot has been said about this match and we have been seeing roadblocks everywhere, but we are not intimidated. We will teach them a good football lesson on Sunday,"

he said.

The team's defender Jimmoh Moses said they were looking forward to the match.

"We have been preparing for this tournament for more than five weeks now and we are more than ready to play Royal Leopard."

Enforcing

Meanwhile, 'Ingwema-balabala' Public Relations Officer Frank Hurube said they would impose a law enforcing order to the 'Black Bull'.

"We will give Highlanders an order since we are a law enforcing entity."

"A lot has been said about the opposition spending some time outside the country but we will be waiting for them at the Somhlolo National Stadium."

Journey

"We want nothing other than a victory," he said.

Leopard playmaker Zweli 'Mlilo' Nxumalo said they wanted to win the tournament.

"We want to reach the finals of the tournament and our journey has to go via Highlanders whom we are looking forward to face," he said.



IT'S ON: Royal Leopard PRO Frank Hurube speaks while his Mbabane Highlanders counterpart Paul 'Magidza' Masilela looks on.