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LUCKY ESCAPE: These two vehicles collided at the intersection of Somhlolo and Gwamile streets in Mbabane where one of the vehicles was transporting five pre-school going pupils who luckily escaped unharmed yesterday afternoon. (Pic: Sifiso Dlamini) **STORY ON PAGE 4**

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DREAM SHATTERED: Dejected Sihlangu supporters in a sombre mood after the local side was booted out of the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers by Djibouti at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday after playing to a goalless draw. (Pic: Lucky Simelane) **SEE PAGES 41, 44**

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Monster father gets eight years for rape

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A 45-year-old man was sentenced to eight years imprisonment without an option of a fine after physically and sexually abusing his 16-year-old daughter.

*Sabelo of Ntandozi under Chief Masuku II appeared before Senior Magistrate Sindisiwe Zwane yesterday on charges of contravening the Children's Protection and Welfare Act of 2012, in that in November 2018, he wrongfully and intentionally assaulted *Dudu with fists, kicks and sticks several times all over her body with the intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Actually, Sabelo; an ex-convict faced three counts of same for also assaulting his two other children aged 11 and 7.

However, after medical reports of same and investigation of the matter of the other two children proved that the two had not been attacked in any way on the last incident, the father was acquitted of the two charges.

Worth noting is that previously, Sabelo had been convicted for the rape of a neighbour.

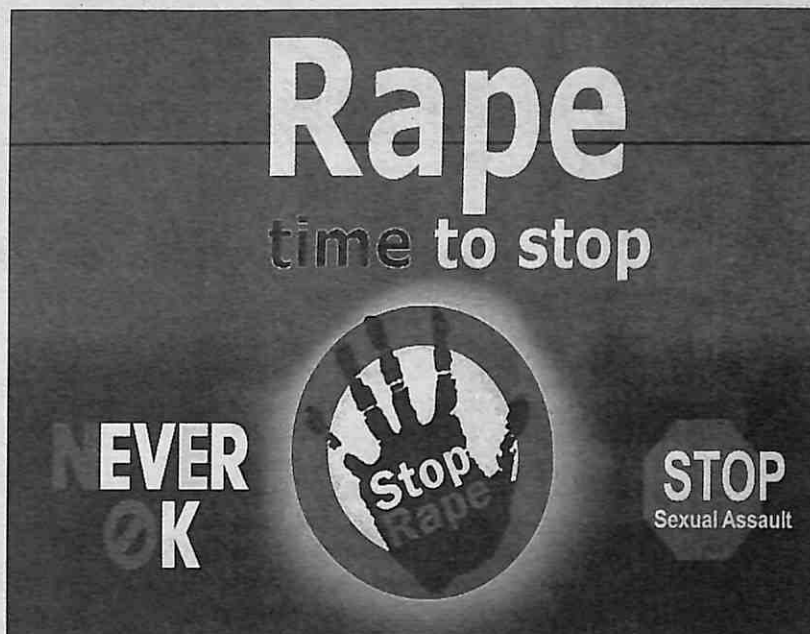
Information brought before court was to the effect that Sabelo was an abusive father to his children, especially the 16-year-old, in that he would beat them for no reason.

On the sexual abuse part, Dudu told the court that her father would sometimes wake her up in the middle of the night and demand that she undressed so that he could examine her to see whether or not she was still a virgin.

Dudu recalled one instance where her father demanded to examine her at night, but she was saved by her younger sister who is 11 years old, who woke up while she was still trying to remove her pants and underwear.

Then, Sabelo is said to have left her alone and went to bed in his shorts. Dudu is said to have been subjected to such abuse by their monster father whilst their mother was away at work in Malkerns. The children are said to have shared the same one-room house with their parent.

The abusive environment that Dudu was subjected to for the better part of her teenage life is said to have resulted in her running away from home. The girl is said to have resorted to running away from home to stay with relatives



at Boyane.

This reportedly affected her academic life in that her performance dropped since she had to travel from Boyane to her school near her home every day.

Evidence brought before court by an investigating officer was that Sabelo was a regular customer at the police station since at some point, the mother of his children had reported that he was assaulting the children for no reason.

Vomit

When abusing them, Sabelo is said to have demanded that they vomit the food that they ate, which he had bought.

Evidently, the children are said to have been found with bruises and cuts on their bodies since he was using fists, kicks and sticks to assault them. One of the children is said to have been bleeding through her nose as a result of the assault. From November 2018 till January 2019, the investigating officer said there had been reported cases of Sabelo abusing not only his children, but their mother too.

This evidence collaborated with one that was provided by a social welfare officer who said she had time to engage the children and the whole family on the abuse. In all that was said, Sabelo is said to have not denied anything.

However, when asked in court why he physically abused his children, Sabelo denied ever laying his hands on the children. He said he only threatened to beat them and their mother but he would not do it because they would run away from home.

"Their mother would return but Dudu would sometimes go for some days without returning home," he said.

He added that the offences levelled against him were not true, and that his only crime was to discipline Dudu for supposedly returning home late from school.

He said in his view, the child wanted to do as she pleased. He also cited that the children disrespected him so much that they would sometimes buy what they liked when he had sent them to the shop.

"I love the children's mother and we have no problems but this child is the only thing that comes between us," he told the court.

After the social worker delivered her evidence before court, Sabelo asked her if the child would never ever need his assistance because bringing him to court meant war. In her response, the social worker said Sabelo was expected to play his role of being a father in the children's lives regardless of whether or not he was taken to court for wrongdoing against the same children.

"Parenthood is a lifetime responsibility and you will be expected to still be a father anytime that the children need your help, support and protection," the social worker said.

Before issuing judgment, Magistrate Zwane said she frowned against the abuse of girl children by their biological fathers because they were the ones who had to protect them.

She said the abuse against women and children was a prevalent crime in Eswatini and that it was a serious offence.

For this, she sentenced Sabelo to eight years imprisonment without an option of a fine.

* Not their real names

Booze, cigarettes levy increases

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

BOOZE lovers and smokers should brace themselves for an increase in their favourite drinks and pack of cigarettes as the Eswatini Revenue Authority Director General Dumsani Masilela has announced that the tobacco and alcohol levy kicks in from October 1, 2019.

In a statement issued, the director general said the Alcohol and Tobacco Levy of 2019, which provides for the imposition and collection of a levy on alcoholic drinks and tobacco products has been enacted and will be effective from October.

A levy is an amount of money that must be paid and that is collected by a government or a designated authority.

Masilela revealed that imported alcoholic beverages and tobacco products will be charged seven per cent levy, while locally-produced levy will be two per cent.

This levy will affect all kinds of alcoholic beverages other than traditional beer and all tobacco products. Worth noting is that on locally manufactured goods the levy will be collected on the first point of sale after the manufacturing process.

It is also stated that the levy will be based on the value of the product exclusive of the Value Added Tax (VAT), meanwhile value will be charged on the amount inclusive of the levy amount.

The commissioner stated that local manufactures will be expected to submit returns on their sales of the preceding month by the 20th of the subsequent month

"These returns should be accompanied by payments," he said.

While on imports the levy will be charged at point of first entry of the product into the territory of the Kingdom of Eswatini. The levy of these products will be calculated on the customs value, plus the amount of customs duty, excise tax and any other fiscal charge other than VAT.

It is no secret that when tax hikes are effected, retailers are then bound to increase prices. When this publication conducted interviews with different bar owners, they stated that they will indeed increase prices of alcoholic beverages.

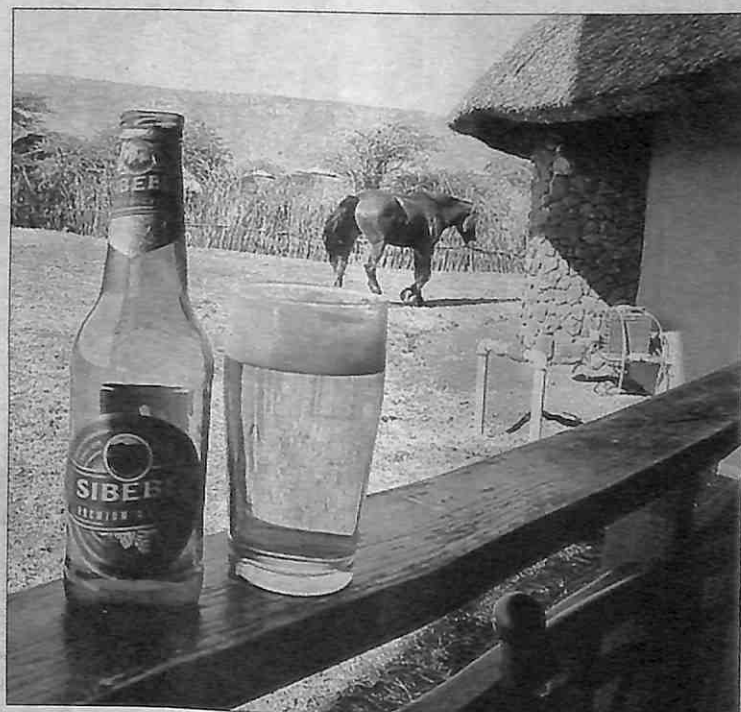
However, regular drinkers showed no plans of slowing down on their alcoholic beverages or tobacco products. Many people who were found in popular drinking spots said they will have to find means to fund their habits.

As the interviews were conducted, the publication discovered that some retailers use illegal crossing points to get alcohol and tobacco products into the country.

Some of the retailers show their concern that they will lose customers to illegal retailers, as they sell at a cheaper price as some of them use illegal crossing points. However, they said this could affect those closer to border lines.

Sibebe Premium Lager seemed to be the most popular beverage that will be enjoyed by beer drinkers since it is locally produced, therefore it is predicted to be cheaper.

Locally produced beers include Sibebe Premium Lager named after the Sibebe rock, but other beers are brewed as well, including Castle Lager.



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After university students' riot which resulted in campuses closure...

GOVT DOUBLES ALLOWANCES

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

FOLLOWING the outcry by university students over the E800 personal allowance per month, government has since resolved to raise the amount to E1 690 per month.

Tertiary students from universities and colleges raised their concerns over the amount proposed by government, as they insisted that it was too little and was not enough to cover their day-to-day expenses.

The outcry led to the closure of all tertiary institutions in the country, as the students resolved to embark on strike actions which subsequently led to vandalism of property at the UNESWA Kwaluseni Campus.

Government has advised students to reciprocate this gesture by taking education seriously and commit to raising concerns with due regard to laid down procedures and avoid resorting to vandalism, disregard of law and order.

In a statement issued by Ministry of Labour and Social Security PS Thulani Mkhalihi government warned students against taking irresponsible decisions by boycotting classes, which results in losing time on the minimum contact hours they are supposed to have with lecturers to retain credibility of their training and certificates they will hold on completion of their studies.

He revealed that this current year government supported about 13 000 students through the Students Study Loan Scheme, and this included about 11 900 students studying in local universities and colleges with the rest in international universities.

Mkhalihi mentioned that the direct expenditure that went to students study

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DOUBLE: Ministry of Labour PS Thulani Mkhalihi.

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“This is by no means a small amount of money that can be disbursed at once, neither by any other big chunks. It is in this regard that government has decided to disburse students study loan support in manageable chunks to institutions and students respectively,” said Mkhalihi.

He said the public, parents, students and institutions were therefore informed that students study loan support in respect of tuition fees would be paid directly to the respective government supported institutions. Students study loan support in respect of allowances for staying on campus lodging facilities would be paid as per invoice to the respective

institutions.

The PS also mentioned that students study loan support in respect of allowances for students staying off campus would be paid directly to the respective student's bank accounts or any of the official money transfer platforms.

He added that students' upkeep allowances would be disbursed in 30 days regular cycles over 10 months from the beginning of the academic year and such allowances shall be paid to students who have been duly registered as such by the respective institutions.

Mkhalihi mentioned that students upkeep allowances shall be computed as follows: On campus students upkeep allowances shall be paid to the institutions and these shall be in respect of accommodation, meals and personal allowance.

Off campus students shall be paid personal allowances amounting to E1 690 per student per month to cover accommodation, food, transport and personal allowances.

He further said all government sponsored students were required to sign an addendum to the Student Study Loan award accepting these allowances and the disbursement method.

Students should note that the study loan award agreements were individual and that government reserves the right to review the agreement if the student was deemed to be directly or indirectly disregarding or disrespecting the loan agreement.

...UNESWA re-opens tomorrow

THE University of Eswatini (UNESWA) is set to open tomorrow.

Following the vandalism of university property by students, UNESWA has banned students from holding night meetings.

Two weeks ago, UNESWA students resorted to unsavoury methods following a meeting they held at the Kwaluseni campus, where students from all three campuses had convened to deliberate on their concerns regarding government's proposed method of distribution of student allowances.

Following the meeting, students resorted to vandalising university property as well as students property. During the chaos, it was reported that the UNESWA book-shop was the most damaged building within the campus.

In a statement released yesterday, UNESWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane said Students, Parents and the Public are hereby informed that the University Senate resolved, at its meet-



ing held on Monday September 9, 2019 that the university should be re-opened for lectures on Thursday September 12, 2019.

Furthermore, all returning students should complete a readmission form making an undertaking by Friday, September, 13 2019 not to embark on class boycott/toyi-toyi, acts of vandalism, theft of property and intimidation of staff and students in future. In addition,

the Senate resolved that none of the Student Body meetings should be held at night anymore.

“Students who stay on residence are expected to be back in residence on Wednesday September 11, 2019. Students should collect the forms for readmission from Senior Assistant Registrar's Offices at Mbabane and Luyengo Campuses and Faculty Administrators' Offices at Kwaluseni campus,” he said.

Gold Diggers pyramid scheme collapses

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

MEMBERS of a pyramid scheme have been left sniveling after losing thousands of Emalangeni in a pyramid scheme which has collapsed just a few months after its establishment.

Five months ago, members of the public have been scrambling to join a get-rich-quick formation which was known as Gold Diggers Network (GDN).

Members joining the scheme were required to fork out a sum of E350 as once-off joining fee. Profits were made through recruiting more members into the scheme.

The operations of the formation befitted that of a pyramid scheme, where one can only make profits by receiving money from new members. This publication has gathered that the pyramid scheme has since disappeared, leaving hundreds of members without having received their promised shares.

These are mainly members who had recently joined the pyramid scheme. Speaking to this publication, one of the members, who only wanted to be identified as Dlamini, disclosed that he lost E600 to the scheme.

Dlamini said he was one of the members who were unlucky to have joined the scheme at a time when it was about to shut down.

He paid the mandatory E350 join-

ing fee and immediately started looking for members to join under his name.

Dlamini said he was lucky to get two new members, who subsequently joined under his name. Each of them paid him the sum of E350, totalling E700. As per the procedure, Dlamini paid off the sum of E600 to his recruiter.

“While I was waiting to receive an increased amount of money from those I had recruited, the whole system started collapsing, with members dropping out after getting into the second stage,” said Dlamini. He was eventually left with E100 in his pocket.

Several other members who confided to this publication shared similar experiences. Ironically, one of the members who claimed to have lost money into the scheme is a police officer.

The officer, who commented on condition of anonymity, said she had already reached the third stage when everything started falling apart.

“I was lucky to have managed to get my joining fee back, but I still feel sad for having paid off money which was supposed to have been my profit,” she said.

During a previous interview, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati sternly warned members of the public against participating in pyramid schemes.

Judge Abande at centre of Kai Kai shooting

BY NONGCEBO DLAMINI
Manzini

THE Industrial Court judge who is alleged to have been attacked by an ex-convict, whom he then shot in his leg in self-defence is Abande Dlamini.

Dlamini has been coy in being identified claiming that the matter is still under investigation.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Supt Phindile Vilakati can only confirm that the matter is still under active investigation and nothing has been concluded on the matter so far.

Judge Dlamini and some eyewitnesses claim that he was attacked by one Sithembiso Mngometulu who is currently admitted at the RFM Hospital.

Law Society of Swaziland Secretary General Thulani Maseko, when reacting to the incident, said members of the law society are also human beings.

Maseko stated that the misconception is that lawyers and members of the bench are mischievous.

“Fact of the matter is members of the Law Society are also human, and they make their fare share of mistakes,” he said.

Maseko mentioned that it was rather unfortunate that a person of such stature and who deals with the law found himself in such a situa-

tion. He further highlighted that lawyers and judges should be careful where they spend their leisure time with and with whom.

Maseko continued to state that the society would not be conducting any investigations, but will leave the police to handle the matter.

“Whatever the outcome that would follow after the investigations and the decision we hope it will be a fair and just ruling,” he added.

Maseko went on to state that it was unfortunate that this issue had to happen right after the Judicial Service Commission had mentioned that whoever finds themselves on the wrong side of the law, will suffer the consequence regardless of their title.

He stated that he hopes the judge finds comfort, but whatever judgement that will be given after the investigations would have been done fairly.

Maseko's comments come after the judge was on Monday reported to have shot Sithembiso Mngometulu at Kai Kai Holiday Park in the outskirts of Manzini.

The incident is said to have happened on Sunday night. Yesterday, the judge was quoted to have said he shot at Mngometulu because he acted in self defence.

Even the people who were said to have been at the scene at the time of the incident confessed it to be so.

Minors survive accident

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

With the frenzy of school opening day, five pre-school minors started their third term with a fright of their lives, as they survived an accident on their way back home from school.

The accident occurred yesterday at around 2pm.

The minors were involved in a collision when the motor vehicle they were travelling in, a white Toyota Noah SUV collided with a purple Honda Fit sedan at the corner of Somhlolo-Gwamile street traffic lights, near the Fincorp Building in Mbabane. However, only the Toyota Noah was occupied by the minors. Information gathered was to the effect that when the collision hap-



LUCKY ESCAPE: The two vehicles that collided in Mbabane yesterday. (Pic: Sifiso Dlamini)

pened, the vehicle which was transporting the minors was coming from the direction of Mdzimba Avenue to

join Gwamile Street and the Honda Fit was driving on Gwamile Street that connects to Somhlolo road.

According to witnesses at the scene, the five minors seemed unharmed and only one of them had a minor injury

which was suspected to have occurred when the two vehicles collided.

The driver who was transporting the minors promptly contacted their parents to alert them of the accident and one of the parents who happened to be close by, rushed to the scene to fetch the minor while the drivers waited for the traffic police to arrive at the scene to record statements.

Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the accident.

She however said when the police arrived at the scene, the minors had already been ferried by either their parents or another vehicle, as they were not present during the recording of the statements. She said the police were still conducting investigations to determine who was on the wrong between the two drivers. She also said the police would further conduct investigations to determine if the minors had not been injured during the accident.



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STATEMENT ON THE DISBURSEMENT OF UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGES STUDENTS' PERSONAL ALLOWANCES

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Principal Secretary

All systems go as schools open -ESWAPA

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

With the hype of school opening, pupils from around the country bid farewell to their holidays and returned to class.

Since the turn of the year, numerous principals raised their concerns regarding governments delay in distributing free primary education grants as well as Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC) grants.

Eswatini Principals Association (ESWAPA) President Welcome Mhlanga said it was all systems go as there were no issues reported by principals who were members of the association.

With regards to the distribution of the grants, they had engaged the relevant authorities concerning the matter. He said as an association, they engaged the Deputy Prime Minister's Office (DPMO) about the distribution of the OVC grants and schools from around the country started receiving the grants.

Grants

"As we speak, some schools are receiving the grants and those that have not received the grants are set to receive them soon," he said.

Ministry of Education and Training Communications Office Gugu Masuku confirmed that the ministry had already started distributing the free primary education (FPE) grants. She stated that the schools that had not received the grants had issues regarding their paperwork.

"Some of the schools had provided information that was inaccurate, which meant the process had to be redone as the funds could not be released until the paperwork had been aligned," she said.

With regards to the proceedings on school opening day, Mhlanga said members of the association had not reported any challenges. He added that they would be providing the association with information regarding any challenges faced and the issues would be dealt with accordingly.

He said as an association they were not in a fight against government and would engage government whenever they had issues to deal with and look for amicable solutions.

TAXI DRIVERS ROPED IN TO IMPROVE TOURISM

By **BONGUMUSA SIMELANE**
Mbabane

THE Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) has embarked on exercise of capacitating taxi owners to steer robust tourism attracting models and to make them ambassadors of the local tourism industry.

This happened yesterday during a workshop, which was organised by ETA, where taxi owners were taught on how they should preach and market the kingdom to its customers, especially those who are from outside the country. ETA CEO Linda Nxumalo said the workshop was a way of helping the country's tourism industry which would assist in turning around the economic situation of the country.

"Government is looking into tourism as one of the ways to change the economic situation of the country, as other developed countries like Singapore are doing," said Nxumalo.

She said they wanted to make sure that there was consistency in interaction with the country's tourists in many different ways using a wide variety of stakeholders of which taxi owners were



IMPROVING TOURISM: ETA Board Chairperson Nomsa Mabila and ETA CEO Linda Nxumalo following proceedings during the workshop which was held at Mountain Inn yesterday.
(Pics: Bongumusa Simelane.)

one. She said there were a lot of people that played a role in tourist's attraction and that went as far as immigration officers, police officers, hospitality industry and taxi owners.

She said every Liswati would need to be an ambassador of tourism so that it would be easy for tourists to come to Eswatini.

"Developed countries are far ahead

when it comes to economy just because of their tourism industries and as Eswatini, we are also gearing towards that direction of making the tourism industry a major player in the economy," Nxumalo said.

Paint

Meanwhile, ETA Board Chairperson Nomsa Mabila said the organisation said there were many facets of tourism

which were sometimes driven by the perception of the country by tourists.

She said a country that was having a high crime rate or political instability was prone to attract a bad perception from tourists and as Eswatini, there was a lot that needed to be done to improve the country's image in the international community.

Mabila made a reference to the ongoing

violence in South Africa, and said it was going to paint a very bad picture of the country to tourists. She said they were trying to send a message to tourists that Eswatini was a safe and peaceful country, hence they were engaging everyone in ensuring that the mandate was achieved. She went on to say that tourism had a huge potential in catering employment and in many sectors, which include agriculture and the manufacturing industry.


Equipped

"Tourism does not revolve only in the hospitality sector but involves other sectors that drive it such as agriculture, craft, and manufacturing. That is why we want to make sure that all sectors are well equipped and capacitated to ensure maximum tourists attraction," Mabila said.

In addition, Mabila said the products and service that were offered by the local tourism industry needed to be tailor made and packaged according to the tourists needs.

She said that would be achieved by the robust marketing initiatives that the organisation had in place, which included the Tekuvakasha radio show which aired on EBIS1.

"There are so many products we have as a country that are not marketable or else they lack the muscle to market themselves like others and that makes them invisible, while they are very important," she said. Mabila added that the radio programme would ensure that all these tourist attraction sites, hotels and lodges got the opportunity to market themselves to the world.



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MPs REJECT MAGONGO'S MOTIONS

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

IT seems as if some Members of Parliament (MPs) are out to fix Motshane MP Robert Magongo, as they feel he treats them badly.

The legislators on Thursday rejected two motions moved by the Motshane legislator. One motion concerned the Examinations Council of Eswatini (ECESWA) and the other one was on the ministry of public service. Magongo tried to reason with his fellow MPs to allow the motions to be debated, but the MPs would hear none of that.

This was a move that came as a shock to some MPs who were interviewed by this publication yesterday.

However, some felt Magongo had to mind his behaviour towards other MPs in the House of Assembly.

Some other MPs felt the motions were rejected simply because his seconder was not present in the House on Thursday.

Magongo was supposed to be seconded by Gege MP Musa Kunene on both motions. Magongo's attempts to see the motions being debated hit a snag even when he amended the motions.

He asked from Speaker Petros Mavimbela to rope in Zombodze Emuva MP Muzi Kunene as a new seconder on both motions.

Mavimbela could not agree without the leave of the House. He had to ask for the permission of the House.

When he did so, the House refused to allow the amendment to take place. The House had



REJECTED: Motshane MP Robert Magongo.

to adjourn because of that.

Sithobela MP Bhekithi Dlamini felt Magongo had to mind the way he conducted himself towards other MPs. Dlamini said Magongo had a tendency of looking down upon his fellow MPs in the House. He said Magongo should realise that he needed support of the very MPs he undermined.

The Sithobela lawmaker said Magongo would frequently remind other new MPs that they were newcomers and they had to allow themselves to be oriented by seasoned MPs on Parliament procedures. Dlamini said while this was true, it was not good because Magongo would say it in an intimidating manner.

Nkilongo MP Timothy Myeni was of the view that the motions were rejected simply because his seconder was not in the House.

When he was asked if he was aware that the motions were rejected because the other MPs did not want to give Magongo the support he

needed, he said if that was the case, Magongo had to learn from it.

Myeni said it was important for legislators to realise that they needed support of their fellow lawmakers in order for their contributions to be effective in the House.

He mentioned that sometimes, motions meant to be helpful to an MP's constituency would not pass because of that particular MP's behaviour.

In March, Myeni publicly stated that Magongo needed to keep his behaviour in check, as he was a menace to other MPs.

He said this in the House of Assembly, after Magongo had accused him of not being present in the previous sitting.

Shiselweni II MP Strydom Mpanza said he was equally shocked when the House rejected all the motions moved by Magongo on that day. He said he was still battling to find out

why such a thing happened.

When asked if he was aware that some MPs no longer wanted to support Magongo, he was shocked and said he was not aware that such could happen.

However, Mpanza said it was important for MPs to respect one another because they needed to do their work as a collective.

One of the female MPs, who did not want to be mentioned, said she only thought the motions were rejected because the seconder was not there. She was shocked when asked if she was aware that other MPs no longer wanted to support him.

She said she did not think that could be the case, especially because Magongo did this to everyone.

He did not mind who that person could be. Even the prime minister would sometimes be subjected to such treatment from Magongo.

MPs wanted to call it a day - Magongo

THE MPs did this because they wanted to adjourn early on the day.

These were the words of Motshane MP Robert Magongo when asked why his fellow MPs would do such a thing to him. Magongo said in his view, it was a matter of time and the MPs wanted to call it a day, as they wanted the House to adjourn.

When asked on the concern the other MPs had concerning his behaviour towards them, he vehemently dismissed that.

He viewed such as nonsensical because what he was doing in Parliament concerned the whole nation.

It was not just something that would personally benefit him, but would be beneficial to the whole nation.

Magongo wanted to move that the Honourable House appoint a seven-member select committee to investigate the alleged gross irregularities relating to the maladministration, production of result and other corrupt practices engulfing ECESWA.

Consequently, he wanted the select com-

mittee to table the report within 45 days of passing of the motion.

Regarding the second motion, Magongo wanted to move that Minister of Public Service Christian Ntshangase, in consultation with the relevant departments, should institute an audit of all government houses with the view to do certain things.

Among the things that had to be done, the motion wanted the minister to create a database of all government institutional and pool houses on a regional basis.

Magongo, through the motion, wanted the minister to make a list of the occupants of these houses against each house and the ministry/department for which the occupants worked.

The motion also sought to verify if indeed the occupants of the houses were government employees and evict all those found not to be eligible to occupy the houses.

The minister, if the motion passed, would be expected to table a report within 30 days of passing of the motion.

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Police looking for shebeen queen's murderer

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

DO you know the owner of the items in the picture?

If yes, then you may assist the police in apprehending a murder suspect on the loose. The owner of these items is a murder suspect who is wanted by the police in connection to the murder of Tizezile Mkoko of Mafutseni.

Mkoko was murdered at around 2am on Sunday while at her home with her children and brother. It is said that the man who broke into her house, supposedly with the intention of stealing, had it tough as Mkoko fought him.

It was then that the suspect stabbed her with a sharp object below her left breast. Mkoko is said to have fell on the floor due to the impact of the stabbing. This commotion is said to have raised concerns from her children and when they saw what was happening to their mother, they raised an alarm. The cries of the children are also said to have attracted the attention of Mkoko's brother who charged towards the house.

The suspect then panicked and he took to his heels, leaving behind a navy blue and white woollen hat, black backpack with powdered blue printing and a checked blazer.

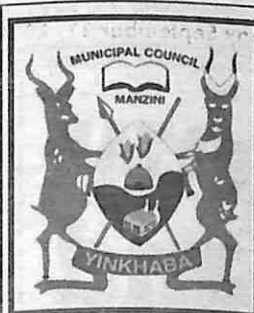
Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati appealed



EVIDENCE: The items that were left behind by the murder suspect who killed a shebeen queen on Sunday.

to members of the public to assist in the murder case by identifying the owner of the displayed items.

For any information, Vilakati said the public may contact 999/9999 or the Manzini Regional Crime Branch Officer (RCBO) Clement Sihlongonyane at 7612 7994. The Mafutseni Desk Officer Assistant Inspector Akhona Dhudhu may also be contacted at 7626 0105.



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MANZINI COUNCIL INTRODUCES 2-HOUR YARD-BY-YARD CLEAN-UPS

...residents urged to clean their yards every last Saturday of the month, between 6am and 8am

In response to the national Government's strategic roadmap in relation to keeping the country clean and in line with the national "Clean Eswatini Campaign" which was launched by His Excellency the Prime Minister Mandvulo Dlamini in July this year, the Municipal Council of Manzini is in the process of introducing a monthly clean-up campaign that calls for the active participation of residents.

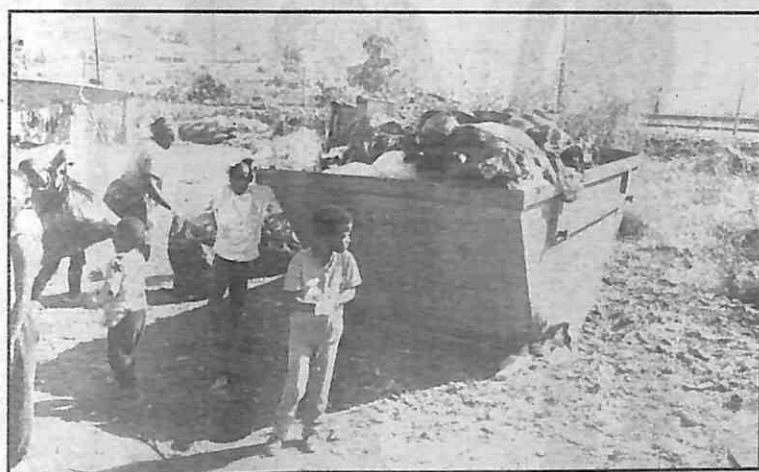
The campaign challenges residents to clean up their yards for at least two hours, between 6am and 8am, every last Saturday of the month. It is a way of inculcating the culture of environmental cleanliness at the household level. The campaign challenges the entire family members, from children to heads of households, to roll up their sleeves and clean their yards every last Saturday of the month; and this begins on the Saturday of the 28th September

2019. The clean-up exercise should also cover the frontage (road reserve) of the residence so that the entire vicinity is kept clean. The waste should be stuffed on waste receptacles (garbage bins or refuse bags) and placed by the road for collection. After 8am, Council will conduct a citywide collection of the waste using her refuse collection trucks. However, bulk waste which the Council refuse truck does not collect (such as scrap metal,

garden waste, old furniture, etc) will be collected on the last Friday of the month. Residents will have to contact Council's Community Services Department (2508 5030/2508 5074) on the Thursday of the same week, notifying it about availability of this type of waste. For construction waste such as rubble, as usual, residents are urged to arrange their own transport to ferry the waste to the municipal controlled dumpsite and they will be

allowed to dispose of it free of charge. Owners of vacant plots are also urged to join the campaign and ensure their properties are free from overgrown vegetation and that there is no existence of illegal dumps. Council encourages all residents to participate in this important campaign as we make moves to transforming our beautiful city into a litter-free zone.

...ALWAYS REMEMBER: LITTERING IS AN OFFENCE IN MANZINI



WHERE GARBAGE BELONGS...Mangwaneni residents who took part in the clean-up exercise disposing waste into a skip bin.

Residents and visitors to the City of Manzini are reminded that littering is an offence in the city. There are litter wardens who monitor and those caught littering are fined E50. Therefore, members of the public are urged to desist from littering by all means and, instead, make use of the available litter receptacles. Throwing litter out of a moving vehicle also fetches a E50 fine. Therefore, motorists are urged to speak to

their passengers against such practice as they begin their journey. Public transport operators are also urged to sensitise their customers against the bad practice. In that way we will be able to achieve a litter-free and tourist-friendly City of Manzini. There is a growing bad habit of people dumping litter on undeveloped plots, recreational parks, ravines and other open spaces that are not designated for waste disposal. Notably, some of these are people who do not live

within the urban area. Council would like to issue a reminder that, according to the Litter Regulations, 2011, there is a E5,000 fine to anyone caught committing the offence. Community members are urged to play their role and take pictures (including registration numbers) of vehicles that they find dumping waste in undesignated spaces. The photos can either be forwarded to Council (7802 3889) or the Eswatini Environment Authority so that the law can take its course. Property owners who are leasing their premises to tenants are reminded to make it a point that they provide receptacles for use by the occupants or visitors. There are fines in place against non-compliance. Organisers of public events and functions are also reminded that the law calls for them to liaise with the Local Authority towards ensuring that adequate litter receptacles are placed within the perimeters of the area where the event will be held. They are further urged to ensure the litter is removed and appropriately disposed after the event.



A CLEANER MANGWANENI...These Mangwaneni residents were busy picking the litter within their environment.



NGETE NGASALA...One of the residents of Mangwaneni picking up litter within the informal settlement during a recent campaign.



WE WANT A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT...This lady took the time to join a clean-up exercise which Manzini Council held within the Mangwaneni informal settle.



YINDZABA YETFU SONKHE...Other residents of Mangwaneni in Manzini hard at work against environmental pollution.

...PARKING IN MANZINI: ALWAYS STATE REQUESTED PARKING TIME TO MARSHALS

Motorists are urged to make sure they indicate the intended parking period to the parking marshal as soon as they park their vehicles in the city's paid parking zone.

made things simpler by introducing a sense of flexibility in that those who park up to 30 minutes are now able to pay E2.50.

However, if you know that you will be occupying the parking bay for an hour, please pay the E5. Clamping takes effect on expired parking time.

Even though the gazetted fee is E5 per hour, Council has

BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

ESWATINI Ambassador to Switzerland Zwelethu Mnisi has presented his credentials to that country's President.

Mnisi presented his credential to Switzerland President Ueli Maurer on September 5, 2019. Mnisi was accompanied by the Counsellor Philile Masuku. During his presentation, the ambassador conveyed cordial greetings on behalf of His Majesty King Mswati III, the Indlovukazi and the entire Eswatini nation.

Amongst other issues discussed was the challenging economic situation, wherein Mnisi assured the president that the Kingdom of Eswatini was doing all it could to ameliorate the situation through the establishment of a five-year strategic roadmap for economic growth and stability.

He also alluded to the fact that the economic challenges were not only affecting the country, but the whole Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

Ambassador Mnisi further spoke on the challenges of the high youth unemployment rate, wherein he also asserted that the youth constituted about 40 per cent of the population.

Therefore, there was a need to ensure that employment was created for them since this could exacerbate the challenges of high crime rates.

Conversely, he also highlighted a few areas of cooperation between the two countries, which included the area of natural resources, where he stated that the country had potential natural resources which still needed prospecting.

This would be an opportunity for the two countries to work together in extracting the minerals. Whilst this was the case, he howev-

Zwelethu Mnisi is now Ambassador to Switzerland



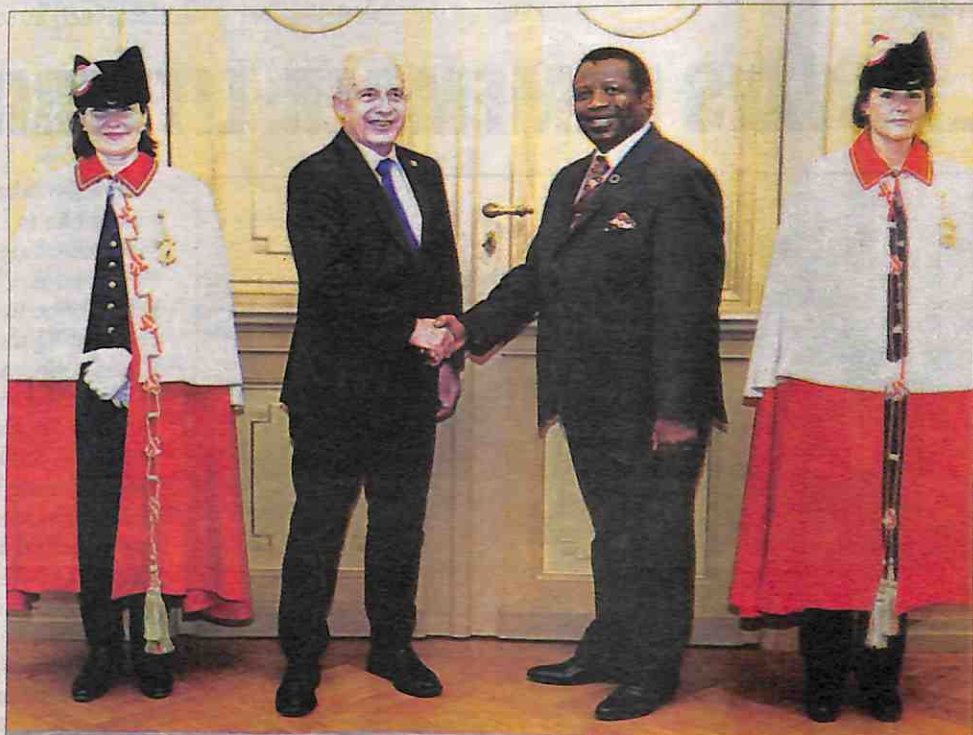
WELCOME: Eswatini Ambassador to Switzerland Zwelethu Mnisi presents his credentials to Switzerland President Ueli Maurer last week Thursday. (Courtesy pics)



LET'S TALK: Ambassador Mnisi and President Maurer in discussions.

er, acknowledged the environmental challenges that came with it, in terms of biodiversity and protecting the environment.

In response, President Maurer congratulated the ambassador for presenting his letters of credence and assured him of his government's support during his tenure, whilst also looking forward to strengthening the bilateral relations between the two countries.



TIES THAT BIND: Ambassador Mnisi and President Maurer shaking hands after the presentation of the credentials.

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HUNT: The participants of the two weeks course at Waterford pose for a picture during a scavenger hunt in Manzini where they got to see the town and interacted with the general public and small business owners.

UWC empowers 33 students on development issues

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

THE United World College has recently empowered 33 students from around the world on issues of development.

Waterford KaMhlaba has done this for the fourth year where the first short course was conducted in 2011.

The students were empowered to become effective and empathetic change makers through critical engagements with the concept of development and were helped to deeply understand the issues involved in development.

This year's participants got the opportunity to engage on and off campus with the local communities as this was a fundamental part of the short course which helps the participants to develop projects that they can implement in their own countries.

According to one of the facilitators of the two weeks course Thandolwethu Dlamini, the course followed United World College model of experiential learning as it was centered on interactive workshops, community engagements, guest speakers and field visits.

"This course that we had in the past two weeks had impacted immensely

on the participants as it equipped them with them to think critically, engage globally and become leaders in their own communities," he said.

The idea of this course is to expose the students to a wide variety of issues that pertains to development such as human rights, arts and creativity, environmental sustainability among others.

"Besides that we were able to take the students to have a brief exposure to Eswatini and we did that by conducting a scavenger challenge in Manzini where the participants liaised with different shop owners and different locations within the city," he said.

Opportunity

The participants also got the opportunity to visit different Non-Governmental Organisations and these included the likes of Kwakha Indvodza, Women and Law and Swaziland Action Group Against AIDS (SWAGAA) among others.

Dlamini mentioned that this year's course has been very impactful as the participants got the chance to interact with experts from various fields.

"We have notice a very warm welcoming form the organisations and the reception from the different communities have been overwhelming and

we hope that this will continue even in the future," Dlamini said.

He went on to say that the participants of the two week course will have access to resources that are only available to Waterford graduates.

He said the expertise that is usually provided by the different experts from various fields provide the participants with all the necessary skills ranging from economic, social and cultural skills.

He made an example and said that one of the local experts was from a research economist from ESEPARC and for entrepreneurship they had a local entrepreneur who runs a small business and his name is Philani Manse from Manzini.

"We usually try to balance the experts so that it can suit all the interests of the participant, because we know very well that it is not everyone who will be interested in economic issues or social development issues, so we try to ensure that we cater for every participants' interests," Dlamini said.

Dlamini said he was sure that the course will ensure that the participants are going to be champions of the different fields and they are going to make a significant change in their communities.



IN THE AREA: Some of the students who participated in the short course pictured at Malkerns where they spent a day interacting with the community.



WOMEN AND LAW: The international and local students also had an opportunity to visit Women and Law of Southern Africa offices.



ANTHEM: The Swazi students singing the national anthem during the opening of the two weeks course which was held at Waterford College.



ORGANISERS: The organisers of the short course who include coordinators and facilitators led by Siyabonga and Thandolwethu Dlamini.



LITFUBA NGELAKHO: The participants during one of the visits to Kwakha Indvodza Organisation.

Man in court for damaging ex-sibali's car

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Magistrate's Court

A man's anger at finding the mother of his child with an unknown man in her house pushed him to the edge, and had him taking it out on her brother's vehicle.

Narrating her ordeal as the prosecution's witness yesterday, Lindiwe Fakudze, who is a teacher at Saim Christian High, told the court that on the day in question she was conducting her regular study group sessions with her pupils.

"There were a group of pupils who attended the session and I was helping one of my male pupils when Mpendulo Zwane arrived in the company of his friends.

"He had come to take his bags, which he did and then left the house. He then re-entered the house, to which he suddenly lunged towards the pupil. A skirmish ensued, which caused chaos as my children reacted to the anger displayed by their father," Fakudze stated.

Fakudze further recalled that when she attempted to come between the two, Zwane overpowered her and I called her brother, who she informed about what was happening.

When he arrived, he found that Zwane and his friends were preparing to drive out. My brother stopped the car and asked that Zwane alight from the vehicle so he could talk to him. That was when the situation took a violent turn," she recalled.

According to Fakudze, when Zwane alighted from the car carrying a beer bottle, he proceeded to spray her brother with alcohol on his face.

"My brother retaliated by grabbing a pepper spray and sprayed it in Zwane's direction, to which Zwane then threw his beer bottle at my brother's car."

On the other hand, when he was given the opportunity to cross examine Fakudze's sworn statement, Zwane denied the allegations against him. "Your brother came charging towards me with a bush-knife before he used the pepper spray. Also, one of the neighbour's damaged his vehicle. I could not see anything after your brother sprayed the pepper spray in my eyes and there was no way that I could see anything enough to go as far as damaging your brother's vehicle," Zwane claimed. This was revealed during Zwane's appearance before Senior Magistrate Nonhlanhla Dlamini, where he stood accused of malicious injury to property, when he was found to have damaged John Philip Fakudze's Cressida vehicle valued at E14 540.

Zwane was said to have damaged the front passenger window and bonnet of the vehicle with a beer bottle. He was said to have committed the offence on June 21, 2018 at Mahwalala. The matter continues as it was postponed for September 23 for the continuation of trial.



ANGRY CUSTOMER SLAMS AGENCY FOR POOR SERVICE

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

A well-known property agency has been slammed by furious customers who claimed to have allegedly received poor service from the company after paying their money.

Different customers highlighted that they were unsatisfied with the services they received from the company. The customers also complained about how the agency was allegedly rude and untruthful when responding to their complaints. Some of the customers who spoke to this reporter gave different accounts of how they were mistreated by the agency.

Firstly, one young man who did not want to have his identity revealed, stated that in July he approached the agency in an attempt to look for an apartment in Mbabane.

The young man said he went to view one of the properties that were listed by the company. He said upon viewing the property, he was told that everything that was not functioning would be replaced by the time he moved in and therefore he paid a deposit.

"When I moved in I was not ready for a major shocker. The place was beyond filthy. The driver that was helping me move in was beyond shocked," he said.

By the time he moved in, nothing had been improved in the property, he said. In addition, a battle



between him and the agency started when he forced the agent to fix all the problems in the apartment, which included painting the unit.

The customer said he could not understand why the unit was not fixed as he had been told that an agent had inspected the place and was told it was in good condition.

Issues

"With the whole painting I reported a number of issues that they needed to fix, but because they already had the money they couldn't be bothered.

"There was a window that's tied with a rope. I also have a light bulb that is dangling off the wall. Wait for it, the shower tap gives an electric shock when I touch it. I've reported this and nothing has been done," he said.

He said the problem continued until the end of August. He said he did not expect what befell him at the beginning of September when he returned from work only to find his gate locked as he was told he did not pay any rent.

He called them, however he was told they were sorting the issue until it was dark.

Late in the night, he said he was told by the agent that it was not their fault that the gate was locked. "Basically estate agencies are cheating us and they are taking advantage of our desperation for houses," he said.

Another customer communicated that sometimes these people did not answer their phones or if they did they would not utter a word. The customer said they

even refused with their money when they asked for refunds.

She stated that she saw pictures of a house they were advertising and paid for it. She said when she moved into the house, it was nothing like the pictures they had shown.

When contacted at first their phone was not answered for some time and it was rejected. After several attempts to contact them, the lady that answered the phone referred the reporter to one of the managers, who denied all the allegations and said as far as he knew their customers were happy with their service.

In addition, the manager said they had to investigate the cases first before he ended the call, without waiting for the reporter to ask the rest of the questions.

Man dodges SODV 'bullet' as sentence wholly suspended

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A man was lucky to dodge the SODV Act bullet as his sentence was wholly suspended.

Delisa Nxumalo (34) of Ticanthwini had appeared before Senior Magistrate Sindisiwe Zwane on charges of contravening the SODV Act. Nxumalo was accused of intentionally assaulting his girlfriend, Nonduduzo Mbuyisa with fists and kicks several times all over the body with the intent to harm her.

The incident happened at Ticanthwini recently.

According to court records, the two lovebirds ended up at each other's throats after Nxumalo failed to give Mbuyisa some money for her to go to visit a salon. Leading to this fateful day, it is said Nxumalo telephoned Mbuyisa and asked her to visit him for a night.

Before Mbuyisa could respond as to whether or not she could manage to visit Nxumalo, she is said to have first asked him for some money so that she could go to the salon to have her hair braided. The boyfriend then asked how much would be needed and Mbuyisa said hair extensions



alone would cost around E100 since she wanted to do fish-tail braids.

Nxumalo is said to have promised his girlfriend that he would give her the money once she got to his place. Once this was out of the way, the two lovebirds then agreed that Mbuyisa would spend the following night at her boyfriend's place.

The fateful night arrived and all was fun and games until Nxumalo made sexual advances towards his lover. To his disappointment, Mbuyisa turned him down and said it was her dirty

time of the month. This exasperated Nxumalo and the two slept kappastyle on the same bed.

Town

Waking up with the same anger, Mbuyisa is said to have prepared herself to leave and Nxumalo also cleaned up as he said he wanted to go to town.

While on their way to the bus station, Nxumalo is said to have given Mbuyisa E100.

This did not thrill her so she asked for more. Since he was still angry about last night's incident, Nxumalo

told her that he did not have enough money. "I have already booked an appointment with the hairdresser, so I need more to pay for her services as well," Mbuyisa protested.

When Nxumalo ignored her, it is said she grabbed his t-shirt and demanded the money as promised by her boyfriend. Nxumalo's pleas for her to leave him alone are said to have been futile as she hung on to his t-shirt like her life depended on it. This is said to have taken a long time so much that passers-by watched them awkwardly.

The daunting stares are said to have added to Nxumalo's anger so he ended up hurling punches at his girlfriend.

In court, Magistrate Zwane said although Nxumalo went overboard in trying to get himself out of the situation but Mbuyisa was the one who instigated the assault. The magistrate said she was cognisant of the fact that Nxumalo was wrong in hitting his girlfriend but she also took into consideration the circumstances leading to the incident.

She sentenced Nxumalo to one year imprisonment with an option of E2 000 fine. The sentence was wholly suspended for two years on condition that he did not commit a similar offence during this period.



'VIOLENCE, CRIME ARE RESULTS OF MORAL DECAY IN SOCIETY'

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

WITH constant reports of violence and crime in the country, there is an increasing worry that society may be faced with a serious issue of moral decay.

This concern was raised by Senator Mkhululi Dlamini during the debate of the police first quarter financial report by the prime minister's office portfolio committee in Senate on Thursday.

The senator said there was an issue engulfing the country and he made an example that whenever one opened the local newspapers, they were often confronted with an article about the death of an individual. He said a majority of these deaths were not caused by accidents but they involved murder.

Since the turn of the year, there have been numerous stories regarding fathers killing their own children and men killing their wives, as well as wives killing their husbands in brutal faction. He lamented that there was something wrong with society as this was not normal.

Dlamini said as there were debates on increasing the number of police

vehicles and improving living conditions. He added that there was something much more important that had to be addressed. "There is something missing, our society is not normal anymore. The things that are happening now are strange and nothing like the culture of love and peace Eswatini was renowned for," said the senator.

He said the police were integral in maintaining peace as they were the first respondents to calls of criminal activity. He then suggested that the police needed to be capacitated in such a manner that they would be able to handle such cases.

He added that instead of resorting to the judicial system, there was a need for the police to be able to somehow identify special cases and referred the perpetrators to the relevant structures such as the psychiatric centre.

"There is a need to consider adding social welfare provision training in the police services training curriculum in order to allow them to handle a variety of incidents and avoid sending all criminals to jail as some may not get the help they needed," he said.

He said some of these crimes raised questions of how a normal person would commit them, which resembled a deeper lying issue with

society.

Eswatini Association for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (ESACRO) Executive Director Desmond Maphanga said this problem was very complex, as it went hand in hand with recent studies that have indicated there was a huge problem of inequality in the country and the gap or division between the rich and the poor was too much.

Crime

He said poverty was closely associated with crime and mental health. He said the issue of poverty and unemployment was a bigger issue that led to stress and depression, resulting in mental health issues.

He said some people who were faced with such challenges usually built walls of violence, aggression and impatience around them.

In instances when people were depressed, they normally turned to violence as a release mechanism for their depression.

He also added that this could be attributed to the challenges of rural-urban migration, where a majority of people resorted to leaving their homesteads and headed to town in search of employment, which was not even available.

He mentioned that what happened between the poor and the rich in

the urban areas, the poor normally felt worthless and inferior which was associated with inferiority complex. This in most instances resulted in people turning to violence and crime in order to attain money to be able to make a living.

Maphanga also associated poverty to femicide, where people within families were cash-strapped and resorted to violence since there was no clear structures set up that could offer the needed help. He said in most first world countries, the unemployed were given social grants to assist in making ends meet, however the local government could not afford such.

He said recently there has been a rise in diagnosis for conditions such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

He added that this was proving to be a concern as people were reluctant to seek the needed medical attention.

"This was the same issue that the nation was faced with during the early years of the HIV pandemic," he said.

He mentioned people were reluctant to seeking the required assistance due to the fear of being labelled mental cases by society which resulted in them acting out violently.

Family unit has disintegrated

ESWATINI Association for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (ESACRO) Executive Director Desmond Maphanga has said the family structure was no longer what it used to be, which has resulted in the youth behaving abnormally.

He said in the family structure of the past, there were defined processes and structures one would be able to go through in order to get the required help.

"In the past, there was a provision in every family of *lisango* and *lidladla* where both girls and boys would go to in order to get advice and guidance from their elders," he said.

He also mentioned that nowadays the youth are faced with challenges of unemployment and poverty and had no support structures to help them deal with these challenges.

In most instances they turned to their cohorts who offered them a false sense of security and offered them the wrong advice. He said due to this disintegration, the youth of today commonly turn to drugs which eventually led to committing crime in a bid to get money for sustaining their habits.

He also mentioned that in some homes, there was no more laughter and there was a constant state of tension due to financial difficulties and this also spread to the education system where teachers were stressed and depressed due to financial constraints and resorted to lashing out their frustration at the pupils.



Service providers should be properly trained

THERE is a need for relevant service providers to be capacitated and trained to ensure efficiency in service delivery.

Eswatini Association for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (ESACRO) Executive Director Desmond Maphanga said there was a need to investigate if the social welfare system and social workers were properly capacitated and balanced in ratio compared to patients and clients in order to be able to handle these cases as they were complex and needed special attention from well-trained individuals.

On the same note, Clinical Psychologist Ndo Mdlalose said the concern made by senators

was very vital. She mentioned that she did not have much knowledge of the police's curriculum or scope of work; but it was evident that the police are overburdened with social matters on top of crime issues.

"Sadly, most of these issues need a lot of patience, expertise as well as empathy. Most people report domestic issues, including marital problems or dealing with a defiant child, where the spouse or parent does not want to open a case but just need officers to help them to resolve their problems with marriage counselling or family therapy," she said.

She said this may be a bit too much for the police as they are expected to fix their problems

immediately yet such issues needed an eclectic approach.

These include mental health practitioners, psychologists, social workers, community leaders and many more relevant partners.

She added the police needed regular training on counselling skills, communication skills which included professional listening skills. Most people reported only not to be adequately assisted at the police station because they felt misunderstood.

"It takes a lot for an individual who is suffering emotionally and psychologically to open up and seek professional help. They have high expectations from the police to sort out their

problems with their loved ones without feeling judged, ridiculed or even arrested," she added.

She said there were numerous reports of people who were mistreated by the police. Men reported to be very embarrassing for them to report spousal abuse from their wives or partners. They stated to be made to feel weak, stupid and not man enough. Women too reported to be told off by counsellors and told how to submit to their husbands.

She also mentioned there also reports crimes of passion cases where the alleged perpetrator reported their problems, but were not adequately assisted; hence finding themselves with no one to talk to; ultimately committing a crime that was induced by anger, resentment and frustration. She added the police were mostly the first point of contact so they needed to be equipped in every way possible. Jailing the suspect is never enough.

EIPA 2019 stand



THE BEST OF THEM ALL: Kenneth Nhlengetfwa and Bongani Dlamini accept His Majesty's Correctional Services award for being best overall exhibitor.



TOUR: PM at Nyonikayiphumuli Savings and Credit Cooperative stall during the tour.



HOW CAN WE HELP YOU: FNB Head of Business Nozizwe Mulela receives an award from Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini for the first place in Innovative and Creative Industries category during the Eswatini International Trade Fair 2019 at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre on Monday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



THE WINNERS: Eswatini Post and Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC) employees in a jubilant mood while displaying their award they won in Hi-Tech Enterprise category.



EVERYWHERE YOU GO: MTN employees in a jovial mood while displaying their award.



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CREATIVE: The PM at the Limkokwing University stall during the tour of different stalls.



Eswatini Water Services Corporation staff led by Managing Director Jabulile Mashwama pose with the PM.



WE WON: EEC staff members showcase their award.



GROW WITH US, SITFUTFUKE NAWA: The EswatiniBank marketing team displays their trophy for being best in Financial Institutions (Banking & Non Banking).



EDUCATION FIRST: Macmillan being awarded by the PM in the Education and Information Services section.

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 (WorldVision 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

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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
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Pigg's Peak police man zebra crossings as schools re-open

POLICE officers from Pigg's Peak Police Station have resumed their early morning traffic controls along the local roads as a precautionary measure to ensure pupils are safe at all times.

This comes in the wake of schools re-opening for the second and last term of the year. In that regard yesterday, the police were seen conducting this noble cause along the zebra crossings found along the MR1 public road from 6am until 8:30am. When approached for comment, officers on site said the child marshalling programme was very important when it came to public safety of the young children who used the roads on a daily basis.

"Each and every year we have a new group of school-going children. These children are called new scholars who are very young and inexperienced in using the public roads. Many of these new scholars live far away from their parents, and are expected to use the roads unsupervised for the first time.

"In reality, these children still need adult supervision, hence we as police officers have the responsibility to teach these children about the correct way of how to cross the roads.

It is very dangerous for any adult to neglect these

children regardless of their ages, unfortunately the opening of schools means that traffic accidents will become common due to some motorists being overwhelmed by these scholars, who are not familiar with crossing such roads along these zebra crossings," added one of the officers.

The officers added that during the morning, it was always difficult for motorists to be patient with the scholars, as understandably so, they were also rushing for work.

Roads

"Young scholars often cross the public roads at the wrong place and not at the zebra crossings. The Pigg's Peak Town Council has repainted the zebra crossings so that scholars may cross the roads safely.

"Unsafe road crossings can cause fatal traffic accidents. When such accidents occur, the driver is often arrested and charged with negligent driving."

The officer added that as traffic officers, they always requested parents to assist their children while crossing the roads, particularly the first few days of school.

"To all scholars we have a very simple trick on how to cross the roads. First look to your right, then

look to your left and then look to your right again to ascertain if the road is clear before crossing safely to the other side. People should note that it's safe to cross the roads at designated areas, like zebra crossing," added another, who declined to have her name divulged since she was not authorised to speak on behalf of REPS.

When contacted, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that it was the responsibility of traffic police officers to maintain peace and safety along the country's roads.

"Public safety is the top priority for the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS), therefore I can confirm that the police have gone public to facilitate the child marshalling programme to protect our children from traffic accidents.

"We restarted the programme today (yesterday) as it is a continuous programme in the kingdom. The whole objective of the exercise is to remind motorists that schools are re-opening and pupils will be filled along the country's roads at certain intervals.

"With this in mind, motorists should remain vigilant



AT WORK: A Pigg's Peak police officer stationed at a zebra crossing controlling traffic yesterday.

at all times, especially in the early mornings. We would like to thank all motorists for respecting the rules of the roads and keeping traffic incidents at a minimum as this protects the lives of our children and other pedestrians.

"As police we are also concerned about the other pupils who also use the public roads. Lastly, we are also concerned about other road users like public transport operators, who need our marshalling as well," she said.

Pigg's Peak Govt Hospital receives another donation

SOFTSPOKEN Asian businessman Adnan Butt has donated a second consignment of rice worth E1 000 to the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital.

The donation occurred recently at the hospital.

Receiving the heart-warming donation on behalf of the hospital, Senior Medical Officer Dr Halid Mabono said all donations made a difference to the hospital regardless of size.

"We are very grateful to be receiving such a donation from a locally based businessman.

"Butt has been in the Kingdom of Eswatini for about seven years, however he recently moved to Pigg's Peak to operate his small electronic business known as Eswatini Phone and Sound. Ever since he moved to Pigg's Peak in late 2017, he has been making various donations to the local community and for that we are all very grateful to him.

Donations

As a hospital, we are asking other local businessmen to copy Butt and make donations regardless of cost because all donations come from the heart, thus they are all important to us and our many patients," he said.

Butt said he made the donation after visiting a sick friend who was admitted to the male surgical ward of the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital.

"During this visit, I noticed that the patients were not enjoying their food that was cooked by the hospital staff. I will not say what I saw them eating, all I saw was their disappointment on their



DONATION: Pakistan; businessmen Adnan Butt and Ami Muhammad next to Dr Halid Mabono and matron representative Nompumelelo Ngwenya at the Pigg's Peak Government Hospital recently.

faces.

"This state of affairs hurt my feelings and I thought I should help the patients. After the visit I went to town and bought rice worth E1 000.

I hope that the patients will enjoy the rice and I pray that they all get well to

enjoy their lives free of sickness," he said. Butt is the same businessman who donated bread worth E1 000 to members of the public who happened to walk past his shop on two occasions. Both donations received media coverage in all print media.

SODV ACT PROTECTS RIGHTS OF SEX WORKERS

CLIENTS who fail to pay sex workers for their services can face up to 15 years in a correctional facility for sexual abuse under the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act (SODV) Act.

The clients can also face fines of up to E75 000 in courts.

This was revealed by Social Welfare Administrator (SWA), Delle Dlamini, who was speaking publically at an anti-fire event held at Nginamadvolvo sports field recently.

Dlamini said members of the public should not fear the SODV Act as it was designed to protect the rights of all people regardless of gender, age, social standing and education.

"Members of the public have to understand that the SODV Act is meant to protect the rights of all genders male or female.

"In the past male minors were sodomised against their will because sodomy was not classified as rape in Eswatini.

"This was because sodomy often occurred between two or more males where rapes needed to involve a female in some capacity.

"In the past the term sodomy left local police with no authority to

arrest perpetrators as rapists even though forced sodomy is classified as rape in most Western countries.

"This confusion in terminology resulted in lighter sentences for men who committed forced sodomy. But now the SODV Act classifies sodomy as rape. This shows that the SODV Act protects the rights of men and boys from all sexual abuse," she said.

Dlamini added that police can now arrest individuals who fail to pay sex workers. "The SODV Act also protects the rights of sex workers regardless of their gender. If a client fails to pay a sex worker for any form of services, then that sex worker can report the incident to the police as sexual abuse.

"This will result in the police arresting the clients. It is important to mention that sex work is still illegal in Eswatini and we don't condone it but

the rights of women, girls, men and boys needs to be protected at all costs. The SODV Act is not our enemy it is meant to protect and not destroy our society," she added.



REMARKS: Social Welfare Administrator Delle Dlamini speaks at Nginamadvolvo recently.

8 YEARS IN JAIL FOR KILLING MKHULU (63)

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A 63-year-old man died a painful death after he was knocked by an over-speeding motor vehicle.

Petros Duma Matsebula of Ekudzeni died on July 8, 2019 after he was knocked by a Honda sedan that was driven by one Bongani Masuku (40) of Motshane at Nyandza along the MR18 Public Road. The accident happened at around 6 in the morning and Masuku was charged with culpable homicide.

Information brought before court was to the effect that the driver of the vehicle; Masuku, was over-speeding which was a major contributor for the accident to occur.

Negligence

His particulars of negligence include that Masuku drove without due care and consideration for other road users. He is said to have also failed to apply brakes on time, which resulted in him failing to avoid the accident that any reasonable driver would have avoided.

A medical report brought before court stated that the deceased sustained severe scratches and 11.2 centimetre cuts on his face, a 4.9 centimetre fracture of the cervical vertebra, and a torn spinal cord as a result of the impact of when he fell on the tarmac. It is said when

the vehicle knocked Matsebula, he flew and landed at about 30 metres away from where he was hit.

The medical report further states that since the knocking impact was huge, Matsebula had a fractured knee, cuts on his thighs and legs, as well as a cut scrotum that exposed his testicles. Evidence brought before court further suggested that the accident happened in an open road where the driver was able to clearly see everything before him.

Deceased

However, since he was over-speeding, Masuku is said to have seen the deceased, who was by the side of the road, beyond the yellow line but he still negligently drove his vehicle in a manner that resulted to him straying off the road towards the pedestrian who was with others.

In his defence, Masuku said the deceased was not on the side of the road but in it. Still, he said when he saw him in the middle of the road, he did not think of reducing his speed but decided to go around him in an effort to avoid hitting him.

When mitigating, Masuku pleaded with the court to be lenient with him as he was a father responsible for seven children and a wife. He said he had also availed some cash and groceries for the deceased's family to cater for his burial.

In response, Senior Magistrate Sindisiwe

Zwane asked why he did not think of the dependents of the deceased person when he decided to drive recklessly and further taking the life of an innocent man who was on the right side of the road and law.

Magistrate Zwane said traffic offences of this nature were dire and that the consequences for disobedient road users was also severe because there needed to be a reduction in accidents especially that ended with citizens losing their lives.

He was sentenced to eight years imprisonment with an option of E10 000 fine.

Evidence brought before court further suggested that the accident happened in an open road where the driver was able to clearly see everything before him

Serial shoplifter finally caught, gets 7 years in jail

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A 31-year-old woman of Siteki was arrested for shoplifting at Pick 'n' Pay Store in Manzini.

Neliso Mbhamali, who hails from a chiefdom under Chief Loyiwe Maziya, was arrested after committing the offence at Riverstone Mall.

Mbhamali stole grocery worth E1 599.36 and among the items was a pack of disposable nappies worth E279, 1kg Lactogen valued at E173, tablets worth E67, spinach to mention a few.

Information gathered was that when stealing the items, Mbhamali would go into the shop during the times that there would not be much customers and operating pay-points. As soon as she was inside the shop with a trolley, it is said Mbhamali would pick whatever she wanted from the store before going to the fruit and vegetables section because it is usually quiet.

Bags

There, she used the transparent plastic bags that are normally availed for customers to pack vegetables to load whatever she had stolen from the shop. It is said these would be used along other shopping bags that she would bring into the shop.

On her way out, the 31-year-old is said to have used a closed pay-point to wheel out her stolen groceries. On the day she was caught, it is said a security guard randomly asked for a receipt and Mbhamali failed to produce it. This is said to have attracted the attention of other customers and employees who were present.

It is then that it was discovered that she had not paid for the items.

After her apprehension, sources revealed that the woman was used to stealing from the same shop as when the CCTV footage was replayed she was seen stealing bags of rice which she managed to smuggle out of the store without being seen.

This incident is said to have happened last Friday, based on the time displayed on the footage.

Mbhamali is suspected to be a member of a syndicate that deals with shoplifting in Manzini. The woman appeared before Senior Magistrate Simangele Mbatha.

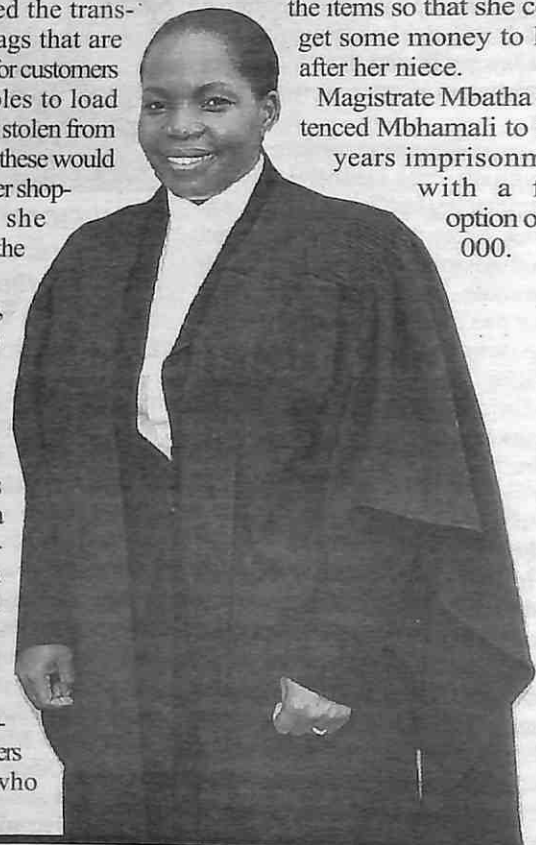
Stealing

When asked by the prosecutor why she was stealing because judging from the items she stole, she was not destitute, Mbhamali told the court that she was unemployed because she was diagnosed with cancer.

"My last employer fired me because of the odour from my cancer," she said.

Mbhamali went on to inform the court that she was going to resell the items so that she could get some money to look after her niece.

Magistrate Mbatha sentenced Mbhamali to four years imprisonment with a fine option of E7 000.



PRESIDING: Senior Magistrate Simangele Mbatha.

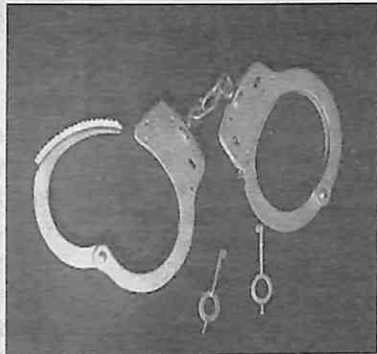
Man charged for raping lover at knife-point

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

IN a rather bizarre incident, a man has been arrested for allegedly forcing himself onto his girlfriend and raping her at knife-point.

Siyabonga Mabuza (23) of Makhlokholo is waiting to face the law after he was found to have raped his girlfriend, Bongiwe*.

Mabuza was arrested and charged with contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018, when he was said to have unlaw-



fully had sexual intercourse with his girlfriend.

According to his charge sheet, Mabuza was said to have committed the offence

at Makhlokholo on August 29, 2019. Mabuza was found to have wrongfully and unlawfully had sexual intercourse with Bongiwe, using force in the form of a knife, to induce submission, thus contravening the Act.

During his first appearance before Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi, Mabuza informed the court that he wished to conduct his own defence in the case.

This prompted the prosecution represented by Chris Sibandze to move an application for Mabuza to be remanded into custody pending the setting of his trial date.

MAN BREAKS INTO POLICE CAMP, STEALS FOOD

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE
Eswatini National Court

ESWATINI National Court President Chief Mabhedla Hlophe has sentenced a 44-year-old man of Msunduzi to five months in jail after he was found guilty of house-breaking and theft.

Lucky Mondlane was found guilty of unlawfully and purposefully breaking and entering into house belonging to Lindokuhle Vilakati with the intent to steal food.

The incident happened at Mbabane Police Camp on Sunday.

The accused pleaded guilty to the offence.

Vilakati told the Eswatini National Court that he was not related to the accused.

He also told the court that on Sunday while he was in his room at the Mbabane Police Camp, the accused unlawfully entered his house and tried to steal meat that was still being cooked.

"Your honour, the time was about 7pm and I was in my bedroom. I then decided to go to the line to collect my washing.

"At the kitchen, I then met with the accused who had unlawfully gained

entry.

He was standing in front of the stove with his one hand on the pot. He was trying to steal meat from the pot but I was able to stop him," said Vilakati.

Accused

Vilakati told the court that it was not the first time the accused had committed a similar offence.

He told the court that last year the accused tried to steal a bar soap and of bread through the window but he was caught.

"Your honour, I then forcefully tried to drag the accused out of the house.

"I then asked my sister who was also present to go out and look for help. My neighbour then called the police. I then went to the police where I reported the matter," said Vilakati. In mitigation, Mondlane apologised to the court. He told the court that he was hungry and that there was no one at home to give him some food hence he resolved to steal.

Apologise

"Your honour, I would like to apologise to the court. It was a mistake. I was enjoying alcoholic drinks with my friends and I then decided to go home and eat but unfortunately, there was no one at home.

My family members had all gone to church. I then went to the police camp, where I got tempted to steal. I then unlawfully entered the accuser's house.

Repeat

I will never repeat a similar offence and I ask the court to please give me a minor sentence," said Mondlane.

He was then sentenced to five months in custody with the option to fine of E400.

"Someone else might have added poison to Vilakati's food and killed him.

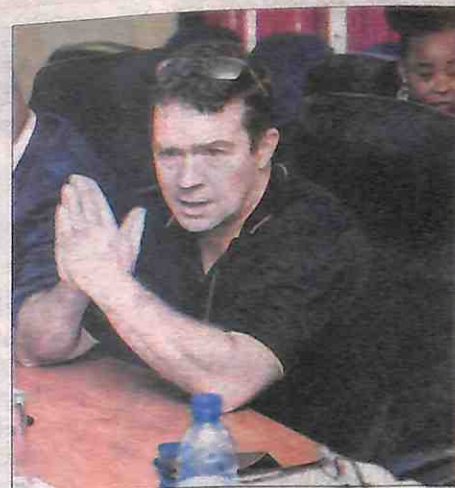
You should have at least approached Vilakati and asked for food instead of breaking in into his house."



WORKING TOGETHER: A section of the committee members and municipal council representatives who attended the courtesy meeting last Tuesday.



FAMILIARISATION: Ministry of Housing and Urban Development Representative Gordon Mbuli making his remarks during the meeting.



STRESSING A POINT: Ezulwini Town Councillor Darron Raw making a contribution during the meeting.

EZULWINI COMMITS TO RIGHT WRONGS OF THE PAST

BY SIFISO DLAMINI
Mbabane

The Ezulwini Municipality has assured the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development's House of Assembly Portfolio Committee that it will deal with any internal challenges it may face by always working in unity and within the law.

The parliament committee paid a courtesy call on the Ezulwini Municipality last Tuesday. The committee, led by its Chairperson Manzini South Member of Parliament Thandi Nxumalo, held an interactive four-hour meeting with councillors, management and staff at the council offices.

Ministry of Housing and Urban Development's Representative Gordon Mbuli said the meeting was mainly for the committee to familiarise itself with the operations of the municipality.

He said the portfolio committee had already visited some other town councils before and it was the municipality's turn.

Ezulwini Municipality Chairperson Bongile Mbingo welcomed the portfolio committee, stating that the municipality was committed to performing its mandate. She also introduced the other councillors to the committee.

"We are happy to have a board of this caliber that is driven to ensure that Ezulwini achieves all its objec-



SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS: Ezulwini Town Board Chief Executive Officer Vusimutiwendvodza Matsebula outlining that the municipality has been able to make significant achievements regardless of the challenges faced while working together. (Courtesy Pics)

tives and that tourism is promoted. We are also pleased to welcome you to the town and we believe that from our interactions we will get guidance on how to do even better," she said.

She said she was aware that due to the speed of the development of the town it also attracted a lot of attention. "We have managed to achieve all this because of the good caliber of people we have," she said.

Ezulwini Municipality Chief Executive Officer Vusimutiwendvodza Matsebula also gave a detailed presentation regarding the municipality's structure, duties, qualifications, successes and challenges as well as how to overcome them.

The CEO said despite the chal-

lenges faced through working together they were able to achieve some significant milestones including high results from the World Bank Performance Assessment under the Swaziland Local Government Project (SLGP).

Resigned

Matsebula also took time to address issues of what was termed as negative publicity which included a story about four managers who reportedly resigned from the municipality.

He gave the committee perspective of how this happened and assured them that council was working within the confines of the law in everything they did.

"The Ezulwini Municipality would like to highlight that the local author-

ity is run professionally by qualified and professional members of the management who attend to the technical operations of the office as well as qualified and professional councillors who offer an oversight to the corporate governance of the municipality," he said.

The MPs also took turns to ask questions about the operations and services of the municipality. Some of them included enquiring to know how projects were funded, staff relations and welfare, issues of the municipality boundary as well as how the council was composed.

The municipality, through the Mayor, CEO and Corporate Services Manager all responded to the various questions reassuring the portfolio committee they operated within the country's laws and policies to execute their duties effectively.

They also stated that consultations with staff were always ongoing with any new developments such as new policies. Sharing their closing remarks the Portfolio Committee Chairperson, Nxumalo said they were pleased with the presentations and responses to queries they had about the council.

"We would like to pledge that we will cooperate with council in supporting you in your quest to continue developing the town and country. We also request that management, staff and councillors also work in unity towards a common goal," she said.

The portfolio committee was also shown projects in progress and those



WELCOME: Ezulwini Town Council Chairperson Bongile Mbingo welcoming the MPs during their Ezulwini Town Board courtesy visit Last Tuesday.



LEADS: Portfolio Committee Chairperson Manzini North Member of Parliament Thandi Nxumalo led the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development's House of Assembly Portfolio Committee during the meeting.

completed by the municipality. This included the Mantenga Phase 2, Part C project and Ligugu Road (Mantenga Cultural Village road that was fully funded by the Municipality costing E8.5 million.

Senior warder's business to be attached for E153 000 debt

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

A senior warder was taken to task for owing one of his business partners a sum of E153 500.

Superintendent Berthwell Dlamini, who is employed by His Majesty's Correctional Services and based at Matsapha, was stated as the second defendant while his business, Berthnoz Investments, was stated as the first

defendant while his business partner, Richard Mfana Mamba is the complainant.

Mamba had sought the court for a writ of execution for Dlamini's business to be attached after he had failed to pay back his money as ordered by the court on several occasions prior.

Information gathered was to the effect that Dlamini, who is also a pastor at a church where Mamba is a member, had started the business with his wife.

When the business was up and run-

ning, Mamba allegedly showed interest in it and he became a partner, though not formally since he had supposedly not contributed any money towards the business.

It is said after he was embraced as a business partner, mamba would look for jobs on behalf of the business, and he would allegedly fork out some cash to entice key people in organisations that had issued tenders.

This, it was alleged, was done with

the hope that Berthnoz Investments would be awarded the tenders by the 'persuaded' officials.

The relations between Dlamini and Mamba reportedly became sour when Mamba demanded that he be reimbursed of all his monies spent.

This seemingly did not sit well with Dlamini especially because the tenders that Mamba lobbied for were never awarded to Berthnoz Investments.

Information was to the effect that Dlamini could not pay back the money

because he claimed that Mamba had not been instructed by anyone to pay anyone for business.

It was also alleged that Dlamini used the ammunition that Mamba was never a formal business partner so whatever business he did with his money should not negatively affect Berthnoz Investments.

Sheriffs were to execute the court order and attach Dlamini's business but he has since asked to be given some more time to raise Mamba's money and out of respect, his plea was accepted. However, since to date, that has not happened.

What's in Your Mind

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Features & Opinions

Refresh What You Think



I am joining the world in condemning the savage ethnocentrism in South Africa by hoodlums disguised as patriotic citizens.

These vandals don't even form 1 per cent of the 57 million population of the country but have procured a tender and won it; putting the country in the spotlight for wrong reasons. My caption would have been; THE XENOPHOBIC EUPHORIA SHOULD NOT BLIND US AGAINST THE EVILS OF SOME FOREIGNERS. But I had to defer it because I would have been seen to be insensitive because of the timing.

But as the dust settles, because every storm has to pass, we have to interrogate this subject, that of the foreigners with horrendous agendas. I want to put it to you that unless this subject is given the attention it deserves, it is a recipe for disaster as sooner or later we will be seeing these eruptions.

I strongly believe there is a connection; thin as it may be, between such attacks and the muddy baggage some foreigners bring into other countries. In response to such, locals take the law into their hands, correcting a wrong with a wrong. Frustrated with the slow wheel of justice, they resort to anarchy. This is utterly wrong, of course, two wrongs don't make a right.

EMOTIONS

The emotional analysis of this prevalence ignores the damage that some foreigners do in other countries. As we castigate these barbaric assaults these shenanigans have to be addressed. We have good people and bad people in every society, Good Emaswati-Bad Emaswati.

Good Nigerians-Bad Nigerians. Good South Africans-Bad South Africans. Good Zimbabweans-Bad Zimbabweans. I will concentrate on the bad of our society. The bad foreigners in this case.

KINGPINS

These bad foreigners are kingpins in hard core killer drug sale and trafficking, organised prostitution, money laundering, cyber theft, human trafficking, organised crimes, etc. These are prevalent in hot spots areas of the country; Johannesburg, Pretoria, Richards Bay, Durban, Cape Town, etc.

Maybe I have to state that I have stayed in South Africa, full time, for close to seven years. I have stayed in some of these areas such as Hillbrow, Jeeps Town, Berea, Yoeville and Rosentville. These are places littered with foreigners-good and bad. Three particular nations that I will not mention run these places as Pimps and drug kingpins.

One nation in particular has a mass project of hi-jackings and killings. Its true locals also have their own horrendous demons; rapes,

SA FALLS SHORT AS 'HOOLIGANS' HOLD COUNTRY AT RANSOM!



murder, corruption, etc. And from time immemorial the country has been a capital city of crime but the dynamics have changed.

DAGGA/MANDRAX/COCAINE

If you still refer to dagga, cocaine or mandrax as drugs then you have been overtaken by events; these are just sweets, éclair pops or peppermints. These bad foreigners have brought a new breed of drugs that kill instantly or reduce one to a mental case.

Worse, they are given to small kids as young as eight. Seeing these incidents almost everyday of my life while staying there, used to traumatise me; because I would often see children killed by adults for the love of money.

These thugs have a devil care free attitude, as long as they make money. As I walked around I would be invited to the anger of the locals about these 'evil foreigners' who 'kill our children.'

I would hear mothers swearing everyday that their kids are auctioned for sex. Get me clear, locals also play a role but to the many citizens there is this under current of, the foreigners; especially nations and so is killing our children. That's the perception and perception is reality and becomes more real when crime statistics suggest so. Meanwhile, the locals feel the authorities have buried their heads in the sand on such matters.

THE FOREIGNER: IS THE 'OTHER'

What we must know is that, except in sophisticated few minds; a foreigner is just a foreigner; Be it India, Portugal, Ukraine, Eswatini, etc.

If there is wrong doing and it involves a foreigner, attention immediately shifts to the outsider. That's the attitude. I hope readers will understand my stand point about the 'mad' notion of the 'foreigner.'

The bad part of this is that even good foreigners feel the brunt. I don't refer to the truck incidents here; that's a case of the country's 'pie in the sky' job creation! So if there are no jobs; they are taken by the 'foreigner.'

ESWATINI

In Eswatini we had our own crimes but the influx of our brothers from the East introduced us to guns and the crime landscape forever changed. But as Emaswati, we stood and watched, murmuring in our private spaces, unlike South Africa; a country with a history of violence, we welcomed it as the new culture on the crime stratosphere.

Like I said we are not like our neighbour, who, since Zwile and Shaka's Mfecane wars; has been blood spots. Since 1652; Jan Van Rebeeck, an accident in history, white supremacy has created disparities so is the apartheid's amplitude test on violence; which the people pass with flying colours.

As Emaswati we had leaders who were experts on how to walk on the tight rope of diplomacy; Sobhuza 1, dribbling his way out of Zwile's Mass Murder Project; Sobhuza 11, massaging Socialist Mozambique and apartheid South Africa.

HOOLIGANS

Emaswati leaders' infectious diplomacy was transfused into the blood of its citizens. But this is not the case with our neighbour who has a militant culture.

So as we scratch into these xenophobic attacks we must not ignore hooliganism; opportunistic, good for nothing thugs, on leave for life loafers, who have taken advantage of the situation.

But again there is this ethnic group who is war-like and volatile.

I once resided in Jeep's Town, ask me any day; I don't miss it. Thinking of it makes my blood run cold. In a drop of a hat people slaughter and butcher others like animals. Are these humans? Do they have a decent sleep? They do. Violence is a way of life to them.

CANAAN: LAND OF HONEY AND MILK

Independence in South Africa means 'government is a social enterprise and does everything for the people, build houses, toilets, provide toilet papers and even pay people to have sex through 'imali yecolo.'

This dependence syndrome is the reason we are in this impasse.

By now you know that the RDP project by Comrade Joe Slovo has completely failed due to continuity, corruption and fiscal crisis. It was a good one but it is not sustainable.

Show me five countries that have done it successfully in Africa and I will show you tears in the sea. It is a heavy load, burning coals that will burn the leadership until thy kingdom come.

THE CHICKENS HAVE COME HOME TO ROOST

Do these hooligans care about the financial weather conditions? Nada! A promise is a promise. I can hear them say that. The government got independence after 99 per cent of Africa already free. But they didn't consult them, they thought they have all the answers. Now the chickens have come home to roost. Many of the positions they took have come back to haunt it. For instance the A child and Pay Policy has backfired. Girls start 'family planning' at 13; by 18 they get money for 5 kids because LABOUR PAIN is now LABOUR PAY. What nation are we building? These kids born of imali yecolo will be men and women tomorrow. What type of men and women? A counter to this gender imbalance of paying girls for a 'job' done by men has produced a new social ill; Sperm Donors!

Frustrated with the slow wheel of justice; they resort to anarchy. This is utterly wrong, of course; two wrongs don't make a right.

ON THIS DAY

...SEPTEMBER 11

1297 - Scotsman William Wallace defeated the English forces of Sir Hugh de Cressingham at the Battle of Stirling Bridge.

1499 - French forces took over Milan, Italy.

1609 - Explorer Henry Hudson sailed into New York harbor and discovered Manhattan Island and the Hudson River.

1695 - Imperial troops under Eugene of Savoy defeated the Turks at the Battle of Zenta.

1709 - An Anglo-Dutch-Austrian force defeated the French in the Battle of Malplaquet.

1714 - Spanish and French troops broke into Barcelona and ended Catalonia's sovereignty after 13 months of siege.

1776 - A Peace Conference was held between British General Howe and three representatives of the Continental Congress (Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Edward Rutledge). The conference failed and the American war for independence continued for seven years.

1777 - American forces, under General George Washington, were forced to retreat at the Battle of Brandywine Creek by British forces under William Howe. The Stars and Stripes (American flag) were carried for the first time in the battle.

1786 - The Convention of Annapolis opened with the aim of revising the articles of the confederation.

1789 - Alexander Hamilton was appointed by US President George Washington to be the first secretary of the treasury.

1814 - The US fleet defeated a squadron of British ships in the Battle of Lake Champlain, VT.

1842 - 1,400 Mexican troops captured San Antonio, TX. The Mexicans retreated with prisoners.

1855 - The siege of Sevastopol ended when French, British and Piedmontese troops captured the main naval base of the Russian Black fleet in the Crimean War.

1875 - "Professor Tidwessel's Burglar Alarm" was featured in the New York Daily Graphic and became the first comic strip to appear in a newspaper.

1877 - The first comic-character timepiece was patented by the Waterbury Clock Company.

1883 - The mail chute was patented by James Cutler. The new device was first used in the Elwood Building in Rochester, NY.

1897 - A ten-week strike of coal workers in Pennsylvania, WV, and Ohio came to an end. The workers won an eight-hour workday, semi-monthly pay, and company stores were abolished.

1904 - The US battleship Connecticut was launched in New York.

1910 - In Hollywood, the first commercially successful electric bus line opened.

1926 - In Honolulu Harbor, HI, the Aloha Tower was dedicated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Taraji P. Henson
(Movie Actress) -
September 11, 1970
(49 years old)



Ludacris (Rapper) -
September 11, 1977
(42 years old)



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PART III

Application for protection

7. (1) Any witness who has reason to believe that the safety of that witness or the safety of any related person is or may be threatened by any person or group of persons, whether known to the witness or not, by reason of being a witness may-

- (a) report such belief-
- (i) to the investigation officer in the proceedings concerned;
- (ii) to any person in charge of a police station;
- (iii) if in prison, to the person in charge of the prison where the witness is detained;
- (iv) to the public prosecutor concerned; or
- (v) to any member of the Office.

(2) If a witness is for any reason unable to make a report as contemplated in subsection (10), any interested person or the investigating officer who has reason to believe that the safety of the witness or any related person is or may be threatened may make the report or application on behalf of the witness.

(3) Subject to section 13, an application for the protection of a minor or mentally impaired person may, depending on the circumstances, be made by or on behalf of the minor without the consent of the parent or guardian of the minor or mentally impaired person.

(4) A person to whom a report is made shall assist the applicant in the making of the application for protection and unless the person assisting is the Director, shall-

- (a) inform the Director about the application; and
- (b) submit the application to the Director or a witness protection officer.

(5) The Director may, whenever the Director considers it necessary, refer an application for protection to a witness protection officer for evaluation and submission of a report.

Temporary protection

8. (1) The Director or witness protection officer to whom a report has been made or has been informed of an application for witness protection may, pending the finalization of an application for the protection of a witness or related person, place the witness or related person under temporary protection for a period not exceeding 14 days, if the Director or witness protection officer considers it necessary for the protection of the witness or related person.

(2) Subject to subsection (3) a witness or related person may only be placed under temporary protection if the witness or related person has consented to the protection and a minor or a mentally impaired person may not be placed under temporary protection without the consent of the parent or guardian of that

minor or mentally impaired person.

(3) The Director may place a witness or related person or a minor or mentally impaired person under temporary protection without their consent or the consent of the parent or guardian if, in the opinion of the Director, exceptional circumstances which do not warrant consent exist.

Report by witness protection officer

9. (1) A witness protection officer shall consider the merits of an application for protection and shall as soon as possible, but not later than 14 days or if the person has been placed under temporary protection, before the expiry of the protection, submit a report to the Director.

(2) The report made by the witness protection officer under subsection (1) shall be in writing and shall include-

- (a) a written confirmation that the affected person is a witness or related to a witness;
- (b) a recommendation whether or not the person qualifies for protection;
- (c) particulars relating to factors referred to in section 10 (1); and
- (d) any other matter which in the opinion of the witness protection officer should be taken into account.

(3) A witness protection officer shall, where the officer makes a recommendation that a person be placed under witness protection, recommend the nature of the protection, the expected duration of the protection and any particular circumstances that should be taken into account.

(4) A witness protection officer shall, where the officer recommends that an application for protection be refused, inform the Director of the reasons of the recommendation.

Consideration of application for protection

10. (1) The Director shall, in respect of an application for protection, have due regard to the report and recommendations of the witness protection officer and shall also take into account-

- (a) the nature and extent of the risk to the safety of the witness or any related person;
- (b) any danger that the interests of the community might be affected if the witness or any related person is not placed under protection;
- (c) the nature of the proceedings in which the witness has given evidence or may be required to give evidence;
- (d) the importance, relevance and nature of the evidence given or to

be given by the witnesses in the proceedings concerned;

(e) the probability that the witness or any related person will be able to adjust to protection, having regard to the personal characteristics, circumstances and family or other relationships of the witness or related person;

(f) the likely cost of the protection of the witness or any related person;

(g) whether there is a possibility of protecting the witness or any related person without invoking the provisions of this Act;

(h) whether the witness has a criminal record, particularly in respect of violent crime, which indicates a risk to the public if the witness is included in the programme; and

(i) any other factor that the Director considers relevant.

(2) In order for the Director to make a proper evaluation of an application for protection, the Director shall be afforded immediate and full access to any police docket, statement of a witness and to any evidence given in any proceedings and the Director may make copies of the documents.

(3) The Director may, after considering an application for protection-

(a) make interim protection arrangements with a witness or related person, pending the consideration of an application;

(b) approve the application and place the witness or any related person under protection in accordance with a protection agreement entered into by or on behalf of the witness or related person and the Director; or

(c) refuse the application and, where applicable, by written notice to the witness, revoke any temporary protection under which the witness or any related person had been placed.

Protection agreement

11. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Director shall, before placing a witness or related person under protection-

- (a) enter into a written protection agreement with the witness; and
- (b) where applicable, enter into a separate written protection agreement with each related person, setting out the obligations of the Director and the witness or related person in respect of the placement of the witness or related person under protection.

(2) The Director shall-

(a) enter into a protection agreement with the parent or guardian of-

- (i) a minor; or
- (ii) a person who is otherwise not

competent to enter into a legally binding agreement; or

(b) enter into a draft protection agreement with a minor referred to in section 13.

(3) Where the Director has entered into a protection agreement in terms of subsection (2) and the protected person subsequently becomes competent to enter into a legally binding agreement, the Director shall require the protected person to enter into a new protection agreement.

(4) A protection agreement shall set out the terms and conditions under which a witness or related person is to be placed under protection, including-

(a) an obligation on the Director-

(i) to take such steps as are reasonably necessary to provide the protected person with the protection and related services, as set out in the protection agreement concerned; and

(ii) not to keep a protected person under protection in any prison or police cell, unless otherwise agreed upon;

(b) an obligation on the witness or related person-

(i) where applicable, to give evidence as required in the proceedings to which the protection relates;

(ii) to meet all financial obligations incurred by that witness that are not payable by the Director in terms of the protection agreement;

(iii) to meet all legal obligations incurred, including any obligations arising regarding the custody and maintenance of children and taxation obligations;

(iv) to refrain from activities that constitute a criminal offence;

(v) to refrain from activities that might endanger the safety of the witness or that of any other protected person;

(vi) to accept and give effect to all reasonable requests and directions made or given by any member of the Office in relation to the protection provided to the witness;

(vii) to inform the Director of any civil proceedings which have or may be instituted against the witness or in which the witness is otherwise involved;

(viii) to inform the Director of any proceedings in which the witness may be involved, either as a witness or an accused; and

(ix) not to endanger the security or any other aspect of the protection of witnesses and related persons or related services or any other matter relating to a witness protection programme provided for in this Act; and

(c) any other prescribed terms and conditions or obligations agreed upon.

1 BILLION RISING REVOLUTION

SEXUAL VIOLENCE A NIGHTMARE FOR WOMEN

SEXUAL violence has always been, and still remains the one thing that is a nightmare to women in the country.

Almost every day there will be a story or two in the newspaper about a woman who has been sexually violated. Those are just the stories that make it to the newspaper, there are stories that don't, and those that do not even get reported because rape has become so entrenched in women's everyday life that has become normal.

The thing with sexual violence is that it is rarely perpetrated by strangers, it is always someone the victim is close to. It could be a boyfriend, a relative like an uncle, a guardian and even one's husband.

One of the many reasons that women keep being victims of sexual violence is the toxic belief that sex is a man's right in a marriage. The recent chilling statement by a Senator in the very reason why rape is still rampant in the country.

The senator said that a husband can never rape his wife, and went on to say that if a woman does not want to have sexual intercourse with her husband, she must not sleep in the same room as him. Implying that sleeping on the same



bed with someone is an invitation to sex.

This very mentality is what makes men believe they have the right to sex. The woman's body no longer belongs to her, she has no body autonomy anymore. This is why some women die of curable diseases, because the husband refuses her from going to the hospital.

Another belief that leads to sexual violence is the belief that girls are responsible for controlling a man's sexual urges. Many a times women are shamed for the choice of their clothing and told it is 'too revealing'.

Sometimes women themselves feel it is their fault when a man rapes them because the skirt she was wearing was too short or too tight. No one stops to

consider the fact that women's clothing is rarely in the mind of a man, and believing that a woman is responsible for what happens to her is a sign of a sick society that needs help. Victims of rape should not be made to take the blame, men who rape must take full responsibility and be dealt with accordingly.

One of the other drivers of sexual violence is the belief that it can be used to put women in their place. It is a dangerous and harmful belief that women need a man if they are believed to be too difficult, 'too bossy'.

Corrective rape, hard to believe that this is even a thing, has been accepted across Africa as a way to turn lesbian women straight. The same, however, has never been said about gay men.

In not so many words, this shows that women are there to please men sexually, and when they don't they can be forced to. Sexual activity, including rape, is believed to be a marker of male masculinity. If a man finds himself in the same room with a woman, he will be applauded by his friends if he can convince her to sleep with him.

Convince

And if he fails to convince her, he will forcefully engage with her, just so he can brag to his friends. A woman who finds herself in this kind of situation usually doesn't report because she believes it is either her fault, or she didn't do enough to fight him off. She does not consider it rape.

Sexual violence is also considered taboo, that is why family and friends always try to convince the victim not to report, or that it should be 'dealt with' at home.

This puts the perpetrator off the hook and puts more women at potential risk. If there are young boys in the family, they will see this and think that it is ok to treat women that way and in turn do it when they grow older. Abuse is a cycle, it does not stop until someone in the family breaks the cycle, or the law forces people to take responsibility of their actions. The best thing to do is of course encourage women to report any form of violence they experience, and that experienced by someone they know.

HARARE - The Elders in a statement on Monday called on Zimbabwe's political leaders and all figures in authority to commit to a truly inclusive national dialogue and prioritise the economic and social needs of ordinary citizens over party politics, factionalism and self-interest.

Mary Robinson, Chair of The Elders and former President of Ireland, and Graça Machel, Deputy Chair of The Elders and former Mozambican freedom fighter, visited Harare from 6-7 September.

They met President Emmerson Mnangagwa for talks at State House, following on from their previous meeting in July, with the late Kofi Annan, then Chair of The Elders.

They also met Nelson Chamisa, leader of the opposition MDC-Alliance party, and representatives of civil society, women's groups, church leaders and representatives of the international community.

They were particularly impressed with their conversations with women from across Zimbabwe convened in a dialogue platform by the Zimbabwe Council of Churches. This inclusive model offers a path for the whole country.

Expressed

The Elders expressed their condolences on the passing of former President Robert Mugabe, whose death aged 95 was announced on September 6. They urged all Zimbabweans to reclaim the spirit of optimism and dynamism that greeted Independence in 1980. This can only be done if the rule of law is upheld, human rights are respected, and the country's abundant natural resources are distributed with accountability, transparency and equity.

The Elders were alarmed to hear of the grave economic hardships endured across the country, which stand in stark contrast to the progress made in health and education in the early years of the country's independence. They recognised the difficult economic reforms to bring currency stability and improve anti-corruption measures. They called on the government and international partners to act urgently to boost social protection measures and resilience-building programmes to empower local communities and stimulate growth.

They also condemned the recent spate of abductions and cases of torture and sexual assault against

Elders call on Zim's leaders to place citizens' needs over party interests



MEETING: Graça Machel and Mary Robinson, Deputy Chair of The Elders, meet Zimbabwe's President Emmerson Mnangagwa in Harare last week.

● Mary Robinson said:

"Last year I visited Zimbabwe on the cusp of landmark elections to find people determinedly optimistic about the future. Today that optimism has gone amid a worsening economic crisis, entrenched political polarisation and a culture of fear, paranoia and state violence. Yet I have been heartened by hearing from courageous women and church leaders from across society who are meeting to nurture dialogue and re-imagine their country's future. They offer an example that all Zimbabweans should follow."

● Graça Machel said:

"Zimbabwe was once a beacon across Southern Africa in the struggle against colonial and racist oppression. It remains blessed with natural wealth and entrepreneurial, resilient citizens who deserve to live in dignity and prosperity. I am convinced that Zimbabwe can chart a path to a peaceful and democratic future, but only if a broad, inclusive national dialogue is given the space to flourish and resonate among all citizens."

peaceful demonstrators and civil society activists by police, security forces and unknown assailants. Such acts have no place in a democratic society, and there should be no impunity for those who commit these crimes. The Elders urged President Mnangagwa, Advocate Chamisa and all political leaders to find a way out of the current impasse and act constructively in the interests of the whole nation. Inflammatory language that perpetuates

and exacerbates cycles of confrontation must be disavowed. All political and security forces must commit to abide by the Constitution of Zimbabwe, the rule of law, freedom of speech and the protection of human rights. They also called on Zimbabwe's neighbours in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the wider international community to hold its leaders to account in terms of their responsibility to their people.

Wit & Wisdom

● "Cheating in school is a form of self-deception. We go to school to learn. We cheat ourselves when we coast on the efforts and scholarship of someone else." - **James E. Faust**

● "I'm not going to school just for the academics - I wanted to share ideas, to be around people who are passionate about learning." - **Emma Watson**

● "The difference between try and triumph is a little umph." - **Marvin Phillips**

● "I think school is a place where thinking should be taught." - **Edward de Bono**

● "School prepares you for the real world... which also bites." - **Jim Benton**

● "The chief reason for going to school is to get the impression fixed for life that there is a book for everything." - **Robert Frost**

● "The pathway to educational excellence lies within each school." - **Terrance Deal**

● "I'm not telling you it's going to be easy - I'm telling you it's going to be worth it." - **Art Williams**

● "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." - **Pele**

● "It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed." - **Theodore Roosevelt**

● "I'm a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down." - **Abraham Lincoln**

● "Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world." - **Lucille Ball**

● "Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." - **Mother Theresa**

● "Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." - **Joshua J. Marine**

● "Love is a serious mental disease." - Plato
"Our greatest fear should not be of failure... but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter." - **Francis Chan**

● "It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things." - Leonardo Da Vinci
"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more." - **H. Jackson Brown, Jr.**

● "It is our choices, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." - J. K. Rowling
"Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone." - Pablo Picasso
"If you want to be happy, be." - Leo Tolstoy
"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." - **Thomas A. Edison**

● "If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things." - **Albert Einstein**

● "Success is just a war of attrition. Sure, there's an element of talent you should probably possess. But if you just stick around long enough, eventually something is going to happen." - **Dax Shepard**

● "The opposite of love is not hate; it's indifference." - **Elie Wiesel**

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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 10 SEP 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.7229	14.7729
British Pound/SZL	18.1828	18.2445
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.2667	7.2893
Swiss France/SZL	14.8401	14.8845
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3471	1.3665
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.0940	10.1313
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.1757	11.2103
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.2614	16.3167
Gold	1,491.0000	
Oil	64.78	

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MTN ESWATINI BAGS THREE NOMINATIONS

BY BAHLE GAMA

MTN Eswatini has been short-listed for three awards in the prestigious Investors in People (IIP) Awards 2019.

The three categories MTN Eswatini was shortlisted in were; Employer of the Year: Platinum (under organisations that have 50 to 249 people), The Reward and Recognition Award and The Social Responsibility Award.

The nomination by IPP for the Global Employer of the Year Award: Platinum was initially disclosed by MTN Acting Chief Executive Officer Sibusiso Nhleko during the company's South African Board of People Practices (SABPP) accreditation celebration held in the country early last month.

The announcement he made was recently confirmed by the release of the awards shortlist by IIP on their website (<https://www.investorsinpeople.com/events/awards/>).

He revealed that a panel of experienced judges would be reviewing the shortlisted entries to determine who will be taking the trophies on November 19 in the United Kingdom (UK).

"In the two decades that MTN Eswatini has operated in the Kingdom of Eswatini, the company has learnt that people are its greatest assets, thus giving birth to our mantra 'People Matter'.

Therefore, we have prioritised the continuous transformation and improvement of the people agenda within the company. Key to this approach has been our people centric culture, striving for best in class people practices and continuous learning and benchmarking," he said.

He said that for the Employer of

IIP Employer of the Year: Platinum (50-249 people) nominees

1. Redbridge Community School
2. Ty Gwyn School
3. Evolution Recruitment Solutions Ltd
4. Tate
5. RADII Partitioning Limited
6. MPCT
7. MTN Eswatini

THE NOMINEES

The Reward and Recognition Award nominees

1. MTN Eswatini
2. First Greater Western t/a Great Western Railway
3. MPCT
4. South Cotabato Integrated Port

Services, Inc.

5. Max's Kitchen, Inc

The Social Responsibility Award (up to 500 people)

1. Troup Bywaters + Anders
2. Unity Trust Bank
3. MTN Eswatini
4. Salix Finance
5. Stanbridge University



NOMINATED: The Human Resources team posing with the Platinum plaque.
(Courtesy pic)

the Year: Platinum nomination, MTN Eswatini is under a size band of organisations that have 50-249 people. Stating on what makes MTN shines in people management, he said that this resulted from the company's mantra "People Matter, further stating that their commitment to the people agenda started a few years ago when they started a journey of benchmarking and seeking accreditation from international bodies.

"Our aim has always been to learn, improve and eventually test ourselves against global standards. We believe this will be critical to make our business a great place to work and achieving our new strategic ambition of building an appealing

employer brand in the country," he said. As a result, he stated that in August 2016, MTN Eswatini was Gold Accredited by IPP, which is based in the United Kingdom (UK) making it one of two operations in the MTN Group of companies, to achieve this milestone. And, two years later, MTN Eswatini received Platinum accreditation, a first in the Group and in Africa and part of the only one per cent IIP participating organisations worldwide.

Nhleko said the company remains committed to hold itself to the highest possible human resources standards, put people at the heart of the business, develop future leaders for both the company and the country and embrace innovation and drive

a vibrant corporate social investment program.

"All these are critical enablers for our business in the digital age," he said.

MTN Eswatini, a subsidiary of the MTN Group, is the Kingdom's leading mobile telecommunications company. Since inception in 1998, the company has led growth in the digital and voice market to become the biggest mobile operator in the Kingdom of Eswatini. The company is currently leading growth opportunities in the data and ICT space. To date, MTN Eswatini has over million subscribers.

IIP said the Investors in People Awards 2019 had been their biggest and most competitive year to date.

'MSMES widely recognised as cornerstones for economic development'

BY BAHLE GAMA

UN Resident Coordinator in Eswatini, Nathalie Ndongo-Seh has described Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) as widely recognised as cornerstones for economic development with the potential to significantly accelerate industrialisation and high value addition processes.

Ndongo-Seh said this during the opening of the 25th Inter-Governmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts of Southern Africa held at the Royal Swazi Convention Center yesterday.

The intergovernmental meeting is aimed at identifying national and regional level strategies and attendant policies to elevate and strengthen

the contribution of MSMEs to industrialisation as well as economic and social transformation in the Southern Africa region.

She said that MSMEs being recognised in such a way was the reason why Eswatini and many governments and organisations were focussing on supporting their growth.

Support

This support comes through targeted schemes and resources and the facilitation of market access, helping them to develop and adopt new technologies and innovations.

She added that the UN invests in innovation to find the best solutions to achieve better development results and design more inclusive processes in partnership with non-traditional partners such as the private sector, financial institutions, academia and think-tanks, further stating that in

the current 2016-2020 UN Development assistance framework (UNDAF), the UN Eswatini sought to support the government in increasing employment opportunities and sustainable livelihoods for the youth, women and vulnerable groups.

She said this included supporting government's efforts to link small holder farmers to markets, agro processors and dealers through the Eswatini Agricultural Development Programme.

Additionally the UN continues to support the development of innovative enterprises that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs, especially in areas of renewable energy and environmental sustainability.

This particular project is piloted with Royal Science and Technology Park (RSTP) and targets youth and women.

OVER 120 COMPANIES NOMINATED FOR SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

STORIES BY QONDILE NTIWANE

Over 120 companies have been nominated in the 2019 Eswatini Service Excellence Awards slated for October 18.

The awards will form part of the Eswatini Customer Service Week from October 11-18.

The nominees were released by the Chartered Institute of Customer Management (CICM) and the Institute of Research, Management and Development (IRDM) at their offices based in Mbabane yesterday.

Some of the companies that have been nominated are Molly's, Oxtail Pot, Ndlela Yekuphila and Umgwembe under Proudly Swazi Restaurants.

In the fast foods category, Galitos Corner Plaza, KFC Mbabane, Spur Gables and Chicken Inn Matsapha have been nominated.

In the large corporations category TakaNgwane MTN, Montigny, CONCO and Tibiyo, will battle it out for the award, while Standard Bank, FNB, Nedbank and EswatiniBank will compete in the banking institutions award.

Retail stores Pick N Pay Mahhala, Moneni Spar, OK Foods Mbabane and Spar Corner Plaza have been nominated under the retail grocery while Mr Price, Jet, Woolworths and Truworths will compete in the clothing retail category.

CICM Country Representative and



ANNOUNCEMENT: The panel during the announcement of nominees of the 2019 Eswatini Service Excellence Awards, consumer Association Chairman Bongani Bhanyaza Mdluli, IRDM Director Dr Oliver Museka, Ministry of Commerce's Sithembiso Dlamini and ESPRA CEO Madoda Mngomezulu. (Pic: Qondile Ntiwane)

Eswatini Customer Service Week 2019 Chief Organiser Dr. Oliver Museka explained that nominees were determined by the public through physical and online surveys.

"The people of Eswatini have spoken and selected the brands which they believe have given them the best customer service over the past year. This year's Eswatini Customer Service Week theme is 'The Magic of Service' that turns an unhappy customer into a satisfied customer and a repeat customer into an advocate," he said.

He said the next process would include proof and verification of these nominations through mystery shopping.

"A team of adjudicators, three local and two international) will then finalise the winners that would be announced on the day of the awards dinner.

"As the Government of Eswatini works tirelessly to realise Vision 2022, business and industry are faced with opportunities to grow as the goal of attaining First World status draws nearer," he said.

He further explained that there were a number of activities planned to celebrate the Eswatini Customer Service Week.

"The main aim of these activities is to create a customer centric business environment in line with the Strategic Roadmap of Vision 2022. The first of these is a customer ser-

Some of the nominees

Clothing retail	Ministry of Tourism
Mr Price	His Majesty's
Jet	Correctional Services
Woolworths	Ministry of Home
Truworths	Affairs
Retail Grocery	Ministry of Agriculture
Pick N Pay Mahhala	Proudly Swazi
Moneni Spar	Restaurants
OK Foods Mbabane	Molly's
Spar Corner Plaza	Oxtail Pot
Fast Foods	Ndlela Yekuphila
Galitos Corner Plaza	Umgwembe
KFC Mbabane	Large Corporations
Spur Gables	MTN
Chicken Inn	Montigny
Matsapha	CONCO
Banking Institutions	Tibiyo
Standard Bank	Hotel and Lodges
FNB	Pigg's Peak Hotel
Nedbank	Edwaleni Lodge
Eswatini Bank	Maguga Lodge
Government	Royal Swazi Spar
Departments	

vice march which will take place on October 4 in Mbabane. This will be followed by the Customer Experience Conference which will take place on 17 & 18 October 2019 then the awards dinner," he said.

He mentioned that some of the speakers include international experts on Customer Services including Rod Jones and Dr Ingrid Mwanza while locals will see Daladi Dlamini, Ricardo Cruger, former winners of the awards and Ombudsof Financial Services Nondumiso Simelane making presentations.

FNB CEO, Lincoln Motsa for top award

FIRST National Bank (FNB) CEO Dennis Mbingo will battle it out with, amongst others, OK Foods Director Lincoln Motsa in the Customers Strategic Leadership Category.

This award is open to any chairman, CEO, Board director or senior individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and vision in the field of customer strategy serving as an inspiration to others.

Also nominated for this award are Eswatini Water Services Corporation (EWSC) CEO Jabulile Mashwama and House on Fire's Jiggs Thorne.

IRDM Director Dr. Oliver Museka said, in this category, the judges would require evidence of vision, leadership, communication and successful outcomes from the deployment of developed strategies. Entrants for this category were nominated only by their organisations peers or colleagues.

Meanwhile, Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation (ESRIC) Marketing Manager Sizwe Shongwe will be up against MTN Eswatini's Sam Shongwe in the Customer Service Personality of the year. The duo will also compete for the award with United Holding's Mcolisi Dlamini and Eswatini Mobile's Benedict Bennett.

Museka said nominees in this category must be the voice of the customer in their company's Board and have influence over the customer service strategy of the organisation.

Junior Achievement (JA) Eswatini Director Siboniso Madlopha was also nominated in the individual awards under the young innovative leader with excellence. He will be vying for the award with Sgonia Republic's Philani Mpanza, Start up Grinds' Bertha Sithole and motivator Alex Lushaba.

Muleka said there would be other categories that would be determined by the adjudicators during the adjudication process. These include Customer Commitment Award, Customer Services Innovation of the Year and Efficient Utilisation of Multichannel Support awards.

Service Excellence Awards to complement commerce's Quality Awards

THE ministry of commerce, industry and trade is in full support of the 2019 Eswatini Service Excellence Awards.

Making her remarks during the announcement of the nominees at the IRDM offices yesterday, Sithembiso Dlamini from the quality department under the ministry said the awards complement-

ed the Eswatini Quality Awards to be hosted by the ministry next month.

"It is not true that these awards are competing with the Quality Awards but they complement each other.

"We will support them in every way possible, especially because we all want to achieve one

goal, that of knowing that the customer is always king or queen," she said. Meanwhile, Eswatini Public Procurement Regulatory Agency (ESPRRA) CEO Madoda Mngomezulu encouraged the panel to consider including the transport industry in the awards in future.

"I think we need to penetrate the transport indus-

try and assess the kind of service they get there. As paying customers, this will help us know the service received in the different modes and distances travelled," he said.

Also present during the launch was Eswatini Consumer Association Chairman Bongani Bhanyaza Mdluli who expressed gratitude to Dr Muleka for his dedication and commitment in this initiative about three years ago.

Revised MSME National Policy to create highly-profitable framework

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE primary objective of the revised Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) National Policy is to create a modern, comprehensive, targeted and coherent framework.

This framework will create a highly profitable entrepreneurial sector, characterised by innovative, competitive and sustainable businesses, supported by an enabling institutional and regulatory environment.

Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini made this revelation during the 25th Inter-Governmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts of Southern Africa held at the Royal Swazi Convention Center yesterday.

The premier said government, through the ministry of commerce, industry and

trade (MCIT) recently conducted a review of the country's MSME National Policy and he believed that this new policy framework would help infuse resilience and productivity to the MSME sector through the emergence of innovative and globally competitive firms for value addition, job creation and sustainable economic growth.

"This strategic decision encapsulates our desire to trigger structural shifts towards an entrepreneurial economy. The review process was driven by our vision of making MSMEs competitive and of ensuring that the sector becomes the backbone of our economy.

We, in Eswatini, appreciate the strategic importance of the MSME sector to the sustainable economic development of our Nation. This is duly reflected in Government's Vision 2022 to position the country in the top 10 percent of the



BRIEFING: Bibi Fatman Abdool Raman Ahmed from Mauritius with UN Resident Coordinator in Eswatini Nathalie Ndongo-Seh during a press briefing. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

medium human development group of countries. Accordingly, we have developed a National Development Strategy (NDS) and a Strategic Roadmap that

emphasizes the power of the sector to deliver broad-based and inclusive economic growth," he said.

He further stated that the MSME sec-

tor had a major role to play towards fulfilling the objectives of our Strategic Roadmap mainly in spurring economic growth, job creation and poverty alleviation. Currently, the MSME landscape in the country is highly skewed towards enterprises with low value addition. Our MSMEs operate predominantly in the wholesale and agricultural sectors, with about 40 per cent in the wholesale sector and 23 per cent in the agriculture sector. Only around 13 per cent operate in the manufacturing sector.

"It is for this reason that we are implementing far reaching reforms to reverse this distribution pattern. This will help to significantly increase the share of high value firms. The current distribution of firms also suggests the crucial need to strengthen inter-sectoral linkages that will enable MSMEs to join the various value chains and contribute effectively to industrialisation and economic transformation processes, regardless of their primary sector of activity," he added.



COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & TRADE ESWATINI

EITF 2019 PROVES ESWATINI IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

THE phrase on everyone's lips in the past nine months or so has been 'Eswatini Is Open for Business'.

Coined by the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo, and subsequently adopted by the Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini-led Cabinet, the slogan has been received with verve by all concerned, including entrepreneurs across all levels of business. Even the Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA) used it as its theme for this year's Eswatini International Trade Fair (EITF).

By virtue of being responsible for business growth and development, the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade is driving this theme. But, what exactly do we mean when we say Eswatini is ready for business? Does it mean as a country we have not been ready all along?

Maybe not. In fact, what it could also mean is that as a country we are prepared to eliminate all obstacles that hinder business growth, be it trade barriers, silent policies and legislation and by extension all impediments that may have made the business environment unfavourable in the past.

This could include issues of access to finance, which is a major thorn for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), introduction of incentives for both local and foreign direct investors and basically putting in place all the necessary support systems necessary for businesses to thrive.

In December last year, Minister



Khumalo unpacked his three-pronged vision for the Ministry.

Firstly, it was to make Eswatini an export-driven economy, secondly to make the Kingdom a Centre of Business Excellence and lastly, to make it globally competitive.

He further highlighted some of the achievements that he hoped the Ministry would realise as it continues to drive its mandate of creating an environment that is conducive for economic growth. One of those achievements was to improve the World Bank Ease of Doing Business Index rankings, from number 119 currently to the Top 50 glob-

ally, Top 10 in Africa and Top 3 in the region. For some sceptics, this may have sounded like a far-fetched dream. Indeed, it still remains to be seen whether the Minister's ambitious dream will eventually be realised.

One thing is for certain though, there's been a dramatic movement within the trade and investment space in the country since the new Government took over.

In May this year, a total of eight investment companies with a promise of over 5 000 jobs were unveiled. These included major multinational companies such as Kellogg's, who have already begun

earthworks on their noodle manufacturing plant in Matsapha, as well as Jonsson Workwear, among others. However, that is not all, local entrepreneurs are also stepping up.

If the recent Eswatini International Trade Fair is anything to go by, it was proof of the level of confidence that local entrepreneurs have on the current Government. Not only were the stands at par with international fairs, as the Prime Minister rightly pointed out during the closing ceremony on Monday, but the overall ambience was one of positivity and excitement. The Business Lounge set up by First National Bank

was one of the highlights of the Trade Fair; as entrepreneurs effectively utilised it to discuss issues related to business development.

Also, EIPA had a series of Business Seminars lined up throughout the Trade Fair.

From the Music Business Development Seminar held on September 2, to the launch of the Export-Readiness Manual on September 3, as well as the MSME Development Seminar, which took place on Independence Day, one thing was clear; Emaswati are eager to take up business.

Also, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) stand was a hive of activity as more and more women entrepreneurs expressed interest to be part of the 50 Million African Women Speak (MAWS) project, an online platform that will allow the sharing of information and tips on women entrepreneurship across Africa.

Moreover, the Ministry's stand was inundated with hundreds of Emaswati who either wanted to apply or renew their trading and liquor licences; were reserving or registering their companies; were applying for the National Quality Awards or had general inquiries about exports, particularly export markets and requirements, cooperative development, standards and accreditation, MSME development, weights and measures, amongst others.

If one could take home anything from the EITF 2019, it is nothing other than the fact that Eswatini is indeed ready for business.

For more information about the mandate of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade, send your enquiries to our Communication Officer at jehovaunani@gmail.com or call 2404 3201. Till next week!

MTN STAYS IN NIGERIA DESPITE XENOPHOBIA RETALIATION ATTACKS

JOHANNESBURG - Telecoms giant MTN said it has no doubt it would continue doing business in Nigeria after its operations were looted as locals avenged the latest attacks on foreign nationals in South Africa.

MTN closed its retail operations and

headquarters in the West African country after four franchise outlets were damaged.

The company's group CEO Rob Shuter said that law enforcement authorities in Nigeria have been supportive.

"I think it must be understood that

there is a tremendous concern in the Nigerian society about Nigerians who are living and working in South Africa who are not safe, who don't feel safe and who have been subject to these attacks in the last few weeks."

EWN

Prosus listing expected to reduce Naspers weighting on the JSE to 15%

DURBAN - Naspers' listing of its new global consumer internet group, Prosus, on the Euronext stock exchange in Amsterdam tomorrow is expected to reduce its dominance on the JSE.

Naspers is expected to drop to about 15 per cent of the JSE's equities benchmark from its current weighting of 21 per cent. The reduction is seen as good news by a number of fund managers concerned about Naspers's weighting in the main local index. However, Nishlen Govender, a portfolio manager at Citadel, said fund managers at this point care about one thing only: Naspers's discount to net asset value.

"At 40 per cent in recent times, it has been frustrating. Will the Prosus listing assist? No one knows for sure, but it does seem likely. A key reason for this is the lack of marginal buyers for the stock at this time," Govender said.

He added that, given the weight in the index, those that were enthused to buy Naspers had already done so. "The local listing has thus failed to



reduce the discount. In theory, the offshore listing exposes the company to new shareholders in a sophisticated European market. If this drums up support, then the discount for Prosus could be narrower. If this is the case, then it will be excellent for portfolio managers," he said.

Govender said that, at this point, estimating the discount at which Prosus would trade relative to the underlying assets was still guesswork, but it would be interesting.

"The balance of probabilities does, however, lie with the discount closing," he said. Naspers expects to own no less than 73 per cent of Prosus with a free float of up to 27 per cent created through a capitalisation issue of Prosus shares to Naspers shareholders. *Business Report*

Old Mutual again bars Moyo from office access

JOHANNESBURG - When Peter Moyo reported for duty at Old Mutual on Monday, he was led to a boardroom where he was told he would not be allowed access to his office.

"When we arrived here they pulled us to the boardroom to tell us we are not authorised here. Once again it's déjà vu, they are again preventing Moyo from taking over his duties as the CEO," his lawyer, Eric Mabuza, told The Sowetan.

"We have now asked Old Mutual to produce a legal authority which bars Mr Moyo from taking over his duties," he added, saying he was now looking for who in the board authorised the decision to bar his client from returning to work.

This is the second time Old Mutual has

prevented Moyo from performing his duties on his return. Moyo showed up to work and was not let into his office in July, following his victory over the company, which was found to have dismissed him illegally.

This led to Moyo and his legal representation accusing the company of contempt of court in an ongoing legal battle.

It was reported on Monday that the seemingly never-ending battle between the insurance company and its CEO looks set to continue, as Moyo returned to work the day after the company released a statement indicating he would not be doing so. Moyo arrived at the company on Monday morning, telling a CNBC reporter that the first thing he needed to do was

"sort out my access".

This despite a statement issued by the company on Friday, which said Moyo would not be returning to work in the interim as he had not challenged the validity of their August 21 termination letter, which effectively amounted to the company firing him a second time.

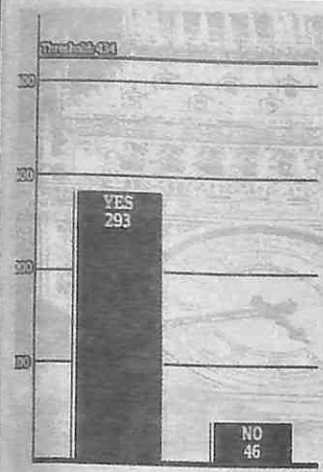
"The second letter of dismissal is already being considered by the judge. It is a flimsy argument by Old Mutual which is based on bad legal advice," said Moyo, responding to the statement in the Daily Maverick.

On Power FM on Monday morning, Moyo's lawyer, Eric Mabuza, confirmed he was on "on his way to work as we speak".

Citizen

Focus on World News

Global News



CORBYN'S YELLOW BELLIES

LONDON - PM accused 'yellow belly' Jeremy Corbyn and Remainers of 'conniving to delay Brexit' - jibing that they 'can't hide forever' from the people's verdict.

After the result in the early hours of the morning, he vowed that he will defy the 'device' of the new Remain law against No Deal and stick to his 'do or die' vow to get the UK out by October 31.

Johnson said opposition parties had decided they 'know better' than the public. He insisted he would go to an EU summit on October 17 and 'strive to get an agreement in the national interest...

this government will not delay Brexit any further'. The brutal attack came as Johnson again failed to gain enough support in the Commons for a snap poll. He fell well short of the required two-thirds of MPs - 434 - with backing from just 293. It was the sixth full division in a row that the PM had lost, as he endures a baptism of fire.

Parliament is now prorogued until mid-October - meaning a national vote is highly unlikely to happen before mid-November. The prorogation ceremony itself bore witness to some of the most extraordinary Commons scenes of recent times, with Opposition MPs gathering

by the Speaker's chair to hold up signs reading 'silenced' and one new MP apparently throwing himself across the Speaker's lap to prevent him rising.

Johnson is scrambling to find a way of sidestepping rebel legislation ordering him to beg the EU for an extension if no agreement has been agreed by October 19 - something he has described as a 'surrender'.

And in a stark message after the election vote he said: "No matter how many devices this Parliament invents to tie my hands I will try to get an agreement in the national interest..."

Daily Mail

'Taliban talks 'dead,' US military to ramp up Afghanistan operations'

WASHINGTON - US President Donald Trump proclaimed talks with Afghanistan's Taliban leaders dead on Monday, while the general in charge said the US military is likely to ramp up operations in Afghanistan to counter an increase in Taliban attacks.

Trump scrapped talks with the Taliban planned for Camp David, Maryland, over the weekend after an American soldier was killed by a suicide bomber in the capital Kabul last week.

"They're dead. They're dead. As far as I'm concerned, they're dead," Trump told reporters when asked about the talks as he left the White House for a trip to North Carolina.

Trump had hoped to cap months of US negotiations with the Taliban militants, who control large parts of Afghanistan, with a secret meeting

at Camp David that would include Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and was aimed at securing an agreement to pull US troops out of America's longest war of 18 years.

Despite the Afghan government's wariness of negotiating with the Taliban, Trump had hoped having both parties at the presidential retreat could produce a deal.

A draft accord agreed last week would have seen about 5 000 American troops withdrawn over coming months in exchange for guarantees that Afghanistan would not be used as a base for militant attacks on the United States or its allies. Bringing US troops home from Afghanistan has been one of Trump's main foreign policy objectives, and the Republican president said his administration was still thinking about a drawdown of the 14 000 US soldiers in the country. *Reuters*

Nigeria to evacuate 640 citizens from SA after xenophobic attacks

ABUJA - Nigeria will evacuate hundreds of its citizens from South Africa following a string of xenophobic attacks, a government official told CNN on Monday.

Flights carrying the returnees will start leaving Johannesburg by today, said Abike Dabiri-Erewa, chairwoman of the Nigerians in the Diaspora Commission.

"We have 640 Nigerians that want to come back from South Africa, and that will require two planes. There may be more people who want to leave, but we will know when we get to South Africa on Wednesday," Dabiri-Erewa told CNN.

Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari is deeply concerned about the 'intermittent violence' against its citizens in South Africa and called on the country's government to take steps to end it, his media aide Femi Adesina said.

"President Buhari is worried that the recurring issue of xenophobia could negatively affect the image and standing of South Africa as one of the leading countries on the continent, if nothing is done to stop it," Adesina said in a statement.



STOP IT: A demonstrator holds a sign during a protest against xenophobia outside South African High Commission in Abuja.

A Nigerian real estate firm, Landwey Investment, which offered free flights for those who want to come back last week, said 10 Nigerians have taken up the offer, according to CEO Olawale Ayilara.

Ten people, including two foreigners were killed in a spate of anti-immigrant violence and looting that erupted in Johannesburg, Pretoria and elsewhere in the country last week. Most of the business targeted in the attacks were owned by immigrants from Nigeria, Ethiopia, Zambia, and Kenya, sparking diplomatic tension and backlash against South Africa. *CNN*

Ethiopia govt condemned for silence on 'creeping' homosexuality

ADDIS ABABA - A group affiliated with Ethiopia's Orthodox Church is condemning what it calls the government's silence on homosexuality in the country.

Speaking at a conference on Sunday in Addis Ababa, the capital, Dereje Negash of the Orthodox Church group dedicated to an Ethiopian saint, said the government's indifference on the issue is helping the LGBT movement in the East African country.

"We are witnessing foreign elements that are trying to spread homosexuality in Ethiopia using aid, politics and technology. To this end, they are spending millions of dollars," Dereje said in his presentation to hundreds of people inside a conference hall.

"People of same sexes are secretly marrying here in Ethiopia. This should stop, and stop now." He urged authorities to enact strong laws against same-sex relations. An event planned in 2014 to pub-



licly denounce the LGBT community in Ethiopia was cancelled at the last minute for unknown reasons. Organisers of that event told The Associated Press at the time they feared aid groups and the international community influenced government officials. A local LGBT activist, who spoke on condition of anonymity told AP he fears for his safety, citing widespread misconceptions such as the belief

that gays are rapists. Ethiopia has a deeply religious society, with Christianity and Islam having many followers. Under Ethiopian law, homosexual acts are punishable with jail terms of up to 15 years.

Same-sex relations are criminalized in many countries in sub-Saharan Africa, where many regard homosexuality as imported from the West.

AP

BRIEFS

Hong Kong tells US not to 'interfere'

HONG KONG - Hong Kong's embattled leader warned the United States yesterday not to 'interfere' with her government's response to the city's pro-democracy movement, after fresh protests called on Washington to ramp up pressure on Beijing. Millions of people have demonstrated over the last 14 weeks in the biggest challenge to China's rule of the financial hub since its handover from Britain in 1997. Protesters took to the streets again on Sunday, marching to the American consulate to call on Congress to pass a bill expressing support for the pro-democracy movement. *AFP*

Trump pushes country towards vote

KABUL - President Donald Trump's sudden halt to US-Taliban talks looks like a gift to the beleaguered Afghan president, who has insisted on holding a key election in less than three weeks' time despite widespread expectations that a peace deal would push it aside. Now, with an agreement to end America's longest war on hold, Afghanistan suddenly faces a presidential vote amid warnings that it's not ready - and the threat of even more violence. The Taliban, who control or hold sway over roughly half the country, have told Afghans to boycott the vote and warned that rallies and polling stations would be targets. *AP*

Fury as Moroccan journalist faces jail

RABAT - Moroccan rights activists on Monday demanded the release of a journalist facing trial on charges of abortion and sex outside marriage, saying her arrest was politically motivated. Dozens of activists staged a sit-in outside the Rabat court before the first hearing in her trial, chanting: "What a shame freedoms are in danger, what a shame journalism is in danger". Police detained 28-year-old Hajar Raissouni 10 days ago along with her fiancé, a doctor, a nurse and another person accused of involvement. Their lawyers deny she had an abortion. *Reuters*

Kenya church bans politicians from fundraisers

NAIROBI - Police in Kenya have declared a sitting lawmaker 'wanted' for his role in a fracas at a church service over the weekend. Local media reported that security heads in the central Muranga county were looking to arrest Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro. An official of the county's criminal investigations outfit urged the MP to surrender in his own interest. Julius Rutere is quoted to have said: "Anyone who sees him should tell him to surrender because he can run but he cannot hide." Police also added that a number of official complainants had been filed against the MP over the incident. *Africa News*

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WARNS: Zulu hostel dwellers in Jeppestown gather before Police Minister Bheki Cele arrives to address them recently.

ANC WARNS AGAINST LABELING VIOLENT ATTACKS AS XENOPHOBIC

CAPE TOWN - The African National Congress (ANC) caucus in Parliament said the violence and looting of businesses

owned by South Africans and foreigners last week damaged the country's reputation on the continent and across the world.

The party made the statement on Monday following its parliamentary caucus lekgotla over the week-end.

The ANC said the objective of the lekgotla was to put in place a five-year programme of action that would guide the party's deployed

members. The gathering touched on a number of issues affecting the country from unprecedented acts of public violence, to the economy and issues around ethics.

ANC Chief Whip Pemmy Majodina told a media briefing that the lekgotla condemned the recent attacks, but warned against labelling them as xenophobic.

"We must differentiate between xenophobic attacks and criminal activities."

Ninety per cent of what is happening has everything to do with criminality," she said.

Majodina said the caucus also discussed gender-based violence, saying it supported the president's initiatives to address what he's called 'more than a national crisis'.

"We call on communities to be active participants in stemming the tide against gender-based violence and femicide. The ANC parliamentary caucus will lead from the front in the fight against all forms of gender-based violence and femicide."

EWN

Xenophobic attacks: ANC's top brass wants answers

JOHANNESBURG - The ANC's top brass has called on government's justice, peace and security cluster to establish the causes of violence directed at foreigners in Johannesburg.

In a statement yesterday, ANC Secretary-General Ace Magashule said the party's national officials met the day before to discuss the violence that has engulfed parts of the country over the past week.

"The officials were insistent that all acts of violence be condemned, including criminal acts directed at foreign nationals living in South Africa. The ANC is deeply concerned at what appears to be criminal elements sowing discord in several Gauteng communities by exploiting grievances around unemployment, crime, drugs and migration," Magashule said.

"The ANC calls on government's justice, peace and security cluster to establish the immediate causes of the violence and identify those involved in fuelling it."

The party also called on government to accelerate efforts to address the social and economic conditions in the country.

"These latest events underline the need for a government that is in touch with the people and responsive to their needs. All of us have a responsibility towards building safer communities, and



adherence to the rule of law is the duty of each one of us," Magashule said.

"No matter what grievances people may have, however, there can be no justification for the acts of arson, assault, looting and murder that have been committed against both South African and foreign nationals."

The party has also called for tougher sentences to be imposed on perpetrators who rape and murder women.

"The national officials expressed outrage at the growing incidents of femicide and called on law-enforcement agencies to impose tougher sentences, including life sentence, on those involved in such heinous crimes," Magashule said.

"National officials have urged legislators to immediately consider changing legislation to empower our courts to give appropriate sentences to perpetrators."

Times Live

Durban mayor vows to tackle eThekweni's chaotic billing system

DURBAN - Newly-elected eThekweni Mayor, Mxolisi Kaunda has vowed to tackle the city's chaotic billing system and problems around refuse removal in uMlazi as his new administration hit the ground yesterday.

Mxolisi chaired his inaugural executive committee (Exco) meeting yesterday morning at the Moses Mabhida Stadium's media lounge, where the chairpersons for the new committees were being appointed.

The committees, which are not to exceed the number of the members of EXCO, will relay community issues to Exco and then to council for approval.

Kaunda said the revenue billing system, refuse removal, and problem buildings will get priority from the new leadership. Over the past few months after the city switched the system that bills ratepayers for electricity and other services, many people have come forward with bills that sometimes went into millions of rands. The city has also had to deal with refuse not being collected in its biggest town-



BILLING: Mxolisi Kaunda, the newly-elected mayor of eThekweni held his first executive committee meeting yesterday.

ship, uMlazi after private contractors said they were not getting paid. Mxolisi said by-laws are to be adhered to, and that it was no use to have by-laws that were not adhered to. The 'how' part of the Radical Economic Transformation needs to be dealt with as it was unacceptable to have people attacking project sites demanding 30 per cent of the budget for the project, he said. "You can't have that. That is

anarchy so we need to deal with the 'how' part of implementing the programme. We have been inundated with messages from people to clean up the streets.

"We also need to establish a task team within the municipality to address gender-based violence. We just buried children who were killed by their father - you can't call yourself a man if you kill children," Kaunda said. Daily News

South African attacks on foreign shops continue; 12 dead

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Two people have been killed in Johannesburg, police confirmed on Monday, bringing to 12 the number of deaths since violence against foreign-owned shops erupted last month.

Bands of South Africans launched violent attacks against foreign-owned shops and stalls, looting and burning the small businesses and attacking some of the shopkeepers.

Police spokesman Kay Makhubela confirmed that two people suspected to be foreigners were killed in the violence on Sunday night and said that at least 640 people have been arrested since the violence erupted last week.

The nationalities of those killed have not been announced but Nigerians, Ethiopians, Congolese and Zimbabweans have been attacked, according to local media.

The attacks appear to be spreading throughout Gauteng, the country's most populous province encompassing the cities of Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Police minister Bheki Cele on Monday met with executives of major South African businesses, including the retailer Shoprite and MTN, a mobile phone and internet provider, whose operations were targeted in retaliatory attacks in Lagos, Nigeria, last week. The executives expressed concern that the violence in South Africa is hurting their operations in other parts of

the continent.

"The implications of the situation in South Africa are really profound. They have affected us in other countries in which we operate," said MTN group CEO Rob Shuter. The MTN group is owned almost 50 per cent by international investors, some living in London, Boston and New York, he said.

The Nigerian demonstrations forced South Africa's consular offices in Lagos to close. South Africa's foreign affairs minister Naledi Pandor is scheduled to meet with African ambassadors in Pretoria on Monday as the government attempts to put out the diplomatic fallout from the attacks. AP

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MPs SET FOR DEBATE ON GBV, XENOPHOBIA ATTACKS IN PARLY

CAPE TOWN - The National Assembly yesterday debated a matter of 'national importance' which will focus on recent incidents of femicide, public violence and looting.

The debate was put on Parliament's agenda following a week of attacks

on foreign nationals and public outrage over the rape and murders of women and children.

The urgent debate will come just a week after the National Assembly held a similar debate on gender-based violence as part of Women's Month. MPs will again come together

to debate and try to come up with solutions to the ongoing unrest in parts of the country.

ANC Chief Whip Pemmy Majodina said on Monday, following the party's caucus lekgotla at the weekend, that its MPs would lead the debate and would

make a number of inputs.

"Whatever laws must be looked at in terms of who accesses our country and trades within the country that will be our angle of debate as the ANC, to say we must differentiate between xenophobic attacks, as well as criminal activities."

ities."

That's not all that will be on Parliament's agenda today and MPs are also expected to debate government's proposal to introduce a regime of prescribed assets in South Africa, which could potentially threaten the pension savings of millions of South Africans.

EWN

R14.8m PAID TO HOUSE ZONDO COMMISSION

CAPE TOWN - Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Patricia de Lille has revealed that R14.8million has been paid to a media company and property group for the housing of the Zondo commission of inquiry.

De Lille revealed this in a written response to a parliamentary question posed by EFF MP Mgcini Tshwaku, who quizzed De Lille on contracts signed with the companies as well as the duration of the contracts and amounts paid to date.

In a written response, De Lille said up to R1.2m was paid monthly towards rental costs of offices as well as the auditorium from Tiso Blackstar and Redefine Properties.

"The total amount paid to date is R14837975.97," she said.

A breakdown of the costs shows that monthly rental for offices at Tiso Blackstar building was R72 846.52 and the rental of the media company's auditorium was R796 950, bringing the total to about R870 000.

The monthly rental of offices from Redefine Properties was R374 900.61.



Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Patricia de Lille.

De Lille said the lease agreement between the government, Redefine Properties and Tiso was signed between May and July last year.

"The lease agreements with Tiso Blackstar were signed for 12 months and have been extended for a further period of seven months. The lease agreement with Redefine was signed for three years," she said.

Last year, former president Jacob Zuma appointed the State Capture

Commission of Inquiry as part of a remedial action called by former public protector Thuli Madonsela.

Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng appointed his deputy, Judge Raymond Zondo, as the chairperson of the commission. However, the housing of the commission at Hill on Empire, a building owned by Tiso Blackstar, has attracted criticism from some quarters, especially the EFF.

Political Bureau

SA's economy has stalled, Mboweni's plan is welcome - ANC caucus

JOHANNESBURG - Acknowledging that the South African economy has stagnated, the ANC parliamentary caucus welcomed Finance Minister Tito Mboweni's economic strategy blueprint to boost growth and create jobs.

Discussing the outcome of the ANC parliamentary caucus's lekgotla, which was held last weekend, ANC Chief Whip Pemmy Majodina described the plan Mboweni released two weeks ago as a 'draft document that encourages debate'.

She said the ANC caucus welcomed it.

"The lekgotla welcomed the initiative by the government to start a national conversation on how to boost the South African economy in the short term," Majodina added. "The economic transformation cluster will lead this national conversation as it affects all South Africans. Furthermore, we call on all South Africans to contribute to this very important discussion."

She said the lekgotla welcomed the policy certainty displayed by

the government, in particular, the policy direction for the licensing of the high demand spectrum, which was approved by the Cabinet.

"The lekgotla noted concerns about the implementation of reforms in visa regulations, which are crucial for boosting the tourism sector in our country."

"It acknowledged that the South African economy has stagnated," Majodina said.

She added the caucus had resolved that the ANC in Parliament would 'move with greater vigour to ensure that the government implements decisive policy measures to reignite inclusive growth and create jobs'.

While the ANC caucus welcomed Mboweni's document, the ANC's alliance partners, COSATU and the SACP, expressed their dissatisfaction with the plan.

Mboweni's 77-page report was released on the National Treasury's website on August 27. Many of the proposed reforms draw on existing proposals in other documents, including the National Development Plan. *Citizen*

'IT'S A LIE': BATOHI ON R1.7m CR17 PAYMENT CLAIM

JOHANNESBURG - "It is utter rubbish. It's a lie."

With these seven words national director of public prosecutions (NDPP) Shamila Batohi on Tuesday scotched rumours circulating online that she had been paid R1 750 000 by Cyril Ramaphosa's CR17 campaign fund.

Twitter has been awash with claims, backed by a purported 'list', claiming that certain judges and people had allegedly been paid various amounts by the fund.

The list circulated at the same time that damning revelations were published by the Daily Maverick about a money trail linking EFF leader Julius Malema to an alleged spending spree involving millions siphoned from VBS Mutual Bank.

Batohi, speaking on SABC Morning Live, was asked for her response to the claims that she had received nearly R2m - given her standing and perception that the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) had to be independent and above reproach.

According to the rumours, she was paid the money on March 14

2018. "Well I'm not sure I should dignify that with a response actually," was her initial reaction.

"I don't know why people do this and I don't want to speculate about it and I will not be distracted by it," she added.

"I think these are tactics to try to distract you from doing your work and this is the start of it. There is going to be a lot more and I realise I have to fortify myself against these attacks."

"When I was interviewed I said this is a shark tank and it seems like the attacks have started but this will not distract us from our important work."

Police minister Bheki Cele revealed in August that 1 800 cases investigated by the Hawks had been sent to the NDPP for a decision.

Cele said these included 'sophisticated' cases that involved municipalities, the corruption and fraud at the now defunct VBS Mutual Bank, and Eskom. "We expect, in the not-distant future, to have real serious results," reported Times Live. *Timeslive*

Malema set to give Hawks statement over firearm incident

PRETORIA - Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) leader Julius Malema will have an opportunity yesterday to tell the Hawks what happened at a political rally in 2018 when he was filmed seemingly firing a rifle into the air.

Malema has been summoned to the unit's offices in Pretoria to provide a warning statement to investigators. It emerged last week that the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) had taken a decision in the matter but declined to disclose it.

The EFF has maintained that its leader did not fire a rifle into the air. Instead, the party said he was pretending to shoot to coincide with fireworks going off.

Eyewitness News understands investigators seized spent cartridges at the sports grounds where the rally took place to supplement the video footage evidence. It is, however, unclear if the



security manager, who allegedly owns the firearm, is also a suspect in the case. What has become evident is that the

red beret leader will be hauled off to court in the Eastern Cape on this firearm charge. *EWN*

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SWAMA, ENCAC WARN FEMALE ARTISTS ON 'CREEPY' MANAGERS

SETSABILE NKAMBULE

BE careful and report!

These were warnings coming from Eswatini National Council of Art and Culture (ENCAC) and Eswatini Music Association (SWAMA) following the ongoing sexual allegations made by women on Eswatini on social media including that of a female artist who revealed sexual advances by her manager.

SWAMA President Melusi Zox Dlamini stated that this came as a shock to them as an association with both female and male artists.

He said they hope that justice would be given to the survivors.

"We are alarmed, shocked and saddened by these allegations and by all means wish we would, collectively as an industry do something to prevent such incidents from occurring," said Dlamini.

"We encourage our artists to always travel in numbers, and not be too trusting of others. People have showed us again and again that they can't be trusted.

Please let us also stand up and report these atrocities," he added.

Dlamini further advised women to report such issues as quickly as possible, as this would be of great help to enable justice to take its cause as quickly as possible.

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ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini shared the same sentiments with SWAMA president as they were also saddened about such issues facing female artists.

Advice

"Our advice which is professional to the creator sector is that every artist must have a manager who will manage the artist's calendar for meetings and his social appearances.

Social networks should be used as a professional gadget to help protect our artists through their manager as every artist is or has a brand to protect.

"It is essential to note that all her engagements must be professional and requires a manager to handle their image. Stay sober and alert," he said.

The #AM_I_NEXT started the past week in South Africa, where there were reported deaths of women from Cape Town, who lost their lives to mindless acts of gender-based violence (GBV).

The claims calling for survivors of rape and sexual assault to go public and reveal their alleged attackers, have gained ground. Eswatini rape and Sexual harassment victims soon began speaking out, calling out their alleged violators.

One of the country's popular photographers and an artist's manager found themselves being the victims of this popular movement.

MTN Eswatini renews Illa's ambassadorship contract

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

ANOTHER one in the bag for Illa Penboy.

Known as Mr Successful Events, MTN Eswatini has renewed Illa PenBoy's ambassadorship contract.

He revealed this good news through his Facebook page, stating that he was excited to yet again be given the opportunity of being the brand ambassador of the yellow entity.

"Last year I was chosen as Mr Brand Ambassador, a few weeks ago I had to say goodbye as a brand ambassador because my contract was over, but guess what, I am back for 2019/2020," he said.

The rapper was appointed as the brand ambassador last year in August along-

side Songbird Symphony. MTN Eswatini Senior Consumer Manager Meshack Maseko affirmed Illa's contract renewal.

Maseko said the reason they decided to renew Maseko's contract was because they were currently driving digital, mobile money and data penetration among their customers and by far Illa was one of the widely followed personalities.

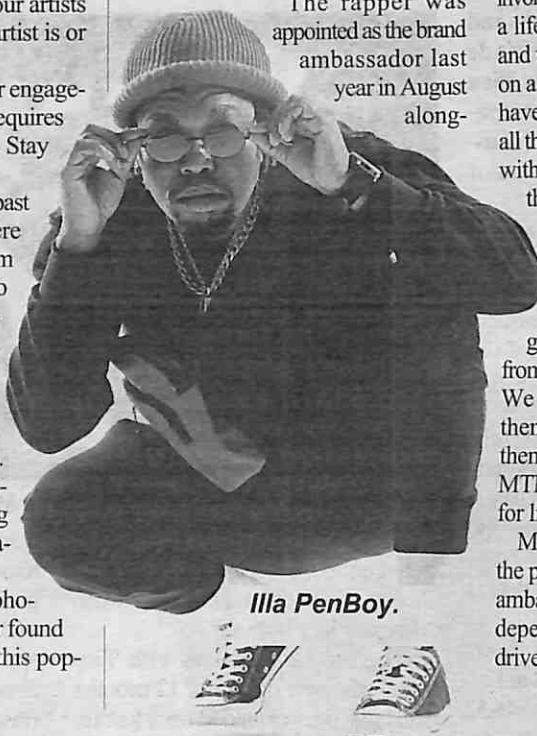
He also said it was Illa who had a lot of ideas and activities that complement their strategy as a business.

"The plan is to add more ambassadors in 2020 to ensure that our brand continues to be number one as always and in touch with the local market.

"We believe everyone who has been involved with the MTN Brand becomes a lifetime ambassador of our brand and we continue to work with them on a one on one basis. We currently have one on one engagements with all the personalities that have worked with us and will continue to support them as they come up with ideas that speak to our brand and objectives," Maseko explained.

"All Brand Ambassadors that have worked with MTN have grown their brands immensely from associating with this great brand. We will continue to work with all of them to build their brands and for them to continue to add value to the MTN brand. We build ambassadors for life," he said.

Maseko stated that they were in the process of choosing other brand ambassadors and that their choices depended on what they wanted to drive at any point in time.



Illu PenBoy.

A SHOCK: SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini.

Megasound picnic phase two artists lineup finally out

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

IT'S all system go for MegaSound Picnic as the phase two lineup is out.

Still keeping with the colourful Caribbean theme, the stable is ready to deliver another experience to the masses.

The stable announced a female only line up in August with Nadia Nakai, Mandisa, Symphony, Nomalungelo and Lady Cream making up the phase one line up.

The announcement made for a succulent affair as these ladies are balanced in their genres of choice. Nadia will probably make her first trip into the kingdom after the release of her long-awaited album while Mandisa, Symphony have redefined RnB and rap in the latest trends of growing artists in Eswatini. Nomalungelo is seasoned and has endeared herself to the many Emaswati as she has

steadied her brand and adapted her soulful performances to resonate with the masses.

The following are confirmed artists who will be headlining the Megasound picnic.

These are DJ Master P, DJMBO, Illa Penboy, ZuluD, !Sooks, Culolam, Mistosoul, DopeDeep, Speech Umlangeni, Yugo, SupaCDQ, Lyrical Busta, Smish, B-Squared, TiboDW, Liz, Recorder, Tonic Deep, Milotion, KB DaDJ, and Loord Boogy.

Phase two includes acts from neighbouring South Africa in such as Black Diamond.

This group comprises of two gentlemen from KwaZulu Natal who have come together to deliver afropop sounds that have swept throughout the continent and are signed under Ambitious Entertainment.

According to MegaSound picnic PRO Thembekile Magongo, in building the entertainment part of the picnic, they have craftily worked to bal-



ance the experiences of all revellers.

"With this phase of announcements done, we are scheduled to announce our stall partners and social teams in the balance of the September weeks. As the days draw close, we encourage our fans and picnic lovers to get online tickets at www.computickets.com

or visit their nearest Shoprite and Computicket outlets to buy themselves the MegaSound Picnic Tickets which will retail until midnight in October 25. "All tickets remain available including camping packages which are limited," she said.



LINED UP: Black Diamond and DJMBO.

Xoli M, Buckz for All Star Festival

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

SOUTH African artists Xoli M and Buckz will be performing at the All Star Festival in September 21 at Riders Ranch Sidvokodvo.

This was confirmed by the organiser of the festival Sifiso Maziya yesterday.

The much anticipated inaugural festival is themed after 'The Most Loved Foot'.

The two South African house vocalists, Uhuru's Buckz of Y' Tjukutja fame and Xoli M will be sharing the stage with Afrikan Roots, Dr Moruti, Yoruba,

The Shepard Brothers, Mozaik, Wicked, SheeJay Zoe, DJ Crazy D to mention a few.

"It will be a family day where families will enjoy good music from pop to Jazz by the international award winning Gloria Bosman.

"There will be a full pledge kiddie's zone, business stalls, food stalls, and games until the evening when the party will begin," said Maziya.

Tickets to the festival are vying for E500 VIP and general at E250.

Tickets are available at Galitos, Sausage Salon and Maxi's outlets country wide.

"The momentum is growing as people can't wait to spot their All Star footwear and the best dressed shall also stand a chance to win prizes.



ple can't wait to spot their All Star footwear and the best dressed shall also stand a chance to win prizes.



"Weather is forecast to be beautiful for picnicking on the day of the event," Maziya said.

COMING: 'It's You' hitmaker Xoli M and Uhuru's Buckz are slated to perform at the All Star Festival.

DJ Buckz first rose to fame was when he collaborated with Uhuru a couple of years ago and over time, he has solidified himself as one of South Africa's most loved music producers and artists.

Xoli M is a singer and song writer, from KwaZulu Natal. She started her journey in music in the year 2010, when she recorded her first hit track "Set Me Free" alongside Black Motion and recently signed with Strongroots entertainment.

MTN BUSHFIRE 2020 EARLY BIRD TICKETS NOW ON SALE

BY AYANDA DLAMINI

IT'S on again for the international acclaimed MTN Bushfire 2020 as the Early Bird tickets are now on sale.

This was confirmed by House On Fire Communications Officer Phiwokuhle Dhlamini yesterday.

MTN Bushfire tickets have sold out for five consecutive years, and Early Bird tickets typically sell out in a matter of hours.

Therefore, fans are encouraged to act fast to avoid missing out on the magical and memorable experience that is the MTN Bushfire festival which is slated for May 29 to May 31, 2020.

According to Dhlamini, the festival will this year again not offer day passes and exclusive access to

	Early-Bird	(Phase 1)	(Phase 2)
Full Festival Golden Lounge	1,750	1,950	2,350
Full Festival Main Arena	800	950	1,150
Full Festival Children	200	250	300



Early Bird tickets is available to those who pre-registered.

However, the period for pre-registration is now closed. Each patron can get a maximum of two Early Bird tickets.

"Festival fans can visit the www.bush-fire.com to choose from the variety of festival ticketing options best suited for them," Dhlamini explained.

As one of Africa's largest and most celebrated festival of music and the arts, MTN Bushfire annually welcomes over 30 000 admissions hailing from 60 different countries.

This distinctly African, yet globally-infused festival consciously celebrates inclusivity and magnifies diversity through creative activism and artistic expression in the scenic and peaceful Malkems Valley of Eswatini.

Nothando Hlophe's 'Thina Siyalangazelela' sets internet ablaze

BY DELISA THWALA

THE gospel queen Nothando Hlophe fresh from performing for Their Majesties and having her head donned with Emagwalagwala has once again set the internet on fire with her new song 'Thina Siyalangazelela'.

The song was released on Monday by Leserato Events.

Confirming the release on the song was Leserato Events PRO Lerato Mtshali.

"We had said before that all her songs belong to us we will continue to release all the songs she had done with us despite the contract termination," said Mtshali.

The title of the song means awaiting for God's mercy.

This is a praise song from the public domain.

During the compiling of this article, the song was sitting on 9.3 thousands views on YouTube and had over 260 comments where people commended it for its strong message and wonderfully done vocals.

In the live video the singer is seen clad in a white body fitting dress paired with long straight hair and barely there make up.

Hlophe is an award winning artist whose dream was to make it in the industry.

Her music career instantly changed the moment she was announced the winner of the Women in Praise talent search competition hosted by Umvini Events in conjunction with Spirit Music Group.

Sands 'Ngiyathandaza' scoops Best Collaboration nomination

BY DELISA THWALA

FRESH from the studio, 'Ngiyathandaza' a song by Sands featuring the Village Pope Tsepo Tshola has been nominated for the MTN SWAMA awards 2019 in the 'Best Collaboration' gong.

The song was released two months ago.

It premiered on Metro FM breakfast show hosted by Wilson B Nkosi.

Speaking to the golden boy, he said from here they could only go forward with greatness that comes with the song.

"This is huge for me. A nomination always means people love your work and winning would definitely mean that my all-time fans have been consistent with me and the work I do. I'm glad my music is highly recognised to that level and yes I did anticipate the nomination," said the elated Sands.

The song is currently number 15 on Ligwalagwala FM and has been requested back on Metro FM playlist.

"This song seeks to encourage people to pray and have faith, this song is set to change everyone's prayer perspective," shared Sands.

He also shared that they were working on the visuals of the song, 'Ngiyathandaza'.

The video of the song will be shot in Lesotho where Tsepo Tshola is from.



Nothando Hlophe.

DURBAN LORDS SET BUSA THE INDEPENDENCE ABLAZE



ARTISTS: South African artists Saso, DJ Feel and local DJ Touch of Soul at the show. This was during the Busa Independence show which was held at Déjà Vu Cocktail Lounge, Esibayeni Lodge. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini and Phetsile Mamba)



FUN: A fun-lover dances at the show.

BY AYANDA DLAMINI

FUN, music and energetic performances were the order of the day at Déjà Vu Cocktail Lounge at Esibayeni Lodge.

This was during the Busa The Independence show hosted on Friday. Themed 'A Durban Experience', the Durban Lords namely DJ Touch Of Soul, Dream Team's Saso, Benny Waverick and DJ Feel brought their A game on stage.

They gave revellers a glimpse of what they are known for in Durban.

MTN SWAMA nominee DJ TOS, who is a well-known Liswati spinner residing in Durban, had attendees munching from the palm of his hands with his set, which was fused with gqom hits, mostly from Dladla Mshunqisi and DJ Tira.

The Dream Team's Saso heated up the stage



DANCING: Benny Maverick performs his famous hit titled Memeza.

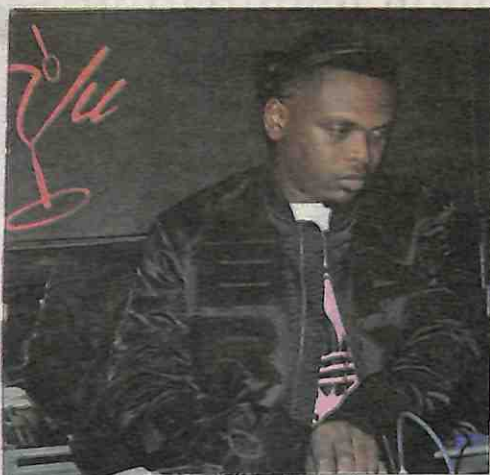
with his energetic dance moves.

He literally owned the stage in his red unisex polarised rimless Vintage sunglasses with his energetic dance moves. For the first time in history, Déjà Vu had two dance floors; one inside the lounge and the other one at

the balcony, where amapiano and house music were dished out by DJ Spicy. The show was supposed to be hosted at Ronde Vu but due to the weather, patrons and music lovers were ushered to the lounge and they danced the night away.



SMILES: SwaziBoy's Shadow was left impressed with the performances of the night.



FEEL GOOD MUSIC: DJ Feel plays during his set.



HAPPY: DJ Supa CDQ prepares to take over from Menzie.



TOUCH: DJ Touch of Soul was also present.

We are coming back - The Durban Lords

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

THE Durban Lord's Dream Team made up of Saso and Benny Maverick said they would be coming back to the country for more shows and provided fun for their fans.

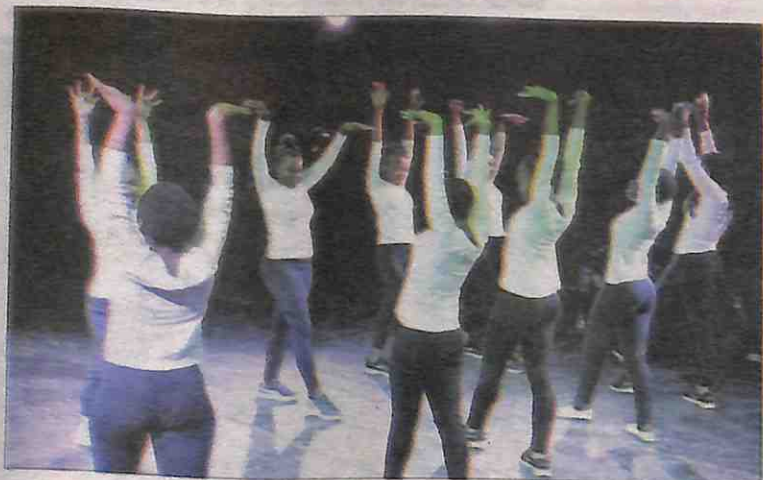
With the resounding response they received from their fans on Friday, they promised to release brand new music for their future shows in the country.

Saso said his fans should expect only hit songs this year and early next year.

He emphasised that the Dream Team would forever drop hits even though Dash has left the group.

"We love music and we will be working with Trey. It will be just the two of us," he said.

Benny Mavericks acknowledged DJ Touch of Soul for hosting them in Eswatini for the first time and making sure that they felt at home.



DANCE: Fun, Music, performance were the order of the day during the Raw Talent at the Eswatini Theatre Club last Saturday.

PASTOR THETHE DELIVERS 2HR LONG ARTISTIC PRODUCTION

BY DELISA THWALA

IT was pure experience of sheer and raw talent at the Eswatini Theatre Club last Saturday.

This was experienced by close to 60 people who had gathered at the place of arts for the showcase of a theatrical production dubbed 'The Cry On the Cross.'

The show was directed by none other than Founder and Leader of God's Holy Place Ministries in Manzini Pastor Themba Dlamini affectionately known as Pastor



BALLET: Lwandle Mdluli thrilling the crowd

Thethe.

The clergy man had gathered about 30 young people for his production, dancers, poets, instru-

mentalists as well as upcoming vocalists.

Stealing the show were two female instrumentalists who each held the

show down playing a bass guitar and one on drums, respectively.

What caught the eye of the audience who had braved the cold to witness the play was that it was more so uncommon in the country for a female to play the bass guitar with ease, let alone the drums. Nonetheless, the Magagula sisters gave it their all.

The production gave an analysis of how Christians believe that Jesus did not die for nothing, hence they preach salvation.

Songs and poems delivered on the night were all centered around



WORD: Pastor Emmanuel Dlamini delivering the word of God this was during the 'Cry On The Cross' event held at Theater Club during the weekend.

the goodness of God, the sacrifice of the cross and the need for Him in daily lives.

In his brief speech Pastor Thethe thanked with utmost pleasure all who had supported him and his church on the production of such a phenomenal showcase.

He expressed special gratitude to the country's renowned featured acts which included X.O the hip hop Apostle, Poets; Enjay and MoCats and other upcoming acts.

The event started on a high note and ended on a similar note.

Attendants attested to having been blessed and moved by the renditions from the various artists and dancers.

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Celebville

International Celebrity News

Black Coffee drops Usher collab and it's hella fire

CAPE TOWN - Black Coffee's collab with Usher promises to be flames.

After what seemed like an eternity, music fans will soon finally hear that epic Black Coffee and Usher collab we were promised.

Black Coffee first spoke about a collab two years ago, telling Metro FM that it didn't work out because Usher apparently didn't feel that his music was 'African enough'. Fast forward a year and a

bit and the pair teamed up for a performance at the Global Citizen Music Festival in Johannesburg.

Usher told Trevor Noah during the festival that he was now working with Black Coffee for his forthcoming album.

"We gonna work on music for the album but this will be an amazing kick-off and the intention is really to set the spirit in the right direction," he said. *(Times Live)*



DROPS: Black Coffee.

Minnie's brother alive but fighting for his life in ICU

CAPE TOWN - Minnie Dlamini-Jones's

family has asked for privacy as her younger brother Khosini is currently seeking critical care in hospital.

Minnie's parents Jabulani and Queen Dlamini confirmed on Monday afternoon in a statement issued to SowetanLIVE that Khosani, 29, was currently in ICU. They further dismissed several reports that he had died.

"The Dlamini family notes with concern the incorrect news that our

son Khosini Dlamini has passed," the statement reads.

"We can confirm that Khosini has been admitted to hospital and is currently undergoing treatment in ICU at the moment.

"We would like to reserve all comment on the matter

and request that we are allowed privacy during this time.

(Sowetan Live)



ALIVE: Minnie Dlamini-Jones and Khosini.

Brown removed from JetBlue Flight

LAS VEGAS - A rep for JetBlue tells us Brown

was 'removed from the aircraft prior to departure after crewmembers observed indications of intoxication. The decision to remove a customer from a flight is not taken lightly. In this instance, the customer was offered a seat on a later flight. The customer declined and was issued a refund.' Sources with direct knowledge and witnesses tell TMZ, they believe JetBlue jumped

the gun by throwing Bobby off the plane. Passengers sitting around Bobby say

he was not disruptive and did not interfere with the flight crew. Although he admitted to drinking before boarding, he was not

being difficult and did not make a fuss when he was told he couldn't have a drink. We don't know if Bobby was 'drunk,' but even if he was, he was passive. *(TMZ)*



REMOVED: Bobby Brown.

Sarah Palin's husband files for divorce

NEW YORK - Sarah Palin's husband is pulling

'irreconcilable differences.' Todd's filing asked for joint legal custody of their only remaining minor child, their son Trig, who is 11. The couple has 4 other children together.

Property and shared assets, however, will have to be divided up down the road, according to Todd's docs.

Sarah -- who was elected Governor of Alaska for three years in 2006 and a one-time VP hopeful alongside Sen.

(TMZ)



DIVORCE: Sarah Palin's husband is pulling the plug on their marriage.

'Wildcard win for empowerment of kids living with albinism'

PRETORIA - Idols SA's Innocentia Sibi said

she had thrown in the towel before she was announced as the final hopeful to make the top 10 on Sunday night.

"I thought I was going home, I had already thrown in the towel. You can never be good enough especially since the 17 other contestants are so talented. So you never know, if your talent could get you where

you would like to get in the competition," she said. "I was so emotional. You think that it's just a show and it's going to be ok. But the truth is the experience once you are there is way different. I was overwhelmed, but most of all



WIN: Innocentia Sibi.

I was grateful and humbled. "I'm so grateful for the experience. *(Sowetan Live)*

Babes Wodumo 'hackers' apologise to Lady Zamar

DURBAN - After weeks of wreaking havoc, an apology has been posted on Babes

Wodumo's Twitter account - allegedly by hackers - to several high-profile people for comments made about them.

Babes told our sister publication TshisaLIVE last month that her Twitter account had been hacked and that she did not have control of the content being posted on it. However, comments shared on the account have still been raising eyebrows over comments on transport

minister Fikile Mbalula and Nigerian stars Tiwa Savage and Davido.

The account also blamed Nigerians for the drug scourge in SA and Zimbabweans for taking RDP houses meant for South Africans.

Taking to Twitter on Sunday, the alleged hackers claimed they had taken control over the account and apologised for the harm caused

over the last few weeks. "This is not Babes Wodumo. She's totally correct when she said her account was hacked. *(Times Live)*



APOLOGISE: Babes Wodumo.

Spears' new temporary conservator confirmed in court

NEW YORK - Britney Spears now has a new temporary conservator, and, as

expected, it's Jodi Montgomery. The appointment was made official Monday in an L.A. courtroom where a judge appointed Jodi after Britney's father, Jamie Spears, formally requested to relinquish his powers of conservatorship due to personal health reasons. As

we first reported Jamie filed the docs last week to step down at least through January 20, 2020 -- and handpicked

Jodi, Brit's care manager, to be his replacement, temporarily.

We know no one involved opposed

Jodi's appointment, but the bigger issue will come within the next week, once a court-appointed evaluator files a report about Britney's care and medications she was given. TMZ broke the story, Dr. Timothy Benson -- who

was responsible for her treatment -- died from an aneurysm. *(TMZ)*



CONFIRMED: Britney Spears.

Kevin Hart's car will be disassembled by CHP

HOWLLYWOOD - Kevin Hart's 1970

Plymouth Barracuda will be stripped down to nuts, bolts and metal pieces, courtesy of the California Highway Patrol, and what the CHP finds could result in new car safety laws.

CHP sources tell us its protocol is often to disassemble cars involved in either fatal or major injuries to determine the cause of the crash. It's a 3-week process,

a week taking the car apart and 2-3 weeks evaluating the evidence and writing a report.

Our law enforcement sources say, the end result may be a recommendation by the CHP to the state legislature to require that car companies

customize and restore classic cars must install safety harnesses, even if it deviates from the original vehicle. *(TMZ)*



DISASSEMBLED: Kevin Hart.

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



MARCHES: MABUYI.

Mabuyi marches into the lion's den and nearly has her head bitten off. It seems S'khaleli escaped the frying pan, only to fall into the fire, and Fenyang finally seems to get a win, but life finds a way to cut him down to size.



TODAY

Lincoln makes Sechaba the villain of the piece. Gatanga approaches Florence to state his case. Olivia's partying lifestyle infuriates Anja.



MAKES: Sechaba.



TODAY



MAKES A TOUGH DECISION: Vhangani.

Vhangani makes a tough decision, when he decides to leave the royal house, Imani finds Gugu and Seretse shackled up in a hotel room. Warona finds out that Shaz was lying about her father helping them out with securing the tender.



TODAY

Bash tells Jamaica he knows about Khulekani and Jamaica tells Khulekani. Sindiswa is defiant about her decision to spend some of the money. Pearl and Mzi take a big step.



UNHAPPY: Suffo.

Apart from "Go lock the door first" what other inspiration quote do you know?



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Today's a good day to work toward the goals you've set, Capricorn. The aspect of the day influences your ability to focus on the necessary steps to achieve what you want. No goal is too big! Each step you take toward it will give you focus and improve your life. As time goes by, you'll discover that what previously seemed out of reach is now within your grasp.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

You may watch the clock today, Aquarius. It can be hard to focus on tasks when you're thinking about relaxing, but do your best. You won't get through your tasks any faster if you're unfocused. You might even sabotage what you're doing if you're distracted. You don't want to make more work for yourself than what you started with.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

If someone you know is going through a rough time, Pisces, they could come to you for support or advice. People see you as genuinely concerned and a good friend, especially when times are tough. You've probably earned their respect through your caring and helpfulness. By being such a good friend, you're surrounded by people who will be there for you when you need them.



Aries March 21 – April 1

With some leisure time on your hands, you'll find an opportunity to start fresh in some area that has challenged you, Aries. Find the courage to examine your attitudes toward adverse situations. Armed with your new knowledge, you might have a new insight that allows you to approach an old problem in a different way. You'll discover that you have more power than you thought.

Taurus April 20 – May 20
Today you might want to try something completely new, Taurus. If you've never done this before, why not try expressing yourself through dance? Even if you're convinced you have two left feet, you might be surprised. Whatever your style, there's a type of dance you can do, whether it's as simple as the twist or as flamboyant as flamenco. You'll feel great, and it's good exercise.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

If you're not already so inclined, Gemini, why not try expressing yourself through song? Even if you're convinced you have a tin ear, you might be surprised at what happens if you just let yourself go. Do you feel silly singing out loud? Then be silly. Ham it up and have some fun. Even if you're tone deaf, you'll have a great time, and that sort of feeling is infectious.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

Cancer, you may discover today that you have a talent for something you've never even thought about before. If you always stick to what you know, how will you ever experience anything new? Trying this unexplored area doesn't mean you have to excel in it. As long as you're completely absorbed and having fun, you'll enjoy a positive experience. Don't shy away from this. Go with it!



Leo July 23 – August 22

It's a new day, Leo, a good day to let your caring side show. Take the time to smile and chat with as many people as you can. They will be drawn to your friendly personality and you'll all enjoy your time together. If someone is having a rough day, let him or her know you care. Spend a few minutes listening to the problem and show you really understand.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Today brings the opportunity to see things as they are and not as you'd like them to be. It's easy to fool yourself sometimes, but you can only get away with that for so long before the truth comes out. There comes a time when you need to face things. Any time is an excellent time to start fresh. Take your time and trust in yourself.



Libra September 23 – October 23

Today your creativity might be stimulated by some free time, Libra. You can try and save it for later, but you may not feel the same way then. Try to apply your creativity to a faster or more efficient way to do a particular job or make a dull job more exciting. If you can't give in to that urge now, write down your ideas and plan to return to them soon.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

You probably have a knack for listening to other people and noticing when they need help or a shoulder to cry on, Scorpio. Today may be excellent for you to help another person out. Consider going the extra mile by lending a hand to those around you who are in need. Show your extraordinary caring ability and be a true friend. Make someone smile.

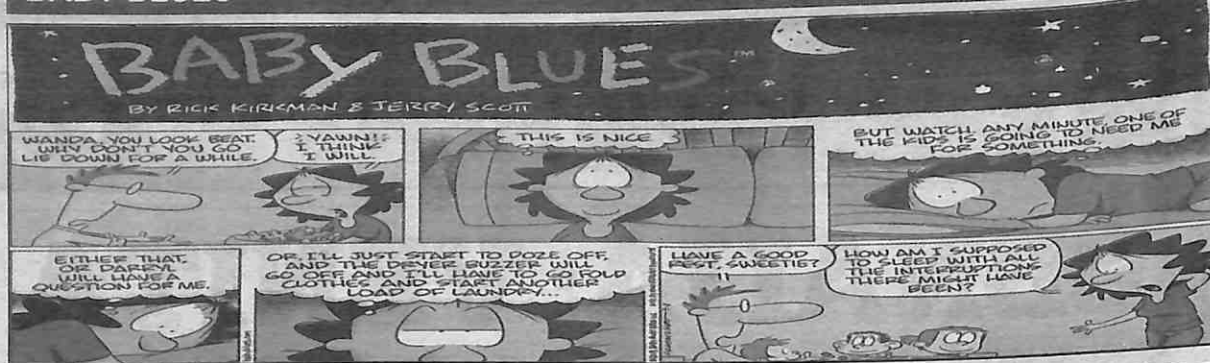


Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

It's possible that someone will question your motives or wonder whether or not you're genuine, Sagittarius. Don't take it the wrong way. You don't take everything at face value either. Show your sincerity by following through and sticking by your word. If you can't avoid going back on your word, explain the situation to the person involved. This will show that you're sincere.



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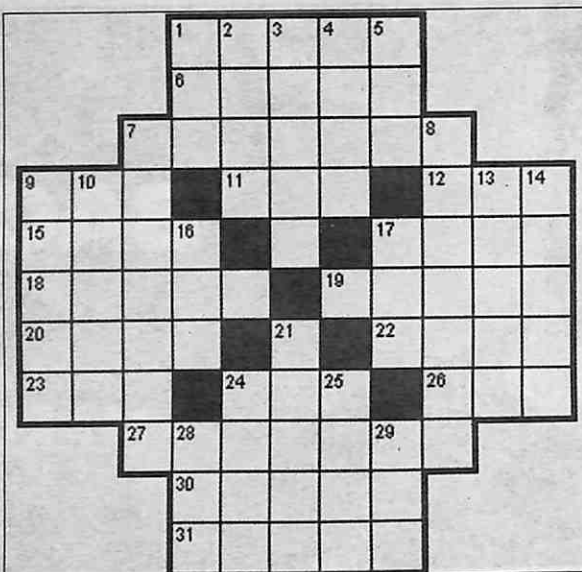
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LOL
Laughing Out Loud

A TAX-PAYER

A man, submitting information to his income tax preparer, was asked how many dependents he had.

The preparer asked, "Would you mind repeating that?" The man replied, "Not if I can help it."

"Sixteen," he replied.

DID YOU KNOW

- When feeding, a hummingbird can lick 10 to 15 times per second.
- Movie trailers are called that for a reason: They used to run after the movie.
- Despite producing 95 per cent of the world's bourbon supply, the official drink of Kentucky is milk.

As part of David Hasselhoff's divorce settlement, he kept possession of the nickname 'Hoff' and the catchphrase 'Don't Hassle the Hoff.'

MOVIE QUIZ
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Yesterday's Quiz

- Which 90's movie soundtrack is the best-selling soundtrack of all time?
Answer: B. The Bodyguard

Today's Quiz

- Which 1997 film stars Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, and John Malkovich?
Answers: A. Con Air B. Roy Broke



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BBNAIJA: VENITA EVICTED AMIDST MIXED EMOTIONS

VENITA has been evicted from the Big Brother Naija house following the Monday nomination challenge which had five housemates up for possible evictions.

She's the 15th housemate to leave the show.

Venita was up for possible eviction alongside Frodd, Elozonam, Omashola and Khafi who was replaced with Seyi during the live nomination show on Sunday. During the live show, BBNaija host, Ebuka asked Tacha about her fight with Seyi, with which she responded, "Seyi is just older than me but does not have sense and act his age. What I have achieved at 23, Seyi has not achieved at his age. If it wasn't for Big Brother, he wouldn't have achieved anything."

The twists and turns this week had housemates in their feelings including Venita who had a showdown with Mercy after the Saturday night party.

Earlier in the week, Mercy and Ike made history as the first housemates to win the Joint Head of House on the reality show after winning the ball throwing chal-

...as Tacha declares her achievement at age 23

lenge. The Sunday live eviction show had the pop star Skibii perform some of his hit tracks including, "Daz How Star do, Sensima and Ah Skibii. DJ Enimoney also got the

audience dancing to hit songs from some of Nigeria's best musicians.

There are now only 11 housemates left in the race to win the 30-million-naira cash and 60 million worth of prizes courtesy of Big Brother Naija.

Viewers can now vote for their favourite housemate in the Big Brother Naija house via SMS by texting VOTE and the NAME of the HOUSEMATE to 32052 (SMS costs N30 for Nigeria only). Fans can also VOTE FOR FREE on the website and mobile site - africamagic.tv/bigbrother.

Voting starts every Monday night at 7:30pm WAT; after the Nomination show and closes the following Thursday at 9pm WAT. Visit the website for more information.

Don't miss out! Catch the live BBNaija drama 24/7, daily - available on all DStv packages via DStv channel 198 and on GOtv Max and GOtv Plus packages only on GOtv channel 29/Ghana 129/Uganda 329.



SBN joins the DStv platform to launch on all packages

MULTICHOICE Africa is pleased to announce that SonLife Broadcasting Network (SBN), will join the DStv platform on today.

SBN is a television and radio network broadcasting around the world and is an extension of Jimmy Swaggart Ministries and the goal of SonLife Broadcasting Network is to reach the world with the Message of the Cross.

SBN will be available on DStv channel 345 to various countries in Sub-Saharan Africa where MultiChoice Africa operates and will give active customers on the DStv Premium, Compact Plus, Compact, Family and Access packages an opportunity to enjoy international faith programmes from the ministries, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Some of the programmes to look forward to on this channel include:

- THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS: A daily programme featuring Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart welcomes Associate Pastors to the panel to read and discuss the Word of God.

- FRANCES & FRIENDS: Our daily discussion program hosted by Frances Swaggart with panel members chosen from Donnie Swaggart, Jim Nations, Mike Muzerall and John Rosenstern.



- FAMILY WORSHIP Centre: Recordings of the three weekly services from the FWC. Featuring Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart, Donnie Swaggart, Gabriel Swaggart, the Family Worship Singers, Choir and Musicians.

- GENERATION OF THE CROSS: Gabriel Swaggart hosts this weekly programme discussing Bible matters relevant to the youth of the world. Gabriel is joined for this programme by Associate Pastors from the Youth Ministry.

- A STUDY IN THE WORD: Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart welcomes Associate Pastors, such as Loren Larson, Jim Woolsey and Bob Cornell to an in-depth study of the Scripture

- THE STORY BEHIND THE SONG: Donnie Swaggart shares the testimonies of eight familiar hymns that continue to bless every believer.

- CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRY: Featuring Gabriel Swaggart, the leader of the Crossfire Youth Ministry in our weekly service for the youth of the world from the Crossfire auditorium in Baton Rouge.



Down-to-earth but blazing-hot Marc Buckner M-Net's next Bachelor

AFTER the very first season of The Bachelor South Africa took the country by storm, M-Net swiftly announced that the channel would be embarking on another love journey of a lifetime, inviting ladies who are keen to settle down with the man of their dreams to put their names forward.

Now, with entries closing today at midnight, M-Net is ready to reveal the name of the dashing dude who will be handing out those sought-after roses in season 2.

His full name is Marc Brent Buckner, just after Carte Blanche, viewers will

be able to see for themselves why M-Net simply couldn't resist signing up this easy-on-the-eye, mature, witty, energetic, smart, adventurous, and compassionate, globe-trotting action man and multiple property owner and currency trader and investor as South Africa's next Bachelor.

"Thirty-six-year-old Marc is the type of guy who puts his heart and soul into everything he does," says M-Net's Head of Publicity, Lani Lombard. "But once you've seen that twinkle in his eye and have the chance to engage with him in conversations on a range of topics - from environmental issues

to motorbikes, healthy living, wellness, psychology, and news headlines - there's really only one way to describe him - HUSBAND MATERIAL! And that's exactly what we want our Bachelor to be."

Exploring

When he's not exploring foreign destinations - often in the company of one of his favourite people in the world, his mom - or analysing economic trends to boost his bank account - you will find Marc in the great outdoors. Hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, sky-diving, or enjoying a 'picnic with a view' count among his best-loved

activities. It's just as important to him to build trusting, close relationships. Cooking a meal alongside a loved one and having meaningful conversation over a glass of wine near a crackling fireplace is right up his alley. Another bonus for the ladies: he loves DIY projects and even builds his own furniture. Growing his own vegetable garden is on his to-do-list for when he finds 'the one' and starts his own family.

If Marc looks familiar, here's why: a modelling agency approached him at the age of sixteen and since then he's appeared in commercials for many

prominent brands and tested his acting chops in small parts in a couple of music videos and movies. "It opened many doors for me and allowed me to go to exotic places and meet many interesting people," Marc says.

"But now I'm about to open the most exciting door of them all - the opportunity to meet my other half on The Bachelor South Africa. I have no preconceived ideas of who this woman should be. Sometimes opposites attract and I can't wait to invest quality time in getting to know the diverse group of powerful South African ladies who are as keen as I am to put their hearts on the line for love on a television show."

Jason Greer will be at Marc's side, reprising the role of the show's level-headed host. Jason will be facilitating the iconic rose ceremonies and serve as the mentor figure to Marc throughout his Bachelor journey.

To be part of the show, ladies have to be over 21 and single - either never married or divorced - and meet the requirements stipulated in the Terms and Conditions (published on mnet.tv). You need to fill out the short entry form on the M-Net website, where you will also be asked to submit two photographs of yourself. Among the Terms and Conditions are that you are in possession of a valid South African ID document and that you will be available for filming between 5 October and 5 December.

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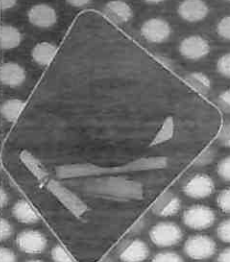
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'REAL MADRID'S DOOR OPEN FOR 'GREAT' POGBA'

MANCHESTER - Players like Manchester United star Paul Pogba are always welcome at Real Madrid, according to Blancos captain Sergio Ramos.

Pogba spent the summer being linked with an exit from the Red Devils, with the Spanish giants mooted as his top suitors.

Though Madrid head coach Zinedine Zidane was credited as having Pogba as his top target, the club's expensive transfer business, which saw them bring in Eden Hazard and Luka Jovic among others, reportedly left them short of the funds necessary to meet United's demands.

As a result, Pogba remained at Old Trafford through the close of the transfer period, though it would not be surprising to see Madrid again linked to the France star in future windows.

And Ramos has no problem with that, saying the club is always will-

ing to bring in players of Pogba's calibre.

"I think Real Madrid always has the door open for good players such as him," Ramos told the Express.

Ramos went on to extol the midfielder's virtues as a player, citing his performances at both Juventus and United, while hailing his importance to the squad.

Great

"For me, Pogba is one of the great players," Ramos said.

"He is different and he has shown his value at Juventus and now Manchester United.

"I think he brings balance to a team. He has a great offensive influence and he has this amazing physique."

Pogba is currently an injury worry for United after missing out on France's matches against Albania and Andorra during the international break.

United will hope for Pogba to return to full fitness soon, as the club are entering a busy stretch of games.

They return to Premier League action on Saturday against Leicester City at Old Trafford, followed by a clash against Kazakh club Astana in the Europa League the following Thursday.

United then close out September with a visit to London to face West Ham, and two home matches, a Carabao Cup clash against Rochdale and a Premier League match up against top-six rivals Arsenal.

Goal

WELCOME: Manchester United star Paul Pogba.



Owen calls on City to send Foden on loan

MANCHESTER - Michael Owen has urged Manchester City to send youngster Phil Foden out on loan as a temporary move away from the Etihad will 'round him off as a player'.

The 19-year-old Foden is rated highly by those at City as well as the wider footballing community, but has had to fight hard to establish himself in Pep Guardiola's side.

The youngster has made 38 appearances for City since his debut in November 2017 in a Champions League tie against Feyenoord.

Owen, who was viewed as one of the world's most talented youngsters when he first started out at Liverpool, knows what it feels like to be highly regarded. And the former Liverpool, Real Madrid, Newcastle and Manchester United striker feels it is time Foden got more games under his belt, adding that that experience will help the youngster's development.

Speaking to talkSPORT, Owen said: 'It is a big debate. He is training with some of the greatest players on the planet every single day and with Pep Guardiola but there is nothing quite like having hardened pros either side of you and going on loan almost rounds you off as a player.'

'I don't think you have to be choosy (about a club) just get him out there, get him playing games. (He will learn) how to win, how to please fans and how to play well when your touch is a bit off.'

Owen said that it is rare for a young player to be handed first-team opportunities straight off the bat, and that Foden should be willing to get the experience he needs. "Look at the England team, there are hardly any players who go straight through. You have Marcus Rashford but apart from that there are few who don't go and get experience."

Daily Mail

Liverpool 'trigger one-year clause in Joel Matip's contract

LONDON - Liverpool defender Joel Matip has reportedly had his one-year contract extension clause triggered by the Champions League holders.

Jurgen Klopp's side are believed to have moved to secure the future of the Cameroonian after a series of impressive showings alongside Virgil van Dijk.

The Athletic report that Matip will now remain at Anfield until at least the summer of 2021. The 28-year-old centre half had joined Liverpool

on a free transfer from German side Schalke in 2016 and was originally handed a four-year contract.

However, Matip's terms are set to expire at the end of the current campaign, forcing Liverpool into action to ensure the defender's future remains in Merseyside. Despite England starlet Joe Gomez being favoured by Klopp for the Community Shield clash at Wembley last month and their opening top flight visit of Norwich, Matip has since started every game in the top flight. *Daily Mail*

Kanu attacks Arsenal for selling Iwobi

LONDON - Arsenal legend Nwankwo Kanu has attacked his former club over their decision to sell Alex Iwobi to Everton for £30million on transfer deadline day.

The Nigeria international has since scored twice in three games for his new club having left his boyhood team after 149 appearances. And Kanu believes Iwobi will prove to be a huge loss. 'I would say they made a mistake, 100 per cent,' the Nigeria hero told Goal. 'Why they let him go, I don't know.'

"He's a boy who, in and out, is Arsenal. He always wanted to do his best for the club. He loves the club, but not only that he can play football. "What he brings week in, week

out, the fans need to appreciate that. "I think he is still young and those are the type of people you want in the team, people who grew up here, who knows everything about the club and wants to die for the club."

'He was one of them, so for us to lose him and to let him go, was a shock. I couldn't really believe we did it, but that's football.' Kanu also admitted he would have advised Iwobi to remain in north London had he been asked by his compatriot.

'It was a surprise to everybody because it happened right at the end of the window,' said Kanu. 'If I knew earlier, I could have said to him not to go and that it was better for him to stay. *Daily Mail*

'I struggle to describe how happy I am at Liverpool'

LONDON - Sadio Mane has reiterated his full commitment to the Liverpool cause, saying "I really struggle to describe how happy I am to be here".

Transfer talk has been sparked around the Senegalese forward in the recent past, with Real Madrid said to be among his many suitors.

An emotional character has also generated debate regarding squad harmony at Anfield, with Mane airing his frustration at Mohamed Salah during a Premier League victory over Burnley.

The 27-year-old is, however, adamant that he is feeling settled and content on Merseyside.

He told Complex: "To be honest, I'm really happy to be a part of the club, the family here."

"We have the best fans in the world here, so I'm always so thankful for the support."

"It's not just great for me too, it gives the whole squad more motivation to perform. It keeps us hungry to get better and better together... I really struggle to describe how happy I am to be here!"

Mane has enjoyed three productive years with Liverpool, with a 63-goal haul seeing him land a Premier League Golden Boot and Champions League winners' medal.

The Reds finally got their hands on major silverware last season, with a European triumph enjoyed over domestic rivals Tottenham 12 months on from a crushing final defeat to Real Madrid.

"It was a special moment for me, and for my team-mates," Mane said of collecting a famous trophy. "When I was younger, I grew up watching Champions League, especially the finals. So it was always a dream to play in the final."

"After scoring in it the season before but losing, going on to win it is an incredible feeling. I could not believe it! "When we came back to Liverpool with the trophy, it was just incredible to discover how much it meant to the people here."

The mood of the city was just crazy!

"Winning it and seeing how much it meant has given us all more motivation this season to perform, and win more trophies for this club."

Goal

REDS FOREVER: Liverpool's Sadio Mane.



South African SOCCER

courtesy of Kick-Off website

FIFA break comes to Bucs trio's aid

JOHANNESBURG - The FIFA international break has aided Orlando Pirates in more ways than one as they work on issues both on and off the pitch.

Many football fanatics typically dread the 10-day international window during which national teams take centre-stage, because club football is often deemed more exhilarating. However, Pirates fans will attest that the September break could not have come at a more opportune time, given the club's eerie form of late, having gone six matches without a win.

This, in fact, is also the case for the club's medical team, who have used the time to work around the clock in trying to boost coach Rhulani Mokwena's chances of selecting his strongest possible side as they look to bounce back from elimination in two competitions.

"We have a very competent strength and conditioning team and we have been making incredible progress towards rehabilitating our injured players," said The Buccaneers physiotherapist John Williams on the club's official website.

"Of course, the FIFA break has helped in the sense that the risk of further injuries decreases because, barring one or two friendly matches, the physical demand on the players is reduced.

"We are confident that we will be in a position to declare some, if not all, of the players medically cleared and ready to start training with the rest of the squad by the time the league resumes."

Those working their way back from injury include midfield contingent Luvuyo Memela, Ben Motshwari (both ankle) and Vincent Pule (thigh).



Ex-Downs star notches 100 goals abroad

GREENTOWN - Former Mamelodi Sundowns striker Nyasha Mushekwi has reached an incredible milestone highlighting his prolific goalscoring form since leaving South Africa.

Mushekwi arrived in the A B S A Premiership back in 2010 with a massive reputation after winning the Golden Boot in the Zimbabwean top-flight with CAPS United.

Having netted 21 league goals for the Harare based outfit prior to his lucrative switch to Chloorkop, the robust striker looked poised for a promising future.

After three years in South Africa, he netted a credible 30 goals in 92 appearances across all competitions before two separate loan stints in

Belgium and Sweden.

Despite his exploits in Mzansi, the Zimbabwe international never really endeared himself as a fan-favourite but over the past seven seasons since leaving Masandawana - Mushekwi continued to flourish.

At the age of 32, now with Chinese side Zhejiang Greentown, he's reached the elusive 100-goal landmark since venturing abroad from Caps United a decade ago.



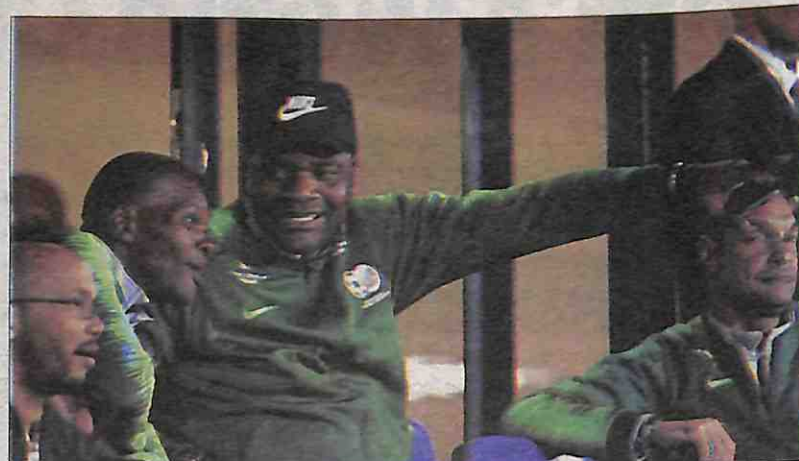
ZWANE OPENS UP ON NTSEKI RELATIONSHIP

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs reserve team coach Arthur Zwane has opened up on the relationship he shares with Bafana Bafana coach Molefi Ntseki which played a part in his recent call-up.

Zwane recently took leave from his role at Chiefs to temporarily assist Ntseki in preparation for Bafana's friendly international initially scheduled against Zambia. The camp, however, was called off midway through after Chipolopolo withdrew due to the xenophobic violence that made international headlines last week, before replacement side Madagascar also made a U-turn just hours after agreeing to step in. Nonetheless, the brief experience was something to savour for Zwane, who last donned the national team colours as a player between 2000 and 2005.

"10111" has also since revealed how he established a connection with Ntseki some years ago that ultimately led to his surprise inclusion in the technical setup.

"I have had constant contact with coach



Kaizer Chiefs reserve team coach Arthur Zwane (in cap) has opened up on the relationship he shares with Bafana Bafana coach Molefi Ntseki.

Molefi Ntseki dating back from 2013. We have been sharing ideas since and got to a solid level of understanding over the years," Zwane further revealed on Chiefs' website.

"I'm glad to have had a period of serving the country. Any form of international exposure gained is appreciated.

I observed the mammoth task for National Team coaches and technical team to coordinate and prepare a team in a week.

"It was great to see the way the players responded and interacted with the coach. I am grateful for the opportunity and appreciate the support from everyone."

Maritzburg release long-serving duo

MARITZBURG - The Siya crew can confirm that Maritzburg United have released two of their longest serving players after the club's recruitment drive saw 11 new players arrive in the recent transfer window.

According to sources, Deolin Mekoa and Mohau Mokate, who both joined the Team of Choice in 2014, have been released by the club after agreeing settlements and receiving their clearances.

Mekoa arrived at the club in 2014 and went on to play 137 matches, scoring 11 goals and assisting a further 22. In 2017, he was very close to joining Mamelodi Sundowns with the deal agreed between all parties, before Masandawana changed their mind at the last minute.

The 26-year-old was part of South Africa's squad for the 2016 Olympics in Rio, and excelled in several positions in that tournament.

He signed a three-year contract with Maritzburg in 2017 after that Sundowns move fell through, and has now left one year early.

Matches

Mokate arrived in 2014 from Orbit College and went on to appear in 118 matches for Maritzburg, scoring 22 goals.

The striker signed a new three-year contract in 2018, meaning he has left with two years still on the deal. The arrival of Jeremy Brockie on loan meant that the club had six frontline strikers and no longer required his services.

The club signed 11 new players during the transfer window, with the additions including:

Phumlani Ntshangase (Bidvest Wits, season loan), Judas Mosemedi (Cape Town City, purchase after loan), Kwanda Mngonyama (Cape Town City), Gabriel Nyoni (CAPS United), Daylon Claassen (Bidvest Wits), Thamsanqa Sangweni (Richards Bay), Dan Morgan and Micah Lea'alafa (both Auckland City), Clive Augusto (Chicken Inn), Yusuf Jappie (Free State Stars), Jeremy Brockie (Mamelodi Sundowns, season loan).

These wholesale changes mean that Eric Tinkler's side will look to avoid another relegation battle come the end of the 2019/20 season.

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AWAY GAME: Orlando Pirates players.

Why Wits will take Pirates out of town

JOHANNESBURG - Bidvest Wits have decided to take their upcoming fixture against Orlando Pirates away from the Bidvest Stadium, and the club have offered an explanation why.

Wits are set to take their fixture at home to Pirates, which is scheduled for September 21, to Durban's Moses Mabhida Stadium, who yesterday confirmed this development.

It is the first time The Clever Boys take an opponent elsewhere, despite frequent calls from supporters of the

'big three' to do so due to the limitations of the 5 000-seater.

However, The Buccaneers faithful have now got their wish, though perhaps not entirely in their favour given that the clash will now require the Johannesburg-based supporters to travel nearly 600km.

A reason for the relocation has since been explained by Wits director of football Roy Limongelli, who also detailed the reason behind it going as far as KwaZulu-Natal.

"There are some renovations that have to be done at Bidvest Stadium before we can host the big teams there.

Smaller crowds are okay, but renovations have to be done for bigger crowds," Limongelli explained to KickOff.com.

"The renovations haven't been done as yet, so until that is sorted we can't play any of Sundowns, Pirates or Chiefs there. We did put it out there (that Wits needed a new venue) and Moses Mabhida Stadium gave us the best option."

Billiat stunner saves Zim's World Cup dreams

BULAWAYO - Khama Billiat struck in the dying stages to send Zimbabwe into the 2022 FIFA World Cup group stage qualifiers after overcoming Africa's lowest-ranked side.

The Warriors were left stunned after suffering a 1-0 defeat to Africa's lowest ranked nation in Somalia last week Thursday.

As a result, Kaizer Chiefs star Billiat received a late call-up for the second leg and joined fellow South African-based forwards Evans Rusike and Clive Augusto in the attack.

Tough

Despite the inclusion of Billiat along with Rusike, Augusto and Kudakwashe Mahachi, the Zimbabweans found it tough to break down the visitors in the opening 45 minutes, with half-chances arriving in the latter stages of the half.

In an attempt to change their fortunes, Golden Arrows striker Knox Mutizwa made his way onto the pitch after 53 minutes, with Augusto

making way.

The breakthrough eventually arrived in 77 minutes, with former Orlando Pirates defender Marshal Munetsi finding the back of the net to level the tie on aggregate.

The Warriors were stunned with five minutes remaining after Omar Mohamed restored parity on the day and put the visitors 2-1 up on aggregate.

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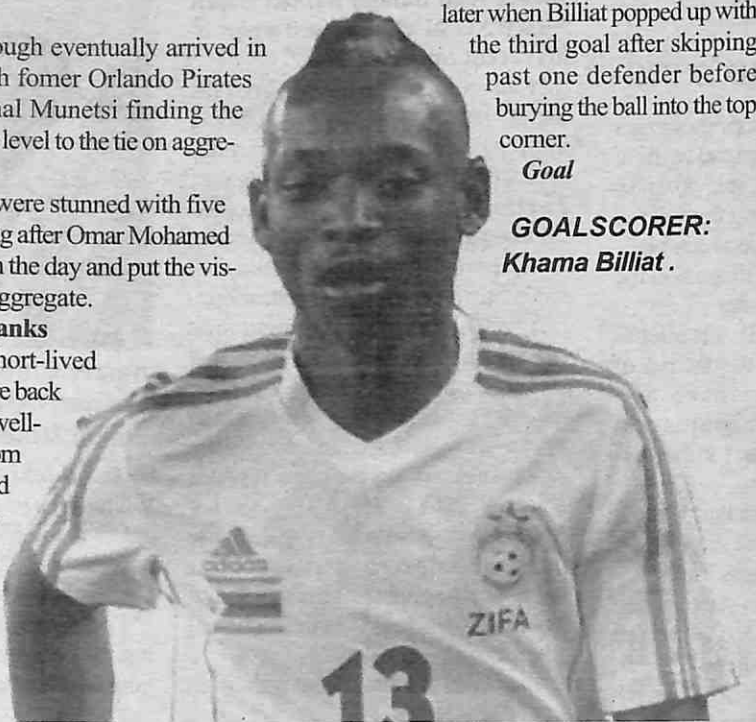
The joy was short-lived as Zimbabwe were back in front thanks a well-taken free-kick from Mutizwa that sailed into the far corner.

Zimbabwe's spot in the group stages were sealed moments

later when Billiat popped up with the third goal after skipping past one defender before burying the ball into the top corner.

Goal

GOALSCORER:
Khama Billiat.



Ronaldo's €31m per year wages still three times more

TURIN - Cristiano Ronaldo earns almost three times more than any other player in Serie A, comfortably retaining his position as Italian football's highest earner.

According to figures published by Gazzetta dello Sport, the Juventus star takes home €31 million per year (£28m/\$34m) - €23m (£21m/\$25m) more than the league's second-highest earner Matthijs de Ligt.

The summer signing from Ajax is reportedly earning €8m (£7.2m/\$8.8m) per year, with an extra €4m in bonuses.

Another new arrival to Italy's top flight is in third place, with Romelu Lukaku receiving a salary of €7.5m (£6.7m/\$8.3m), with the addition of €1.5m in bonus payments.

Gonzalo Higuain, meanwhile, has fallen to fourth spot in the list having been second to Ronaldo in 2018, while Paulo Dybala, who was linked with a summer exit from Juve, is in fourth on €7.3m (£6.5m/\$8.1m) per year.

Indeed, Juve, who Gazzetta estimates spend €294m (£264m/\$325m) per year in wages, dominate the list, with seven of their players appearing in the top eight.

Goal



HIGHEST PAID: Cristiano Ronaldo.

Klopp reveals he convinced Coutinho on his next move

MANCHESTER - Jurgen Klopp has revealed he spoke to Philippe Coutinho regarding his summer transfer to Bayern Munich, and suggested to his former talisman that it would be a good career move.

Coutinho sealed a season-long loan to Bavaria with the further option for a permanent switch, after his Barcelona dream came crashing down.

Certain sections of the Liverpool fan-base were hoping Klopp would speak to the Brazilian regarding a return to Merseyside this summer, though it appears a conversation of a slightly different type took place.

Speaking to German newspaper Bild during the international break, Klopp said: "I personally told him that Bayern and him would be a good fit. 'He's a world class player and a really good signing for Bayern - and the Bundesliga.'"

Klopp gave his opinion to the 27-year-old, despite knowing he was in line to join the arch rivals of his former club Borussia Dortmund.

"We'd already spent all the money we got for him. I have already told him in person that he and Bayern will be a good fit."

"(It is) Not so good for Dortmund, I hope Dortmund will win the title again because it's getting boring with Bayern winning every year. But Dortmund have an amazing team."

In the early stages of the Bundesliga season, Bayern sit second with seven points from three matches played. RB Leipzig currently top the division, having started the campaign with a



BEST OPTION: Jurgen Klopp believes the Bayern Munich switch was the best option for Philippe Coutinho.

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Brundle on Leclerc, Vettel and Italy's tense thriller

MONZA - And still the great F1 races keep rolling in, ensuring we are the edge of our seats.

Monza was a tense thriller with a fairytale ending. Charles Leclerc may appear to be Harry Potter's polite younger brother but in combat his elbows have razor blades, he grows horns at 200mph, and his head appears to be as strong as the carbon fibre Ferrari chassis he steered to a glorious victory on home ground in front of the ecstatic tifosi in Monza.

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have to absorb everything the mighty Mercedes team could muster to outflank him, two against one as his Ferrari team-mate Seb Vettel made yet another error by spinning off and then attracting an effective half-minute penalty by rejoining dangerously.

First off it was Lewis Hamilton applying all the pressure and looking like the potentially faster combo.

On a number of occasions Leclerc was very robust in defending, pushing the limits of several regulations. *Sky Sports*

Utd star's brother reveals contact mid Barca transfer talk

LONDON - Barcelona are among those said to have expressed interest in Paul Pogba and the Manchester United midfielder's brother, Mathias, claims the World Cup winner has spoken with Lionel Messi.

Another window of speculation surrounding a France international has just closed and the deadline has passed with Pogba still on the books at Old Trafford.

Questions continue to be asked, though, as to how long that will remain the case, with the 26-year-old having already conceded that he is open to a new challenge.

Further interest is expected to be shown in his services when future markets swing open, with Spain considered to be his most likely destination, and discussions have already been held with some star turns plying their trade in La Liga.

Among those Pogba has been in contact with are a five-time Ballon d'Or winner and fellow countryman at Camp Nou.

Mathias Pogba told El Chiringuito TV when shown a headline from England in which Real Madrid defender Sergio Ramos has admitted to being a big fan of his brother: "I know he's spoken with a few players, but not Ramos."

"Who? Oh, Messi. Sometimes, not always. Zlatan (Ibrahimovic). Griezmann, because of the national team."

It comes as no surprise to find that Pogba has spoken with Griezmann, or former United team-mate and close friend Ibrahimovic.

It could be that Barca stars past and present are sounding him out for a switch, but there are also familiar faces to be found at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Mathias added: "I don't know about anyone from Real Madrid. Oh, [Raphael] Varane, yes, and yes, with [Zinedine] Zidane, yes."

France icon Zidane has stated in the past that he would welcome the opportunity to work with Pogba. *Goal*

Lukaku credits Inter Milan boss

MILAN - Romelu Lukaku has praised the impact of new boss Antonio Conte after his goalscoring start to life with Inter Milan.

The Belgian converted the winning penalty before the international break in a 2-1 win away at Cagliari as well as adding the third on his debut in a 3-0 rout of Lecce.

Lukaku also scored his 49th goal for his country in beating Scotland 4-0 at Hampden Park, and predicted success for both side going forward.

"Finally I'm working with Conte, a Coach who has wanted me for a long time," the striker said after Belgium's win over Scotland.

"The Nerazzurri have a nice group, just like here in the national team. I scored a nice goal and we're very dangerous on the counterattack."

"It's important that the team play like this. We showed concentration and intensity, and we scored some good goals."

Lukaku also called for more action from officials after being subjected to monkey chants after his winner against Cagliari.

The striker is confident that Serie A is making progress, but wants the sport's governing bodies to show similar intent.

Lukaku added: "I only said a few words, but they were powerful: everyone understood. Serie A is moving. I hope UEFA and FIFA are next."

Daily Mail

LOGS

STANDINGS

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MTN Premier League log:

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Mbabane Swallows	3	3	0	0	10	0	10	9
Royal Leopard	3	3	0	0	8	3	5	9
Mbabane Highlanders	3	1	2	0	3	2	1	5
Green Mamba	3	1	1	1	5	3	2	4
Mhlume Peacemakers	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
Black Swallows	3	1	1	1	6	5	1	4
Moneni Pirates	3	1	1	1	5	5	0	4
Manzini Wanderers	3	1	1	1	5	7	-2	4
Young Buffaloes	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
Malanti Chiefs	3	1	0	2	2	5	-3	3
Tamboti	3	0	2	1	4	9	-5	2
Denver Sundowns	3	0	1	2	2	7	-5	1
Sea Birds	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0
14. Milling Hotspurs	3	0	0	3	0	6	-6	0

MTN National First Division

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Callies	3	2	0	1	5	1	4	6
Illovo	3	2	0	1	3	2	1	6
Madlenya	3	2	0	1	2	1	1	6
Tycoons	3	2	0	1	4	4	0	6
Seven Dreams	3	1	1	1	9	8	1	4
Tinyosi	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	4
Movers	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
Rangers	3	0	2	1	2	3	-1	2
Citizens	2	0	1	1	3	5	-2	1
Killers	3	0	1	2	1	4	-3	1
Vovovo	2	0	1	1	1	5	-4	1
Umbelobele	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1

Dabulamanzi Civil Works Manzini Super League

Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Sisonke	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
Stumbo XI	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
Louis XIV	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
Colani United	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Vikery Nomads	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Moyeni United	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Villa Stars	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Luvu Cosmos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mhlaleni United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nsuka United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fairview Chiefs	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Royal Swallows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hub Sundowns	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Lozitha Spurs	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
Timbutini	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0



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Manzini Promotion League

Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
FC North	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
City Eagles	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
Superstars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ngwane Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manzini United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Bad Boys	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Combine Stars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Home Sparrows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wonderful Touch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
African Chiefs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two Sticks Comrades	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kholwane Flying	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maliyaduma United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Way	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Siboniso Selwandile	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
The Bones	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0

S&S Malkerns Promotion League

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Ngodini	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Ndinda Volcano	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Red Swallows	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Phondo	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Golden Arrows	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Troublemakers	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Current Toasters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cutter Cosmos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vuka Aces	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mahlanya United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don Don	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malkerns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ntandozi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Star Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Young Warriors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swazi Can	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gebeni	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

OK Foods Kwaluseni Promotion

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Kwaluseni Rebels	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Sacrament	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Boyane Young Aces	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dark City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fashion International	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gocweni Trompies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gum Valley	0	0	5	8	0	0	0	0
Kwaluseni United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mhlane United	0	0	5	7	0	0	0	0
Nsenga Comrades	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ntunja Arsenal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Professionals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Supersport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Umtfuti FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zama United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zombodze United	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0

Trump working with FIFA chief

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump has held talks with FIFA Chief Gianni Infantino about how women's football can become 'more equitable'.

Trump, who openly rowed with star player Megan Rapinoe during the United States' Women's World Cup triumph, met Infantino at the White House.

The US women's national team are embroiled in a long-running battle with US Soccer in a battle to secure pay parity with their male counterparts, a far less successful team on the world stage.

Clear

Trump has yet to make his position clear in that argument, but after talks with FIFA president Infantino he said: "Gianni and I just had a meeting on women's soccer and what everybody's going to do to make that even better and more equitable, etc etc."

Infantino added: "[In] women's soccer, where you are world champion, there is much more to do. The president was saying this to me and he is right."

"We are working with that and we will announce very soon some new initiatives."

Rapinoe said during the World Cup that she would not visit the White House if

... to make women's football 'better and more equitable' despite Rapinoe row



TALKS: President Donald Trump has held talks with FIFA Chief Gianni Infantino.

President Trump invited the team, triggering an angry response from the Oval Office. Trump suggested she had shown "disrespect" to her country.

The 34-year-old Rapinoe, who is gay and has used her platform to speak out on civil rights matters, refused to sing the US

national anthem, The Star-Spangled Banner, during the World Cup in France. She previously supported NFL star Colin Kaepernick when - in an action that was rebuked by President Trump - he took a knee before games during the anthem in protest at racial injustice in the US. **Goal**

Kaizer Chiefs legend gives huge praise to Nurkovic

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs legend Ace Khuse believes the form of striker Samir Nurkovic is a major reason why Amakhosi have made such a good start to the season.

Nurkovic, who hails from Serbia, has won many plaudits since his arrival at the Soweto giants before the start of the season with Chiefs unbeaten in their first games and sitting on top of the table with 10 points. The 27-year-old forward has hit the back of the net once in four games but it is his general play that has impressed

Khuse and many coaches in the PSL. "Samir has unbelievable skills and that is what a foreign player should bring and possess, a foreign player should bring something that we do not have here and that is what Nurkovic is doing," Khuse told Isolezwe.

Skillful

"He is skillful, a good header of the ball, he can play with his feet and he is strong and what more can you ask for? "What I like about him is that he works hard, you can see the fire and hunger in

his eyes that he wants to score goals for the team."

Khuse, who was a creative midfielder and was part of the Kaizer Chiefs back in their glory days in the early nineties, has no doubt that Nurkovic will reach double figures in the goal scoring charts.

"He makes the team tick and ensures those around him can shine because of his good movements," Khuse continued.

Sport24

Mkhitarayan hoping Roma rekindle passion he lost

ROME - Henrikh Mkhitarayan is hoping a spell at Roma will allow him to rediscover the spark that he admits to losing at Arsenal.

The Armenia international is set to spend the rest of the 2019-20 campaign on loan in Italy.

Arsenal agreed to a season-long agreement towards the end of the summer transfer window, with Unai Emery deeming the 30-year-old playmaker to be surplus to requirements.

The Gunners were

able to take that decision

after seeing

Mkhitarayan struggle

to make the

expected impact

following his arrival

from Manchester

United in January

2018.

Like Alexis

Sanchez,

who

moved in the opposite direction as part of the deal which took him to north London, the former Borussia Dortmund star flopped in new surroundings.

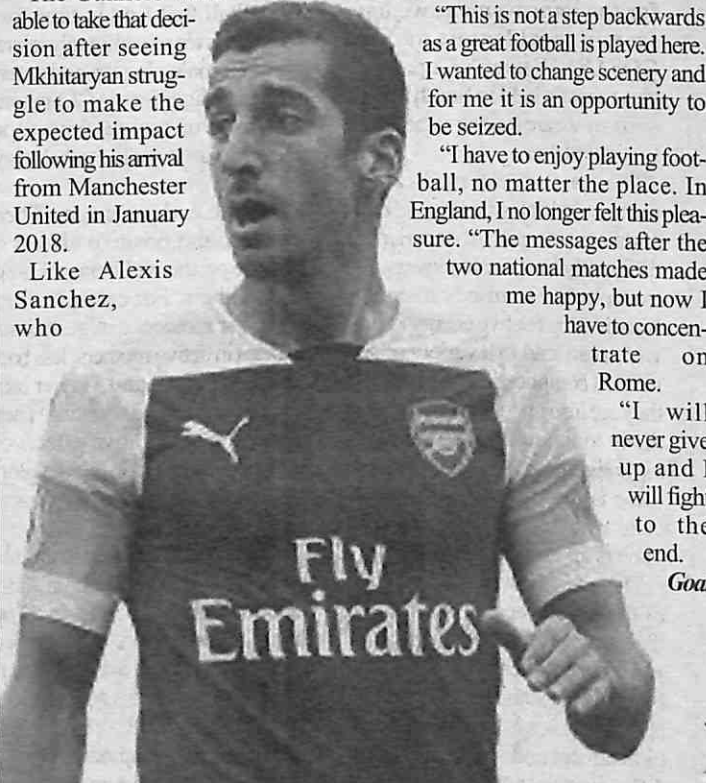
Both men are now in Serie A and seeking to rekindle the passion which once made them so highly regarded - with Sanchez taking in a loan spell at Inter. Mkhitarayan is determined to make the most of his opportunity, telling reporters at his official unveiling: "Now I am in Rome and I focus on them."

"This is not a step backwards as a great football is played here. I wanted to change scenery and for me it is an opportunity to be seized."

"I have to enjoy playing football, no matter the place. In England, I no longer felt this pleasure. "The messages after the two national matches made me happy, but now I have to concentrate on Rome."

"I will never give up and I will fight to the end."

Goal



HOPES: Henrikh Mkhitarayan.

MY GAME

'AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF SPORTS ISSUES'

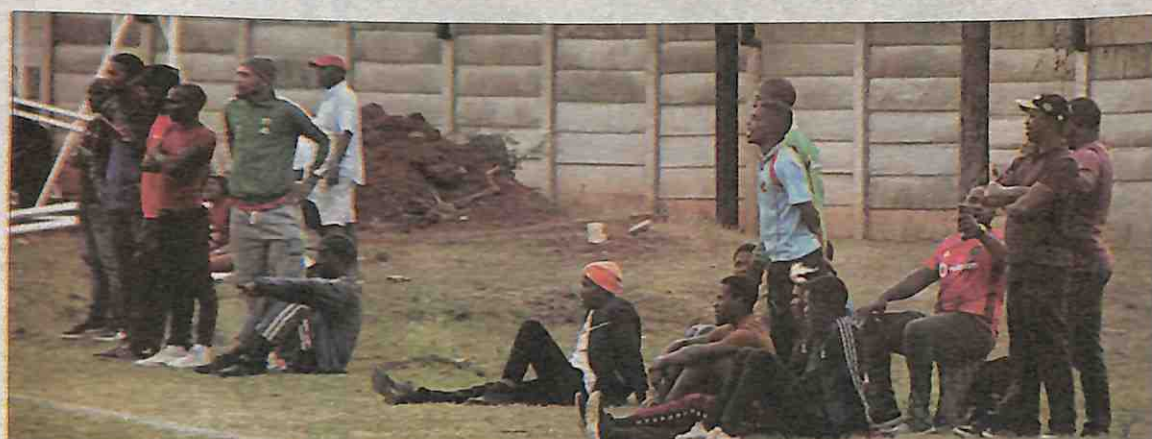
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TWIST AND TURNS IN MTN NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION TITLE RACE

THE MTN National First Division league entered week three fixture this past weekend, and it goes without saying that the race is getting interesting each passing game.

Following interesting results in week two which saw newly promoted Big bend side, Illovo FC assuming the top spot tied with another fellow Lubombo side, Madlenya FC, the league race took another twist this past weekend as the two sides suffered defeats to surrender the top spot to yet another side from the east, Tabankhulu Callies. The latter, who was defeated in week two fixture were able to make amends as they beat Ludzeludze Killers 2-0 to claim the top spot, albeit on goal difference. Illovo were beaten 2-1 by Hlathikhulu Tycoons while Madlenya succumbed to a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Tinyosi, and of course, it proves to be an interesting affair even though it is too early to predict the eventual champions. As you read this, Callies are leading the pack with six points in three games, tied with 2nd placed Illovo and 3rd placed Madlenya. Rejuvenated Shiselweni side, Tycoons complete the top four after recording back-to-back victories in their 'slaughterhouse' King



Sobhuza Stadium in Nhlanguano. It is proving to be a tall order for former premier league side Vovovo FC who suffered their second defeat as they were massacred 5-1 by ruthless Seven Dreams. The latter had made amends after their 4-1 demolition by Young Movers the previous weekend. Another former premier league side, Mbabane Citizens, who were however not in action this past weekend, are seemingly getting the going very tough in the country's football second tie. They received a rude welcome in their opening game as they were beaten 2-0 by

Tycoons. They are two games behind and they have a chance to bounce back. Can they do it? A question it remains! The new comers have also made their presence felt in the league by demonstrating high level of enthusiasm thus far. I have already mentioned former Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League ensemble Illovo FC who made an impact in their first two games and announced their arrival in the second tie. They seem prepared for a life in the First Division, and it is a matter of consistency that will see them sustain their stay. They are one of the sides who

were playing entertaining football in the super league, and it is without any semblance of doubt that with the new comers showing strong intent, the league is set for razzmatazz. Another new comer in Swazi Trac Shiselweni Super League champions Young Movers are also making waves if their performance so far is anything to go by. They have recorded one of the biggest victory as they beat Seven Dreams 4-1 in their second fixture, and they will test their character in their pending game against Citezens. Their performance looks promising. Former premier league side

Umbelebele who won the Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League in spectacular fashion last season, received a rude welcome as they were defeated in their first game before they were held 1-1 by Rangers this past weekend. They also have a pending game and we are yet to see what they have in store. Manzini's Ludzeludze Killers are also yet to prove themselves that they are ready to compete in the National First Division. They have so far managed one point after their past weekend defeat at the hands of Callies. With three games played so far, the league is giving the fans something to cheer on. The question is who will win it at the end of the season? Although it is too early to write some teams off as the race has just began, it is an entertaining title race that we always wish for. The onus is now on the teams to give their best not only for their benefits but for the football lovers who fork out their money to watch the games. One cannot stop to urge the football lovers to demonstrate the best behaviours as they rally behind their teams. The league race will definitely reach climax at some point and it is when the character is tested. The race is on!

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Female football player

LET'S congratulate the country for the improvement we have seen in local league and the COSAFA Women's Cup, which was recently held in South Africa.

Today we are looking at the female football player.

There are several medical and musculoskeletal issues that are more commonly seen in, or experienced differently by, female players. For example, they seem to be more likely to develop relative energy deficit, which can lead to a variety of significant complications. In addition, they are also up to nine times more likely to injure their anterior cruciate ligament. An awareness of these issues is essential for clinicians who care for female football players and athletes in general.

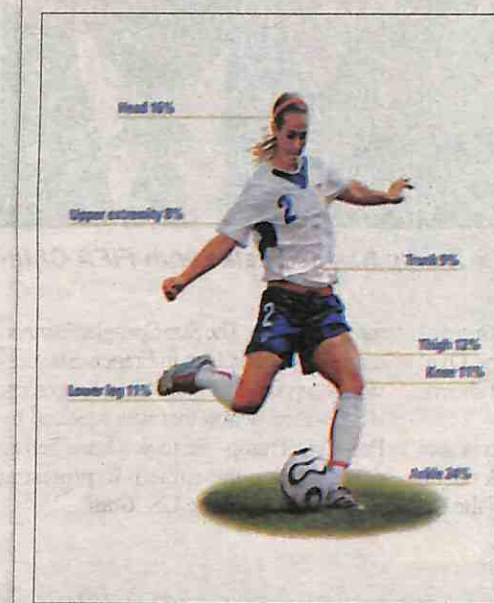
There is a growing appreciation of the differences in injuries and illnesses between men and women and between different ethnic groups. Not only the pathophysiology, but also the signs, symptoms, response to treatment and side effects may differ significantly between various groups. An ankle sprain is the single most often diagnosed injury in female players. Ankle sprains

are also the most common injuries in football that lead to time loss. The knee is also a commonly injured joint in female players, and anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries seem to be up to three times more frequent than in male football players.

Exercise and pregnancy—There are profound positive effects of exercise on the wellbeing of pregnant mothers. For example, there is a lower incidence of gestational diabetes in active mothers, less back pain, less fatigue and a lower incidence of nausea and vomiting. There are very few negative effects on either the mother or the developing fetus if the mother remains or becomes active.

Exercise during menstruation—There is no reason that female athlete should not participate in sports during menstruation. In fact, physical activity may even alleviate cramps and spasms causing menstrual pain as well as ease some pre-menstrual symptoms.

Does football have an impact on the ability to have children? In general, exercise and fertility are very closely linked. In fact, exercising



either too little or too much can hinder your fertility. This is because exercise affects the amount of body fat, which is involved in the production of oestrogen, the female sex hormone regulating your cycle. Moderate exercise is known to increase your chances of becoming pregnant. In addition, women who exercise usually have an easier pregnancy and birth. Too much exercise will result in interruption ovulation schedule, thus result in infertility.

We just hope and pray that woman

league locally can improve at least have standards not what we are seeing currently. Almost in every game 50 per cent of the players play with either untreated or poor managed recurring injuries with strappings or bandages on ankles and knees every game. Some players play without protective equipment's like boots and sheen pads. We have seen teams playing without qualified coaches and medics on far below standards fields of play where very old former referees officiate without using or following the rules of the game.



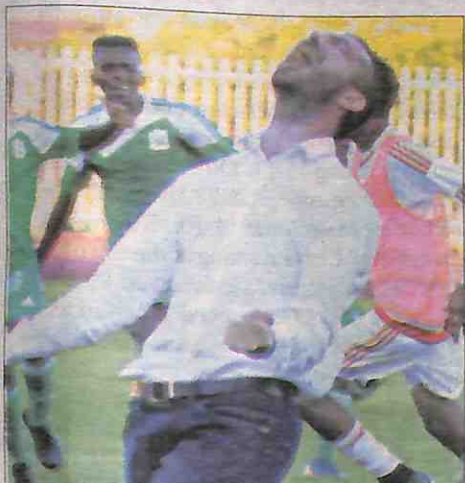
This is very dangerous both to the old unfit referees and the innocent woman athletes. One day we will see a fatal incident in these games. We just hope the Coaches Association, Referees Association Medical Committee and woman football committee will meet and reach common ground for the safety of our athletes. Till next week, God bless you all. Finally let's continue watching and supporting women football in the country. Remember it start with you. Till next week, God bless you all.



2022 FIFA WORLD CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND QUALIFIERS



Djibouti has qualified to the next round after beating Sihlangu 2-1 on aggregate.



YES: Djibouti coach Jullien Mette celebrates after his side qualified for the next stage of the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers.



BALL CONTROL: Sihlangu's Justice Figareido attempts to go past Djibouti's Abass Faoud Abdibahman during the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers second leg match at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. The game ended in a goalless draw. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

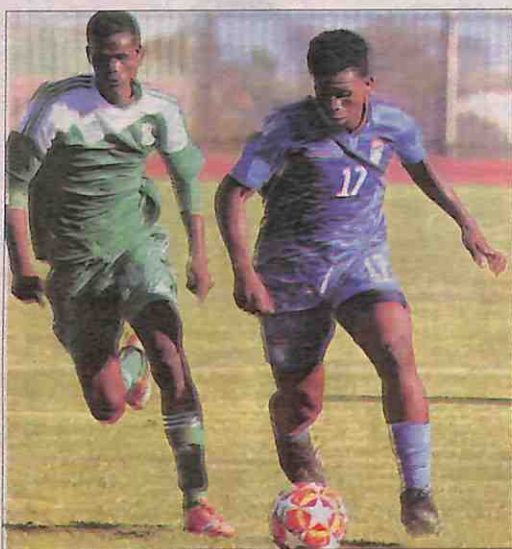
SIHLANGU SEMNIKATI VERSUS DJIBOUTI



THE END: Dejected Sihlangu head coach Kostadin Papic moves slowly to the dressing rooms after the final whistle.



SAD: Sihlangu coach Papic almost in tears yesterday.



CHALLENGE: Djibouti's Yonus Moussa Darir challenges Sihlangu's Sisekelo Matsenjwa.



BICYCLE KICK: Djibouti's Ali Farada Youssouf clears the ball away from Sihlangu's Phinda Dlamini.



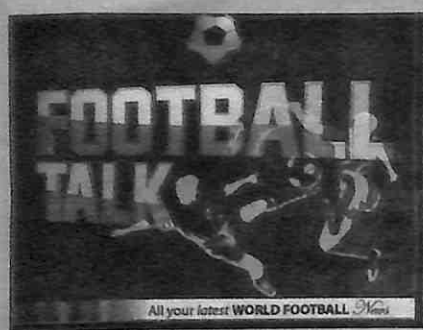
HARD WORKER: Justice Figareido outpaces Abdoul Kader Djana.



SAME OLD STORY: Disappointed Sihlangu supporters react after the bad results.



VICTORY: Djibouti players joined by their coach Jullien Mette and officials in celebrating their victory.



● Manchester United are lining up a £90m bid for West Ham's England midfielder Declan Rice, 20, in January. (*Express*)

● Real Madrid will make an approach for Tottenham midfielder Christian Eriksen next summer if Paul Pogba renews his contract at Manchester United. Eriksen, 27, is out of contract in 2020. (*Sky Sports*)

● Real Madrid defender Sergio Ramos has advised Pogba, 26, to move from United to the Spanish club. (*Express*)

● Juventus refused to sell 28-year-old winger Douglas Costa despite strong interest from Manchester United after Juve boss Maurizio Sarri blocked the Brazilian's transfer. (*Mail*)

● Chelsea have opened talks with Italian full-back Emerson, 25, over a new contract. England winger Callum Hudson-Odoi, 18, is also close to finalising a new £180,000-a-week five-year contract. (*Express*)

● Tottenham sent representatives to watch Fenerbahce striker Vedat Muriqi, 25, in action for Kosovo over the weekend. Scouts from Lazio, Fiorentina and Napoli were also present as Muriqi scored in Kosovo's 2-1 win over the Czech Republic. (*Sabah, via Four Four Two*)

● Manchester United goalkeeper David de Gea, 28, is close to agreeing a new contract which will be worth close to the £290,000-a-week basic earned by United midfielder Paul Pogba. (*Guardian*)

● Italy Under-21 boss Paolo Nicolato has told Everton striker Moise Kean to "learn from mistakes" after he turned up late to a team meeting before an Under-21 match with Belgium in the summer. Kean, 19, was left out of the Italian senior squad for their latest internationals. (*Gazzetta Dello Sport, via Sport Witness*)

● Kylian Mbappe, 20, is wanted by Juventus after the Serie A side failed to sign the France forward's Paris St-Germain Brazil team-mate Neymar, 27 in the summer. (*Express*)

● Real Betis attacking midfielder Nabil Fekir, 26, has denied claims his proposed 2018 move to Liverpool from Lyon fell through because the France international failed a medical. (*Mail*)

● Tottenham wanted to sign Roma midfielder Nicolò Zaniolo, 20, before they signed Giovanni Lo Celso on loan instead, according to Zaniolo's agent. (*Mail*)

● Wolves tried to sign Leeds United midfielder Calvin Phillips in the summer before the 23-year-old signed a new deal at the Championship club. (*Football Insider*)

● Chelsea have told leading agents they believe their transfer ban, which stopped them buying players in the summer, will be reduced, meaning they can buy players again in the January transfer window. (*Mirror*)

ECF Eswatini Chess League returns next weekend

BY JONGILE XUBA

CHESS – THE Eswatini Chess Federation (ECF) Eswatini Chess League will be back in full swing next Saturday after the completion of the recently held Siteki Open last weekend.

ECF Tournament Director William Siame said after successfully hosting the Siteki Open, they would now be focusing on the league.

"The next stop on our calendar is the return of the Eswatini Chess League, which has been on break for the past two months. The games will resume on September 21 with three games to be played at Free Evangelical Assemblies (FEA) School at Helemisi in Manzini," he said.

Sitting at the top of the log standings after four rounds are Manzini Chess Club A with eight points. They are followed by UNESWA, who have seven points followed by Nhlanguano on

ESWATINI CHESS LEAGUE STANDINGS:

Team	Points
1. Manzini Chess Club A	8
2. UNESWA Chess Club	7
3. Nhlanguano Chess Club	5
4. Manzini Chess Club B	4
5. Mbabane Chess Club	3
6. Ngwane Chess Club	2
7. Lovefield Chess Club	2
8. Lubombo Chess Club	1

third with five points.

The Manzini Chess Club B team is fourth with four points while Mbabane Chess Club occupies the fifth spot with three points.

Ngwane Chess Club and Lovefield both have two points taking up positions six and seven, respectively. Lubombo Chess Club are at the bottom of the pile with just one point after four games and will need to win their next fixtures to improve their log table standing.



YOUR MOVE : Candidate Master (CM) Sikhanyiso Sihlongonyane plays against Mbongeni Mabuza during a league match at Manzini Chess Club. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

SBS Elite Netball League continues

BY JONGILE XUBA

NETBALL – THE Swaziland Building Society (SBS) Elite Netball League will this weekend resume after a two-week break.

The game will see OlympAfrica face-off with Manzini Ladies as both teams look to continue their campaigns and climb up the log standings.

The games will be played at OlympAfrica Courts in Lobamba this Saturday and Manzini Ladies, who are sitting comfortably on the fourth, will be all out to get the better of OlympAfrica and move up the table in the first game at 10:30am.

Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF), who are third will take on Illovo, who are second from the bottom of the log at noon. Mbabane Raiders have a date with Vixens at noon in a separate court.

SBS Elite Netball League fixtures:

At OlympAfrica Courts		
Women's League	vs OlympAfrica	10:30am
Manzini Ladies	vs Illovo	12pm
UEDF	vs Vixens	12pm
Mbabane Raiders	vs Vixens	12pm
Men's League	vs Vixens	10:30am
Correctional	vs REPS	1:30pm
National team	vs REPS	1:30pm

The Men's League action will also be on display as Correctional, who are currently second face-off with Vixens at 10:30am in what should be a tough task for newbies Vixens.

Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) do not have a league match but will take to the courts in an exhibition match against the national team at 1:30pm.



RETURNS: A Vixens player attempts to take a shot during their match against Correctional at Zakhele Courts in Manzini. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

CORRECTIONAL KEEP THEIR TITLE HOPES ALIVE

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

POOL – CORRECTIONAL have kept their title hopes alive after they beat Figaredo 13-10 in the Manzini Pool League last weekend.

The league is sponsored by Dixie's International at a tune of E30 000. It's now only four games remaining before the league curtain falls. Correctional are now sitting on the third spot with 50 points. They are trailing Manzini Pool Club by four points. Manzini Pool Club beat Nicks 13-12 while Garrison got the better of France, winning 13-11. Other matches saw Stairs brushing aside Bhunya 13-8 with Way Inn beating Mankayane 13-10. Meanwhile, Manzini Pool Club are sitting at the top of the log with 54 points and are followed by Way Inn with 52 points. Correctional are third with 50 points, while Garrison complete the top four bracket with 49 points.

THE FULL RESULTS BELOW:

Correctional	13-10	Figaredo
Garrison	13-11	France
Way Inn	13-10	Mankayane
Stairs	13-8	Bhunya
Nicks	12-13	Manzini Pool Club

DIXIE'S INTERNATIONAL POOL LEAGUE:

	P	W	L	FF	FA	FD	PTS
1. Manzini Pool	18	14	4	224	141	83	54
2. Way Inn	18	14	4	225	156	69	52
3. Correctional	18	13	5	218	161	57	50
4. Garrison	18	15	3	212	162	50	49
5. REPS	17	12	5	191	142	49	44
6. France	18	9	9	189	190	1	36
7. Figaredo	18	8	10	179	171	-8	33
8. Bhunya	18	7	11	186	194	-8	31
9. Nicks	18	7	11	150	193	-43	31
10. Mankayane	18	3	15	141	213	-72	20
11. Stairs	18	3	15	141	213	-72	18
12. Figa Five	17	0	17	108	221	-113	6

Bob Cats face Correctional as VB League returns

BY JONGILE XUBA

VOLLEYBALL – NEDBANK Volleyball League action returns this weekend as Bob Cats take on the defending champions Correctional with both teams looking to pick up from where they left off in the first round.

Eswatini National Volleyball Association (ENVA) Vice Secretary Eric Zwane confirmed that teams would take to the courts as the second half of the season resumed.

Games

"We will be playing the games at Correctional Gymnasium in Matsapha on Saturday. These are the first games since we took a break and we expect good matches as we look to see how teams had been preparing during the break," he said. In the male's category, Bob Cats play their first match against Mahlanya at 11am followed by Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) versus Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) at 12:30pm.

REPS will also clash with Ludzeludze at 5pm with Bob Cats taking on Correctional.

In the females' league, Correctional have a date with newbies Siteki at 9:30am followed by REPS against Bob Ladies at 2pm. hosts Zakhele face-off with Chilly Babes at 3:30pm before clashing with UEDF at 6:30pm.

NEDBANK VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES: AT MATSAPHA CORRECTIONAL GYMNASIUM

MALES		
Bob Cats	vs	Mahlanya 11am
REPS	vs	UEDF 12:30pm
REPS	vs	Ludzeludze 5pm
Bob Cats	vs	Correctional 8pm
FEMALES		
Correctional	vs	Siteki 9:30pm
REPS	vs	Bob Ladies 2pm
Chilly Babes	vs	Zakhele 3:30pm
Zakhele	vs	UEDF 6:30pm



NAY'LEWALK:
Acting Minister of
Sports David
'Cruiser'
Ngcamphalala with
EFA President
Adam Bomber
Mthethwa, CEO
Frederick
Mngomezulu and
Director of Sports
Lucky
Sihlongonyane.
(Pic: Lucky
Simelane).

WE HAD SO MANY CHANCES - 'CRUISER'

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER - MINISTER of Tikhundla Administration and Regional Development David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala says the national team had so many chances to score goals and win the 2022 World Cup Qualifier match against Djibouti.

'Cruiser' was speaking on behalf of Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth affairs Harris 'Madze' Bulunga, who is in Madagascar.

Interviewed after the match against Djibouti played at Mavuso Sport Centre yesterday, Ngcamphalala said the team played well but failed to score the needed goal. He said if you don't score during a football match you get punished and that is what happened to our national team.

"We hope the team will do their level best in the next coming game against Zambia in the CHAN tournament," he said. He further stated that the coach and the players did everything on the day and they were just unlucky not to

win the match. "There is no one to blame here. I just think it was not our day." Meanwhile, Eswatini Football Association CEO Frederick Mngomezulu said the team played very well but it's only that they were unlucky on the day as they failed to score goals despite the numerous opportunities they created.

He said the team still had two more competitions where they could rectify their mistakes. "We still have a chance to qualify for the CHAN finals. It's not easy but we hope we will do better in the remaining tournaments."

ON TIME BUSINESS NETWORK GIVES OUT 60 TICKETS TO FANS

STORIES BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER - ON Time Business Network handed out 60 tickets to lucky fans to watch the 2022 World Cup Qualifier match between Sihlangu Djibouti at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

On Time Business Network Marketing Manager Sibusiso Vilane said they also gave away 180 T-shirts to the fans to wear during match.

He said that they started this initiative as a way of giving back to the fans and to appreciate their support.

Last Saturday the company hosted social football games for soccer fans at Somhlolo National Stadium with the main aim of recruiting more fans to support the national team in every game played in the country and outside.

"It was our first time to host the games and we were happy with the attendance despite the bad weather on the day.

Our main aim is to have more supporters as we want to take soccer into business and support our national team as well."

Vilane said he was happy with the support they received during the games as they were able to get something.

"We will continue with this initiative and also involve other stakeholders, who are willing to promote and support our national team.

"Manzini Wanderers were champi-

Nkunzi to be games ambassador moving forward

SOCCER - On Time Business Network Marketing Manager Sibusiso Vilane says Uzalo actor Masotja Msiza, who is famously known as 'Nkunzi' has agreed to be an ambassador of the games to be hosted in the country.

Vilane said the most well-known actor has promised them to come back next year when they host the games.

He said the fans were very happy to see the actor as some even got the chance to speak with him while taking pictures.

"We are planning to engage all media houses as well and we are still in discussions as a company, but as soon as we conclude everything, we will update members of the public. We really want to include the media houses and it's also good that some stakeholders are willing to support our games," he said.



AGREED: Uzalo actor Masotja Msiza.

ons for both males and females. The good thing is that the national team Sihlangu was also there to watch the games and it was good to see supporters getting a chance to talk to their stars. Indeed the fans were happy to mid-

dle with the Sihlangu stars as they were seen taking selfies. So far we have a small number of people who are supporting the national team by hosting the games as we were trying to increase the number of fans."

We couldn't convert our chances - Figa

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER - SIHLANGU Semnikati winger Justice Figaredo believes the team did all they could to win the match against Djibouti but they were just unable to convert the many chances they created in the match.

The Mbombela United player was speaking after his side played to a 0-0 against Djibouti in the 2022 World Cup Qualifiers match at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

He said the team played really well and they just a bit unlucky not to bury their chances.

"Our finishing let us down today because we had so many chances to win this game.

Apart from that, we played really well and followed the coach's instructions but still it was not enough," he said.

Figaredo added that time wasting by Djibouti players contributed to the frustration of not being able to

score.

Meanwhile, Menzi Sithole said they would improve in the next match and that they needed to be more aggressive.

"We did not play our normal game today in terms of the commitment. We played well but we were still not able to win. I am optimistic we will do better in the other tournament," he said.

Fanelo Tsabedze said he picked up a lot of lessons from the game.

He said he would have loved to have played for more minutes in the match.

"I am sure you saw that we created a lot of opportunities but we were just unlucky to score.

I would have liked to play more minutes but we learnt a lot from the match and we will use this experience to do better in our next matches," he said.

The draw means that Sihlangu's World Cup qualification journey is over after failing to overturn a 1-2 first leg deficit.

FANS NOT HAPPY WITH PAPIC

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER - SIHLANGU Semnikati fans were not happy with coach Kostadin Papic after his team drew 0-0 against Djibouti in the 2022 World Cup Qualifier match played at Mavuso Stadium yesterday.

This is what some of them had to say:

Senzo Gwebu - We need to bring back Tony 'TT' Tsabedze and

Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze into the national team set-up even if they are old. We miss their experience and the coach should swallow his pride and bring them back.

Lungelo Dlamini - Papic must pack his bags and leave because this was very disappointing for us fans. He had our best players on the bench and that cost us qualification. He must just go, I am not happy with the way he does things,

especially his first XI selection.

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well but the absence of certain players like Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst cost us the game. We did not have enough fire power up front.

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RESULTS

2022 WORLD CUP - QUALIFIERS

Malawi	1-0	Botswana
Eswatini	0-0	Djibouti
Zimbabwe	3-1	Somalia
Mozambique	2-0	Mauritius
Angola	2-1	Gambia
Rwanda	7-0	Seychelles
Togo	2-0	Comoros
Guinea Bissau	2-1	Sao Tome and Principe
Namibia	2-0	Eritrea
Sudan	0-0	Chad

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PATHETIC

...as Sihlangu crash out of WC Qualifiers

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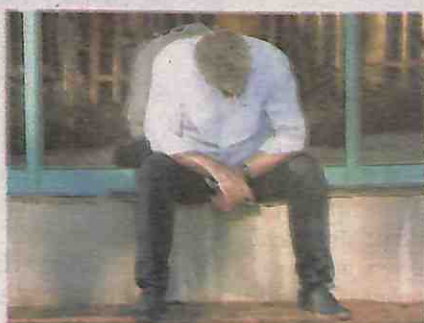
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Djibouti..... (0)0
(Aggregate score 2-1 in favour of Djibouti)

SOCCER - SIHLANGU Semnikati have crashed out of the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers after playing to a goalless draw against Djibouti at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

It's a historic moment for the lowly rated country as they have progressed to the next stage of the tournament. On the other hand, it was unbelievable for the local side; failing to beat a team they once hammered 8-0 in 2015.

Coming to the match, Sihlangu failed to click especially in the first half where they created a few chances which they failed to convert.

In the 10th minute, Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze's free kick at the edge of the box was easily saved by Djibouti goalkeeper Innocent



DEJECTED: A heart-broken Sihlangu coach Kostadin Papic ponders after losing to Djibouti.

Mbonihankunye.

Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu's shot in the 24th minute went wide after receiving a good pass from live-wire Justice Figareido, who had a great game.

Seeing that the local side was piling pressure, the visitors resorted to delaying tactics as the match went to break with both sides locked at 0-0. In the second half, Djibouti introduced Youssef Ahmed for Doula, while Sihlangu coach Papic took out Sisekelo 'Rio' Matsenjwa for Fanelo 'Order' Mamba.

The changes brought life to the local side as they started playing with purpose, pushing numbers forward. 'Order' was troublesome in the left flank, while Figareido tried to make things happen from the right flank.

In an effort to get the goal that was elusive, Papic introduced Menzi Sithole for Phinda Dlamini in the 69th minute.

There were three penalty appeals by the home side that were, however, rejected by the referee.

Sihlangu continued to pile more pressure on the opponents but poor decision making, especially in the final third let them down with the visitors continuing with their delaying tactics.

Fanelo Tsabedze came in for 'D4D' in the dying minutes of the match and the Royal Leopard player hit the woodwork in the 88th minute with the Djibouti goalkeeper well-beaten between the goal-posts. Soon after that, the referee blew his whistle to end the match much to the joy of the Northern side. It was a historic moment for the country that was regarded as minnows. They did it in style and they will return home as heroes. For the local side, pain was written on the faces, especially the supporters who came all the way to cheer their team on.

Teams:

Eswatini - Sandanezwe Mathabela, Lindo Mkhonta, Sabelo Gamedze, Siboniso Mamba, Siboniso Ndzabandzaba, Siboniso Ngwenya, Justice Figareido, Njabulo Ndlovu, Sabelo Ndzinisa, Phinda Dlamini, Lindani Matsenjwa.

Djibouti - Innocent Mbonihankaye, Alifaranda Youssouf, Hamzee Abdi, Mohammed Foud, Mahdi, Houssein, Hassan Moussa, Waist Daoud, Douleh Mahamoud, Yonis Moussa, Abass Fouad

My heart is bleeding - Papic

SOCCER - SIHLANGU Semnikati head coach Kostadin Papic says his heart is bleeding after Djibouti thwarted their hopes of progressing to the next stage of the 2022 World Cup Qualifiers.

Speaking during a post-match interview, the Serbia-born coach, who obviously fought back tears, said it was very painful to lose the match given the quality of players he had at his disposal.

"What can I say? My heart is bleeding and I am full of tears for losing this match. My ambition was to reach the group stages. It's so painful that Djibouti does not have the quality of players we have but they have made it to the next stage. They did not deserve to win today," he said.

He further blamed Djibouti for employ-

ing delaying tactics in the match.

Papic added that it was difficult to think ahead for him as his team would be facing Zambia in the CHAN Qualifiers in two weeks' time.

"We will be in the same situation as we will be playing to qualify for CHAN," he said. Meanwhile, Djibouti national team head coach Julien Mette said it was a historic moment for his country. He said he could explain the joy inside his heart.

"Progressing to the next stage of the tournament is a historic moment in our country. I am proud of the boys, they did well," he said.

Mette said his game plan was to press the locals and deny them playing long balls. He said the local side was strong physically; hence they had to play to their strengths.

Team captain Wais Doud said they were over the moon, mentioning that their dream was to play in the World Cup.

E40 to watch 'Buffs'/Bidvest match

BY MELUSI MLOTSHA

SOCCER - SOCCER fans will have to part with E40 to watch the much-awaited CAF Confederation Cup match between Young Buffaloes and ABSA Premiership side Bidvest Wits.

The first leg of the encounter is billed for Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday starting at 3pm.

The army side face-off with the Gavin Hunt led boys after beating Zambian side Buildcon FC with an aggregate score of 2-1. Young Buffaloes Chief Executive Officer Sandile Gwebu confirmed that it will be E40 to watch the match.

He said tickets would only be available at the stadium on the day.

"The spirit is high in our camp and we are all looking forward to the match against Bidvest Wits. I urge our supporters to come in their numbers. Our main aim is to progress to the next round of the tournament."

Gwebu added that the second leg of the encounter would be played in South Africa on the weekend of September 27-29.

The army side will welcome back trusted striker Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze in this match. The former Madlenya FC striker has been out of action for a few weeks due to injury. Meanwhile, Bidvest named a strong squad to face Young Buffaloes on Saturday. The squad comprises three Bafana Bafana players in Thulani Hlatshwayo, Sifiso Hlanti and Buhlebuyeza Mkhwanazi.

The 'Clever boys' will arrive on Friday through the Ngwenya Border gate. They will be booked at the Royal Swazi Sun.

