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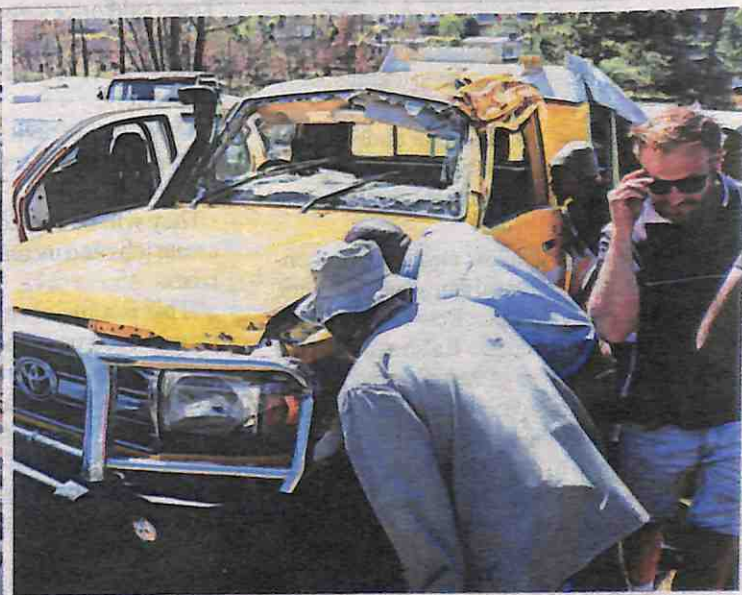
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HUNDREDS OF BIDDERS AT CTA AUCTION



RAISE YOUR HANDS: Interested bidders came in their numbers for the sale of government vehicles at the CTA depot in Mbabane yesterday. **INSET** - One of the cars, a Toyota Landcruiser was sold for E100 000. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

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ESWATINI, UK SIGN MULTI-BILLION TRADE PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mbabane

THE United Kingdom's government has agreed to trade continuity with six African countries on Tuesday.

The British High Commissioner John Lindfield said UK initialed an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the Southern African Customs Union and Mozambique (SACU+M) that will allow businesses to keep trading freely after Brexit.

This marked the end of formal trade discussions and the UK-SACU+M Economic Partnership Agreement will be subject to final checks before it is formally signed.

The agreement will allow businesses to continue to trade on preferential terms with Eswatini, the Republic of South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Mozambique. It also supports the economic development of these Commonwealth partners, laying the foundations for new trade and investment in the future.

"This will help to strengthen further the trading relationship between the UK and SACU+M nations, which was worth E136 billion (£9.7 billion) last year," he said.

Lindfield said the SACU+M nations were an important market for UK exports of machinery and mechanical appliances worth E 5.7 billion (£409 million), motor vehicles worth E 4.7 billion (£335 million) and beverages including whisky worth E1.9 billion (£136 million) last

...the agreement signed in Botswana on Tuesday includes SACU members plus Mozambique

To increase economies and create jobs

INTERNATIONAL Trade Secretary Liz Truss said once signed the trade agreement will take effect allowing businesses to keep trading after Brexit without any additional barriers.

It will also benefit British businesses supporting developing countries in reducing poverty through trade.

They will be able to grow their economies, create jobs and increase incomes for their citizens.

"This is a major milestone as the UK prepares to become an independent trading nation once again and we are helping businesses get ready to trade with the most exciting markets around the world," she said.

Meanwhile the UK High Commissioner to Botswana Katy Ransome said the agreement in principle demonstrated their commitment

year.

Consumers and businesses in the UK will continue to benefit from more choice and lower prices on goods imported from SACU+M countries. Major imports to the UK from these countries last year included edible fruit and nuts valued at E8 billion (£547 million) and motor vehicles

to increasing trade with developing countries and boosting economies across Southern Africa and the UK.

"This new agreement, once it is signed and takes effect, ensures continuity in our E136 billion trading relationship, allowing our businesses to continue supporting our mutual prosperity and economic development, she said.

Global Director of Government Affairs for Diageo PLC Wilson Del Sorocco added that his country warmly welcomed the news of a UK-Southern African Customs Union and Mozambique agreement in principle because international trade was vital to Diageo as it gave the opportunity to reach more consumers and markets around the world.

"Africa is an important growth region for Diageo, including export markets like South Africa for Scotch whisky," he said

cles at E6 billion (£409 million).

Trade continuity agreements signed cover countries accounting for E1.2 trillion (£89 billion) of the UK's trade.

When the SACU+M agreement is signed and takes effect, this will go up to E1.4 trillion (£99 billion).

Deal secures UK, SACU+M relations beyond Brexit

COMMERCE Industry and Trade Minister Manqoba Khumalo has said this initialed agreement with UK secures the country's trade preferential market beyond Brexit, which is scheduled to take place at the end of next month.

In a statement issued by all the SACU+M countries, the ministers confirmed the initialing of the multi-billion pounds trade agreement.

This agreement followed the decision of the UK in 2016 to leave the European Union (EU), the Southern African Customs Union (SACU), Mozambique and the United Kingdom (UK) ministers agreed to roll-over the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union (EU) and the SADC EPA States (EU-SADC EPA) into a new Agreement.

The roll-over was on the understanding that adjustments may be needed to address specific matters. This agreement was reached on Tuesday in Botswana, where these countries initialed the text of the new agreement.

The initialed agreement will now be presented for approval in each country to facilitate signature and subsequent ratification according to the domestic processes of each country.

"The agreement will enter into force upon the completion of these aforementioned processes. However, pending ratification, the parties agreed to develop a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding which would be used as the basis to provisionally apply the effects of the EU-SADC EPA until the domestic ratification processes in each country have been completed," statement read.

Ford Ranger for Mjulukko at CTA auction

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

FORMER Mtfongwaneni MP Mjulukko Dlamini yesterday took advantage of the CTA auction in Mbabane and got himself a Ford Ranger.

The former legislator's vehicle cost him E61 000 and he also bought himself a motor bike for E5 000. The former MP was among the many people who had crammed the Central Transport Administration (CTA) depot in Mbabane to buy vehicles for themselves.

Dlamini said he was happy with his achievements and he would be able to make use of the vehicles to help his people at Mtfongwaneni.

He said he wanted to buy himself a water tanker so that he could make clean water available at Mtfongwaneni constituency.

He said water was a huge challenge at Mtfongwaneni, so a tanker would work very well for him because it would be easy to bring clean water nearer to the people. He said the water was scarce



Some of the over 100 government cars auctioned at CTA in Mbabane yesterday.

such that even animals had a challenge when they wanted to drink. He said with the tanker, he could fetch the water from as far as the Hhohho region.

Other notable politicians who were spotted at the auction included Ludzeldze MP Vusi Swali and former Lugongolweni MP Joseph Souza. He got himself a second hand bus.

They also wanted to get some vehicles for themselves so that they could be able to do their work in their respective constituencies.

A total of 215 vehicles were lined up for sale during the auction in Mbabane and Matsapha. The vehicles sold included vans, sedans, quantums and other yellow vehicles for civil works, which were in Matsapha.

People were able to buy cars like Ford Rangers for a price range of about E50 000 to about E78 000. Some people were able to get motor bikes for prices as low as E600. The auction started from 9am in Mbabane.

People started by registering as a way

Bucopho walks away with 4 vehicles

A member of Bucopho from Jubukweni under Nkhamba Inkhundla walked away with four vehicles worth over E100 000.

Mshayina Gama yesterday bought a D4D Double Cab worth E38 000, an Isuzu Double Cab van worth E12 000, a Toyota Condor worth E23 000, and a BMW X3 worth E36 000. Gama was happy with the vehicles he was able to buy out

of the auction.

He said the cars were for his personal use, but he was open to use some of the cars to help people at Jubukweni. He said it was his job to help the people of his area, as he was the one who asked them to vote for him.

Gama said he bought a Toyota Quantum in order to be able to transport the elderly people when they had to get paid their elderly grants.

of showing interest in the vehicles that were sold. After registering, they were then allowed to take part in the auction, where the highest bidder was given a particular vehicle that was sold at that time.

By 12:30pm, the auction in Mbabane was concluded and people had to go to Matsapha to continue with the auction.

CTA General Transport Manager Washington Makhosonke Khumalo said the auction went as planned yesterday.

He said by 12:30pm, they had concluded the auction in Mbabane.

However, they could not start before 2pm in Matsapha. The reason was that they had advertised that in Matsapha, they would start the auction at 2pm. He said for the CTA to avoid being legally challenged, it had to start the auction at 2pm in Matsapha.

Khumalo said he was still going to find out on how the auction finally went in Matsapha and could not give out the financial gains made by the government garage out of the auction. He was called several times in the evening yesterday but would not answer his phone.

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SIGN OR GET EXPELLED, UNESWA TO STUDENTS

...promises to deal with hooligans who vandalised university property

BY NONGCEBO DLAMINI
Manzini

STUDENTS who will fail to sign the re-admission form will not be regarded as part and parcel of the university.

This was declared by the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane during a press conference held at the UNESWA Kwaluseni premises yesterday.

This strong warning follows a decision by the university Senate to re-open the institution with classes expected to resume today.

By signing the re-admission forms, students commit by undertaking that they will not embark on class boycotts/toy-toying, acts of vandalism, theft of property and intimidation of staff and students in the future.

The form further mentions that no student body meetings should be held at night anymore.

When Dr Simelane was asked what would happen to the students if they do not comply with the Senate restriction, he mentioned that they would automatically be expelled from the institution. He said students were only given till tomorrow to sign the forms.

"To those who won't sign the re-admission forms, it will be a direct indicator that they are planning to continue with the protest and vandalising of the university property," he said.

Dr Simelane said that Senate was looking to put together a disciplinary committee that would look into students that act unlawfully within the university.

When Dr Simelane was asked of what would happen if the students would all



SIGN: Dr Salebona Simelane during the press conference at UNESWA Kwaluseni Campus.

stand a united front and start another protest based on the re-admission forms, he mentioned that the Senate was hoping the students would co-operate with them in order for them to have smooth operations.

He further highlighted that they were in the process of fixing the properties that were vandalised, but added that some of the things that were destroyed were extremely expensive and the university does not have enough resources to fix them all at once.

"Other things that were broken will be fixed as we go along," he added.

Dr Simelane stated that the university was not yet done with students that were involved in the acts of hooliganism which resulted in the property being damaged. He stated that the students are all known by name.

He continued to mention that they

will undergo a disciplinary process and they will all pay for their actions according to the measure of their contribution to the acts of violence.

When asked if the form meant that students would not boycott now or in the future, he mentioned that the form was merely for the current situation, but were looking to using it even in the future.

He was again asked on the issue of allowances, which seemed to have caused the previous protest, as to what they will do if they reject the new offer, Dr. Simelane stated that the issue of allowances was between the students and the ministry of labour social security.

He said Senate was grateful to the way the government handled the matter, and advised that students should have a proper manner of addressing government in the future.

Widow wins her farm from in-laws

BY MBONO MDLULI
Mbabane

IN what might come as an inspiration to other widows, a widow was relieved after the Supreme Court declared her as the rightful owner of her late husband's farm.

The farm in question is said to be situated somewhere around Siphofaneni and in terms of size, it is said to be about 900 000 hectares.

Effie Sonia Henwood is said to have bought the farm from her husband, Israel Henwood, who died about 30 years ago.

It is said that the problem was that Sonia's in-laws, who are also Henwoods, challenged the sale of the farm by the late Israel to Sonia.

Israel was a husband to Sonia and her argument in court was that Israel had sold the farm to her before he died.

This did not sit down well with Sonia's in-laws and they approached the High Court in 2001 to challenge the sale of the property by Israel to Sonia.

It was Pius Henwood who approached the High Court on behalf of the in-laws. He was successful in challenging the sale of the farm. Pius was the applicant in this case, while Sonia and the late Israel were the first and second respondents, respectively.

Sonia was not pleased with the High Court judgment and she instituted an appeal at the Supreme Court. According to the judgment, it was not clear when the case was heard by the Supreme Court.

At the end, the Supreme Court

ruled in favour of Pius, which means the court dismissed Sonia's appeal.

The reason for such a judgment was that the Supreme Court had found that the Deed of Sale did not comply with the provisions of Section 31 of the Transfer Duty Act of 1902.

The judgment of the Supreme Court did not stop Sonia from instituting proceedings to have the matter reviewed by the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court, on November 30, 2018, ruled in favour of Sonia and Israel and set aside both previous judgments from the High Court and the Supreme Court.

However, Pius was not satisfied with the outcome of the review of the Supreme Court and launched a second review, relying on Section 148 (2) of the Constitution.

At the end, the second review was not heard because Pius could not convince the Supreme Court on why the second review was supposed to be heard.

Sonia and Israel in this case were represented by Sibusiso B. Shongwe and Associates, while Pius was represented by Howe Masuku Nsibande Attorneys.

The judgment of the Supreme Court did not stop Sonia from instituting proceedings to have the matter reviewed by the Supreme Court

MVtel GM PROSPER MPOFU DIES

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

MVtel General Manager Prosper (Mpofo) Takawira has succumbed to death after a short illness.

Mpofo has been the General Manager for MVtel since 2003, a company which was owned by the late businessman and Mbabane Swallows boss Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze.

Takawira has been involved in many projects which include E-Top-up and Top-Lotto during his time with MVtel.

Takawira, who was a qualified engineer, was also involved in the construction of Madlenya House which houses Eswatini Mobile, where he was a site acquisition.

Princess Lungile, who took over from her late husband (Gamedze) said they were saddened by the demise of Takawira and were still shocked since they got the news of his death.

She said she had known the deceased to be her husband's right hand man and was responsible for all of Gamedze's projects including Eswatini Mobile.

She went on to say that Takawira had



RIP: Prosper (Mpofo) Takawira.

contributed immensely to the growth and success of most of Victor Gamedze's companies, including MVtel and Eswatini Mobile among others.

"We feel like he has followed Gamedze very soon as he was the person who

spoke on behalf of all the companies during Gamedze's memorial service at the Prince of Wales last year," she said.

In addition, Princess Lungile lamented the fact that Takawira was a person who had vast experience and was one of the few people who knew how to run the business.

She mentioned that this was a great loss, as it would be hard to find someone who can replace him given all the qualities he possessed.

"All the achievements that Gamedze had were attributed to him as he was always available to help and providing his expertise whenever he was needed. He was a man of integrity and honesty and we will always miss his great leadership skills and hardworking spirit," she said.

Gamedze then passed her sincere condolences to Takawira's family, saying that they should seek the Lord's guidance during this difficult time in their lives.

Meanwhile, his memorial service will be held at Mananga Centre, Ezulwini tomorrow at 2:30pm and a celebration of his life later in the evening at the Mbabane Theatre Club.

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CTA AUCTION IN PICTURES



ALL OUT: A section of bidders who showed up for the auction sale at CTA Mbabane yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



TOO EXPENSIVE: One of the expensive vehicles, sold for E115 000.



BARGAIN: The two mini-buses which were bought at E5 000 each by the same person.



UNDER THE HAMMER: Some of Correctional Services vehicles which seem to be in good condition were also auctioned.



VIEW: Some of the over 100 government cars auctioned at CTA in Mbabane yesterday.



BUS: This bus was bought by former MP Joseph Souza at a cost of E84 000.



WRECKED: One of the police vehicles which was involved in an accident.



THIS SIDE: Auctioneer identified as Gamedze doing his job.

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READY: Bidders getting ready for the auction sale.

City Council rocked by another **motion** on Mhlongo

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

...councillors allegedly threatened with Section 27

THE Municipal Council of Mbabane has been rocked by another motion moved by councillors who want under-fire CEO Gideon Mhlongo to appoint an Adhoc Committee to investigate the issue of three cows that are said to have been bought by the council and were to be presented to the country's authorities.

This was revealed by one of the councillors, who said means of getting the CEO to take action pertaining this matter has been met with fire as Mhlongo is said to have threatened the councillors with Section 27.

This sections states that, if there are councillors who want to cause maladministration the CEO should report those to the Council and then to the minister of housing and urban development.

The councillors said what is far worse is that the very same person who is threatening them with section 27 is not even part of the council, as they insist that he

does not have a contract.

"Mhlongo is the one who is causing the maladministration as he does not have a contract and it surprises us that how on earth can someone threaten his employers because we are the ones who are Mhlongo's employers," said the councillor. The councillors argue that they just want simple information, but Mhlongo is busy threatening them for no reason as this is an issue of concern.

The three cows that are said to be kept at Ngwenya Town Board pound have been kept for a year now, attracting a bill that is close to E200 000 in one year. However, it is said an arrangement was made with Ngwenya Town Board not to pay for keeping them.

These cows were purchased last year in or around August 6.

It also transpired that even the council does not know the cattle, but the only people who have clear knowledge are the CEO and the Internal and Public Relations Officer Lucky Tsabedze. They are said to have gone to Ludzidzini on

numerous occasions to present the cows but returned with them.

Mhlongo is alleged to have threatened to impose or apply section 27 after the councillors asked that since the matter is of paramount importance and urgency it should be addressed as such because it cannot wait for the ordinary council meeting.

"We request that a notice be issued in terms of Clause 12.1 (ii) of the council rules of Procedure for a special meeting to be held on 11 September 2019 at 17:30 or on a date to be determined by the Chief Executive Officer," the councillors said in a letter.

In a letter from the CEO to Musa Dlamini, who is Ward 2 councillor, the CEO states that there was a serious omission on the meeting form as the approved form needs councillors requesting a special meeting to advise council if they had been advised by management whether or not the matter justifies the convening of a special meeting.

"For the above reason, the meeting

cannot be called as it would mean the office having to escalate the matter to prepare a section 27 report, which we believe is not necessary as the issue can be quickly corrected," reads part of Mhlongo's letter.

Mhlongo's contract case, which has been a thorny issue among ratepayers, zone leaders and street vendors is expected in the Supreme Court today.

Mhlongo did not answer his phone when contacted last night and he did not reply to text messages sent to him. Council IPRO Lucky Tsabedze said he did not know anything about the matter. He asked that the documents in question be sent to him.



MOTION: Mbabane City Council CEO Gideon Mhlongo.



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Mkhulu caught 'raping' 2-year-old granddaughter

BY BONCIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

FAMILY members were stunned when they caught a pensioner red-handed allegedly raping his two-year-old granddaughter.

The incident happened at Sidvokodvo in Luvuvu on Tuesday afternoon. Information gathered was that the elderly man, who is estimated to be around 70 years old, had come to the toddler's mother; his daughter-in-law, to ask for the baby whom he said he wanted to play with.

When he did this, the encounter is said to have been witnessed by other family members who were relaxing in the compound.

After he took the child from its mother, the elderly man is said to have gone to his house. A few minutes later, sources said the baby's ear-piercing screams sent the mother running towards her father-in-law's house. Upon arrival

at the entrance, the young mother is said to have been dumbfounded when she allegedly saw the elderly man on top of her daughter who lay on the floor facing up.

When she tried ordering her father-in-law to get off her child, it is said her shouts fell on deaf ears

as the man did not move an inch and the child kept crying.

"The shocked mother kept on shouting with the hope that the elderly man would get off her child, but it was all in vain. The situation was helped by that she ended up calling for her mother-in-law who was also within the premises but far away from where the incident happened," the source said.

While the rest of the family members, including the grandmother, were on their way towards the house, it is said it was only then that the pensioner moved away from the toddler.

When the rest of the family eventually arrived at the scene, it is said he was found trying to dress up. The police were called to the scene shortly after the incident.

When sought for comment, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that the Mliba police

had received the report on the incident.

However, when the child was taken to hospital on the same night, Vilakati said the medical report stated that there were no signs of penetration. No arrest was made by the time that the police mouthpiece was contacted.

The shocked mother kept on shouting with the hope that the elderly man would get off her child, but it was all in vain.

Girl (5) killed by car on first day of third term

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE first day of third term saw a five-year-old pre-school going child killed in a car accident.

The young girl of Bhejisa area in Sihlutshe was knocked down by a VW Polo driven by a 41-year-old man of Our Lady of Sorrows.

The accident took place at 6:55am hours at Bhejisa along MR 11 public. It is reported that the car lost control and knocked the girl.

She suffered serious injuries all over the body and was certified dead upon arrival at Matsanjeni Health Centre while the driver was not injured.

Chief police information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the accident.

She pleaded with parents to accompany young children to school while also urging drivers to be careful as they use the road, more especially in places where there are schools closer to the road. The accident comes after the publication yesterday reported that five minors were involved in an accident whereby a white Toyota Noah SUV collided with a purple Honda Fit sedan at the corner of Somhlolo-Gwamile street traffic lights in Mbabane on Tuesday.

Information gathered was to the effect that when

the collision happened, the vehicle which was transporting the minors was coming from the direction of Mzimba Avenue to join Gwamile Street and the Honda Fit was driving on Gwamile Street to join Somhlolo Road. Meanwhile, the Road Safety Council has sent a stern warning to drivers transporting pupils to schools.

The first day of the last term of the year saw an increase in visibility of traffic police officers as well as road safety officers on the country's roads.

Road Safety Education and Information Officer Thembanani Dlamini pleaded with Emaswati to be vigilant as they use the roads. She said people should not think of themselves as they use the road but be observant for the next person.

Firstly, she pleaded with kombi drivers to avoid overloading. She urged drivers to stick to legal speed limits. Dlamini said most accidents are caused by over-speeding which results to rivers losing control of their vehicles.

She said it is even worse when the vehicle is loaded beyond its capacity. She added that sticking to speed limits will reduce the number of pedestrians who are hit by motor vehicles as drivers will be able to apply brakes on time.

She further pleaded with road users at large to keep a sharp eye on children as they are fresh from the holidays. To ensure road safety the officer said they have a series of programmes in place they will present to the nation soon.

Financial institutions to join ESRIC strike Monday

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Mbabane

FINANCIAL institutions have promised to join the ongoing strike at ESRIC on Monday as a sign of solidarity.

The Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation (ESRIC) strike has entered into a third week and the workers are not backing down until their grievances are met.

The new development means all the financial institutions in the country might ground operations in the financial institutions, including banks. This was revealed by the Secretary General of Swaziland Union of Financial Institutions and Allied Workers (SUFIAW) Jabu Shiba yesterday during the ongoing strike by ESRIC employees. Shiba mentioned that operations from most of the financial institutions including banks are going to be heavily affected due to the strike as this would now be a collective course.

The striking workers are represented by SUFIAW and the workers are still determined to get the attention of the employer.

Shiba said the employer so far had not shown any interest in the matter.

"We will focus on the protesting as it is the only thing we have at our disposal and another thing is that it will depend on the employer's willingness to engage," she said.

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She also mentioned that as a Union they do not have processes that will force the employer to engage. She continued to say that they usually try to engage the employer in different occasions but so far that has not yielded any fruits.

"So far, we have seen that the employer is not willing to meet us and negotiate our grievances and as a union we are going to continue picketing until we are heard," Shiba added.

On the issue of the no work no pay, Shiba said that would not be a hindrance to them as they would continue striking with or without that rule. She said as time goes by the whole of SUFIAW would join the strike as the dispute between ESRIC and SUFIAW.

The strike action which started on August 27 has seen the corporation complaining that they had suffered in millions of Emalangeni in delayed transactions.

The employer had at first complained that the picketing workers were disturbing operations as they picketed at the entrance of the company's premises and that led to a disagreement on the designated area to be used by the picketing employees, which led the company taking the workers to court.

Employees however argued that they did not in any way threaten anyone or intimidate anyone. They said their protest was not a violent one.

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It is hereby notified for general information that the Liquor Licensing Board will hold its sitting to hear the following applications at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Conference Room on the **02 OCTOBER 2019** starting at **10.00am**.

REGION SHISELWENI

1. GENERAL AFRICA FOODS (PTY) LTD.
P. O. Box 5727 Mbabane **GRANT** of a **RESTRICTED BOTTLE STORE** Liquor Licence situated at **PLOT 19 NHLANGANO** known as **OBC RESTRICTED BOTTLE STORE**.

Any person who wishes to lodge an objection to the above-mentioned application may do so with the Secretary of the Liquor Licensing Board in writing, sending a copy to the applicant by registered mail to reach him/her at least ten days before the sitting of the Board.

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Eswatini to celebrate Tourism Day

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

ESWATINI Tourism in partnership with sponsors, will celebrate World Tourism Day at Eswatini College of Technology (ECOT) on September 27.

This was said by Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati yesterday when he officially launched the world tourism month.

September is recognised as the world tourism month. This is where a lot of focus is paid to tourism, hence the celebration of world tourism day. The minister stated that tourism is commemorated each year on September 27.

The purpose of the celebration is to foster awareness among the global community of

tourism's social, cultural, political and economic value as well as the contribution the sector can make in reaching the sustainable development goals.

Vilakati stated that this year's World Tourism Day will be themed 'Tourism and Jobs: A better future for all'.

"ETA partnered with the ministry of tourism and environmental affairs, captains of the industry, media, tertiary students from ECOT, Limkokwing University of Creative Technology, IDM, Junior Achievement as well as the Eswatini National Youth Council to make the celebration on September 27 a remarkable one," he said.

Culminating to the event, the minister said there will be a series of activities regionally in high schools.

In these events they will be unpacking the

theme and the career opportunities that the country has to offer the youth through tourism.

In addition, the minister quoted that since tourism has been recognised on the pillars of economic growth, new policies are needed to maximise tourism potential to create better jobs especially for women and the youth.

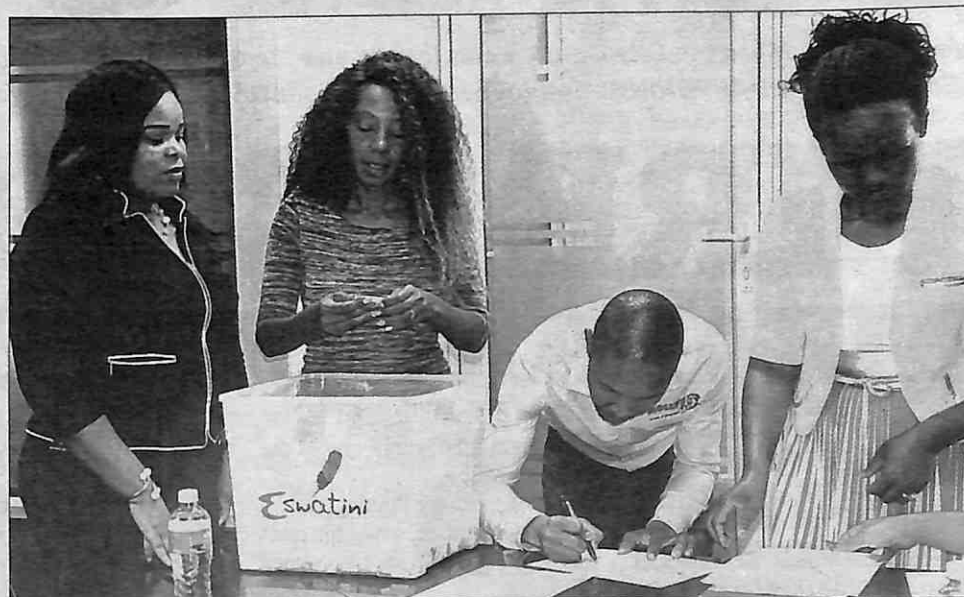
"New policies are also needed to reflect and

incorporate on-going advances in technology," he said. He further stated that these policies should be geared towards addressing the current mismatch between tourism skills that are taught and those that employers need.

The minister also hinted on the need of incorporating this in a school syllabus at primary school level.



Minister of Tourism Moses Vilakati joined by ETA CEO Linda Nxumalo while conducting a draw of entries as he launched the World Tourism Month in style at their offices at Sibekelo Building yesterday morning. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



SWAMA PRO Penny Bouwer reading the winning entry of the two tickets to the finals as CEO Linda Nxumalo looks on.

Women dominate tourism industry

THE tourism sector employs more women and young people than most other sectors.

Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati said according to the United World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) research shows that the global rate of women entrepreneurs is 36 per cent which is comparatively higher than in all sectors combined by 22 per cent.

Therefore the minister said Eswatini has to work extra hard to ensure that tourism provides the opportunities it should and it is like the rest of the world.

Furthermore, the minister said International Labour Organisation (ILO) research shows that around half of tourism employees work in enterprises of fewer than ten people, while around three quarters work in enterprises of fewer than 50 people.

E20 000 PRIZES FOR DOMESTIC TOURISM SURVEY

ESWATINI Tourism Authority (ETA) and stakeholders gave away over E20 000 worth of prizes to 16 Emaswati that participated in the domestic tourism survey.

The survey was undertaken for a period of six weeks, where a total of 2 006 locals were requested to take part. This survey was conducted over the phone. ETA partnered with the local tourism industry to offer 16 prizes to Emaswati that participated in the survey.

The prizes ranged from meals for two, activ-

ities in attraction sites and weekend stays. Representatives from the industry were present during the draw including the minister of tourism and environmental affairs.

The partners include Happy Valley Hotel, Pigg's Peak Hotel, Royal, Villas, Big Game Park, National Museum, Skyworld Travel Tours amongst others.



NOTICE

TEMPORAL OFFICE CLOSURE

The Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) will be temporarily closed for operation from 12 September 2019 from 2pm.

Normal operations will resume on the 16th of September 2019, 8:00am.

By Management

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GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) [REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE PROVISION OF ELDERLY GRANT SECURE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT SYSTEM]

RFI NUMBER: [81 of 2019/2020]

The [The Deputy Prime Ministers Office] is interested in soliciting information from potential suppliers for the provision of [an elderly grant secure electronic payment system that will include a biometric and beneficiary verification mechanism].

The [The Deputy Prime Ministers Office] now hereby invites qualified firms to submit a Request for Information (RFI) to participate in an upcoming competitive procurement exercise for the above mentioned services. The Request for Information (RFI) document can be obtained at [The Deputy Prime Ministers Office, Social Welfare Department, Secretary's Office] at no cost.

The key requirements for the business to be involved in service are: [Companies shall provide key technical people with relevant skills in a variety of skills that include BUT are not limited to Information Technology, biometrics, including the use of such skills in biometrics, mobile technology payment and or mobile cash transfers. Bidding companies shall also provide proof of similar projects in other countries and or systems. Proprietors shall also provide technical specifications of what they wish to provide and how this would be provided. The description of the technology may include any equipment that the proprietor would provide (eg special vehicles) in furtherance of the job description. An outline of the job description is provided in the Terms of reference below.] Firms may associate to enhance their qualifications.

The evaluation will follow the Public Procurement Regulations, 2008, be competitive and result in a 'short listing' of firms. Following this process, it is the intention to invite the short listed firms to provide proposals for the requested services.

The following documents must be attached to the Request for Information:

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- Certified copy by the Registrar of Companies of an official statement of the Directors, alternative directors, managers and auditors of the company (Form 'J' or equivalent);
- Certified copy by the Registrar of Companies of an official statement of the annual summary of shares capital and shares (Form 'C' or equivalent);
- Original copy of valid Tax Compliance Certificate for Government Tender, or equivalent for foreign suppliers;
- Certified copy of a Labour Compliance Certificate by the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, or equivalent for foreign suppliers; and
- Original copy of Employer's Compliance Clearance Certificate by Swaziland National Provident Fund (SNPF), or equivalent for foreign suppliers.

• All documents should be labeled according to the stipulated requirements and a translation of the same into English Language.

The Request for Information (RFI) should be deposited in the Treasury Tender Box situated at Treasury Building, MBABANE at the latest by [25th October, 2019 and tenders will be opened 9:00am]. Late applications will not be considered.

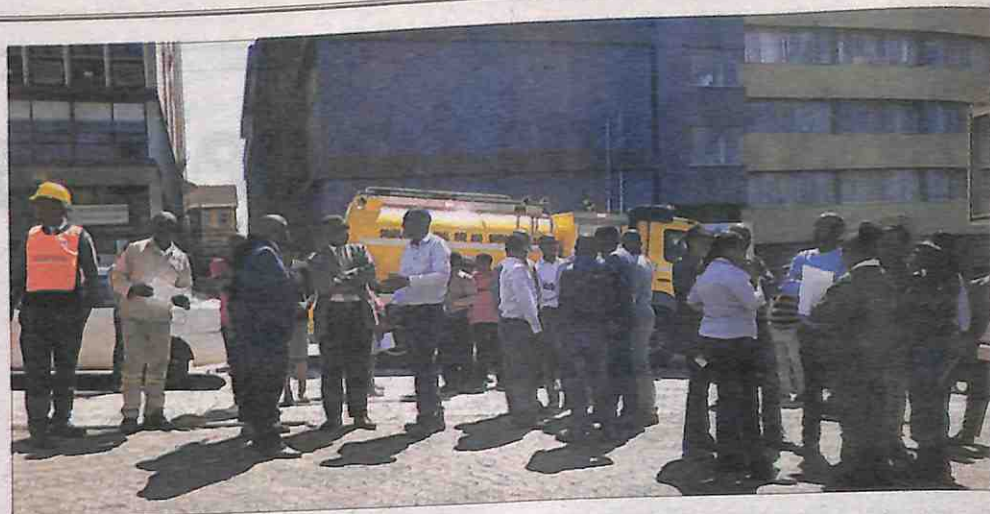
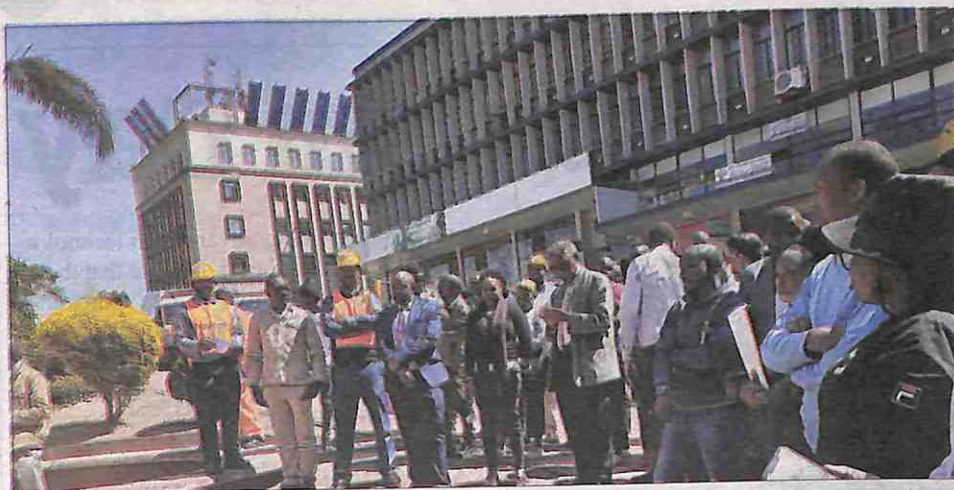
The envelope must be clearly marked: "Request for Information" Request For Information On The Provision Of Elderly Grant Secure Electronic Payment System", "The Secretary to National Tender Board, Treasury Building, MBABANE", "RFI No.: [81 of 2019/2020]."

Failure to submit the above requested documents and mark the envelope clearly and accurately will result in rejection of the application.

Requests for clarifications, must be in writing in English Language, should be addressed to the following: Director Social Welfare, Deputy Prime Ministers Office, Gwamile Street, email, mosesdiamini541@gmail.com, +268 24045134 / +268 24044351.

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EVACUATED: Mbabane City Council employees and customers look on as fire personnel respond to the electrical fault in the building yesterday.
(LEFT) WHAT'S HAPPENING: Employees consult with CEO Gideon Mhlango during the fire scare.

FIRE SCARE AT MBABANE CITY COUNCIL

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Magistrate's Court

AN electrical fault at the Municipal Council of Mbabane triggered a major emergency response yesterday morning, with services grinding to a halt.

Police and firefighters from Mbabane responded swiftly after receiving a call at around 10:30am, reporting smoke being emitted from a broken

fluorescent tube within one of the council's offices.

An issue with the lighting system had caused smoke, while business was ongoing within the city council buildings.

The fault announced itself by emitting smoke, which billowed upwards and set off the smoke sensors and the fire alarm system.

Staff and customers who had come for various services had to be evacuated, and the offices were shut down

temporarily as fire personnel tried to locate the source of the smoke.

Evacuated

According to Information and Public Relations Officer Lucky Tsabedze, over 50 people responded to the alarm and swiftly evacuated the building, after word was sent around about a possible fire breaking out.

The incident also attracted several onlookers who came to observe the operation.

"There was smoke coming out from

one of the offices and when we heard the alarm, we had to leave the building. We treat an incident of this nature in a very serious light because the safety of the people is our number one priority. We were all able to evacuate the building in less than a minute after we heard the alarm," said Tsabedze.

Tsabedze further revealed that the swift response by the city council employees was attributed to the quarterly routine fire drills the council

conducted.

"We have also appointed a certain number of employees trained as fire marshals, if there is a fire. The fire marshals assist staff and our customers in ensuring swift and organised evacuations from the building.

"We are also fortunate that our state-of-the-art smoke detectors were able to detect the fault, and we were able to attend to the fault in a timely fashion," Tsabedze stated.

He indicated that they had launched a full investigation, in collaboration with the police and the National Fire and Emergency Services. Tsabedze also thanked the various role players who worked tirelessly to ensure everyone in the building was safe.

One of the Mbabane City Council employees admitted that when he heard the alarm ring, his initial reaction was fear.

"In a situation like this, the first reaction is always fear and panic, so when this happened, we had to adhere to all instructions from our designated fire marshals. Fortunately, it was a small fault, and no one was hurt," he expressed.



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Tender documents for the project are available for collection from the Head of Procurement & Inventory Secretary (Mill Stores) Ubombo Sugar Limited from 11th Wednesday September 2019, upon payment of E300.00 non-refundable amount and excludes courier delivery costs. The fee is payable in the following USL Account:

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A celebration of life of Prosper Mpofu Takawira

With regret, the management and staff of MVtel wished to inform all friends, relatives, business associates and colleagues that Prosper (Mpofu) Takawira has responded to the Lord's call on Monday, September 9, 2019.

Though we will miss him greatly, we rejoice in Mpofu's triumphant return to our Heavenly Father.

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May his soul rest in peace.

BY OBSERVER REPORTER
Mbabane

KING BLESSES MTN-ESWIFT YOUNG TRAINEE'S BUSINESS

HIS Majesty King Mswati III has blessed a business owned by Cebisile Dlamini (35) during the recently ended Eswatini International Trade Fair (EITF).

Dlamini, interviewed afterwards said she had never anticipated, even in her wildest dreams, that she could have a one-on-one opportunity to brief His Majesty King Mswati III about her bakery business, let alone get his blessings.

Subsequently, this experience has left the young business owner beaming with pride and inspired to put the best foot forward in her business.

Dlamini is a mentee under the MTN-Eswatini Fair Trade (ESWIFT) market access programme launched during this year's MTN 21 Days of Y'ello Care which ran from June 1-21. She was part of the 100 young people who were trained by MTN and ESWIFT on business management, amongst other subject areas.

The next phase of the programme, which is in the pipeline, is to link the mentees with local and possibly international markets.

It is through this programme that Dlamini was offered an opportunity to exhibit, for the first time, at this year's International Trade Fair.

She was stationed inside the white marquee which housed several micro, small and medium entrepreneurs.

When she heard that the King was touring stands after officially launching the International Trade Fair, it was business as usual for her because she never thought that he could stop at her stand.

"I watched His Majesty the King at a distance, walking down the passage and he just looked and

went past other stands. Suddenly, he stopped at my stand and, for a moment, I remained frozen, not sure how to react.

"I didn't even know how to properly address the King. I panicked and kept referring to him as *Babe* (Father) and I was corrected now and then.

"That was the funny part of it. I didn't expect it really. Thank God His Majesty the King is a very friendly and humorous person. That made it easier for me to have that short conversation with him. He looked at my products, asked a few questions and gave me his blessings," she said.

From this unprecedented experience, Dlamini said she learned to prepare for the best instead of the worst.

"I learned that I was unconsciously undermining myself. As His Majesty the King said I am exceptional in my chosen trade, I believe that I am good. I learnt that for every opportunity, I should go all out and prepare for the best," she said.

Dlamini's long term plan is to expand her business and subsequently



BAYETHE: Young businesswoman Cebisile Dlamini meets His Majesty King Mswati III at the Trade Fair.

open a fully-pledged bakery as she already bakes cakes, biscuits, savouries and makes different kinds of dessert.

"My focus right now is to get funds to make this dream a living reality," said Dlamini. Commenting on her

first experience at the International Trade Fair, she said she learned a great deal from the show.

"My focus was not to make spot sales but to showcase my products, meet potential customers and collect

more leads," she said.

"The International Trade Fair has further enabled me to market my brand to a broader market and make them aware of my products," she further stated. Dlamini said she also learned that customers are not the same, therefore, she should treat them as uniquely as they come, with a broad smile regardless of how they treat her. She thanked MTN and ESWIFT for the opportunity to showcase her products at the International Trade Fair for the first time.

Start-ups

"Opportunities like these one are scarce, particularly for start-ups. I wish upcoming businesses could have more opportunities so they can grow to realise their full potential," she concluded.

About 14 micro, small and medium enterprises had an opportunity to exhibit for the first time at this year's International Trade Fair by the MTN-ESWIFT market access programme. It turns out that it was such a transformational experience for upcoming businesses giving them a strategic launch pad.

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Four suspects arrested after consulting inyanga for juju

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

THE consultation at an inyanga did not protect four men from being arrested.

The four men who were suspected to have plotted to rob a certain business in Manzini were arrested in Mhlanganyala last Wednesday.

Information sourced from reliable sources was to the effect that the six men, including a South African, had gone to an unidentified inyanga for assistance pertaining to a robbery they wanted to undertake in Manzini.

Sources alleged that on the day of arrest, the six men had gone to the inyanga to ask for his help in making sure that they neither get caught nor arrested while they robbed the business which they allegedly mentioned to the inyanga. The traditional healer is said to have instructed the dozen men to go and buy some razor blades with which he would cut them (*kugata*).

Indeed, thinking that they would eventually be assisted in pursuing their devi-

ous deeds, the men are said to have left for the shop. However, it seemed that the inyanga was not the only person who knew about the robbery plan as after the men had returned with the razor blades, and they had been cut and given muti that would supposedly protect them from being caught, they came face to face with the police who were waiting for them outside the inyanga's compound.

Cuts

Sources alleged that the men travelled in two vehicles, and all had razor cuts on their heads and a black substance believed to have been the muti they were given by the inyanga.

When they saw the police, the men are said to have run helter-skelter using their supposed getaway cars.

The police are said to have managed to apprehend only four of them.

These are also said to have been found in possession of an unlicensed firearm with one round of ammunition.

On Sunday, four days later, another group of four men, suspected to be part of the arrested group, is said to have struck in Malkerns where they robbed

a shop belonging to an Asian national and made away with E4 000 cash.

The robbery took place at around 6pm and members of the public were stunned when they heard gunshots between the police and the four suspects.

Car

This time, the four men are said not to have had a getaway car as after the police got hot on their heels, they tried to forcefully board public transport that was full with passengers in a bid to evade arrest. They are said to have succeeded in running away from the law as none of them was arrested.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the two incidents.

In the recent one, Vilakati said a CCTV footage from the shop assisted in identifying the four suspects on the run. However, she could not state whether or not these were connected with the four that were arrested last week.

Vilakati said the police were still investigating the incident together with other robberies that had taken place around Mhlanganyala.

'Help us find dead

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

THE police have urged members of the public to assist in locating family and relatives of the man who was found dead at Sidvokodvo in Luve on Tuesday morning.

A motorist, Thulani Mabuza of Luve discovered the unidentified man's body while on his way to work.

The body was dumped about 10 to 15 metres from the main road.

When interviewed, Mabuza said he was with another person when the discovery was made.

They noticed the motionless figure lying near a small bush by the roadside, Mabuza said they just suspected that he might be dead. This, according to Mabuza, was more so because the figure lay facing up with his arms strain on his sides.

Out of curiosity, Mabuza said he stopped the car and he, along with his companion, went closer to where the body lay and their suspicion

was confirmed. More shocking is said to be that the man had a greenish rope tied around his neck.

The witness added that the man's whole body was swollen, which he said might have been a result of internal bleeding.

Also, Mabuza said there were no visible bruises on his body but there was some blood dripping out of his mouth.

"The photographic memory of what I saw in the morning vividly remains in my mind. My day was spoilt," Mabuza said in a sombre mood.

The deceased man is estimated to be between the ages 30 to 32. He is said to be dark in complexion with short black hair.

He wore a pink T-shirt and blue jeans with elastic ankles. His blue Uzzie cap and flip flops are said to have been placed on his side. No identification documents are said to have been found on the body when searched by the police.

Other eyewitness added that their suspicion was that the man was killed from elsewhere and dumped

Govt working on Biosafety Bill to introduce GMOs

STORIES BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Ezulwini

GOVERNMENT is currently working on the Biosafety Bill which seeks to introduce the Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in agriculture.

This transpired during a meeting by the ministry of tourism and environmental affairs and its members of the portfolio committee at Lugogo Sun yesterday.

Modern biotechnology is referred to as the tool that enables the transfer of genes across organisms at cellular level to get a desired product and this process is called Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs).

The Biosafety Act of 2012 embraces the benefits of modern technology and recognises the fact that if used the right way the technology will help Swazi farmers. The minister said the law requires aspiring GMO users to consult with the Eswatini Environmental Authority to ensure that the particular GMO will pose no negative effects to humans or the environment. This is as per the provision of the Biosafety Act of 2012 section 4 which designates the EEA to be the National Competent Authority on biosafety matters and to be the national focal point.

Eswatini had a Biosafety Act of 2012



and that act had some challenges as in section 32 which touches on the liability clause where it stated that the producers of GMOs were liable hence the producers are at the far end of the value chain.

This was revealed by the Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati during the workshop.

He said in some instances, it could happen that it's the farmer who did not take care of the GMO seeds but at the end liability fell with the producer.

Vilakati said as government, they were trying by all means to amend that clause such that now it is the farmer's responsibility to be liable rather than everybody in the value chain.

"That is very key because as of now the farmers were not able to access the

GMO seeds because of that clause and we hope that the amendment farmers will get back to business and produce cotton which will revive our cotton ginnery in Big Bend," Vilakati said.

The minister continued to say that thus was all meant to ensure that the cotton industry flourishes as the responsibilities are now going to be on the farmers who are the ones who are producing. He pointed out that the farmers will be trained to make sure that they follow the requirements of the GMO properly.

"If anyone decides not to follow the procedures that will be his or her own problem as they will have to shoulder all the expenses including legal claims rather than everybody in the value chain," he said.

Dejected husband wants out of marriage

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man has filed for divorce from his wife of eight years after she deserted their matrimonial home without a feasible explanation.

Simangaliso Dlamini has recently filed an application for divorce from his wife Ncamsile, who deserted their home, leaving him with their only child.

The couple was married on October 1, 2011 at Ezulwini, where they entered into a civil rites union. They were said to have established their matrimonial home at Makhlokholo in Mbabane, where they lived until 2013, when the man's wife deserted their home. During his appearance before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati yesterday, Simangaliso revealed what occurred on the day she deserted him.

"I arrived home from work and found that she had packed all her belongings and left our home. When I attempted to call her on her cell-phone, she did not answer all of my

calls. The one time she answered, she told me that there was nothing to discuss as she had nothing to say to me," Simangaliso revealed.

According to Simangaliso's evidence led before the court, numerous attempts at intervention by their families proved futile, as Ncamsile did not show any interest or concern.

"I plead with the court to grant me a final decree of divorce, as my wife has made it clear that she no longer wants to be with me. I also wish to have full custody of our child, as she currently lives with me," he stated.

Dlamini's attorney also informed the court that his client was praying for the restoration of conjugal rights and in the event that Ncamsile is unable to meet those needs, the court should grant him a final decree of divorce within seven days after he is served with court orders.

Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati then issued an order for Ncamsile to restore conjugal rights to Simangaliso within five days after he is issued with the order.

'Risk management in the GMOs a crucial part'

RISK management has been confirmed as the most crucial part that needs to be considered when dealing with the introduction of GMOs in farming industry.

This was revealed by Chief Environmentalist Hlobisile Sikhosana during the workshop organised by the ministry of tourism and environmental authority, portfolio committee members and

environmental stakeholders. Sikhosana said risk management of the GMO process needs to be taken care of from the manufacture to the whole-sale to the retailer down to the farmer to avoid unnecessary environmental, human health, and animal health issues.

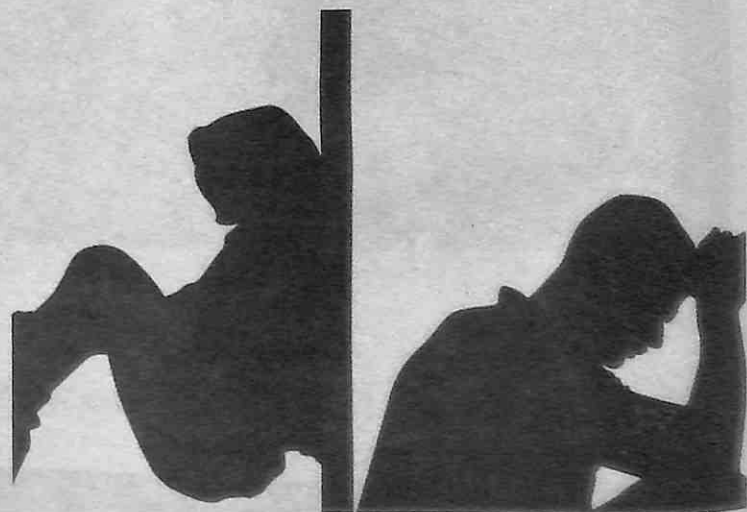
She said every activity involving GMOs need to undergo a scientifically based risk assessment where possible

consequences are investigated. In addition she said that there is need for farmers to make sure that they plant GMOs under confined procedures to deal with risk management hence enabling every player to be liable if there are errors.

"The risk assessment process also ensures that the particular GMO is being used in other countries and that the Swazi user will use it har-

mony with his or her community," she said.

It was highlighted during the workshop that public involvement in the process is key. This is if the amendment of the bill pass in parliament, any farmer who will want to use GMOs will have to notify the public. This is where the public will then object or have recommendations about that for a period of 28 days.



man's relatives'



HELP: The unidentified man who was found dead with a rope tied around his neck at Sidvokodvo near Luve on Tuesday. His face has been partly covered due to the sensitivity of the state he is in.

at Luve. The witness said after the discovery of the man's body, local community police and residents are said to have also gathered around to the identity of the body.

Unfortunately, no one seemed to know the man that is why it was deduced that he was not from the area but had only been dumped there by his butchers after he was killed.

The Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said people who might have information that can assist the police may contact Mliba Desk Officer on 7608 5831/ 999/9999. Alternatively, the Manzini Regional Crime Branch Officer (RCBO) Clement Sihlongonyane may be also contacted at 7612 7994.

CANGO applauds govt for releasing FPE grants timeously

BY COLISILE SACOLO
Mbabane

THE Coordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations (CANGO) has applauded government for the timely distribution of the Free Primary Education (FPE) and orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC) grants in most schools.

CANGO's statement comes after principals confirmed receiving the grants.

Following the outcry by the university students and OVC and FPE, government has since resolved the issues that were running for some weeks. The outcry led to the closure of all tertiary institutions in the country, as the students embarked on strike actions which then led to damage of property at UNESWA Kwaluseni Campus.

Education stakeholders have shown a great concern over the problems.

CANGO Communications Officer Nkosingiphile Myeni said the organisation notes that despite the current economic challenges facing the country, government is prioritising service delivery to cater for many schools going chil-



GOOD: Pupils in class. CANGO has applauded government for the timely distribution of the Free Primary Education and orphaned and vulnerable children grants in most schools.

dren needs, including the schools feeding programme.

Myeni said this reaffirms government's commitment to address poverty and inequalities and is in line with one of the pillars of strategic roadmap, 2019-2022, social safety nets; to ensure inclusive growth and living no LiSwati behind.

He mentioned that recently a report by Oxfam had pinned the country at the top of the list of highly unequal countries in Sub Saharan Africa.

The same report also acknowledges that Eswatini was one of the countries with political will to address the unequal-

ity through social protection programmes.

"On another note, CANGO would like to acknowledge the positive response by the government to the tertiary students outcry by increasing allowances paving the way for the re-opening of closed tertiary institution."

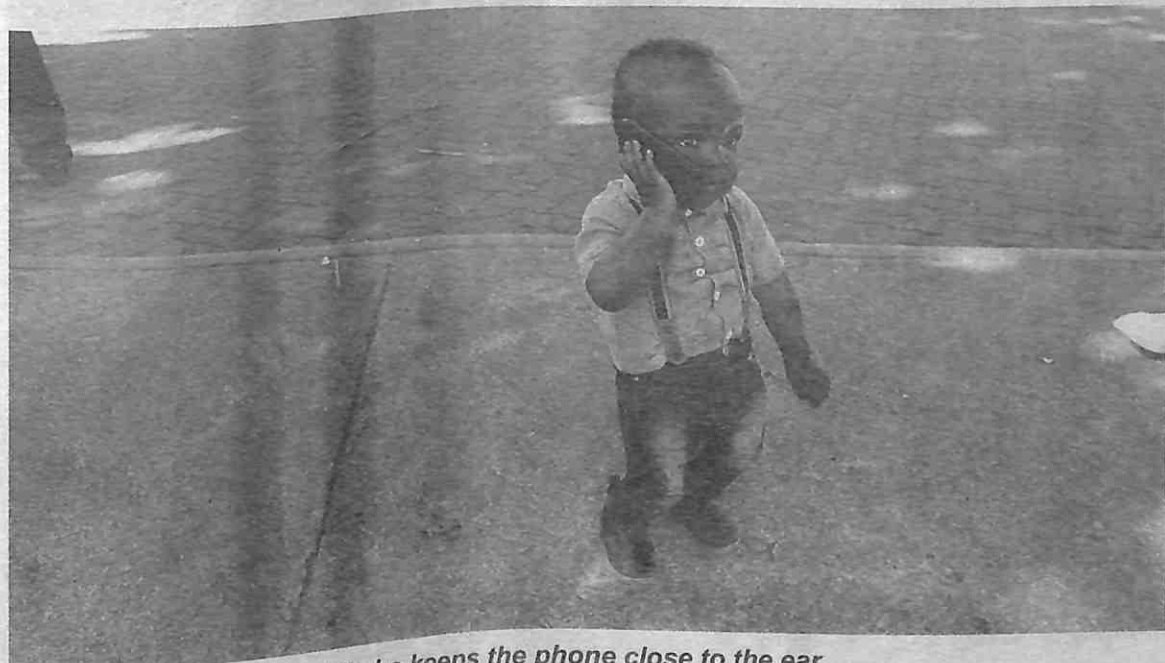
Meanwhile, UNESWA issued a statement calling for students to return following a decision by the Senate to re-open the institution today.

UNESWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane said classes will resume this morning and issued a stern warning to students against damaging property.

Hello?...



HELLO THERE! Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane playing 'phone calling' with this youngster who seemed to be enjoying the news he received through his mother's phone. (Pics: Bongiwé Dlamini)



NICE: The boy dances while he keeps the phone close to the ear.

Maid (25) steals wig, clothing items from boss

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

"DO not bite the hand that feeds you."

These words uttered by Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati rang true as a woman faced theft charges after she stole her employer's belongings valued at E2 000.

The 25-year-old Colile Ginindza of Mangcongco was arrested and charged with theft after she was found to have stolen items belonging to her employer, Cinisile Fakudze.

According to her charge sheet, Ginindza was said to have, from March 2019 to August 2019, at Nkoyoyo area, did wrongfully and unlawfully steal items belonging to Fakudze.

Some of the items stolen by Ginindza included various clothing items, artificial hair and shoes. All these items were said to have been of the value of E2 000.

During her appearance before Magistrate Vilakati yesterday, the magistrate questioned Ginindza on

the reasons that led to her committing the offence.

"How can you steal from someone who has employed you? She has entrusted and brought you in her home and given you a job so that you may sustain yourself."

"You have probably even been fired from this job, as no employer wants to retain an employee who disrespects them. You will now have a criminal record, how are you even going to get a new job?" the magistrate questioned.

Ginindza responded that she was indeed fired from her job, and further apologised immensely for her actions. She explained to the court that she had not intended to steal the clothes.

After hearing her mitigation, Ginindza was sentenced to pay a fine of E2 000 and in default of payment, serve two years in a correctional facility.

Half of Ginindza's sentence was wholly suspended for a period of one year, in the event that she did not commit a similar offence during that period.



The Mbabane Magistrate's Court where the matter was heard.

RSSC sets pupils up for sweet success

BY OBSERVER REPORTER
Mbabane

SIMUNYE - Spending a week at RSSC proved to be not only sweet for pupils who were attached for their job shadowing exercise in the sugar company, but could shape the future.

The programme, facilitated by Junior Achievement Eswatini, continues to enlighten the future of these aspiring professionals. The pupils were from schools such as Lusoti, Ngomane and Mhlume High. These schools are all listed under the RSSC aided government schools.

Nozuzo Sikhosana from Lusoti High, disclosed that she aspired to be an engineer although she had never been exposed to the engineering field.

"Before I came for the job shadowing exercise, I had a dream to be an engi-

neer, but I did not know what it meant being an engineer.

I would like to thank RSSC and JA for the opportunity they have given us because not all of us have availed this opportunity. We have learnt a lot from this program and it will surely add great value to our future careers."

The eloquent pupils also thanked RSSC for the hospitality they received during their field experience at the sugar company. Kekana articulated that the challenge that lay in schools was that pupils do not have any idea of what the careers they aspire entail and that becomes a task in their future.

Meanwhile, Lindani Dube from Mhlume High thanked RSSC for the exciting experience they had during the job shadowing programme.

"During the programme, I was driven by my goal setting aspect and I ensured that they were accomplished. I hope a



SETTING UP: Sethu Mwelane (C) receives her certificate from Talent Manager Sethembile Shiba and JA Executive Director Siboniso Madlopha. (Courtesy pic)

lot of pupils in schools nationwide seek to get such opportunities because they truly inform us on future career choices and it is through this programme where one gets to know if he or she has

chosen the ideal career path," Dube said.

RSSC Learning and Talent Manager Sethembile Shiba said; "We welcome the opportunity to partner with JA to inspire and build a future for the aspir-

ing professionals in any way possible. We are excited to be included in the programme by JA and look forward to a strengthened relationship."

JA Executive Director Siboniso Madlopha thanked RSSC for giving the pupils an opportunity to execute the Job Shadowing programme in the sugar company. "My children, at your age, the decisions you make today will impact your future. I hope you will have a better understanding of the exact careers you want to follow or study," he said.

Madlopha further thanked RSSC management, especially the Managing Director Nick Jackson for his continued support towards the youth of the Kingdom of Eswatini. "Jackson supports numerous programs for youth development. RSSC has the Youth Entrepreneurship Support programme, JA in-school programmes and other youth development initiatives," Madlopha said.

RSSC fully embraces 'Clean Eswatini' campaign

BY NONGCEBO DLAMINI
Manzini

Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC) has again supported another national initiative, the 'Clean Eswatini' campaign.

The national campaign was launched by Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini on July 11, 2019. Following the launch, a schedule for the campaign was rolled out as per the pronouncement of the PM for every last Saturday of the month.

A clean-up activity was therefore held at Lomahasha on August 31, where the PM was represented by Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati.

Vilakati stated that the campaign was mostly about the route taken by the government to keep Eswatini clean. He added that Lomahasha was one of the key localities that have been identified for the campaign, mainly because it is another entry point into the Kingdom.

"Every last Saturday of the month, countrywide, clean-up campaigns will take place, nonetheless, that does not mean there should be litter all over the



ALL OUT: Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati addressing the gathering during the clean-up campaign. (Pics: Nongcebo Dlamini)

country during other days.

The law will take its course for people who fail to abide by it. Business

people are also urged to ensure that their business station is always kept clean," Vilakati said.



CLEANING UP: Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati (C) collecting papers during the clean-up campaign.



WE WANT TO KEEP IT CLEAN: Lomahasha residents came in their numbers to ensure their community is tidy.



NOTICE

The Medical, Dental and Allied Health Professionals registered with the Swaziland/Eswatini Medical and Dental Council are hereby reminded to pay their Subscription. This is a requirement by the Medical and Dental Practitioners act of 1970 as this enables the professionals to practice legally within the borders of the Kingdom of Eswatini. The Medical, Dental and Allied Health Professionals are advised that all payments are to be made at Swazi Bank.

Bank Account: 1210319107201
Ref: Your Name & Surname

Please bring a copy of the deposit slip and the renewal of licence form, duly filled to the SMDC offices.

Registrar

SWATI THEMED ITEMS A HIT WITH ESAAMLG DELEGATES

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE
Ezulwini

Swati themed souvenirs emahiya, loin skins (emajobo) and necklaces (emagebesha), were amongst the items snatched off the shelves at the Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) stand inside the Hospitality Suit at the Royal Swazi Spa in Ezulwini.

The suit served as the dining hall for government ministers from various countries including Eswatini, who had come for the Eastern and Southern Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) conference at the Convention Centre.

The stand was visited during the tea



DELEGATES: A section of the delegates who attended the ESAAMLG conference which was held at Royal Swazi Spa in Ezulwini.

break and the lunch hour and items were swiftly taken. Much loved was the traditional cloth (lihiya), which came in a variety of colours like red, yellow, maroon,

green and blue.

Lihiya was bought by both men and females. The females who bought it were seen wrapping the attire around

their wastes, while the men tucked it neatly in their bags as though to take it home to their spouses. Necklaces, sandals and the skin crowns were also

snatched by the visitors who expressed how they so liked the items and would make a mistake if they didn't purchase any. Delegates who attended the ESAAMLG conference came from countries such as Kenya, Zambia, South Africa, Malawi, Mauritius, Senegal and other central African countries.

Attendants at the ETA stand said they were busy with visitors during all three days of the conference as they had camped at the Hospitality Suit with the highest number being around 40 people at the same time at one point. "Business was really good with the ongoing events as the concurrent King's Golf Cup tournament and the ESAAMLG conference," said Wendy Dlamini, who manned the ETA stand.

Dlamini said from the two events at the Royal Swazi Sun she had seen that visitors loved Swati themed items and would buy different types at the same time. Dlamini said traditional items had a ready market in countries outside of Eswatini, which includes the Republic of South Africa.

Vilakati also mentioned that there will be prizes for best clean locations, where the campaigns will be taking place. He went on to thank the participants for coming out in their numbers and ensuring that the campaign kicks-off successfully.

"I would also like to thank RSSC for the support they have shown in preparation, during and after the clean-up campaign," he added.

The sugar company was responsible for providing cleaning material and transporting the collected garbage to its own landfill site.

RSSC Group Public Affairs Manager Sifiso Nyembe said the clean-up campaign resonates with the RSSC habit of vigilantly keeping clean villages.

He added that their business as RSSC is green and by virtue of growing a green crop that releases oxygen into the atmosphere, it helps to mitigate air pollution.

"We are proud to be part of this initiative which seeks to improve our environment, which positively impacts neighbouring communities and the entire nation as well," he said.

Nyembe further stated that the Earth is what we all have in common, and it's only one. He highlighted that littering is generally considered antisocial, unhealthy, and visually distasteful.

He added that it is also harmful to the environment and uses up a substantial part of community funds for cleaning. "Our region is not a dumpster! Do not litter," Nyembe said.



Even the young ones came in numbers to keep Lomahasha Clean.



2019 PAY AS YOU EARN (PAYE) RECONCILIATION BY EMPLOYERS

In an effort to simplify annual reconciliation statements submissions and a quicker processing cycle, the Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA) urges employers to utilize the PAYE Electronic Submission (i.e., the recommended spreadsheet/notepad).

Who may use Notepad?

Employers with a payroll software should extract the very same report from which tax certificates for their employees are printed and submit in notepad format. Who may use the recommended spreadsheet?

Employers who do not have a payroll software or if the payroll software cannot be converted into notepad format may use the Electronic Spreadsheet which can be downloaded from our website (www.sra.org.sz).

Notwithstanding the mode of submission used, employers are hereby reminded to adhere to the following:

- I. All submissions and calculations should be in accordance with the requirements of Legal Notice no 3 of 2005 with regards to the Final Deduction System (FDS) procedure - this Legal Notice is contained in the PAYE Tables also available for download on the SRA website;
- II. The Final Deduction System must be correctly applied for the submission to be accepted as complete, failing which it shall be rejected during submission;
- III. Information such as Personal Identity Numbers

(PINs) and Graded Tax numbers should be verified prior to the submission of the reconciliation by employer. Taxpayers' submissions with incorrect or incomplete information will be considered as a NON-SUBMISSION;

For notepad format submissions, the graded tax numbers should exclude the first six digits (i.e., chief and Indvuna codes);

For excel format submissions, the graded tax numbers should be complete in that it should contain up to 15 digits;

IV. All submissions should have employee numbers for ease of reference;

V. NO hard copy reconciliation shall be submitted for Large Taxpayers;

VI. Tax Certificates should ONLY be printed once a written endorsement is made by the Commissioner General that indeed the PAYE Reconciliation is correct and all PAYE payments (remissions) have been made;

VII. For any further clarification, please contact the applicable Customer Relationship Manager/Contact person, or call the SRA Contact Centre number (+268 2406 4050) for assistance prior to such submission.

VIII. Email submissions may be made to the following email addresses:

LTU_taxpayerserviceteam@sra.org.sz

for Large Taxpayers (i.e., LTPs)

Paye_SME@sra.org.sz

for Small and Medium Taxpayers (i.e., SMEs)



Helping Hand distributes sanitary pads to 120 girls

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

HELPING Hand Foundation has distributed sanitary towels to 120 girls.

The organisation distributed the sanitary towels at Woodlands High, where excitement and gratefulness was written all over the girls' faces at the school as they received the donation.

Helping Hand Foundation Public Relations Officer Sebenzile Tsabedze said Woodlands High is one of the schools which are beneficiaries of the organisation.

Tsabedze said they have been to over twenty schools around the country. She revealed that they have also partnered with other organisations. Some of these organisations were also beneficiaries including the Lady Howard organisation.

She added that around Mbabane they have been to close to ten schools.



Tsabedze said the main aim of this exercise is to keep a girl child in school. She further stated that sometimes they wait outside school gates distributing the towels.

Furthermore, Tsabedze said their offices are always open to young girls that need the towels.

She expressed gratitude to Helping Hand main sponsor of Dr Fikile Tsela-

Dlamini. "Dr Fikile Tsela has been our sole sponsor and we are grateful to her," she said.

Tsabedze added that on Saturday the foundation was at Mbabane West Inkhundla, where they distributed sanitary towels. She said they normally come in full force during school opening as their main aim is to keep a girl child in school.

'Let's not shun the boy child'

THE public has been urged not to shun the boy child.

The founder of Helping Hand foundation, Neamiso Mahlalela said it is high time the public focuses on building the young boys. Mahlalela was speaking during an interview

at Woodlands High on Tuesday.

He said it was very sad to see the significant increase of SODV cases, whereby most the perpetrators are men. Mahlalela said this shows that the nation as it focuses on empowering the girl child; the boys should

not be left behind. "It is high time we teach our boys how to be gentle and caring men," he said.

Therefore, Mahlalela said he has programmes online that will equip the young men of the country as well as the boy. Masilela said by doing so the whole country can have better people and a peaceful society.

Brothers fight over a girl

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

TWO brothers fought and one was hacked over a vendetta involving a woman.

Phumlani Manyatsi (22) of Gebeni under Chief Hynd was arrested and charged for assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (GBH) after he hacked his brother Siyabonga Manyatsi with a slasher once on the right arm. The incident happened in August 8, 2019 at Gebeni.

Phumlani appeared before Manzini Senior Magistrate Sindisiwe Zwane yesterday. Siyabonga the hacked brother, told the court that it was a Sunday when the incident happened, and that he and his brother were at a lobola ceremony. While there, Siyabonga alleged that Phumlani borrowed some cigarettes from him which he said he would replace when they got home.

Indeed, when they got home, Siyabonga said his brother said he should come to his house to fetch the cigarettes. While there, Siyabonga said he knocked on an open window of his brother's house and he and an unidentified friend came to the widow. This is then that Phumlani allegedly hacked his brother on the hand with the slasher through the open window.

Hacked

"When he hacked me he did not say anything and I don't know why he did it because I had not provoked him in any way," said Siyabonga.

As soon as he was attacked, Siyabonga said he ran to his other brother's house, where he asked that the sibling call the police so that he could go to hospital.

He was attended at to in a local health institution and was transferred to Mbabane Government Hospital, where he was given further medical attention.

Evidently, Siyabonga had a plaster of Paris on his right arm and he had a sling

on to support his arm when he came to court yesterday. It was further revealed that Phumlani and Siyabonga had a misunderstanding three days before this incident. Siyabonga told the court that he had confronted his brother on allegations that he had raped his (Siyabonga) girlfriend.

The said girlfriend is said to have resided at the Manyatsi homestead and she allegedly informed Siyabonga that Phumlani had raped her.

This did not sit well with Siyabonga and as a result, he reported the matter to his mother.

The two were supposedly called to a family meeting that was aimed at addressing the matter. "When he was asked about it, Phumlani said he thought I tell him to marry both my girlfriend and his," Siyabonga told the court.

As a result of the purported rape allegation, Siyabonga said he decided to send his girlfriend away since he was not sure of what action he should take.

Phumlani was remanded in custody and was admitted on E6 000 bail.

The matter is still pending before Magistrate Zwane.

Gogo (71) changes plea to guilty due to conscience

STORIES BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

WHILE most senior citizens spend their golden years enjoying the fruits of their labour, an elderly woman changed her tune to pleading guilty, after she was intent on pleading not guilty as the consignment allegedly belonged to her daughter.

Prior to her appearance before Magistrate Temantimandze Shongwe on Tuesday, Alice Nkambule was advised by her arresting officer to plead not guilty to the charges, as the consignment was said to belong to her daughter.

However, when elderly lady entered the accused dock and was asked by the court clerk what her plea would be, she stated that she pleaded not guilty as the consignment belonged to her daughter.

However, gogo Alice's conscience took over, as she quickly changed her plea to guilty at the last second.

Alice, who was arrested alongside Ncobile Nkambule (29) were arrested after they were found to have contravened the Pharmacy Act of 1929.

The two women were found to have, on September 9, 2019 at Nkhalangeni, acted jointly in furtherance of a common purpose and not being holders of a valid licence or permit to possess dagga, did wrongfully and unlawfully possessed 7.4 kilograms of dagga.

After their arrest, it was discov-

ered that the women were also in possession of 1 kilogram of dagga seeds on September 9, 2019 at Nkhalangeni, thus contravening the Opium and Habit Forming Act of 1922.

During mitigation, gogo Alice apologised to the court for her actions.

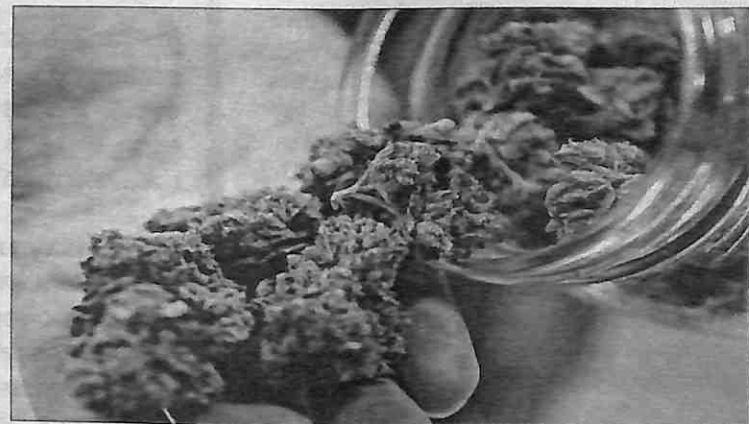
"Your Worship, I apologise for being found in possession of an unlawful substance and I hope that I will never be found on the wrong side of the law again.

I plead with the court to be lenient in my sentence, as I am just an elderly person," she pleaded.

After hearing their mitigation, Alice and Ncobile were sentenced to pay a fine of E2 000 and in default of payment, serve two years in prison for being found in possession of dagga.

For the dagga seeds, they were sentenced to pay a fine of E1 500 and in default of payment, 17 months in prison.

Your Worship, I apologise for being found in possession of an unlawful substance and I hope that I will never be found on the wrong side of the law again. I plead with the court to be lenient in my sentence, as I am just an elderly person



Another Nkambule family arrested for dagga

THE police raid at Nkhalangeni seemed to have targeted Nkambule homesteads, as two men were arrested for being in possession of dagga.

Simile Nkambule and Mkhonzeni Nkambule appeared before the Mbabane Magistrate's Court after they were arrested and charged with contravening the Pharmacy Act of 1929.

The Nkambules were said to have, on September 9, 2019 at Nkhalangeni, not being holders of a valid licence or permit possessed dagga weighing 6.4 kilograms which is a potentially poisonous substance, thus contravening the Act.

They were also said to have an additional charge placed against

them, after they were said to have contravened the Opium and Habit Forming Act after they were discovered with 0.5 kilograms of dagga seeds, further contravening the Act.

During their appearance before the court on Tuesday, Simile pleaded not guilty to both charges, after which she was acquitted and discharged.

On the other hand, Mkhonzeni was found guilty as per his own plea, where he was later sentenced to pay a fine of E1 800 and in default of payment, 20 months in prison.

Mkhonzeni was further sentenced to serve a year in prison, with the option to pay a fine of E1 000 for being found in possession of dagga seeds.

MASHUMI, WIFE WED THE TRADITIONAL WAY

BY STARKY MKHONTA
Nhlanguano

"THE ceremony you see here today, where we are symbolising oneness with my beautiful wife, La-Simelane is more than a celebration as it is also to remind Emaswati about the importance of our culture."

These were the words of President of the Federation of Swaziland Trade Unions (FESWATU) Mashumi Shongwe when he explained the reason he decided to marry his wife, Gcinile Shongwe (La-Simelane) the traditional way. He said this they agreed to do in order to also remind Emaswati of the traditions that have kept the nation respected all over the whole world.

He said through family gatherings, all the customs and cultural practices this



MARRIED: FESWATU President Mashumi Shongwe and his wife, Gcinile Shongwe (La-Simelane).

kingdom was known for in the whole world can be promoted.

Shongwe, a popular figure in the country, who is also a respected football administrator, has tied the knot with Gcinile

Simelane, a teacher by profession.

The couple is from Makhwelela, an area in the outskirts of Nhlanguano. After having paid almost 20 beasts for *lobola* not a long time ago, the couple on Saturday

did it the traditional style as there was the 'Umtsimba' ceremony as a mark the two were now officially husband and wife.

The ceremony started on Friday and ended on Sunday.

It was attended by a strong crowd of close to 2000 people, which included others coming from across the country's borders, as well as those from overseas.

"We decided to do it the Eswatini way just because we are Emaswati. Our two families (Shongwe and Simelane), they saw no problem of having the love of my heart La-Simelane married the traditional way. It's a route Emaswati should take as all our traditional practices, they are our pride and more than that, through them, they make us to be known who we are and where we come from and where we are going as a nation," said Shongwe, when interviewed by this newspaper during the ceremony on Saturday. Shongwe said he was impressed with the number of guests and thanked everyone who attended.

BRIEFLY ABOUT SHONGWE:

- He is the President of FESWATU
- He is chairman of Eswatini National Provident Fund
- He is in the management of Second Division outfit Rangers Football Club
- He is member of the Board of Governors at the Premier League of Eswatini
- He is in the management team at Montigny Investments
- He is an appointed member of the Nhlanguano town council team

He said all those who were part of the event were going to be witnesses on earth and also in Heaven that he tied the knot with La-Simelane in broad daylight.

He thanked God for making the ceremony a success and stated that even the weather condition was fine, which indicated that what was being sealed by the two families, was also endorsed in Heaven. "This is the day the Lord God has made for me. I am really excited and let me also thank not just the community of Makhwelela but the region (Shiselweni) as a whole," said Shongwe.

Boy (18) rapes niece, gets E2 000 bail

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI
Siteki

AN 18-year-old boy appeared before the Magistrate's Court, where he faced a charge of contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 2018.

*Sipho was said to have committed an unlawful act of sexual nature upon a minor aged 13 years old. He was charged with Section Three of the said Act.

The charge was accompanied by aggravating factors, which included that the accused person inflicted the minor child with a lifetime trauma by forcing her to the act. He was also said to have stood in loco parentis by virtue of being an uncle to her.

The accused person's act was said to have exposed the complainant to the risk of contracting sexually transmitted illnesses.

During his appearance before court, the accused person elected to conduct his own defence after being informed of his rights to legal representation.

He was, however not asked to plead to the charge as the Crown indicated that it intends to lead evidence to prove commission of the offence. He successfully filed an application to be admitted to bail. He was ordered to pay a sum of E2 000 as bail and return to court on December 11 for commencement of trial.

Meanwhile, in the same court, Mbongiseni Mngometulu (49) faced a similar of contravening the SODV Act. He was said to have committed an unlawful act of a sexual nature upon a woman without her consent.

The charge was also accompanied by aggravating factors, which included that the accused person threatened to stab the complainant if she resisted to his demand. The accused person elected to conduct his own defence in the matter.

The matter was postponed to a later date pending setting of a date of trial.

Medical student loses phone while 'gambling'

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Magistrate's Court

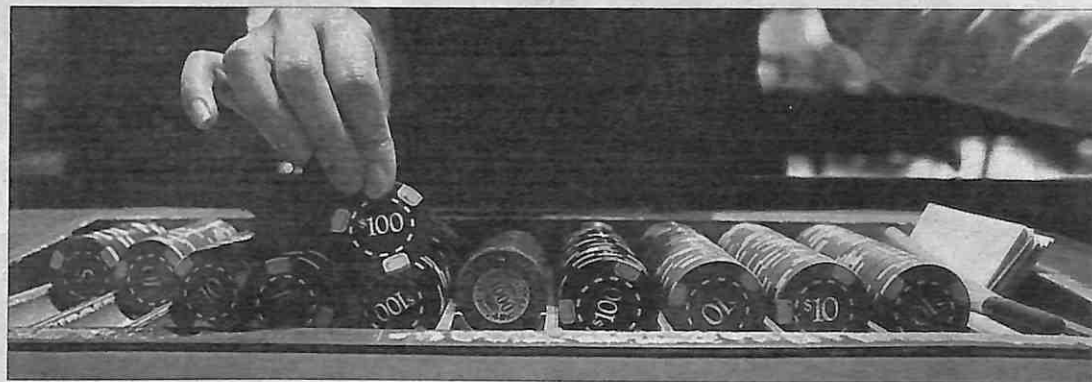
A traumatised university student narrated his ordeal before court which saw him and his friend lose their cellphones due to tricks played by three men.

Relating his tale before the court on Tuesday, medical student Sibonginkhosi Dlamini recalled that on the day in question, he decided to have his lunch at the Mbabane Park with his friend Falakhe Motsa.

"When we arrived, we found a group of men playing what we thought, was a game of cards. We did not suspect that they were gambling, as they did not seem to be placing bets on anything.

"Taking an interest in the game, we decided to ask to join in. They agreed, and we went on to win our first game without any hitch," Dlamini explained.

Dlamini recalled that, one of the three suspects suggested that they upped that stakes by placing their cellphones as a prize for the winner. The suspect also added that there



would be an extra E1 000 up for grabs. "We were on a winning streak at this point so we were confident enough to put our cellphones down. Unfortunately, we lost that round along with our phones.

"That was when another suspect proposed that we pay him an amount of E2 000 in order to get our cellphones back. We obliged, however we discovered that Motsa and I did not have our bank cards with us. We then called one Wandile Hlatshwayo to assist us, with the promise to pay him back at a later stage. That was when one of the suspects disappeared with our cellphones, and we were

left with two of the other suspects," he revealed.

Arrested

Futhi Dlamini of Mdzimba, Sicelo Tfwala of Mangwaneni and Dumisani Khumalo of Hlobane were arrested and charged with contravening two counts of the Crimes Act of 1889, where they were found to have conspired to illegally obtain cellphones belonging to Falakhe Motsa and Sibonginkhosi Dlamini.

According to their charge sheet, the trio was said to have committed the offences at Mbabane Park behind Engen Filling Station on Tuesday.

On the first count, the trio was said

to have acted jointly and in furtherance of a common purpose, did wrongfully and unlawfully conspire with each other to trick Falakhe Motsa. They are said to have done this by playing cards, and by doing so to win Motsa's cellphone by the illegal game and obtained a Samsung Galaxy J1 cellphone valued at E2 100.

On the second count, the trio was said to have committed the same offence, this time conspiring to trick Sibonginkhosi Dlamini, in order to 'win' his Samsung Galaxy J7 cellphone valued at E6 000. The matter was postponed for a later date for the continuation of trial.

House-breaking suspects admitted to E17 000 bail

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Magistrate's Court

WHEN three women walked into their houses after a long day of work, they were shocked to find that the only furniture they had were their curtains hanging by their windows, after thugs robbed them of their life's possessions.

Menzi Bonginkhosi and Gcina Nkambule stand accused of emptying Bawinile Matse, Gugu Matsebula and Nondumiso Ngwenya's houses, after they are

said to have stolen items amounting to E37 476.

The suspects are said to have entered the women's residences at Mpolonjeni, Siphocosini and Sigangeni areas, in their absence and made away with items such as clothing, blankets and grocery items.

House

According to their charge sheet, Menzi and Nkambule were said to have broken into Matse's house at Mpolonjeni on August 21, 2019 and stole items valued at E13 480.

They were then said to have proceeded to Matsebula's home on

September 7, 2019 at Siphocosini, and stole items valued at E16 956. Ngwenya was their third victim, where they were said to have stolen items valued at E7 040 at her home at Sigangeni on August 16, 2019.

Assaults

The duo was additionally charged with two separate assaults with grievous bodily harm charges, where they were said to have assaulted one Majaha Dlamini and Michael Billa with a bush-knife.

During their first appearance before Magistrate Temantimandze Shongwe on Monday, the prosecution applied

for the court to set a trial date in order to lead evidence of the commission of the offence, thus informing the court that bail for the duo was not opposed.

The prosecution also applied for the duo to be remanded into custody until today. Magistrate Shongwe granted the prosecution its application, informing the suspects that their bail was set at E17 000, which, as the law dictates, is set at half of the value of the items stolen.

The suspects were further warned to appear before the court today for commencement of their trial, and if they were unable to pay the bail, they were to be remanded into custody until then for the setting of their trial date.

Mashumi Shongwe, Gcinile's traditional wedding ceremony



TAKEN: FESWATU President and Shiselweni Football Administrator Mashumi Shongwe seen pinning money on the head of his wife Gcinile (La-Simelane) during their traditional wedding at Makhwelela over the week-end. (Pics: Starsky MKhonta)



BANOTSILE: Lutsango was also part of the entertainment on the day.



PARTNERS: Shongwe and his wife La-Simelane dance during their traditional wedding.



LAMNYAMA: Emajaha seen dancing and singing traditional songs at Mashumi Shongwe's spacious homestead. (R) These two ladies entertain the crowd.



DANCER: Socialite Mngobi also showcases some of his sibhaca dancing skills. (R) **SUR-ROUNDED:** The bride joined by other close family members.



FRIENDS: The couple poses with Jose Carlos from Portugal and his wife.



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ELIMINATING STIGMA, DISCRIMINATION
CATALYST TO ENDING AIDSMULTISECTORAL
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THE HIV and AIDS epidemic has been a concerning issue for the Kingdom of Eswatini, since the first case of HIV was reported in 1986.

The early years were particularly difficult as there was not much information known about the disease and there were no treatment options, leading health practitioners and academics to predict that the epidemic would wipe out the whole population, it was projected that the country would experience a negative population growth rate by 2004.

Today however, new HIV infections have reduced by 44 per cent since 2014 and by the year 2017, the initiation of people living with HIV (PLHIV) on antiretroviral therapy (ART) had been accelerated to reach 85 per cent of PLHIV, with 92 per cent of those virally suppressed.

The HIV prevalence has stabilised to 27.4 per cent, and to date, over 70 000 AIDS-related deaths have been averted since the introduction of ART in 2003. These key indicators suggest that the country is on the right trajectory to ending AIDS as a public health threat.

However, despite these achievements, there remains many concerning issues in the Eswatini HIV response and the global community. In the over three decades of responding to HIV, stigma and discrimination PLHIV and those populations at increased risk of HIV transmission still exists to varying degrees.

In June 2016, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGASS) having agreed that ending AIDS by 2030 requires a fast-track response set a target to reach three milestones by 2020.

Importantly, the third milestone is to, "eliminate HIV-related stigma and discrimination by 2020".

The National Multisectoral HIV and AIDS National Strategic Framework (NSF) 2018-2023 recognises and incorporates the global strategy, as seen in its vision to super fast-track the HIV response to achieve: 85 per cent reduction of new HIV infections; avert 50 per cent of deaths among PLHIV; and Elimination of HIV stigma and discrimination. This means that eliminating stigma and discrimination is a priority in Eswatini's HIV response.

STIGMA AND
DISCRIMINATION

Stigma is the process of devaluation of people either living with HIV or associated with the illness.



ness.

Stigmatisation can take various forms, including being discredited, seen as a disgrace, and or perceived to have less value. When stigma is acted upon (also referred to as "enacted stigma"), the result is discrimination - the unjust treatment of individuals based on their real or perceived HIV status.

Discrimination consists of actions or omissions that are derived from stigma and directed towards those individuals who are stigmatised.

HIV-related stigma often builds upon and reinforces other existing prejudices, such as those related to gender, sexuality and race.

Typically, the stigma associated with HIV is often based upon the association of HIV and AIDS with already marginalised and stigmatised behaviors such as sex work and same-sex and transgender sexual practices.

HIV-related stigma affects those living with HIV and through association, those that they are associated with, such as their partner or spouse, children, and other members of their household.

Stigma, discrimination and human rights prohibitions are barriers that hinder access to HIV services.

Among PLHIV, self-stigma and fear partly accounts for late initiation on ART, especially among men, and hinders status disclosure and adherence to treatment.

As a result, most people testing HIV positive prefer to seek treatment services in distant health facilities where they are not known.

On the other hand, discrimination deters people from getting tested; it discourages open dialogue and safe practices (around issues of HIV and AIDS in general, condom use, and support for PLHIV), and lowers self-esteem, thus increasing the spread of HIV and AIDS.

“Discrimination consists of actions or omissions that are derived from stigma and directed towards those individuals who are stigmatised.”

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The Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 2014, showed a drop in the percentage of people who report accepting attitudes towards people living with HIV, from 47.1 per cent in 2010 to 37.4 per cent among women aged 15-49 years and 45.7 per cent in 2010 to 36.2 per cent among men aged 15-49 years.

Based on this, the NSF 2018-2023 therefore identifies stigma and discrimination as a major hurdle for the attainment of the national vision of ending AIDS by 2022.

THE 2011 STIGMA
INDEX REPORT

As the country seeks to end AIDS by 2022, there is a realisation that the target can only be attained when the pivotal role of PLHIV is recognised and encouraged.

With the NSF 2018-2023 recognising the need to eliminate HIV stigma and discrimination as a key pillar to Ending AIDS by 2022, the NSF 2018-2023 includes a programme for HIV related stigma and discrimination and human rights, with a target to reduce stigma to less than 10 per cent by 2023.

The first Stigma Index Report was pioneered in 2011 by the Swaziland National Network of People Living with HIV and AIDS (SWAN-NEPHA).

It assessed the prevalence and type of stigma and discrimination in the country by collecting experiences of PLHIV in communities in relation to stigma, discrimination at home, at work, in relationships and even measured the extent of self or personal stigma.

Specifically, the stigma index determined and documented the experiences of stigma among PLHIV in relation to health care, employment, sexual and reproductive health rights and measured the (negative) impact of stigma on interventions implemented in the country.

Some of the key findings of the Stigma Index Report include the following:

- In relationships, eight per cent of the respondents indicated that they had been subjected to psychological pressure or manipulation by their spouses or partners, wherein their HIV status was used against them. 20 per cent of the respondents indicated experiencing situations where their spouse or partner, members of their household was discriminated because of the respondent's positive HIV status;
- About 5.5 per cent of the respondents stated that they had experienced discrimination by

other PLHIV;

- There were 2.8 per cent respondents who alluded to having the experience of being refused employment or a work opportunity as a result of their HIV positive status.

- At least 2.3 per cent of the respondents reported having their job description or nature of their work changed or refused promotion as a result of their HIV status;

- There were 4.6 per cent who were denied dental care because of their HIV status; 1.1 per cent were denied family planning services; and 3.7 per cent were denied sexual reproductive health services.

RECENT STIGMA INDEX
REPORT PRELIMINARY REPORT

The NSF 2018-2023 identifies the need to eliminate HIV stigma and discrimination as a key pillar to Ending AIDS by 2022 and includes a programme for HIV related stigma and discrimination and human rights, with a target to reduce stigma to less than 10 per cent by 2023.

Consequently, the HIV response recently engaged in a critical assessment of HIV related stigma, discrimination and human rights among PLHIV, using The People Living with HIV Stigma Index Guideline.

The purpose of the assessment was to measure where and when stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV and AIDS occurs; to measure stigma and discrimination and its impact on the response to HIV especially disclosure and treatment; to identify promising approaches to stigma and discrimination that can be taken to scale to achieve sufficient impact across the country, to generate evidence and identify gaps in HIV programs that may fuel stigma and discrimination; to assess and document the experiences of PLHIV in general and key populations living with HIV, regarding stigma and discrimination and profile PLHIV on matters related to human rights.

The preliminary findings show that:

- Of the respondents asked about any experiences related to stigma and discrimination from health care workers in the past 12 months. Only less than 10 per cent of respondents reported experiencing stigma and discrimination from health care workers.

- Of those asked if they believed their medical records were kept confidential when they go to seek health care services, most respondents, about 79 per cent reported that they have trust that their medical records were kept confidential.

- Among those who self-identified themselves as sex workers, 55 per cent indicated that they had not experienced stigma and discrimination because of sex work.

- About 38 per cent indicated that they had been verbally harassed.

- 52 per cent of sex workers indicated that family and friends did not know that they were sex workers.

- About 88 per cent of sex workers were on HIV treatment.

Though there is a notable reduction in stigma and discrimination, the preliminary results point out that disclosure is still a problem.

This undermines preventative strategies, affects health seeking behaviour, and drives the epidemic underground, which perpetuates the vicious and silent nature of the epidemic.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 12

1943 - During World War II, Benito Mussolini was taken by German paratroopers from the Italian government that was holding him.

1944 - US Army troops entered Germany, near Trier, for the first time during World War II.

1953 - US Senator John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier.

1953 - Nikita Krushchev was elected as the first secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

1954 - "Lassie" made its television debut on CBS. The last show aired on September 12, 1971.

1963 - The last episode of "Leave it to Beaver" was aired. The show had debuted on October 4, 1957.

1966 - "Family Affair" premiered on CBS television.

1974 - Violence occurred on the opening day of classes in Boston, MA, due opposition to court-ordered school "busing."

1974 - Emperor Haile Selassie was taken out of power by Ethiopia's military after ruling for 58 years.

1977 - South African anti-apartheid activist Stephen Biko died at the age of 30. The student leader died while in police custody which triggered an international outcry.

1979 - Carl Yastrzemski of the Boston Red Sox became the first American League player to get 3 000 career hits and 400 career home runs.

1983 - Arnold Schwarzenegger became a US citizen. He had emigrated from Austria 14 years earlier.

1984 - Michael Jordan signed a seven-year contract to play basketball with the Chicago Bulls.

1984 - Dwight Gooden (New York) Mets set a rookie strikeout record with his 251st strikeout of the season.

1991 - The space shuttle Discovery took off on a mission to deploy an observatory that was to study the Earth's ozone layer.

1992 - Police in Peru captured Shining Path founder Abimael Guzman.

1992 - Dr Mae Carol Jemison became the first African-American woman in space. She was the payload specialist aboard the space shuttle Endeavor. Also onboard were Mission Specialist N. Jan Davis and Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Mark C. Lee. They were the first married couple to fly together in space. And, Mamoru Mohri became the first Japanese person to fly into space.

2009 - Steve Jobs announced that Apple's iTunes had 88 per cent of the legal US music download market.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Jennifer Hudson (POP singer) - September 12, 1981 (38 years old)



Paul Walker (Movie actor) - September 12, 1973-Nov 30, 2013 (age 40)



WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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Witness Protection Act 2018

PROTECTION OF MINOR OR MENTALLY IMPAIRED PERSON

13. (1) No minor or a mentally impaired person shall be placed under protection without the consent of the parent or guardian of that minor or mentally impaired person.

(2) Any minor or mentally impaired person-

(a) Who, as a witness, applies for protection in respect of proceedings against the parents or guardian of the minor or mentally impaired person or in which the parent or guardian is a suspect;

(b) Who has no parent or guardian;

(c) whose parent or guardian cannot be identified or found, notwithstanding reasonable efforts to do so; or

(d) Whose parent or guardian is unreasonably withholding or is unable to give consent, may be placed under protection without the consent of the parent or guardian if the Director is of the opinion that it is necessary to do so for the safety of the minor or mentally impaired person.

(3) Where the Director places a minor or mentally impaired person under protection without the consent of the parent or guardian, the Director shall, within seven days of such placement or within such further period as a judge of the High Court may determine in an application made by the Director, submit to the judge a report setting out the reasons for such placement and the draft protection agreement for consideration by the judge in chambers.

(4) The Director shall also furnish the minor or mentally impaired person concerned and, where applicable, to the parent or guardian, a copy of the report and the draft protection agreement referred to in subsection (3).

(5) The judge may, after considering the report and the draft protection agreement, by order-

(a) Set aside the placement under protection;

(b) Confirm the placement under protection and ratify the draft protection agreement;

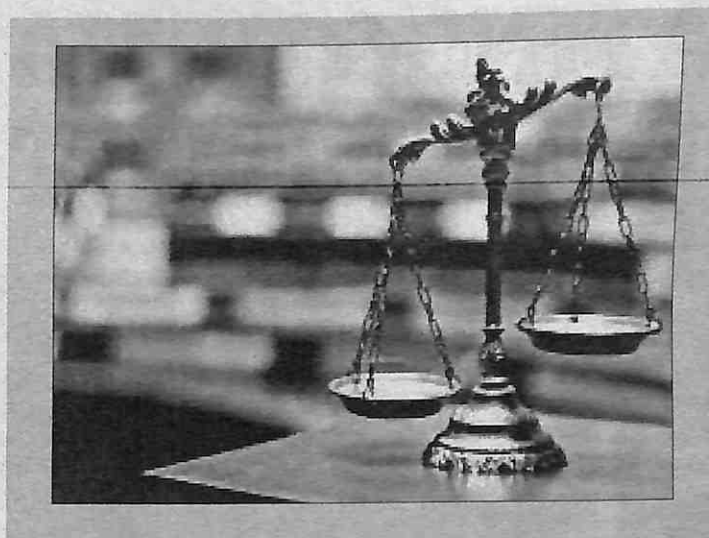
(c) Confirm the placement under protection and amend the draft protection agreement in a manner that the judge considers to be in the best interests and necessary to ensure the safety of the minor or mentally impaired person.

(6) The Director shall forthwith discharge a minor or mentally impaired person from protection where the placement under protection of the minor or the mentally impaired person is set aside.

(7) The Director shall be the curator ad litem of a minor or mentally impaired person who has been placed under protection without the consent of the parents or guardian.

DISCHARGE FROM PROTECTION

14. (1) The Director may, subject to subsections (5) and (8), on his accord or upon receipt of a report



referred to in subsection (3) and after consideration of any representations referred to in subsection (5), by written notice discharge a protected person from protection if the Director is of the opinion that-

(a) The circumstances that gave rise to the need for protection and assistance for the witness have ceased to exist;

(b) Satisfactory alternative arrangements have been made for the protection of the person;

(c) The witness deliberately breached a requirement or undertaking relating to the programme;

(d) The witness, in making the application for placement under protection, wilfully furnished false or misleading information or particulars or made a statement which is false or misleading in any material respect or willfully failed to disclose any information or particulars material to the application;

(e) The witness refused or failed to enter into a protection agreement when required to do so;

(f) The behaviour of the witness is likely to threaten the security or compromise the integrity of the programme; or

(g) The witness wilfully caused serious damage to the place of safety where the witness is protected or to any property in that place of safety.

(2) The Director may, subject to subsections (4) and (5) and after consideration of any representations referred to in subsection (5), upon receipt of a written notice given by the interested functionary concerned that the evidence of a witness is no longer required in the proceedings concerned or that such proceedings have been concluded, by written notice, discharge the witness and all related persons from protection.

(3) A witness protection officer shall forthwith report to the Director where the witness protection officer has reasonable grounds to believe or to suspect that-

(a) Any of the circumstances for discharge referred to in subsection (1)(a) or (b) exist; or

(b) A protected person is performing or has performed any act referred to in subsection (1)(c) to (g).

(4) The Director may, upon appli-

cation by a protected person, the parent or guardian of a minor or impaired person or a minor or impaired person referred to in section 13(2), extend the period of protection for as long as it may be necessary, if the Director is of the opinion that the safety of the witness is still being threatened after the conclusion of the proceedings concerned.

(5) The protection of a minor or mentally impaired person referred to in section 13(2) may not be extended without the prior approval of a judge in chambers.

(6) The Director shall, before removing a protected person from protection, take reasonable steps to notify, in the prescribed manner, the protected person and, if it is a minor or a mentally impaired person, the parent or guardian and the interested functionary concerned of the contemplated discharge in terms of subsection (1) or (2).

(7) The Director shall allow the protected person, and where applicable, the parent or guardian and the interested functionary concerned to make written representations within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner in relation to any matter regarding the discharge.

(8) A protected person shall remain under protection until discharged from protection in terms of subsection (1) or (2) or in accordance with an agreement or until the person, the parent or guardian of a minor or mentally impaired person or a minor or mentally impaired person referred to in section 13(2), submits a waiver of protection to the Director in the prescribed manner.

(9) The Director shall, subject to subsection (10), upon receipt of a waiver of protection referred to in subsection (8), without delay discharge the protected person from protection.

(10) The Director may not discharge-

(a) A protected person from protection in terms of this section without the prior approval of the Minister; or

(b) A minor or a mentally impaired person referred to in section 13(2) from protection in terms of this section without the prior approval of a judge in chambers.

SUSPENSION OF PROTECTION

15. (1) The Director may suspend protection provided to a witness under the programme if the Director is satisfied that the witness has done or intends to do something that limits the ability of the Director to provide adequate protection to the witness.

(2) Before suspending the protection, the Director shall take steps that are reasonably necessary-

(a) To inform the witness the reason why it is proposed to suspend the protection; and

(b) To give the witness a reasonable opportunity to state why the protection should not be suspended.

REVIEW OF INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE OR SUSPENSION BY MINISTER

16 (1) If the Director makes a decision under section 14 or 16 that a witness be discharged from the programme or that protection be suspended, the Director shall-

(a) Take reasonable steps to notify the witness of the decision; and

(b) Notify the Minister, in writing, of the decision.

(2) Any person who feels aggrieved by any decision of or steps taken by the Director or any person acting on behalf of the Director under a provision of this Act, may within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, apply to the Minister to review the decision of the Director.

CIVIL PROCEEDINGS IN WHICH PROTECTED PERSON IS A PARTY OR WITNESS

17. (1) Any civil proceedings in which a protected person is a party or a witness may, subject to subsection (2), be proceeded with in terms of the laws regulating such proceedings.

(2) If it appears to a judge of the High Court in an ex parte application made in chambers by the Director, that the safety of any protected person might be endangered by the institution or prosecution of any civil proceedings in which a protected person is a party or witness, whether in that High Court or in any lower court within its area of jurisdiction, the judge may make an appropriate order with regard to the institution or prosecution or postponement of those proceedings in a manner aimed at-

(a) Preventing the disclosure of the identity or whereabouts of the said person; or

(b) Achieving the objects of this Act.

(3) Notice of any order made in terms of subsection (2) shall be given to the parties to the proceedings concerned and to their legal representatives in accordance with the rules of the court.

(4) The address of the Office for witness protection shall for all purposes of service of process on a protected person, serve as the domicilium citandi et executandi of that person and notice of such address shall be given in writing by the Director and delivered by hand or sent by registered mail to all the other parties or their legal representatives.



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The plight of women before historic marital power judgment

BEFORE the marital power High Court full-bench judgment, married women were regarded as not capable of taking decisions by themselves - the power was vested upon men to dictate on impact families.

Section 24 and 25 of the Marriage Act deprived women their right to purchase properties without the authorisation of their husbands and as such, they were always at the mercy of men.

This was open to manipulation particularly in the event of marital disputes that forced some married couples to be on separation.

With due respect, Prince Masitsela might not be aware of how women, particularly those on separation and undergoing divorce proceedings suffered every time they want to take some steps in life.

In the midst of those marital disputes, those married are forced to negotiate with their husband for their signatures every time they want to buy a property.

This would give abusive men an advantage to frustrate them more for instituting divorce proceedings and some would find themselves withdrawing the court cases, as their lives were frustrated.

It should be noted that despite that these provisions of the Marriage Act were against the principles of gender equality, they were unconstitutional as rightly declared by the court.

In a marriage, both parties who entered into it should enjoy equal powers, that would encourage dialogue and couples would engage one another to find solutions instead of one party dictating terms to the other.

As Women and Law for Southern Africa (WLSA) Eswatini, we appreciate the recent judgment on marital power, it comes as a relief to the struggling women who were frustrated by their husbands and those who were deprived of their right to take decisions regarding issues affecting their welfare.

As an organisation that advocates for the rights of women, we appeal for support and understanding from highly-respected figures like Prince Masitsela that such judgments are meant to restore harmony within the families.

Court judgments in favour of gender equality should not be misinterpreted as a way of toppling men as head of families; here we are addressing the aspect of marital power that was open to abuse by men who want to frustrate women.

One would make an example of a hardworking woman, who made savings to buy property in town.

This woman is in a five-year separation from her husband and as such they are no longer living together.

However, the woman, despite her efforts would be required to go back to her husband and seek his consent before buying the property and in the event he says NO, that would be the end.

This was not only affecting women but the whole country, as women through their hard work drive the economy and they should not be deprived of their right to progress economically by their husbands.

We appeal for continued support from the judiciary, traditional leaders and other stakeholders as we work towards restoring the dignity of women, families and the country at large.

A marriage should not be a prison for a woman but it should remain an institution of happiness where everyone is free to contribute and participate in decision making in the interest of the family.

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Some of our traditional values respect the rights of women; it requires men to engage their wives from time to time when taking decisions, but however that was becoming history in this country.

Women were reduced to third class citizens who are perceived as not capable of taking decisions with men being required to think and decide on their behalf.

We appreciate the support from government particularly the deputy prime minister's office on such issues and we believe as we make awareness on such matters, traditionalists will come to understand that this is for the good of this country.

try.
It is about creating conducive environments where men and women have equal opportunities both at family and national level.

Empowering women and removing the obstacles that reduce them to useless citizens will help this country even economically as happy and free women are likely to be productive and bring resources to their families and the country at large.

It is for this reason, that we invite all stakeholders to support gender equality that seeks to promote harmony among families and even at national level.

We understand that some stakeholders including chiefs, traditional councils among others need to be capacitated on such judgments and we will make sure to reach out to everyone while creating awareness.

Women are important in our society and let us come to together and create an environment where they are free to express themselves and participate in decision-making structures without being frustrated by their husbands.

A woman should be allowed to take decisions that include participating in politics by joining elections without being frustrated by her husband.

Suppressing women deprives this country a very brilliant human resource that can transform our economy.



"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."
-Mother Teresa

"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on."
-Franklin D. Roosevelt

"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else."
-Margaret Mead

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."
-Robert Louis Stevenson

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
-Eleanor Roosevelt

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."
-Benjamin Franklin

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart."
-Helen Keller

"It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light."
-Aristotle

"Whoever is happy will make others happy too."
-Anne Frank

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Happiness is not the absence of problems, it's the ability to deal with them."
- Steve Maraboli, *Life, the Truth, and Being Free*

"Start each day with a positive thought and a grateful heart."
- Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*
"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
-Nelson Mandela

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."
-Walt Disney

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking."
-Steve Jobs

"If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor."
-Eleanor Roosevelt

"If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough."
-Oprah Winfrey

"If you set your goals ridiculously high and it's a failure, you will fail above everyone else's success."
-James Cameron

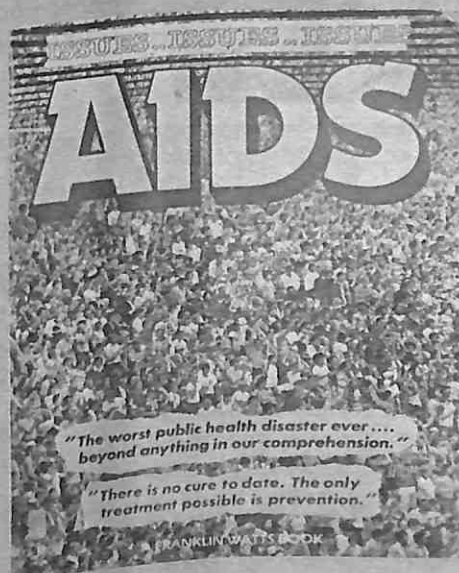
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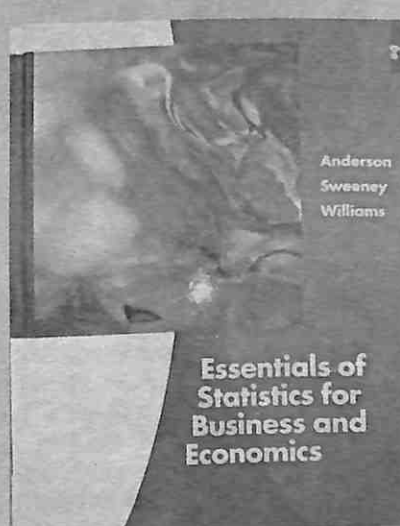
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VITALS

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 11 SEPT 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.6673	14.7173
British Pound/SZL	18.1111	18.1729
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.3193	7.3422
Swiss France/SZL	14.7781	14.8225
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3435	1.3555
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.0749	10.1122
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.1521	11.1867
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ESWATINIBANK'S E110 000 ENACTUS BOOST

STORIES BY BAHLE GAMA

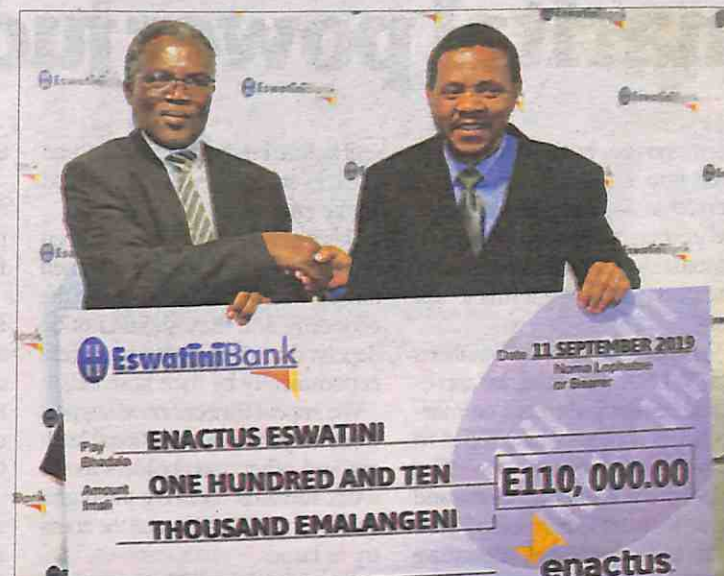
THE EswatiniBank has sponsored a sum of E110 000 to Enactus Eswatini.

The sponsorship will help contribute to traveling fees for the 2019 Enactus National Competition winners, SANU (Faculty of Health Sciences) who will be traveling to San Jose, California in the United States of America for the Enactus world cup championship to be held on September 16-18.

When handing over the cheque during an event held at the bank yesterday, EswatiniBank MD Zakhele Lukhele said one of the reasons the bank continued with the sponsorship was because the mandate and achievement of Enactus impacted positively in the development of the Kingdom's socio-economic sphere.

"We are cognisant of the fact that youth unemployment is a serious problem and we need all possible interventions to curb it.

We believe Enactus Eswatini is significantly contributing towards that by engaging and imparting on students' innovation and business principles to improve the world," he said. He further stated that it was, therefore, imperative that youth



SPONSORSHIP: EswatiniBank Managing Director Zakhele Lukhele presenting a E110 000 to Enactus Eswatini Country Director Wonderboy Khumalo in contribution to traveling fees for the 2019 Enactus National Competition winners, SANU (Faculty of Health Sciences) who will be traveling to San Jose, California in the United States of America for the Enactus world cup championship to be held on September 16-18.
(Pics: Lucky Simelane)

entrepreneurship be supported and aggressively promoted.

"The bank is proud to be associated with Enactus Eswatini and we wish them all the best as they continue with their important work.

We hope that our partnership will go a long way in fostering youth entrepreneurship," he concluded.

Meanwhile, Enactus Eswatini Country Director Wonderboy Khumalo said they were thankful

ABOUT ENACTUS

Enactus is an international non-profit organisation dedicated to inspiring students to improve the world through entrepreneurial action. It provides a platform for students of outstanding tertiary institutions to form project teams to create social enterprises in partnerships with community members.

to Eswatini Bank for the sponsorship as it would continue to have significant impact to the intended beneficiaries, including many Alumni running competitive businesses that have provided employment opportunities even for others.

"I would like to thank Eswatini Bank leadership for finding it fit to partner with Enactus to roll out the program in the various tertiary institutions. As an organisation we are committed to seeing this program a success and creating value to the intended beneficiaries," he said.

He further extended an invite to the bank's MD to join the next winning team in 2020 for the Enactus world cup championship.

He added that Enactus' interventions contribute to both Vision 2022 and Sustainable Development Goals through harnessing the demographic dividend in Eswatini.



OFF TO USA: The 2019 Enactus National Competition winners, SANU (Faculty of Health Sciences) which will be flying out to the United States of America today, Tandzile Mdlovu, Busiswa Dlamini, Nomile Zwane, Simphiwe Mabuza and Thembumenzi Fakudze introducing themselves.

SANU FLYING OUT TO US TODAY

THE 2019 Enactus National Competition winners, SANU (Faculty of Health Sciences) will be flying out to the United States of America today.

This was revealed by Eswatini Bank MD Zakhele Dlamini during a sponsorship event held at the bank's auditorium yesterday.

The team will be representing the country in San Jose, California in the United States of America

for the Enactus world cup championship to be held on September 16-18.

Dlamini congratulated the team for making it this far and urged them to work hard and represent the country well in the finals.

Congratulate

"I would like to congratulate 2019 Enactus National Competition winners, SANU (Faculty of Health Sciences), who will be leaving

tomorrow (today), for California, United States to participate in the Enactus World Cup. We wish them all the best," he said.

Crowned

SANU Faculty of Health Sciences was crowned the champions of the Enactus Eswatini National Competition in July.

The team beat five others during the competition that was held at Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha.

For their achievement, SANU, in addition to traveling to the United States of America for the World Cup, received a E10 000 cash prize.

A golden waste project won the tertiary institution the golden ticket to the international event.

The project includes transforming food waste into three products namely golden liquid, pesticide, detergent.

ESWATINI NOW CHAIRS UN ICSOE BUREAU

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE Kingdom of Eswatini has been elected Chair of the United Nations Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts (ICSOE) Bureau.

This was announced during the 25th ICSOE Session held at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre, which began on Tuesday and ends on Friday.

Eswatini takes over from Mauritius and had been holding the position of Deputy Chair in the previous ICSOE.

Nomination

During Tuesday's elections, the Kingdom was nominated by the Republic of South Africa and the nomination received unanimous support from delegates.

During the same election, Lesotho was elected Vice Chair while Malawi was made Rapporteur. All three countries will serve for a period of one year, after which a new Bureau will be elected.

The 25th ICSOE is attended by



OPENED SESSION: Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini.

SADC and COMESA Member States; including Botswana, Comoros, Mauritius, Seychelles, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Lesotho and Angola, amongst others. Also in attendance were stakeholders in industrialisation, regional integration, trade and Micro Small Medium Enterprises from

SADC member States, representatives of SADC and COMESA Secretariats, private sector representatives, Civil Society Organisations as well as academic and research institutions. The session was officially opened by Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini; during an event that was also attend-

ed by the SADC Executive Secretary Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA-SA) Director Said Adejumo, United Nations Resident Coordinator Nathalie Ndongo-Seh and Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo, amongst other high profile delegates.

Theme

The theme of the meeting is 'Strategies and Policies for the integration of Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (MSMEs) in the industrialisation process in Southern Africa'.

The Session focuses on how enterprises can be propped up, integrated and supported to anchor industrialisation and address development aspirations in Southern Africa. Building on the observations and proposals of 24th ICSOE, this Session will also proffer recommendations on national and regional level strategies and attendant policies to elevate and strengthen the contribution of MSMEs to industrialisation and socio-economic transformation in the region.

ISCOE Background

THE Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts (ICSOE) is a United Nations (UN) General Assembly policy sub-organs of the Economic

Commission for Africa (ECA) Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development established to provide a forum for

engaging member States' senior officials and experts on policy and programme-related matters in each of the five (5) sub regions of Africa—North, Central, West, East and South.

The ICSOE is an integral part of ECA's governance machinery and meets annually to consider,

provide guidance and endorse the formulation and implementation of the programme of work in line with the priorities of each sub region and issue recommendations with a view to ensuring that the development imperatives of the sub regions are fully reflected in the overall work programme of ECA.

Diagnosing economy essential in developing countries

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

Diagnosing a country's economy is a pre-requisite for implementing sound economic policies that contribute to economic management, stabilisation and in the adjust process in developing countries, including the MEFMI region.

Representing Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) Governor Majosi Sithole during the event, CBE GM Policy Research and Statistics Sikhumbuzo Dlamini said during the opening of the joint Macroeconomic and Financial Management Institute of Eastern and Southern Africa (MEFMI)/IMF-ICD Macroeconomic Diagnostics at Lugogo Sun Hotel on Monday that the importance of diagnosing one's economy, as a result, could not be over emphasised. He said the complexity and the uniqueness of our economies provided us with a challenge to develop evidence based policies that are not only relevant but are forward looking and responsive to the needs of the population at large.

"In this regard, I see this workshop as a continuous journey that MEFMI and the IMF should regularly undertake to build sustainable capacity in this area. A quick perusal of the workshop program indicates that the coverage lined up for the next two weeks is very comprehensive. It spans from lectures on the macroeconomic framework, supply and productivity, assessing macro-financial linkages, assessing fiscal policy and fiscal sustainability," he said.

He said it was his hope that strong networking links would emerge out of this workshop to foster long-run exchange of ideas and experiences. He further extended a special welcome to the team of experts from the IMF Dimitriy Rozhkov, Werner Schule and Jeanne Verrier.

"Our guest bring with them invaluable expertise in this area of focus. I am very confident that their vast knowledge and skills will contribute immensely to enriching your practical learning experience during this course."

"The region is also most grateful to the MEFMI and IMF for the sustained technical support and for the close collaboration with each other, which has strengthened our capacity building efforts. The region has made the most out of this support and registered progress in refining capacity and skills in the quest to develop relevant and applicable expertise in economic diagnosis in our members states," he said.

OVER E120 000 MADE AT BREEDING BULLS' AUCTION

BY BAHLE GAMA

A total sum of E121 800 was made at a Breeding bull auction held for the first time at the Mavuso Trade Center.

Livestock marketing officer in the ministry of agriculture Mzamo Bhembe disclosed this information during an interview.

He stated that the auction is usually conducted once a year at Mpisi farm and Manyonyani hence they decided to hold it for the first time at the trade fair whereby 14 bulls were in the auction and farmers came in numbers to purchase them. Registered buyers were 15 and paid a commitment fee of E3000.

"A total of 13 breeding bulls were sold during the auction with only one remaining and the two bulls were

bought for the highest price of E22 000 each," he said.

He further disclosed that one bull which weighed 370kg was auctioned for E8 400 and one which weighed 400kg was sold for E9 000.

He added that the purpose of the auction was to help farmers improve their cattle and to reduce inbreeding, further stating that the auctioned gave farmers the chance to own their own breeding bulls instead of renting from government. "Government has a bull loan scheme where farmers rent bulls for 3 years at an average price of 1500 and we discovered that some farmers cannot afford to rent these bulls hence the auction," he added.

Bhembe further disclosed that as the auction was the first of its kind at the trade fair it was not its last as they intend to ensure that it is held yearly at the trade fair. In terms of poultry



SOLD: The two bulls that were auctioned at E22 000 each at the trade fair.

Bhembe disclosed that the highest price in the flea market was E600

where six farmers entered the auction and only 35 indigenous chickens were

sold. The total amount collected E2 700.

MTN FINED R5m FOR TRIPLING WHATSAPP DATA BUNDLE PRICES

THE Independent Communications Authority of SA (ICASA) has fined MTN R5m for its decision to triple the price of its WhatsApp data bundles.

In 2018 the country's second largest mobile network operator by subscriber numbers introduced a monthly WhatsApp bundle of 1GB for R10 in April.

This move resulted in WhatsApp usage on the network increasing by 300 per cent in eight weeks, Jacqui O'Sullivan, executive for corporate affairs at MTN SA, said.

ICASA's complaints and compliance committee (CCC) said MTN had knowingly contravened regulations and brought problems for itself.

"The finding of the CCC is that MTN was in grave error by introducing the R10 deal," the regulator said. The R10 monthly bundle resulted in increased traffic from customers, forcing MTN to invest R200m to expand capacity on its network. MTN later advised ICASA that it intended to raise the price to reduce demand and



pressure on its 3G network. "An unintended consequence of the low-priced WhatsApp data has been an extraordinary increase in demand on MTN's 3G network," said O'Sullivan.

On June 18, 2018, MTN advised ICASA that it intended to raise the price from R10 to R20 but chose to delay the change, hoping it could improve its network to cope with

the increased traffic.

This did not work out as planned and on July 12 the operator notified ICASA that an even higher price increase was needed to reduce demand and pressure on the 3G network.

Requesting

MTN SA CEO Godfrey Motsa followed this up with a letter to ICASA requesting leniency and argu-

ing that the operator could not wait the normal seven days from notification to implement the price change.

MTN ultimately changed the price on July 16 after it did not receive a response to the letter, O'Sullivan said. The operator has said it will appeal the regulator's decision in the High Court.

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Transaction data points to flat third quarter growth for SA

JOHANNESBURG - An economic index that tracks interbank payments suggests that South Africa can expect flat economic growth for the third quarter of the year.

The BankervAfrica Economic Transactions Index for August was published on Wednesday. Quarterly and the monthly numbers both showed declines of 0.9 per cent in August.

"The [index] suggests the economy is stagnating again. It is clear that the strong positive GDP growth of Q2 2019 will be substantially softer in the third quarter as the data thus far shows," BankervAfrica said in a statement.

It said that while changes in metrics for September could still alter third quarter growth, current data for the quarter "gives little hope of another quarter with a 3 per cent GDP increase".

SA's quarterly economic growth rate plunged at the start of the year, declining by a restated 3.1 per cent - its biggest fall in a decade. But unlike the start of 2018, the country didn't fall into a recession after growth in the second quarter rebounded by 3.1 per cent.

The country's predicted GDP growth rate has been repeatedly downgraded this year, while unemployment has risen to record highs.

On Tuesday ratings agency Moody's lowered SA's 2019 growth rate to 0.7 per cent, in line with predictions previously made by the SA Reserve Bank. The agency said, however, there was a low likelihood that it would downgrade SA's sovereign credit rating to junk in the near future. *Fin24*

Zim holds diamond auction for 316 000 carats

HARARE - Zimbabwe's state-owned Minerals Marketing Corporation opened a 316 000 carat diamond auction, which will close at the end of the week, an official said.

"This is the third auction we have conducted this year as there were some administrative issues which were taking place

within the organisation," MMCZ's General Manager Tongai Muzenda said by phone yesterday. The last auction was held in July, he said.

The auction, which began Monday and will close tomorrow, has attracted buying interest from Belgium, Dubai, India, Israel and South Africa, but

Muzenda declined to name the companies bidding, citing confidentiality.

Zimbabwe expects to produce 4.1 million carats of diamonds this year, up from 2.8 carats in 2018. At the peak of production in 2012, the southern African country's output was 12 million carats. *Bloomberg*

'Overwhelming' majority of Naspers shareholders to opt for Prosus shares

AMSTERDAM - It looks like most Naspers [JSE:NPN] shareholders will take the immediate capital gains tax hit and opt for Prosus shares instead of getting more Naspers shares.

Prosus shares made a strong debut in Amsterdam and Johannesburg yesterday. By late morning, shares in the Naspers spinoff were trading

at 74.50 euro - 27 per cent higher than the "reference price" of 58.70 Euros (around R950) was fixed for the share.

Basil Sgourdos, chief financial officer of Naspers, told journalists on Wednesday that, so far, the company is seeing an "overwhelming move" towards Prosus shares.

NASPER's shareholders were issued with new Naspers M

shares yesterday morning, which are equal to one Prosus share for every Naspers share.

They have until tomorrow to choose whether these should be converted into Naspers shares instead.

For South African investors, accepting the Prosus shares will mean an immediate capital gains tax charge.

Fin24

SA likely to keep its investment grade status from Moody's

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa is likely to keep its investment grade status from Moody's this year.

The ratings agency says it probably won't make a move if the country continues having a stable outlook.

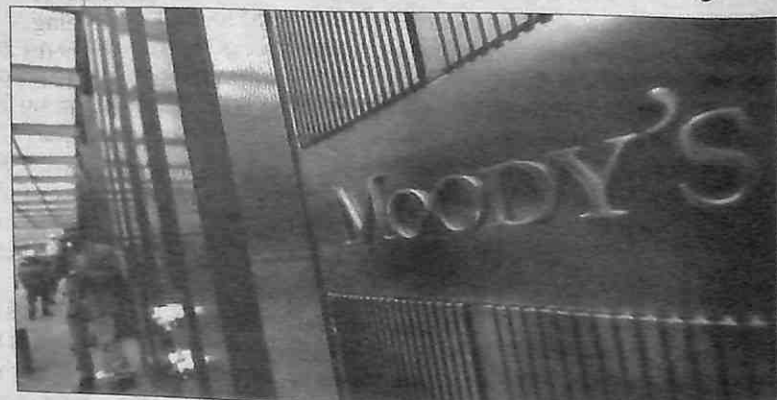
Moody's is pointing to our strong institutions and reasonably good foreign currency reserves as some reasons behind why it has not downgraded the country to junk status.

"So the cost at which they borrow

is going to be very important - and government like to compare that cost at which they borrow with the pace of the economy.

If the pace of the economy is low that means that government needs to generate a primary surplus... and we have not had a surplus in South Africa since 2008," said Moody's senior analyst Lucie Villa.

Moody's says the biggest cloud of uncertainty remains Eskom's recovery with its R440-billion debt and the absence of a plan that is accept-



ed by all stakeholders.

eNCA

RMI EARNINGS DECLINE BY 4% TO R4.08bn

DURBAN - Rand Merchant Investment Holdings' (RMI) normalised earnings declined 4 per cent in the year to end June to R4.08 billion as its investments in OUTsurance and Discovery took a hit on a spike in short-term insurance claims and spend on new strategic initiatives.

RMI, a strategic active manager of a R52bn financial services portfolio, has interests in listed companies, which include Discovery (25 per cent), Momentum Metropolitan (27.3 per cent), OUTsurance (89.1 per cent) and Hastings (29.9 per cent), a disruptive UK short-term digital insurer.

RMI said normalised earnings from OUTsurance, including its shareholding in Hastings, decreased by 13 per cent to R2.6bn, mainly due to higher claims and cost ratios across the group, coupled with a lower earnings contribution from its investment in Hastings, while Discovery's normalised headline earnings decreased by 7 per cent to R5bn, as a consequence of a significant planned increased investment in new strategic initiatives and an unexpected spike in large Discovery Life claims in the first half of the year.

However, Momentum Metropolitan managed to offset the disappointing performance by reporting a 53 per cent increase in diluted normalised headline earnings to R3.07bn.

The group's headline earnings declined by 7 per cent to R3.80bn while headline earnings per share were down by 8 per cent to 249 cents a share.

The group declared a final dividend of 65c a share, the same compared to last year. But the total dividend for the year increased to 110c, up from 104c compared to last year. It said the past 12 months had been a very challenging time for the South African investment market and asset management industry broadly.

"Despite the JSE All Share Index ending the period up 4.42 per cent, its performance lagged cash (7.27 per cent), bonds (11.5 per cent) and inflation (4.5 per cent)," the group said. It added that global equities and emerging market equities also disappointed by delivering 4.97 per cent and 3.27 per cent respectively in the past year.

Looking ahead the group said RMI had a high degree of confidence in its portfolio companies and expected their unique attributes to continue to deliver long-term growth.

"Economic conditions in the South African market are expected to remain challenging in the medium term as a result of the recessionary climate and the constrained fiscal position. A focus on maintaining pricing discipline and incrementally improving operations remain the best defence during market cyclicality," the group said.

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MUGABE'S BODY HEADS BACK TO A DIVIDED ZIM FOR BURIAL

SINGAPORE - The body of Zimbabwe's ex-president Robert Mugabe was flown out of Singapore yesterday following his death last week, his nephew said, heading home for burial in a country bitterly divided by the hero-turned-despot's legacy.

Mugabe, a guerrilla leader who swept to power after Zimbabwe's independence from Britain and went on to rule for 37 years until he was ousted in 2017, died on Friday, aged 95.

His health deteriorated after he was toppled by the military and former loyalists in November 2017, ending an increasingly iron-fisted rule that sent the economy into ruin.

He died after receiving treatment at a Singapore hospital for several months, and a delegation including Vice President Kembo Mohadi travelled to the affluent city-state on a chartered flight to bring him home.

Early yesterday a hearse transporting Mugabe's body left a Singapore funeral parlour bound for an airport and accompanied by a police escort, driving past a group of waiting journalists.

A plane carrying the former leader and the visiting delegation departed shortly afterwards, his nephew Adam Molai told AFP.



"It just left now," he said by phone from the plane as it took off, with the noise of the aircraft audible in the background.

The Zimbabwean delegation arrived on Tuesday and attended a private Catholic mass for Mugabe at the funeral parlour, officiated by a Zimbabwean priest. Zimbabweans have been divided over how to mourn a former leader once hailed as a liberation hero but who later brutally repressed his opponents.

He was initially praised for ridding the former British colony Rhodesia of white minority rule, but later used repres-

sion and fear to govern until he was finally ousted.

His increasingly tyrannical leadership and economic mismanagement prompted millions to leave the country.

Following his death, President Emmerson Mnangagwa announced he had been declared a 'national hero', flags flew at half mast across Harare and news of his passing was splashed across newspaper front pages.

Yet Harare residents appeared largely unconcerned, with shops remaining open and people going about their daily errands. **AFP**

Afghans fear Trump's Taliban move means more civilians die

KABUL - The sound of the blast ripped through Kabul, in an instant wrenching the Afghan capital's attention from a nationally televised interview in which a United States envoy revealed the first details of a deal to end America's longest war.

Last week's Taliban car bomb targeted a foreign compound but instead shredded Afghan homes, with stunned and bloodied families picking up children and fleeing in darkness as their once-solid world collapsed. One family saw 30 relatives wounded — many of them women — including a son still healing from an attack the year before. "Our only hope was peace," Hayat Khan, the family's 54-year-old patriarch, said Tuesday, "and that doesn't happen now."

President Donald Trump says the US Taliban talks on ending the fight-

ing in Afghanistan are "dead," deeply unfortunate wording for the Afghan civilians who have been killed by the tens of thousands over almost 18 years. Many fear his cancellation of negotiations will bring more carnage as the US and Taliban, as well as Afghan forces, step up their offensives and everyday people die in the crossfire.

As America on Wednesday mourns thousands of civilians killed in the 9/11 attacks, weary Afghans watch their own toll from the aftermath continue to rise.

"Here innocent people are killed and there is bloodshed everywhere. Families lose their sons, mothers, even their livestock, but no one cares about it," Khan said, a bandage still around his head from the blast. "Who remembers them? Are they not humans?" **AP**



Pope tells UK to obey UN, give back Chagos Islands to Mauritius

CHANGOS - Pope Francis said on Tuesday that Britain should obey a UN resolution and return to Mauritius a disputed Indian Ocean archipelago that hosts the U.S. military base at Diego Garcia.

Francis cited Catholic doctrine in responding to a question about the Chagos Islands during an in-flight press conference as he flew home from a visit to three African countries, including Mauritius.

Francis said when countries give international organisations such as the United Nations or international

tribunals the right to adjudicate disputes, those decisions must be respected.

"It's true that not always things that seem 'just' for all of humanity are 'just' for our pockets," he said. "But you must obey international institutions." Earlier this year, the U.N. General Assembly voted overwhelmingly to demand that Britain, which held onto the Chagos Islands after granting Mauritius independence in 1968, end its 'colonial administration' and return the Chagos Islands to Mauritius. **AP**

Rwanda agrees deal to take in hundreds of African migrants

KIGALI - Rwanda has agreed to take in hundreds of African migrants who are currently being held in Libyan detention centres.

A joint agreement between the government, the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) and the African Union (AU) was announced on Tuesday.

An initial group of 500 people will be evacuated by aeroplane to Rwanda in the coming weeks, a statement

said.

That group, which includes children and vulnerable young people, is mainly made up of refugees from the Horn of Africa.

Secret

Thousands of migrants head to Libya each year to try and make the dangerous crossing over the Mediterranean Sea to reach Europe. Those who fail are often held in deten-

tion centres. According to the UN, about 4 700 people urgently need to be moved to safety from these centres where conditions are said to be dire.

Rwanda first made an offer to give refuge to the migrants in November 2017.

It came after CNN released video that showed men in Libya being auctioned off as slaves. **BBC**

BRIEFS

Netanyahu announces post-election plan

JERUSALEM - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced his intention on Tuesday to annex the Jordan Valley, a large swathe of the occupied West Bank, if he wins a closely contested election just a week away. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said in a statement that "all signed agreements with Israel and the obligations resulting from them would end" if Netanyahu went through with the move. Israel captured the West Bank in a 1967 war and Palestinians, who signed interim peace deals with Israel in the 1990s that include security cooperation, seek to make the area part of a future state. Israeli political commentators saw Netanyahu's declaration, in a speech broadcast live on Israel's main TV channels, as a bid to siphon support away from far-right rivals who have long advocated annexation of Jewish settlements in the West Bank. **Reuters**

Mexico sees decrease in US-bound immigration

WASHINGTON - Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard said after a White House meeting on Tuesday that there has been a 'significant decrease' in US bound immigration through Mexico, especially from Central America, and he expects the trend to continue. Ebrard met U.S. Vice President Mike Pence, and had a brief exchange with President Donald Trump, to review progress in efforts to curb a surge in Central American migrants. Pence acknowledged Mexico's efforts. He said US officials would work with Mexico to expand implementation of the Migrant Protection Protocols to speed up processing of asylum claims, the White House said in a statement. Mexico's strategy of putting more than 25,000 National Guard militarized police along its borders and stepping up raids on people traffickers has been a success, Ebrard told a news conference. **Reuters**

Moz to repatriate citizens

JOHANNESBURG - Mozambique President Filipe Nyusi says his country is busy processing the repatriation of hundreds of Mozambican citizens from South Africa after continuing xenophobic violence resulted in 500 Mozambicans losing their homes in South Africa, the privately-owned STV Noticias reported. Nigeria also reported that more than 600 of its citizens were ready to be airlifted home as South African ministers held a special security meeting on Tuesday and promised to clamp down on illegal migration into the country. "With regards to hiring of undocumented foreign nationals, we will clamp down on private business owners who do not abide by the labour and immigration laws. Home Affairs, Police Service and department of labour will intensify inspections," the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster said. **African News Agency**

Zim to evacuate 171 people over violence

HARARE - Zimbabwe's Foreign Minister Sibusiso Moyo told reporters in the capital Harare that the government planned to evacuate 171 people from South Africa, including the bodies of two people. Moyo added that Harare would 'escalate' the evacuation if the situation deteriorated and he was seeking support from international organisations to help those affected. In the latest outbreak of xenophobic violence in South Africa, deadly riots last week in Pretoria and Johannesburg killed at least 12 people including two foreigners, and targeted foreign-owned businesses. The root causes of the latest series of attacks are unclear, although analysts suggest stubbornly high unemployment and grinding poverty were fuelling criminality. **Reuters**

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INTERVIEW: EFF leader Julius Malema addresses media at the Hawks offices in Silverton, Pretoria, on Tuesday, 10 September 2019. Malema met with investigators over a case in which he allegedly unlawfully discharged a firearm during a political rally in the Eastern Cape last year.

EFF rejects EWN's apology over Malema comment

JOHANNESBURG - The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) has rejected what it calls "the delayed lukewarm Eyewitness News apology," after senior reporter Barry Bateman was filmed, apparently swearing at party leader Julius Malema.

Bateman was among a group of journalists interviewing Malema outside the Hawks' office on Tuesday. The EFF leader was summoned there to give a written statement about allegations that he discharged an automatic weapon during the party's 5th birthday celebrations in the Eastern Cape in 2018.

Responding to a question about an incident in which Malema allegedly got into an altercation with a security official at Winnie Madikizela-Mandela's funeral, the EFF leader responded, "A white, big white Afrikaner male, stopping me from burying Winnie Mandela? I had to be next to the coffin and no white man was going to stop me from burying Winnie. When Bateman asked if Malema had insulted the police officer, Malema responded 'I wish I assaulted him. I wish I did a real thing, proper. I regret not doing it. I

should have done it so that I deal with real stuff. I'm not scared, boet. Uniform or no uniform. Afrikaner or no Afrikaner. White or pink, I will deal with you decisively".

Malema then walked away and video footage showed Bateman turning and mouthing what appeared to be "f***ing p**s".

Reaction on social media was swift, with Bateman and the phrase 'p**s' trending.

Eyewitness News responded by "unreservedly apologising to the Economic Freedom Fighters leader Julius Malema for the foul language used by its reporter."

The news organisation said that Bateman was taken off air immediately after they were made aware of the video. An internal probe would be held to investigate the matter.

Responding via a statement, the EFF said, "The EWN must take concomitant action. Had it been a black journalist who would have insulted a white party leader, he would be under suspension with immediate effect. Bateman must be dealt with the same way and not be accorded the white privilege of kids' gloves."

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CUT: Cyril Ramaphosa, Ace Magashule, Paul Mashatile and Jessie Duarte cut birthday cake.

XENOPHOBIC VIOLENCE

JOHANNESBURG - The wave of violence sweeping through Gauteng could have been deliberately designed to sink President Cyril Ramaphosa's administration and to reduce pressure on leaders tainted in the Commission of Inquiry into State Capture, political analyst Andre Duvenhage has claimed.

"We have been dealing with the issues of (anti-foreign-sentiments) blamed for unemployment, crime and drugs for the past 10 years. Why now when Ramaphosa had just returned from an important forum like the G7 (summit) where he took his investor drive?" he asked.

Duvenhage said it was also worrying that the violence erupted at the time when Ramaphosa was hosting more than 1,000 regional and global leaders at the 28th World Economic

Forum on Africa in Cape Town.

The uprising was not spontaneous; there was an element of elite involvement in the violence and people did not just wake up and decide to burn their town - these attacks were well planned, Duvenhage said. The collapse of the crime intelligence made the attacks easy to plan and execute because the intelligence had no operatives in the hostels from where these attacks were carried out.

According to Duvenhage, who is also research director at the University of the North West, said "there must be an elite involvement" because there must be some form of trigger.

"This is part of the fight-back strategy... there is a lot of pressure on those fingered at the Zondo commission and we are going to see a lot of these (uprisings). Big things do not

just happen without politicians involved. On the other end, it boils down to mass uprising by people dissatisfied with the government."

Duvenhage said the current diplomatic spat between Lagos and Pretoria, heat on SA's companies on the continent and international condemnation was exactly what the instigators wanted, as it embarrassed Ramaphosa and could scupper his investor-seeking efforts.

Mxolisi Makhubu, African Transformation Movement (ATM) spokesperson, said they strongly believed the unrest was a manufactured conflict, aimed at driving a wedge between South Africa and its neighbours.

Two of the 12 people killed in the violence, which left a trail of destruction in Pretoria, Johannesburg and

ANCYL presidential hopeful vows to tackle eThekweni service issues

JOHANNESBURG - African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL) presidential hopeful Thanduxolo Sabelo has vowed to tackle poor service delivery in eThekweni and get rid of under-performing contractors.

Sabelo was elected chairperson of the Human Settlements and Infrastructure Development committee in the municipality on Tuesday.

He takes over from Mondli Mthembu, who was axed from the position, together with former mayor Zandile Gumede and the executive committee that she led.

Mthembu, like Gumede, faces charges of racketeering, fraud and corruption

related to the 2016 waste collection tender and is currently out on R50,000 bail.

Sabelo said his first order of business as new eThekweni chairperson for Human Settlements and Infrastructure Development would be to remove all non-performing contractors.

Sabelo vowed to solve the water and electricity provision issues in the city. Adding to his list of promises, Sabelo said he would revive staff morale at the municipality and combat corruption.

He expressed his excitement about the new position within the municipality and said he would continue to serve the ANCYL. *EWN*

ANC top six to engage with protesters

JOHANNESBURG - The ANC has been forced into action to address the socio-economic grievances that precipitated the xenophobic violence in certain parts of the country.

After almost a fortnight of watching from the sidelines as government officials tried but failed to quell the attacks targeting foreign nationals of African descent, the ANC top brass met on Monday and decided to deploy its top six to deal with the concerns of the protesters this week.

They were hoping that addressing the causes of the strife would help to end the violence which has engulfed parts of Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga since last week.

ANC Secretary-General Ace Magashule announced yesterday that the ANC top six would visit communities later this week. The top six comprised President Cyril Ramaphosa, his deputy David Mabuza, national chairperson

Gwede Mantashe, deputy secretary-general Jessie Duarte, treasurer-general Paul Mashatile and Magashule.

"The ANC calls on its members to play an active role in mobilising communities against violence, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance."

"It will work with communities and grassroots organisations to restore harmony and good relations to affected communities," Magashule said.

The countrywide visits to communities were aimed at giving impetus to the call for mobilisation against violence.

Political analyst Ralph Mathekga said the deployment of the ANC's top brass to talk to people on the ground was a good initiative.

"People need an honest response from the government. Of course, such efforts should have started earlier," Mathekga said. Magashule said the ANC had also heeded the calls to lis-

ten to the genuine grievances that South Africans have, which may be giving rise to frustration and anger.

"The ANC calls upon government and its social partners to accelerate efforts and work with greater impact to address the social and economic conditions of the people that fuel such acts of violence," he said.

Inkatha Freedom Party Gauteng leader Bonginkosi Dhlamini lashed out at Minister of Police Bheki Cele for putting off at the last minute a visit to a hostel in Johannesburg on Sunday to address the residents' concerns.

"Cele and his counterparts, national and provincial, should desist from making wrongful and hurtful statements which do not aid our calls to stop the violence in Gauteng."

"Government leaders cannot fight each other when the country's economic hub is burning," he added.

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surrounding areas, so far have been identified as foreign nationals.

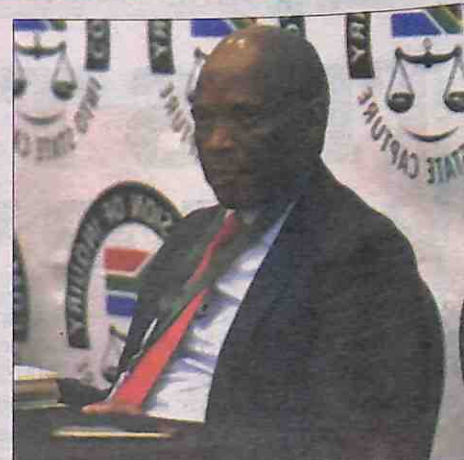
The violence has stirred tensions between Nigeria and SA, with Nigerian authorities embarking on a process of repatriating 600 of its nationals. Estimates are that there are 100,000 Nigerians in SA.

According to Dakar Mouhamadou Kane, ENACT project researcher, most of the tons of methamphetamine, a highly addictive drug manufactured in Nigeria, was exported to SA where 1kg sells for up to R163 000.

Writing in yesterday's edition of Institute of Security Studies' online journal ISS Today, Kane indicated a boom in Nigeria's meth output, with the quantity of meth seized increasing from 177kg in 2012, to 1.3 tonnes in 2017. *Citizen*



SHOUTS: A group of Zulu men residing at the Jeppe Hostel shout and wave stick during a speech given by the Police Minister General Bheki Cele in Jeppe Town, on September 3 in Johannesburg, following a second night of urban rioting in this area of Johannesburg, in an unusually large expression of anti-foreigner sentiment.



'I'M NOT HERE TO DEFEND MYSELF'

JOHANNESBURG - Former SABC COO Hlaudi Motsoeneng told the Chairperson of the commission of inquiry into state capture, Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo, that he had come to the commission to tell the truth and not to defend himself.

"I'm not here to defend myself, I'm here to tell you the truth, whether wrong or right," Motsoeneng told Zondo.

Motsoeneng said media reports on his testimony at the commission gave the impression that he appeared before the inquiry to defend himself.

He added that Zondo's findings would determine whether he had been wrong or right.

"I'm not blaming anyone," Motsoeneng said. He accused the media of attempting to discredit him.

Wits Business School denied on Tuesday that Motsoeneng had lectured there as he had previously testified on his first day on the witness stand at the commission.

However, Motsoeneng last Thursday maintained that he had been invited to lecture at the school, which he said he had done on three occasions, clarifying that him lecturing at the school on an invitation did not mean he was employed there.

"Media, the way they do things it is wrong, they make themselves to appear as angels," Motsoeneng said.

Zondo added that the media should report in a balanced manner. *Citizen*

KZN stops hiring 'foreign doctors' to accommodate Cuban-trained locals

DURBAN - The health department in KwaZulu-Natal has put a stop to the hiring of foreign health professionals, particularly doctors, to accommodate Cuban-trained South African doctors.

An internal circular dated September 4, 2019 signed by the department's acting head of health, Dr Musa Gumede, states: "The Department has taken a decision to suspend the recruitment and employment of foreign health professionals in particular foreign doctors." The African News Agency (ANA) has seen the circular and verified its authenticity. It is addressed

to district managers, hospital managers, community health centre managers, institution heads and head office managers.

In the circular, Gumede says the decision to suspend the foreign professionals was taken because the department 'has recruited a huge number of South African citizens to be trained as doctors in Cuba'.

Some of the medical students were returning to medical schools around the country to complete their training, continued Gumede, and the department 'will not have sufficient posts and funds to absorb these doctors should the recruit-

ment and employment of foreign doctors not (be) reviewed and suspended'.

The department also had a 'huge' responsibility to ensure the Cuban-trained doctors were absorbed into the healthcare system in the near future, said Gumede.

"Planning ahead is therefore crucial for this project to be successful, bearing in mind the financial constraints in the filling of critical posts." The suspension would continue until further notice, concluded Gumede. In a statement issued last year as part of celebrations to welcome 260 Cuban-trained student doctors to KZN, the department

said there were 2 885 medical students in Cuba who were at various levels of study.

"No fewer than 590 doctors have already qualified from the training programme, while 98 students are doing their final year at South African medical schools," said the release.

KwaZulu-Natal's then health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, called the agreement to train South African students in Cuba "revolutionary" and a catalyst for the continued 'upskilling' of medical students. "For the first time, the student doctors would be placed in various hospitals throughout the province, as opposed to the erstwhile approach where their training was mainly concentrated in the metropolitan areas of eThekweni and UMhlabuyi municipalities," said Dhlomo. *African News Agency*

Shivambu, Mboweni in twar over Marxist dialectical materialism

JOHANNESBURG - Finance Minister Tito Mboweni and Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) Deputy President Floyd Shivambu are embroiled in something of a twar, which has seen both politicians get philosophical and argue over the definition of the Marxist theory of dialectical materialism.

It began with an inspirational tweet from the finance minister, who called for his followers to get out of their comfort zones and shake things up. "Rock the boat! Shake the baobab tree! Do the unusual, disrupt the comfortable zones. Get things moving. Irritate the establishment! Let them think! That is how you get movement forward. This country needs movement! Disrupt, destruct inertial!" he tweeted.

In response, Shivambu argued that disruption was not what was needed from the minister of finance.

"But as minister, you should (go) beyond irritation and disruption, provide sensible, sound, and organic



TWAR: EFF Deputy President Floyd Shivambu.

macroeconomic and perhaps micro-economic coordination," he tweeted.

If Mboweni is going to disrupt anything, however, it should be the 'Investec-sponsored Harvard orthodox group who proposed a structure adjustment programme in your name,' Shivambu continued.

The EFF second-in-command was

referring to Mboweni's recently released economic recovery blueprint, with a recently released discussion document titled "Economic transformation, inclusive growth and competitiveness: Towards an economic strategy for SA," calling for partial privatisation, something the red berets are vehemently opposed to. *Citizen*

VBS liquidators gunning for Zuma

JOHANNESBURG - Accountability Now, warns VBS liquidators who could be in a long battle with former president Jacob Zuma.

According to court papers filed by VBS liquidator Anoosh Rooplal, Zuma has on numerous occasions defaulted on repayments of the loan extended to him by the bank in 2016.

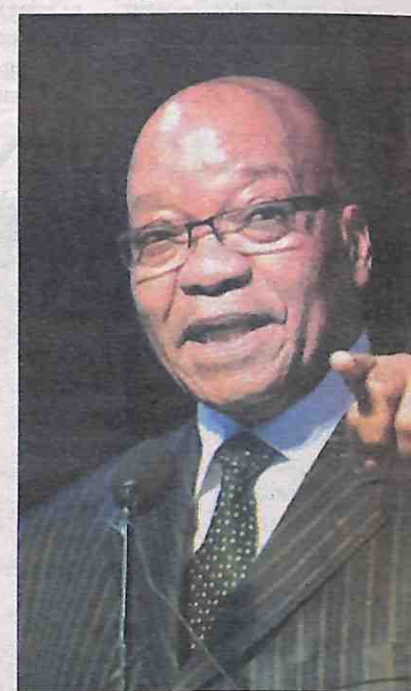
The former president is now forced to settle a R7-million loan from VBS or have liquidators attach his home.

Zuma is said to be in arrears of over R550,000.

Accountability Now's Paul Hoffman says Zuma has an uphill battle on his hands.

"The liquidator does have a bond over the property. It's not entirely clear to me how that is legally possible because the property belongs to Ingonyama trust and Mr Zuma is a beneficiary of permission to occupy the property. Selling the Ingonyama property in order to settle Zuma's debt might be stretching the law a bit."

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GUNNING: Former SA President Jacob Zuma.



WITH: Simon Shabangu

CHURCH NEWS



IT IS TIME TO UNITE, PASTOR VICTOR MACDONALD

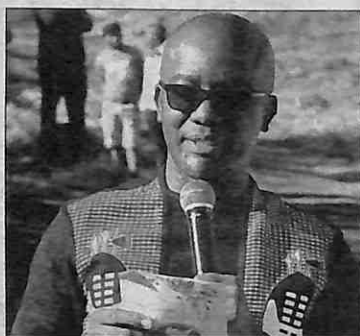
PASTOR Victor Macdonald, the founder of God's Glory Ministries has called upon pastors and all churches to work together as the body of Christ.

He said churches need to work together to glorify the name of God. He said the current situation whereby church leaders are working individually is not what God wants. He said this has resulted in a number of wrong-doings within the ministry of the word of God. He said he has observed with great concern a number of things which church leaders are not doing right. He said there was

a lot happening in church which God does not want.

Macdonald was speaking at Mpolonjeni in Mbabane when handing over a house the ministry has built for University of Eswatini student Ayanda Mkhabela, who is now confined to a wheelchair after an accident which left her paralysed in 2105. The handover ceremony was graced by Tibiyo TakaNgwane MD Dr. Absalom Themba Dlamini, who was the guest.

Macdonald said one of the many wrong-doings in the church is that stewards of God now require pay-



HOST: Pastor Victor Macdonald.

ments when doing the work of God. These he said include counselling

services and prayers among others. He said God does not want the registering of congregants, paying for counselling sessions and forcing of congregants to pay tithes.

"This is my humble opinion and advice to all pastors and ministers of the word of God out there. Congregants must give out of the will of their hearts and according to their affordability. They must not feel compelled to pay tithes to the extent that when they did not pay they will receive calls reminding them to tithe," he said. The pastor said this was far from the true Gospel of God, as offerings

are between men and God not pastors and brethren. He added that some pastors even had the nerve of calling congregants and demand tithes. He also condemned the worshipping of pastors, stating that congregants must just respect their pastors as their leaders and worship God and the Lord and saviour not the pastors.

The pastor said what he has started is not a church but a ministry, where congregants from different denominations gather and pray. He said among the many things they do is serve God through helping the underprivileged members of society. He said they have been doing this for many years, stating that so far they have built and handed over three-fully furnished houses.

It indeed ended in praise for Ayanda, as the slogan of the ministry says, Ayanda was full of praise to God and the ministry for assisting her with a place she will call home.

Minister Bulunga guest at Mbabane AEC project launch

THE Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga will grace the launch of the third phase of the Mbabane Africa Evangelical Church (AEC), Ka-Boyce gigantic church project on Sunday.

This will be a formal event that will progress concurrently with the Sunday service, where invited guests and company representatives will grace the service. Not to be left out are the committed members of the church, who have supported the project since it began about three years ago.

The local pastor said they were grateful that the minister has agreed to be part of the launch of the third phase of this important project, stating that they were hoping to receive words of encouragement from the minister who is also the area's elected Member of Parliament.

Local church pastor Reverend Nicholas B Maseko confirmed the launch, stating that all brethren are invited to come and support

the event. "I invite the brethren to join us at the church where the project will be unpacked, and also financials of the work done so far will be shared. About E4.5 million is needed to complete the 3 500 seating auditorium. Everyone is invited to contribute to the work of the Lord as future generations will judge us as per our deeds as the present carriers of God's good News. It is an honour to be counted as one of the contributors in such esteemed work. Even corporate entities and captains of industry are requested to render a helping hand to this work," Reverend Maseko said.

Chairperson of the local Church Committee, Mr Sabelo Dube echoed his spiritual father's sentiments. He said the local praise team and a guest group will entertain attendants on the day. "Mine will be to encourage brethren to continue doing the Word, by offering their best sacrifice, offerings, just as the Bible says while referring to Abraham's scenario," Dube said.

Prophet Joshua to host Emergency Night Service

GOD's Will International Church founder, Prophet Joshua will host an all-night prayer themed Emergency Night to be held in Nhlangano on October 14th.

He said the aim of the service is to pray for the many challenges faced by the people of God, who are in different desperate situations which need immediate interventions.

He said the theme Emergency Service is in line with the prayers that will be made on the night, noting that God's people need urgent prayers to get them out of the various challenges they are faced with in life.

"We invite people from all around Nhlangano and other places around the country and beyond to join us on this night where we believe God will ease

many of His people out of the many challenges they face. I am aware that a lot of people need immediate spiritual interventions as they are under attack from the devil, who is using various forms of weapons to destroy His people.

The devil is attacking people's finances, marriages, employment and disrupting the general welfare of the people out there. All this situations need urgent intervention, that is exactly what we will be doing on the night," he said.

He said on the night there will be guest preachers in Apostle Melusi Ndzinisa and Evangelist Samuel Mdluli among others. He said they will also have gospel music ministry from the local praise team and recording artist Nathi and The Heart of Praise.



PRAYER: God's Will International Church founder, Prophet Joshua.

Jesus Power House Ministries to host All-night prayer

JESUS Power House Ministries International is inviting all people to a power filled All-Night prayer tomorrow at Campus Crusade.

The founder of the ministry, Apostle FC Shlongonyane said he will be joined by other men of God in the power-filled

service themed Phendula Jehova. He said the service will start at 7pm until 5 the following morning.

Service

Sihlongonyane said the service is open to all, adding that they will also have music ministry from the local

praise team as well as guest artist Samu Hlophe. "We shall also be praying for peace and stability in the country.

"Come join us on the night and earn your success in the name of Jesus, the sick will be prayed for according to the Word of the Lord," he said.

DIVINE HEALING MINISTRIES YOUTH CONFERENCE A HUGE SUCCESS

THE Youth Conference at Divine Healing Ministries in Manzini attracted scores of people who came from different sectors and denominations to be part of the service.

Bishop Nash Shongwe, the founder of Divine Healing Ministries said they were happy about the good response, stating that a lot of people received their miracles on the day. He said the young people were richly empowered during the conference, which he said will be hosted again due to popular demand.



THANK YOU: Bishop Nash Shongwe ministering at the Youth Conference.



IN PRAISE: A section of the many congregants who attended the Youth Conference on the last day on Sunday.

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BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

AFTER being warned by SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini and ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini, to be aware of 'creepy' men in the industry; women in the entertainment industry have shared their views on the issue of sexual violence.

A number of women, the past three weeks, took to social media to express their feelings and some further shared their stories of being sexually violated by men they knew and who are also well-known in the industry, including that of the well-known photographer and artists' manager.

First to comment on the matter was Miss Eswatini Nosipho Dlamini who said she believed that these women who were brave enough to come out in the open and report these barbaric acts men do to them should be taken seriously.

"We as women often are afraid to speak out and those who are doing it, I consider them as heroes. To correct the situation, a death sentence should be given to the offenders. I also do encourage more women to speak out," she said.

Speaking to other women in the industry, they expressed their feelings, some stating that it was heart-breaking that some women have gone through such.

SwaziBoy Entertainment PRO UrGalZee said it was very disheartening to read all about it on social media.

"Especially because it hits very close, given the fact that it's people we know, both the perpetrators and victims. It's shocking to learn how much of this is happening right under our noses and the numbers are esca-

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

- Female artists, shakers of the industry speak out on sexual violence
- A death sentence to sexual offenders- Miss Eswatini
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lating.

"The bright side of it is that women are finally speaking out, we are not living in fear anymore and the support is tremendous from both males and females," she said.

She said with this awareness she prays it comes to an end.

"We as witnesses also play a key role because we can either help the situation or worsen it by looking the other way.

"We are always loud when it comes to other issues but we shy away from this and it's wrong. Everyone has a voice and it must be used. May God be with us all as we continuously fight sexual violence across the nation," she

added.

Renowned MC Nicky said it was unfortunate and the sexual

assault cases were too high.

"It is sickening really. I wish men can learn to love and appreciate women the way they should be.

"Men being physically stronger than us does not give them any right whatsoever to abuse us. There is no smoke without fire and I support and stand by all the women," she said. She added that men should stop the abuse.

"Women in the industry also deserve to be loved and treated with respect. What I wear or how I behave does not mean I want sexual advances from men or anyone for that matter," she added.

Singer and songwriter

Nomalungelo said she was shocked by the number of women who came out sharing their stories.

"However, I encourage more women to come out because it is comforting to have more women

come and encourage more women speak up.

"I am hoping that all these women that came out will also find courage to seek psychological help," she said.

Nomalungelo said she hoped women around the world will help each other.

"This should also attract lawyers to lend helping a hand; we need the sisterhood to be more active now than

ever. To all the men, I hope they understand the magnitude of the issue. We know it is not easy for men to relate unless it happens to someone close to them, but I hope with so many women coming out, they will understand and be on our side. Enough is enough, hands off

our girls," said the singer.

Former Miss Eswatini Samukelisiwe Magagula said perpetrators must continue to

be exposed, that way

other women won't fall into the same trap. "It is really bad that we no longer feel safe.

Men must take a stand and protect women and girls. Also

can we as women and men report or tell someone as soon as possible if something like this happens that way there's a positive chance and evidence of getting this person locked up and victim getting the help they require in dealing with the trauma," she said.

Miss Eswatini first princess for MUA

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

MISS Eswatini First Princess Nondumiso Dlamini will be representing Eswatini in the Miss University Africa (MUA) pageant.

The 22-year-old beauty queen will be competing with students from 53 other countries.

The pageant will take place in Lagos, Nigeria.

Miss University Africa (MUA) is the only non-bikini pageant on the continent comprising the 54 African nations despite their religious beliefs and language barrier without any form of segregation. It celebrates beauties with brains and discourages indecent dressing amongst Africa youth and also celebrates African cultures.

The winner of this prestigious pageant becomes the official international Queen for African continent and a United Nations students ambassador to champion the cause of education and empowerment for the girl child.



REPRESENTING: Miss Eswatini first princess Nondumiso Dlamini.

Dlamini said it was a great honour to represent the country.

"I am giving it my all and I hope for great support from my country for the

votes since I am still in the voting stage to make it to the Top 10," said Dlamini.

She also mentioned that she was excited about the pageant since it was not all

about beauty. "Beauty is not everything. If our youth would stop wasting time and money on vanity things and start investing the unemployment rate would decrease.

"I won Miss Eswatini first princess and Miss Congenitally 2018/19 and it was not the way I expected," she said. "I have learnt that life does not give you what you want, but what you work hard for and it is never easy. It only takes patience, self discipline and perseverance to achieve whatever it is that you want," she explained.

She said from this pageant, she wishes to gain experience and exposure to different cultures.

The public can vote for Dlamini by simply liking her pictures on Instagram and on Facebook under the Miss University Africa page(MUA), comments do contribute to the votes.



GIGS GALORE FOR NOTHANDO HLOPHE

BY DELISA THWALA

THE only thing that has changed for gospel Queen Nothando Hlophe is that she currently does not have a recording stable, but anything that pertains her gigs and appearances the singer is flourishing in that department.

The singer is billed to perform at the third annual All White Gospel picnic to be held at Carnival City Festival Lawns in Johannesburg on November 2.

This was confirmed by the singer through an interview with the Entertainment Desk. The award-winning gospel queen said she was looking forward to the show to worship and ministering the word of God.

"I'm happy to have the chance to share the stage with some of the people I look up to, who include Bishop Benjamin Dube.

"I cannot wait for November 2 which is two days before my birthday," said Hlophe.

The All White Picnic will feature other gospel icons like Bishop Benjamin Dube, Dr Tumi, Zaza Mokhehi, Sbu Noah and many more artists.

The event is supported by Coca-Cola and Standard Bank and this is third instalment of the event.

Released

The Gospel queen's latest offering 'Thina Siyalangazelela' is currently making waves on the internet.

The song was released on Monday and it was sitting at 10 000 views on YouTube.

This was before this publication went to print yesterday.

The song forms part of Nothando's recently released second album titled 'Nothando Live At Soweto,' which was recorded live in South Africa.

The singer is also fresh from partici-

pating in the Umhlanga where she was also bestowed with *emagwalagwala* by Prince Majaha.



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YEBO: Nothando Hlophe.

SWAZI DLAMINI COMING TO ESWATINI

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

SOUTH African gospel artist Swazi Dlamini is heading to the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Dlamini will be headlining a night of praise and worship to be held at Prince Malunge Pavilion, Old Trade Fair Grounds on October 11.

The night of praise and worship is hosted by Pastor Eric of ECG ministries.

Dlamini will be sharing the stage with Praise Peterson and Simplex Jayden.

From her humble beginnings in the township of KwaMashu in Durban, Dlamini started her music career as a vocalist for the gospel group, Joyous Celebration.

Her second album, Dance with Me, showed off her voice by covering a range of styles, including RnB, jazz, gospel and blues.

It garnered nominations for Best Contemporary Jazz album at both the SAMAs and the Metro FM Awards in 2006.

Swazi is also a businesswoman in the music industry with Swazitainment Productions and Shammah Records with her husband and fellow musician Tshepo Mngoma. This year marks 20 years since the release of the first Joyous Celebration album.

Tickets to the show are vying for E150 presale at the gate E200 while VIP tickets cost E300 presale and E350 at the gate.

The show will commence at 6pm.



COMING: Gospel artist Swazi Dlamini.

LUNGELO MATSE TO RELEASE DEBUT ALBUM

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

IT runs in the family.

Taking after his elder brother Nduduzo Matse, Lungelo will be releasing his first album titled 'Revival and Strength' on October 4.

The artist said he was more than excited to announce that after years in the industry, the public will now be able to hear and have a full project from him as a solo artist.

The album is a double disk with 10 songs each.

The two CDs include songs such as 'Ndiye Oga Ndiye', 'Khethiwe', 'Phumelela', 'Siphila Kammandi', 'Kukhoni Gama', 'Nam Angazi', 'I shall dwell' and

many more.

The artist features his brother and fellow gospel artist Nduduzo Matse, Londiwe Dlamini, Tsepo Price and Godfrey Mondlane.

The project will be released during a night of worship and praise to be held at Zakhele F.E.A, where the singer will sing most of the songs from the album.

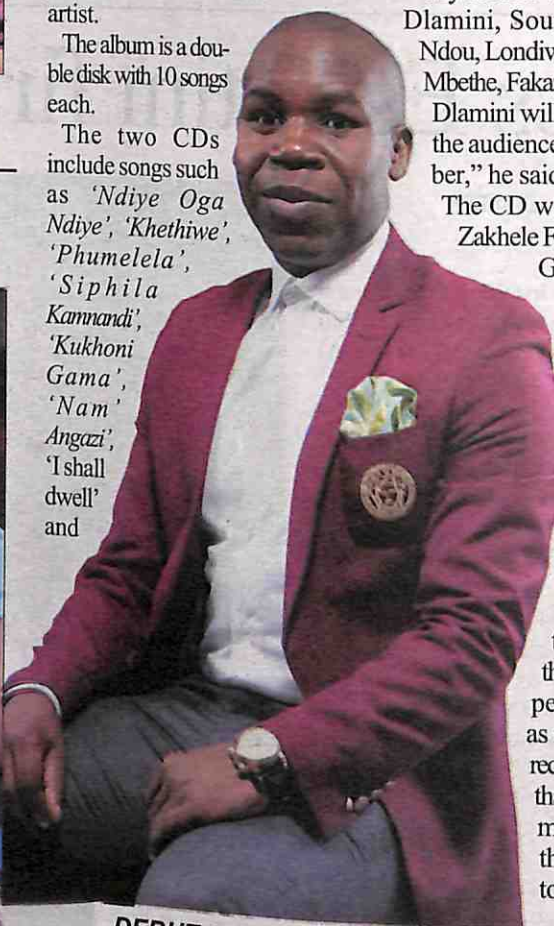
Speaking to Lungelo, he said the show would also see a number of local gospel singers perform.

"My brother will be there, Banele Dlamini, South Africa's Takie Ndou, Londiwe Dlamini, Mxolisi Mbethe, Fakazi Samuel and Linda Dlamini will all be there to give the audience a night to remember," he said.

The CD was recorded live at Zakhele FEA in 2017, where

Gciniwe Fakudze was directing the proceedings and gave attendees a glimpse of her angelic voice when she led a praise song warming the stage for the main act of the day.

"It is finally that time to get it out to the people and I hope people will enjoy it as much as I enjoyed recording it. I also hope that the CD will touch many souls in a way that they need to be touched," he added.



DEBUT ALBUM: Lungelo Matse.

Mistosoul's one man-show tickets out

BY DELISA THWALA

IT'S on for Mistosoul's one man show as tickets to the event are out.

Dubbed 'Mistosoul Live In Concert', the show is slated for September 20 at Esibayeni Lodge.

"Tickets are selling for E70 if you buy it now but once you decide to buy it at the gate, they will be going for E100 and the VIP tickets are selling for E250.

"Do get yourself a ticket and come enjoy with everyone," said the deejay.

Tickets outlets are OK Foods, Engen Filling Station (Mbabane),

Spar outlets, Shaks Cellular Nhlanguano, Matsapha Prison Mars, Save Rite Supermakert, and Futis outlets in Mbabane and Manzini.

"The reaction I got from music lovers and fans has basically pushed me to do this concert and further test my capabilities despite being in the industry for over 10 years," explained Misto.

The concert will feature a 10 band piece and artists that the deejay has worked with over time, he has basically promised a good time to everyone.

IT'S ON: Mistosoul.



Antidote Music calling all musicians in Eswatini

BY DELISA THWALA

WITH the hope of creating and sustaining music careers, Antidote Music is once again calling out all artists and musicians in Eswatini to come and join their third edition of the 'Tomorrow' workshop at Endibanweni this coming Saturday at 2pm.

The workshop is said to focus on creating sustainable music careers in Eswatini with a discussion of how artists can get their music distributed to online music stores.

Artists will be skilled on various music aggregators and the different types of distribution deals.

To secure a seat at the workshop, artists can RSVP the organisers using a link; <https://bit.ly/2lGiZnXor> or simply send an email to info@antidotemusic.net.

The first edition was hosted in July where a number of topics were dis-

cussed.

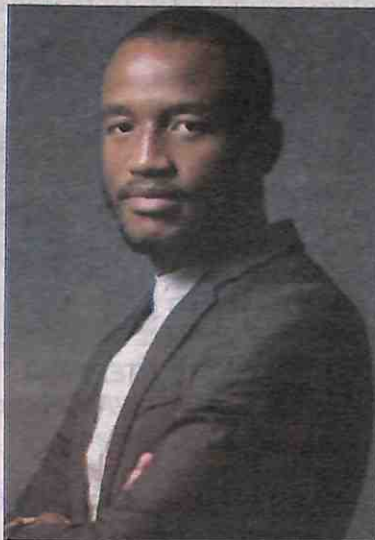
Topics touched on the day included 'An Introduction To The Digital Music Age'. This was set to help emerging artists and musicians build sustainable music careers.

The second edition was hosted last month where they helped and discussed how artists can build their brand value and how best they can communicate that value to their target market and other relevant stakeholders.

Antidote Music is a deep and soulful House label established in 2012 the label has its roots firmly rooted in the Kingdom and in South Africa.

The label is run by 'antidotes' such as Mmeli Hlanze who have made an impact in the house music scene and has offered a versatile platform of innovative releases from new artists and renowned artists around the world.

The label is responsible for house heads like Secret Souls, Gruv Basement, !Sooks, Mzwaa, Dauw and many more other tremendously talented per-



MADE AN IMPACT: Mmeli Hlanze.

sions. The label recently celebrated their seventh anniversary and in true music style they also celebrated by releasing a series of special compilations by their artists.

E 10 000 FOR BEST DRESSED AT ILLA'S SHOW

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

E 10 000 is up for grabs for the best dressed attendee at Illa PenBoy's Black and Yellow show this year.

To be held on October 5 at Sibane Hotel, the show will also see South African actor

Vuyo Dalula famously known as Gadaffi from the SABC soapie; The Generations: The Legacy.

According to Illa PenBoy, the cash would encourage people to come to the event looking good and glammed up.

"This is just the first. They are more parties to come and there will be more amounts revealed so people should go all out win this cash and enjoy themselves at the Black and Yellow party," said the rapper.

With the theme being black and yellow, people are allowed to dress anyhow. The important part is to look good and feel comfortable.

Runway models, live performances, clothing stalls will be available at the party.

The show will be featuring Vuyo Dabula South African drama called Generations.

Tickets E159 general, E350 VIP, Clothing brand runaway fee E300 and clothing stalls E300.



Sparks Bantwana coming again

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

QOOLAMI hit maker Sparks Bantwana will be in the kingdom for the second time this year.

The South African artist will be performing in Piggs Peak for the second annual bash which will be held on September 27 at the Gobolondlo hall.

According to organiser of the event Bongani Dube, they decided to take the event to the people of Piggs Peak because they were trying to help promote that town, both in business and entertainment wise.

He stated that Sparks Bantwana was a good candidate for this as he is loved by a lot of people thus causing people to come as far as

Mbabane and Manzini to experience him perform.

"We are anticipating not less than 1000 people. We hope that people will come all the way from other places to witness one of South Africa's best performers give a great show," he said.

He expressed his excitement stating that he hoped people tag along their friend so they could all experience an epic night.

"This show will be one to remember," he said.

He further said that the line-up will be packed with Eswatini's best DJs and performers.

To perform at the show will be artists like KB DA DJ, Zulu D, Tonic Deep, Kish, Rylo, Mbali, Super CDQ, Matamza, Twins of a kind, Cuboid, Cloth, Scuveve, DJ Bee and Deal Deal.

Tickets to the show are being sold at E80 general pre-sales, E150 for VIP and

would be sold on the day of the event at the gate at E100.

The event is expected to begin at 6 pm until the following day at 6am.



THE JUDGES: DT Masina, Gugu Nyamo, Themba Thabani, and Nothando Hlophe.

66 make it to Eswatini Gospel Music second round

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

THE Eswatini Gospel Music Talent Search has a total of 66 contestants who will be moving on to the next round.

The competition saw 246 registrations and 183 were able to participate in the competition. This was revealed by one of the organisers Thulani Mthethwa.

Mthethwa said they were looking to cut 36 contestants and make their Top 30 list on September 21.

"We will start round two on September 14 at Global Village, where we will train both contestants who did not make it to the next round together with those who were successful. We will have a workshop to equip them on exposure and prepare them for business in the music industry," he said.

Mthethwa said the first eliminations

will take place on September 21 where audience would be invited to come, support and watch their friends and family members compete. He also said the venue will be confirmed as soon as the finalised every detail.

The regional auditions were completed last Saturday in the Manzini region which was the last region.

"Irrespective of the rains and the cold, 75 contestants were auditioned and 38 were successful to the next round. We have seen many contestants being emotional due to the feedback they get from the judges and most of them shared tears of joy," said Mthethwa.

Manzini guest Judge was gospel artist Nothando Hlophe who is well known for her song 'Khululugcobo'.

"Our judges DT Masina, Gugu Nyamo, Themba Thabani, and Nothando Hlophe really had a tough time auditioning the

contestants due to the high talent that was displayed on Saturday at Caritas," he said.

The week before the Manzini auditions, the competition hit Siteki.

"Siteki auditions were held at Siteki and they were also a great success. The contestants even gathered themselves before auditions and they started displaying their talents by singing as a choir. It was marvel to watch.

"Our guest judge was ESWACA President Phetsile Masilela. We also had Gugu Nyawo and DT Masina who is our chief judge. 26 contestants registered for Siteki and only eight were successful to the next round," he said.

Mthethwa said their objectives were to unearth talent in gospel music, to influence quality of gospel music in the country and to empower individuals against unemployment rate in the country.



WILL BE HERE: Sparks Bantwana.



Celebville

International Celebrity News

Miss SA Zozibini Tunzi on her NYC adventure

CAPE TOWN - It's been just over a month since Zozibini Tunzi was crowned Miss SA and she's already doing the country proud on the international stage. Tunzi's been in the Big Apple where she conquered the catwalk during New York Fashion Week. The beauty queen modelled outfits for local designer Laduma Ngxokolo of MaXhosa, as well as Mozambique's Eliana Murargy, during the 'Made in Africa' show at Pier59 Studios.



MISS SA: Zozibini Tunzi.

While she was in the US, Tunzi was

interviewed by the country's biggest African-American Women's magazine, Essence, which focused on her fresh, natural look.

Tunzi, whose decision to wear her hair natural has attracted support worldwide, said she had the most wonderful adventure in New York. "The response in the US was overwhelming. Tunzi spent time with a famous export from SA - Daily Show host Trevor Noah. "Trevor is completely charming," Tunzi said.

(Sowetan Live)

Ranaka weighs in on mother who killed her four children

PRETORIA - Generations - The Legacy actress Manaka Ranaka was left heart-

broken at reports of a mother who poisoned her four children.

According to EWN, Zinhle Maditla pleaded guilty to four charges of murder at the Middelburg High Court on Monday after allegedly poisoning her children with rat poison. TimesLIVE reported that her children were between 11 months and eight years old. Manaka, like many of us, was watching the court proceedings play out and took to social



WEIGHS IN: Manaka Ranaka.

media to share her thoughts on the trial. Sharing a screenshot of the woman in court and another of a woman who killed her two children allegedly for 'getting in the way of her sex life', Manaka claimed that children were often abused by women meant to protect them.

"When it comes to child abuse, we women take the cup shame. And don't even try to deny it," she wrote. "All these crèche videos with female child minders or teachers abusing our children at school and domestic helper videos ill treating their boss's helpless children." (Times Live)

Tekashi 6ix9ine snitch testimony revealed by prosecutors

NEW YORK - Prosecutors have just played their hand in the

Tekashi 6ix9ine snitching case, laying out precisely how the rapper will turn on his former gang cohorts when their trial begins next week, and the details are pretty shocking. The US Attorney in Manhattan sent a letter to the judge in the case, outlining their strategy, which includes key testimony from the rapper who's behind bars after striking a plea deal, and the key to unlock his cell is snitching on his partners in crime. According



SNITCH: Tekashi.

DMs, and other communications. This is critical evidence for prosecutors, since they have to prove the messages were sent by the various defendants. (TMZ)

Kardashian's SKIMS launch made \$2m within minutes

HOLLYWOOD - Kim Kardashian still has the Midas touch, because

her SKIMS Solutionwear raked in millions of dollars only minutes after going on sale. Sources connected to the launch tell TMZ, SKIMS pushed \$2 million in product within the first few minutes of Kim's campaign going live Tuesday, and nearly every piece of inventory sold out in lightening speed. Sources say the first-day sales numbers are unprecedented for shapewear and undergar-



MONEY MAKER: Kim Kardashian.

ment brands. How's this for context, in its first YEAR on the market, Spanx made US\$4 million in profits, and SKIMS made half that amount in only a couple hundred seconds.

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In a scene straight outta Black Friday, there was a mad dash to scoop up Kim's newest release, there was so much traffic on the website before the products even went on sale, the site crashed and SKIMS had to delay the launch for an hour. (TMZ)

Emtee stepping away from solo career to focus on ATM

PRETORIA - Rapper Emtee has decided to step away from his solo career for a young minute and channel his focus on his company, African Trap Movement. Emtee was candid in a balcony interview with SilkourOnLife recently and explained what his next step will be regarding his music career.

"During the time when a lot was being said about me, I tried to ignore what was going on and tried to focus on my

gang for the time being. As it is my business, I want to get it up and running."



STEPPING AWAY: Rapper Emtee.

He explained that he figured that it was not as easy as he thought it would be and was going through the process of having to make sure that ATM becomes something tangible.

In August the rapper revealed that he had officially left Ambitious Entertainment after months of fighting between the

label and his lawyers. (Times Live)

Lvovo grateful after mother recovers from health scare

DURBAN - Muso Lvovo is very grateful that his mother, who had a recent health scare,

has been discharged from hospital and is recovering well.

Speaking to SowetanLIVE sister publication TshisaLIVE, Lvovo expressed great happiness that his mother had been discharged over the weekend after being diagnosed with the bacterial skin infection cellulitis.

"I'm ecstatic that my mom is discharged from the hospital, she had

a fever and they also discovered that she had cellulitis."

The Iyavaya hit maker explained that his mother is diabetic and sustained bruises on her leg due to infection.

"She was on treatment to cure the infection and she was required to visit the hospital every week for a check-up. I'm over the moon that she is free from

infection and she's at home now." While all seems back to normal for Lvovo, who released an album produced by Heavy K last Friday titled Solala Nini. (Sowetan Live)



HEALTH: Musician Lvovo.

Cyrus, Kaitlynn Carter out together in New York City

NEW YORK - Miley Cyrus is keeping Kaitlynn Carter right by her side, and they're stepping up their fashion game since their getaway in Italy.

The singer stepped out Tuesday night with her rumored girlfriend for a night on the town in New York City, dressed in all-black, sleek matching outfits.

Miley's in the Big Apple for New York Fashion Week, and after her tribute performance at the David Koch center, she went back to The Greenwich Hotel to grab Kaitlynn for what looks like a date night. Miley and Kaitlynn have been pretty much inseparable

since Miley announced a split from her estranged husband, Liam Hemsworth. As reported, Miley and Kaitlynn went on a lunch date in Los Angeles over the Labor Day weekend, and Miley's mom Tish tagged along.

They've each had solo outings, but Miley and Kaitlynn have pretty much been tied at the hip since returning to the States from their Italian vacay. TMZ broke the stories, Liam filed for divorce from Miley last month, and she's keeping the pets they owned together when everything's ironed out. So far, the split has been pretty nasty. (TMZ)



OUT: Miley Cyrus and Kaitlynn Carter.

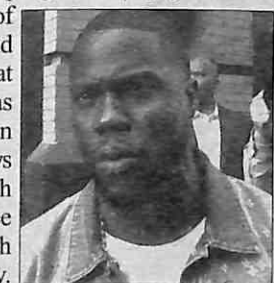
Kevin Hart about to leave hospital for inpatient rehab

HOLLYWOOD - Kevin Hart is chomping at the bit to get out of the hospital, and

our KH sources say that will happen as early as Tuesday. Kevin's been hospitalized for nine days since his horrific car crash that left him with three spinal fractures which had to be fused in surgery. Our sources say Kevin's crossing his fingers that doctors release him Tuesday, but if that doesn't happen it will definitely happen Wednesday.

Kevin will be taken to an inpatient physical therapy facility where he will spend one to two weeks before he comes home.

As for his progress, we're told he's taking short walks in the hospital and can even climb a few steps. He's getting PT in the hospital but it will be more intensive in the rehab facility. As one source said, "He's super eager to get out," adding he's in pretty good spirits. (TMZ)



WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



PLANS: S'khaleni.

Just when S'khaleni's plans to become a TaxiApp driver seem to be coming together, he's presented with unwelcome red tape. Fenyang seems to be spiraling out of control, and falling deeper into the bottle.



TODAY

Claudette proves to the residents of KwaNomzamo that she's not just a talking head. Two friends fear the end is coming and Anja finds herself caught between a rock and a hard place.



PROVES: Claudette.



TODAY

Azwindini amends his relationship with loyal Vhangani. Imani and Gugu go at each other over a man. Warona and Shaz get a pleasant surprise for their business.



TODAY

Mzi and Pearl lock horns. Gail tries to stop David and Khulekani's plan to dupe Pearl. Jamaica is devastated by the rift that has opened up with Khulekani. Khulekani watches Bash.



LOCK HORNS: Pearl.

MEME OF THE DAY

Teacher : What Is A Female Elephant?

Me : Ma Ndlovu



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

There could be some confusion, discord, and upset in the air today. There may be arguments and misunderstandings among friends and family. Try not to add fuel to the fire. If a person is getting a little hot under the collar, just listen. Be understanding and empathetic instead of trying to prove that you're right, especially if you are!



Cancer June 22 – July 22

Some equipment at home that you usually take for granted might go haywire today, Cancer. More than one machine may not work as well as it usually does. This could prove frustrating, but don't get impatient and fix it yourself. Call a professional or things could get even more fouled up than they are.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

This isn't a good day to plan or start a trip by air, Aquarius. Wait a few days if you can. However, if you must confirm plans now, travel light, check all arrangements for accommodation and rental car before you leave, and collect phone numbers for those you intend to meet. Confusion, delays, and misplaced bags could otherwise result. Take a book, music, and chocolate!



Leo July 23 – August 22

Your communications equipment may not be working well today, Leo. If you absolutely need to reach someone, perhaps the best course of action is to hop in the car and visit them if they live nearby. Otherwise, you may have to wait until everything's working again. Hang in there, and don't give up on technology.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

Malfunctions on the part of computers, ATMs, and phone systems could interfere with financial transactions today, Pisces. You might have to pay for purchases in the old-fashioned way - cash or checks. This isn't a good day to begin or complete any major financial transactions. There's too much confusion right now. Wait a few days.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

Confusion surrounds financial matters today, Virgo. Someone close to you could be hit with unexpected expenses, and this person might ask you for a loan. You'll want to help out, but no matter what they say, it doesn't look like their situation is going to improve anytime soon. If you decide to lend the money, accept that you won't see it again for a while.



Libra September 23 – October 23

You may have been exercising too enthusiastically over the past few days, Scorpio, and today you might wake up with more than your share of muscle aches and pains. You should keep exercising, but tone it down. Forget jogging and aerobics. Go for a little yoga or tai chi, which will enhance fitness with minimal strain. If you can, soak in a warm tub later.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

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Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Disturbing occurrences regarding a friend might make you a bit confused, Sagittarius. The situation isn't anything you could have expected, so you and others will try to make sense of it. It should be resolved within the next few days. In the meantime, view it objectively. You might also want to get your mind on something else.



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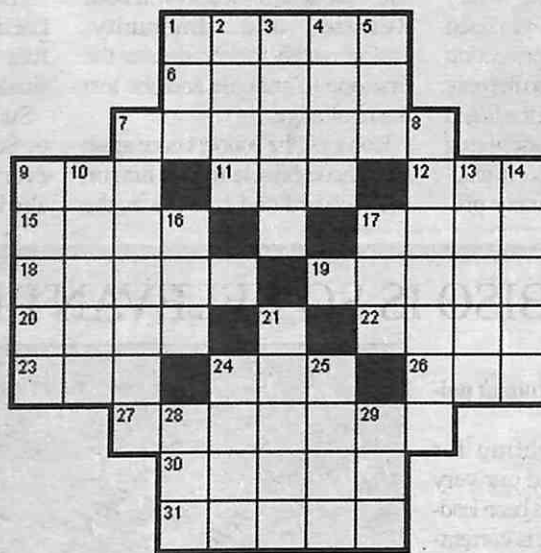


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3. Bay window (5)
4. Predatory feline (4)
5. Currency of Romania (3)
7. Studio (7)
8. Stage set (7)
9. Poplar tree (5)
10. Rebuke (5)
13. Stadium (5)
14. Raucous (5)
16. Point (3)
17. Stitched border (3)
21. Up and about (5)
24. Land measure (4)
25. Osculate (4)
28. Consume (3)
29. Charge (3)

Across

1. Hillock (5)
6. Spooky (5)
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9. Part of a play (3)
11. Value of Roman X (3)
12. Conveyance (3)
15. Cast off (4)
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26. Beam (3)
27. Remedy (7)
30. Occur (5)
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The Good News

Lawyer: I have some good news

Lawyer: I have some good news and some bad news.

Client: Well, give me the bad news first.

Lawyer: The bad news is that

the DNA tests showed that it was your blood they found all over the crime scene

Client: Oh no! I'm ruined! What's the good news?

Lawyer: The good news is your cholesterol is down to 130!

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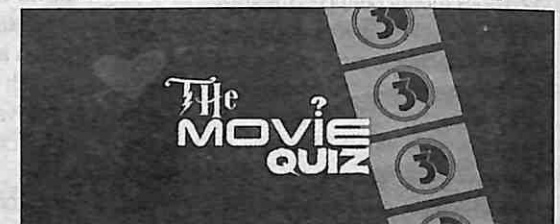
1. "What in tarnation?" is literally just another way of saying, "What the hell?"

2. Chainsaws, the horror-movie murder weapon of choice, were invented for aid in childbirth.

3. There's an island in Japan you can visit that's inhabited only by friendly bunnies.

4. There are actually more public libraries in the US than McDonald's.

MOVIE QUIZ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Yesterday's Quiz

1. Which 1997 film stars Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, and John

Malkovich?

Answer:

A. Con Air

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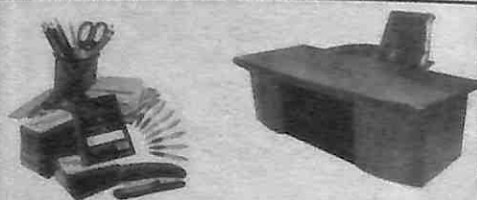
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Place: kaMagele

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May the gates of heaven open up to reveal strength and comfort in your times of trial and sorrow. God will comfort you.

Nester Malingose Bhembe



Funeral: 14/08/2019
Vigil: 13/08/2019
Place: Egebeni

Relatives and friends of Nester Malingose Bhembe are notified of her death. She will be laid to rest on Saturday 14 September 2019 after a night vigil at Egebeni. Announcement made by her family.

Njabuliso Precious Shiba/ Matsenjwa



Funeral: 14/08/2019
Vigil: 13/08/2019
Place: eMphofu

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Njabuliso Precious Shiba/ Matsenjwa labekatiwa ngekutsi ngu LaShiba kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bonkhe bakaMatsenjwa, bakaShiba nebekhabonina kaMasuku. Utawufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 14 September 2019 ngemva kwelindzelo eMphofu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumyeni wakhe Nkosinathi Jomo Matsenjwa.

Jan Mbhojo Mabuza



Funeral: 14/08/2019
Vigil: 13/08/2019
Place: Sgcineni

Relatives and friends of Jan Mbhojo Mabuza are notified of his untimely passing. Funeral will be at home Sgcineni 14 September after a night vigil on Friday. Announcement made by his family. Rest in Peace Mshengu.

Magareth Lokudzinga Shongwe ula Gamedze



Funeral: 14/08/2019
Vigil: 13/08/2019
Place: Elubhuku

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa Magareth Lokudzinga Shongwe ula Gamedze kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekakhe ekudzeni nebakubo Elubhuku kuMalidza ka Gamedze. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 14 September 2019 ekuseni emva kwelindzelo nga lesihlanu. Kwatiswa nebekhabo nina kaFakudze khona Elubhuku. Simemetelo sikhishwa bantfwabakhe egameni lemndeni.

Nomisa Josephine Msibi (nee Myeni)



Funeral: 15/08/2019
Vigil: 14/08/2019
Place: Mancubeni

Relatives and friends of Nomisa Josephine Msibi (nee Myeni) are notified of her demise. She will be laid to rest at her marital home at Mancubeni Mankayane on the 15 September 2019 after a night vigil on 14 September 2019. May her soul rest in eternal peace. Myeni Mguni Mifolazi.

Bongiwe Delisile Muntzu Dlamini



Funeral: 14/08/2019
Vigil: 13/08/2019

Friends and relatives of Bongiwe Delisile Muntzu Dlamini are notified of her demise. Notified are the Bantfwabekhosi of Ensingweni, Green Mamba FC, Nsibandze's of Luyengo and Sibonelo Sendumiso Church. Night vigil on the 13th September 2019 (Friday) and funeral on Saturday the 14th September 2019. Announcement by Chief Maloyi.

Grace Butsikati Mahlelela LaMasilela



Funeral: 14/08/2019
Vigil: 13/08/2019
Place: kuMalimela

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Grace Butsikati Mahlelela LaMasilela kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa ekhaya kakhe kaLomahasha kumalimela mhlaka 14 September 2019. Kutoba nemlindzelo ngalesihlanu. Kwatiswa baka Ngilazi nebaka Sandane kaLomahasha. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Amos Mahlelela egameni lemndeni.

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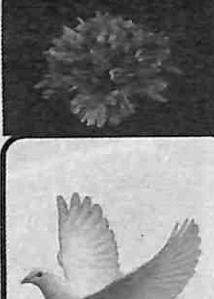


Funeral: 14/08/2019
Vigil: 13/08/2019
Place: Msumpe

Friends and relatives of Sizolwethu Sithole are notified of her sudden death. She will be laid to rest on 14 September 2019 at Msumpe Kakhohho after a memorial to be held at Lozitha High School on 13 September 2019. Announcement made by family.

Our Deepest Condolences

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It's almost unbearable when so much hope turns in deep sorrow wishing you much strength

JOB 13:15

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Dortmund confirm meeting with Man U

...over signing Jadon Sancho before the summer transfer window

DORTMUND - Borussia Dortmund have confirmed Manchester United did hold a meeting about signing Jadon Sancho in March.

The England winger, who scored twice on Tuesday night as Gareth Southgate's side overcame Kosovo, was identified as a target for the Old Trafford side ahead of the summer.

Dortmund's Sporting Director Michael Zorc has now confirmed there was a meeting held with United's chiefs as part of the Inside Borussia Dortmund documentary series on Amazon.

Episode three includes a conversation between Zorc, Matthias Sammer, Sebastian Kehl and Dortmund's Chairman Hans-Joachim Watzke. Zorc makes it clear that there were talks over a possible move but insists Sancho has no intention of leaving Germany in the summer.

He said: "A hot topic right now is Sancho and Manchester United. Both his discussions with the club and mine with the consultants.

"A meeting did take place. Manchester United invited the consultant.

"But according to what I know, the consultant told the club that no matter



WANTED: Manchester United did hold a meeting with Borussia Dortmund about signing Jadon Sancho.

how much money they offer, we won't let him go this summer.

"But the player also has no intention of taking that step this summer."

Reports towards the end of last month suggested Ole Gunnar Solksjaer was still keen on signing the 19-year-old. *Daily Mail*

Blues target £35 million swoop for Nice defender

LONDON - Chelsea could launch a £35 million bid for Nice defender Youcef Atal if their two-window transfer ban is lifted in January, according to reports.

The Blues have made a mixed start to the season, with a win, two draws and a defeat from their opening four league games leaving them 11th in the Premier League table.

Chelsea boss Frank Lampard has been concerned by their frailties at the back, which as seen his side ship nine goals already and is planning to strengthen his rearguard.

Lampard is keen to make a move for Nice defender Youcef Atal, but may not be able to secure his services until next summer.

Chelsea are currently banned from buying players as a result of a two-window transfer ban for breaking rules regarding the signing of young players.

However, the club have contested the punishment and remain hopeful that the ban will be overturned, leaving them free to sign players in January.

Atal has emerged as a key player for Nice, who are managed by Arsenal legend Patrick Vieira, having joined the club from Algerian side Paradou AC in 2018.

He made 29 appearances for the club in 2018-19, while he's also



Nice defender Youcef Atal.

represented Algeria 13 times at international level.

If Chelsea are successful in their pursuit of the centre-back, he would provide competition for the trio of Kurt Zouma, Andreas Christensen and Fikayo Tomori.

Daily Mail

Blues confident Emerson's injury is minor scare

LONDON - Chelsea are confident the hamstring injury Emerson Palmieri's suffered on international duty isn't serious - but he is doubt for Saturday's clash against Wolves.

The Italy left-back limped off in the eighth minute of their clash against Finland at the weekend causing concern that he could miss crucial games for the Blues.

Frank Lampard will make a late call on Palmieri's availability for the weekend visit to Molineux, but Blues medics are hopeful the defender is not facing a lengthy spell on the sidelines.

It is understood his substitution whilst playing for Italy was precautionary.

Palmieri felt his hamstring contract, but didn't feel a serious tear - nevertheless the Italians took the decision not to risk the full-back.

Chelsea staff may feel it is too much of a risk to play Palmieri against Wolves on Saturday, but there is hope he won't miss further games.

Meanwhile, young right-back Reece James is poised to hand Lampard a key injury boost by returning to full training.

James has missed the start of the season after undergoing ankle surgery in the summer - but he is due to recommence full training in the coming days.

The 19-year-old will be given the opportunity to make the right-back slot his own by Lampard, who is a keen admirer of James' abilities.

Cesar Azpilicueta is currently Chelsea's first choice right-back - but Lampard is understood to be keen to provide James with an opportunity to impress once he returns to full fitness.

The teenager was a target for a number of Premier League clubs in the summer - but Lampard insisted James had to stay at Stamford Bridge, a clear indication that he features in the Chelsea manager's plans.

Daily Mail



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...Ronaldo destined to become international football's greatest scorer ever

VILNIUS - When Cristiano Ronaldo is at his free-flowing best, there is simply no stopping him in front of goal, something Lithuania found out the hard way on Tuesday night when the star attacker bagged four goals in a 5-1 win for Portugal.

The haul on Tuesday saw him add another record to his list.

With 25 goals scored, he has now become the all-time leading goalscorer in European Championship qualifiers.

"This is the clear and irrevocable proof that he is the best player in the world," Portugal

coach Fernando Santos claimed post-match.

Bringing up his eighth international hat-trick in the process, Ronaldo also increased his tally of goals for his nation to 93 to leave him within touching distance of a record many thought would never be broken.

Iranian striker Ali Daei, who won a Bundesliga title with Bayern Munich in 1999, scored a remarkable 109 goals across 149 games for his country and that feat has long left him with the most international strikes by a single player.

Ronaldo, however, is now hot on Daei's heels and it's hard to see the Juventus star not claiming a record that would literally make him the greatest scorer of all time, on the international stage at least.

Against Lithuania on Tuesday, the 34-year-old proved his age is a hurdle he'll be capable of leaping over for a few years to come as he effortlessly found the back of the net four times.

From a seventh-minute penalty and a shocking goalkeeping error to a delightful curling effort and a tap-in, Ronaldo once again made scoring look far too easy on a cold night at the LFF Stadium.

Indeed, he could have scored a few

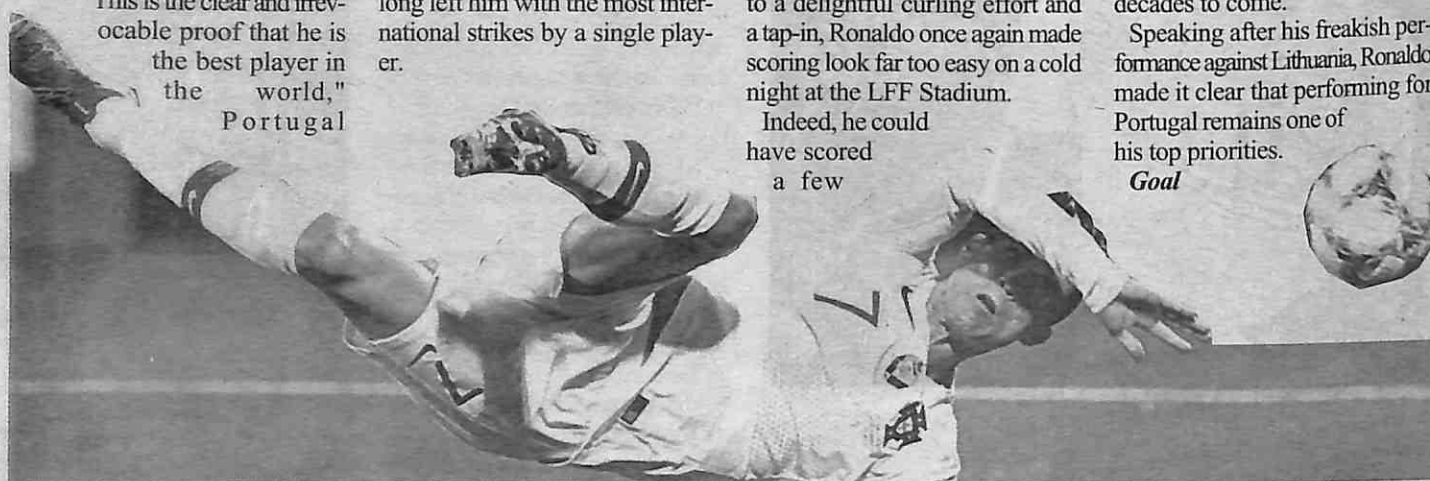
more with the Portuguese star clearly not losing his unquenchable appetite for finding the back of the net.

If anything, age has only made Ronaldo hungrier and more efficient in front of goal. Over the past four years alone, he's scored a remarkable 33 goals for Portugal.

Now well and truly standing tall, you'd be brave to bet against the Juventus striker scoring another 17 in order to surpass a record Daei likely thought would be his for decades to come.

Speaking after his freakish performance against Lithuania, Ronaldo made it clear that performing for Portugal remains one of his top priorities.

Goal



'I can assure you that he is aware'

PARIS - Michael Schumacher is "aware", according to an anonymous source at the Paris hospital where the F1 legend is currently being treated.

Le Parisien newspaper this week revealed that the former Ferrari and Mercedes driver was admitted on Monday to the Hôpital Européen Georges-Pompidou.

Reportedly, the 50-year-old, who was brain damaged in a 2013 skiing fall, will receive experimental stem cell treatment. The report said the treatment is risky. Almost nothing is known about Schumacher's condition - like whether he is even aware of his surroundings.

"Corinna and the family have kept a very tight control on information about his condition and his treatment which, I think, is a pity," said former Mercedes boss Nick Fry in his new book.

It means Schumacher's fans have to resort to unofficial reports and rumours for information.

Italian newspaper La Repubblica quoted Milan-based biology professor Angelo Vescovi as saying he was "contacted by a person who knew Schumacher's family" some years ago.

"They asked if something could be done (for Schumacher)," he said. "At that time, we had made an attempt to inject the same cells we use for multiple sclerosis into the brain of a boy in a coma with quite good results. At the moment, we can only make assumptions about what they are doing in Paris."

Wheels24

'Lukaku can easily beat Ronaldo'

MILAN - Romelu Lukaku will score more Serie A goals than Cristiano Ronaldo this season, according to former Inter attacker Andy van der Meyde.

After joining Antonio Conte's side from Manchester United for a club-record fee, Lukaku has hit the ground running in Italy, scoring two goals across his first two league games.

While managing just 12 goals in the Premier League last season for the Red Devils, van der Meyde believes Lukaku will shine in Serie A and can easily outscore Ronaldo.

"Lukaku is a fan of Italian football and I think he's made for this competition," van der Meyde told Juvenews.eu.

"He is strong and can score many goals. He has a very powerful physical structure and this will put all Italian defences in crisis."

"Lukaku can easily beat Ronaldo. He has always shown that he knows how to score wherever he has played, he is a pure centre-forward, while Cristiano plays most of the time out wide."



WILL SCORE MORE: Romelu Lukaku.

ference.

After a strong summer of signings and with Antonio Conte at the helm, van der Meyde thinks Inter are on the right track but that Juventus will once again prove too strong.

"I think Conte is a good coach for Inter, which will bring stability and this is what Inter needs right now," he said.

"They chose the ideal coach to start over and get back to the top."

"I think the title will go to Juve. They are always the best there is in Italy, the one that has more quality and more players than everyone. I believe that in the end they will win again."

Goal

Neymar rape accuser indicted for extortion

SAO PAULO - Sao Paulo police have moved to indict Najila Trindade and her partner Estevens Alves over allegations of rape levelled at Brazilian football star Neymar back in May.

Neymar has vehemently denied claims he raped the alleged victim in a Paris hotel room on May 15.

The woman claimed in a television interview with SBT Brasil that she exchanged messages with the 27-year-old on social media before meeting him at the Sofitel Paris Arc Du Triomphe.

She said she returned to Brazil two days later but was too emotionally shaken to report the incident until May 31.

Neymar subsequently posted an Instagram update in which he claimed the allegations were part of an extortion attempt.

Police in Brazil closed the investigation into the rape allegations in late July, with Sao Paulo police investigator Juliana Lopes Bussacos saying in a press conference: "I did not see enough elements to indict." That was followed by prosecutors in Brazil also finding a lack of evidence and announcing their decision earlier this month to



Neymar.

close the case against Neymar. "We decided in favour of closing the case because there is insufficient evidence," prosecutor Flavia Merini said at a news conference.

"The police investigator asked her to plug her phone into a computer so she could see the video [supposedly showing an attack], but she [the alleged victim] didn't want to do that. She also refused to hand over her phone, and later she said it had been stolen," co-prosecutor Estefania

Paulin added. "The case will be closed as long as no new evidence is presented. If evidence comes up and we come to understand it is relevant and important, the case could be reopened." In Tuesday's announcement, police said they indicted the accuser (N.) for procedural fraud, slanderous denunciation and extortion, while adding that Alves has been indicted for "disclosing material with erotic content from N. to a reporter."

Goal

Beckham 'reaches out to Messi over move to Inter Miami'

MIAMI - David Beckham has reportedly 'reached out' to Barcelona forward Lionel Messi in a bid to see him become the star of his new Inter Miami side.

Beckham's club will launch in the MLS from March 2020 and the former Manchester United and Real Madrid winger is looking to make a statement of intent in his first season.

And according to Barcelona Radio host Xavi Campos, contact has been made with Messi about a switch to the US, after it emerged he can walk away from Barcelona for free at the end of

the 2019-20 season if he chooses.

Beckham has not been shy in setting out his dream transfer targets in the past after revealing earlier this year both Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo would be his preferred names to bring over to the MLS.

"Everyone has their wish list," he said. "But if you look at the way Leo and Cristiano are still playing, even at what you might think is the later stage of their careers, I don't see it ending for them."

"They're playing at such a high level that it's hard to see them leaving the clubs they are at. But we will see. You

never know what can happen in football." Messi has not featured so far this season as he continues to recover from an injury picked up before La Liga got underway.

But all the talk around the five-time Ballon d'Or winner has surrounded news of Barcelona's decision to allow him to depart for free if he wishes to leave the club - such is their belief he will remain at the Nou Camp. "Messi signed until 2021. It was agreed that at the end of the penultimate season he is at liberty to leave for free," president Josep Bartomeu told Barca TV recently. **Daily Mail**



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By Dumisani Ntiwane (ESRC Media Officer)



MAPHALALENI, GILGAL: LET'S PLAY!

SHU.....Shu....Shukuma Eswatini! Greetings and welcome to yet another edition of your favourite column, Shukuma Eswatini.

We are fresh from the Eswatini International Trade Fair, where our stand received rave reviews from the public. It was an awesome experience for both our dynamic team and the public. We have always been saying it that we are here to serve the nation and that is exactly what we were doing during the Trade Fair.

Now, that we are done with the Trade Fair, focus once again turns to our flagship programme, Shukuma Eswatini!

As stated last week, our popular programme is back and back with a bang.

The Maphalaleni Inkhundla will host Shukuma on September 21. We cannot wait. We know for a fact that Maphalaleni Inkhundla folk will come out in their numbers to play. Yes, Shukuma is all about play and nothing else. We have games, which are designed to stimulate the mind, body and soul. Yes, the body, mind and soul. It becomes the complete package for one.

That is why people from surrounding areas at the Maphalaleni Inkhundla should come out to play in their numbers. We are expecting people from places like Endlozini, Emfeni, Emcengeri, Ensingweni, Madlolo and Maphalaleni to be part of the festivities. We have always been saying it that we do not discriminate against anyone, hence people from other areas are most wel-

...on September 21 we will be at Maphalaleni and a week later at Gilgal



come to join us as well.

A week later, on September 28 to be precise, our dynamic team we then storm the newly-established Gilgal Inkhundla.

As already stated, our Shukuma programmes are always invigorating and refreshing. That is why the people of Gilgal should expect more fire.

The good news is that, our programme has grown in leaps and bounds in recent times. This has resulted in the increase of our partners who always accompany us to these outreach activities. We

are proud to announce that the Maphalaleni and Gilgal Inkhundla folk should expect organisations like the Breast and Cervical Cancer Network, PSI, REPS, Diabetes Swaziland, Autism and of course our National Sports Associations to be part of the day.

Activities as usual will include athletics, aerobics, kids' athletics, rope skipping, life skills, fun games, indigenous games, football, netball, volleyball, cricket, darts, boxing and martial arts to mention just a few.

Do not dare miss it!

Cricket headed towards right direction

THE Eswatini Cricket Association deserves a pat on the back. The association is definitely on the right track if one considers the positive steps they have taken.

The elementary coaching course that was held at Caritas in Manzini last week Saturday was a massive success with an impressive number of attendants.

A total of 23 coaches attended the course that was organised by the Eswatini Cricket Association. This programme is in line with the Eswatini National Sport and Recreation Council 2019/20 year-ly operational plan, which falls under coaches development. It is also in line with ECA's growth target strategies within the International Cricket Council aiming to increase the number of qualified and active coaches by 50 per cent at least every year.

The course leader was renowned coach Delisa Malinga. Malinga is a proud holder of the Cricket South Africa Level 1 coaching certificate and is accredited by the CSA to facilitate an Elementary Coaching Course.

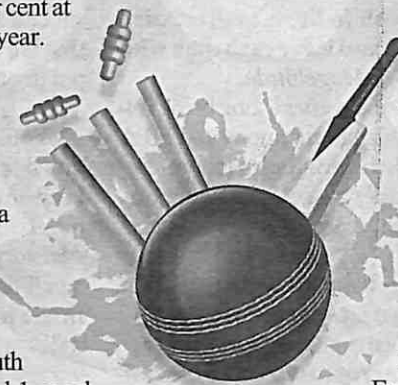
The course participants came from different schools, clubs and universities of the Kingdom of Eswatini. The well-organised course that lasted the whole day was carried out in theory, group discussions, group presentations and practical demonstrations. Updated and informational CSA course material was distributed to the participants.

This material will help the coaches understand the game much better and also help broaden the knowledge and skills to those that already had the cricketing background.

This programme is like sowing a cricket seed that will yield to good fruits in the development of cricket in the country. The Eswatini Cricket Association will have a proper coach to player

ration for effective coaching and the betterment of the game in the country. ECA will run more courses of this kind across all the four administrative regions of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

We can only say bravo to the Cricket Association. We love what they are doing.



Way to go Athletics Eswatini

THE Athletics Eswatini really deserves a pat on the back for taking the sport to greater heights.

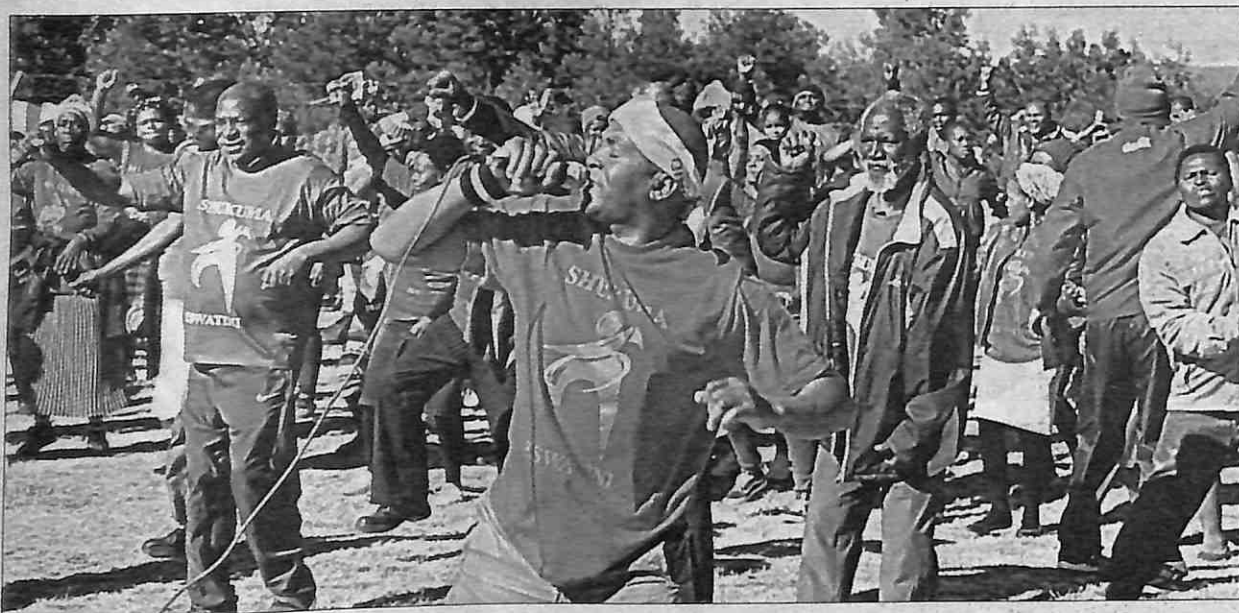
As we speak, the ambitious association is currently hosting the IAAF Coaches Education and Certification System Level 1 course at the Caritas, next to St Theresa's High School in Manzini.

A total of 18 coaches are taking part in the course, which needless to say will go a very long way towards the development of the sport

here.

We have reason to believe that Athletics Eswatini is on the right track.

By empowering our local coaches, there is little doubt that the future of the sport is bright. Renowned athletics coach Muzi Mabuza is the instructor in the ongoing course, which will last for 12 days. We hail the visionary leadership of the Athletics Eswatini executive, which is headed by astute administrator Zakhele Dlamini.



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Quote of the week

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the number of moments that take our breaths away" – Unknown



WELCOME TO THE BULL'S KRAAL



BULLS' DRAMATIC COME-BACK

MY greatest wish in life is to greet each man with peace and leave each man with love, good day boMagebhula.

It's back to business after a long break following our Umhlanga ceremony and FIFA break. We thank Her Majesties for preserving such a wonderful cultural ceremony which have become our national tourist attraction occasion.

Bayethe Wena Waphakathi!

BoMagebhula it is essential for us to work harder for what we need to achieve this year. Life lessons have proven that our desires will not come to us easy without a fight. Already we have played three crucial league games and truly speaking we were expecting much better results than what we have achieved so far.

This is why I want to appeal to all teams

structures to be strong, courageous and know that we are capable of doing anything we put in our minds.

Ourselfs

Should there be somebody shooting us down or criticising our institution, let's just keep on believing in ourselves and turn such negative comments to positive outcomes.

History has taught us to appreciate every small positive change or happenings within the team because we believe that such milestone repays us in confidence going forward.

BoMagebhula please allow me to remind you that a wish is a desire without an attempt.

Actually, this means it is not what we say, wish, hope or intent, but it's only what we do that counts.

It does not matter how slow we go towards

our destiny, as long as we do not stop along the way.

Finally boMagebhula, I hope we are all aware that joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it satisfactorily.

The league is one competition which we don't just need to participate but it's for us to win it this time around.

Going forward, we need to keep on pushing ourselves harder and fight for results for each game played so that we can earn enough points to win the league.

SIHLANGU SEMNIKATI AND ESWATINI CAF REPRESENTATIVE

BOMAGEBHULA, the best way to cheer ourselves on now is to continue cheering our only team still competing for honours in Africa.

We need to come in numbers to support Young Buffalos on Saturday, who will be playing against Bidvest Wits from South Africa. Buffaloes are our only hope in CAF the competition this year and we have to be fully behind them as a nation.

To all Emaswati, we understand that Sihlangu could not make it to the next round of the World Cup Qualifier but this is not the end. As a nation we need to continue supporting our national team without ceasing. My words of comfort to you all are; "failure is a learning experience, a rung on the ladder, a plateau at which we get our thoughts together to prepare our next trial."



UNDER-17 & 20 TRIALS

WE immensely thank all those players who participated in our planned trial sessions last week at Ezulwini sports ground.

As a team, we believe that everybody who participated was a winner regardless of the final outcome of these trial sessions. We also thank the technical team which worked hard in making sure that these trial sessions were a success.



Supporters' corner

BOMAGEBHULA, you are renowned for your fanatical vocal support once you are in the stadium and this is the one best way we need to endlessly apply in order to create an atmosphere to intimidate our opponents, while encouraging Sgebhu to win during our games.

That is the reason why we continuously invite each one of us to come and support the team without causing unnecessary violence

scenarios at the stadiums. Our next game is on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium, where we will be playing against newcomers Milling Hot Spurs. Let's come in our numbers as usual to support the boys. Well done for the good behaviour displayed so far please let us maintain this good record till the end of the season.

A strong warning boMagebhula; amongst our supporters we still have those individuals who enjoy

circulating unconfirmed news to others through the social media platforms as if they are true. Such an act is really not needed in our team because it causes unnecessary tension and problems within the team. We need to stop this madness boMagebhula if we really concerned about rebuilding our teams brand. Gwaza Nkunzi

MBABANE MIDAS KO GRAND CLOSING

@ Msunduza Sports Ground



HAIL CHAMPS: Multi Classic FC players celebrate with their trophy after beating Hurricane FC by 2-1. This was during the Mbabane Midas Knockout Grand closing at Msunduza Sports Ground. (Pics Jongile Xuba)



WHEN THINGS GO WRONG: Hurricane FC coach Isaac Sihlongonyane looks on as his team trail 2-1 in the final.



ALSO PRESENT: Former Manzini Wanderers coach Thabo Vilakati was also among the spectators while flanked by the HRFA Executive members Ntokozo Tsela and Nkosingiphile Shongwe and Vovovo FC player Gadafi.



BRAND NEW: Hurricane FC captain Simomo being presented with a new soccer kit by Mbabane Midas Marketing Officer Gcebile Vilakati before the final.



INTRODUCTIONS: The Multi Classic FC captain introduces his players to the Mbabane Midas manager Mabuza.



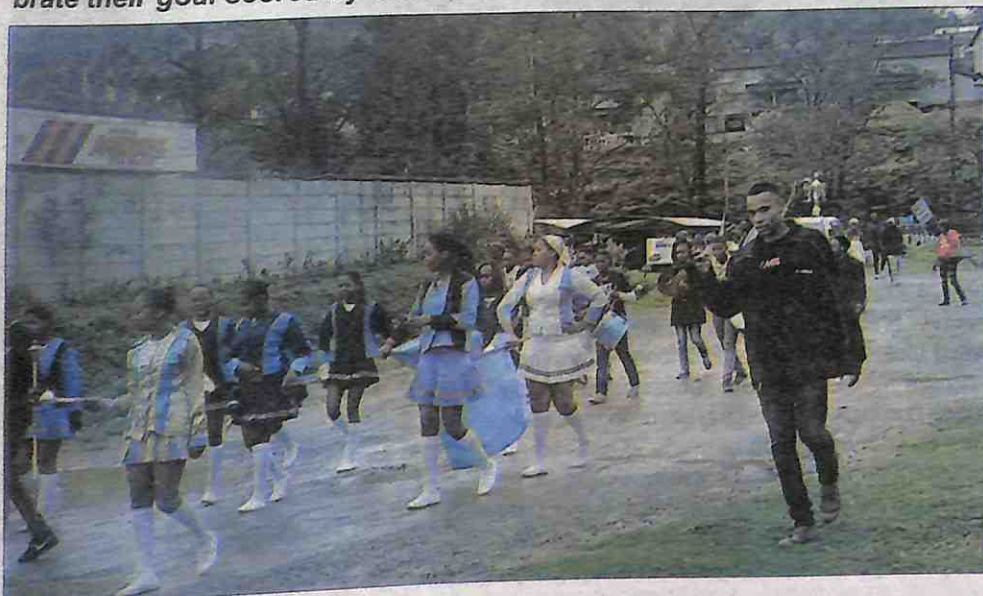
CELEBRATION : Multi Classic FC players celebrate their goal scored by Sebe Dlamini.



EYES ON THE BALL: Players challenge for the ball.



TRUE LEADER. Multi Classic captain receives his team's trophy from Midas Manager Alpha Mabuza, while HRFA executive members look on.



PARADE: MDS High Schools drum majorettes leading the parade.



READY FOR WAR: Hurricane FC players pose for a group photo.

FOOTBALL TALK

All your latest WORLD FOOTBALL News

■ David Beckham has 'made contact' with Barcelona's Argentina forward Lionel Messi, 32, about joining his new MLS franchise in Miami. (*Mirror*)

■ Chelsea will try to sign £35m-rated Nice defender Youcef Atal, the 23-year-old Algeria full-back, in January if they manage to get their transfer ban lifted by the start of 2020. (*Sun*)



■ Manchester United have scouted Benfica's Portuguese midfielder Florentino Luis, 21, but could face competition from Manchester City. (*A Bola via Sport Witness - in Portuguese*)

■ Manchester City failed with a bid in the summer to sign Inter Milan's Slovakia defender Milan Skriniar, 24, but could try again in January. (*Tuttosport, via Sport Witness*)

■ Armenia's former Manchester United and Arsenal midfielder Henrikh Mkhitaryan, 30, who is now at Roma, has said his spell in the Premier League made him "fall out of love" with football. (*Manchester Evening News*)



■ Manchester City are trying to convince winger Leroy Sané, 23, to sign a new deal before Bayern Munich have another chance to bid for the German. (*Standard*)

■ Chelsea will try to sign Valencia and Spain left-back Jose Gaya, 24, when their transfer ban ends next summer. (*Soccer Link, via Talk Sport*)

■ Brazilian midfielder Lucas Piazon, 25, says he is ready to leave Chelsea on a permanent basis because he is fed up with being sent on loan every year. (*A Bola, via Goal*)

■ Former Arsenal and Germany defender Per Mertesacker believes the club's players failed to justify Arsene Wenger's faith in them in the latter days of the Frenchman's reign at Emirates Stadium. (*Standard*)



■ Wenger says one of his biggest regrets as Arsenal boss was missing out on signing Barcelona forward Lionel Messi. (*beIN Sports*)

■ Belgium midfielder Kevin de Bruyne, 28, has promised former Manchester City team-mate Vincent Kompany he will one day play for him at Anderlecht. (*Sun*)

Magwanyane win Swazi Trac top 8 title

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER - MAGWANYANE FC beat Juventus 1-0 to win the inaugural Swazi Trac Lubombo top eight E20 000 knock-out tournaments in a scintillating final played at Mayaluka Stadium on Sunday.

Magwanyane demonstrated great enthusiasm as early as in the first half as they pressed their opponents, but failed to score.

They were threatening in front of goal for prolonged period, giving their opponents a torrid time, especially in the belly of the park. Juventus' rear-guard should be credited for stopping their opponents and preventing them to score to ensure that the score-line remained 0-0, at least for the better part of the first half.

Juventus showed some signs of life when going forward,

with intimidating build ups which were, however, not a threat to the Magwanyane goalposts.

The throngs of football supporters, who were starting to enjoy the encounter, eventually saw a goal midway through the first half as Magwanyane scored the only goal of the match - the goal that won the championship! The second half began in high tempo with Magwanyane seemingly in control of the game. Juventus did make some moves which looked promising but they could not penetrate their opponents.

The encounter ended 1-0 and Magwanyane claimed the championship.

The game was preceded by another enthralling clash between Rail United and Samampela who were contesting for the third spot. United, who were parading former Manzini Wanderers

players, Sicelo 'Junior' Simelane and Njabulo Maziya, were able to beat Samampela 2-1 to win bronze.

This game also proved to be an entertaining affair as both sides showed high level of determination to win the game.

The final game was graced by Women Football Association (WFA) Chairman Sonnyboy Mabuza, former Moneni Pirates and Mbabane Highlanders player Nhlanhla 'Madida' Mabuza, Swazi Trac representative Thulani Mathonsi, as well as as Lubombo Regional Football Association (LRFA), executive committee led by Chairman Nichodimus 'Ace' Mashwama. The tournament featured the top eight teams from the 2018/19 Swazi Trac Lubombo Super League.



'Mkhaba Phuma Kimi' bootcamp on Saturday

BY COLISILE SACOLO

ATHLETICS - THE famous 'Mkhaba Phuma Kimi' bootcamp will hit the Manzini Millennium Park on Saturday, where athletes will be taken through their paces during the three-hour session.

The September bootcamp will start at 6:30am and will be conducted

by the ever growing Zithande Athletics Club club coach Nsizwa Thwala.

The club coach Nsizwa Thwala said the aim of the bootcamp was to improve the culture of exercising among the nation.

"We are inviting members of the public to attend the bootcamp in their numbers where a numbers of activities will be taking place.

Registration for the event is E50 per athlete. We will be focusing on the beach training as most people are looking to get fit ahead of the December holidays. "The camp is open to both young and old as we want to give them an opportunity to live a healthy lifestyle. We are looking forward to a fruitful and successful bootcamp," he said. The Zithande Athletics Club is fresh from hosting a run between Big Bend and Siphofaneni where they also formed a new partnership with the Wendy's Lodge.

The camp is open to both young and old as we want to give them an opportunity to live a healthy lifestyle



Flag vs Dodge in Floating Challenge

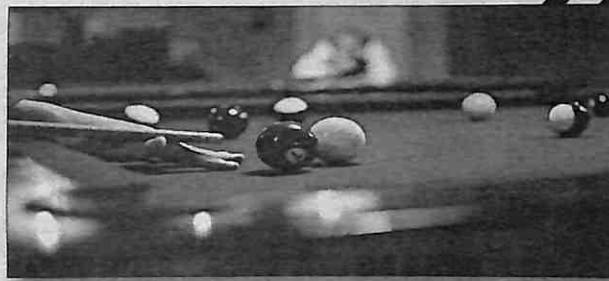
BY MELUSI MLOTSA

POOL - SPARKS are set to fly when seasoned pool players Flag Nxumalo and Dodge Matsebula clash in the Floating Trophy Challenge.

The much-awaited clash is scheduled for Express Car Wash at 5pm.

All eyes will be on Nxumalo, who last week beat Makhosini Mthupha in a tightly-contested match. Nxumalo was crowned champions and walked away with E1 000.

Express Car Wash Coordinator Sicelo Mndzebele urged



all pool lovers to come in their numbers to watch the encounter tomorrow. "It will be a thrilling encounter as both Nxumalo and Matsebula are top class pool players in the country. We urge pool lovers to come in numbers are witness this exciting encounter," he said. Mndzebele also mentioned

that the main aim of the trophy challenge was to see, who the best pool player in the country is. He then appealed for sponsorships from local companies.

"We appeal for sponsorships from local companies. Pool is one of the best sports, as it also keeps people busy.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY

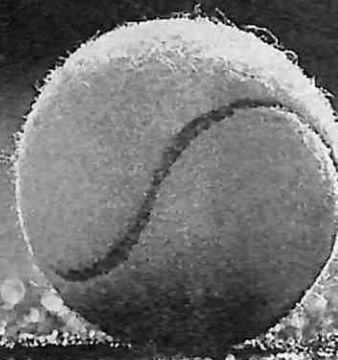
BY COLISILE SACOLO

TENNIS - FOLLOWING the successful hosting of the Acers Tennis Tournament last weekend, the Eswatini National Tennis Association will this weekend stage an open tournament at the National Tennis Centre in Lobamba.

The Saturday open competition will kickoff at 8:30am

and it will feature juniors and seniors, who will be competing in the Under-14 and 18 and seniors category in what is set to an action packed event. ENTA Secretary Ncaba Mkhalihi invited local tennis players to register for the competition in their numbers. "Players can now register by contacting the association and paying the registration fee of E10 per player in the juniors' category (both boys and girls).

Seniors will have to pay E20 registration fee in order to take part in the games. The draw will take place tomorrow at the Lugogo Sun tennis courts at 5pm. "We are looking forward to the competition and we urge parents and the nation at large to attend the games in their numbers." Outstanding players will win equipment such as racquets, water bottles, and tennis balls, courtesy of the national mother body.



E30 000 FOR PHUMLANI SIGNATURE

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER – GREEN Mamba are reportedly demanding E30 000 from capital city giants Mbabane Highlanders for the signature of veteran midfielder Phumlani Ngwenya.

Information gathered is to the effect that the pint-sized midfielder was on loan to the capital city giants and the deal between the two parties came to an end at the end of July.

Ngwenya has been conspicuously missing from the team in the 2019/20 season despite the fact that he played a pivotal role last season.

It has also been ascertained that the player has begun training with the capital city giants while his former team Green Mamba was still negotiations with the black and white ensemble.

"Green Mamba want E30 000 for them to release the player but if Highlanders want him on loan,

they will have to pay E15 000," said a source close to the matter.

Green Mamba Chief Executive Officer Thami Phakathi declined to comment about the matter, referring all queries to Mbabane Highlanders.

Mbabane Highlanders Communication Officer Bhokisisa Dlamini said negotiations between the two teams are in progress.

"Registration is still open and negotiations between the two teams are in progress. For that reason, I'm not

in a position to respond on your question because that can have a negative impact on our good relations with Green Mamba," he said.

Meanwhile, another player whose contract has expired with the capital city giants is central defender, Simphiwe 'Cheese' Manana. The former Mbabane city player had not participated in the team's activities since the season has started.



NEGOTIATIONS:
Phumlani Ngwenya.

Terisayi cleared to coach

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER – AFTER watching all the three opening league matches from the sidelines, Tambuti FC head coach Terisayi Changara has now been cleared to coach in the country.

Information gathered from a source close to the matter is to the effect that the Zimbabwe-born coach was cleared by the EFA after he submitted all his paper work to the Eswatini Football Coaches Association (EFCA) last week Tuesday. Terisayi, who has recently acquired the Eswatini citizenship, also confirmed that he had sorted out his paper work and was ready to lead his team from the bench.

"I am happy my paperwork has been sorted. I am looking forward to tomorrow's match against Green Mamba. I just say that the

spirit is high among the boys," he said.

It also had established that the sugar belt side captain

The list of complying coaches:

1. Honor Janza – Mbabane Swallows
2. Edwin Matsebula – Royal Leopard
3. Caleb Ngwenya – Green Mamba
4. Domenic Kunene – Young Buffaloes
5. Zenzile 'Ace' Dlamini – Mbabane Highlanders
6. Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe – Manzini Wanderers
7. Milling Hlophe – Clement Mdluli
8. Christopher Ennin – Denver Sundowns
9. Alou Badara – Piggies Peak Black Swallows
10. Gcina Magiyane Dlamini – Mweni Pirates
11. Anthony Mdluli – Manzini Sea Birds
12. Terisayi Changara – Tambuti FC
13. Raymond Dlamini – Malanti Chiefs

Muntu Mamba, who is working for the Correctional Services side had been allowed by his employers to play against them in the match.

Meanwhile, EFCA secretary Musa Mamba also confirmed that Changara had registered and paid the subscription fee of E200. He mentioned that the former XI Men in Flight player was now eligible to sit on the bench.

In the same breath, Mamba mentioned that it was only Mhlume Peacemakers head coach Takesure Chingari, who was failing to comply with the EFCA.

Staunch Green Mamba supporter passes on

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – GREEN Mamba are mourning the death of their female supporter Bongiwe Dlamini, who passed way after suffering from an undisclosed illness.

The late Dlamini worked as a gate person during home matches of the reigning MTN Premier League champions as she also won several best dressed supporter awards during the MTN Y'ello Sunday matches that featured the Correctional Services side.

The team's Chief Executive Officer Thami Phakathi said they were saddened by the demise of Dlamini, who was a Green Mamba person through and through.

"As a team we wish to extend its heartfelt condolences to the Dlamini family of Nsingweni for the untimely demise of Bongiwe Dlamini. Dlamini was not only a Green Mamba supporter but the team ran in her veins as she was always ready to assist whenever called to do so. At the time of demise, she was assisting as a gate cashier whenever we were hosting. We are shattered, shocked and saddened by the loss and may her soul rest in peace," Phakathi said.

The green and white ensemble will take on Lubombo based side Tambuti during their next League outing slated for the Somhlolo National Stadium on Friday night.



National Under-20 player joins SA side

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – NATIONAL Under-20 player Pabbalo Yende has joined South African ABC Motsepe League side Eleven Fast Tigers FC.

The former Young Buffaloes development player has signed a one-year contract with the Limpopo based side.

Eleven Tigers recently had two former South African international players in their books in the likes of Lerato Chabangu

and Mbabane Highlanders left back Punch Masenemela.

Yende confirmed the news when contacted yesterday.

"I am now with Eleven Tigers FC and I am looking forward to explore my talent with the team and possibly help them to gain promotion to the Glad Africa Championships.

My main wish is to represent my country at senior national team level," he said.

Yende spent over three seasons at the Buffaloes youth ranks alongside the likes of

Lindani 'Rio' Matsenjwa, Sanele Ngcamphalala, Khayelihle Manana and Mndeni Lukhele under the guidance of Sabelo Mnisi.

The junior army side has won several Premier League of Eswatini Reserve League titles. Yende has become the second local player to join an ABC Motsepe League side after former Manzini Wanderers goalkeeper Banele Dlamini, who is now in the books of Mbombela City.

SIMUNYE 3 RESERVES NEXT SATURDAY

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

CYCLING – AFTER a month layoff, local cyclists will finally return to action next weekend during the 2019 Simunye 3 Reserves Mountain Bike Challenge.

The annual MTB race will take place at the Simunye Country Club and Lodge, starting from 7:15am.

Riders will be competing in four categories 73km, 43km, 23km and 10km and registration for the race is now open at the Adventure Sports.

Eswatini Cycling Association vice Secretary Morgan Rudd invited riders to attend the race in their numbers.

"We call upon riders to register for the race as the deadline is Saturday. Forms can be collected at Adventure Sports (Simunye branch) or visit the website of www.Cyclevents.co.za for online registration. Late entries will become unofficial riders during the day of competition if one will fail to meet the deadline," he said. "Registration for the main category E320 and it will be E250



to be part in the 43km. The 23 km and 10km will costs E160 and E120, respectively," he said.

Several local clubs such as Dig

Deep, MTN Khemani, Newcomm Wheels, 4ever Cycling Club, EUDF and Kusekhaya are expected to take part in the upcoming race.

CLEARED: Tambuti FC head coach Terisayi Changara.



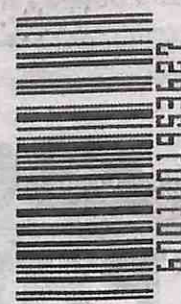
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SPORTS

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IF SPORTS IS YOUR BIBLE, THEN WE ARE YOUR CHURCH

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BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

SOCCER – THE going seems to be getting tougher for Sihlangu Semnikati players as they have not received their allowances since the 2019 COSAFA Cup.

A source close to the matter revealed that the players have not received any money since the annual regional showpiece, which was played in Durban, South Africa in June, which means the allowances have accrued for three months.

"This is just sad as the players have not received any money since the COSAFA Cup yet they are expected to perform to the best of their abilities.

"They have been promised to be paid by the Eswatini Football Association but it's taking forever. The players are worried about the situation as they have played important games without getting any form of incentives.

"The morale has been low in the camp since the first leg against Djibouti because the Football Association has been shifting the goalpost about the allowances. Even now the EFA has not told the players when they would receive their money.

"They are literally failing to give a precise date and the players are now losing hope." The source said this needed to be sorted soon as the players were not at all happy with what is going on.

"This is not to say they lost to Djibouti because of the allowances, but it looks like it's a com-



SIHLANGU PLAYERS OWED THREE MONTHS ALLOWANCES

- They never received monies since 2019 COSAFA Cup ● Owed funds include training allowances
- EFA mum on the matter

bination of factors. The EFA need to act swiftly."

EFA Marketing and Communications officer Muzi Radebe could neither agree nor deny the matter when contacted yesterday.

"These are administrative issues

between the Football Association and the players, therefore, I cannot say anything until I get something official concerning the matter you are talking about," Radebe said briefly.

Each Sihlangu player is entitled to E200 training allowance per day and

E1 000 winning bonus for donning the national team jersey.

Meanwhile, this is not the first time to hear Sihlangu players complaining about their allowances.

The nation's pride recently crashed out of the 2022 FIFA World Cup

Qualifiers after suffering to a 2-1 aggregate loss to minnows Djibouti.

The Kostadin Papić-led men will now face Zambia in the last qualifying round of the 2020 CHAN Qualifiers before taking part in the 2021 AFCON Qualifiers.

Allen's documents authentic - EFA

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

SOCCER – IN a rather twist of events, the Eswatini Football Association (EFA) has admitted that Allen Mabuza's documents are authentic.

The two documents that were questionable are an affidavit allegedly deposed by the first applicant (Allen Mabuza) and a sick note.

In founding affidavit papers, signed by EFA Chief Executive Frederick Mngomezulu it is stated that on August 30, 2019, he sent a letter to the Royal Eswatini Police Service Commission to initiate the authenticity of the documents.

He stated that the preliminary report was sent to the offices of his attorneys, the National Commissioner of Police, Mr. C.M Dlamini through a letter dated September 5, 2019, reporting the affidavit in question had been deposed by unknown person and the stamp was illegally used.

Further, the commissioner reported that the force number reflected on the affidavit belonged to an officer who was stationed in Pigg's Peak.

"On or about the September 10 2019, between, I am advised and verily believed, by Mr. Sandile Mthethwa, article clerk at the offices of my attorneys, that he received a call from Pigg's Peak Station Commander one Sabelo Methula at around 3:30pm - 4pm inform-

ing him that surprisingly, the affidavit was authentic and was commissioned by an officer, who belongs to the Pigg's Peak Police Station, which is in contrast to the report the dated September 11, 2019, signed by the National Commissioner. Sabelo Methula further undertook to file a report on the same on or before the end of business, September 11, 2019.

"I further state that Sandile Mthethwa further informed me that the Principal Secretary at the Ministry of Health, through a letter dated the September 11, 2019, confirmed the sick sheet which its authenticity was initially questionable, is indeed authentic, much in contrast with the initial preliminary report," reads the affidavit that was signed by EFA Chief Executive Officer Mngomezulu.

The matter will be heard today at 9:30am before High Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe after it was postponed yesterday. This was due to the fact that the parties were not ready to make their arguments since the matter is now consolidated.

Pigg's Peak Black Swallows are represented by lawyer Zakhele Dlamini with lawyer Martin 'Internash' Dlamini representing Mbabane Highlanders, while lawyer Sidumo Mdladla represents Eswatini Football Association.

Elangeni High School principal proud of Manyisa

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA



GREATER HEIGHTS:
Leon Manyisa recently joined Armenian side FC Van.

SOCCER – ELANGENI High School Principal Edward Kayoni has expressed his happiness following the move of their pupil Leon Manyisa to Europe.

The principal said as a school, they were proud of the Manzini Wanderers player's transfer to Armenian side FC Van on a two-year contract.

"We are happy and excited about the player's move, which we believe would help improve his already flourishing football career. The most important thing is that the player will be able to complete school in Armenia since he was still doing Form 4.

"Our main aim is to see the player having a bright future, both academically and football wise. He was one of the most disciplined pupils as he never had disciplinary issues since he joined the school. We gave him our blessing before the move as we held a prayer service before his departure," he said.

Kayoni said they also encouraged extra curriculum activities such as football in their school.

"We always thrive to see the players having a career after completing school, including football. We always



encourage our pupils to put education first even if they are talented in whatever sport," he added.

The former Vovovo FC and Green Mamba development player Manyisa has become the second Elangeni High School pupil to get an international move after Maritzburg United winger Justice Figuereido, who is currently on loan at Mbombela United.

Other Premier League players that came from Elangeni High School include the likes of Manzini Sea Birds pair of Muzi Tsabedze and Gcinizwi Dlamini, Mbabane Swallows winger Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala and Wanderers playmaker Mancoba 'Spider' Maseko, among others.

Manyisa was also included in the Sihlangu set-up under the tutelage of Serbian mentor Kostadin Papić.