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GOD'S GLORY MINISTRIES HANDS OVER E700 000 HOUSE



THANK YOU: Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini handing over the house to UNESWA student Ayanda Mkhabela while Pastor Victor Macdonald looks on. The fully furnished house was built by the God's Glory Ministries for Mkhabela who is now confined to a wheelchair after she was run over by a police casspir in February 2016 during a students' protest. The handover was at her home in Mpolonjeni yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu) **SEE PAGE 2**

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GIFT: The front view of Ayanda's house.

Stern advice to pastors

THE founder of God's Glory Ministries Pastor Victor Macdonald condemned all pastors that require payment for their services and said it is against the will of God.

Macdonald said all pastors, prophets, evangelists as well as everyone who calls himself or herself a steward of God should not require or demand payment when doing the work of God. This work

that the pastor was talking about includes counselling and prayers, amongst others. "Registering of congregates and paying for counselling sessions and one-on-one with pastors must stop," he said.

He further condemned the writing of names on tithes envelopes. The pastor said this was far from the true Gospel of God as offerings are between men and God not pastors and brethren.

He added that some pastors even had the nerve of calling congregates and demand tithes.

The pastors, whose statement caused a stir among those who were listening, said many people no longer worship God but their leaders, which is biblically incorrect. Moreover, he condemned all the banners and billboards by pastors. He said instead of calling people to God, people are now called to pastors. He said people should not pay in order to be helped in the house of the Lord.

Ayanda Mkhabela receives over E700 000 worth house

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

...Mkhabela is the UNESWA student who was run over by a police casspir during a students protest in February 2016

GOD'S Glory Ministries handed over a fully furnished house worth over E700 000 to University of Eswatini student Ayanda Mkhabela at Mpolonjeni in Mbabane yesterday.

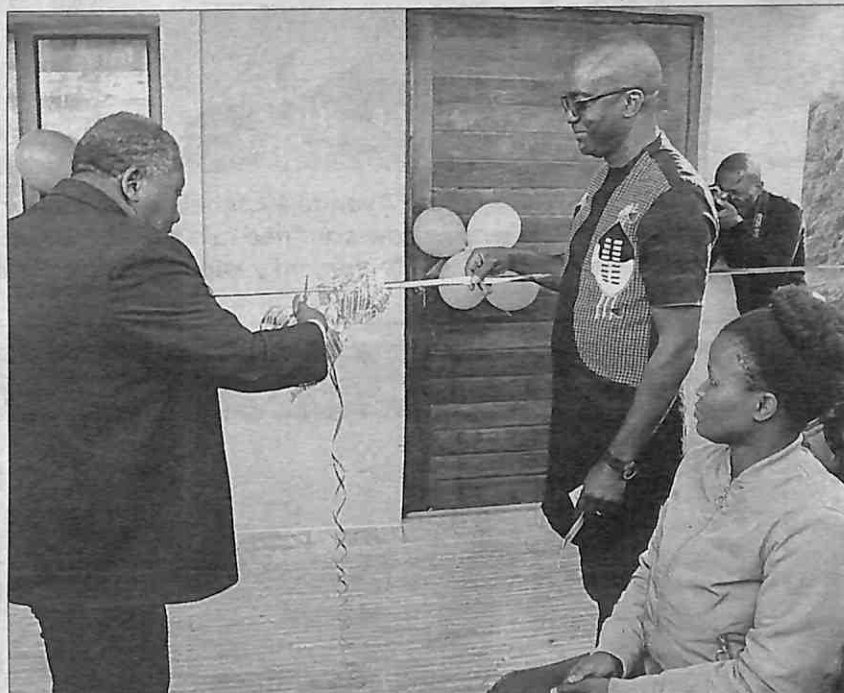
The prestigious and graceful handover was graced by Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini, who was the guest of honour.

The MD was joined by Pastor Victor Macdonald, the founder of God's Glory Ministries who coordinated the resources to build the house.

Other prominent people who attended the handover ceremony were His Majesty's Correctional Services Commissioner General Phindile Dlamini, Royal Eswatini Police Service Deputy Commissioner Lydia Dlamini, who is also a member of God's Glory Ministries, Principal Secretary at the Ministry of Home Affairs Nhlanhla Nxumalo and Director of Social Welfare at the DPM's office Moses Dlamini as well as the church's brethren.

Wheelchair bound

Mkhabela is the UNESWA student who was run over by a police casspir during a students' protest action in February 2016. After a long hospital admission, Mkhabela could not walk, as of today she is wheelchair bound. Following the accident, Mkhabela



LOVE: Tibiyo MD Dr. Absalom Themba Dlamini assisted by God's Glory Ministries leader Pastor Victor Macdonald as they cut the ribbon marking the official opening of Ayanda Mkhabela's house at Mpolonjeni yesterday. Dr Dlamini was the guest speaker at the event. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

was sent to South Africa for medical attention where it was revealed that the prospects of her ever walking again were minimal.

Mkhabela was handed a two bedroom fully furnished house built by God's Glory Ministries and other sponsors. Speaking during the handover, Pastor Macdonald said the house was built through offerings as well as pledges from the members of his

church.

The pastor added that some of the material that completed the house was from various sponsors. These donors include First World Material in Matsapha, who donated tiles as well as bathroom fittings. Another sponsor was Wood Masters which donated wardrobe and kitchen fittings. Speaking at the ceremony, Dr. AT Dlamini said he was honoured to be part of the handover.

He added that because of the marvellous work by God's Glory Ministries he was proud to call himself a Christian. "I feel so proud to say I am a Christian today because of what you are doing as a body of Christ and ambassadors of the Kingdom of Heaven," he said.

He further thanked and congratulated the ministry for opening its hearts and wallets towards serving the needs of communities.

Dr Dlamini said Christians were called to minister to the world, not only through words but by action. Thus he pleaded with all Christians to imitate God's Glory Ministries.

"I have no doubt in my mind that God is pleased with this initiative," he said.

Furthermore, he said the church's mandate is to build and support, preach the Word and pray for communities. Dlamini said this is what Jesus did and it is a cornerstone of the Christian faith. "Your work here and elsewhere is not only being in line with what God expects from us, it also supports the initiatives of the whole country to eradicate poverty and its impact in families," he said.

Believing

He encouraged the church as well as the donors to continue supporting the foundation as such acts of kindness foster brotherhood, peaceful co-existence and fellowship.

The MD emphasised on the importance of believing in God. He urged Ayanda to continue trusting God and His ways. He also asked her to keep a strong relationship with God. He said this was because God lives and works through His people.

"To the people of Mpolonjeni community, please emulate this gesture and share whatever you have with those who have nothing. God will bless you," he urged.

Worth nothing is that this is not the only house built by God's Glory Ministries. The first one was built in Motshane for an elderly woman, the second one is in Siphofaneni. Ayanda's house was the third project by the ministry. The Project Manager Pastor Siyabonga Vilakati said the construction of the house cost E650 000 while the furniture cost E80 000. The project took only two months to complete.

Year-long gifts for Ayanda

ADDING to the gift of a home to Ayanda by God's Glory Ministries Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini gave her E2 000.

The MD also presented her with two 50 kilograms of maize and 50 kilograms of beans.

Pastor Macdonald also pledged on behalf of the church that they will provide Mkhabela with groceries for a whole year until she finds a job.

Tearful Ayanda was lost for words as she said the house was beyond her expectations.

Mkhabela, quoting a song which

was rendered by Frans Dlamini, said "He is the Lord". To be specific Mkhabela quoted the part that says 'When an enemy comes in like a flood, He raises the standard against it' at which she said in February 2016 when the incident that changed her life occurred she thought her life was over.

Thanks God, next month Mkhabela will be awarded with a Bachelor of Education in Primary Science. Mkhabela also thanked the church for choosing her for such a marvellous gift and the responsibilities that comes with

owning a home. Ayanda was with her grandparents Alias Makhabela, Sabbath Mkhabela, Aunt Tobi Mkhabela, her sister Nomfundo and son Ayabonga Nzalo when receiving the gift.

Also present was Mpolonjeni Chief Petros Dube who pleaded with neighbours to look after Ayanda as people, mainly thieves might want to take advantage of her home.

He further appreciated God's Glory's Ministries for their work.

In addition to the gift of the day, the elderly and needy people of Mpolonjeni were also presented with food parcels from God's Glory Ministries.



GRATEFUL: Ayanda Mkhabela passing her vote of thanks to the church as assisted by Pastor Mdluli who was the interpreter.

Warm to hot week ahead

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

INFORMATION sourced from AccuWeather Services shows that the week will be sunny and temperatures will increase gradually during the week.

Temperature range is between seven to 34 degrees Celsius.

Tomorrow it will be Sunny and mild

to warm in the Lowveld. Temperatures will range from 7 Degrees Celsius rising to 26 Degrees Celsius.

Tomorrow, temperatures will slightly rise from today's temperatures but it will still be sunny. On Wednesday, clouds patches will be experience in some places but warm to hot in the Lowveld. Meanwhile on Thursday it will be hot to very hot in the Lowveld. Temperatures are expected to reach 34 Degrees Celsius.

Today	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
Mbabane 7/20	8/21	10/24	9/23	11/25	9/26
Tomorrow	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
Mbabane 8/22	9/23	11/25	10/24	12/26	8/27
Wednesday	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
Mbabane 11/24	12/25	14/27	13/26	15/28	11/29
Thursday	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
Mbabane 16/29	17/30	19/32	18/31	20/33	17/34

Daughter, son-in-law left livid...

MOTHER STOPS TEKA CEREMONY

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

IN a rather shocking incident, a man's dream of having a wife has been short-lived as his wife to be was taken from him while she was being teka-ed by her mother.

The incident is said to have happened at Nsaliye in the Shiselweni region a week ago. Thembelani Zwane, who is the victim of the scenario, said he was saddened by the act of her fiancé's mother because they have been in an intimate relationship for long time and felt it was the appropriate time to take their romantic relationship to the next level.

Zwane said the act of his mother-in-law shocked him as he had not anticipated that she will not approve of their marriage.

"We have been in love for quite some time and I felt it was the right time to take our relationship to another level, hence I teka-ed the love of my life only to be met with this unexpected act from my mother-in-law," Zwane narrated.

According to witnesses, the incident happened at around 6am where the mother of the bride came unno-

ticed and went straight to the kraal where her daughter was being teka-ed. It is said when she got into the kraal she shouted at all those who present saying unpalatable words to the 'groom's' family.

Zwane said if this meant that he was not supposed to marry the love of his life, it was very painful because he did not do anything that is against the law as they unanimously agreed with his fiancé to get married that way.

Threatened

Attempts were made to prevent the mother-in-law from disturbing proceedings but it was all in futility as she is reported to have grabbed the spear from her daughter and threatened to stab anyone who could try stand on her way.

This has left a lot of the area's residents shocked and wondering what made the woman to do such a thing.

When all that unfolded, the members of the Zwane family watched in disgust and when one elder tried to talk sense to the woman, she could not even give him a chance to explain himself.

"She took her daughter and did not even care that she was only wearing *sidwaba* and that left us with many unanswered questions

on why she was doing that because this is allowed in our culture," said one witness.

One went on to say that the mother of the 'bride' had for a long time disapproved of the relationship between the two and the fact that she was now being teka-ed was another story.

When contacted, the would-be bride said she did not know what got into her mother as she has never even once raised any concern about her relationship with Zwane.

Deliberating

Primrose Msweli said despite the fact that her mother had done this, she would continue her relationship with Zwane and if this is not sorted out they will get married in a different way.

"The two families are still deliberating this issue and if there is no sound solution we will have no choice but get married at the District Commissioner's (DC) offices," Msweli added.

She went on to say that her relationship with Zwane was known by everybody in the community as they have been in love for three years. She said there was nothing wrong her fiancé did as this was proper Swati culture which has been practiced by many and for

years.

"I was very embarrassed by what my mother did. I don't think it was the right call to do what she did on that day, especially in front of my in-laws and the members of the community who had come to witness the ceremony," she said.

Msweli, who said her father died eight years ago, believes he would not condone what her mother did. She said her mother did this because she knew that no one in the family will challenge her.

Msweli's mother could not be reached for comment as she was reported to be in South Africa where she stocks some merchandise as she runs a hawker business.

"We have been in love for quite some time and I felt it was the right time to take our relationship to another level, hence I teka-ed the love of my life only to be met with this unexpected act from my mother-in-law"



CRITICAL: South African gospel star Hlengiwe Mhlaba.

Hlengiwe Mhlaba hospitalised after serious road crash

MELMOTH - South African gospel star Hlengiwe Mhlaba was involved in a serious car accident on Saturday afternoon.

The accident happened in Melmoth, northern Zululand. The singer, who is known for her powerful voice, was travelling to Mpumalanga where she was booked to perform.

Mhlaba was in the Kingdom of Eswatini last week where she performed at the 2019 Eswatini International Trade Fair's official opening by His Majesty King Mswati III.

According to her spokesperson Nkululeko Khanye, the singer's car rolled when she tried avoiding an oncoming car that was driving towards her.

Mhlaba sustained serious internal injuries and was admitted at a hospital in Empangeni, Kwa-Zulu-Natal, where she is under doctors' supervision.

"On Saturday it was very wet when the incident happened. Hlengiwe saw a car that was driving straight towards her and tried to avoid it but lost control and the car rolled."

"We ask the nation to continue to pray for her speedy recovery as well," Khanye said.

Mhlaba has released albums such as *Laphalala Igazi*, *Dwala Lami*, 'Blessings', and *Esandleni Somusa*.

Sowetan Live

MUGABE'S FUNERAL ON SUNDAY

BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

THE funeral of the late former Zimbabwean president Robert Mugabe is scheduled to take place on Sunday.

This is according to a statement issued by Zimbabwe's ministry of foreign affairs and international trade.

The ministry has extended an invitation to all diplomatic missions accredited to Zimbabwe.

According to the statement, the state funeral service will be held on Saturday at the National Sports Stadium. Times at which the event will start will be communicated in due course.

Heads of State/Government wishing to attend the ceremony are advised to arrive in Harare on Friday. Heads

of State/Government are also expected to depart from Harare immediately after the ceremony on Saturday, taking into consideration that government authorities of that country will be fully occupied with preparations for the burial service /ceremony reserved for Sunday.

"The full programme for the funeral service will be made available in due course.

The government has block booked

accommodation for 1+2 per delegation," reads part of the statement. The trade ministry of the Republic of Zimbabwe has promised to be of assistance to all those who would need help.

The late Zimbabwe's strongman is said to have died on Friday last week while undergoing treatment in Singapore. According to reports, Mugabe's body is expected to arrive in Zimbabwe on Wednesday.



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FNB CEO Dennis Mbingo making comments.



FNB BUSINESS LOUNGE HELPS SMES START, RUN, GROW

THE FNB Business Lounge at the 2019 Eswatini International Trade Fair has been commended by users and visitors for being an excellent and impactful platform for networking, and information sharing.

The FNB Business Lounge was hosted at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre Hall 1's deck by the bank in partnership with the Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA) and the Small Enterprises Development Company (SEDCO).

The platform was in line with EITF 2019 theme 'Eswatini is open for business' by providing a fully functional space for exhibitors, FNB Business and SEDCO customers to discuss on issues around Small Medium Enterprises growth in a bid to enable a High-Growth Entrepreneurship culture.

Since August 30 to September 9, the lounge has been a hive of activity which included networking after-

...visitors of the lounge pleased with impact of the platform on developing their businesses.

noon sessions as well as empowering presentations from various stakeholders.

People who accessed the business lounge came from all sectors as well as from various parts of the country.

They gained access after visiting the SEDCO stall at the Trade Fair which informed them of the different presentations to be held at the lounge.

Through SEDCO, they were then placed on a guest list for each ses-

sion. While those who needed to use the lounge for networking during the mornings did so after placing appointments at the stall.



In the lounge you would find business people in conversations and networking throughout the day, exchanging more than just business cards, but also sealing deals.

FNB Head of Business Banking Nozizwe Mulela said the platform was also about developing a relationship between the bank and its

current and potential customers while at the same time empowering the SME sector of Eswatini.

She said it was also in line with FNB's campaign to assist SME start, run and grow their businesses.

"This space has been open to people with businesses as well as start-ups to engage amongst themselves or with us to see how we can work together to grow their businesses. The networking sessions have also been useful to help allow the EITF exhibitors and FNB customers to network and ideate," she said.

The space was open to both FNB customers as well as those who are not banking with FNB as its main aim was the border development of the SME sector in Eswatini.

Comments from users of the FNB Business Lounge

Dumisani Gwebu - Sidvokodvo

"This has been quite informative. One of the biggest issues we face in pursuing our business goals is access to finance as well as capital, and I am happy that in one of the sessions it was addressed. The business lounge is quite useful because it allows us to meet and identify where we are lacking in order to be able to grow."

Bandile Nkambule - Lubombo Youth

"This has been very empowering, and one has also got answers to questions that have been delaying my business."

This is a very noble initiative and helps one learn a lot. In terms of networking the lounge helped me because I met someone in a similar sector as me who gave me tips on what to plant when, and where markets are."

Bhekithemba Dlamini - General Dealer Owner

"I attended the business plan session and it was very good and helpful."

Such a platform by FNB and EIPA is important because it encourages us to venture into business with knowledge and networks."

Nompendulo Manana - Mkhulamini farmer

"I find this as a good initiative, we learnt some new things about the business world and there are things I am looking forward to implementing."

The networking platform provided by the lounge helped me because now I know who does what and how I can supply them or they can supply me."



NAMBOARD Agri-Business Manager Tammy Dlamini delivering his presentation on Access to Markets for Agricultural Producers.



NETWORKING SESSIONS, MEET AND GREET AT THE FNB BUSINESS LOUNGE

THE FNB Business Lounge played host to a series of networking sessions which have allowed EITF exhibitors and FNB customers to network and ideate on potential business opportunities.

Additionally, 'Meet and Greets' were scheduled to provide a platform for EITF exhibitors, FNB Business and SEDCO customers to discuss on issues affecting SME's growth, in a bid to enable high-growth entrepreneurs that are 'open for busi-

ness.'

On Wednesday, FNB kick-started the Meet and Greet sessions with a presentation by FNB's Head of Business Nozizwe Mulela who unpacked the requirements for 'Accessing Finance for your Business.'

Qualify

Mulela gave a detailed step-by-step guide on how to qualify for credit for your business.

She listed all the documents required for a credit application, their impor-

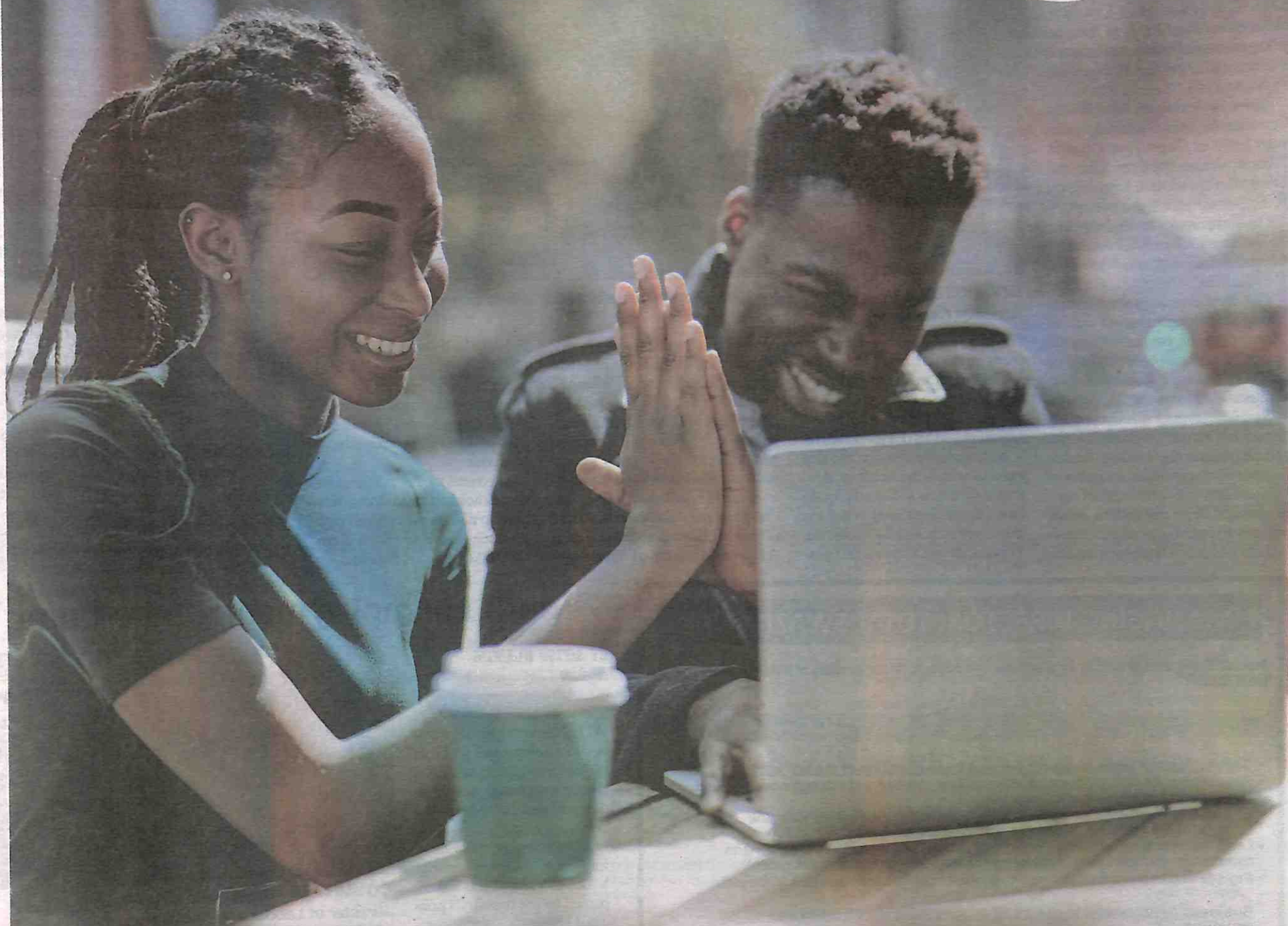
tance and how they were used in the evaluation of the credit application.

Thursday's session was led by SEDCO, highlighting the key steps required for 'Planning and Registering your Business,' a key angst for many individuals who are interested in starting their own business, but unsure of the ways to go about this.

The Eswatini Revenue Authority led a session on Friday which looked at 'Enhancing Tax Compliance for SMEs.'

This session was followed up with a Business Banking networking session that afternoon.

Business owners in the Agricultural sector were also catered for as NAMBOARD delivered a presentation on 'Accessing Markets for Agricultural Producers' on Saturday, coupled with a networking session led by the FNB Homeloans who unpacked the various home loan options available to FNB customers to be able to own the home of their dreams.



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WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ON AFRICA:

ESWATINI COMMITS TO MEDICINE MANUFACTURE

STORIES BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Sikhuphe

THE Government of Eswatini has committed itself to formulating strategies which may enhance the manufacturing of medicine in Africa.

This was during the 2019 World Economic Forum for Africa, which was held at Cape Town, South Africa. Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini represented His Majesty King Mswati III in the summit.

The summit was under the theme; "Shaping Inclusive Growth and Shared Futures in the Fourth Industrial Revolution".

The theme facilitated an opportunity to interrogate ways to further strengthen the continents and the world's response to technological advances brought about by the fourth industrial revolution.

Speaking during a media briefing upon his return on Saturday, the prime minister disclosed that his delegation participated in a number of discussions with other heads of state. Amongst these discussions, heads of governments discussed the possibility of manufacturing medicine



COMMITTED: Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini speaks at the World Economic Forum for Africa at Cape-town, South Africa.

in Africa, and improving the continent in the fractured world. The prime minister was assigned to lead and direct these two sessions.

Strategies

Dlamini said his delegation actively participated mainly on the first topic in which the heads of governments discussed strategies on how the continent may benefit in manufacturing its own medicine. This comes amid reports that gov-

ernment is struggling to keep sufficient stock of medicine in health facilities due to financial challenges.

Meanwhile, the premier said his delegation also honoured a courtesy call to President Cyril Ramaphosa who affirmed that country's commitment to maintain and strengthen bilateral relations with Eswatini.

In the same vein, the prime minister held bilateral talks with South African Minister of Trade and

Industry Rob Davies where issues of trade were discussed. During these deliberations, the two governments interrogated the possibility of the long awaited 24-hour operation of border gates linking the two countries.

"In general, the summit was a success as heads of governments managed to discuss a number of priority issues touching on the economy of Africa," said the PM.

Japan pledges support on Science and Technology

JAPAN has pledged to continue supporting Eswatini, especially in Science and Technology and other development programmes.

This was reported by Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini upon his return from the seventh Tokyo International Conference on Africa Development (TICAD).

The conference was held at Yokohama, Japan. During the conference, heads of states deliberated on several issues under the theme; "Advancing Africa's Development through People, Technology and Innovation".

The Eswatini delegation, which was led by the prime minister, made interventions at two plenary sessions and one thematic session, namely: Accelerating Economic Transformation and Improving the Business Environment through Innovation and Private Sector Engagement.

Dlamini said his delegation also met with the prime minister of that country, Shinzo Abe and engaged on bilateral talks. It was during these discussions that Japan pledged support to Eswatini on Innovation and Technology and other priority issues.

The PM acknowledged that Japan has already supported the country in a number of development programmes. These also included financial and technical co-operation in the areas of health, education, people development, mining and priority infrastructure projects for the country.

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COMMITTED TO BETTER ENERGY

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

WITH the ever growing number of unemployed youth in the country, the ministry of labour and social security is determined to address the issue.

On Wednesday, Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati was accompanied by the ministry's principal secretary, labour commissioner to an induction meeting on the expert services provided by the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

Among the discussions, the ministries' delegates were also engaged by the organisation on a social dialogue.

A statement released yesterday by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security Communications Officer Nomphele Mncina stated the minister had successfully undergone a high profile induction session in which he was presented with an overview of the functioning of labour laws, decent work, and profile of the work that was done by the ministry in the country.

Various experts from the ILO made presentations to the minister, covering different topics which included areas of work, transition from formal to informal economy, employment, child labour, social dialogue, and Infrastructure development



COMMITTED TO END UNEMPLOYMENT: The Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati with PS Thulani Mkhali and Social Security Principal Officer Dudu Ndzinisa during the induction meeting on the expert services provided by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Thursday. (Courtesy pic)

in urban and rural areas, among others.

Vilakati appreciated the information shared with him and stressed that Eswatini was determined to tackle the scourge of unemployment, especially among the youth.

Insightful

"I would like to thank the team of specialists that have made such an enlightening and informative presentation. It has been very insightful and was in line with His Majesty King Mswati III's vision to alleviate youth unemployment in the country. This is His Majesty's government's strategic objective as articulated in the national development strategy, which is vision 2022", Vilakati said in the statement.

She added the Director for

ILO SADC, Joni Musabayana, appreciated the minister's visit and assured him that the ILO team was fully supportive of the national vision and in using tripartism and social dialogue.

Meanwhile, the Principal Secretary Thulani Mkhali also visited Productivity SA in Johannesburg, which was an entity under the ministry of labour specifically targeting to improve the culture of excellence within the labour sector.

She said the aim of the PS's visit was to begin a process of fostering linkages and future collaboration in order to achieve and inspire a productive and competitive culture of excellence in the workplace as envisaged by the Government Strategic Roadmap 2019-2023.

Police accommodation a breeding ground for SODV cases

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Lobamba

The current accommodation arrangement for the Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) personnel has been branded as a major hazard and a breeding ground for SODV cases.

The concern was raised by Senator Tony Sibande during the debate of the police first quarter performance report at Senate on Thursday.

He mentioned the sharing of houses by the police was a cause for concern, as they were exposed to tempting environments that could lead to cases of abuse and violence.

He wondered, as the nation moved forward in addressing matters of sexual offences and domestic violence, how protected the police service personnel was, as they are constantly exposed to trying environments due to sharing of apartments as a result of a shortage in accommodation.

"It is a major concern that police officers around the country are forced to share houses while other officers



are living with their wives and children," he said.

Sibande mentioned he was hopeful that the matter of accommodation for the police personnel would be addressed as it was non-conducive and unsafe for the law enforcers and their families.

Sibande said the reported reduction in some criminal activities within the country as well as the REPS strategic roadmap was very encouraging even though they were faced with challenges.

He stated that another more pressing issue regarded the police working tools, especially police vehicles. The services provided by the police, according to the senator, were crucial and needed for safety and peace within the country.

In his preamble, Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini, who was represented by Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Themba Masuku, noted that in the period under review, certain crimes such as murder, armed robberies and rapes have been on the

ascendency, there were numerous efforts made by the police in addressing the matter.

The senator said even though the efforts and plans put in place by the police were encouraging, it was also apparent that they were attained under trying circumstances as the police were not well equipped when it came to vehicles and the ones that were available were also not in good condition.

Ensuring

"If more effort was put in ensuring that the police had adequate working equipment, the reduction of crime would be enhanced," he said.

Sibande made an example of Manzini as a big city with lots of businesses and residents, which posed a challenge for police to respond to calls due to the lack of vehicles as there were only four vehicles available to the traffic police.

He stated that this was not good for Emaswati and also the police as their response time to incident calls was affected, thus leading to poor service delivery. "Some police officers opt

to use their own private cars to be able to promptly respond to calls which is not good," he added.

He requested that as the REPS and the Prime Minister's Office was formulating the roadmap, the issue of increasing the number of police vehicles should also be considered.

Critical

He added the services provided by the police were as crucial as health services because they offered the country's citizens a sense of safety and security.

Meanwhile Senator Chief Nzameya Nhlabatsi concurred with Sibande in that the services provided by the police were critical and the shortage of police vehicles needed urgent attention as it was a serious matter of security.

He stated the rural police posts were the most hindered in terms of police working tools as well as accommodation. He said some of the rural police posts were responsible for large jurisdictions but had limited cars for attending to incidents resulting in poor service delivery which consequently could lead to citizens losing faith in the police service.

He urged the Prime Minister's Office to take urgent action in addressing the issue of vehicles and accommodation for police personnel in order to improve on service delivery.

OPT OUT NOTICE

You may be eligible to claim compensation if you are currently or have been a GOLD MINERWORKER in South Africa, at any time after 12 March 1965, and have been exposed to silica dust or you have contracted silicosis or tuberculosis ("TB") OR you are A DEPENDANT (for example, the wife, child or life partner) of such a gold mineworker who has since passed away, PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AS IT MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS.

THE SETTLEMENT

On 3 May 2018, six mining companies - African Rainbow Minerals, Anglo American SA, AngloGold Ashanti, Gold Fields, Harmony and Sibanye-Stillwater and some of their affiliates ("the participating gold mining companies") reached a conditional settlement to pay compensation to eligible gold mineworkers and the dependants of such mineworkers who have passed away. The proposed settlement will settle the claims against the participating gold mining companies arising from the class action that was initiated before the High Court for:

- the harm and loss suffered by mineworkers who contracted silicosis and/or TB during their work on certain gold mines in South Africa; and
- the harm and loss suffered by the dependants of mineworkers who died of these diseases.

The settlement was approved by the High Court in Johannesburg on 26 July 2019.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT?

You are a class member, and will be included in the settlement, if you meet all the requirements of any of the four classes:

Class 1:	All people:
	1. who as at the date when the settlement agreement comes into force, have undertaken risk work. In terms of the settlement agreement, risk work means "risk work" as defined in the Occupational Diseases in Mines and Works Act, 1973 or any of the following work:
	(i) work in the underground workings of a gold mine;
	(ii) work in a laundry where clothing of underground mineworkers is washed;
	(iii) work on a slimes dam of a gold mine;
	(iv) work in an assay laboratory of a gold mine where the composition of gold bearing ore is analysed, and where the mass of respirable dust from personal sampling is determined;
	(v) work in a metallurgical plant of a gold mine, including crushing, milling, transporting and smelting of ore; and
	(vi) work at conveyor belt operations which are undertaken to convey broken rock from the underground operations of a gold mine to surface;
	2. who on or before the date when the settlement agreement comes into force, have contracted silicosis or have been exposed to silica dust;
	3. who undertake or have undertaken risk work on one or more of the mines listed in Annexure A of this notice after 12 March 1965; and
	4. who did not settle their claims in previously finalised settlements with Anglo American South Africa Limited and AngloGold Ashanti Limited on 14 March 2016 and Anglo American South Africa Limited on 19 September 2013, respectively.
Class 2:	The dependants of any of the persons in Class 1 above who are deceased as at the date when the settlement agreement comes into force.

Class 3:	All people:
	1. who as at the date when the settlement agreement comes into force have undertaken risk work;
	2. who on, before or after the date when the settlement agreement will come into force have contracted Tuberculosis; and
	3. who undertake or have undertaken risk work, after 12 March 1965, on one or more of the gold mines listed in Annexure A of this notice.
Class 4:	The dependants of any of the persons in Class 3 above who are deceased as at the date when the settlement agreement comes into force.

WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF THE SETTLEMENT?

The settlement is not yet in force because some of its conditions have not yet been met. If the conditions are met, the participating gold mining companies will establish a fund, called the TSHAMISO TRUST.

If the settlement agreement comes into force:

- The participating gold mining companies will pay agreed contributions to the Tshamiso Trust and the process of paying compensation can start.
- All class members can submit a claim to the Tshamiso Trust for monetary compensation, except for those class members who opt out of the settlement.
- Details of how to submit a claim to the Tshamiso Trust will be published in the media and on the website www.silicosissettlement.co.za.
- The Tshamiso Trust will pay compensation to eligible claimants. An eligible claimant is a person who is a member of any of the classes and who meets the requirements of the Tshamiso Trust to receive monetary compensation.
- Class members must submit a completed claim form to the Tshamiso Trust and may have to undergo a medical examination to determine if they are eligible claimants.

Once the settlement agreement is in force, eligible claimants will be entitled to receive a once-off payment of between R10 000 and R250 000, depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease. In certain exceptional circumstances, this amount may be increased to up to R500 000.

The full terms of the final settlement as well as the Court's decision approving the settlement are available at www.silicosissettlement.co.za or can be obtained from the Class Lawyers (contact details below).

YOU DO NOT NEED TO PAY ANYONE TO ASSIST YOU TO MAKE YOUR CLAIM

WHAT MUST I DO TO REMAIN PART OF THE SETTLEMENT?

IF YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER AND YOU WISH TO BE PART OF THE SETTLEMENT, NO ACTION IS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

While you do not have to do anything to participate in the settlement, if you wish to send your contact details expressing your interest in participating, you may do so by completing an information form or registering your interest at this website www.silicosissettlement.co.za.

OPTING OUT OF THE SETTLEMENT

IF YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER, THE SETTLEMENT IS AUTOMATICALLY BINDING ON YOU UNLESS YOU TAKE STEPS TO OPT OUT. If you do not want to be part of the settlement, or you want the right to pursue your claim individually in court, then you must take steps to opt out of the settlement.

To opt out of the settlement, you must COMPLETE AND SIGN EITHER FORM A; FORM B; FORM C OR FORM D (WHICHEVER APPLIES TO YOU) AND DELIVER IT, TOGETHER WITH THE REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (MARKED FOR THE ATTENTION OF "SILICOSIS SETTLEMENT"), TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR SNG Grant Thornton before 24 November 2019.

The form must be signed before a commissioner of oaths. Every police station in South Africa has a commissioner of oaths.

TO OPT OUT, DELIVER YOUR OPT-OUT FORM AND THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS BY HAND OR BY FAX OR BY EMAIL USING THE FOLLOWING DETAILS: SNG Grant Thornton
Address for hand delivery: 20 Morris Street East, Woodmead, Johannesburg 2191
Fax number: +27 11 234 0933

Address for delivery by email: silicosissettlement@sng.gt.com

You cannot opt out by phone but you can call the numbers below for more information on opting out.

Each class member seeking to opt out must fill out and sign a separate opt out form.

If you deliver an opt-out form, the Independent Auditor may contact you for further information.

THE OPT-OUT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT www.silicosissettlement.co.za OR THEY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CLASS LAWYERS OR THE CLASS LAWYERS WILL DIRECT YOU TO THE NEAREST PLACE WHERE YOU CAN FIND THE OPT-OUT FORMS (CONTACT DETAILS BELOW).

* PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU COMPLETE THE CORRECT OPT-OUT FORM. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD, USE THE INFORMATION SERVICES BELOW.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CLAIMS PROCESS, THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND OPTING OUT:

- Visit www.silicosissettlement.co.za;
- Call the toll-free Call Centre at 0801 000 240 or 0800 110 110. The Call Centre will operate at no cost to persons calling from within South Africa;
- Send a "please call me" to the following number 072 557 8077 or 079 835 7179.

You may also contact the Class Lawyers at:

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Annexure A: Participating mines SA Land Daggafontein East Daggafontein Elandrand Elandkraal (also called Elandkraal) Kusalethu Western Holdings (1,2,3,4,6,7) (ARMGold) Matlabeng (Western Holdings other 4 shafts) Kudu, Nyala, Sable Eland which were former Freddies and Free State Geduld shafts) Sasipilas 2,3 Sasipilas 4,5 Masimong (FreeGold 3) Free State Geduld	Free State Cons FreeGold 2 and 4 Freddies 7 and 9 (to Kades Barnea cc, Pamodji, Target mine) FreeGold 2, 4 (Tshapong, Phakisa) President Brand President Steyn Steyn 1,2 (to Kades Barnea, Pamodji, Bamabani) Steyn 3,4 (FreeGold 1, then Bamabani) Brand 1, 2, 3, 5 (Steyn 5 to 8) HJ Joel / Joel Western Reefs (merged with Vail Reefs) Vail Reefs 1 (1,3,4,5,6,7) Vail Reefs 2 Vail Reefs 8 (Great Nollgwa)	Vail Reefs 9 (Kopanang) Vail Reefs 10 (Tau Lekoa) Vail Reefs 11 (Moab Khotso) Western Deep Levels Mponeng (South Mine WDL 1) Tau Tona (East Mine WDL 3) Savuka (West Mine WDL 2) St Helena Evander (incl Kinross, Letlbe, Brackan and Winkhaak mines) Randfontein Estates Doomkop Cooke 1, 2 and 3 (Rand Uranium) Cooke 4 (Ezulwini) Unisel Harmony mine	Merriespruit Hartbeesfontein Lorraine (Shafts 1,2 and 3) Zandpan Virginia mine Village Main Reef Western Areas (to South Deep) South Deep Beatrix (including Oryx) Oryx (to Beatrix) Driefontein (including East Driefontein, West Driefontein and Driefontein Cons) Kloof (including Lendoud from 1 Jan 1993, Libanon and Venterspos) St Helena (Beisa section)
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BAYETHE: His Majesty King Mswati III addresses company representatives during the sponsorship presentation at Lozitha Royal Palace recently. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

KING RECEIVES OVER E1M

BY SIMON SHABANGU

HIS Majesty King Mswati III urged the nation to adopt the culture of looking out for each other especially in times of need, stating that those who are underprivileged everyone's responsibility.

The King made these remarks when receiving E1 025 000 from four companies which was sponsorship towards Esicojeni Foundation.

The presentation was held at Lozitha Royal Palace on Wednesday night.

The four companies were Standard Bank who presented E325 000, MTN Eswatini presented E300 000, Galp Energia Eswatini presented E290 000 and Letsego sponsored to the tune of E210 000.

His Majesty the King who is also the

patron for the foundation applauded the companies for the sponsorship stating that the money would go a long way towards helping the underprivileged in the country.

"The plight of needy people is everyone's responsibility, hence I urge every Liswati to make sure that they improve the welfare of people in need.

Ensure

Even if the person is not related to you, you must share to ensure that all people in the country have improved living standards.

I applaud the contributions from the companies and urge more companies to come forth and contribute towards this foundation which is aimed to mainly take care of underprivileged especially children," the King said.

His Majesty the King thanked the

board which was previously led by now Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini for the good work they have been doing in improving lives of destitute people in the rural communities.

Establishment

He said since the establishment of the foundation over 10 years ago many people have benefited from the contributions made by the companies. He said the annual walk for Hunger also raises lots of funds which then go to different projects around the country.

Meanwhile, Sandile Simelane has been named as the new Chairman.

Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku, who led the delegation to the King, thanked His Majesty for his wisdom in the establishment of this foundation which he said helps government in its endeavour to eradicate poverty.

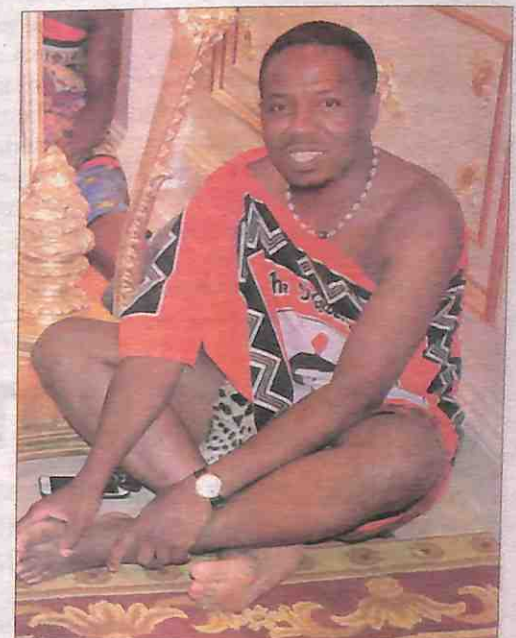
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good

21 piece bucket
& chips + 2 litre soda

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IMBONGI: King's praise singer Sandile 'Nkhondlo' Nxumalo doing what he knows best.



ALSO THERE: African Alliance Partner S'thofeni Ginindza and SEC's Khaya Mavuso following proceedings.

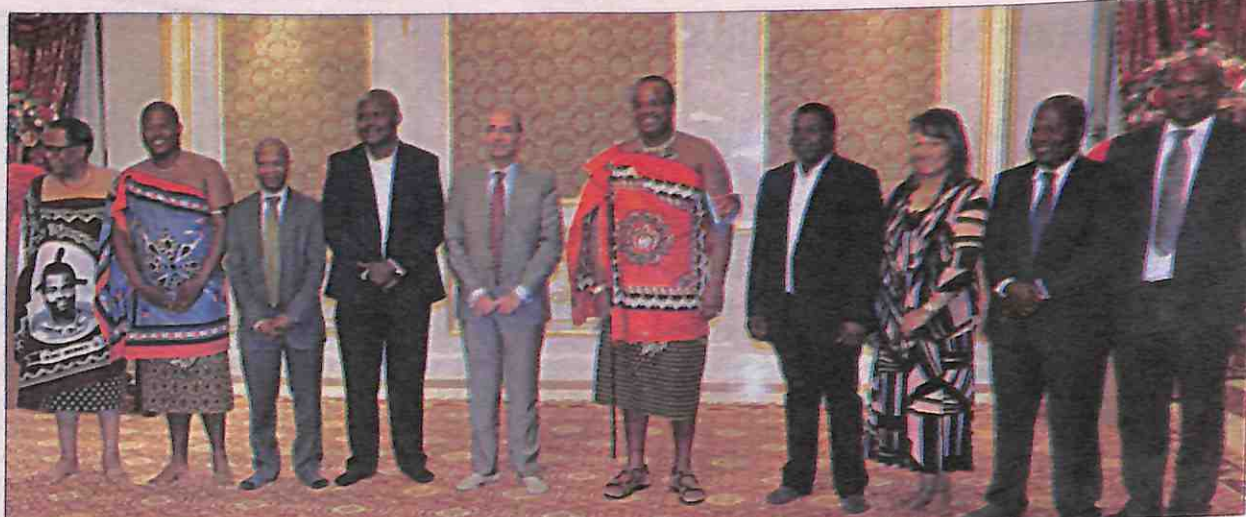


LISTENING: The company executives and Esicojeni Board members listening to the King.

FOR ESICOJENI



INTRO: Deputy Prime Minister Themba Masuku introduces company representatives to the King during the sponsorship presentation.



POSE: His Majesty King Mswati III joined by company representatives and Esicojeni Foundation Board members during the sponsorship presentation at Lozitha Royal Palace recently.



HERE: Letshego CEO Mongi Dlamini and CFO Phindile Shabangu present cheques to His Majesty.



HELPING: Managing Director of Galp Energia Eswatini Luis Gomes joined by the company's National Sales and Marketing Director Fanie Mthethwa as they present a E290 000 sponsorship to the King.




PRESENT: MTN Eswatini Acting CEO Sibusiso Nhleko joined by MTN Foundation Coordinator Evidence Ntshalintshali and Sponsorship and Brand Manager Thandiwe Mashinini as they present cheques to His Majesty King Mswati III.



Standard Bank Board member Sabelo Masuku who is also a member of Esicojeni Foundation joined by another board member Zibuse Simelane presented a E225 000 cheque to the King on behalf of Standard Bank.



PRESENT: Galp MD Luis Gomes pictured with the DPM Themba Masuku, Chairman of Esicojeni Foundation Sandile Simelane, Minister Peter Bhembe, members Sabelo Masuku and Marjorie Balarin.



CENTRAL TRANSPORT ORGANISATION

A PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES

A Public Auction Sale of Government vehicles is to be held at Mbabane C.T.A. and Matsapha C.T.A. on the 11th September 2019 starting at 9am to 1pm at Mbabane then 2pm to 4pm at Matsapha C.T.A.

- A. Viewing and Registration Dates:** 9, 10, & 11th September 2019 registration will be conducted at Mbabane C.T.A. Headquarters at Dlanubeka building 4th floor.
Registration time starts between 8:30am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm.
- B. Payments for bought items** will be allowed from 9am to 3pm.
- C. Terms and Conditions of Auction Sales:**
 - C.1** All items shall be sold on as "is basis"
 - C.2** A refundable deposit of **Five Thousand Emalangeni (E5 000)** if bid is not successful.
The registration fee per vehicle per bid to be paid in cash before auction starts. No bidder will be allowed to bid without the Registration Card with full bidders.
Particulars and bid card number. No refund for a bidder who fails to pay full bid amount after fourteen (14) working days.
 - C.3** Items purchased must be paid in Cash or Bank Guaranteed Cheque by local Bank and be removed within fourteen (14) working days from auction premises, between 8:00 a.m. and 16:45hrs.
 - C.4** No repairs are permitted within auction premises.
 - C.5** Items purchased and paid for in full shall be the responsibility of the purchaser.
- D. Items to be sold**
 - D.1 Sedans 2001 – 2013**
BMW, Corolla, Camry, Chevrolet, Kia and Mazda
 - D.2 Motorcycles 1998 – 2013**
BMW, Suzuki, Honda, Yamaha
 - D.3 Pick Ups, D-Cab and S-Wagon 1994 – 2009**
Toyota, Ford, Isuzu, Nissan
 - D.4 Kombi 1998 – 2014**
Toyota, Peugeot
 - D.5 Trucks 1996 – 2003**
Nissan, Isuzu and MAN
 - D.6 Farm Tractor, Graders, Fork lift, TLB, and Dozer 1990 – 2002.**
John Deere, M/F, Champion, CAT

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Woman nabbed with stolen whiskey

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A woman's love for whiskey truly went deep as she even stole it from Shoprite Liquor Shop.

Sibongile Mamba of Ntabamhlophe was arrested and charged with theft after she was found to have stolen two 750 ml bottles of Bells' whiskey at Shoprite The Gables in Ezulwini.

According to her charge sheet, Mamba allegedly committed the offence on September 2 at The Gables Shoprite Liquor Shop, when she wrongfully, unlawfully and intentionally stole the whiskey bottles valued at E460.30.

During her appearance before

Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati, Mamba claimed that she intended to sell the bottles of whiskey to support her children.

"Your Worship, I plead with the court for leniency in my sentence as I only wanted to sell the whiskey to get money to sustain myself.

I am unemployed and have no means to support myself," Mamba pleaded.

After hearing her mitigation, Magistrate Vilakati sentenced Mamba to serve one year in a correctional facility, with the option to pay a fine of E1 000. Mamba was informed that half of her sentence was suspended for a period of six months, meaning that she would have to part with E500 to gain her liberation.

COME LET'S TALK – EWSC INVITES OWING CUSTOMERS

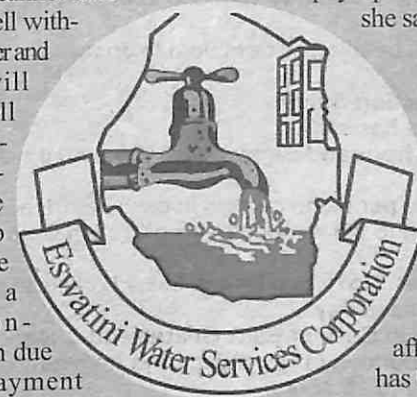
BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

IN a bid to ensure that Eswatini is open for business, the Eswatini Water Services Corporation (EWSC) is calling upon all those who are having difficulty in paying their water bills to come forward.

This was revealed by the corporation's Communications Manager Nomahlubi Mawane.

She said with water being a basic commodity both at household and industrial level, it was key that the corporation devised a way that will ensure that its customers do not find themselves being disconnected in case they fail to pay their bills.

She went on to say that businesses cannot function well without water and this will help all business people who have seen a disconnection due to payment defaults to continue with their businesses.



Championing

"As a country we want to prove by all means that Eswatini is open for business and by doing this we are championing the government's call and strategy," Mawane said.

Mawane said her organisation has seen it fit that it should come up with this programme where customers who found themselves facing a water disconnection due to the fact that he or she was owing a lot to come forward and pay a certain amount.

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By doing so, the customer will then be reconnected and have water supply.

"But before you get the connection you will need to sign an agreement form where you will agree on terms and conditions of how you will pay the remaining balance going forward," she said.

Mawane further said that the corporation is inviting all customers whose water was disconnected due to default of payments to come forward and pay any amount and then arrange on how the rest of the debt will be settled.

"Customers who have defaulted water payments should not be afraid but should come and declare their non-compliance status and they will be able to pay up in instalments," she said.

Mawane mentioned that even households were not left out in this programme as they too were also affected if water has been disconnected.

She said she hoped that defaulters have learnt the lesson and they will from now on embrace the corporation's arrangement of paying their water bills.

As a country we want to prove by all means that Eswatini is open for business and by doing this we are championing the government's call and strategy



FOCUS on DD cases



'Love for 'li-orientji' got

STORIES BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man sporting blood and mud stained clothing and a bandage covered head caused laughter in court after he told the tale of how home-brewed alcohol caused him to lose control of his vehicle.

Police reports released yesterday revealed that 97 motorists were nabbed for driving under the influence of alcohol over the long weekend.

20-year-old Mxolisi Hlophe of Maguga told Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati that he was drinking wine with his friends when they sent him to restock their alcohol supply.

"I was deemed the best fit to drive, as every one of my friends was too inebriated to drive. The owner of the vehicle

furnished me with his car keys and I was advised to restock the alcohol supply at the army barracks at Nkambeni. I agreed and I went on my way," Hlophe explained.

Hlophe recalled that on his way to the barracks, he received a phone call from his brother inviting him to another party he was hosting that same night.

"My brother informed me that he brewed alcohol made from the orange fruit, and it was the best he had ever made. The news excited me to the point of making the decision to abandon the trip to the barracks to buy my friends' alcohol. I then made a U-turn in an attempt to drive towards my brother's place. I was too drunk to control the vehicle and that was when it veered into a drainage system," Hlophe recalled, much to the amusement of the court.

During his appearance, it was ascertained that Hlophe had been arrested and

charged with four counts of contravening the Road Traffic Act.

As a result of the accident, Hlophe appeared before the court covered in blood and mud stained clothing, and a large bandage covering his head was enough evidence of his misfortune.

According to the first count, Hlophe was found to have been driving a Toyota Vios vehicle while under the influence of alcohol on Saturday evening at LaMgabhi. When a breathalyser test was conducted on him by police officers, he was found to have an alcohol content reading of 0.85mg/l.

In the second count, Hlophe was found to have lost control of the vehicle, causing it to plunge into a drainage system. The particulars of his negligent driving stated that Hlophe drove at an unreasonable speed, failed to apply his brakes on time and failed to avoid an accident

NDMA sends stern warnings for spring season

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

EMASWATI are urged to be safe than sorry during the spring season.

The National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) made this call. The spring season is normally accompanied by storms, thunderstorms and heavy rains that may cause disasters and damage property.

Fresh from the winter season that left over E20 million damage caused by wild fires, the agency said it was no time for rest for them as the spring season officially began.

NDMA Communications Manager Wandile Mavuso issued a stern warning to Emaswati in order to prevent the extensive damage caused by the extreme weather conditions experienced during the season.

enced during the season.

"It is necessary to preach safety this spring," he said.

Mavuso, speaking during an interview, said they can never be completely ready for disaster but prepared if one may occur. The disaster mouthpiece shared a few pointers with Emaswati which can minimise the effects of the natural disasters.

Firstly, he urged the nation at large to keep track of weather updates.

He said by keeping track of weather forecasts, they would be able to prepare for extreme weather conditions hence minimising the damage.

Secondly, Mavuso said it was time to fix leaking roofs and loose screws.

He added that this would minimise the rate at which houses are left without roofing when hailstorms and thunderstorms strike. "Fixing the roofs will

be cheaper than replacing it after it has been damaged by wind," he said.

The manager also urged people to remove all heavy material on roof tops. Mavuso said in the past they encountered incidents whereby people were hurt by rocks, logs and tyres placed on roof tops after the heavy storms blew their roofs.

Above all, he could not over emphasise on the crossing of overflowing rivers.

He said the agency would be engaging with people on different media platforms to ensure that the distraction is minimised as much as possible.

Apart from common spring season weather patterns, Mavuso said they were also in the lookout of damage caused by fire from lighting and burning of fields in preparation for the ploughing season.

Govt hit by paper shortage

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

GOVERNMENT offices are hit by a serious shortage of stationery.

Operations seem to be disturbed in government offices and organisations. This is because the government has a shortfall of a serious commodity 'paper'. People visiting government offices had to look for other means of accessing services in these offices mainly those whose documents had to be printed.

Some members of the public that visited the Master of the High Court were asked by officers to make copies of certain forms they need to fill because the office could not produce more form for them. According to the members of the public, they were told that the offices did not have stationery 'paper' to be exact.

Another government department hit

by the paper shortage is the ministry of home affairs.

This is reflecting at the border posts as people have to share gate passes. One traveller said he had to wait for three more people at Ngwenya Border Gate so that the officer can furnish him with a gate pass. "Gate passes are given in groups," said the traveller.

Civil servants are starting to have a blur memory of a payslip. This is because even this month civil servant payslips were not printed.

This is the third month civil servants had to go without payslips. When asked, it is communicated that there is a shortage of paper hence the government is unable to print payslips.

According to some civil servants who needed their payslips to apply for financial assistance and purchasing some items, they had to visit the government treasury department asking for their payslips.

The civil servant said this was time consuming and a waste of money they do not have travelling to Mbabane and plead for their payslips.

When Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane was contacted, he said the fact that travellers had to wait for a gate pass at borders should be evidence that plan B is in place.

Simelane was responding to the question of what is the government doing to minimise the shortage of paper.

In addition, he said, shortage of stationery happens from time to time all over the world, including during crucial times such as elections.

"There shall always be replenishment mechanisms," he said.

Coming to the issue of payslips, he stated that all ministries have accounts sections, therefore, anybody who wishes to access their pay slips can approach these offices for assistance.

Simelane emphasised that the shortage is not across government as some ministries are not affected.



FOCUS on DD cases



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that a reasonable driver would have avoided. The third and fourth counts stated that Hlophe drove the vehicle without a valid driver's licence, and he drove the above mentioned vehicle without the owner's consent. Magistrate Vilakati warned Hlophe to desist from his irresponsible conduct, as it not only got him in trouble with the law, but it also may have

cost him his life.

After hearing his mitigation, Magistrate Vilakati sentenced Hlophe to pay a fine of E1 500 and in default of payment, serve 15 months in a correctional facility for drink-driving.

In respect of the remaining three counts he faced, Hlophe was ordered to pay E500 or serve five months in prison for each.

MAGISTRATE CONDEMNS DRINK-DRIVING

WHILST making reference to Hlophe's unfortunate incident, Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati condemned the 11 drink-drivers who appeared before the court yesterday for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

"You are all here for driving while under the influence of alcohol, yet none of you were wise enough to use alternative means to get home. Taxi cabs are a safer alternative to driving while drunk, and are a cheaper option. You probably did not even spend more than E200 while buying your alcohol, yet you will pay fines of more than E1 000 for risking your lives on the road," the magistrate cautioned.

Magistrate Vilakati stated that the fines they were set to pay for driving while under the influence of alcohol were enough to sustain their families' needs.

"E1 500 goes a long way with providing families with just the basic necessities. Electricity and utilities bills, food and other things can be sorted out with that amount of money alone. Yet, you

THESE ARE SOME OF THE DRINK-DRIVERS WHO APPEARED ON SUNDAY: NAME ALCOHOL CONTENT SENTENCE

1.	Lungelo Mahlalela	1.75mg/l	E1 600 or 16 months
2.	Abel Zwane	1.21mg/l	E1 500 or 15 months
3.	Similo Makama	0.90 mg/l	E1 500 or 15 months
4.	Mxolisi Hlophe	0.85 mg/l	E1 500 or 15 months
5.	Mthunzi Ginindza	0.75 mg/l	E1 200 or 12 months
6.	Muzi Dlamini	0.60 mg/l	E1 200 or 12 months

all decided to waste your monies on drinking alcohol when your families could have used the money for more constructive things. The court will continue to reprimand you for committing this offence as it is risky and irresponsible behaviour which leads to death on the country's roads," the magistrate emphasised.

This was during Similo Makama's appearance before the court, after he was found to have been driving while under the influence of alcohol. When a breathalyser test was conducted on him, he was found to have an alcohol content reading of 0.90mg/l.

After reprimanding all the drunk drivers

before the court, Magistrate Vilakati sentenced Makama to pay a fine of E1 500 and in default of payment, serve 15 months in prison.

On the other hand, Lungelo Mahlalela (27) of Mbangweni recorded the highest alcohol content reading of 1.75mg/l. Mahlalela was arrested and charged with contravening the Road Traffic Act when he was found to be driving his Mazda 3 sedan while under the influence of alcohol. This was said to have occurred yesterday morning at Galp Filling Station.

During his appearance before the court, Mahlalela was sentenced to pay a fine of E1 600 and in default of payment, serve 16 months in prison.

I had umcombotsi from traditional wedding- DD accused

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

WHAT was meant to be a joyful day for a man who had attended a traditional wedding ended up being a moment he would want to forget soon after spending a night behind

the police cells.

This was the story of Mbuyiseni Sukati who appeared before the Magistrate's Court where he faced a charge of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. He was charged with contravening the Road Traffic Act of 2007. According to the charge sheet, Sukati was said

to have wrongfully and unlawfully driven a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. A breathalyser test indicated that the accused person had an alcohol content reading as 0.76 mg/l in his system. This is above the legal limit which stands at 0.37 mg/l.

When the charge sheet was read to

him, Sukati pleaded guilty to the charge.

His plea was accepted by the crown without leading evidence to prove commission of the offence. He then mitigated for a lenient sentence from the court, saying he was a first time offender.

He further told the court that he was on his way from attending a traditional wedding at Mzilikazi when he was nabbed by traffic officers who

had mounted a roadblock.

Sukati said he had a few cups of a traditional brew which is known as *umcombotsi*.

"I just had a few cups of *umcombotsi* as part of the ceremony where attendees are expected to share a bowl of the brew," he said. Sukati was eventually found guilty of the charge. He was sentenced to three months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E1 000 fine.

Man accused of raping minor (12)

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man (40) has appeared before the Magistrate's Court after he was alleged to have raped a minor girl (12).

Bheki Shabalala appeared before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi after he was charged with rape.

The accused has pleaded not guilty to the offence.

Shabalala told the magistrate that by the time the offence was committed he was at work.

The incident happened in Mbabane on April 18.

"Your Worship, I did not commit the offence. In fact on the said day, I had just started work after a long time of not working. There was no way I could have left office to the place where the offence was committed. I was going to lose my job.

The truth shall come out in this matter," said Shabalala.

The survivor's grandmother Zandi Dlamini told the court that she noticed symptoms of rape when the minor returned

from school on the day of the incident. She told her that she had eaten guavas.

Dlamini told the magistrate that the survivor kept visiting the toilet now and again.

Dlamini told the court that when she returned from Easter Holidays, she discovered that the minor had been raped.

Returned

The minor's mother Sindi Dlamini also told the court that when she returned from Easter Holidays, the minor told her that she had been raped by a man she knew from around area.

"The minor told me that she had had been raped by a man who usually passes by my home and gives them chips. She told me that she was coming from school and suddenly the accused emerged from the bush and held her by her hand," said Dlamini.

Dlamini said the minor related that the accused held her hand, made her lie on the ground and raped her.

Dlamini also told the court that the survivor's friends fled, leaving her with the accused.

"Your Worship, after he was

done, the accused offered the minor a sum of E10 and further threatened to stab her if she spoke about the incident to her family members. "However the minor refused to take the money and instead she fled back home," said Dlamini.

During cross-examination, the accused asked what colour was the knife she had threatened to stab the victim with and in her reply Dlamini told the court that she did not know it.

Dlamini said the survivor was taken to the hospital when the doctors confirmed that she had been raped.

The matter is still pending at the Magistrate's Court.

Your Worship, I did not commit the offence. In fact on the said day, I had just started work after a long time of not working.

ADOLESCENT FINED E300 FOR STEALING WATCH

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE
Eswatini National Court

COURT President Chief Mabhedla Hlophe has ruled that an adolescent (17) who stole a wrist watch while at Mbabane Truworths Stores be in custody for three months or pay a fine of E300.

Sikhombiso Mhlongo of Dlangeni stole a watch valued at E300.

The wrist watch was in the lawful custody of Sizwe Kunene.

Pleaded

The incident happened on August 3.

The accused pleaded guilty to the offence. Fidelity guard Mandla Kunene told the court that the time was 09.40 am and he was on guard at the Mbabane Truworths fashion outlet.

He also told the court that while he was carrying out his duties, he then heard the clothing alarm at the stores door going off. "Your Honour, the accused entered the shop and he went to the watch section where he took one watch and put it in his pocket. At the exit point the alarm then went off.

I then hurried to the door to find out why the alarm went off.

At first the accused did not want us to search him and with the help of my fellow workmates we were then able to take him to the storeroom where we searched him and discovered the stolen watch hidden in his pockets," said Kunene.

He then reported the matter to his senior manager who urged him to report the matter to the police.

Repeat

During mitigation, Mhlongo told the court that it was a mistake and he will not repeat this offence again.

He told the court that he was still a scholar. "Your Honour it is true that I went to the Truworths outlet and stole a watch.

This was because I wanted to replace my friend's watch that I lost in Cape Town.

My friend was pressuring me and I also gave him my cellphone.

I needed my cellphone back and so I went to steal the watch at the shop hoping that my friend would give me back my cellphone," said Mhlongo.

"The court condemns the act of shoplifting. You were going to succeed if the guard didn't apprehend you.

This offence was intentional and purposeful," said Court President Mabhedla Hlophe.

ESWATINI IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

1. Business Environment and the National Quality Infrastructure (NQI)

A healthy business environment can be essential for growth and poverty reduction and a prerequisite for trade and competitiveness. The Quality Infrastructure (QI) is an important element of the business environment. Hence, business environment initiatives without considering QI reform may be incomplete.

1.1 Business Environment Initiatives and Quality Infrastructure

The business environment can be defined as the complex of policy, legal, institutional and regulatory conditions that govern business activity. It is a subset of the investment climate and includes the administration and enforcement mechanisms established to implement government policies, as well as the institutional arrangements that influence the way key actors operate, such as government agencies, regulatory authorities, and business membership organisations.

The business environment clearly has an influence on the development of the private sector, and thereby on economic growth and the generation of livelihood and jobs. Business environment reform promotes the development of markets that encourage healthy competition and enhances the effectiveness and sustainability of development interventions. Business environment reform is multifaceted, operating on many levels and involving a very wide range of stakeholders.

1.2 The Quality Infrastructure - Overview

The QI is generally understood to be the totality of the policy, legal, regulatory and administrative frameworks and the institutional arrangements (public and/or private) required to establish and implement standardisation, metrology (scientific, industrial and legal), accreditation and conformity assessment services (inspection, testing and product- and system certification) necessary to provide acceptable evidence that products and services meet defined requirements, demanded either by authorities (e.g. in the case of technical regulation) or the marketplace (e.g. contractually or inferred).

It is important to understand that the QI, consisting of a number of institutions or service providers, can only function properly as a whole; the incompetence or absence of any one of the constituents will compromise the effectiveness and ultimately the efficiency of the whole system, thereby negatively impacting the business environment. The foundational parts of a QI are the standards, technical regulations metrology, conformity assessment activities and accreditation organisations/institutions without which none of the other elements will

be able to function properly. Because of their importance, it is imperative that governments play an active and continuous role in the establishment and sustainability of these institutions. They provide services which oftentimes are not targeted at a specific beneficiary that could be made responsible for their financing.

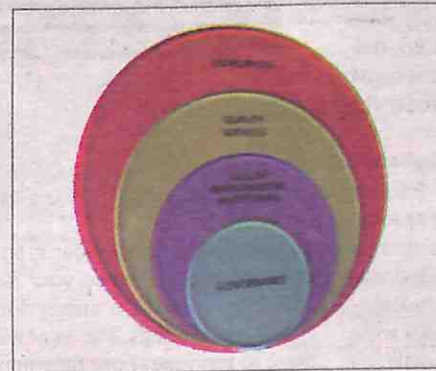


Figure 1 below illustrates how the QI cascades.

In today's world, markets are not only domestic.

Production of goods and services increasingly depend on specialisation and fragmentation into smaller tasks along global chains. As markets are becoming more globalized, products and many services flow freely across

borders; the quality of products and services is therefore a key determinant of private sector performance as it allows companies to compete, conform to market requirements and connect to markets - see Figure 2.

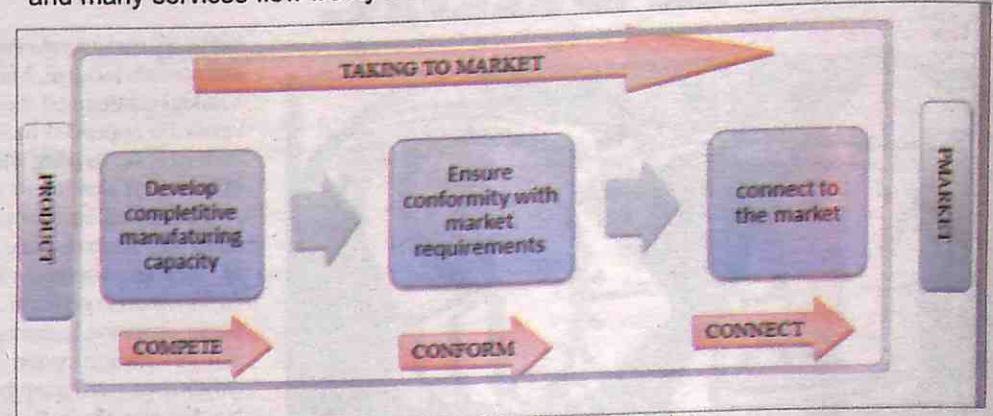


Figure 2: Flow of products or services to global markets



CALL FOR QUALITY AWARD ENTRIES - 2019

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade is proud to announce the opening of entries to the much awaited Eswatini Annual Quality Awards for 2019. This is the third year of implementation of these awards. Entries are open on **1st August 2019** and will close on **30th September 2019, at 12 noon**.

The aim of the National Annual Quality Awards (NAQA) is to foster business excellence through the sustained application of productivity and quality principles in large, small and medium scale organizations in Eswatini. Furthermore, the competition can be used as a tool to provide structured and robust criteria upon which organizations carefully assess their quality achievements and successes as well as identify areas that need improvement. Last year the awards were handed over to deserving recipients.

Please take note entries to all categories of the Eswatini Quality Awards competition will close on **30 September 2019**. Participation is free.

The winners of the Eswatini Quality Awards will qualify to submit entries into the SADC Annual Quality Awards for 2019. We look forward to your participation in the 2019 Quality Awards.

Please contact the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade - Regulatory and Quality Infrastructure Development (RQID) Department, **Tel: 2404 7509/10**

Entry Forms may be obtained from the:

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Eswatini Quality Awards

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- **STAGE 2: BUSINESS PLAN (SHORTLISTING)**
 - Applicants develop business plans from 12th September to 2nd October 2019
 - Applicants submit complete business plans by 3rd October 2019
 - Applicants participate in a Training Workshop on Entrepreneurship and Business Planning on 17th - 19th September 2019
 - Applicants participate in a Training Workshop on Preparing Financial Statements and Financial Projections on 24th - 26th September 2019
- **STAGE 3: PITCHING AND EVALUATION (SELECTION)**
 - Shortlisted applicants pitch to the Selection Committee on 8th - 11th October 2019
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ASPIRING ARTIST
DREAMS BIG

A SCHOOL leaver has a dream of becoming one of the top musicians in the World and further leaving a legacy in the music industry.

Pollen Mathobela (20) who has a passion for music said his dream is to be counted among the best artists not just in the Kingdom, but globally.

A hip hop rapper, Mathobela who matriculated at Makhonza High School last year said he only need-

ed a promoter as he has started recording music.

"My producers advised me to work on few things to become one of the top artists.

"Hip-hop is in my veins. There is a project I am busy with and anytime this month, I will know if I will manage to release it and if not what it is that I should work on. I am pleased in the manner some of my producers such as Muzi Mathunjwa 'Cha-Boy' and Mazwi Motsa 'Liz

Harris' have been pushing me. They have been there for me and this is the reason I don't want to give up," Mathobela told Shiselweni News.

Mathobela said he fell in love with music at the age of 10 and used to enjoy seeing his uncle playing a guitar.

He said soon thereafter, he noticed his elder brother Elvis mimicking other respected artists and also started following in his footsteps.

"Having seen and heard my elder

brother mimicking other musicians, I followed that trend and many in the family and in the community at large started noticing my talent and encouraged me to go for it. I have

not looked back ever since.

If I find a promoter, I see myself earning a living through music. I just need someone to manage my God given talent," said Mathobela.

AMBITIOUS: Upcoming rapper Pollen Mathobela.



New regional FA executive praised

THE newly elected Shiselweni Regional Football Association (SRFA) has been praised for showing commitment to its work.

The new SRFA executive committee was elected by teams almost two months ago and it is headed by Bhekani Khumalo, a police officer holding a senior rank and based at the Police Academy in Matsapha. Khumalo, a sports loving person is deputised by Rudolph Saulos who is a Principal at Mashobeni South Primary School and boasts of vast experience in football administration in the region, as he has served in the executive for a period spanning almost 20 years. The Khumalo-led executive took over from a committee known as the Normalisation Committee which was headed by Mlimi Mamba, who is Manzini Regional Education Officer (REO).

In his remarks during the prize presentation ceremony for the Buseleni Zonal League held at Mawelawela Sports-ground, Nkwene Member of Parliament (MP) Vulimpompi Nhleko said the presence of the SRFA at the ceremony was highly appreciated. He said in the past SRFA leadership shunned the ceremony and no clear explanations were given. The league is sponsored by Body Parts Centre and Spares and this 'marriage' started almost 10 years ago.

"Today in our midst, we have the SRFA executive committee, something which we are not used to as those who were part of it's leadership in the past never bothered to grace such occasions even when invited.

The new executive is giving us hope as their presence means a lot and also encourages sponsors. As a constituency,



THANKFUL: Nkwene Member of Parliament Vulimpompi Nhleko.

we feel recognised when seeing Khumalo and his executive in our midst," said MP Nhleko.

The MP thanked all the SRFA affiliates for electing people who have shown commitment in taking football in the region to the next level.

MP Nhleko's words were echoed by Congo Dlamini who spoke on behalf of teams. He said the new SRFA leadership was determined to have football improved from grass-roots level.

"The presence of the SRFA today, it marks the opening of a new chapter.

Let us be thankful to the teams for electing people who are committed," said Dlamini.

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Cracks in the leadership of Mathendele

THERE is a serious division in the leadership of Mathendele Township which is also threatening its existence.

It is understood that the elders known as 'libandla' which has similar authority to that of an inner council in a chiefdom no longer see eye to eye. Mathendele Township is considered one of the mini-chiefdoms of Mbangweni Umphakatsi. The elders of the township consult and report to Mbangweni Umphakatsi.

For years, the township's known Indvuna was the late Tom 'Good Morning' Hlatshwako who was a soldier. It is now not clearly understood as to who is acting on the position. Hlatshwako was also active in royal activities as he never missed the wedding and harvesting of royal fields.

Now, it is believed some of the so called members of 'libandla' are not pulling in the same direction, a situation which requires elders from Mbangweni Umphakatsi to address before things turn ugly.

Pat Gamedze who has all along been considered Chairman of the libandla confirmed that there were people who were doing things their own way. He stated that as someone tasked with the role of chairman, things were now done behind his back. He said

he was now considering approaching the umphakatsi elders to dissolve the 'libandla'. "As I speak, there is a new member in the 'libandla' who has been added without my consent.

Some of these people, they have been ordered by the Mbangweni Umphakatsi to bring their documents to prove that they indeed deserve to be in the leadership. There are those that possess documents bearing names of other chiefs and don't qualify to be part of the libandla. I am sure, the Mbangweni elders are soon to act on this issue," Gamedze said. On the other hand, Anthony Maseko who is regarded as secretary of the 'libandla' said in as far as he was aware, Gamedze was no longer part of them (libandla).

He said Gamedze had no say on issues pertaining the township's leadership.

"In our books, we consider him as no longer existing. He has to do his homework as even the constitution we have, it is there in black and white as to who are the people who should be part of this libandla," Maseko told Shiselweni News.

On what Maseko stated, Gamedze said he would not respond as he was not answerable to them and they did not possess the power push him out.

AFTER 26 YEARS, SISTERS GRANTED FATHER'S ESTATE

STORIES BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

ABOUT 26 years after they were expelled from their parental home as a result of an estate dispute, two women have been granted permission to officially possess their late father's estate.

Phumzile (60) and Thuli Manyatsi (57) of KaNdinda under Chief Lukhwabitsi received the good news that their fight against their uncle and cousin who had been illegally occupying their father's home had been won, courtesy of Mankayane National Court (Ndabazabantu). The verdict was issued on August 19 and the women have since started making renovations in their home.

Convened

According to the eldest of the daughters, Phumzile, they were ordered out of their father's home in 1993 after their father, Ben Babili Manyatsi died.

It is said that on the day of Manyatsi's burial, his younger brother convened some family members, including the deceased's daughters, to inform them that he was in charge of his late brother's estate.

Also, Phumzile said, it was dur-



ing that meeting that the family was informed that the uncle's son, James Mehluco Manyatsi, had been adopted by Manyatsi and his other wife, Fikile Idah Hlatshwako, since she did not have children of her own.

Documents

This, according to Phumzile, came as a surprise because no one in the family knew about it.

She said this was more so because the siSwati tradition of *kufaka umuntu fu esiswini* (fostering) was never performed and there was no documentation of such.

Back then, Phumzile said since Manyatsi's daughters were in disagreement with what their uncle was telling them, they decided to engage the KaNdinda *Umphakatsi* which, after requesting that the uncle furnish them with documents to sub-

Adopted son runs to court

AFTER the unexpected return of Phumzile and Thuli Manyatsi to their parental homestead, James Mehluco Manyatsi has since run to court seeking an interdiction of the women from the home he claims to be legally his.

Last Wednesday, James filed an urgent application at the High Court seeking that it interdicts the two Manyatsi women from renovating the houses situated in the homestead he claims to be his marital homestead that he shares with his father and family.

In the court papers, James claims that Phumzile and Thuli are renovating his home in anticipation

of occupying it unlawfully.

He said the interdiction should include the builders who have been hired by the women.

Valid

Also, James claimed that the court should interdict the two women because his family had been dispossessed of the physical control of the home without a valid court order, therefore, infringing on his family's constitutional rights.

Further, James alleged that the women's actions should be sanctioned in the interest of peace in the community, as well as the fact that no one may take the law into his own hands by unlawfully possessing one's property.

stantiate his claim but to no avail, also ruled that the women return to their parental homestead.

However, the *umphakatsi* council is said to have been divided in the matter so much that those who were for the return of the women to their home were overthrown from the seats in the council.

This then left those in favour of the uncle and his son. This turn of

events is said to have resulted to the delay of finalising the matter.

Also, the demise of Manyatsi's wife LaHlatshwako three years later, fuelled for more dispute and delay of finalising the issue.

Her death, according to Phumzile, was the final nail in the coffin for them since their children were also shown the exit door.

This forced Thuli to resort to rent

out apartments with her children since she was not married at the time while Phumzile was already a Mrs Dlamini. "I have built my own home where I reside with my children since my husband died but I fought for my father's home because I want my children and grandchildren to know where I come from," Phumzile said.

"For 18 years I was renting houses all over the place since I was not welcome in my own home," added Thuli.

Justice

Since the demise of their father and step-mother, the two women are said to have been in and out of the KaNdinda *Umphakatsi* in search for justice to prevail.

After some time, the *umphakatsi* eventually ruled in favour of the uncle and his son.

The ruling that was made by the KaNdinda Council in December 1999 stated that Mehluco Manyatsi was indeed an adopted son by the late couple and he was entitled to the late Manyatsi's estate.

However, as per the law, the two women resorted to take the matter up with the Mankayane Ndabazabantu since they were not satisfied with the verdict of the *umphakatsi* council.

The women did this recently, with the assistance of Umhluma Women and Children Foundation; an organisation assisting women and children who have been deprived of their inheritance by parties after the death of the heads of the family.

Umhluma Foundation joins poverty fight

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

COOPERATIVES have proved to be one way of creating decent jobs worldwide and Umhluma Women and Children Foundation is about to join the fight against poverty.

This was relayed by Umhluma Women and Children Foundation Director Lungelo Zulu during a press conference held on Friday.

The director said in the pipeline was the foundation's fundraising event that is aimed at generating money to assist widows to start their own savings and credit cooperative.

Zulu said the fundraising event, a gospel festival, would be held at Divine Healing Ministries on October 18. In his statement, Zulu said the cooperative would be of great assistance in ensuring that the widows generate income to help sustain them and their children in the absence of their spouses.

Terms

This, he added, was also at par with the objective of the foundation in that the women will not only be taken care of in terms of legal assistance to fight for their late husbands' estate, but it will also ensure that they have a lasting source of income.

The director mentioned that the idea to have a savings and credit cooperative for women was most-



JOINS FIGHT: Umhluma Women and Children Foundation Director Lungelo Zulu.

ly ignited by the fact that judging from statistics of cases that the foundation has worked on, it had transpired that most of the widows never had a stable source of income as they had never been employed. He said these women had been fully dependent on their spouses, which then becomes a problem in the event that the husband died.

Affordable

With the estate battles that widows usually encounter at the hands of their in-laws, Zulu said having the cooperative that would be specifically for them, would assist in generating jobs and affordable financial assistance to some who are otherwise unable to access credit.

Further, Zulu stated that once the

foundation's cooperative was up and running, about 3 000 widows from 15 constituencies stood to benefit from it.

This, according to the director, would not be the only income generating tactic to be undertaken by the widows as there are already existing projects that have since yielded positive results.

Support

He said these projects include carpentry where the women are making and supplying desks to certain organisations.

The director then invited businesses and individuals to support the event for a noble cause. Interested parties can get tickets from Voice of the Church at a fee of E50. Other retail outlets will be unveiled in due course.

Currently, the foundation has been sponsored by Bishop Dr Nash Shongwe of Divine Healing Ministries who donated E20 000 cash towards the festival while United Holdings (Dups) has availed its assistance in the form of a special funeral policy for the widows.

The sponsorship package includes that the widows will get a E10 000 funeral cover with a monthly instalment of E45.

Widow members will be covered only after three months of joining and they will be able to access free storage for two weeks before they can be charged for utilising the mortuary. Transport of corpse on collection will also be free.

E400 fine for bag snatcher at Timele

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE
Eswatini National Court

THE Eswatini National Court President Chief Mabhedla Hlophe has condemned an act of robbery whereby a man (20) stole a handbag belonging to another woman (22).

Siphesihle Kunene of Mahwalala did unlawfully and purposefully take by force a handbag belonging to Simangele Dlamini. Kunene is reported to have further pinched a sum of E230 that was inside the handbag.

The event happened at Timele Bar Msunduzi on September 2. Dlamini took offence at the assault and she went to report the matter to the police.

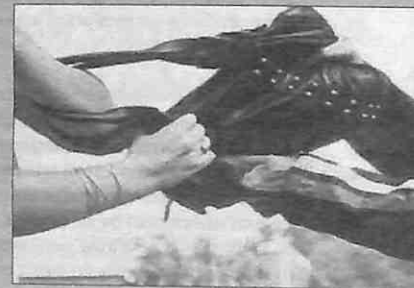
The accused pleaded guilty to the offence. "Your parents gave you a good name but you are failing to follow it. You unlawfully took the complainant's handbag and you then discarded her bank cards and other important documents."

Condemns

"The court condemns your action in that you are spreading fear among the nation and the court must discipline you," said Hlophe.

Dlamini told the court that while at Timele Bar at Msunduzi in the Jhohho region, Kunene approached her and took her handbag and fled the scene.

"Your Honour, I went to the bar at about 7pm to buy food at the butchery. Kunene, who was also at the bar, emerged from the side and he then took my handbag and ran away with it,"



said Dlamini.

Dlamini also told the court that she was not related to the accused.

Dlamini added that the accused disappeared to a nearby forest and later Mona Flats. Security guards from Kwekwe Security were able to recover her missing handbag but some items like bank cards and money were missing.

Items

"Your Honour, inside the wallet was a sum of E230, which till today I have not recovered," said Dlamini.

Dlamini told the court that when the accused was apprehended by Kwekwe Security, Kunene then apologised.

During mitigation, Kunene told the court that when he committed the offence he was in the company of another man who disappeared in the night with the sum of E230.

"Your Honour, the man I was with when we committed the offence escaped. He also took the money that was inside the handbag," the accused said.

The accused then apologised to the court for the offence. He was then sentenced to six months in custody with the option to pay a fine of E400.



YOUTH ENTERPRISE REVOLVING FUND

YOUTH ENTERPRISE REVOLVING FUND LOAN APPLICATION PROCESS

The YERF is making a third call for loan applications from the Eswatini Youth (18-35 years) on the **02 September, 2019** and shall be closed on the **30th September, 2019**. The application process shall be as follows:

1. A call for applications will be made on a quarterly basis

The application process includes the following steps:

- Advertisement (call for applications) on various media houses
- The application period is opened for a period of one month.
- Forms are available on YERF website as well as distributed to among other stakeholders, Tinkhundla Centres, and Eswatini National Youth Council, Junior Achievement, ENACTUS, IDCE, SEDCO, etc.

2. Filling of Application Forms

The applicant fills in the forms providing information which shall among others include:

- Information about the applicant(s)
- Form is taken to Umphakatsi or Zone Leader for vetting where they append their signature and stamp the form
- The form is taken for further vetting at Inkhundla through signature and stamp
- The form with all the attachments is submitted to The Fund offices, ENYC Offices or left at Inkhundla centre where it shall be collected.
- Applicants should ensure that before submission, attachments are included as guided in the requirements checklist found in the last page of the application form.

3. Attachments

The following attachments shall be necessary to accompany the submission of the application form:

- Certified copy of ID
- Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation (for a registered company)
- Certified Copy of Form J
- Certified Copy of Memorandum & Articles of Association
- Premises / Land right (Chief's Letter, Title Deed, Lease Agreement, etc)
- Business Plan (include relevant CV)
- Market Contract/Letter of Intent as proof of market
- Trading Licenses (where applicable)
- The applications received shall not be interpreted as deserving for funding.

Only relevant requirements shall be attached by the applicants, i.e. not all the above requirements will be applicable to all applications.

4. Loan Appraisal Process

The appraisal process shall be as follows:

- Stage 1** - YERF pre-screening to ensure; compliance, eligibility and feasibility
- Stage 2** - Pitch up for qualifying applicants to present their business proposals.
- Stage 3** - Qualifying applications are referred to the Intermediary for viability analysis including site visits.
- Stage 4** - Viable applications are recommended to YERF by the Intermediary, where the Board of Directors shall approve projects deserving funding.
- Stage 5** - Feedback is sent to applicants. Those that are not successful shall be given reasons for non-approval and they will be assisted to improve them and re-submit in the next cycle.
- The process between receipts of loan applications to approval stage is expected to take about one (1) month.

5. Funding

The disbursement of funds shall follow the process below:

- The successful applicants shall undergo and intense business training
- Those that have previously undergone training from a reputable institution shall be exempted from the training.
- The successful applicants shall proceed to sign loan agreements
- All applicants will be expected to open bank accounts for their businesses.
- A mentor/advisor shall be assigned to the applicants before disbursement of funds. The mentor shall also be co-signatories to procurement or expenditure requisitions.
- Disbursements shall be made direct to suppliers as much as possible.

5.1 Lending maximum limits:

- Sole traders/Individuals - E50,000.00
- Companies - E100,000.00
- Cooperatives - E150,000.00

5.2 Loan terms to be provided:

- Seasonal term - 12 Months
- Short term - 24 Months
- Medium term - 36 Months

5.3 Interest rates

The fund will endeavour to price loans below market rate due to developmental mandate. Interest rates shall be categorized into the following three market segments subject to risk assessment.

- Market 1 - Prime +2% = **12.0%**
- Market 2 - Prime +1% = **11.0%**
- Market 3 - Prime +0% = **10.0%**

Currently the prime rate is 10.0%

6. Deferred Loans

- YERF shall engage applicants with deferred loans with a purpose to assist them improve and re-submit in the subsequent cycles.

7. Loan repayments

- All loans to be granted shall be repaid in full with interest.
- Loans shall be repaid with the Intermediary through bank accounts.
- The onus is upon all fund beneficiaries to repay their loans within the agreed terms. The Fund will make all possible means to recover all granted loans to ensure sustainability of the Fund.

The above lending conditions are subject to review in due course in response to risk assessment, economic outlook, etc.

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"Giving You a Head Start to Success"

Petition to minister still not addressed

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THE ministry of education and training Inspectorate Department have to smoke a peacepipe.

This is because the director of Education as well as the Teaching Service Commission executive secretary are here to stay.

Principal Secretary at the Ministry of Education and Training Bertram Stewart said the two candidates hired for these positions are not going anywhere. Adding to that the PS said whoever has a problem with the position they should address it to the Civil Service Commission as it responsible for hiring civil servants.

Above all, Stewart revealed that he was not aware of the whereabouts of the petition as he never saw it.

"I do not know of any pending or submitted petition," he said. This is after the Senior Inspectorate Department petitioned the minister of education on July 9.

The petition which was directed to the minister was pleading with her to intervene on the filling of two vacancies in the ministry.

These positions included the director of education and Teaching Ser-

vices Commission Executive Secretary. These posts were filled by Ncamsile Mtshali as well as Dr Lenhle Dlamini, respectively. Since the inspectors wrote the petition to the minister, no feedback has been received from the ministry.

According to one of the inspectors, the only letter or form of communication was the one sent by the former Principal Secretary Dr Sibongile Mtshali on May 2, when she introduced the two candidates. It looks like the inspectors will have to accept the two candidates whether they recognised them or not.

The inspectors argued that the right recruitment channels were not followed when hiring the two candidates. In the petition, the inspectors argued that the TSC executive secretary should be someone who has worked in the field of education not administrative positions.

According to one of the inspectors who spoke to this reporter, they believed that the removal of the former PS would speed up the process as she will not be interfering with any of the operations or the dealings of the matter. This is because the former PS was accused of nepotism as she is related to Ncamsile Mtshali, the TSC Executive Secretary.

REPS urged to do more in eliminating copper theft

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WITH copper theft increasingly becoming a serious crime concern, efforts to mitigate and turnaround the tide ought to be intensified.

Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini launched the national anti-copper theft campaign in June.

This was done in collaboration with corporate entities who are most affected by copper theft which include the Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC), Eswatini Posts and Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC) and Eswatini Water Services Corporation (EWSC), to name a few. Following the launch, senators have urged the Royal Eswatini Police Service to intensify their efforts in addressing the matter.

This was outlined in the prime minister's office portfolio committee debate of the police first quarter performance report held in the Senate on Thursday.

Senator Sylvia Mthethwa commended the launch of the national anti-copper theft and echoed the prime minister's sentiments that copper theft should be classified as a priority crime and terrorist activity, so that it is uprooted from the social landscape.

The senator said the country needed to draft an enabling legislation targeting theft of copper wire and non-ferrous materials. She added that there should also be a provision in the legislation that prohibits the sale of copper without a permit or a police clearance.

Mthethwa added that since the police had access to improved electronic technology such as Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), she wondered if it was possible for these devices to be placed in strategic areas where the theft of copper was more prevalent. In her view, this could go a long way

in assisting the REPS address the matter as it had become a national crisis.

She noted that the use of such technology could be helpful in apprehending the criminals.

Senate Deputy President Senator Ndumiso Mdliuli also praised the national anti-copper theft campaign launch.

"With the news that there is a new legislation that is coming to address this matter, we are grateful for that. We hope the bill would pass soon and it does not become a song for the next five years as it is apparent that there is a serious problem," he said.

The senator wondered if the office of the prime minister considered classifying the theft of copper wire under items considered as national disaster.

The prime minister's office was requested to submit a written response on the issues raised by the senators.

Need to speed up extradition of criminals

SENATOR Sylvia Mthethwa wants the police to use the good working relationship forged with neighbouring countries to allow for speedy arrest and extradition of criminals.

The senator commended the progress made in strengthening working relationships with other SADC countries and the cooperation between police services from within the region.

"Why is it so difficult to arrest criminals who flee to other countries while the police services within the region are working collaboratively?" enquired Mthethwa.

She further asked if there could be a way to speed up the arrest and extradition of criminals once they fled as it was a concerning and increasing trend of late.

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'MOVING FROM RHETORIC TO ACTION'

A friendly abuse to the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala

EARLY last month the Chief Justice of the Kingdom of Eswatini Bheki Maphalala made some disturbing comments about the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) being under-siege from some powerful political clique.

He went further to allege that the conduct of the powerful political elite is treasonous and further stated that its existence threatens the political and economic stability of the country together with its international relations and peaceful coexistence.

Whilst enjoying that political stage during the swearing in ceremony of the newly appointed Judicial Service Commission (JSC) new members, the CJ went further to underscore his dissatisfaction about the work of the Royal Commission which looked into terms and conditions of politicians and other institutional bodies and commissions.

He lamented the treatment of the JSC which he leads as chairman saying it was the least paid, describing their appeal to have fallen on deaf ears.

He wondered despite making presentations to the Royal Commission why his commission was financially discriminated and disregarded, saying this was very disappointing.

A friendly advice to the CJ is that he must keep out of politics and focus his attention to the job at hand.

His immediate predecessor, now the late Michael Ramodibedi was undermined by his penchant to delve into the political space.

He completely lost the plot and started to make alliances with forces that were going to advance his course and in his own right, also dealing with some political clique or individual who was undermining the independence of the judiciary.

Clear

His foe was not a secret as it was clear that he together with former justice and constitutional affairs minister Senator Sibusiso Shongwe and then president of senate Gelane Zwane made it known that they were not happy with him.

In fact, the then president of senate told His Majesty the King that there was an individual who had appropriated to himself more powers than he should enjoy and had become a threat.

The former CJ in his drive to demonstrate how he wanted to deal with his nemesis started to project himself as the only person who cared for the King more than the collective wisdom of the rest of Emaswati.

When I listened to and read the CJ Bheki Maphalala's remarks or statements I was left frozen and taken aback to the era of the late Ramodibedi and the late Prime Minister Dr. Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini.

I am still trying to understand where the CJ and the current Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini have lost each other.

But maybe I need to go far to understand that, reading from the CJ's complaints about the Royal Commission's report.

Clearly some people including the CJ did not get the King's message from the Cattle Byre and the nation's call to reduce expenditure in order to revive the economy.

This government was given a clear instruction to think outside the box and ensure that the economy is back on its feet. They have been doing that and nothing more.

The Royal Commission when it was appointed by the King was also given an express command to look into the issue of how to remunerate politicians and commissions and Emandla following concerns that their packages

STAY OUT OF POLITICS



COMMENTS: Chief Justice of the Kingdom of Eswatini Bheki Maphalala.

were way outside what the economy can carry.

It is therefore disingenuous of any Liswati to aim some barbs either to the government or the Royal Commission which have been given a huge task to ensure that our expenditure is equivalent to what our economy can carry.

As we are speaking today, public servants are still complaining about not being offered Cost of Living Adjustment for the past two years and government has been trying to explain that the economy has still not recovered to the point where it can consider such a raise.

Understanding

Meanwhile, you have the Chief Justice who should have the full understanding of that position complaining publicly that his commission's submissions were not taken on board.

You ask yourself given the state of our economy, why should the King and government prioritise your terms and conditions over the rest of the citizens?

Besides, a person of the Chief Justice's position does not need to play to the gallery, like politicians do and blast the Royal Commission's report.

Given his position, he should have sought audience with the rightful authorities to express his concerns and justify why his commission should be prioritised over the rest of society's needs.

His Majesty's government and the King needs all of us to ensure that this economy recovers and for once put the interest of the country above our own individual interests.

Government cannot convince the rest of the public service if they fail to contain politicians and the rest of the commissions' perks.

The JSC and its chairman must read the Constitution with full understanding when it comes to the issue of who controls expenditure.

The Constitution gives such powers to the Minister of Finance and presently that is Neal Rijkenburg.

He does so through the law and no one has unrestricted access to the consolidated funds. He releases resources as and when his coffers permit. This includes adjusting or cutting excessive expenditure including limitless sittings.

If such sittings are becoming a drain to the economy, just like the Central Transport Administration (CTA) has been over years, he needs to develop regulations to curtail such excessive expenditures.

Judiciary

The judiciary exists within a certain economic context and its behaviour must demonstrate such sensitivity. No one then should scare us with some

threats of being under-siege and all that jazz if he or she feels his or her interests are not met.

We all have to act within the interest of the country.

This is not a threat to the CJ - he must just keep away from politics and focus on delivering justice.

If there are people who are threatening peace and stability of the country, the Attorney General and all other law enforcement agents are equipped to deal with that, including the mafia or clique.

We therefore expect all those in positions of authority to respect the King and country and stop grandstanding but pursue their issues and concerns through legitimate structures. We will judge the CJ and his crew not by the amount of political statements he makes, but by their efficiency in administering justice.

Your Lordship kindly consider this as a friendly advice lest you become another Ramodibedi.

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BECOME: The late Judge Michael Mathealira Ramodibedi.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 9

490 B.C. - The Battle of Marathon took place between the invading Persian army and the Athenian Army. The marathon race was derived from the events that occurred surrounding this battle.

1776 - The second Continental Congress officially made the term "United States", replacing the previous term "United Colonies."

1836 - Abraham Lincoln received his license to practice law.

1850 - California became the 31st state to join the union.

1898 - In Omaha, NE, Tommy Fleming of Eau Claire, WI won the first logrolling championship.

1893 - US President Grover Cleveland's wife, Frances Cleveland, gave birth to a daughter, Esther. It was the first time a president's child was born in the White House.

1904 - Mounted police were used for the first time in the City of New York.

1911 - Italy declared war on the Ottoman Turks and annexed Libya, Tripolitania, and Cyrenaica in North Africa.

1919 - The majority of Boston's police force went on strike. The force was made up of 1500 men.

1919 - Alexander Graham Bell and Casey Baldwin's HD-4, a hydrofoil craft, set a world marine speed record.

1926 - The National Broadcasting Company (NBC) was created by the Radio Corporation of America (RCA).

1942 - Japan dropped incendiaries over NE in an attempt to set fire to the forests in Oregon and Washington. The forest did not ignite.

1943 - During World War II Allied forces landed at Taranto and Salerno.

1946 - Ben Alexander hosted "Heart's Desire" for the first time on the Mutual Broadcasting System.

1948 - North Korea became the People's Democratic Republic of Korea.

1950 - Sal Maglie (New York Giants) pitched a fourth consecutive shutout. Only four other pitchers in the National League had ever accomplished this feat.

1957 - The first civil rights bill to pass Congress since Reconstruction was signed into law by US President Eisenhower.

1965 - French President Charles de Gaulle announced that France was withdrawing from NATO to protest the domination of the US in the organisation.

1965 - Sandy Koufax of the Los Angeles Dodgers pitched the eighth perfect game in major league baseball history.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Adam Sandler (Movie Actor) September 9, 1966 (53 years old)



Luka Modric (Soccer Player) September 9, 1985 (34 years old)



WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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HEARINGS OF COURT TO BE OPEN TO PUBLIC

87. (1) Subject to this section, the hearings of the court contemplated in this Act, except for ex parte applications, shall be open to the public.

(2) If the court, in any proceedings before it, is satisfied that—

(a) it would be in the interest of justice; or
(b) there is a likelihood that harm may ensue to any person as a result of the proceedings being open, it may direct that those proceedings be held behind closed doors and that the public shall not be present at those proceedings or any part of them.

(3) An application for proceedings to be held behind closed doors may be brought by the Director of Public Prosecutions, the curator bonis or any other person referred to in Subsection (2)(b), and that application shall be heard behind closed doors.

(4) The court may at any time review its decision with regard to the question whether or not the proceedings shall be held behind closed doors.

(5) Where the court under subsection (2) on any grounds referred to in that Subsection directs that the public shall not be present at any proceedings or part of them, the court may—

(a) direct that information relating to the proceedings or any part of them held behind closed doors, shall not be made public in any manner;

(b) direct that a person shall not, in any manner, make public any information which may reveal the identity of any witness in the proceedings;

(c) give any directions in respect of the record of proceedings which may be necessary to protect the identity of any witness, but the court may authorise the publication of so much information as it considers would be just and equitable.

(6) Any person who discloses any information in contravention of Subsection (5) commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding eight thousand Emalangenis or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to both. Fugitives precluded from participating in proceedings

88. A person—

(a) who has been summoned or warned to appear in court on a specific date or otherwise made aware to appear in court on a specific date and failed to appear in court on that date; or

(b) in respect of whom a warrant of arrest has been issued and whose attendance in court cannot be secured in spite of all reasonable steps having been taken to execute the warrant, shall not participate in any proceedings under Part IV or VIII for as long as the person continues to fail to appear in court or that warrant of arrest remains in force and unexecuted.

Knowledge of fact

89. (1) For the purposes of this Act a person has knowledge of a fact if—

(a) the person has actual knowledge of that fact; or

(b) the court is satisfied that the person believes that there is a reasonable possibility of the existence of that fact but fails to obtain information to confirm the existence of that fact.

(2) For the purposes of this Act a person ought reasonably to have known or suspected a fact if the conclusions that the person ought to have reached are those which would have been reached by a reasonably diligent and vigilant person having both the general knowledge, skill, training and experience that may reasonably be expected of a person in that position; and the general knowledge, skill, training and experience that the person in fact has.

(3) Nothing in this Act is to be construed to limit prosecution under any other provision of the law.

Regulations

90. (1) The Minister may make regulations—

(a) with regard to the fees referred to in Section

20(5) and 31(b)(i);

(b) with regard to the form and manner in which any notice, summons or other legal process required to be prepared, executed or served under this Act is to be prepared, executed or served;

(c) to prescribe from time to time the maximum allowable costs for legal services provided in connection with an application for a restraint order, a preservation of property order, confiscation order or a forfeiture order or the defending of a criminal charge which may be met out of property that is subject to a restraint order;

(d) providing for any matter which is required or permitted to be or may be prescribed under any provision of this Act; and

(e) providing for any matter which the Minister may consider necessary or expedient to prescribe or to regulate in order to achieve the objects of this Act.

(2) Any regulation made under this section that may result in financial expenditure for the State shall be made in consultation with the Minister responsible for finance.

Limitation of liability

91. Any person generally or specifically authorised to perform any function in terms of this Act is not liable for anything done or omitted to be done in good faith under this Act.

Repeal of laws

92. At the commencement of this Act, —

(a) the Serious Offences (Confiscation of Proceeds) Act, of 2001; and

(b) Sections 41 and 50 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Act 3 of 2006.

are repealed.

Transitional arrangements

93. (1) Any person designated for purposes of taking control and safekeeping of any property or assets in terms of the Serious Offences (Confiscation of Proceeds) Act, Act 8 of 2001, or the Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (Prevention) Act of 2011, trustee or other functionary appointed in terms of the provisions of those Acts shall, at the commencement of this Act, be deemed to have been duly designated or appointed to the corresponding position under this Act and shall continue to hold office in accordance with the applicable laws.

(2) All proceedings which immediately before the commencement of this Act were instituted in terms of the provisions of the Serious Offences (Confiscation of Proceeds) Act, Act 8 of 2001, or the Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (Prevention) Act of 2011 and which may have been repealed by Section 91, and which proceedings were pending before any court of law or reviewing authority shall be dealt with as if this Act had not been passed.

(3) An investigation, or prosecution or other legal proceedings, in respect of conduct which would have constituted an offence under the Serious Offences (Confiscation of Proceeds) Act, Act 8 of 2001, Section 41 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Act 3 of 2006 and the Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (Prevention) Act of 2011, and which occurred after the commencement of that Act but before the commencement of this Act, may be instituted and continued as if this Act had not been passed.

SCHEDULE OFFENCES

1. murder;
2. rape, including rape as contemplated in the

Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act;

3. kidnapping;
4. arson;
5. public violence;
6. robbery;
7. assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm;
8. indecent assault;
9. the statutory offence of—
(a) unlawful carnal intercourse with a child under a specified age;
(b) committing an immoral or indecent act with a child under a specified age;
(c) soliciting or enticing such child to the commission of an immoral or indecent act;
10. any offence under any legislation dealing with gambling, gaming or lotteries;
11. extortion;
12. child stealing;
13. breaking or entering any premises whether under the common law or a statutory provision, with intent to commit an offence;
14. malicious injury to property;
15. theft, whether under the common law or a statutory provision;
16. fraud;
17. forgery or uttering a forged document knowing it to have been forged;
18. offences relating to the coinage;
19. any offence relating to the dealing in or smuggling of ammunition, firearms, explosives or armament and the unlawful possession of such firearms, explosives or armament;
20. any offence in contravention of the Arms and Ammunition Act 24 of 1964, or its successor.
21. dealing in, being in possession of or conveying endangered, scarce and protected game or plants or parts or remains thereof in contravention of a statute;
22. any offence relating to exchange control;
23. any offence under any law relating to the illicit dealing in or possession of precious metals or precious stones;
24. defeating or obstructing the course of justice;
25. perjury;
26. subordination of perjury;
27. any offence referred to in this Act;
28. any offence which is punishable by imprisonment for a period of twelve months or more;
29. any offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act, Act 3 of 2006, or its successor;
30. stock theft;
31. cattle rustling;
32. tax evasion or related offences under the Income Tax Order of 1975;
33. any conspiracy, incitement or attempt to commit any offence referred to in this Schedule;
34. illicit trafficking in stolen and other goods;
35. smuggling;
36. money laundering;
37. financing of terrorism; and
38. terrorism or terrorist act.

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State has no business administering death penalty

...Neither the death penalty, nor a state of emergency can curb the savage violence that society appears to have licensed. Only a restoration of values and an effective state can, writes Ebrahim Fakir.

THE past few days have seen renewed calls for the reintroduction of capital punishment and the imposition of a 'state of emergency' in response to the wanton brutality, criminality and impunity of the recurrently xenophobic, but more properly, generalised criminal violence and theft.

The long scourge of brutal rape of and violence against women, which culminated this past week in the rape and murder of Uyinene Mrwetyana have intensified these calls.

The death penalty and a state of emergency are considered by some of its proponents locally as an antidote to the inability of authorities to effectively police recurrent outbreaks of criminal looting and xenophobic violence and the seemingly constant savage criminality that South Africans have to live with.

Those who want the imposition of capital punishment or the declaration of a state of emergency believe that it will also serve to curb the scourges that society's public morality and civic ethics have failed to contain and miraculously restore them.

Surprisingly, calls for both feign ignorance of South Africa's horrendous apartheid past, which eroded all sense of public ethics but worse, when these were used - not as instruments of effective policing and social control, but - as instruments of political oppression and socio-economic marginalisation and exclusion.

My concern here is two-fold. Apart from being inhumane and ineffective, capital punishment is premised on a society anchored in unmediated vengeance, victimisation and retribution rather than reconciliatory rehabilitation.

Apart from the moral problematic, the administration of capital punishment and its utility as a deterrent is entirely dependent on capable and effective policing and the efficient administration of justice. States of emergencies extend the power of the repressive instruments of the state in extraordinary ways, which, to be a means for the restoration of social order, requires reasonable levels of state capacity, especially in the criminal justice cluster.

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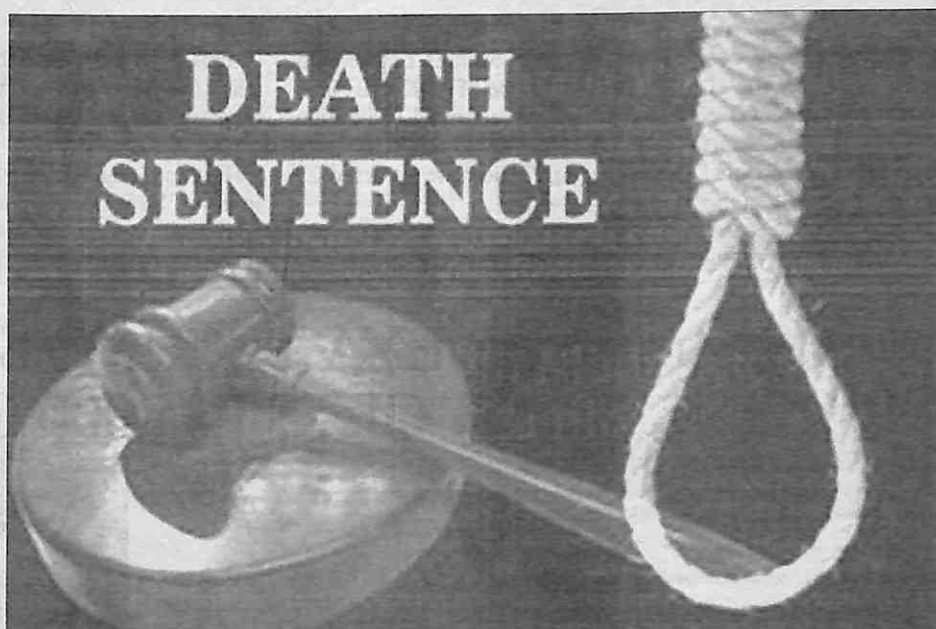
This can't be said of South Africa at present, which would render both these measures moot, except to entrench the well-known impunity with which an incapable, inept and corrupted security establishment behaves and further licence the impudent unaccountability of the political class in charge of them.

For good reason, capital punishment was scrapped in 1995. Instrumentally, the re-imposition of capital punishment will require a two-thirds majority in the National Assembly and the support of six of the nine provinces in the National Council of Provinces (NCOP). This implies that six of the nine provinces will need to resolve in favour of capital punishment at provincial level and instruct their delegations to the NCOP to support a resolution in favour of it. This is an unlikely prospect. But the elaborate and practical legislative process impediment ought to be less serious a consideration. The values of society and the use of these instruments as effective modes of deterring criminal barbarism and social control are.

On this score, the evidence is that in South Africa this is unlikely to be prudent, or effective.

Globally, there is no proof that capital punishment is effective as a deterrent to atrocious violent crime. In South Africa, this is compounded by the manifest and serious weaknesses and failings in the police and justice systems. These need to be prioritised in an effort to reduce violent crime and combat gender-based violence.

If there is no guarantee that a person committing a crime will be caught and apprehended, or



that real detective capacity exists to gather intelligence, detect and thoroughly investigate, that prosecutions are properly handled, and appropriate and fair sanctions and punishment is handed down that befit, then the basic requirements for the threat of capital punishment to work as a deterrent are absent, then capital punishment will be ineffectual and make no difference.

With its imposition being irreversible, and confidence in the competence of the security and justice cluster low, coupled with a lack of trust, the fear of incorrect conviction, manipulation of justice processes to victimise, is a real one.

There are many examples, particularly in the US, of suspects being put to death only for their innocence to be proven years later on the basis of new information coming to light.

It is astounding, therefore, that there are calls for capital punishment when the basic functions of the criminal justice system upon which its effective administration and its deterrent ability depend, is widely derided as being incapable and untrustworthy.

After all, for the death penalty to be administered, the criminals have to be caught. The SA Police Service is known for many things. Apprehending criminals is not one of them.

Licences

What the SAPS is known for, apart from its sloth ineptitude and ineffectiveness, is inappropriate and heavy-handed police brutality. Declaring a state of emergency licenses this purported impunity and sanctions the police brutality that is widely, justifiably feared. States of emergency provide the police and security services with greater powers and functions, exercised with less transparency, reduced accountability and limited supervision and oversight over them. After all, the police and security agencies become the agents of administering the state of emergency on behalf of the politicians who decide on it.

As such security agencies can be easily used, abused and manipulated by politicians. This mode of behaviour is precisely what South Africans have been bemoaning about the last two decades of institutional and process manipulation by the ANC and its deployed cadres in orienting public institutions, through abuse and manipulation, to serve private ends rather than the public interest.

How much worse would this be, when the raft of the whole security establishment is given over to craven politicians who, as will be the case in a state of emergency, suspend all normal constitutional procedures, conventions and curbs on power. That means the dilution of the separation of powers, loosening the limits on the use of authority,

no curbs on the exercise of executive power.

Can you imagine these powers in the hands of someone like Jacob Zuma, who with South Africa's magnificent constitutional architecture and regulatory and procedural infrastructure, managed with the help of the ANC and its party apparatus, to bend the state to the arc of his and his malevolent friends' corrupt will?

That President Cyril Ramaphosa may appear to be better than Zuma doesn't mean that these extraordinary powers will be wisely used, or that they should be afforded to him - and extended to the politicians that surround him.

Emergency

An ANC which has lost influence and power in four metros, would love nothing more than access to the unfettered power and authority that a state of emergency affords, so that they can continue (ab)using authority and power through means foully acquired and appropriated, rather than fairly and legitimately contested and won.

Dealing with the scourge of brutal violent crime and the social psychosis manifested in racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance means rooting out the sloth, ineptitude and corruption in the security and intelligence services and other public institutions. It also requires rehabilitating a society which appears to have lost its basic values and given way to its savage instincts.

In this context it makes no sense extending the powers, and burdening an incapable state or imposing measures which have no hope of success because the basic preconditions for its success are wholly absent.

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With and Wisdom

● "Strike the shepherd and the sheep will scatter."
— Robert Greene

● "The level of success you achieve will be in direct proportion to the depth of your commitment."
— Roy T. Bennett

● "Don't set your goals by what other people deem important."
— Jaachynna N.E. Agu

● "To be heroic is to be courageous enough to die for something; to be inspirational is to be crazy enough to live a little."
— Criss Jami

● "The victim mindset dilutes the human potential. By not accepting personal responsibility for our circumstances, we greatly reduce our power to change them."
— Steve Maraboli

● "To succeed in the world it is not enough to be stupid - one must also be polite."
— Voltaire

● "The merit of all things lies in their difficulty."
— Alexandre Dumas

● "Don't give up! It's not over. The universe is balanced. Every set-back bears with it the seeds of a come-back."
— Steve Maraboli

● "One of the lessons that I grew up with was to always stay true to yourself and never let what somebody else says distract you from your goals. And so when I hear about negative and false attacks, I really don't invest any energy in them, because I know who I am."
— Michelle Obama

● "Decide what you want to be....
Pay the Price ...
And be what you want to be."
— John A. Widtsoe

● "The real glory is being knocked to your knees and then coming back. That's real glory. That's the essence of it."
— Vince Lombardi

● "Failure should be our teacher, not our undertaker. Failure is delay, not defeat. It is a temporary detour, not a dead end. Failure is something we can avoid only by saying nothing, doing nothing, and being nothing."
— Denis Waitley

● "I am not a victim. No matter what I have been through, I'm still here. I have a history of victory."
— Steve Maraboli

● "Anyone who imagines they can work alone winds up surrounded by nothing but rivals, without companions. The fact is, no one ascends alone."
— Lance Armstrong

● "Who you are tomorrow begins with what you do today."
— Tim Fargo

● "When emerging from humble beginnings, those around you tend to underestimate your authenticity because they knew you before you were 'somebody'."
— Criss Jami

● "Your success and happiness lie in you."
— Helen Keller

BUSINESS UPDATE

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KHULA NATSI YOUTH FUND RECEIVES OVER 140 APPLICATIONS

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

MTN Eswatini is encouraged by the response shown by the country's youth as they have received over 140 online applications for the MTN Khula Natsi Youth Fund.

The MTN Khula Natsi Youth Fund

was launched on 14 June at Ngobolweni. The fund was launched during this year's 21-Days of Y'ello Care. The 21 Days of Y'ello Care is an annual corporate social investment campaign implemented by MTN in collaboration with different stakeholders who have an interest in youth enterprise development and education of young

people. MTN Eswatini Corporate affairs Manager Mandla Luphondvo confirmed that the MTN Khula Natsi Youth Fund has received 146 online loan applications. He said this year's 21 Days of Y'ello Care attracted 21 local companies.

The theme for this year's corporate social responsibility campaign was

entrepreneurship.

Luphondvo mentioned that the primary objective of this fund was to contribute in strengthening existing youth-owned businesses.

This fund sought to disburse a minimum of E5 000 and up to E14 000 additional working capital which was not meant to support start-ups.

He added that the additional working capital may be used to improve business capacity to deliver on its core mandate. This fund was not meant to support new businesses, hence the loans are capped at E14 000.

He stated that at the time of compilation of this article, loan application forms from the country's constituencies were yet to be received by the Youth Enterprise Revolving Fund. Once all loan applications have been received, including those from constituencies (tinkhundla), they would be subjected to scrutiny by Youth Fund on the second week of September 2019.

World Vision

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES

WorldVision is a global Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

WorldVision Eswatini invites all registered, competent and interested service providers to provide the services listed below. All services shall be provided from October 2019- September 2021.

1. CUSTOMS CLEARING SERVICES - WVES-NO-CA-FY20-21/001

The appointed service provider will be required customs clearing services including but not limited to the following:

- 1.0 Keep track of shipments to ensure that shipments are received and cleared on time
- 1.1 Handle documentation related to the shipments clearance and advise WVES (World Vision Eswatini) on any required documentation for customs clearing purposes which would ensure that WVES pays proper and correct taxes
- 1.2 Ensure that goods are pre-cleared unless it is not permitted
- 1.3 Clear the goods to bond if clearance will go beyond the non-demurrage period
- 1.4 Calculate costs correctly for taxing purposes during customs clearing processes
- 1.5 Ensure that customs clearing documents are processed on time and provide updates to WVES
- 1.6 Pay duty on behalf of WVES and claim the same from WVES where this is requested and where it is possible.
- 1.8 Ensure that the cleared goods (containers and parcels) are delivered to the right place, at the right time and undamaged.
- 1.9 Provide customs clearing and shipping advices to improve the efficiency and effectiveness in the customs clearing services
- 1.10 Inform WVES on any changes in the customs tariffs and procedures
- 1.11 Inform WVES of goods that are duty free and those that are not duty free and procedures of how application for duty free exemptions should be done; and provide assistance in application for tax exemptions where applicable

2. OFFICE CLEANING SERVICES - WVES-NO/AP-CLN-FY20-21/001

The scope of this contract shall include but not limited to the following:

- 1.1 Cleaning of carpet and floor surface in offices and corridors
- 1.2 Cleaning of all windows interior / exterior surface
- 1.3 Ensuring that the kitchens are kept clean -Washing of dishes
- 1.4 Provision of tea as and when requested
- 1.5 Ensuring dust bins are emptied every afternoon
- 1.6 Cleaning and management of Board room(s)
- 1.7 Ensuring that bathrooms are kept clean and all necessary consumables and supplies are available
- 1.8 WVES shall provide all cleaning equipment and supplies to be used during the cleaning service
- 1.9 Services are to be provided in 20 WVES offices across the country. Each office shall have one person per shift except for the National Office located at Ning Office Park which requires two people per shift.
- 1.10 Service provider shall also be required to provide 1 x grounds person who will be responsible for both Sidvashini and National Office premises.

Requirements

1. Detailed Company Profile
2. Certified Copy of Certificate of Registration / Incorporation
3. Certified Copy of valid trading License
4. Certified Copy of VAT registration Certificate
5. Certified copies of National Identification Cards of Directors
6. Valid Tax Compliance Certificate from Swaziland Revenue Authority
7. Valid Labour Compliance certificate.
8. Valid SNPF registration
9. Latest Financial Statement / Certified copies of audited accounts if applicable
10. At least 3 (three) Letters of recommendation from current clients
11. Evidence of physical registered office
12. Current form J, stamped by the registrar of Companies (certified copy)
13. Current form C, stamped by the register of Companies (certified copy)

Submission

Proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope to WorldVision Head office, Somhlolo road, Ning Office Park, Mbabane and the envelope should only show the project name, project number and addressed to:

The Tender Committee
WorldVision ESWATINI
P.O. Box 2870
Mbabane

Deadline & Place for Tender Submission: 16 September 2019 - WorldVision Head Office

> Time : 11:00hrs
> Tender Opening : 11:15hrs

Any action or tendencies that will be interpreted as an attempt to interfere with or influence the tendering process will result in an immediate disqualification of the tenderer. WorldVision Swaziland does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Email Address: wvs@ip-offs.com

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ZERO TOLERANCE TO CORRUPTION

EYA TECHNO SURVEY WINNER GETS E35 000 GIFT FROM MTN

BY BAHLE GAMA

MTN and SEDCO have awarded Entrepreneur of the Year Awards (EYA) Techno Survey category winner Sicelo Ndlandla prizes worth E35 000.

The prizes were part of the E50 000 splashed by the two entities to three EYA winners at the Eswatini International Trade Fair at Mavuso Trade Centre on Wednesday.

The others who were awarded were runner-up in the Techno Survey category Sifiso Ndzabandzaba and Sifiso



SMILES: Entrepreneur of the Year Awards (EYA) Techno Survey category winners with MTN Eswatini and SEDCO representatives.

Nhlengethwa, who was the overall winner in the 2019 EYA held at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre in July. Ndlandla, of E-



The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) would like to notify members of the public that we will be relocating offices from Mbandzeni House to Sibekelo Building 3rd Floor, Mbabane. The process of moving will take place from the 2nd September to the 10th of September 2019.

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

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

BY PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

World Technology, received a package consisting of a router and a fixed phone with 12 months access for free, a contract with 1 000 minutes, 1 GB data, unlimited SMS to be recharged for 12 months for free and a call assist. Nhlengethwa walked away with a package worth E12 500 which consists of a router and a fixed phone, which he will have access to for 12 months as well as a call assist.

Meanwhile, Ndzabandza walked away with a package worth E2 300 which consists of a call assist.

All the recipients expressed delight with the prizes, adding that the packages would come in handy for their businesses. "I am very happy with the package received from MTN today as it will help with the business I run considering that it deals with the internet and online services and we needed such an intervention," said Ndlandla.

YERF makes second call for applications

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THE Eswatini Youth Enterprise Revolving Fund (YERF) has made a second call for loan applications.

The application for funding of various businesses for Eswatini youth aged between 18-35 started on September 2 and is expected to end on the 30th.

Loans

Sole traders are entitled to E50 000 while companies and co-operatives can get up to E100 000 and E150 000, respectively.

The loans granted to the aspiring young entrepreneurs are payable in terms ranging from 12-36 months.

YERF CEO Bhekizwe Maziya said on Friday that the application process would be made on quarterly basis and forms would be available on the YERF website and also with stakeholders, including tinkhundla centres, Eswatini National Youth Council, Junior Achievement, IDCE, SEDCO and ENACTUS.

He explained that the application process would include a loan appraisal, YERF pre-screening to ensure compliance, eligibility and feasibility. The qualifying applicants will also be expected to present their business proposals after which they would be referred to the intermediary for viability analysis, including site visits.

Viable applications will then be recommended to YERF by the intermediary, after which the board of directors shall approve.



YOUTHFUL: Youth Fund Manager Bhekizwe Maziya.

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'Good marketing plan integrates company marketing activities'

STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA

A good marketing plan integrates a company's marketing activities into a coherent whole, protects it from sudden changes, establishes targets and acts as a focal point for management action.

It cannot, however, predict and prevent mistakes or provide guarantees.

This is according to the Eswatini export readiness guide manual launched by Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA) on September 2 at the Mavuso Trade Centre.

It states that if a company has a marketing manager, the plan should be prepared together with him/her and in consultation with production and finance managers (if available) to ensure that the plan fits with the company's overall business strategy.

Plan

"The first essential ingredient of any plan is to determine the time span it will cover. This could be 10 years for a perspective plan, five for a strategic plan, one year for an operational plan or even one month for a control plan.

There are no hard rules for choosing a particular time span, because it depends on the degree of uncertainty, the shorter the time span should be. Even if it is difficult to prepare strategic plans up into annual operational plans and further subdivide them into control charts for a monthly review," it reads.

The manual further advises that from the start, the marketing plan should be written and viewed as a flexible management tool, not as a static document.

INCONSISTENT PRODUCT QUALITY OBSTACLE FOR SMME EXPORT TRADE

INCONSISTENT quality is often an obstacle to the development of the export trade of an SMME.

This is according to the manual by EIPA which states that the quality must be right and it must be maintained. "Even when you can turn out products of high quality, production can be inconsistent. As some goods are of high quality and some are not, buyers are never sure of what they will get. Quality may be generally good, but the product may vary from one lot to another in such aspects as colour or size," it reads.

It further states that the result is the importers are not as prepared to pay good prices for these products as they are for more consistent products from suppliers they can rely on. Worse still, they may not buy them at all, and the goods will remain unsold. An individual exporter's products of poor

or unreliable quality can damage the entire country's reputation as a supplier. Even if the product is of high quality, the company might suffer from this national reputation.

However, one way of enhancing the company's product quality is to get product certification through the quality assurance department of the Eswatini Standards Authority (SWASA). This helps assure consumers that the products meet a certain standard of quality. SWASA will offer compulsory or voluntary or a combination of both quality check certification. Compulsory quality check schemes are important if your product is expected to meet certain legal quality standards. Quality improvement can also be done through programmes that include worker training and the provision of information on inspecting and testing procedures, and on quality standards.

development (eg Production, design and packaging), market testing and launching. Even for direct products like vegetables which may not require additional processing you may have to sort out issues such as varieties, taste, size, blemishes, etc.

Elements

It further states that there are elements associated with a product such as specifications, styles, branding and packaging one's needs to think about. Product utility value can range from nutritional value, tastes, aesthetics and colour use and so on. The product must be of sufficient quality to be acceptable on the international market.

ument. Objectives in the plan should be compared with actual results to measure the success of different strategies. "Your company should not hesitate to modify the plan and make it more specific as new information and experiences are gained."

In terms of product identification and selection, the manual states that one of the key requirements for engaging in the export business is to have the right products to export.

What are the product benefits or what do consumers perceive as the product meeting their needs? product development is a process which requires generation of ideas, screening, business analysis,

New Eteni Supermarket creating jobs for locals

he said. The MP further added that it is important that when job opportunities open up in communities, local residents are the first to benefit in job opportunities.

Speaking to one store cashier who preferred anonymity, she said they were hired a month ago.

Residents

She said more than five residents were employed before the shop officially opened.

They were responsible for packing the new stock as well as keeping the place clean. Sibhekile Methula, who resides at Eteni, said the opening of a new supermarket was just what the community needed.

She said not only did it create job opportunities for the locals but it has brought much needed competition, to the customers delight. She mentioned that around Kwaluseni Constituency, there are famously known mega stores which include OK Foods, Spar, Pick n Pay and Shoprite.

"This will not only bring competition among the stores but will give customers a chance to compare prices," she said.



ALSO PRESENT: Kwaluseni Member of Parliament Sibusiso 'Mabhanisi' Dlamini.

BY MHELENCI MAGONGO

ESWATINI continues to show notable strides towards attaining first world status envisaged by Vision 2022.

A newly-opened business known as Mr Cheap Supermarket situated at Eteni has created more than 20 jobs for residents in that area.

At least 25 residents were hired by the supermarket in various position such as shop manager, cashier and checkout supervisor, just to name a few.

Opened

It was officially opened on August 31 in an event witnessed by Kwaluseni Member of Parliament Sibusiso 'Mabhanisi' Dlamini who toured the store with other legislators as well as government officials. In his speech, Dlamini said the opening of another big supermarket in the area shows that the community is developing. He said the supermarket has changed the lives of the people as they gained job opportunities.

"The supermarket is a sign of development in the community and what excites us the most is the fact that a majority of the employees at the supermarket are from the Kwaluseni Constituency,"

VITALS

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 04 SEP 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.9625	15.0125
British Pound/SZL	18.1405	18.2012
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.0714	7.0931
Swiss France/SZL	15.1580	15.2072
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3541	1.3706
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.1416	10.1785
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.2340	11.2681
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.4363	16.4912
Gold	1,538.2834	
Oil	58.07	

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INTERVIEWS

BUSINESS BOOMING AT TRADE FAIR

BY SIFISO DLAMINI

WITH the 2019 Eswatini International Trade Fair (EITF) currently underway, businesses exhibiting are encouraged by the turn up of prospective customers.

Since the official opening of the EITF, many people have been frequenting the show to view the exhibited merchandise and services provided by companies both SMEs and established industries under government and the private sector. Here is what some of the companies had to say regarding the event:

MTN Eswatini Trade Marketer Mloni Mpanza said the attendance this year has been encouraging as the number of people who visited their stands had increased compared to previous years.

He also said since the exhibition started, the number of people visiting their stands was growing each day. He added that among the promotions at the fair, the most visited area was the spin and wheel where

MTN ESWATINI

Keep your eye on your home or business at all times

with the 360 Smart Camera.

the company promoted data called e-pulse which ranged from E15 to

E50. Customers were encouraged to purchase airtime and convert it to

bundles, spin the wheel and stand a chance to win a variety of merchandise. He said among the most selling items was the Smart T-phone popularly known as Smart Sgedlemba which attracted a lot of people. Mpanza added that most were also frequently visiting the Mobile Money stand which was also popular with their customers as it was a necessity. The company was promoting a new smart camera which was ideal for home and business surveillance, among other things. "It is called a 360 Smart Camera which costs E1200 and in order to be able to use it, an individual needs 5GB data to connect the camera and be able to always keep an eye on your home or business," he said.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY OF ESWATINI (IDCE)

IDCE Head of Marketing Bhekiwe Zwane said they were also encouraged by the turn up as small and large scale business people visited their stand looking for a variety of services.

She said the IDCE provided funding to businesses, large and small, and catered for whatever business regardless of their size. "We offer our services to all businesses as long as they are viable and had potential

to grow; we are willing to fund," she said.

She also mentioned their stand has been visited by small and medium enterprises who were interested in venturing into farming or expanding their agricultural businesses.

Machinery

She also stated that some business people had approached their stands looking for funding for trucking and plant machinery intended for sub-

contracting with forestry and sugar cane companies.

She added that IDCE was ready to assist Emaswati not only with financial services but also advisory ones. She also encouraged the public to visit their stand to discuss in depth about their businesses and the direction they intended to take. "This is important so that when looking for funding, one would be from an informed perspective," she added.



SPIN AND WIN: MTN Eswatini employee Sibonelo Mabuza demonstrating to customers one of the major attractions at the Trade Fair where customers stand a chance to win MTN merchandise. (Pics: Sifiso Dlamini)



BONNIE AND CLIDE (MANZINI)

Nokwanda Fakudze, who manned the Bonnie and Clide stall, said she was hopeful that business would

improve as business was very slow and people only started to flock in late in the afternoon.

ANNA URIO (TANZANIA)



THE traditional attires retailer expressed delight at having participated at the Trade Fair and said she hoped to make enough profit because she had travelled a long way to the event. "The first day of the Trade Fair was great and people came to my stall in numbers. I hope that I will make enough whilst I am here," she said.



SISANA MABUZA (NGCULWIND)

DESPITE being handicapped, Mabuza came all out with her produce which she makes with her feet.

She said that business was okay and hoped that by the end of the fair people would have bought the shoes and scarfs she makes.



READY TO ASSIST: Eswatini Bank teller Khanyisile Fakudze waiting for customers.

ESWATINIBANK

ESWATINIBANK Sales and Marketing Officer Bongani Gule said since the first day at the Trade Fair, they have received a number of customers as well as individuals wishing to open accounts with the bank.

He stated that they were also encouraged by the attendance as people showed interest in the services provided by the bank. He said they were at the exhibition to bring their services closer to the customers.

Among the services provided was opening of accounts, activation of cellphone banking, as well as answering of inquiries customers had with the services provided by the bank, such as car and housing loans, to name a few.

He said people were showing interest and welcomed the services provided which eliminated the need for them to physically visit the bank where they may be deterred by long queues.

Focus on World News

Global News

TRUMP CANCELLED PEACE TALKS WITH TALIBAN OVER ATTACK

WASHINGTON - US President Donald Trump on Saturday said he canceled peace talks with Afghanistan's Taliban leaders after the insurgent group claimed responsibility last week for an attack in Kabul that killed an American soldier and 11 other people.

Trump said he had planned a secret meeting with the Taliban's "major leaders" yesterday at a presidential compound in Camp David, Maryland. Trump said he also planned to meet with Afghanistan's president.

But Trump said he immediately called the talks off when the insurgents said they were behind the attack.

"If they cannot agree to a ceasefire during these very important peace talks, and would even kill 12 innocent people, then they probably don't have the power to negotiate a meaningful agreement anyway," Trump said on Twitter.

The surprise announcement left in doubt the future of the draft accord worked out last week by



CANCELLED: US President Donald Trump.

Zalmay Khalilzad, the special US envoy for peace in Afghanistan, for a drawdown of thousands of US troops over the coming months.

There was no immediate reaction from the Taliban but the decision appeared to catch them by surprise.

Just hours before Trump's tweet, a senior Taliban leader privy to talks in Doha with US officials

including Khalilzad and Taliban Chief Negotiator Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, said an agreement to sign the deal appeared close.

Assaults

Taliban fighters, who now control more territory than at any time since 2001, launched fresh assaults on the northern cities of Kunduz and Pul-e Khumri over the past week and carried out two major

suicide bombings in the capital Kabul. One of the blasts, a suicide attack in Kabul on Thursday, took the life of US Army Sergeant 1st Class Elis A. Barreto Ortiz, 34, from Puerto Rico, bringing the number of American troops killed in Afghanistan this year to 16.

A spike in attacks by Taliban insurgents in Afghanistan has been "particularly unhelpful" to peace efforts there, a senior US military commander said on Saturday as he visited neighbouring Pakistan, where many Taliban militants are based.

US Marine General Kenneth McKenzie, who oversees American troops in the region, declined to comment on the diplomatic negotiations themselves but criticised a wave of Taliban violence that has cast a long shadow over the deal.

"It is particularly unhelpful at this moment in Afghanistan's history for the Taliban to ramp up violence," McKenzie, head of US Central Command, told reporters traveling with him. *Reuters*

UK Work, Pensions Secretary quits govt

LONDON - Britain's Work and Pensions Secretary Amber Rudd resigned from the government and the ruling Conservative Party on Saturday in a protest over Prime Minister Boris Johnson's handling of the country's departure from the European Union.

Johnson says he wants to take Britain out of the EU on Oct. 31 with or without a deal with the bloc. But he lost his parliamentary majority this week and expelled 21 lawmakers from his Conservative Party's group in Parliament after they supported an opposition plan to try to block a no-deal exit.

Rudd, also a former interior minister who voted to remain in the 2016 Brexit referendum, said the ousting of the rebel lawmakers, who included the grandson of Britain's wartime leader Winston Churchill and two former finance ministers, was an "assault on decency and democracy." "I have resigned from Cabinet and surrendered the Conservative whip," Rudd said on her Twitter account.

"I cannot stand by as good, loyal moderate Conservatives are expelled. I have spoken to the PM and my association chairman to explain," she said. Brexit remains up in the air more than three years after Britons voted to leave the EU.

Reuters

HURRICANE DORIAN DEATH TOLL CLIMBS TO 43

NASSAU - The death toll from Hurricane Dorian's devastating rampage across the Bahamas rose to 43 and was likely to climb "significantly," officials said, with hundreds missing even as rescuers plucked desperate survivors from the debris.

More than 260 residents of the brutally damaged Abaco Islands arrived in the capital city of Nassau after spending more than seven hours on a government-chartered ferry, a second of which was expected to arrive overnight.

Those who made it to safety awaited news of loved ones such as Diane Forbes, who had not heard from her two sons since

Tuesday and was searching for them among some 200 evacuees sheltering at a gymnasium Friday night in Nassau, which was spared the wrath of the hurricane.

Hungry

"They said they were hungry and the scent of the bodies, the dead, was really getting to them... I don't know if my son is alive or not," she said of one of her children, who had been in Marsh Harbour on Abaco with his girlfriend and her mother.

Confirming the new toll of 43, Prime Minister Hubert Minnis said 35 were killed on worst-hit Abaco and eight on Grand Bahama island. *AFP*

Hong Kong protesters call on Trump to 'liberate' city

HONG KONG - Thousands of Hong Kong protesters on Sunday chanted the US national anthem and called on US President Donald Trump to "liberate" the Chinese-ruled city, the latest in a series of demonstrations that have gripped the territory for months.

Police stood by as protesters, under a sea of umbrellas against the sub-tropical sun, waved the Stars and Stripes and placards appealing for democracy after another night of violence in the 14th week of unrest. "Fight for freedom, stand with Hong Kong," they shouted. "Resist Beijing, liberate Hong Kong."

US Defense Secretary Mark Esper on Saturday urged China to exercise restraint in Hong Kong, a former British colony which returned to Chinese rule in 1997.



Esper made his call in Paris as police in Hong Kong prevented protesters from blocking access to the airport but fired tear gas for a second night running in the densely populated district of Mong Kok. "With the US locked in a trade

war with China at this point in time, it's a good opportunity for us to show (the United States) how the pro-China groups are also violating human rights in Hong Kong and allowing police brutality," said Cherry. *Reuters*

BRIEFS

Govt eyes cashless cards for welfare recipients

MELBOURNE - Australia's Prime Minister Scott Morrison is eyeing plans for a cashless debit card for welfare recipients and defended a proposal to drug test some job seekers, setting the government on a collision course with opposition lawmakers and welfare groups when Parliament returns. In an interview with Nine newspapers published Yesterday, Prime Minister Scott Morrison flagged welfare reform would be a priority for his government and discussed the cashless welfare card - aimed at preventing welfare payments being spent on alcohol, drugs and gambling. He also defended plans to trial drug testing for new job seekers. *Reuters*

Empress undergoes breast cancer surgery

TOKYO - Japan's Empress Emerita Michiko underwent surgery for early-stage breast cancer at a Tokyo hospital yesterday, national broadcaster NHK said. The four-hour procedure to remove cancerous tissue from the 84-year-old's left breast was completed successfully at the University of Tokyo Hospital, NHK said. NHK said the country's Imperial Household Agency would make an official announcement. According to the broadcaster, by around 0530 GMT, Michiko had returned to her private room at the hospital following her surgery, which was performed under general anesthesia. *Reuters*

Russia, Ukraine swap prisoners

MOSCOW - Russia and Ukraine made a long-awaited swap of 70 prisoners on Saturday, a deal hailed as a first step towards ending five years of tensions and conflict. Two planes carrying 35 prisoners from each side landed simultaneously in Moscow and Kiev, where the passengers emerged under sunny skies. "We have taken the first step," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said on the tarmac after greeting and hugging former detainees. "We have to take all the steps to finish this horrible war." In emotional scenes at Kiev's Boryspil airport, family members embraced and handed flowers to the former prisoners, many weeping with joy. *AFP*

Pakistan denies use of airspace to Indian Pres.

NEW DELHI - Pakistan on Saturday said it had denied India's President Ram Nath Kovind permission to fly through its airspace - access to which is usually granted - due to New Delhi's recent "behaviour". The decision comes at a time of high tension between the two nuclear-armed South Asian neighbours over the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir. "The decision has been taken in view of India's behaviour," Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said in a statement. "The Indian President had sought permission to use Pakistan's airspace to travel to Iceland, but we decided not to permit him," Qureshi added, without giving further details. *AFP*

Focus on SA Scene

Your Daily Mzansi News

Zulu king promises to tackle recent xenophobic violence

KWAZULU NATAL - Zulu monarch King Goodwill Zwelithini has vowed to bring Johannesburg to a standstill and douse the flames following violent clashes in the city.

Addressing thousands of maidens during the annual Reed Dance hosted at his eNyokeni palace in KwaNongoma, northern KwaZulu-Natal, on Saturday, the king said he had received numerous calls asking him to comment on the violent spats between South Africans and foreign nationals in recent weeks. "Regarding the chaos in Johannesburg, I got a lot of calls and requests for me to comment or put the fires out. What amazed me was that some of those calls were from the very same people who swore at me a couple of years ago and said I was the one who caused violence, which is something they no longer speak about today," he said. Zwelithini was referring to the backlash he received after commenting in March 2015 that foreigners were in SA to steal jobs and were a social ill. Shortly afterwards, xenophobic attacks hit areas south of Durban, leaving seven dead.

Comments

The SA Human Rights Commission in September 2016 found there was no causal link between Zwelithini's comments and the violence, and that they did not amount to hate speech - however, they were hurtful and harmful. At the Reed Dance on Saturday, Zwelithini said: "When I get to Johannesburg it will be at a standstill and be quiet, and no one will ask what's happening. Can the violent people please give us a break because we know violence and what it has done to the nation? 'I don't do things because I want to be liked or seen by the media. I have a programme that will bring peace and unity. It starts with the Zulu nation then it spills out into other nations,' he said. The monarch added that he was glad to hear that the ministerial *imbizo* to deal with incidents of violence that would have been hosted by Police Minister Bheki Cele this weekend had been postponed. Zwelithini said he was not consulted on the *imbizo*, which the ministry said was postponed because it clashed with the Reed Dance, which many of the people who needed to be involved in the *imbizo* - namely *izinduna* who represent hostel dwellers - would have been attending. *Sowetan Live*

King Zwelithini slams 'Zuluphobia'

DURBAN - King Goodwill Zwelithini is going to court to fight attempts to repeal the Ingonyama Trust Act because he said people with "Zuluphobic" tendencies wanted to take away his land.

He addressed thousands of maidens, traditional leaders and government officials during the annual Reed Dance ceremony at his Enyokeni Palace at Nongoma, Zululand, on Saturday. King Zwelithini accused President Cyril Ramaphosa of being disingenuous in handling the controversial issue of Ingonyama Trust Land. He said the hatred for the Zulu nation was highlighted by former president Kgalema Motlanthe's High Level Panel which in 2017 recommended that the Act be repealed. He said he had finalised court papers with the aim of protecting KwaZulu-Natal's rural land

which was under the Ingonyama Trust Board's control. King Zwelithini said the presidential expert advisory panel on land, which Ramaphosa had appointed, also continued to insult him.

Provoked

"From now we are no longer going to be provoked and keep quiet, but we are going to defend ourselves. I can assure you that court papers are ready because we want the court to explain to us if what is being done to us is correct. There is no court we are not going to go to in this country to defend our land. There is no court we are not going to go to outside the borders," he said.

King Zwelithini said after he heard that Ramaphosa had appointed his panel to prepare for the implementation of Motlanthe's recommendations, he wrote to him. *Political Bureau*

RAMAPHOSA EYES GOOD BEHAVIOUR IN NORTH WEST

PRETORIA - President Cyril Ramaphosa has given the ANC interim leadership in North West the thumbs-up for the work done so far, but more decisive action could be taken in dealing with the continuing acts of ill-discipline among party leaders and members in the province.

Ramaphosa led the ANC national executive committee members during a meeting held last weekend in North West, which came on the back of provincial-wide briefings between the ANC top brass and ordinary members across the province's four regions, some of which were marred by minor incidents of disruption.

"His take is more that because of where the province comes from,



GOOD BEHAVIOUR: President Cyril Ramaphosa.

we should try and deal with unity of the movement but at the same time deal decisively with ill-discipline and focus on service delivery," North West interim Provincial Committee Coordinator Hlomani

Chauke told City Press in an interview.

Chauke said there were three pillars to the message Ramaphosa delivered to them.

"He said the ANC had a respon-

sibility to deliver services, to unite, and to deal with consequence management on things that are wrong and not turn a blind eye.

"His message is clear - that we need to take more action on such matters," Chauke said, adding that the minor incident of disruption during the national executive committee's meeting with ANC branch members on Saturday at the provincial capital in Mafikeng was "a special case".

The young man who threw tables and chairs around before the meeting properly ended was a recently released ex-convict who had "no social support or even an ID book", said Chauke.

He said information reaching his office was that the man had gone

MORE WOMEN OFFICERS TO BE TRAINED ON GBV

JOHANNESBURG - Police Minister Bheki Cele assured mourners at Uyinene Mrwetyana's funeral more female officers will be trained at police stations to deal with cases of women abuse.

"To be on the front desk to deal with these matters."

Cele says the justice system should make it difficult for perpetrators to be granted bail. "The cluster of justice I think we must make bail very hard. You can't be raping for the second time and still have bail." The police minister has announced his department will be reviewing all cases against the man who confessed to the murder of the 19-year-old, that were withdrawn.

At the same time, the University of Cape Town (UCT) student has been described as a shining light



GENDER EQUALITY: Police Minister Bheki Cele.

who left a legacy that will bring about change to the scourge of women abuse. Mrwetyana, who was raped and murdered at the Clareinch post office in Cape Town last month, was laid to rest in East

London in the Eastern Cape on Saturday.

Farewell

It was an emotional farewell for the teenager, who many have described as a symbol for the fight

against women abuse. Her funeral was used to once again call on society to take bold and decisive action against perpetrators of gender-based violence.

UCT Vice-chancellor Mamokgethi Phakeng says the university will keep Mrwetyana's legacy alive, by giving back to disadvantaged women.

"We would like to provide opportunities for other young women like Uyinene, who dream of a career that was embedded within the discipline of the humanities. Each time that the scholarship is awarded, it will be a conscious reminder of the tragic circumstances under which Uyinene's life was taken."

The Mrwetyana family has thanked all South Africans for their outpouring support during this difficult time. *EWN*

Why aren't leaders keeping their people at home - Mashaba

JOHANNESBURG - In a long column in City Press on Sunday, Johannesburg Mayor Herman Mashaba opined that he would not "remain silent" on confronting "uncomfortable topics", particularly questions about government's failure to safeguard South Africa's borders and prevent illegal migration.

He said he had seen five home affairs ministers come and go in a space of just three years, and not one of them had been able to come up with a satisfactory plan on immigration, let alone to implement one, in his view. He also alleged that high levels of corruption at home affairs were undermining any efforts to contain the influx of undocumented migrants into, particularly, Johannesburg, where people were



HARD QUESTIONS: Johannesburg Mayor Herman Mashaba.

coming in search of a "better life in South Africa".

Mashaba denied accusations that he could be described as xenophobic, arguing that he was basing his call for all people in South Africa to be properly documented on the

Constitution and the rule of law.

He said it was very difficult to plan and budget for the provision of services and accommodation to all the residents of the city when no one seemed to know "who is even in our city". *Citizen*



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to his councillor and the department of home affairs to ask for help with obtaining an ID but failed. "Now he wanted to get our attention. This one shows that it is something out of the normal violence and disruptions that we are used to". Chauke said he would "personally step in to assist this fellow."

Stabilise

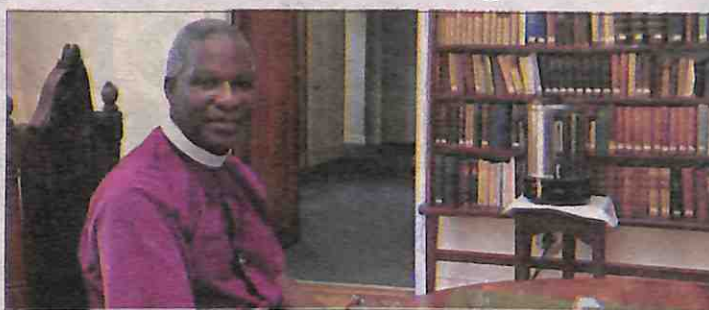
"We are trying to stabilise and when there is anything that displays violence we will have to understand what it is and intervene where necessary. Part of our responsibility in the unity and renewal project is to reconcile and rehabilitate our people." He said this new approach would "position the ANC as a caring organisation. "If the man says I am frustrated, I cannot get an ID book, then the ANC has a responsibility to listen and assist this person," he said, adding that if disruptions were allowed to continue it would send a message that there is a leadership vacuum. Further disruptions, said Chauke, had been noted in the Klerksdorp area, where councillors were being terrorised by gangsters called "Boko Haram", who forcefully demand business from the City of Matlosana, a local municipality.

City Press News

Archbishop Makgoba 'ashamed' over migrant attacks, demands arrests

CAPE TOWN - Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town Thabo Makgoba has urged President Cyril Ramaphosa to demand that firm action be taken by the relevant government departments against the perpetrators of violence against foreigners in South Africa.

In a sermon on Sunday, Makgoba said he was "appalled and ashamed" at the violent attacks on migrants in South Africa last week, and voiced his shock that South Africans could inflict the same pain on others as they had experienced in apartheid's forced removals.



ASHAMED: Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town Thabo Makgoba.

He urged Ramaphosa to "demand that the responsible branches of government act firmly, and especially that those who attacked people and

looted their homes and businesses will be arrested and prosecuted".

"We [in the church] are deeply disturbed by the recent orchestrated

attacks on citizens from outside our country - sadly called foreign nationals - for no one is foreign, all are all God's people and all are Africans. I am appalled and ashamed by the violence meted out against them, especially against truck drivers, and at the prejudice voiced against these vulnerable people who come from beyond our borders.

"We are dismayed by the inept statements that fuel mindsets of rejection in the public discourse, and which disregard the trauma of displacement that these, God's people, have to endure," he said.

ANA



FOUND: Natasha Conabeer.

Missing Durban woman found,

DURBAN - Natasha Conabeer, 23, who went missing three weeks ago, has been found and is now in an intensive care ward in hospital.

A missing person's case was opened on August 18 after her friends last saw her as she left her flat in Florida Road, Durban, after telling them she was going home to Inanda, but never arrived. The last form of communication with the UKZN student was on August 22, according to posts by friends.

A Twitter page created during the search for her announced on Sunday: "Natasha has been found."

Critical

"She is alive but in a critical condition in ICU.

"We currently don't know what exactly happened yet. ... Thanks for the support and prayers." The information was attributed to her mother.

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INCOME TAX RETURNS

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The SRA will be hosting Income Tax Returns Mobile Clinics as per schedule below:

TOWNS	VENUE	DATE	DATE	TOWNS	VENUE	DATE	DATE
		September	October			September	October
Big Bend	1. Next to Shoprite Complex	11-Sep-19	03-Oct-19	Hiuthi	12. Hiuthi Town - Henwood Butchery		19-Oct-19
Mbabane	2. Swazi Plaza	11-Sep-19	09-Oct-19	Mbabane	13. Swazi Plaza		19-Oct-19
Mankayane	3. Buy Cash Hardware Complex		05-Oct-19	Matsapha	14. Matsapha Service Centre	19-Sep-19	31-Oct-19
Piggs Peak	4. Bower Shopping Complex		05-Oct-19	Mthunzane	15. Pick Yours	19-Sep-19	22-Oct-19
Mbabane	5. Industrial Site/HI FI Corp	12-Sep-19	09-Oct-19	Manzini	16. Bhuu Mall	21-Sep-19	
Big Bend	6. Matsata Shopping Complex	12-Sep-19	02-Oct-19	Hlophohlo	17. Hlophohlo shopping complex (Shoprite)	21-Sep-19	
Manzini	7. Manzini Post Office	13-Sep-19	31-Oct-19	Steki	18. Steki Service Centre	25-Sep-19	22-Oct-19
Simunye	8. Simunye Plaza	13-Sep-19	03-Oct-19	Buhleni	19. PICK YOURS Shopping Complex	25-Sep-19	23-Oct-19
Manzini	9. Bhuu Mall	17-Sep-19	02-Oct-19	Ntlangano	20. Shoprite Complex	26-Sep-19	24-Oct-19
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LATE MUGABE TO BE BURIED NEXT SUNDAY

HARARE - Former Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe is expected to be buried next Sunday, state media reported.

Mugabe, an ex-guerrilla leader who became the southern African country's first leader following independence from white minority rule in 1980 and held on to power until he was forced to resign in 2017, died in Singapore on Friday.

His body will arrive in Zimbabwe on Wednesday, the Sunday Mail quoted presidential spokesman George Charamba as saying.

Mugabe enjoyed strong backing from Zimbabwe's people after taking over in 1980 but that support waned following decades of repression, economic mismanagement and allegations of election-rigging.

He is still regarded by many as a national hero, though, with some even beginning to say they missed him after his successor, Emmerson Mnangagwa, a former ally turned foe, failed to revive the economy and used the army to crush dissent.

According to Charamba, Mnangagwa



BURIAL: The late former Zimbabwean president Robert Mugabe.

and family members will receive the body at the airport named after the former president in the capital, Harare. The body will be taken to his rural home, about 85 kilometres (53 miles) southwest of Harare before being placed in a giant stadium for public viewing.

Mnangagwa, who described Mugabe as a "great teacher and mentor", declared him a national hero, the highest posthumous award in the country and said official mourning will only end after the

burial at the National Heroes Acre, a hilltop shrine reserved exclusively for Zimbabweans who made huge sacrifices during the war against white-minority rule.

In death, Mugabe received praise from his former political and military allies, who propped up his rule for close to four decades before forcing him out in 2017. *AP*



GO GREEN: Pope Francis planted a baobab tree with Madagascar President Andry Rajoelina at the presidential palace in Antananarivo.

Pope pleads with Madagascans to protect rainforest

ANTANANARIVO - Pope Francis on Saturday made an impassioned plea to Madagascans to protect the Indian Ocean's unique environment from "excessive deforestation", on the second leg of his African tour.

Weeks after a spike of fires in the Amazon, the Argentine pontiff told his hosts they should "create jobs and money-making activities which respect the environment and help people escape poverty".

Madagascar — famed for its immense diversity of flora and fauna

— is home to 25 million people, the vast majority of whom live in poverty on an income of less than two dollars a day.

More than half of its young people are out of work, even if many boast good qualifications.

Benefit

The pope said there "were many causes driving excessive deforestation which benefits just a few people... and compromises the future of the country."

The authorities should also ensure social justice, he added. *AFP*

Bomb explosion at South Africa embassy, fake news - Nigeria govt

ABUJA - The Nigerian government on Saturday dispelled reports that there had been an explosion at the Abuja premises of the South African High Commission.

Information Minister Lai Mohammed through an aide said in a statement that the reports that had been making the rounds were untrue and that no such incident had taken place.

The statement said the "explosion" was fake news orchestrated by the desperate opposition to cause panic and chaos among the populace.

The minister said: "the video of the purported bomb explosion which is being circulated on the social media, is that of the bomb explosion at Emab plaza, near Banex, in Abuja on June 25, 2014."

The police also called the report a "classical" fake news. "Meanwhile, the Nigeria Police Force has provided adequate security in and around all South African Missions and related business interests," their statement read in part.

Attacks

South African businesses were targeted earlier this week in reprisal attacks by some Nigerians after a surge in xenophobic violence saw other Africans attacked in Johannesburg and other areas.

The South African embassy closed its doors in the wake of the security threats that officials were receiving. Some businesses like MTN and Shoprite closed their shops for fear of attacks.

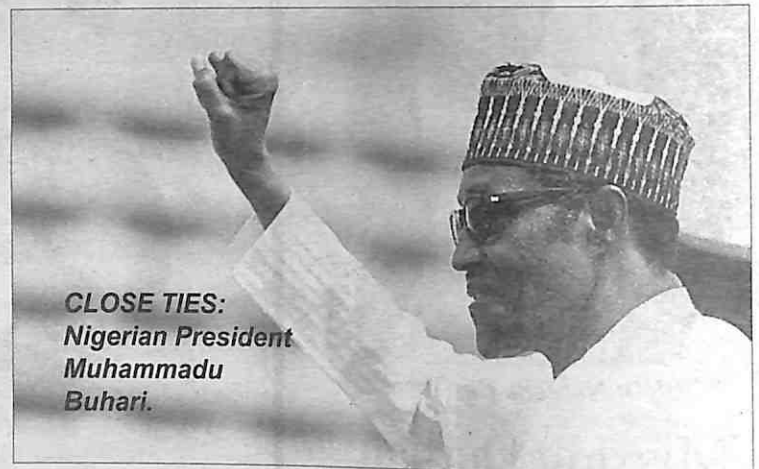
Africa News

SA, Nigeria committed to close ties following xenophobic attacks

ABUJA - The President of Nigeria Muhammadu Buhari will undertake a state visit to South Africa next month to reinforce "the strong bonds" between the two countries and jointly develop responses to challenges affecting people and businesses in South Africa and Nigeria.

In the wake of public violence and xenophobic attacks in South Africa and developments in Nigeria around South African businesses based in the West African country, President Cyril Ramaphosa held discussions on Friday with Ambassador Ahmed Rufai Abubakar, special envoy of the president of Nigeria.

The visit to Pretoria by the special envoy followed a recent meeting between Ramaphosa and Buhari in Yokohama, Japan, on the sidelines of the summit of the Tokyo International



CLOSE TIES: Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari.

Conference on African Development.

The presidency said in a statement: "In yesterday's discussion, the special envoy conveyed President Buhari's concern at recent events in South Africa, in the context of the strong and cordial relations that characterise

the interaction between the two countries.

"President Buhari conveyed his commitment to the values of prosperity and the advancement of Africa that are shared by South Africa and Nigeria. *Citizen*

BRIEFS

Pope presses need for dignity of work

ANTANANARIVO - Pope Francis is pressing for the poor to have the dignity of work with a visit to a hilltop rock quarry in Madagascar where hundreds of people toil for a pittance rather than scavenge in the Indian Ocean capital's biggest dump. Francis celebrated an open-air Mass before visiting the Akamasoa village, the brainchild of an Argentine priest who was so overwhelmed by the abject poverty of Madagascar that he set about creating ways for the poor to earn a living. Over 30 years, the Akamasoa quarry has produced the stones that built the homes, roads, schools and health clinics that now dot the pine-covered hillside of Antananarivo. *AP*

S. Sudan honour late Robert Mugabe

JUBA - South Sudan government has ordered all flags flown at half-staff for three days as a sign of respect for the recent passing on of former Zimbabwean President Robert Gabriel Mugabe, who died Friday in Singapore at the age of 95. The announcement was made by Information Minister Michael Makuei Lueth following a Cabinet meeting in the capital Juba on Friday. "The President has directed that the flags in South Sudan should fly at half-mast for the next three days in honour of this great African leader," Makuei said. President Salva Kiir Mayardit on Friday issued a message of condolences to the "family, friends and the people of Zimbabwe" over the death of their former leader. *Nyamilepedia*

Unity govt will be formed in November

JUBA - South Sudan government has reiterated its position on forming the Transitional Government of National Unity (TGONU) on November 12th as stipulated by the parties in May. Government Spokesman and Minister of Information Michael Makuei Lueth told journalists in Juba following a Cabinet meeting on Friday that the agreement was going well and that the government will be formed on time. "The government is delivering and implementation of the agreement is going on well," Makuei said. "We are delivering and by Nov. 12 the revitalised transitional government will be established as in the extended agreement," he added. *Nyamilepedia*

Tanzania govt to simplify minerals regime

DODOMA - The government has announced two measures aimed at simplifying mineral dealing and ease its exportation. Minister for Minerals Dotto Biteko who opened a seminar for mineral dealers yesterday directed the scope of the dealer licence to be extended from regional to now cover a zone. The Mining Commission should immediately draft the changes and submit so that we quickly solve the arising challenges," said Mr Biteko. The current regulations restrict a dealer licence to just one region. But the dealers say the restrictions affected competition in the mineral dealings. *The Citizen*

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Stage 'ripped apart' at Rooted Soulz

... All acts were on fire during 10th anniversary celebrations

STORIES BY DELISA THWALA

ESWATINI Theatre Club was fire during the Rooted Soulz 10th anniversary on Friday.

Qibho Intalektual opened the show with a string of incredibly written pieces which set off the audience to the right warm start and steered them in the right



BARELY: Singer Velemseni serenading the crowd with her music.

direction ahead of a long night.

The club was beautifully decorated with gold balloons and a big one which made out the number 10 when blown.

The stage could have been mistaken for royalty because of the high chairs and animal skin used to decorate the area around the mic.

Pallets were used in alternative ways to give the stage a different look which was topped off with art displays.

Taking over from Qibho was Dzeli The Poet who shared a very emotional and moving poem titled 'Chakazile'.

The poet had everyone snapping their fingers in appreciation.

Breaking the girl code was Sammy who shared a very interesting piece on how to get a girl to like you.

The audience was also treated to good music as singer Velemseni performed for the crowd.

With only a guitar and a mic, the singer left everyone amazed.

She performed her three songs which included her newly-released song 'Barely', 'Shisa' and closed off with 'Lena'.

Other acts of the night included Sbu J and B-Sim who both shared deeply meaningful poems which left everyone delighted.

Sbu J surprised the crowd when he dedicated his second poem 'Sengimkhetsile' to his girlfriend who was part of the crowd.

The show was closed off by DJ Czar who dished out good music until the late hours.



10 YEARS: This is how the stage looked like when Rooted Soulz was celebrating 10 years in the industry through a show held at Eswatini Theatre Club on Friday. (Pics: Delisa Thwala)



MAKHONYANE: Thobile closed the show with a fired up performance.



CROWD: A section of the revellers watching performances.



EMOTIONS: Dzeli's piece flared emotions.

NEXT SHOW IN NOVEMBER

ROOTED Soulz's Themba Mavuso confirmed yesterday that the next show will be held in November.

"We need to confirm the date. We were debating it based on a few minor logistics, but we will communicate as soon as we have it

locked," said Mavuso during an interview.

He also acknowledged the artists for coming through, giving it their all and also expressed gratitude to everyone who came through.

FNB SmoothFest, it's on early 2020!

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

FIRST National Bank will be celebrating their 25th anniversary in 2020 and will be merging their celebration with what is said to be the most exclusive FNB SmoothFest.

This was revealed by the bank's Brand and Communications Specialist Ntobeko Dlamini.

"We are celebrating 25 years of leading banking innovations in Eswatini, 25 years of changing the lives of our people and helping to shape the industry," she said.

"We could not find a better fit to commemorate this milestone than pairing it with the



most exclusive SmoothFest yet. So yes, it's on, and we invite you to celebrate our time, our history and the exciting times that lie ahead," she added.

Dlamini said they would be releasing dates, ticket prices, and the artist line-up in due course.

The FNB SmoothFest is one of the country's biggest festivals meant to celebrate local and international music.

The festival has seen performances from Zonke, Lira, Freshly Ground, The Soil, Sands, Symphony, the late Hugh Masekela, Floewe, Mahhotela Queens, Jonas Gwangwa and many more.

The event has also seen thousands of Emaswati attend clad in themed attires each year. Its programme directors were the likes of Tumi Morake, DJ Cybos, Somizi and many others.

Xenophobic acts cause 'LAF TSEF' postponement

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

THE LAF TSEF comedy show was postponed at the last minute due to ongoing unrest and xenophobic attacks in South Africa.

The show was cancelled on Friday morning by Mdura the Comedian.

The show was to be held at Sibane Hotel and was expected to feature seven comedians in one stage.

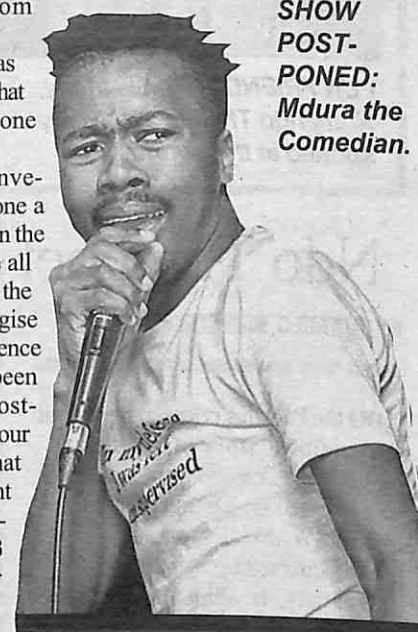
"Unfortunately we had to take the hard decision to postpone the show to a later date.

All our comedians were coming through South Africa from different countries and it is difficult for them to pass through," read the statement released by Mdura on all his social media platforms. The comedians coming from other countries were Botswana's Thapelo, TT Phasha

from South Africa, Bush from Zambia and Marforty from Zimbabwe.

Mdura said it was very disappointing that they had to postpone the event.

"It is very inconvenient to postpone a show, especially on the last day. We were all looking forward to the show. "We apologise for any inconvenience that might have been caused by this postponement. To all our beloved people that had already bought tickets please contact 7820 6155/7653 3631 for your refund," he added.



SHOW POSTPONED: Mdura the Comedian.

LULO CAFÉ BRINGS THE HOUSE DOWN!

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE



HOUSE MUSIC: South African DJ Lulo Café had as much fun as the crowd during the Spring Fling held at Solani's Shisanyama on Friday. (Pics: Nokwanda Sibandze)

SOUTH African house music DJ Lulo Café gave Solani's patrons a night to remember by dishing out the finest tunes during his performance on Thursday.

The international spinner took to the turntables at midnight and served the crowd with all types of music especially towards the end of his set.

He would interact with the crowd as some patrons moved from the back of the venue to dance in front of the stage.

House music fanatics would casually bob their heads and whistle as Lulo played behind the decks.

Acts

He also took the time to take pictures with his fans before and after his performance.

Lulo Café, unlike most headlining acts, stayed after his performance to support the spinners that performed after him.

One of the spinners who performed after Lulo Café was Sgitha



FELLOW DJ: DJ Lulo Café hugs Sgitha during his set.

as he dished out the coolest *gqom* and amapiano tracks.

Playing old-school jams was DJ MBO who played before Lulo Café, he catered for the mature audience members.

AyaCity, M'eugie, Yung Yas and Bloss warmed the crowd as it filled up the venue. The DJs were able

to keep the crowd dancing with their different tracks throughout the night.

The last DJ to hit the stage was Culolam, who played a hip-hop set for the crowd.

The crowd sang along to his hip-hop tracks till the early hours of the morning.



BEAUTY AND THE DJ: DJ MBO and Samukelisiwe Magagula.



HUGE FAN: DJ Lulo Café with his fan Sibongile.



FUN FRIENDS: Philile Molly, Nothando Thwala and Nicky were spotted at the event.



IN DANCE: A section of the crowd dances during Lulo Café's splendid performance.



DJ ON DECKS: DJ MBO dishes out old-school house tracks for the crowd.



PARTY GIRL: Ndumie Khoza geared up to party.



DJS: DJs Culolam and Lulo Café.

Ndo The Poet debuts album

BY NJABULO DLAMINI

NDO the Poet has released her debut album titled 'Story of my life'.

The 10-track gospel music album was released on Thursday last week under ESWASU (Eswatini Arts Super Unity), directed by Immortal 7.

"Basically, the album is about sharing with the public the story of my

life, as I'm a living testimony of God's grace. I'm expressing my gratitude as God has done so much for me after some years without a shoulder to cry on following the death of my mom," Ndo the Poet said. Real name Nothando Tsabedze, the poet said she was indebted to Immortal 7 who came to her rescue through assisting her record the debut album at a time of distress in her life.

"As for now am speechless for what he (Immortal 7) has done for me because there's an artist I had assigned for the recording of my album and parted with my hard earned money in the process. But lo and behold, this artist disappeared so Immortal 7 came right in the nick of time.

The album is available at E50 per copy in Mbabane and Manzini as well as digital platforms. Ndo the Poet hails from Bhikini area, far west of Mbabane under Siphocosini Inkhundla.

Team ESWASU met Ndo the Poet

on Facebook where she was venting her anger on being manipulated by another gospel artist.

"She asked to work with us and we offered her studio sessions, pledged to monitor her and sign her up afterwards. After being impressed with her, we decided to sign her up into our stable as our first gospel artist," Immortal 7 said.

The artist was recorded at Heartbreakers Production in Big Bend, managed by Wandile Nyawo and Mancoba 'Likwaya' Dlamini (formerly with

Police Gospel Messengers).

"This is an emotional album that shares Ndo's personal story and would definitely touch the masses out there, we believe. We are forever indebted to her pastors, her family for the support as well as Mimz Khulu; the sleeve designer".

Tracks are; *Babuyise Nkosi*, *Encebeni* (Feat. Mancoba Dlamini and Immortal 7), *I've changed*, *Mphefumulo Wami*, *Myself*, *Ngahlulele* composed by Mancoba) and *Wadla Jesu* (feat. Ntokozo the Poet), amongst others.

EITF Gospel Music Festival fails to impress

BY DELISA THWALA

THE second edition of the EITF Gospel Music Festival 2019 failed to impress as the show lacked proper planning.

The show, which was slated to commence at 6pm, ended up starting at 9pm with the few artists who had arrived.

Their performances had to be at some point stopped due to technical issues which were later sorted out.

Interviews conducted at the event

indicated that some music fanatics were disappointed about the show.

"I'm disappointed. I got here on time and nothing has happened yet all they are doing is playing CDs. All I want at this point is a refund and go back home," said Noncedo Simelane.

Some were seen making their own groups and dancing while there were ongoing performances on stage.

They made a circle and sang their own songs and at some point they were seen blowing a whistle.



OWN SHOW: Revellers dancing on their own while there are ongoing performances on stage.



REFUND ME: Noncedo Simelane said the show was not what she expected it to be.

... PERFORMING ACTS DELIVERED

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

IN as much as there were few people in attendance at the Gospel Music Festival, that did not stop the performers from giving their best on stage.

Kick-starting the event were the Brothers In Christ duet who performed for 10 minutes. Artists like Brian and Khula Zion Choristers, Lonhlanhla and Mafucula, Swazi Gospel Singers, Geina Masuku, Ndawonye Christ Worshippers, Nonhle Mthethwa, Mduduzi Nezinceku Zamagawugawu, Phetsile Masilela and Zaga



PRAISE THE LORD: Lonhlanhla and Mafucula gave a splendid performance.

Dlamini delivered the best.

They all gave great performances which kept the crowd on toes throughout the night.

Impressive

Because of the not so impressive number of attendees, stalls owners left the venue early.

When interviewed, they said they made a loss because of the lack of the poor attendees.

Vacating

People began vacating the place from as early as 11pm stating that they saw no point of being at the event.



MAZAYONI: Zaga was one of the crowd's favourite.



IN UNITY: Christain Unity Crusaders giving it their all on stage.



HALLELUJAH: Music fanatics enjoying a rendition from the Brothers in Christ.



NDAWONYE: Revellers who had attended the show taken by Ndawonye's performance.



SING ALONG: The crowd having a great time.



DANCING FOR THE LORD: Nonhle kept the music lovers dancing.



YOU ARE HOLY: Lonhlanhla and Mafucula lead singer Lonhlanhla Sifundza sings her lungs out.

Dladla Mshunqisi, TOS to invade Nhlengano

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

DLADLA Mshunqisi and DJ Touch Of Soul (TOS) will be ushering music lovers to a music filled day in Nhlengano.

This will be during the Durban Invades Eswatini Volume 2 scheduled for September 28 at Jukes on Fire.

This will definitely not be the first time the two perform in the country as Dladla Mshunqisi was previously booked at most of Eswatini shows and he has created a fan base for himself locally.

Dladla Mshunqisi, real name Anele Dladla, is a talented South African dance music vocalist.

He is famous for collaborating with the Durban-based *qqom* music group Distruction Boyz alongside Benny Maverick for the hit jam 'Omunye'.

Apart from music, he is known for his passion for cooking that has earned him numerous followers across his social media platforms.



HEADED SOUTH: Dladla Mshunqisi.

Considered as one of the fastest rising music stars in South Africa, Mshunqisi has not only managed to have his songs played in heavy rotation in Durban but the entire Africa continent and foreign countries.

Dladla Mshunqisi is revered as a jack of all trades. Every song he composes turns to a hit.

DJ TOS needs no introduction in the industry as he is the face of Swazi Parties which are hosted in Durban.

Celebville

International Celebrity News

Ariana Grande wants Mac Miller's drug dealer convicted

HOLLYWOOD - Mac Miller's alleged drug dealer richly deserves time behind bars for contributing to the death of the rapper, at least according to Ariana Grande. Sources close to Ariana tell TMZ, she believes Cameron James Pettit -- the 28-year-old feds believe supplied Miller with counterfeit oxy-codone pills that contained fentanyl -- took advantage of someone suffering from addiction and



WANTS: Mac Miller and Ariana.

should face harsh consequences for his role in Mac's death. We're told Grande feels ANYONE who was involved in supplying Miller drugs should be charged and convicted for contributing to his death from an accidental overdose. As we reported, prosecutors arrested Pettit and allege he was one of three people who supplied Mac with the fentanyl-laced drugs. **TMZ**

Hart already walking after accident

NEW YORK - Kevin Hart is already back on his own two feet but he's miles away from a full recovery, TMZ has confirmed.

Sources connected to the comedian tell us that Kevin is, in fact, walking again as Tiffany Haddish mentioned Friday at the Harper's Bazaar ICONS event in NYC but he's not nearly as "good" as she made it seem. We're told he's walking slowly and gingerly at this point.

We're also told KH's starting physical therapy this weekend at the hospital he's currently being treated at.

That's great considering he just underwent surgery days ago.

TMZ



RECOVERING: Kevin Hart.

Moonchild opens up about being raped

PRETORIA - South Africans are still in shock over the rising number of femicide cases and many women have come out to tell their story in solidarity.

Singer Moonchild Sanelly took to social media to speak out about being raped and in another incident was sexually assaulted by a relative. Moonchild shared a post on Twitter and revealed how a family member sexually harassed



OPENS UP: Moonchild.

her and when she went to report it to the police, they allegedly told her to go home and sort it out as a family. "One time I was sexually harassed by [a relative] and went to report it with my friend Maps. The cops, both male and female, asked me what I was wearing and why I danced with [the family member and [said] that I should go home and talk about it with my family. **Sowetan Live**

TV star Tshego Koke denies sex abuse claim

PRETORIA - SA women have come out in big numbers to name and shame alleged sex abusers on social media.

"South African women scared to live their lives all while demanding justice for those who had theirs cut short," the bio for @helpsurvivors reads.

Using #ShutdownSouthAfrica and #AmINext - that both went viral - social media users are urged to anony-



DENIES: Koke.

mously name and shame their alleged abuser. Without verifying any of the facts, the accounts then publicly publish the information, which have in turn been retweeted by many users. Many well-known personalities have been named. One of them is MTV Base presenter Tshego Koke, who immediately released a statement to slam his rape accusation as false. **Sowetan Live**

Robin, fiancée involved in car accident

MALIBU - Robin Thicke and his fiancée were involved in a car accident that sent one vehicle flying into the side of the road in Malibu but it appears everyone's alright. Eyewitnesses tell us the singer was riding passenger in an Escalade Saturday along PCH in Malibu near Point Dume and Zuma Beach. We're told a woman who was driving -- which we've

confirmed was his fiancée and baby mama, April Love Geary -- somehow collided with another car full of what we're told were younger people. Eyewitnesses say that Robin got out of the SUV and walked over to the other vehicle, which was lying on the side of the highway, nearly tipped on



ALRIGHT: Robin Thicke and his fiancée.

its side. **TMZ**

Three 6 Mafia reunion tour

NEW YORK - DJ Paul is ready to tear the club up on the upcoming Three 6 Mafia reunion tour, and the rapper says if things go well, the group could finally record another album!!!

We got the rapper at LAX and he told us he's excited to get back onstage with his old crew after 19 years apart. DJ Paul says a trio of concerts this fall will be a



EXCITED: DJ Paul.

good barometer for whether the group can get back in the studio and record an album.

Three six Mafia is slated to play shows this month and next in Atlanta, New Jersey and just outside their hometown of Memphis. Paul says he can't wait to perform with Juicy J, Gangsta Boo, Crunchy

Black and the rest of the gang. **TMZ**

Actress Zimkhitha Nyoka revives stage career

CAPE TOWN - After successfully launching her TV and film career, actress Zimkhitha Nyoka goes back to stage to whet her acting appetite. Nyoka, who has appeared in many TV shows, has shown exceptional acting capabilities since her introduction to local television five years ago. The petite actress from Qamata in



BACK: Zimkhitha Nyoka.

Cofimvaba, Eastern Cape, returns in style with a lead role in an all-female cast show called Xova. Written and directed by Joseph Komani, the play tackles the biggest problem in the country of father absenteeism in the upbringing of children and highlights the brunt women carry in solo-parenting. **Sowetan Live**

Mafikizolo cancels show in Zim

DURBAN - Mafikizolo has cancelled a scheduled performance in Zimbabwe that was set to take place today to show that they strongly condemn the spate of xenophobic attacks that erupted this week.

The pair made the announcement on Nhlanhla Nciza's Instagram page. "We would like to say to all our fans in Zimbabwe, the loving peo-



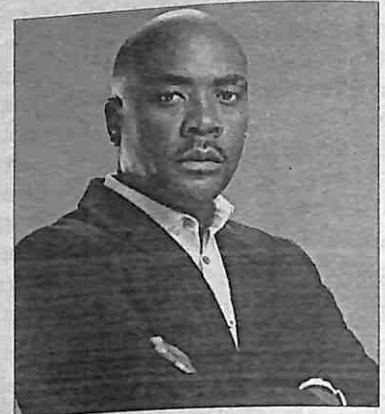
CANCELS: Mafikizolo.

ple of Zimbabwe, that the show that we were supposed to perform on Friday has been cancelled because of what is currently happening in our country. The violence, the crime, the killings that are happening to our brothers and sisters across the continent of Africa," group member, Theo Kgosiwe said. **Times Live**

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



UNEXPECTED: Zungu.

Jabu receives good news, but his solution to the threat to the Zungu fleet leads to unexpected and bloody consequences.



TODAY



SHOCKED: Claudette.

Claudette is shocked to learn who is siding with Lincoln. Wendy encourages Morongwa not to give up. Anja asks Olivia about her sexuality and gets a curious response.



TODAY

Vhanagani has only one shot to clear his name and it has to pay off. Gugu and Seretse's fling rapidly turns into an uncontrollable habit. Shaz's hopes of becoming a tenderpreneur hit an unforeseen speed bump.



HABIT: Gugu.



TODAY

Sindiswa gets a big surprise from the bank after she makes a move on Sabelo. David and Khulekani's plan to sabotage Pearl and Suffo starts to take shape. Jamaica has to face the reality that Khulekani is committed to his wife and might never leave her for him.



PLANS: David.

MEME OF THE DAY

I know deep down you want to post your boyfriend and say if 2minutes noodles was a person

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

A sudden desire for independence from the confines of a job, stagnant home life, or relationship that isn't working could seem irresistible right now, Capricorn. You might have some outrageous ideas for changing jobs, moving, or finding a new partner. These ideas might be more workable than they seem, but this isn't the day to make decisions. Wait a few days and then consider your ideas again.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

A warm, loving letter, phone call, or email could come today from someone dear who lives far away. This should be delightful, Aquarius, but the frustrations that result from the separation could cause you to think about taking a trip to visit the person. This might be a good idea, but don't make any promises. Wait a few days and look into the possibility to see if it's workable.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

Someone could approach you today offering an opportunity to increase your income, which may seem too good to be true. It might be all they say, Pisces, but look into the facts before making promises to go ahead with it. All may not be as it seems! Today isn't a good day to commit to investments of any kind. Wait a few days, consider the idea again, and see if it's workable.



Aries March 21 – April 19

Whatever your situation, Aries, today you could encounter someone exciting who stirs a powerful romantic attraction within you. This can be delightful, and there's no reason why you shouldn't enjoy the company, but be a little cautious before taking any action. Get to know this person better before you decide on any sort of involvement, casual or serious. All may not be as it seems.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

Annoying situations that arise today could have you feeling stressed, Taurus. A sudden desire to escape might enter your mind. Take care not to work out your frustrations by overindulging in food or drink. This could only make the situation worse. Focus on the tasks at hand and get them done. Follow that with a long walk to clear your head and a movie to get your mind off it all.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

Difficulty reaching others could plague you today, Gemini. emails might not go through or you could be stuck in endless telephone tag. You may want to stop trying, but don't give up. Keep at it! Find something else to do while you're waiting. You'll make contact eventually. What you have to discuss with these friends could prove gratifying on more than one level.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

Upsets among family members in the home could drive you to escape it all and throw yourself into your work, particularly creative projects of some kind. This might be the right course of action, Cancer. The situation isn't permanent, and perhaps the others in your household simply need to work things out for themselves. In the meantime, your work will give you satisfaction and perhaps even advancement.



Leo July 23 – August 22

Don't expect much luck with computers today, Leo, particularly when it comes to writing or communicating with others. Malfunctions with technology could plague you throughout the day. If you want to get a message to a friend, the best way might be to visit in person! Creative efforts could be hindered the same way. Today is a great day to fall back on good old pen and paper.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Upsetting news about money may come your way today, Virgo. This could involve your personal finances or economic factors in general that indirectly affect your finances. Don't panic. All may not be as it seems! Check the facts before acting. The situation could be real, but it's more likely the product of overblown journalism. Don't believe everything you read.



Libra September 23 – October 23

A strong desire for new romance, whether with a new or current partner, could prove overwhelming today, Libra. You might be tempted to do whatever it takes to attain it. Don't plunge ahead - this isn't the day for it! It might cause problems. Go to a romantic movie or read a racy novel. Seek what you want in a few days. You should have better results by then!



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Someone you're very fond of could be in a difficult mood today. Don't let your sensitivity get the better of you, Scorpio. Don't take offense at what this person may say in frustration. Intuit what they're feeling and be your usual compassionate self. This could strengthen your relationship and make you feel good, too.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

An unexpected meeting with a friend could leave you sensing some strong emotions that your friend is experiencing. These could be unsettling, Sagittarius, so be prepared. Increased psychic awareness could cause you to pick up the thoughts and feelings of others more strongly than usual. This should increase your understanding of the person, but be careful not to reveal this understanding unless asked. It might prove too much for your friend right now.



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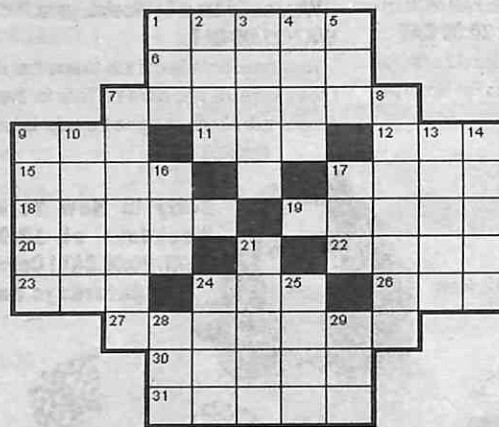
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PUZZLE CHOICE X WORD 20



Down

1. Pinch (3)
2. Ellipse (4)
3. Medium of exchange (5)
4. Song for solo voice (4)
5. Staining substance (3)
7. Equivalent word (7)
8. Fretwork (7)
9. Adhere (5)
10. Food processed in a blender (5)
13. Stringed instrument (5)
14. Woolen fabric (5)
16. Colony insect (3)
17. Be seated (3)
21. Contrapuntal piece of music (5)
24. Look at with amorous intentions (4)
25. Uncommon (4)
28. Astern (3)
29. Make lacework by knotting or looping (3)

Across

1. Wanderer (5)
6. Off-white (5)
7. Breed of dog (7)
9. Secret agent (3)
11. Pasture (3)
12. Subdivision of a play (3)
15. Large fish (4)
17. Cook slowly in liquid (4)
18. Satire (5)
19. Heading (5)
20. Part of a dollar (4)
22. Roofing material (4)
23. Tonality (3)
24. Paddle (3)
26. Payable when received, initially (3)
27. Tycoon (7)
30. Vegetation (5)
31. Dogma (5)

LOL Laughing Out Loud

FRIENDS WITH KIDS

I only have, like, three really good friends, and they get worse every year. And it's gotten to the point where I think they'd rather hang out with their own children than

hang out with me. Im like, Alright, but really, where's the loyalty, man? I've known you for 25 years. How long have you known your baby — like a month? Alright, Judas, whatever.

DID YOU KNOW

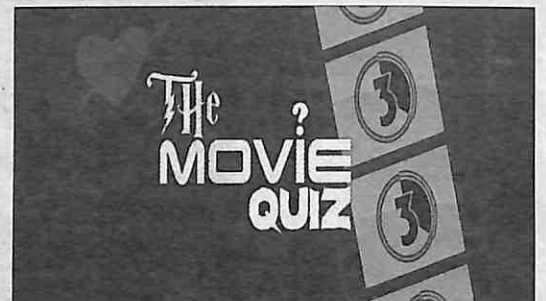
1. Cleopatra had a special lipstick made for her, consisting of a crushed mixture of ants and deep red carmine beetles.

2. "Jay" was slang for "foolish person." So when a pedestrian ignored street signs, he was a "jaywalker."

3. Golf legend Jack Nicklaus earned his nickname, the Golden Bear, thanks to his size and blond hair. Conveniently, it was also the name of his high school mascot.

4. Ada Lovelace, the daughter of poet Lord Byron, wrote the first algorithm created specifically for a machine.

MOVIE QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Thursday's Quiz

1. What year was Forrest Gump released? Answer: B. 1994

Today's Quiz

1. Which 90's movie featured the Looney Tunes on its soundtrack? Answers: A. Space Jam B. Jim Star



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WHAT'S HOT ON DSTV THIS MONTH



Impact of Murder | Thursday at 21:00 CAT

Murder doesn't end with a killing; the devastation stretches far beyond, wreaking havoc in the lives of those left behind. This heart-wrenching series explores the extent of the horror through emotional victim impact statements by the witnesses and the families of victims, delivered to the killers in court. It's an emotional rollercoaster through the increasingly harrowing details of the crime itself, to the immediate impact as loved ones struggle to comprehend their loss. Through a victim's own words, this series offers a unique and poignant perspective on the collateral damage of murder. But it also shows how impact statements themselves act as a source of strength and empowerment when they stand up in court to address the killer who shattered their lives.



The Butcher, Brand New and Exclusive | Mondays 21:10 CAT

Throughout history, the skilled craft of the butcher has been essential to human survival. In early civilisations when food-borne diseases were claiming lives, it was the butcher with their precise tools and keen skills who warded off death. Today, there are thousands of people who continue this noble tradition but only a select few with the right expertise can be considered a "Master Butcher." Now, for the first time comes an extreme, high stakes competition where the best butchers battle in a showdown designed to put their knowledge, strategy, and technique to the ultimate test. With their sharp knives and even sharper skills, these butchers carve their way through painstaking challenges, use their expert talent to adapt to historical twists and reveal the fascinating secrets of the butcher's world.



Amazing Wedding Cakes S1 Brand New & Exclusive | Today at 18:05 CAT

This series takes viewers behind the scenes of four bakeries that make artistic wedding cakes. Watch as the bakers take on all challenges from opening a new shop, working with wealthy clients and satisfying unpredictable brides. The show follows each group from the initial meeting with the client, through the design phase, baking the cake

and assembling it, and the delivery and set up.

Four Weddings US S6 New Season | Wednesday at 19:00 CAT

Everyone has a different idea about what the perfect big day should be, whether it's a traditional white wedding, or something altogether more unconventional. Audiences throughout the world are addicted to watching the battling brides fight it out to claim a dream honeymoon for the best ceremony. If you thought wedding planning was stressful enough, add the element of competition and these stressed out bridezillas could turn extra nasty.

Marrying Millions, Brand New and Exclusive | Friday at 19:00 CAT

In Marrying Millions, we'll see what happens when disparate worlds collide and discover who has fallen deeply and madly in love and who has fallen in "luxury". From large age gaps to cultural differences, these couples will explore the wild, hilarious, and emotionally taxing journey of bridging the economic gap in the name of love. Not to mention the harsh criticism from the families involved.



Behind The Story S3 | Wednesday at 22:00 CAT

Pearl Thusi returns on BET Africa this month after a short production break. The riveting conversational show sees Pearl chat to more local celebrities about their lives like never-heard-before.



JEAN-CLAUDE VAN DAMME FAN MONTH - Street Fighter | Friday at 20:00 CAT

A man of muscle and skill, Jean-Claude Van Damme is featured in this month's Fan Month programme!



Just Tattoo of us USA S2, New

Season | 13 September at 21:30 CAT

Hosted by Nico Tortorella and Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi, How Far Is Tattoo Far? puts relationships to the ultimate test of trust by asking pairs of friends, family and couples to design tattoos for each other that won't be revealed until the end.



Crazy Rich Asians | Saturday 2019 at 21:00 CAT

Contemporary and fun, this acclaimed rom-com sees native New Yorker Rachel Chu head to Singapore to meet her boyfriend's family - who, unbeknownst to her, are all super rich elites.



Billionaire Boys Club | Saturday at 21:00 CAT

Dreams turn into nightmares in this drama based on an incredible true story. In early 80s Los Angeles, a group of wealthy young men find themselves entangled in a get-rich-quick scheme.



Lord of The Skies 5 | Weeknights at 20:00 WAT/23:00 CAT | Catch-up Saturdays & Sundays at 11:50pm WAT/ 00:50 CAT

Today: Tony calls Monica, and Victor answers the phone. Salazar and Esperanza are back together. The DEA continues to obtain information from Tala.

Woman Of Steel 5 | Weekdays at 20:00 WAT/21:00 CAT

Tomorrow: Doña Mecha tells Vicenta that she knows someone who could kill Teca for them. Almeida tells Alberto who gave the order to have him killed.



Betty In New York | Weekdays at 19:00 WAT/20:00 CAT | Catch-up Saturdays and

Sundays at 18:00 WAT/19:00 CAT

11 September: Marcela tries on her wedding dress, unaware that Ricardo can see her changing. Armando cancels his plans with Betty and spends the night with Marcela.



MUJERCITAS (LITTLE WOMEN) | Weeknights at 20:00.

Viviana has four beautiful daughters: Beatriz, Josefina, Mercedes and Amanda. The four are completely different to each other and, despite the problems that such different personalities bring to them, they would give their lives for each other.



SpongeBob Square Pants | Weekdays starting Saturday to 20 September at 15:10 CAT

Mr. Krabs turns the Krusty Krab into a jailhouse after Plankton breaks the law, but crime only pays for so long. Squidward gleefully switches jobs with a bus driver for an easy ride... until SpongeBob and Patrick climb aboard. SpongeBob gets in over his head when he volunteers to babysit Sandy's three nieces.



Friends Weekend Stunt | Weekends from 10:00 CAT and 17:30 CAT

Friends is back and we are celebrating in style for the 25th Anniversary of the Hit TV show Friends on Comedy Central. Tune in every weekend at 10am and 5:30pm to catch the best celebratory episodes of its reigning 10 years. (in conjunction with the Comedy Central Friends Central Perk Couch Tour SA!)



Huba | Weeknights at 20:00 CAT and

21:00 EAT

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Mizani Ya Ushambenga | Weeknights at 18:00 CAT and 19:00 CAT

The show focuses on our day to day Lifestyles and helps to demystify behavioural changes that have become a norm in our society and the two hosts bluntly sets the record straight.



Ekbibitu | Sundays at 20:00

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Zuba | Mondays - Fridays at 20:00 - 20:30 CAT

The story of Zuba continues, a story about love, trust, betrayal and revolving around an innocent, rural teenage girl who has to leave her family and education behind to do a maid's job with a complex, wealthy urban family where she falls for the young son of the house.

Landlady meets landlord | Fridays at 20h30 - 21h00 CAT

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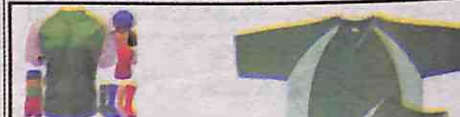
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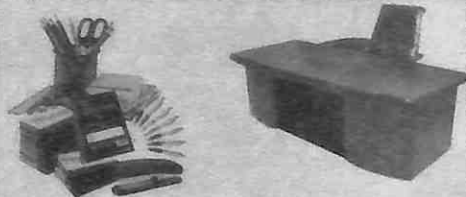
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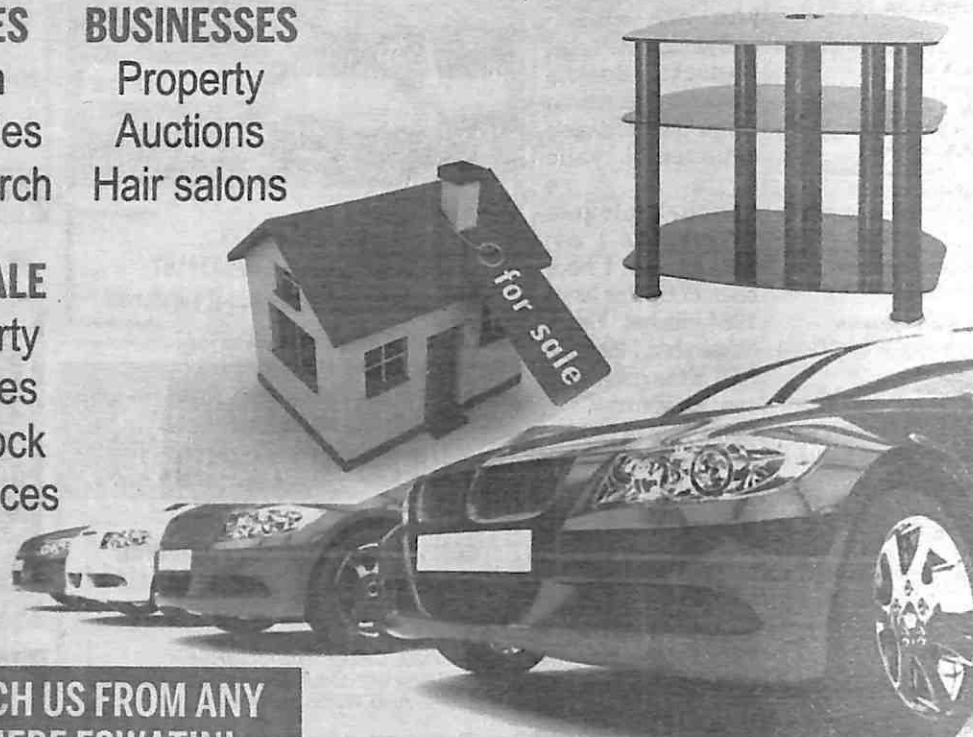
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He has his own opinions - Foden

MANCHESTER - Phil Foden has promised to let his football do the talking as he responded to Pep Guardiola's criticism that he needs more assertiveness.

Foden has been seen as one of the bright young prospects at Manchester City and with England, but has struggled for game-time with the Premier League champions.

Pep Guardiola recently declared Foden "a shy guy" and believes he should start showing more assertiveness like the more senior members of the City side.

However, Foden is not ready to change, and believes his football in training will prove he is ready for increased game time.

"He has his own opinions and I stick by how I am," Foden told reporters.

"I just know that I'm ready to play. I feel like I am. I try to show him every day in training.

"There is a bit of team-mates telling me to be patient but obviously I'm hungry and want to play now. I'm going to fight for it every day. I'm ready to play whenever."

Foden is currently with the England Under-21s, and started as his side fought back to defeat Turkey to open up their play in Euro U-21 qualifying.

The Man City youngster received high marks for his performance, and admitted he was hopeful his club manager was able to tune in to see.

"It will be nice if Pep watched the Turkey game but maybe he's taken a little holiday to play golf or something! I wouldn't blame him," Foden said.

"It's massively important to start with a win. It gives your team a boost; when you don't get off to a good start sometimes it can affect you.

"It's going to take a couple of games. We can already see the potential that the group has and we are only going in the right direction."

The England U-21 side are next in action today against Kosovo and Foden will return to Manchester City at the weekend to face Norwich in Premier League action.

Goal



Salah can match Messi if he becomes less selfish - Wenger

LONDON - Liverpool star Mohamed Salah boasts similarities to Lionel Messi and can become even better if he tones down his obsession with goals, according to Arsene Wenger.

The ex-Arsenal coach, who recently hinted at a possible return to management in the international arena, believes the Reds attacker's game is comparable to Messi's but is still missing a few crucial ingredients.

Aside from a few more goals, Wenger also stressed Salah has to learn when to go for goal himself and when to pass it to a teammate. "He's 20 goals away basically, if you want to be as concrete as possible," Wenger told beIN Sports.

"But he is similar to Messi. He must still find the consistency of Messi. I find him a just as good finisher but Messi is the complete thing - he gives the final ball as well and Salah is a bit obsessed now by finishing himself so that's a dimension he'll get certainly when he gets a little bit older. To find the moment when you have to give the ball and when you have to finish.

"I like him very much, he has huge potential."

In Liverpool's recent 3-0 win over Burnley, Salah was criticised after fail-



ing to pass to Sadio Mane in the second half when his fellow attacker was in a far better position.

While Salah is the star of the Reds frontline, Mane and Roberto Firmino have also been consistent performers for Jurgen Klopp's side with Wenger praising the Brazilian striker in particular for his selfless style of play.

"You forget the guy that sacrifices himself a little bit is Firmino," he said.

"Like Luis Suarez did for Messi and Neymar. A guy that works for the team, that works for everybody and gets them to shine.

"This piece of the jigsaw is very hard to find - a striker that is generous."

Since stepping aside from Arsenal in 2018, Wenger has avoided jumping straight back into management but admits he remains obsessed with the beautiful game.

"I needed longer than I thought to take a distance from what I did before. To really let it settle," Wenger said.

"I took a distance and realised I was living like somebody in a coma for 35 years and who woke up and saw something different in life other than just my club, my game and my work.

"I watch it still when I wake up in the morning - straight in my mind is football. My main interest is still there."

Goal

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Van Dijk agrees bumper new 6-year deal

LONDON - Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk is on the verge of signing a bumper new deal to commit the best years of his career to Merseyside.

The Ballon d'Or nominee and UEFA Player of the Year winner is set to be rewarded for his Liverpool performances which have catapulted the Reds into both European and Premier League contenders.

Van Dijk will receive a huge pay rise to north of £200,000 per week, vastly exceeding his basic £125,000-a-week plus bonuses deal, as report the Mirror.

The Dutchman still has four years to run on his current deal, though the recent world record acquisition of Harry Maguire by Manchester United has reportedly seen Liverpool thrash out a new deal to reflect Van Dijk's status.

After arriving only a mere 20 months ago in January 2018, Van Dijk has already played in

two Champions League finals with the Reds, and lifted the famous trophy in Madrid after victory over Tottenham.

He also played a role as Jurgen Klopp's side defeated Chelsea last month in Istanbul to win the UEFA Super Cup.

Liverpool paid £75 million to get their man, after seeing efforts fail during the summer prior when the club had to issue an apology to Van Dijk's former employers Southampton for their conduct. The fee made Van Dijk the world's most expensive defender at the time, eclipsing the then record £45 million purchase of Kyle Walker by Manchester City.

His time on Merseyside has already seen Van Dijk crowned PFA Player of the Year, while he is also tipped to edge living legends Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo to be crowned 2019 Ballon d'Or winner later in the year.

Daily Mail

Chiefs' flying start: Returning stars praised

JOHANNESBURG - Two Kaizer Chiefs players have been singled out for praise following the Glamour Boys' impressive start to the 2019/20 season.

Chiefs' Football Manager, Bobby Motaung, says that things are still 'work in progress' despite going unbeaten in their opening four games and heading to the top of the league,

giving special praise to Lebo Manyama and Erick Mathoho.

Manyama and 'Tower' came back into the side this season after missing big chunks of last season due to injury, and have started all four games as they picked up three wins and a draw in the opening month of the campaign.

Motaung, speaking to Chiefs' offi-

cial website, also praised the Amakhosi faithful, saying, "Things are looking great. It is work in progress though. It is still early days but very important to have a good start. Credit must go to our supporters for always keeping us in check. We are here to serve this badge and the supporters. We are grateful the supporters are voting positively by attending the match-

es in big numbers.

"We must also note some of our players return to play after struggling with injuries last season... Players such as Lebo Manyama and Mulomowandau Mathoho have shrugged off their injuries and already showing fine form early in the season.

"Remember there is Itumeleng

Khune as well who was injured for the better part of last season. He is declared fit to play now which creates good competition in the goal-keeping area."

Next up for Chiefs is an encounter with Polokwane City on September 14 as they look to continue their best ABSA Premiership start since the 2014/15 season. *Laduma*

ODG will never apply for Bafana job

JOHANNESBURG - Owen Da Gama has explained why he will never apply for the Bafana Bafana coaching job, which was recently given to Molefi Ntseki.

The Highlands Park coach reveals he never applied for the toughest job in South African football despite coaching in the country at all levels for years.

Da Gama has however sat in the Bafana hotseat as caretaker coach. "Look, I never raised my hand to be honest with you," Da Gama tells KickOff.com.

"I said if I'm called upon... I've never applied for a soccer job in my life. Even this Highlands one, never. So I wouldn't apply. Let's say for some reason or other somebody was not available and they asked me to step in, I would have done it. This is my country.

"But in saying that I had already recommended a lot of coaches before me. I think Gavin Hunt has achieved more than me, Pitso [Mosimane] has achieved more than me. You know there are coaches that have really done very well.

"So I never want to be... my time will come you know, if I'm good enough. But for now I'm very happy for Ntseki, and I'm just happy it's a South African. That's all I've been praying for."

Kickoff



Usuthu's plan to fix shocking start

DURBAN - AmaZulu General Manager Lunga Sokhela admits the management is concerned with the way the team has started the 2019/20 season.

The KwaZulu-Natal team are currently at the bottom of the Absa Premiership table with only one point from four matches.

Sokhela says as a club they are currently looking for all possible ways that could help them change the situation.

"I'm happy with everything, just not the results," Sokhela tells KickOff.com.

"But you know we all understands... so we need to work on that. We are all concerned, but in terms of the team we are happy with the quality of players we've got and the coaching staff. We just need to change our fortunes, that's it. Look I mean sometimes as well there is one thing that people always forget

in football. But I think you know we all need to take collective responsibility, not always want to point at the coach.

"I think as management, even players as well, we are all part of the same team. So we don't want to create a culture whereby when we win we want to be mentioned because we are doing a great job but when we lose we put everything on the coach's shoulders. We need to sit together and take a collective responsibility."

Asked how much support head coach Cavin Johnson was receiving from management, Sokhela was positive.

"He will always have our support. We've always supported our coaches in every step of the way. You see we don't like this thing of mandate, his mandate will always be to be number one," he explained. *Kickoff*

Banyana star debuts for Italian giants

MILAN - Banyana Banyana star, Refiloe Jane, wasted no time getting in on the action after signing for AC Milan, and was given a start not long after touching down in Italy to begin the most exciting stage of her career so far.

The 27-year-old, who has already made over 100 appearances for the South African national team, was last playing for Canberra United in Australia, but this week was able to finalise a move that saw her join the Italian giants before their 2019/20 season gets underway this month. Jane was handed a starting berth on Saturday by head coach, Maurizio Ganz, despite the fact that she was only officially unveiled as their new signing after arriving on Friday.

Milan went on to record a comfortable 5-0 victory over Napoli thanks to goals from Valentina Giacinti (x2), Linda Tucceri, Deborah Rinaldi and Sandra



Banyana star Refiloe Jane.

Zigic, with their new South African signing being deployed as a holding midfielder as part of a 4-1-4-1 formation, ahead of their opening Serie A game on September 14 against Roma.

Her move to Milan and first appearance in the famous black and red stripes comes at the end of a bittersweet week for 'Fifi' after she started for - and captained - Banyana in both legs of their clash with Botswana that

saw them lose on penalties to end their hopes of reaching the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in Japan.

The midfielder is the latest Banyana player to move to Europe after their maiden appearance at a FIFA Women's World Cup, joining the likes of Leandra Smeda, Janine van Wyk, Jemaine Seoposenwe and Letago Madiba playing over there.

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Juventus line up approach for de Gea

TURIN - Juventus will launch their most audacious attempt yet at pouncing for a player on a free transfer by opening talks with Manchester United goalkeeper David de Gea.

Serie A's most dominant side have a reputation of swooping for players with expiring contracts and, according to The Mirror, United's Number one is the next

man in their sight.

De Gea is in the final year of his present deal at Old Trafford and talks over an extension have stalled. If this remains the case by January, he would be free to discuss terms with Juventus.

De Gea is believed to be requesting wages

around £350,000-a-week to remain in Manchester but the club are yet to agree to the terms.

The Spain international would be considered an update on Juve's current first choice goalkeeper, former Arsenal man Wojciech Szczesny.

Juventus have signed Aaron Ramsey, Emre Can and Adrien Rabiot on free transfers in recent seasons.

Daily Mail



A TARGET: Manchester United goalkeeper David de Gea.

Andreescu topples Serena in US Open final

NEW YORK - Teenager Bianca Andreescu became Canada's first Grand Slam singles champion Saturday with a roller-coaster 6-3, 7-5 win over 23-time major champion Serena Williams in the US Open final.

The 19-year-old Andreescu became the youngest Grand Slam winner since Maria Sharapova at the 2006 US Open, handing Williams a fourth consecutive defeat in the final of a major to again deny her a record-equaling 24th Slam title.

Williams, 37, suffered a second finals loss in a row at Flushing Meadows, after a 2018 defeat against Naomi Osaka best remembered for a furious tirade against chair umpire Carlos Ramos.

Appearing in a 33rd Grand Slam final, and fourth since the last of her 23 major titles, Williams made an inauspicious start at Arthur Ashe Stadium by conceding her opening service game with successive

double faults.

Andreescu, who wasn't even born when Williams won her maiden Slam at the 1999 US Open, responded with a comfortable hold, a pattern that repeated itself until the Canadian threatened to run away with the opening set.

Serving at 2-4, Williams erased five break points with a combination of aces and booming groundstrokes but Andreescu was knocking on the door once more as the American served to stay in the set.

A forehand winner earned the youngster a set point, and Williams duly gifted her the opener with another double fault.

Andreescu had failed to even reach the main draw the past two years, twice falling in the first qualifying round, and her confidence continued to flow as she surged 2-0 ahead in the second -- Williams again doubled-faulting on break point.

The American carved out four opportunities to hit back the following game, benefiting from a huge stroke of luck when a forehand brushed the tape and trickled over to haul herself back on serve.

AFP

Poor effort 'inexcusable' - Serena

NEW YORK - Serena Williams is wondering when she will start playing like a 23-time Grand Slam champion again in a major final, calling her poor showing in Saturday's US Open final loss "inexcusable."

Williams fell to 19-year-old Canadian Bianca Andreescu 6-3, 7-5 at Arthur Ashe Stadium on the same court where she won her first Grand Slam title 20 years ago, nine months before Andreescu was born.

"I love Bianca. I think she's a great girl. But I think this was the worst match I've played all tournament. It's hard to know that you could do better," Williams said.

"Bianca obviously played well. I think her returns make me play better and put pressure on my serve.

"At the same time it's inexcusable for me to play at that level."

Williams had 33 winners but just as many unforced errors. She hit nine aces but misfired eight double faults and hit only 44 per cent of her first serves. She dropped 30 of 43 points on her second serve.

"I believe I could have played better. I believe I could have done more. I believe I could have just been more Serena today," Williams said. "I honestly don't think Serena showed up. I have to kind of figure out how to get her to show up in Grand Slam finals." Williams, who remains one Slam title shy of matching Margaret Court's all-time record, has lost the past two Wimbledon and US Open finals since returning after having a baby two years ago. *AFP*

'Coutinho turns Bayern into Champions League contenders'

BAYERN - Bayern Munich are among the favourites to win the Champions League this season following the arrival of Philippe Coutinho, Manchester City goalkeeper Ederson believes.

The 27-year-old joined the German giants from Barcelona on loan for the season, with Bayern reserving an option to buy him outright at the end of the campaign for around €120 million (£110m/\$133m).

Although the Brazil international failed to seal a regular spot in the Barcelona team in the 18 months following his move from Liverpool, he has made an impact in Bavaria after just two Bundesliga appearances to earn the admiration of his team-mates.

Star striker Robert Lewandowski has tipped the midfielder and winger to become one of their most important players this term, saying: "He

can be the key in important games, especially in the Champions League. He can give us that something special.

[Coutinho's presence] makes us more unpredictable, which makes us more dangerous." And Coutinho's fellow Brazil star Ederson is in agreement with

Lewandowski, as he believes a "great" team has been made even stronger

and could go on to win a first Champions League title since 2013.

"Bayern is always a great team.

Now with Coutinho they definitely belong among the title favourites for the Champions League,"

Ederson told Bild while on international duty this

week. *Goal*

Griezmann blames wife for missed France penalty

PARIS - Antoine Griezmann promised to work on his penalties having joked his wife's absence may have resulted in his spot-kick miss against Albania.

France won their Euro 2020 qualifier 4-1 as Kingsley Coman grabbed a double alongside goals from Olivier Giroud and Jonathan Ikone.

However, Griezmann was unable to add to the tally when presented with a first-half chance from the spot, his effort crashing off the crossbar and coming back into play.

Asked about his penalty miss, the Barcelona attacker said: "I don't know [what happened]. I don't know." As I said earlier, maybe it's because my wife didn't watch the game! "I was on a good dynamic but we can't score every time. Too bad, I'll have to work on it."

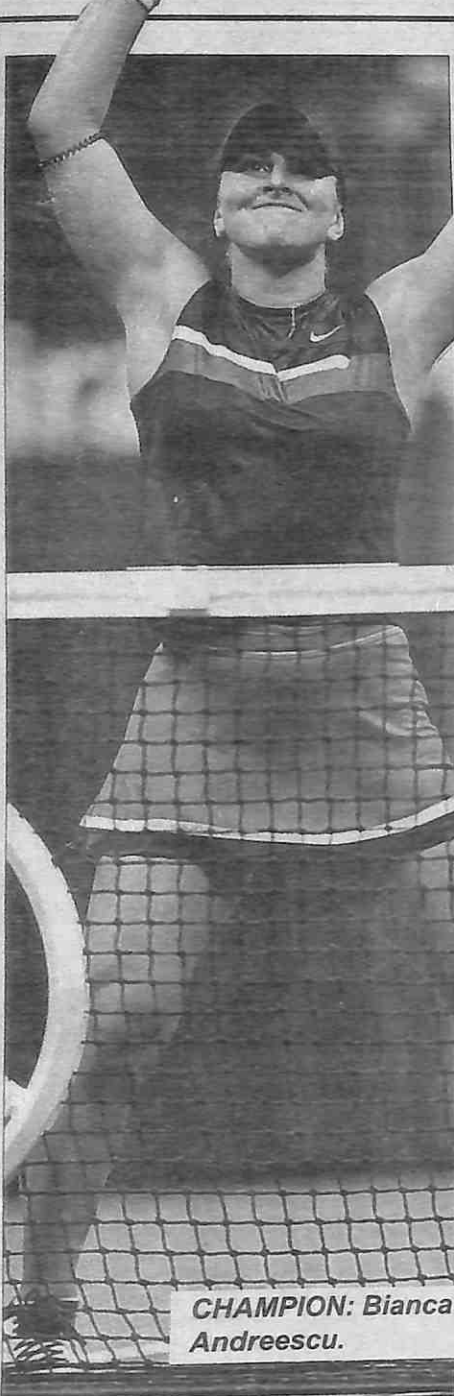
While the attacker was not impressed by his spot-kick attempt, he was delighted with the way his

side put on a convincing display to remain joint-top of Group H.

"We were missing important players, whether on the field or in the locker room," he said. "The players who played in their place did it very well. "We are on the right track and it shows that we are a group. We had a good game. We can only regret the goal we conceded at the end."

The clash in Paris was delayed as the wrong anthem was played when Albania lined up ahead of kick-off. Albania's players were confused over the airing of the national song of Group H rivals Andorra, with the correct anthem eventually played following a meeting between the referee and UEFA officials.

However, there was further embarrassment when the stadium announcer then accidentally issued an apology to Armenia. *Goal*



CHAMPION: Bianca Andreescu.

vice game with successive



INEXCUSABLE: Serena Williams.

STERLING TIPPED TO WIN BALLON D'OR

LONDON - Raheem Sterling is one of the top five players in the world, better than Neymar, and should be targeting winning the Ballon d'Or in his career - according to former Chelsea and Marseille forward Tony Cascarino.

The Manchester City winger put in another incisive performance for England on Saturday night, with a goal and an assist in the 4-0 Euro 2020 qualifying victory over Bulgaria.

Neymar made a goalscoring return for Brazil earlier in the week, netting in the 2-2 draw with Colombia after three months out with an ankle injury. But for Cascarino, Sterling has surpassed him in recent seasons.

"Who would you rather have: Neymar or Sterling? I'd have Sterling as a player," he told talkSPORT. "Try to ignore the antics that have gone on with Neymar off the field, I actually think Sterling's better on the field."

"His numbers are better and he's playing in a better team. I've seen



Raheem Sterling and Neymar.

Neymar do things that no other footballer can do in the game, like a 'Harlem Globetrotter' footballer.

"But if you want a player to be brilliant for the team and score goals at the rate Neymar can, Sterling's your man." Sterling registered more goals and more assists than Neymar from a similar position on the left wing last season, and lifted more trophies

as City waltzed to a historic domestic treble. He did, however, also play nearly twice as many games as the Brazilian, whose season was curtailed by injury problems.

Three years Neymar's junior at 24, Sterling's improvement in recent seasons has been remarkable, with many crediting City boss Pep Guardiola for his evolution as a player. His manager

has been keen to ensure the praise goes to Sterling, who he says could hit the 30-goal mark for the first time this season.

"I would definitely argue he's in the top five players in the world," added Cascarino.

"What excites me about Sterling is the improvement. The improvement has been dramatic.

Goal

Kosovo emerge as unlikely obstacle

LONDON - England are breezing through a Euro 2020 qualifying group featuring the fading soccer forces of Bulgaria and the Czech Republic but Kosovo, one of the newest members of the world soccer family, may be about to make their life tougher.

The small Balkan nation of 1.8 million inhabitants may be ranked 120th in the FIFA rankings but not even the powerhouses of world soccer can match their form over the past two years.

On Saturday, they came from a goal down to beat the Czechs 2-1 in front of a joyous crowd at the Fadil Vokrri stadium in Kosovo's capital Pristina and will head to Southampton tomorrow just one point behind Gareth Southgate's England side.

Incredibly for a nation only awarded FIFA status little over three years ago, along with Gibraltar, they are undefeated in 15 matches and have become the surprise challengers to England's Group A domination.

Kosovo's last defeat came against Iceland in October 2017 at the end of a chastening World Cup qualification programme in which they managed only one point from 10 matches but since then they have won 10 and drawn five of their matches.

Swiss coach Bernard Challandes's side began their Euro 2020 qualifying campaign with draws against Bulgaria and Montenegro but then scored a last-gasp winner to beat Bulgaria 3-2 away in June and their defeat of the Czechs lifted them to eight points.

Struggle

A nation that only declared independence in 2008 after decades of political struggle and a year-long war with Serbia from 1998-99, has taken huge pride in its soccer team and the dream of a place in its first finals is realistic.

Even if they fail to qualify directly, they have another backup option in the play-offs, thanks to an impressive Nations League performance.

While their first steps into international football were difficult with nine successive defeats, Albert Bunjaki, Challandes's predecessor, worked tirelessly trawling Europe's Kosovan diaspora in search of eligible players.

Many had played for other nations after moving away as children to escape a conflict which eventually led to NATO's bombing of the former Yugoslavia.

Challandes has reaped the benefit. Standard Liege defender Mergim Vojvoda, scorer of Kosovo's winner on Saturday, played for Albania Under-21s, while Swansea City's attacking midfielder Bersant Celina grew up in Norway.

Celina represented the Nordic nation until Under-21 level before switching when the door opened for Kosovo in 2016. **Goal**

Mkhitaryan scores twice as Armenia stun Bosnia

YEREVAN - Armenia captain Henrikh Mkhitaryan scored twice as Armenia stunned Bosnia with a dramatic 4-2 win in their Euro 2020 qualifier yesterday.

The win lifted Armenia above Bosnia in Group J as they moved into third place with nine points, three behind Finland. Bosnia are fourth with seven. The top two qualify for next year's tournament.

The game got off to a lively start as Edin Dzeko hit the post with a low shot for Bosnia before his AS Roma teammate Mkhitaryan gave the hosts a third-minute lead.

The midfielder collected Tigran Barseghyan's cross from the right before pushing it past goalkeeper Ibrahim Sehic and thumping it into the net. Bosnia hit back 10 minutes

later as Amer Gojak's inswinging cross found Dzeko who got away from the Armenia defence to turn the ball into the net.

Mkhitaryan, Armenia's record scorer, put his team back in front in the 66th minute when he provided an emphatic finish to a well-worked move, his 29th goal for his country, but Gojak levelled again for Bosnia four minutes later.

Mkhitaryan then turned provider as he supplied a perfect cross for Hovhannes Hambardzumyan to score at the far post in the 77th minute. Gojak could have equalised in stoppage time but volleyed wide from a good position and then Stjepan Loncar turned Mkhitaryan's cross into his own net to complete the scoring. **AFP**



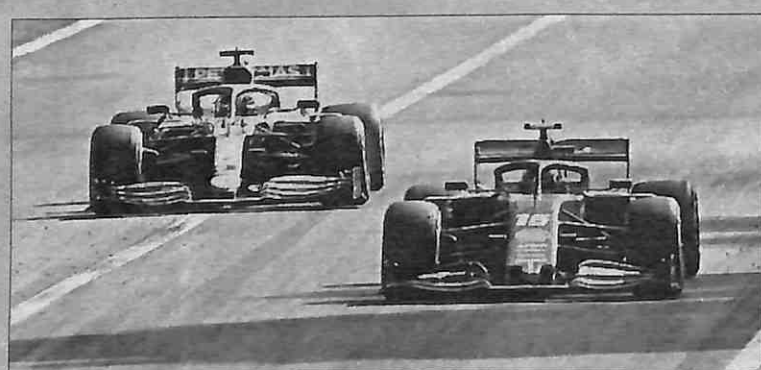
IT'S A GOAL: Henrikh Mkhitaryan.

Charles pips Valtteri Bottas to win Italian Grand Prix

MONZA - Charles Leclerc was harried and hustled all the way around Monza by Lewis Hamilton - but the rising star ultimately held on and ended up the triumphant hero of Ferrari and by extension of all Italy.

What a moment of jubilation it was for the ice-veined Monegasque, a 21-year-old in his first Italian Grand Prix wearing the most famous overalls in motor racing.

It was not easy, as we were saying, because he had the greatest driver in the world breathing right down his neck for most of this



sprint around the Temple of Speed. That meant he spent the majority of the 53 laps with no let up, just

an examination of his nerve.

He won for the second time in eight days, following his maiden

F1 glory in Belgium last Sunday.

It is not entirely right to say Leclerc was faultless. He ran straight on after locking up at the first corner on lap 36 but he wiggled back out in the lead. Hamilton was less than impressed, saying: "There's some dangerous driving going on."

The stewards decided - rightly in my view - that Leclerc gained no advantage and therefore let him race on unhampered by punishment.

As if to show that Leclerc's mistake was an understandable lapse, Hamilton also locked up six laps

later. He lost second place to Valtteri Bottas, his Mercedes team-mate, as he went round the bollards and back on to the track. It finished that way: Leclerc first, Bottas second, Hamilton third.

Hamilton, however, holds a huge 63-point lead over Bottas in the race for the title with seven rounds remaining.

Leclerc, who started on pole, held off a sustained Hamilton thrust in the middle third of the grand prix. The best of a long duel of machismo-soaked racing saw them side by side in the second chicane towards the middle of the action.

Daily Mail

SWAZI PLAZA NIGHT RUN 7KM



OFF THEY GO: Runners who participated in the Swazi Plaza Night Run 7km at the starting point of the race on Saturday, which was won by Melusi Khumalo (l) of UEDF. He scooped E7 000 in the process. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



WE ARE BACK: Runners crossing the finishing line.



TOP THREE: Winners in men's category posing with MP Mduduzi Matsebula, Swazi Plaza Centre Manager Nomsa Mhlanga, Minister David Ngcamphalala and race co-ordinator Tokky Hou after receiving their prizes.



WE FINISH: Yuta Kobayashi, Kim and Atsushi Marayama, all from South Korea, react after crossing the finishing line.



SENIOR CITIZENS: Veterans Peatrice Hlophe and Simangele Mahlambi accept their medals from Ngcamphalala.



WELL DONE: Siphocosini MP Matsebula presenting medals to veterans Ntuthuko Maseko and Lucky Bhembe.



TOP- PRIZES: Winners in the ladies category being awarded by Ngcamphalala. **RIGHT- JOY:** Busi Sithole opted to appear in this outfit.



SPRINTING: Athletes in full sprint.

RAFFLE DRAW



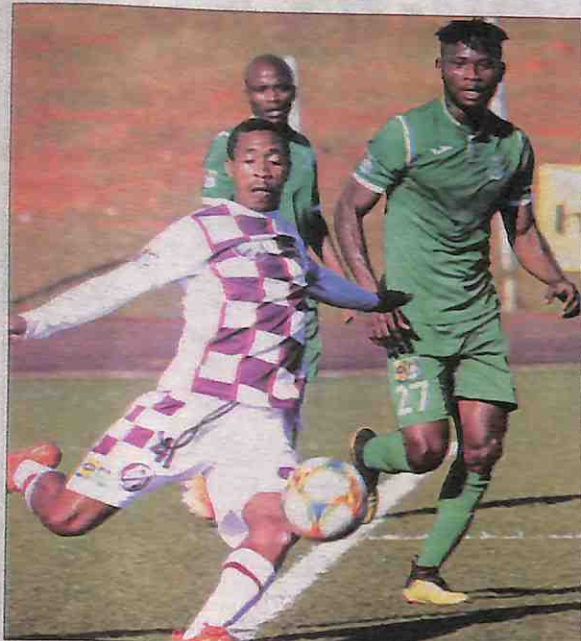
MORE MONEY: Golden Foot Club President Tokky Hou, Swazi Plaza Centre Manager Nomsa Mhlanga and Minister of Tinkhundla David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala conduct a raffle draw where 20 runners won E1 000 shopping vouchers each.



TAKE: One of the winners Futhi Masimula accepting her voucher.



MTN Premier League 2019/20



CLEAR: Manzini Wanderers captain Sihle Mkhonta clears the ball away from Green Mamba's Solomon Oladele during the MTN Premier League match at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday. Wanderers won 3-1. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

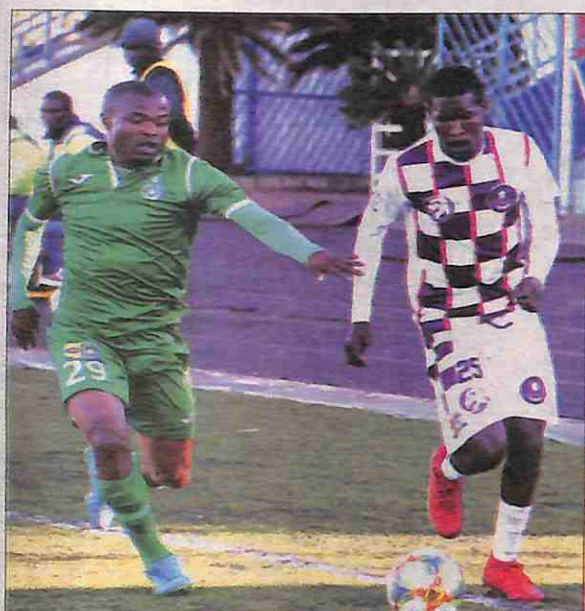
WANDERERS 3-1 MAMBA



3 ON 1: Wanderers' Mike Dombo dashes away as three Green Mamba players try to stop him.



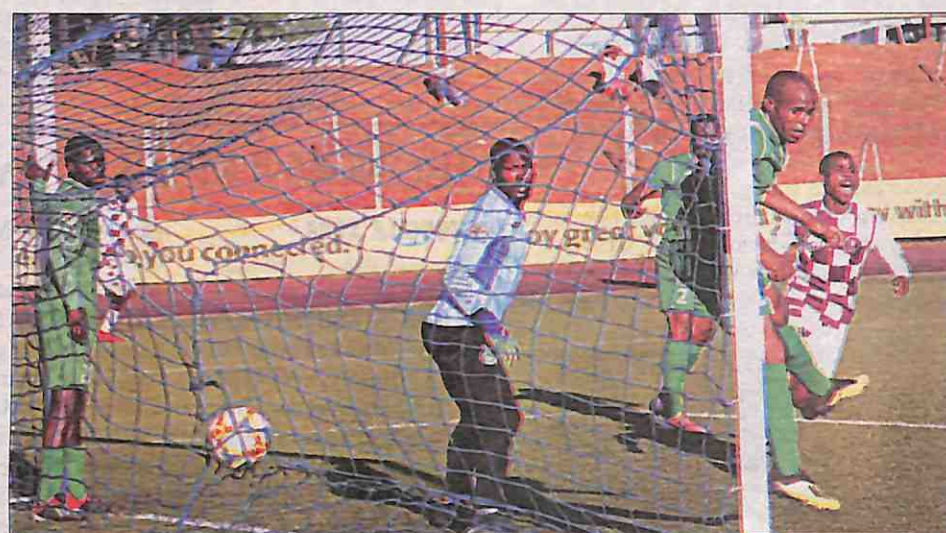
PUSHING: Wanderers' Abboudou Houessou and Mamba's Nja-bulo Thwala in a tussle.



MY BALL: Wanderers' Mancoba Maseko winning the ball from Green Mamba's Musa Dlamini.



FOUL PLAY: Wanderers' Johnson Mensah rough played by Green Mamba's Sanele Khumalo.



DONE DEAL: Manzini Wanderers scoring their third goal against Green Mamba.



TAKE FIVE: Wanderers second goal scorer Mpendulo Ngidi congratulated by teammates.



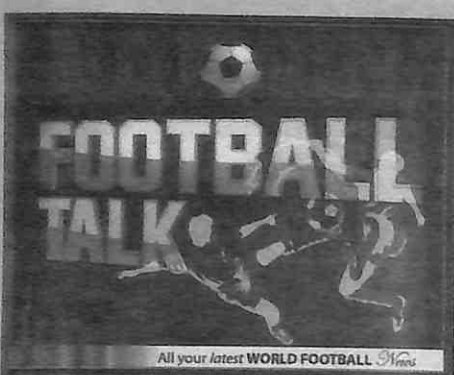
DIVING: Wanderers' goalkeeper Sandile Dlamini attempts to grab the ball from Green Mamba's Solomon Oladele.



MAHHALA WESELI: Sidumo Ngwenya (c) and other supporters sharing a meal after their victory.



MAHHALA HHA! Manzini Wanderers supporters celebrating their victory against Green Mamba.



United are close to finalising the appointment of their former Netherlands goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar as director of football. (*Sunday Mirror*)



Real Madrid will try to sign France striker Kylian Mbappe, 20, from Paris St-Germain next summer. (*Sport - in Spanish*)

Some Barcelona players offered their own money to help fund a move for PSG's 27-year-old Brazil forward Neymar this summer. (*Marca*)

Football agents have been told to be ready for Chelsea - under a two-window transfer ban - to do business in January. (*Sunday Mirror*)

Manchester City will bid for 24-year-old Inter Milan and Slovakia centre-back Milan Skriniar in January, with manager Pep Guardiola needing to solve the Premier League champions' defensive injury problems. (*Sunday Express*)

Virgil van Dijk, 28, has agreed a new six-year deal at Liverpool after the club moved to keep the Netherlands defender in the wake of Harry Maguire's £80m move to Manchester United. (*Sunday Mirror*)

Mexico striker Javier Hernandez, 30, would have stayed at West Ham for the remainder of his contract if Sevilla had not bid for him in the last week of the summer transfer window. (*Football London*)



Tottenham's France midfielder Tanguy Ndombele, 22, has been taking English lessons in an effort to integrate himself fully into life in London after his summer move from Lyon. (*Football London*)

Roma forward Edin Dzeko is looking forward to working with new team-mate Henrikh Mkhitaryan, after the 30-year-old Armenia midfielder joined the Serie A side from Arsenal on loan for the season. (*Corriere Dello Sport - in Italian*)

Juventus winger Juan Cuadrado, 31, will hold contract talks with the Italian champions. The 31-year-old's playing time has been limited under new manager Maurizio Sarri. (*Goal*)

England Under-21 forward Eddie Nketiah, 20, chose to move to Leeds United on loan from Arsenal to give himself a better chance to break into the Gunners' first team in the future. (*Mail on Sunday*)



Sevilla Manager Julian Lopetegui wanted to sign Spain defender Nacho Fernandez, 29, from La Liga rivals Real Madrid in the summer. (*Marca*)

MELUSI, THANDI WIN THIS YEAR'S SWAZI PLAZA NIGHT RUN

BY JONGILE XUBA

ATHLETICS—Melusi Khumalo and Thandi Sehohle won the men's and ladies 7km annual Swazi Plaza Night Run in Mbabane on Saturday evening.

The fourth edition of the competition which was sponsored at E120 000 attracted a large crowd of runners from professional to social athletes.

The Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) athlete Melusi Khumalo crossed the finish line first to win his second Swazi Plaza Night Run title.

Runner up was Joel Mmone from Nedbank South Africa who was followed by another UEDF athlete Sikhumbuzo Sihlongonyane came third.

In the women's category was won by South Africa's Thandi Sehohle.

Sekhohle was followed by Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS) athletes Samkelisiwe Tfwala and Sebenele Shabalala who came



FU: Some of the runners who participated in the 7km Swazi Plaza Night Run on Saturday.

second and third, respectively.

Interviewed after the race, the men's champion Khumalo said he was happy to have won another title after failing to win it last year. "It was a good race and I am happy with my performance. I ran well and it is good to win it again after taking it home in 2017," he said. The men's and women's champions took home E7 000 each for their efforts meanwhile the runners up got E4 000.

Third place was awarded E2 500 with fourth and fifth place

getting E1 500 and E1 000, respectively.

Swazi Plaza Centre Manager Nomsa Mhlanga thanked the presence of Minister of Tinkhundla Administration David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala and the participants for making the annual race a huge success. "We would like to thank everyone who made it out here this evening especially Minister Ngcamphalala for gracing our event. Congratulations to all the winners and we hope to see more of you in our lovely

SWAZI PLAZA NIGHT RUN PROVISIONAL RESULTS

Melusi Khumalo - UEDF
Joel Mmone - Nedbank SA
Sikhumbuzo Sihlongonyane - UEDF

Women
Thandi Sehohle - Boxer SA
Samkelisiwe Tfwala - REPS
Sebenele Shabalala - REPS

Biggest team - Swazi Stojos (63)
Oldest runner - Ernest Hellawell (73 yrs)
Youngest runner - Nkosizwe Nxumalo (6 yrs)

plaza," she said.

Meanwhile, Minister Ngcamphalala thanked Swazi Plaza and Golden Foot Club (GFC) for hosting the competition and emphasised the importance of keeping healthy.

"It is always good to see Swazi keeping active and attending such events because staying active is very important.

We thank the sponsors and organisers for yet another well planned competition," he said.

MBONGENI MABUZA WINS 2019 SITEKI OPEN

BY JONGILE XUBA

CHESS - MBONGENI 'Nimzo' Mabuza won this year's Siteki Chess Open which was held at the Grace Christian Academy School over the weekend.

The competition started on Friday and ended on Saturday with six rounds being played in a Swiss system format with time controls of 60/60.

Despite the drizzling weather over the weekend, over 15 local chess players braved the cold to compete in the annual competition.

The current national cham-

pion Mbongeni Mabuza played outstanding positional Chess which saw him amassing 5.5/6.

The young lad from Manzini Chess Club fought tooth and nail, drew against Club mate Candidate Master (CM) Sikhanyiso Sihlongonyane and went on to defeat CM Smilo Hlophe to take home the E700 first prize money.

Second position went to Sikhanyiso Sihlongonyane and CM Smilo Hlophe who received E500 and E400, respectively.

Top female player Nolwazi Nkwanyane finished fourth overall and further won herself best lady prize of E350.

Eswatini Chess Federation

(ECF) President Dumisane Msibi said the competition went well and further thanked all the participants as well as Grace Christian Academy School.

"We would like to congratulate all the winners and thank the participants for being part of this year's edition. We also would like to thank our hosts for allowing us to hold another successful competition at their beautiful school," he said.

The league which was on break for two months will resume on the 21st of September at the Free Evangelical Alliance (FEA) School at Helemisi, Manzini.

Zakhele wins another shooting tournament

BY JONGILE XUBA

SHOOTING - UMBUTFO Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) shooter Zakhele Sithole walked home with yet another title after winning the Eswatini Shooting Association (ESA) Individual Shooting Tournament held at Mzimphu yesterday.

The competition which was sponsored by the association had 46 participants competing in two categories namely the State and Non - state.

Zakhele Sithole topped all the other shooters with a score of 243 points to win the main competition.

Runner - up was Dumisa Bhembe who finished on 242 points and he was followed by Nhlanhla Sithole who finished third with a total of 241 points.

In the Non - state category Chicken Dlamini took home the shooting title scoring 228 points.

Fana Ngozo was the runner - up also on 228 points with Theminkosi Fakudze finishing third with 227 points.

In the women's category Gugu Gwebu, a UEDF female shooter was crowned the champion. She scored an impressive 213 points followed by Happiness Matsebula and Nobile Magongo, who came second and third, respectively with a separated score of 196 and 181 point.

Previous

Champion Zakhele Sithole said he was happy with his performance especially since he had improved on his previous score.

"I am happy to win another competition because this time I beat my previous score. Experience, dedication and lots of practice

helped me win today," he said.

ESA Secretary General Sifiso said the competition had gone well and thanked all the participants for showing up.

He said the tournament was held in order to give shooters practice after the long competitive break.

Competitive

"We saw some good marksmanship today in the competition and we thank all the participants for making it a success. We wanted to give members some competitive action after taking a long break," he said.

Next on the agenda will be the His Majesties Correctional Services Commissioner General's shooting competition followed by Letshego Tourney.

Dates for the upcoming competitions will be announced in due course.

Minister Madze off to Madagascar

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SPORTS - The Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries Bulunga yesterday left for Madagascar to attend the First Africa Ministerial Conference on the Kazan Action Plan for the African region.

The conference, which will begin today and end on Saturday, will be held under the theme, "A regional advocacy for healthy, active and competent citizens committed to consolidate peace and sustainable development in Africa."

Bulunga will be joined by other Ministers of Sports from fellow African Union members states.

The aim of the conference is to advocate for physical education and sport as tools for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and the AU Agenda 2063. Speaking ahead of his departure, the minister said he was looking forward to sharing ideas with fellow ministers at the conference.

"I am truly excited about this conference because it speaks directly to what we are trying to do as a country in terms of developing sports for the betterment of the lives of EmaSwati.

As many will know, we have just validated the National Sports Bill, a piece of legislation which will help us better regulate sport and also help in facilitating better resource mobilisation mechanisms. Through the Eswatini Sport and Recreation Council (ESRC), we also run the flagship program 'Shukuma Eswatini' which we are using as a ministry to promote healthy living among EmaSwati. So this conference will be important in helping us devise plans on how we can better what we already have," Bulunga said.

Bulunga is expected back in the country on Saturday.

DUNCAN NEW ACERS TENNIS TOURNAMENT CHAMP

STORIES BY COLISILE SACOLO

TENNIS - SOUTH Africa player Duncan Krisjan is the new champion of the first Acers Tennis Championship.

Krisjan managed to beat Bruno Nhavene from Mozambique by 6-4, 6-3 during the finals of the two-day competition played at the Olympi Africa Centre at Lobamba yesterday.

Acers Tennis Championship sponsor businessman Sibusiso Dlamini said they were happy with the proceedings of the first international competition.

"We are happy with the manner in which the competition proceeded as we saw players from five countries taking part in the games. This also boosted the economy of the country and we further congratulate the champion for his achievement. We hope to have a bigger and better competition next year."

Dlamini further thanked the Eswatini National Tennis Association for organising a successful tournament.

"We commend the association for creating a good environment which enables us as sponsors to market our business and continue to support the sport. We are very much appreciative to them. The new tennis court is very beautiful and even the players and supporters are very happy with it," he said.



CHAMPION: The 2019 Acers tennis international tournament champion Duncan Krisjan in action during the competition held at the Eswatini Tennis Centre yesterday. (Pic: Colisile Sacolo)

Meanwhile, Eswatini National Tennis Association President Maxwell Jele said they were happy that the tournament went well.

"We would like to thank the international players for attending the competition in their numbers.

This was a great moment for us as a country as we managed to host the games at our newly-constructed tennis centre.

We managed to see our strength and weaknesses which we hope to work on next year during the second edition," he said.

Bruce Gama happy with standard of competition

TENNIS - ACERS Academy captain Bruce Gama has praised the standard of competitiveness displayed by his players during the inaugural Acers competition played at Eswatini Tennis Centre in Lobamba.

The seasoned player commended all the players for great performances during the two-day international competition.

Happy

"We are happy with the standard of competition as players displayed great performances. We have seen a lot of players attending the competition from

other countries such as South Africa and Mozambique.

As players we are happy with the prize monies and we are grateful to the sponsor for their support to the sport," he said.

Thanked

Gama further thanked the Eswatini National Tennis Association for their efforts towards improving the sport in the country. "We are grateful to the association for what they are doing. The tennis centre is where players showcase their talent freely and it will also help produce and groom young talent for the country."

'We have promising junior players'

TENNIS - MEANWHILE, Gama believes the country has a bright future in the sport due to the numbers of youngsters who have joined the sport.

Gama says the country will soon perform well in the international scenes due to the great progress made by local juniors.

"I am confident we will soon become a powerhouse in the continent due to the great talent show-

cased by our juniors.

We need to continue guiding the youngsters in order for them to become future stars locally and internationally," he said.

Training

Meanwhile, four local stars recently attended an international training course in Maputo through the Memorandum of Understanding between Eswatini and Mozambique.

MEN'S SINGLES RESULTS:

Bruce W/O Sibusiso
Siyabulela 6-0,
Duncan 6-1,
Zito retired Armando

6-0 Khaya
6-1 Raymond

Bruno W/O Masiza

Malcolm 6-4, 6-1 Andrew
Derrick 6-3, 4-6, 10-4 Jamie

Edgar W/O Thandolwethu

Siyabulela 6-1, 6-0 Bruce
Duncan 7-6, 8-6, 6-1 Zito

Bruno 6-4, 7-6, 8-6 Malcolm
Edgar 6-2, 6-4, Derrick
Duncan 6-3, 6-3, Siyabulela
Bruno 6-4, 6-4 Edgar
Duncan 6-3, 6-4 Bruno

Men's Doubles results:

Armando/Jamie W/O Vanana Martin

Sibusiso/Santa W/O Thando Vusi
Raymond/Malcolm 62, 75 Armando/Jamie
Edgar/Derrick 6-3, 6-2 Sibusiso/Santa
Raymond/Malcolm 6-3, 6-4 Edgar/Derrick
Siyabulela/Sakhile 6-4, 6-1 Khaya/Livi
Siyabulela/Duncan 3-6, 6-3, 10-8 Zito/Bruno

MULTI Classic FC crowned Midas U-20 champions

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER - MULTI Classic FC were crowned Mbabane Midas U-20 knockout champions after defeating Hurricane FC 2 - 1 in the finals played at Msunduzi Sports Ground on Saturday.

Over 500 soccer lovers watched the knockout competition which started at the semi-finals where Multi Classic FC beat Aces United 4-1 in the first match. In the second semi-final, Ezulwini Aces beat Hurricane 4-2 to march on to the finals. The final was a tightly contested affair as Multi Classic managed to beat Hurricane FC 2 - 1 to win the title. For their achievement, Multi Classic received E1 500, a trophy and gold medals. Runners-up Hurricane FC got E1 000 and silver medals while the semi-finalists

took home E600 each. The finalists also received new soccer kits each from the sponsor as part of the prizes. Midas Marketing Officer Gcebile Vilakati said they were impressed with the great performances displayed by teams during the competition.

"We would like to congratulate all the winners and applaud the level of competitiveness we witnessed today. We thank all those who helped make the competition a success," she said.

Representing the Hhohho Regional Football Association (HRFA) was Secretary Nkosingiphile Shongwe, who thanked Midas for yet another successful year of sponsorship.

Results:

Ezulwini Aces 4-2 Hurricane
Multi Classic 4-1 Aces United

Finals

Multi Classic 2-1 Hurricane FC

JOVIAL: Multi Classic FC players and fans celebrate after their team was crowned the Midas U-20 knockout competition winners by defeating Hurricane FC 2-1 in the finals at Msunduzi Sports Ground on Saturday. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)



FINISH: Eswatini rugby national team Sizeze finished third in the African Rugby tournament played at Bocheletsane in Lesotho on Saturday.

Sizeze finish third in Africa Rugby tourney

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

RUGBY - THE Eswatini rugby national team Sizeze finished third in the African Rugby tournament played at Bocheletsane in Lesotho on Saturday.

Some of the countries that took part in the tournament include Lesotho, Mozambique, Congo, Burundi and Eswatini.

The local side was led by coach Steve Reynolds while Phasika Dlamini was the captain with assistant captain being Sibusiso Dlamini.

Worth noting is that Sizeze participated in the tournament for the first time since 2017.

Eswatini Rugby Union Secretary Bonginkhosi Dlamini, who was part of the travelling team, said the team did well even though the games were played under windy and cold conditions of Bocheletsane.

He said Sizeze were beaten 0-30 by Likatula of Lesotho in the first match on Saturday.

In the second match, the local side were beaten 5-12 by Mozambique. This, therefore, means that Sizeze finished the day without a win.

Yesterday, Sizeze showed a much great improvement as they lost 19-22 against the home side Lesotho, who were eventually crowned champions of the tournament.

Received

Sizeze returned home yesterday afternoon. The local side received bronze medals for their efforts. Mancoba Dlamini was voted the youngest player in the tournament.

Squad Manager Bandile Vilakati was excited with the performance of the team. He said the future looked bright in the rugby fraternity.

"I am so much impressed with the performance of the whole team. With time we can conquer the region. We just need to keep working hard."

RESULTS

EURO - QUALIFICATION

Georgia	0-0	Denmark
Switzerland	4-0	Gibraltar
Romania	1-0	Malta
Spain	4-0	Faroe Islands
Sweden	1-1	Norway
Armenia	4-2	Bosnia
Finland	1-2	Italy
Greece	1-1	Liechtenstein

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

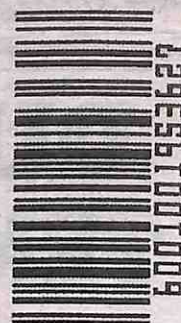
Lesotho	1-1	Ethiopia
Tanzania	1-1	Burundi
Equatorial Guinea	1-0	South Sudan
Sierra Leone	1-0	Liberia

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Wits name strong squad for 'Buffs' clash

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER - SOUTH AFRICAN side Bidvest Wits have named a strong 22-men squad to face local envoys Young Buffaloes in the 2019 CAF Confederation Cup tie on Saturday at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

The squad comprises of three Bafana Bafana players in Thulani 'Tyson' Hlatshwayo, Buhlebuyeza Mkhwanazi and Sifiso Hlanti, who recently competed in the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt.

Also in the list is seasoned Mozambican winger Elias Pelembe and Namibian midfielder Daniel Hotto, who also participated in the recent continent's showpiece with Namibia.

Travelling

Other notable faces in the 'students' team are two former Orlando Pirates players in Sameeg Doutie and Gift Motupa.

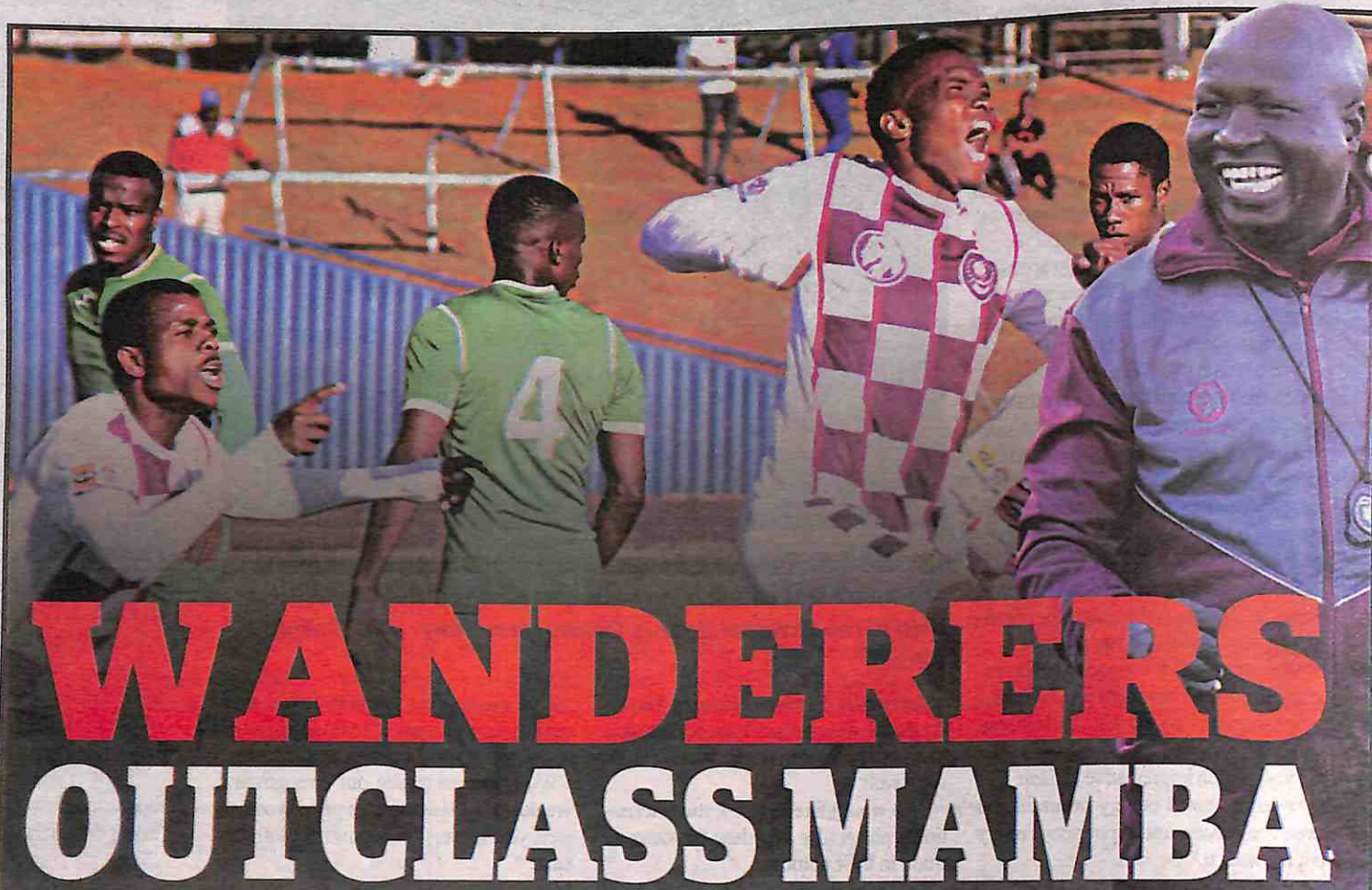
Wits Director of Football Roy Limongeli confirmed the list when contacted yesterday.

"We will be travelling with 22 players to Eswatini and we will arrive on Friday afternoon through the Oshoek Border Post. The team will be booked at the Royal Swazi Sun until Sunday afternoon," he said.

Meanwhile, Young Buffaloes Chief Executive Officer Sandile Gwebu said they were yet to meet to discuss the logistics of the upcoming international assignments when reached yesterday.

THE FULL SQUAD:

Peterson Brandon - goalkeeper
Goss Stuart Ricardo - goalkeeper
Zwane Siyanda
Hlatshwayo Thulani
Nonyane Lehlohonolo
Pelembe Gaspar Elias
Monare Thabang
Lark Carl
Domingo Moegammad Haashim
Hotto Daniel Deon
Hlanti Sandile S'Fiso
Nange Phathutshedzo
Mkhwanazi Wilson Buhlebuyeza
Alexander Cole
Dzvukamanja Terrence
Doutie Sameehg
Macheke Alton Zitha
Motupa Gift
Ritchie James Keegan
Macuphu Mxolisi
Mahangwahaya Ivan
Murray Simon Stuart



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Green Mamba..... (1)1
Manzini Wanderers..... (1)3

SOCCER - HUB giants Manzini Wanderers recorded their first victory in the league after beating defending champions Green Mamba 3-1 during an MTN Premier League match played yesterday at Somhlolo National Stadium yesterday.

Assistant coaches Mthunzi Ginindza and Nsindiso Gama led the team during the match following the departure of Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati last week.

Wanderers scored in the first three minutes but Sifiso Maseko's goal was ruled offside by referee Thulani Sibandze.

Two minutes later, the hub giants opened the scorers chart through Mike Dombo, who rattled the roof of the net from 35 yards, beating Thokozani Mkhulisi hands down between the goal poles.

Cameroon striker Laurent Abah nearly made it 2-0 but his shot went narrowly wide.

Moments later, Manzini Wanderers goalkeeper Sandile 'Onyango' Dlamini was called

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG:

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1. Swallows	3	3	0	0	10	0	10	9
2. Leopard	3	3	0	0	8	3	5	9
3. Highlanders	3	1	2	0	3	2	1	5
4. Green Mamba	3	1	1	1	5	3	2	4
5. Peacemakers	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
6. Black Swallows	3	1	1	1	6	4	2	4
7. Moneni Pirates	3	1	1	1	5	5	0	4
8. Wanderers	3	1	1	1	5	7	-2	4
9. Buffaloes	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
10. Malanti Chiefs	3	1	0	2	2	5	-3	3
11. Tambuti	3	0	2	1	4	9	-5	2
12. Sundowns	3	0	1	2	2	7	-5	1
13. Sea Birds	2	0	0	2	1	5	-4	0
14. Milling	3	0	0	3	0	6	-6	0

to make a great save by Solomon Oladele. At this stage of the match Green Mamba were pressing for an equaliser.

They finally found the equaliser 34 minutes in, through Mcolisi Mkhontfo after a defensive mistake.

The match went to break with the team locked at 1-1. Wanderers came back strong in the second half and it was no surprise Mpendulo Ngidi headed home the team's second goal in the 48th minute.

Sensing danger, Green Mamba coach Caleb

Ngwenya introduced veteran striker Musa Dlamini for Njabulo Magagula. The changes did not yield any fruitful results as the Correctional Services side failed to click.

In the 60th minute, Caleb introduced Banele Mdluli for Solomon Oladele while Wanderers brought in Johnson Mensah for Mpendulo Ngidi.

Headed

Wanderers scored their third goal 78 minutes in via the boot of South Africa-born defender Thami Zulu, who headed home a Mancoba Maseko corner kick to send the Manzini Wanderers supporters into frenzy.

Wanderers caretaker coach Mthunzi Ginindza introduced Mandla Palma immediately after the goal to close the game.

Green Mamba nearly scored in the 88th minute, but Mcolisi Mkhontfo shot from outside the edge of the box hit the woodwork with 'Onyangi' well beaten between in the goalposts.

Green Mamba player Sanele Khumalo was shown a red card for a second bookable offence in the 90th minute.

The referee ended the match five minutes later provoking a scene of jubilation with the Weslians singing nonstop.

...NYANGA BOUNCES BACK AT WANDERERS

SOCCER - FORMER Mbabane Swallows coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe has bounced back at Manzini Wanderers as head coach.

The news comes after the departure of Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati, who parted ways with the maroon and white outfit last week.

Assistant coaches Mthunzi Ginindza and Nsindiso Gama kept the fire burning and led the team to its first victory against MTN league defending champions Green Mamba.

Manzini Wanderers Chief Executive Officer, Sandile 'Ntofo' Dlamini confirmed that 'Nyanga' had rejoined them. He said they were happy to have 'Nyanga' back and thanked the team's supporters for being patient.

Excited

"We are excited to have him back as he will be leading the team this season. He is a reputable coach and we are hopeful he will take us to greater heights."

'Ntofo' did not disclose the terms of the deal between the two parties, due to confidentiality clause.

He then thanked the supporters for rallying behind the club through thick and thin. He urged them to continue supporting the team. 'Nyanga's appointment comes after he was recently deployed as a technical director by the capital city giants after Zimbabwe-born coach Honour Janza took over as head coach.