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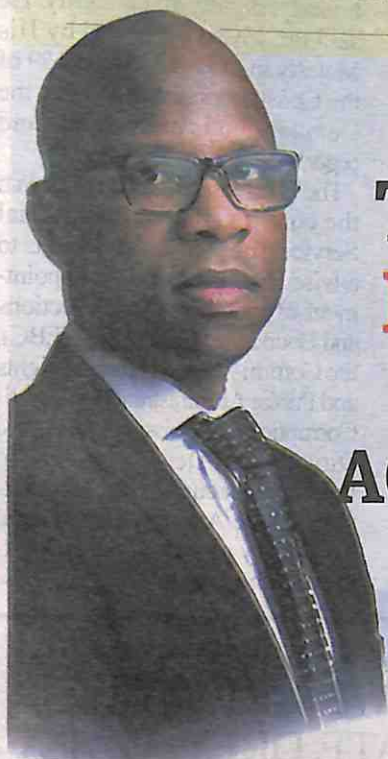
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WAY FORWARD: Minister of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe and her SA counterpart Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi accompanied by Minister of Tourism Moses Vilakati (l) and Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati (far right) during the tour of Ngwenya Border Post where the two ministers discussed matters of mutual concern relating to the management of immigration procedures between the two countries yesterday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane) **MORE ON PAGES 4-5**

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JSC under siege from powerful and

STORIES BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

THE Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala has made a shocking statement that the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) is under siege from a very powerful and dangerous political elite.

The Chief Justice who is also Chairman of the JSC revealed this yesterday at the High Court during the swearing in of new members of the JSC.

When addressing the new members of the Commission who include Prince Mgebiseni, Chakazile Dlamini, Bongani Sydney Dlamini and Sibongile Zondi, the Chief Justice said he would be failing in his duties if he did not mention that there is a political elite which is undermining and interfering with the Constitutional mandate of the Judicial Service Commission. He said that this should come to an end.

The CJ pointed out that the conduct of this political elite is treasonable.

"The Judicial Service Commission is under siege from a strong power-



TAKING OATH: Prince Mgebiseni takes the oath of office, while Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala prepares some documents during the swearing-in of the Judicial Service Commission members yesterday.

ful and dangerous political elite which is currently occupying our political space," the Chief Justice said.

Power

He added that so powerful is the political elite that it has arrogated to themselves the constitutional powers of key institutions of State and exercising State power. Chief Justice Maphalala explained that the Constitution clearly defines the pow-

ers and duties of every State institution and further guarantees their independence to uphold the Constitution and the rule of law.

Maphalala said the existence of the political elite constitutes a serious threat to the political and economic stability of this country together with its international relations and peaceful coexistence.

"The Constitution is the supreme

law of this land and the Nation has the right and duty to uphold and defend this Constitution," the Chief Justice said.

He warned that any person who suspends, overthrows, abrogates or attempts to do so is guilty of the offence of treason.

The Chief Justice explained that the Constitution of Eswatini is the product of the wishes and aspirations of the nation and the decision to adopt the current Constitution was adopted by Sibaya at Ludzidzini.

Undermine

He said Sibaya is the Swazi National Council, and it is chaired by Ingwenyama. The chairman indicated that the nation gathered at Sibaya constitute the highest policy and advisory council of the nation.

He added that accordingly, nobody should undermine the will of the people of the country.

The Chief Justice pointed out that political and economic stability as well as foreign direct investment in any constitutional democracy depends exclusively upon the respect and loyalty of the nation to the Constitution.

Addressing the newly-appointed JSC members, the Chief Justice

extended his gratitude to His Majesty King Mswati III for the appointment of the new members.

He said the appointment of the members of the Commission signifies the trust and confidence which His Majesty has upon each and every member of the Commission.

Dignity

Maphalala reminded the JSC members that their responsibility is to serve the King and the nation with honesty, dignity and integrity. He said the JSC is appointed by His Majesty in terms of Section 159 of the Constitution, he added that the Commission is independent and reports directly to the King.

The Chief Justice went on to explain the core function of the Judicial Service Commission saying it is to advise His Majesty on the appointment of members of the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC), the Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), the Director and Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, the appointment of the Attorney General and his Deputy as well as the appointment of the judges.

Stop misleading Emaswati on dagga

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI
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SENATORS have urged the ministry of health to stop misleading Emaswati with regards to legalising dagga.

Senators have voiced their concern that a number of citizens are of the idea that the currently illegally farmed herb will be legalised when that is not the case.

This was outlined yesterday at the ministry of health portfolio committee workshop for familiarising senators with the opium and Habit Forming Drugs (Amendment) Bill 2019.

Senator Vuka Moi Masilela said the ministry of health should be clear in stating the main aim of the Bill as a majority of Emaswati are of the idea that the Bill would permit farmers to produce the drug to be sold for recreational purposes yet that was not the case.

"Why is the ministry misleading the nation and rendering false hope as the nation is of the assumption that the currently farmed dagga would be legalised. The ministry should send a clear message that the drugs would be used strictly for medicinal purposes," said the senator.

Senator Cleopas Dlamini echoed Masilela's sentiments and said most illegal farmers are of the idea that government has found a good use for the drug and would now be able to produce and sell to government provided they obtained the necessary documentation.

The senators pointed out that only a specific type of the drug grown under a controlled environment will be used for research and medical purposes.

Senator Masilela further urged the ministry to conduct the research to identify if the local dagga was suitable for medicinal purposes.

Ministry of Health Portfolio Committee Chairperson Senator Isaac Magagula insisted that the message should be clear in the sense that the cannabis would be cultivated for medicinal purposes so as to avoid misconceptions by the public.

Ministry of Health Legal Advisor Zandile Dlamini said the regulations were specific and strictly for production of cannabis for the purposes of medicinal and scientific research purposes and not for recreational purposes.

Dlamini mentioned that the current illegal herb would not be suitable for medicinal purposes, saying that in order for the cannabis to be used for medical purposes, it would have to be farmed under a specifically controlled environment.

Ministry of Health Deputy Director Pharmaceuticals Fortunate Bhembe said research on the illegal local drug could not be conducted until the bill was adopted as it would include the provision of a research permit.

She mentioned that the locally farmed product still needed to undergo laboratory research to determine the potency of the drug. She said this was critical as the recommended potency for medicinal purposes was about 0.3 per cent, while some of the illegally farmed dagga had a high potency as some was as high as 15 per cent was too strong to be used for medicinal purposes.

She also insisted that dagga confiscated by the police would not be suitable to conduct research as the conditions under which it was farmed were not monitored.

APPLICATION FEES FOR PERMITS TOO HIGH

Senators have joined the chorus of those who say that the application fees

for dagga licensing were too high and did not favour the ordinary citizen.

The proposed application fee for the production of cannabis is set at E1 million and the application for the renewal of a licence to produce cannabis is at E80 000, whereas the application fee for importing and exporting cannabis is also set at E80 000.

Deputy Senate President Ndumiso Mdluli said the fees were only suitable for large corporate businesses and for only a few wealthy individuals. He requested if the ministry of health would consider reducing the fees.

Thulasizwe Dlamini from the Attorney General's Office said the fees were based on research conducted in comparison with fees from other countries. He mentioned that the local fees were in relation to fees charged in Zimbabwe, where they charge US\$50 000 (about E700 000).

Dlamini also mentioned that the fees were only a proposal and were subject to increasing or reduction by Cabinet.

ILLEGAL DEALERS TO FACE A HEFTY FINE

Illegal dagga dealers are to face significantly higher fines as the proposed regulations aim to deter illegal dealing.

Over the years, the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) has been forced to abolish the use of The Opium and Habit - Forming Drugs Act, 1922, as it was outdated and the fines were too low.

This has led to illegal producers of cannabis to continue with their illegal production and dealing as they were not deterred by the minimal fee, as it remained unchanged at E40 for contravening the Act.

Thulasizwe Dlamini from the Attorney General's Office said the police opted to use the much newer Pharmacy Act

WHISTLE-BLOWER REWARDS COULD ESCALATE DRUG WARS

ANYONE who provides the ministry of health with information that could lead to the arrest of a law-breaker would be compensated.

Thulasizwe Dlamini from the Attorney General's Office said another clause that was amended was in relation to a whistle-blower who was offered a reward of E40 for provision of information that leads to the arrest of a law-breaker. He said the amended Act had a provision of E5 000 for whistle blowers.

Senator Prince Hlangabeza said over the years, there have been numerous reported cases of drug related murder cases. He mentioned that the promise of a hefty reward would put a lot of people in danger as they may

be targeted by illegal farmers and dealers.

"Farmers could target innocent citizens who may accidentally pass their fields as they would assume they would be attracted to the reward and inform the relevant authorities," he said.

He stated that the rewards could lead to more violence and stated the concern that it would affect a lot of Emaswati who were making a living and raising families through the drug trade.

Dlamini said the increased reward was aimed at deterring licensed companies and individuals from conducting unlicensed and illegal deals on the side and was not specifically meant for illegal farmers.

of 1985.

Dlamini said according to The Opium and Habit Forming Drugs Amendment Bill of 2019, any person who contravened the provisions of the regulations shall be found guilty of an offence and be liable to a fine not exceeding E200 000 or imprisonment for a period of 20 years or both such fine and imprisonment.

He also mentioned that any person who was aggrieved by any decision made in terms of the regulations may within 30 days, appeal to the Appeals Tribunal in terms of the Medicine and related substance Control Act.

Senate President Lindiwe Dlamini enquired how the unlicensed farmers would be charged as the fine was too high. Senator Prince Mphatfwa mentioned that these were two different businesses, adding that the proposed fines were unreasonably high as not all Emaswati would be able to attain cer-

tificates for producing the medical cannabis.

Attorney General's Thulasizwe Dlamini said the new fines would apply to everyone who was found to have contravened the regulations of the new Act. He, however, mentioned the fines were mainly aimed to deter cooperatives as well as individuals from illegally producing and exporting cannabis and cannabis products.

He said for the local illegal farmers, their fate would be at the discretion of the High Court as well as magistrates. He stated the magistrates would render sentences based on the quantity of the confiscated substance as they have been doing all along.

"For instance, if someone was found in possession of a minimal quantity, the individual would be sentenced based of the amount found in their possession and did not necessarily have to be the maximum sentence or fine," he said

dangerous political elite - CJ



I SWEAR: Bongani Sydney Dlamini, Chakazile Dlamini and Sibongile Zondi taking their oath of office.

Supreme, Magistrate's and Industrial Courts construction in progress

THE Judiciary is currently involved in a very big project to construct the Supreme Court, Industrial Court of Appeal as well as Buhleni Magistrate's Courts.

This will be done using the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala yesterday revealed that the ground work has been completed with designs and drawings approved by the Appointing Authority.

He said the construction sites have also been

allocated by the Appointing Authority. The Chief Justice informed the Commission that the Tender Board has identified three Construction Companies to undertake the project.

He said what remains is the appointment of the Transactional Advisor to supervise the project as well as the finalisation of the guarantee before construction begins.

Maphalala implored Cabinet to cooperate with the judiciary in this regard.

THE MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

1. Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala – Chairman
2. Peter Mamba – Chairman of CSC
3. Bongani Sydney Dlamini – Member
4. Sibongile Zondi – Member
5. Chakazile Dlamini – Member
6. Chief Mgebiseni Dlamini – Member



MAKING SURE: The CJ Bheki Maphalala goes through his speech.

'JSC FINANCIALLY DISCRIMINATED, LOWEST PAID COMMISSION'

THE Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala has expressed his disappointment on the manner that the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) is being treated.

Maphalala said the JSC is the lowest paid Commission in the public service with a mere sitting allowance as a remuneration.

The Chief Justice said they presented their case to the Mnisi led Commission with a view to improve the terms and conditions of the JSC but their plea fell on deaf ears. "All other service Commissions have been awarded with good terms and conditions. No explanation is being given why the JSC is financially discriminated and disregarded" The Chief Justice said.

He added that this was very disappointing to say the least.

Parliament sits for about 45 minutes

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Lobamba

MEMBERS of Parliament (MPs) had to adjourn early yesterday as Motshane Member of Parliament Robert Magongo was absent.

Magongo was reported to have been sick yesterday and as a result, the House had to adjourn early. The House convened at 2:30pm and was adjourned at about 3:15pm by Minister of ICT Princess Sikhanyiso, after being directed by House of Assembly Speaker Petros Mavimbela to do so.

Magongo was supposed to move two motions in the House of Assembly and the motions were the only ones that were on the Order Paper for yesterday.

Magongo, in the first motion, was supposed to move that the House appoint a seven-member Select Committee to investigate Examinations Council of Eswatini (ECESWA), otherwise known as the Exams Council.

What was to be investigated at the Exams Council, according to Magongo, was the alleged gross irregularities relating maladmin-

Cabinet space still not cleared

THE space between Cabinet offices and His Majesty's Correctional Services (HMCS) Headquarters is still not cleared.

This is because of the cash flow problems that are at the ministry of public works and transport. Minister of Housing and Urban Development Prince Simelane said the cash flow problems that were prevalent in government were the ones

that made it difficult for the works ministry clear the space.

Responsibility

He was responding to a question asked by Mangongco MP Oneboy Zikalala. Zikalala wanted to know why that space was not cleared because it was right in town and many tourists would easily see it.

Zikalala believed this was a responsibility of the ministry

of housing and urban development, as the space he talked about was right in the capital city.

The minister said this was under the portfolio of the ministry of public works and transport. However, the ministry could not be able to clear the place because of the cash flow challenges currently faced by the ministry.

MP Musa Mlamuli Mabuza.

Another motion that Magongo was supposed to move affected the ministry of public service.

Magongo wanted to move that the public service ministry, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, should institute an audit of all government houses.

Create

The audit should be done with the view to, among other things, create a database of all government institutional and pool houses on the regional basis, make a list of the occupants of these houses against each house and the min-

istry/department for which the occupants worked, and verify if indeed the occupants of these houses were government employees and evict all those found not eligible to occupy a government house.

Minister of Public Service Christian Ntshangase was supposed to table a report within 30 days of the passing of this motion.

The motions could also not be amended because the mover, who could amend them, was not present. It remains to be seen when the motions will be debated as the House adjourned indefinitely.

Sipho Thomo killed in car accident

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

AN outing in Mozambique ended on a low when Inyatsi's Acting CFO died in a car accident on Sunday afternoon.

Sipho Thomo (46) died on Sunday when the vehicle that he and five of his friends were driving in collided with a Mozambican vehicle.

Although details to this incident were scanty but sources stated that the six were on their way back from a vacation in Mozambique when the Mozambican registered vehicle went out of its lane and collided head-on with their car. Thomo, who is employed as an Acting Chief Financial Officer at Inyatsi, is said to have been a passenger and was seated at the back of the car when the accident happened. It is suspected that he suffered from internal bleeding due to the impact of the colliding vehicles.

Injured

This deduction was a result of that Thomo did not have any scratches on his body to show that he was injured. The rest are said to have not been hurt in any way and as such were not taken to hospital in Mozambique but were only examined when they arrived in Eswatini where it was confirmed that they were not alright.

The news was confirmed by Inyatsi Group Marketing Manager Gugulethu Mswane when sought for comment. She said the organisation was still shocked at the sudden demise of its employee who was not only an acting CFO but also had other roles within the entity. His body is still in Mozambique as arrangements to have it brought to Eswatini were underway.



AGREEMENT: South Africa Minister of Home Affairs Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi being interviewed with Home Affairs Minister Princess Lindiwe at the Oshoek Border Gate yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

ESWATINI/SA DISCUSS IMMIGRATION MATTERS

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Ngwenya

MINISTER of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe yesterday held a bilateral meeting with her South African counterpart Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi.

The ministers discussed matters of mutual concern relating to the management of immigration between the two countries.

They also had a tour of the border to assess operations.



TELL US MORE: Minister of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe speaks to journalists.

Princess Lindiwe's entourage consisted of Minister of Labour and Security Makhosi Vilakati,

Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati, Home Affairs PS



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Informal crossings to be formalised

THE ministers agreed to have informal crossings formalised to benefit citizens of both countries.

Motsoaledi made an example of one informal crossing that they formalised with the

Republic of Botswana.

They also proposed a one-stop border where once a vehicle is cleared in one border they can freely move in the others without filling any documentation.



REVAMPED: The new look of Ngwenya Border Post offices.



OPERATION: Motsoaledi and Princess Lindiwe being briefed at Ngwenya Border Post.

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Nhlanhla Nxumalo, US Arnold Dlamini and both houses portfolio members.

Princess Lindiwe said she was excited to discuss immigration issues more so the prospect of having the border operate for 24 hours.

She said she hoped that her counterpart would help implement the initiative.

She said they also discussed trade challenges in the sense that Eswatini was losing a lot of money when the border closed because trucks park at the border until the next morning before proceeding to their destination.

"My South African counterpart has lots of energy and seems dedicated to this initiative. He has

invited me to view their printing plant where they print their passports and identity documents. We have agreed in principle for now but we are still to look into more issues as we have support from His Majesty King Mswati III, the Prime Minister and the minister of finance. As soon as South Africa is ready we will be good to go as we are eagerly waiting for the border to start operating all hours," she said.

The minister disclosed that there were accidents caused by people speeding as they rushed to the border.

The ministers will meet on a quarterly basis to get reports on how far they are with implementing the issues agreed on.

UNESWA students protest over unpaid E1 million caution fee

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

STUDENTS at the Mbabane campus started off their academic year on a bad note yesterday as they took to the streets in protest over unpaid caution fee amounting to E1 million.

With an enrolment of over 6 000 students, this means the university collects over E1 million from students in the form of caution fees as each student pays E280. This is money that is given to students at the end of each academic year if the student has not damaged any property belonging to the university.

However, of late students have complained that the institution takes forever in releasing this money. This is a problem for students as some rely on this money to hire transport that takes their movable property back home when the campus closes for the academic year. On Sunday students from Mbabane Campus held a highly charged meeting where they decided that enough is enough. Suspicions were to the effect that the reason the university has been holding on to the

caution fee is to generate interest for the institution at the bank at the expense of students.

During the meeting it was resolved that students would not go back to class unless they received their caution fee. Another issue that arose during the meeting was the payment of allowances in instalments. Students were against this idea and wanted to revert to the old method.

Yesterday students took to the streets and demanded their caution fee. UNESWA Student Representative Council President Sakhile Ndzimandze confirmed that students protested yesterday over their caution fee. Ndzimandze said they had negotiated with the university to release their caution fee to no avail.

He said the institution has an enrolment of over 5 000 students and all these students had not received their E280 in caution fees. This money

according to the president was supposed to be released when they closed for the academic year and now the institution has opened for another academic year and there was nothing forthcoming. Ndzimandze said another burning issue is that of accommodation. He said in Mbabane campus there has been a construction project going at a snail pace and yet students live in overcrowded dormitories.

UNESWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane confirmed that he had received information about students who were protesting yesterday.

He said however, there was nothing which was formally communicated to him.

The Registrar also confirmed that as a university they had not paid students their caution fee. He said they were in the process of doing just that and have been working on the issue since last week.

'There is need to educate our people'

SOUTH African Home Affairs Minister Aaron Motsoaledi says there is a need to educate people in both countries on immigration issues.

These include work permits, study permits, tourists visas and more.

He said opening for longer hours would benefit South Africa more than Eswatini.

He said this exercise would not to stop people from going to neighbouring countries but to encourage people to follow legal procedures.

Delay

Motsoaledi added that delay in study permits release was a result of Eswatini students applying very late not because they were short staffed or any other issues raised.



TEKUVAKASHA: Minister of Tourism Moses Vilakati having one or two words with SA Home Affairs Minister Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi while Minister Princess Lindiwe looks on.



OBSERVING: Some of the SA officials who were present.



PRESENT: Some of the government officials who were present.



THIS SIDE: Minister Princess Lindiwe leads the tour.



PRE REGISTRATION EXAMINATIONS (PRES) FOR PROSPECTIVE GENERAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

1. The Swaziland /Eswatini Medical and Dental Council advises the public and the prospective general medical practitioners that due to the need to apply proper vetting practices in regulating the medical cadre, there is now a requirement for all medical graduates who apply for registration as General Medical Practitioners, to sit for a Pre-Registration Examination. (PRES)
2. The Pre-registration examination will measure the basic medical knowledge and clinical competencies required to practice as a General medical practitioner in the kingdom of Eswatini.
3. It is emphasised that this procedure is a common practice internationally amongst medical regulatory authorities.

The SMDC appointed a technical committee to spearhead this important regulatory function and advise the council.

The PRES will be conducted twice per year and will be held during June-July and October-November.

The first PRES will be held in November 2019. All applications should be read in conjunction with the SMDC application rules and procedures according to the Medical and Dental Practitioners Act of 1970.

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2. CPD is a universal requirement at present times, and SMDC also has to keep up with the international standard in order for our professionals to be recognised across international borders.
3. The SMDC appointed a technical committee to spearhead this important regulatory function and advise the council.
4. SMDC highly appreciates CPD activities organized by Professional Associations.

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House-breaking suspect claims he was hired to transport stolen goods

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A house-breaking suspect has come out to claim that his accomplices hired him to transport stolen goods which he allegedly had no knowledge that they were actually stolen.

Thabiso Sangweni, along with four others, was arrested and charged with house-breaking with intent to steal and theft when he was found to have committed several house-breaking offences in places, including Mdzangwini.

As he was the only suspect who had pleaded not guilty to the offences committed, the court gave him an opportunity to make a statement under oath, where he revealed that he was hired by the suspects on several occasions.

The court reminded Sangweni that he would be subjected to cross examination by the other accused persons and the prosecution.

Goods

"I was hired by the four men on four different occasions, where I was called and asked to transport the stolen goods from one place to another. On the first occasion, I was called by one Senzo Mkhwanazi, who asked me to take some goods, including a kitchen cabinet amongst other items, from one Sabelo Mabundza's home, to Makhokholo and I was to be paid E200 to deliver those goods. On the second occasion, Mabundza called me and requested to see me," Sangweni stated.

Sangweni further informed the court that that was when Mabundza hired him to transport a stove from his house, to Penrose in Mbabane, where it was sold for a mere E250.

Sangweni further informed the court that he was under the impression that, Mabundza was moving back to his parental homestead in Nkambeni, and that he was selling off his prized possessions.

"I was then paid E100 for delivering that stove, as per our agreement.

"The third incident saw Mkhwanazi call me again, this time requesting me to fetch him from Mdzangwini, as he claimed to have passed out from a heavy night of drinking. When I arrived, I found Mkhwanazi in the company of Mabundza. They showed me a place where they would be collecting some of their items. That was when they loaded kitchen cabinets, amongst other

items into my vehicle. I did not ask any questions as I was only hired. After that trip, they paid me E200 as per our usual agreement," he testified.

Interest

Sangweni further stated that after that day, Sabelo Mvubu called him and asked if he needed any sofas, as he was interested in buying them.

"I was interested in the sofas and I knew that I would get them at a good price, as they were second hand sofas. We agreed that he would sell them to me for E1 500, and I did not suspect that there was any foul play. However, I informed Mvubu that I did not have the full amount, as I only had E400, to which he stated that I should give him the E400 and pay off the balance at a later stage. They each came back to me at later stages, asking for the full amount to which I was only able to pay them in instalments. I ended up paying the full amount of E1 500 for the sofas," Sangweni stated, much to the shock of the court.

It was later ascertained that Sangweni was said to have purchased the sofas worth E24 000 at a meagre price of E1 500.

As he was subjected to cross examination from his fellow accomplices, Sangweni was asked if it was possible that he did not know that the items were stolen, as the suspects conducted their business from different homes.

Sangweni responded that he was not aware, as he was under the impression that Mabundza was moving back to his parental homestead at Nkambeni.

"It was impossible to ask where the items were coming from, as I was running a business and I would ask my other customers for the ownership of all the items, each of them would respond that they owned them. No one would, in their right mind, respond to the effect that they had stolen them," Sangweni explained.

The matter was postponed to August 22, to allow the prosecution to cross examine Sangweni's sole statement and for it to prepare its closing submissions.

"I was hired by the four men on four different occasions, where I was called and asked to transport the stolen goods from one place to another"

'SIPHO COULDN'T HAVE AVOIDED STAMPING SA ENTRIES IN PASSPORT'

STORIES BY SANDILE NKAMBULE
Manzini Magistrate Court

AS the extradition request for businessman Siphon Shongwe continues at the Manzini Magistrate's Court, Senior Attorney Ben J Simelane has made it clear that Shongwe could not have avoided stamping his passport on the South African side of the border.

Simelane said to prove that Shongwe never avoided stamping his passport on that side of the border, his passport indicated that he made entries at the OR Tambo International Airport, which shows he had no intention to evade being located in that country. This, after a State witness paraded by the Crown, represented by Principal Crown Counsel Macebo Nxumalo told the court that Shongwe avoided having his passport stamped on the South African side of the border. The witness Sergeant Sifiso Ngwenya from the Intelligence Unit of the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) informed Principal Magistrate David Khumalo that when crossing to South Africa, Shongwe only stamped his passport at the Eswatini border gate at Ngwenya but evaded stamping it on the South African side. Ngwenya told the court that the immigration department records reflected that Shongwe would



STAMPING: Businessman Siphon Shongwe.

have his passport stamped on the Eswatini side, but does not reflect that he had an exit or entry stamp from the South African side. During cross-examination, Simelane put it to this witness that never at any point in time did Shongwe avoid being known to have crossed to South Africa as alleged by Ngwenya in his evidence in chief. In fact, Simelane put it to Ngwenya that he omitted the OR Tambo entries for the sole purpose of giving the impression that Shongwe was avoiding to be known to have vis-

ited South Africa because he was a fugitive as alleged.

"I put it to you that you deliberately omitted that his passport was stamped for entries made at the OR Tambo International Airport because you wanted to create the impression that he did not want to be known to have gone to that country, as you allege he was a fugitive", Simelane said. In his evidence in chief, Ngwenya told the court that both Shongwe's travel document and passport indicated that he only had his passport stamped on the Eswatini side of the border, but does not reflect that he entered or exited South Africa. Simelane put it to Ngwenya that the omission of the OR Tambo entries was an agenda to paint Shongwe as fugitive in South Africa and nothing else.

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Crown accused of delaying extradition matter

SENIOR Attorney Ben J Simelane says Siphon Shongwe's extradition matter is being deliberately delayed by the director of public prosecutions (DPP).

Addressing Principal Magistrate David Khumalo before the court adjourned for its session yesterday afternoon, Simelane said the delay might be a strategy to drain Shongwe of legal costs as he (Simelane) is meant to appear in court and only to deal with one witness each day.

"Your worship, I feel the strain of hav-

ing to deal with only one witness each time we come here is a strategy to drain someone, we could have local witnesses paraded by the Crown in their numbers, but the Crown only brings one witness each time we come here," Simelane raised his concern.

The senior attorney made it clear that they could have dealt with as many of the local witnesses as they were of reach unlike the South African ones.

The court agreed with Simelane on that aspect and requested that the local witnesses could be disposed of as opposed

to those from South Africa.

"For the sake of seeing progress in this matter, let us work together in good spirit to see the matter through," Magistrate Khumalo said.

Principal Crown Counsel Macebo Nxumalo indicated that he would try by all means to parade all the local witnesses. Nxumalo told the court that there is however a South African witness he intends parading and promised to furnish the defence with a summary of evidence for the witnesses he intends to parade.

JSC APPOINTS 4 ASSISTANT REGISTRARS

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

CHAIRMAN of the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala has appointed four assistant registrars.

This appointment, which is with effect from May 6, 2019 was announced through a gazette released on August 2. The appointed parties include Nomcebo A Simelane, Busisiwe Thwala, Philile Pretty Thwala and Sipiwe Nomvuyo Nxumalo.

Meanwhile, the Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati has also announced the appointment of members of the Workmen's Compensation Medical Board. The Board is led Priyan Mahalinyane, who is the Chairperson

representing government. Bongi Dlamini is a member representing employers, while Nosipho Magwaza represents employees. The Board has been tasked with establishing its own rules of procedure for the proper execution of its functions. Meetings of the Board, according to the minister, will take place at such intervals as the Board may determine.

This Board is expected to be in office for a term of three years. Some duties for the Board include administration of the Workmen's Compensation Act and Regulations. They are also expected to receive and process workmen's compensation claims, injury on duty forms and medical certificate of injury and disability. The Board, which consists of doctors will also advise government, employers, employees and the public



MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT: Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala.

in general on all matters and issues incidental and coincidental to occupational health.

LAWYER SNYMAN IS DEAD

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

VETERAN Criminal Lawyer Charlie Carl Snyman (63) has died.

'Snay'ndoda, as he was affectionately known in social circles, is said to have died at 00.30pm last Thursday at the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM) Hospital, where he was admitted.

Information gathered from his family was that Snyman died after a short illness that led to him being admitted last Wednesday night.

He is survived by his wife, three children and five grandchildren.

According to Snyman's wife Debra Sellstroom, the lawyer died about four hours after being admitted at the hospital.

Before this, Debra said her spouse had since become reserved as a result of the ailment but he kept uttering the words, "you're a good woman",

while on his hospital bed.

Snyman is said to have been practicing law for over 15 years. His law career is said to have started back in 1983 after he completed his Bachelor's Degree in LLB from the then University of Swaziland.

The people's lawyer, as some referred to him, is said to have attended law school with some Eswatini's well-known judiciary such as Judge Qinisile Mabuza, Sipho Nkosi and Mbutfo Mamba, to mention a few.

After practicing law at Scott-Smith Attorneys in 1983, Snyman is said to have proceeded to work for government as a crown counsel before he decided to start his own law firm that did not succeed as he was struck off the bar. In 2004, Snyman was reinstated and he joined Kush Vilakati and Associates where he was working until he met his death.

Before he studied law, Snyman's daughter Tanya said her father was



REST IN PEACE: Lawyer Charlie Carl Snyman (L) in this undated photo.

meant to study Theology after he was awarded scholarship to study Theology in Italy. Tanya said her father never wanted to be a clergyman but since he had received the sponsorship from Our Lady of Sorrows' nuns out of pity that his mother could not afford to take him through school, he decided to grab the opportunity and used it as a ticket out of the country.

Once abroad, Snyman changed courses and studied political science instead. Thereafter, he is said to have studied law which he practiced until the end of his time. Even so, the lawyer is said to have been well-versed with matters of the Bible so much that after listening to sermons he would mockingly say, "oh what an interpretation".

Besides studying in Italy, Snyman is said to have also attended the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Tanya described her father as a brilliant man who was loved and respected by almost everyone, especially his clients.

Tanya said her father, despite his education, loved associating with everyone regardless of their financial status.

In this regard, Tanya said her father assisted everyone who sought his services, even the financially unfit clients. She said in as much as he would realise that some of his clients would not be able to pay him, he helped them anyway and sometimes even wrote their debts off because he knew they had no funds to cater for their legal fees.

Snyman will be buried today at Ngwane Park Cemetery at noon after a service that will be held at Dups Funeral home at 10am.

Man (23) assaults lover with a bush knife

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A 23-year old man regrets his violent actions after he was sentenced to a year in a correctional facility for assaulting his girlfriend with the palm of a bush knife.

Khanyakezwe Vilane of Mantabeni was arrested and charged with contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018.

He allegedly assaulted his girlfriend Nonhle Mnisi with open hands, fists, electric cable and the palm of a bush knife.

The assault happened at Mantabeni, where they reside. During his appearance before

Magistrate Tematimandze Shongwe on Monday, the prosecution applied for Vilane to be remanded into custody until August 23, pending his trial date set for September 5. As the prosecution informed that bail was not opposed, Vilane was granted bail set at E2 000 to gain his liberation before his trial.

Another man was convicted on assault charges after he was arrested for assaulting a woman. Samkeliso Ngwenya (33) of Malindza was arrested and charged with assault common, after he was found to have assaulted one Silindile Mbuyisa. Ngwenya was said to have assaulted Mbuyisa with kicks and fists, and with open hands,

thus committing this offence.

During his appearance before the court, Ngwenya pleaded with the court to grant him a lenient sentence, as he was truly remorseful for his actions.

"Your Worship, it was not my intention to assault her at all. I am remorseful because what happened was out of character for me and I promise that I will control my anger next time. I apologise to Mbuyisa wholeheartedly, and I plead with the court to be lenient in my sentencing," Ngwenya pleaded. After hearing his mitigation, Magistrate Shongwe sentenced Ngwenya to pay a fine of E1 500 or in default of payment, serve one year in a correctional facility.

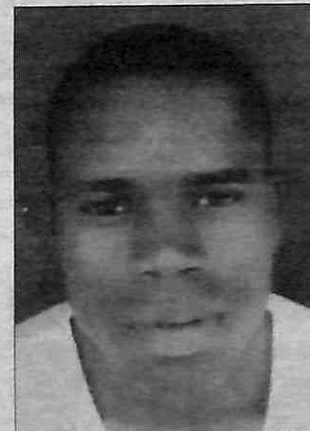
Cops' E5 000 reward for E364 000 theft suspect

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI
Mbabane

THE police have a E5 000 reward for anyone who will help in the arrest of a suspect who made way with E364 161 from Total Garage in Big Bend.

The Royal Eswatini Police Service has requested public assistance in locating a wanted suspect in connection with the theft of money that occurred at Valley Filling Station (Total Garage).

In a press statement, Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati revealed that they had pledged a reward of E5 000



WANTED: Samkelo Sabelo Tsabedze.

towards anyone who will come forward with information which will lead to the arrest of the suspect.

The suspect Samkelo Sabelo

Tsabedze (27) of Big-Bend is wanted in connection with the theft of E364 161, which occurred in April 23, at Total Garage.

Vilakati said anyone that may have information that will lead to the arrest of the suspect should contact Regional Crime Branch Officer Sikhumbuzo Fakudze on 7603 3862 or Lobamba Desk Officer Patrick Dlodlu at 7604 4178.

She further requested that if the above numbers are not available, information could be directed to her at 7606 2312 or through the 999/9999 emergency line.

She assured members of the public that any information would be treated with confidentiality and anonymity of the provider respected and safeguarded.

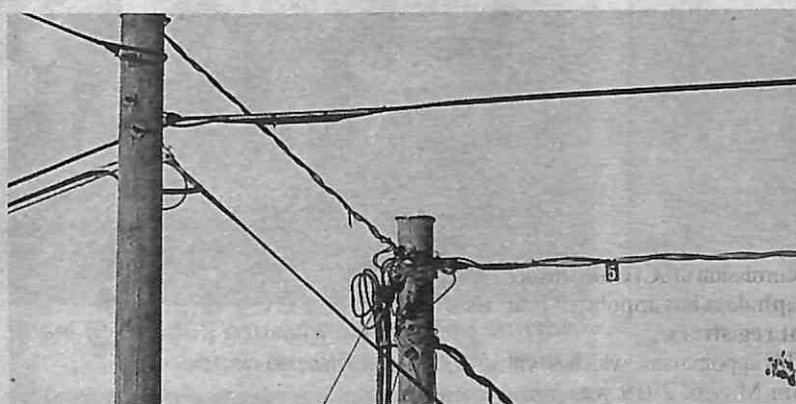
WEEKEND POWER FAULTS AT 1 000

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

ESWATINI Electricity Company (EEC) had a busy weekend as it recorded over 1 000 faults.

EEC had to work extra hard to ensure that its customers were powered. There were serious power interruptions across the whole country in the past weekend. Transformers were emitting bursts of fire, some poles were burning and some fell the process.

The company's social media pages were also flooded with power outages reports from all over the country. Some business operations were interrupted as well as domestic customers. The power outages were propelled by the wet weather conditions in the country. Over the past weekend, weather patterns changed as most parts of the country experienced some drizzles. EEC Head of Corporate and Marketing Department Khaya Mavuso



said the company saw an increase in the number of power outages on Friday and Saturday. Mavuso said the power outages were an aftermath of the recent wild fires that created havoc in the country. "The damage caused by the recent wild fires was exposed by the drizzle that was experienced over the weekend," he said.

Mavuso said some of the lines that were burnt were not clearly spotted when monitoring the damage. However over the weekend the company saw

the extent of the damage that was caused by the wild fires.

Areas that were affected by these fires included Siteki, Manzini, Mbabane, Hluti, Malkerns and Matsapha.

He ensured everyone affected to be patient as their teams were working tirelessly to retain power.

"Customers that are without power are kindly requested to report the faults," he said. He further apologised to everyone who was affected over the past weekend.



U.S. Embassy Eswatini

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

Servicing of Waste-water Collection and Treatment Systems

The U.S. Embassy Mbabane invites experienced and registered companies to service Waste-water Collection and Treatment Systems at the New Embassy Compound (NEC) in Ezulwini. A site visit will be held on Wednesday (August 14, 2019) at 10.00 hours at the NEC. Companies attending the site meeting are requested to share a list of their members who will attend, copies of their ID documents and company name not later than 13.00 hours on Tuesday (August 13, 2019).

A detailed solicitation package is accessible through this link: <https://sz.usembassy.gov/embassy/mbabane/procurement/>

King invites SA chiefs

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI
Msogwaba, South Africa

HIS Majesty King Mswati III has invited girls who live in South African chiefdoms to attend this year's Umhlanga ceremony.

The invitation was extended by Border Restoration Committee (BRC) Member Almon Mbingo.

Mbingo delivered this message over the past weekend at Msogwaba Chiefdom in Mpumalanga Province, South Africa.

The King expressed his wish to be with his people living in South Africa during the upcoming event. He further extended his invitation to the chiefs.

His Majesty said over the past years, the chiefs had been sending girls and other people to traditional events held in the country, like Umhlanga and Incwala.

He said the office of the Border Restoration Committee usually speaks of a term known as Pan Swazism.

He said this term meant all Emaswati should work together in building Eswatini, no matter where they stayed in the world.

Even when it came to celebrations, they should participate together and celebrate the milestones achieved by the country, regardless of the places where they stayed.

The King urged the chiefs to ensure that they



Msogwaba Chief Prince Hlungu Nkosi making his remarks during the Ummemo at Elangeni Royal Kraal in Msogwaba Chiefdom in Mpumalanga, South Africa. The event was over the past weekend. (Pics: Samson Ncongwane)

protected the young children from the social ills that were becoming prevalent.

He said the future of the chiefdoms relied on children, so they needed to be given the right-ful teachings so that they could build strong communities.

The King encouraged Emaswati to learn more about their historical background so that they

could know where they came from.

He used a quote from a well-known former Chancellor of Germany (which was still known as Prussia) Otto van Bismarch, who said how could people would understand their back-grounds if they did not learn about their history.

His Majesty further praised the students who

participated in the Soweto uprising of 1976, who showed bravery and fought against the use of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in schools.

He said white people colonised Africa just because they wanted to benefit for themselves at the expense of Africans.

"For many years, we thought the colonisers



In supporting His Majesty Ingwenyama's vision of creating a hospitable and convenient atmosphere at the main Umhlanga (Reed Dance) celebration, Tibiyo Taka Ngwane invites interested traders and service providers who wish to trade and exhibit their products at this year's ceremony. The exhibition will be hosted on dates to be announced (for two days), when Imbali delivers the umhlanga and the main day, at the Food and Experience Court. The Food and Experience Court will be set up inside a marquee at Ludzidzini Royal Residence.

The Marquee will be open to visitors and the general public attending the Reed Dance.

It is expected to give the visitors and the public a hospitable experience of Eswatini.

Traders and service providers in the following categories are invited:

- Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages
 - i. Light snacks (e.g. pizza, burgers etc)
 - ii. traditional food (kudla kwe siSwati)
 - iii. Confectionary
 - iv. Hot beverages (tea, coffee etc),
- Art and Handicraft
- Traditional gear (Imvunulo)
- Mobile telephone services (airtime, SIM cards etc.)
- Photography services

Proposals clearly describing the name of the trader and the kind of service or product to be offered, should be addressed to the **Reed Dance Marquee Committee**, and either emailed to info@tibiyo.com or hand delivered at Tibiyo Taka Ngwane offices, Lozitha, by close of business on **Friday 16th August, 2019**.

Traders are advised that should their proposals be accepted, they will be afforded a designated space inside or outside the marquee. While all effort will be made to supply them with basic utilities such as water and electricity, traders will be solely responsible for the marketing of and sales of their products, for which Tibiyo Taka Ngwane shall play no part.

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Sagila seMnikati entering the arena during the event.



Indvuna yeMbali Nonduduzo Zubuko (I) leading Imbali from Msogwaba in dance Ummiso traditional dance.

Lack of land haunts Msogwaba Chiefdom

INADEQUATE building space is now haunting Msogwaba Chiefdom such that it is very difficult to build in that area.

Msogwaba Chief Prince Hlungu Nkosi has recommended that people should build structures with two or more storeys.

This would help in saving more land while accommodating a substantial number of people.

Nkosi further mentioned that they had a problem because the people of that area had cattle and the livestock had nowhere to eat, because of the area being densely populated.

He said the South African government got a farm for them at Limpopo.

This means when they want to see their cattle, they will have to travel for many kilometres just to see their livestock.

TIBIYO TAKA NGWANE



A NATION IN PROGRESS

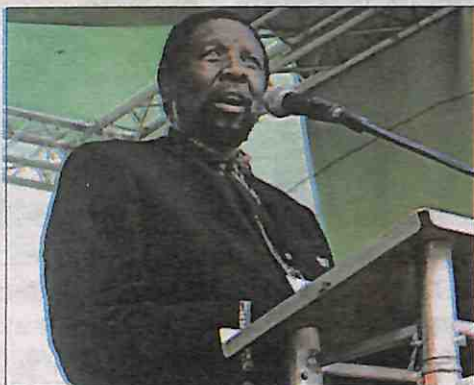
to Reed Dance



Msogwaba Chief Prince Hlungu Nkosi (centre) with Butsini Chief Teyani Phillip Nkosi (r) and MPHTL Deputy Chairperson Chief Cecil Mahlangu. Back row are Prince Bukhosi (l) and Nikwakuyengwa Chief Madzanga Nkosi (in black coat).

were out to help us yet they did all what they did just to benefit themselves because they used African resources like gold to benefit themselves," he said.

He stated that Africans started suffering under the whites from the 1400s when Portuguese Explorer Vasco da Gama came to Africa.



Border Restoration Committee member Almon Mbingo deliver's the King's message.



Sijabuliso Ndzinisa introduces the delegates from Eswatini.

'Eswatini traditional regalia awesome'

THE Eswatini traditional regalia (*imvunulo*) is described as awesome and a marvel in the international community.

This was said by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) Director Henry Magagula during Ummemo at Msogwaba Chiefdom in Mpumalanga Province, South Africa last weekend.

Magagula said Emaswati had an awesome regalia, which always attracted interests of the international community. "Whenever Emaswati attend international meetings such as the United Nations General Assembly in their traditional regalia, the people from other countries become interested and take pictures with them," Magagula said.

The director encouraged Emaswati and other Africans to showcase their traditional regalia so that the world could know who they were.

He stressed on the importance of knowing and preserving history of oneself as a person and that of a nation or tribe.

"There is one thing that the white people could not take from us and that is our historical and cultural heritage.

"They may have taken other things belonging to us, but they were not able to take away our culture and tradition. We have to preserve that in order to progress as Africans," he said.

Inyatsi Construction Group Holdings

Condolences



The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Inyatsi Construction would like to convey its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Thomo family, friends and relatives on the untimely demise of the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Siphon Derrick Thomo.

Inyatsi has lost a pivotal member of the Inyatsi Family in Mr. Thomo and is still reeling in shock. May the Lord comfort and be with his family in these difficult times.

Siphon Derrick Thomo
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May his soul rest in peace

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'Intensify efforts to fight human trafficking'

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Ezulwini

PRIME Minister Ambrose Dlamini says there is a need to upscale prevention measures in order to protect Eswatini from human traffickers.

Dlamini said traffickers knew no boundaries and were quite industrious in adapting their strategies and operational patterns to continue with their evil acts of trading with human life and tricking more vulnerable people into their sphere of influence for easy exploitation.

He was speaking at the commemoration of World Day Against Trafficking in persons and the launch of Eswatini National Strategic Framework and Action Plan to combat people trafficking at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre at Ezulwini.

The PM said prevention measures should be upscaled, effectively empower law enforcement agencies to arrest offenders and facilitate the prosecution of criminals ensuring that they faced the full wrath of the law while putting in place the right systems to make sure that the victims are adequately protected.

Injustice

"This day reminds us of our duty as a country, governments, partners and all stakeholders to keep our citizens safe from these heartless predators, and to spread the word that we



IT'S DONE: The Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini displays the National Strategic Framework and Action Plan to combat People Trafficking 2019-2023 by the Anti-Human Trafficking Secretariat. He is joined by the Minister of Public Service Christian Ntshangase, UN Resident Coordinator Nathalie Ndongo-Seh, Zhuldyz Akisheva, representative of UNODC Regional Office for Southern Africa and US Embassy Political and Economic Chief Mich Coker. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

will not tolerate nor bear with traffickers in our society and across our borders."

The premier urged everyone to commit to fighting the scourge and injustice that had been appropriately referred to as 'modern day slavery', a phenomenon that targets the most vulnerable in society with the lure of jobs and better opportunities, but eventually leads to horrifying experiences

inhumane treatment and abuse. In line with this year's theme, human trafficking; call your government to action; the government responded to calls to eliminate the savage act that remained a stain to human dignity through several interventions over the years.

These included putting together intervention plans and strategies and successfully prosecuting offenders.

It was also a guiding tool for strengthening the overall performance of stakeholders and will provide a foundation for current and future actions by detailing 'who is responsible for what'.

It proposes concrete activities in prevention, victim assistance and protection, as well as the investigation and the prosecution of traffickers.

...75% of trafficked victims are females

ZHULDYZ said according to the latest Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, nearly three quarters of all detected trafficking victims worldwide are female and 30 per cent were children.

This year's World Day against Trafficking in Persons is an opportunity to call governments to action, to protect victims and their rights, and hold perpetrators accountable. The international community has made some headway in this regard.

"UNODC supports countries to prevent and counter human trafficking through the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Concerned

"And through UNODC's Blue Heart Campaign, governments, but also the private sector and concerned citizens, can get involved in helping victims become survivors," she said.

She said tackling human trafficking brought stakeholders closer to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, which call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls, combatting organised crime and eradicating forced labour, abuse, exploitation and violence against children. Fighting this global scourge means building a society that leaves no-one behind.

NATIONAL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK ACTION PLAN LAUNCHED

THE Anti-Human Trafficking Secretariat has launched its National Strategic Framework Action Plan 2019-2023.

It was officially delivered by the Head of Secretariat Nompumelelo Lukhele who highlighted the background, goals, specific objectives, guiding principles as approved by the United Nations which were aligned to national and international obligations. "We are launching the National Strategic Framework Action Plan following the end of the previous plan in 2015 which was based on lessons learnt during the implementation of the previous one. The guidelines are human rights approach; victim centred approach; multi-disciplinary approach; government ownership; civil society participation; gender-sensitive approach and sustainability," Lukhele said.

On that note, Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini congratulated the secretariat for the launch.

He said the tool aimed at guiding the various stakeholders on their respective roles and responsibilities in fighting this scourge, which will in turn demonstrate the country's concerted efforts at realising the necessary goal of ending this appalling



POSE: The PM (c) poses with Anti-Human Trafficking Secretariat staff members.

crime.

"I believe that these consultations have brought all players on board with identifying sector specific activities as per objectives. This will ensure a high implementation rate of the action plan. It also has key and evaluation of progress and performance which is very key.

All players are therefore expected to deliver as planned. I have confidence in the efficiency of this framework as it will deliver on data driven and well-coordinated national response," he said.

The PM said there was room for improvement and to strengthen all

intervention programmes in order for government's actions to be more pronounced.

He said there should be enhanced visibility in investigation, prosecution pillar through intensified case monitoring, accurate and consistent data capturing and capacity building for law enforcement agencies.

Dissemination

"There is also a need to increase cooperation with non-state players for the development and dissemination of tools such as the Victim Identification Guidelines and National Referral Mechanism," he said.

He added that government was

happy at the conclusion of three criminal cases on human trafficking which saw two convictions of offenders in courts. This was through improved effectiveness of law enforcement agencies and enhanced case monitoring systems.

Meanwhile Zhuldyz Akisheva representative, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Regional Office for Southern Africa said the theme 'Human Trafficking: Call your government to action' resonated with the actions of Eswatini who have shown tremendous efforts in the response to trafficking in persons.

She said it was evidenced amongst other things, by the trafficking in persons judgements that were beginning to emanate from Eswatini which showed that government had taken a serious stance against the perpetrators of TIP.

"Every country in the world is affected by human trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit, or destination for victims," Akisheva said.

Providing

UNODC through an initiative funded by the US Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons provided technical support during the development of the NSFAP and also further looks forward to providing technical support to the Kingdom of Eswatini with the development of its trafficking in persons implementing regulations.

UN Resident Coordinator, Nathalie Ndongo-Seh applauded the launch of the framework which will operationalise the implementation of the People Trafficking and People Smuggling (Prohibition) Act No. 7, which was enacted by Eswatini in 2009.

She said the action plan will provide a roadmap for the implementation of all anti-trafficking responses, as well as enhance multi-sectoral coordination and planning, including monitoring and reporting.

Women economic empowerment critical for gender equality

STORIES BY BONGIWE DLAMINI
Manzini

WOMEN economic empowerment remains critical in achieving the desired gender equality, says Women and Law for Southern Africa (WLSA) Eswatini Director Colani Hlatjwako.

Speaking during the National Women's Convention themed: "promoting inclusive decision making through economic empowerment of women" that was held at the Happy Valley Hotel recently, Hlatjwako noted that the lack of financial resources among women was not only suppressing their voices within the various governing structures, but even at family level.

She said gender equality and equal participation of women in decision making should start at family level adding that it was now becoming normal for men to use their financial mus-



APPLAUSE: EU representatives with the CEO of Tourism Linda Nxumalo during the event.

cle to suppress women.

"Gender equality should not only be practiced at political level, but it must start within the family where women are given the status of managers.

According to my understanding, a manager should equally participate in decision-making and we expect women to fully participate and have an equal voice in all structures," Hlatjwako said.

However, the director said this was undermined by the lack of resources among women and as a result, men, by virtue of being bread-winners end up having a final voice.

Promoting

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Themba Masuku, who was a guest speaker during the event, said those who fear gender equality should understand that this initiative was about promoting equal access and participation of both men and women to opportunities and decision-making roles.

Addressing participants during the event, Masuku said as his portfolio dealt with gender issues, he was more like a human rights activist and pledged to continue advocating for gender equality. The DPM said he was pleased to note that women, through WLSA decided to come together and strategise on how to economically transform themselves in line with the current govern-

ment Strategic Roadmap. "Women are more powerful, they have a potential of influencing economic transformation, and after all, they manage to turn a seed into a human being for nine months. I am very pleased to note that women decided to come together to discuss how they can economically empower themselves and this country," he said.

On that note, WLSA Chairperson Dr. Poppy Khoza said at the recently held elections there was a lack of financial resources which contributed in undermining women's ambitions to climb the political ladder.

"I am not implying that you need to have money to win the political race, but honestly in this modern world it's hard for women to climb the political ladder without being empowered economically," she said.

Speaking John Moyer, representing the US Ambassador noted that when women take up the mantle of leadership, they become problem-solvers who tend to take a broad view of challenges and exhibit a willingness to come to, and stay at the negotiating table yielding sustainable results.

Moyer said one study showed that when more women are elected, per capita income increases while another cross-country study found that greater representation of women in Parliament led to higher expenditure on education as a share of GDP. In certain countries, according to Moyer, women's leadership in local politics has been found to reduce corruption.

'Women should take advantage of tourism and make money'

ESWATINI Tourism Authority Chief Executive Officer Linda Nxumalo says there are various opportunities for women in the tourism sector.

She described women as strong human beings who are capable of achieving anything. She said globally, the tourism sector was expected to create over seven million jobs and

advised that women should consider turning some of their idle traditional homes into tourism centres.

Nxumalo said tourism by its nature is an international business, but it also involves domestic tourism. Likewise, she said Eswatini had a potential of accommodating over two billion in five years.

"Business is about looking at the

opportunities and we can even use our cellphones to connect with the world and establish schedules for tourists. As a country that is known globally for respect and hospitality, we stand a better chance to attract more tourists," she said.

Other speakers during the event were of the view that investing in women economic empowerment would also

help in the reduction of poverty and gender exploitation. For this reason, they said in the short term, there is a need to create opportunities to access to finance for women.

Also, women were encouraged to bank their money through their savings cooperatives so that they can gain access to financial loans while also having their monies protected.

Furthermore, it was submitted that Eswatini should ensure that the national budget also addresses women's issues. The speakers also touched on the issue of the debt crisis saying when government commits the country through these debts, it subsequently affects women.

"It's a pity that when government commits itself to these debts, it doesn't address the challenges of women, yet these issues affect women the most," it was said.

'SODV Act no longer allows withdrawal of charges'

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man charged with contravening the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018 was disappointed to hear that his efforts to get his wife to withdraw the charges against him were no longer allowed under the Act.

Futhi Ngwenya was arrested and charged for contravening two counts of the SODV Act after he was found to have broken his wife's coffee table, and further insulted her.

The incident occurred on Friday at kaMvubu in Ezulwini.

During his appearance before Magistrate Lenhle Zulu on Sunday, Ngwenya claimed to have been drunk when he committed the offence.

Influence

"Your Worship, I was under the influence of alcohol when I insulted and then broke my wife's coffee table. There is very little that I remember of what happened as I was inebriated.

"I have since spoken to my wife, and she has approached the police station to withdraw the charges against me. However, she was unable to, as she was told that the matter was now in



the court's hands," Ngwenya claimed.

After hearing this, Magistrate Zulu expressed her disdain at how abusive men force their lovers to withdraw the charges.

Matter

"This piece of legislation does not allow for the withdrawal of charges, and we thank it for that.

"Many men abuse their wives and when the wives report the matter to the police, they want to use their finan-

cial muscle or whatever they may have against them, to force them to withdraw the charges," Magistrate Zulu exclaimed.

The magistrate further expressed that the SODV Act had since brought out the ills that take place behind closed doors.

Respect

"You trust that she will withdraw this charge, which was why you asked her to come to court today.

"This offence took place in front of your children; you should be ashamed of yourself for treating your wife in this manner.

"How will your children learn respect for others when you cannot do that in your own home?

"Your children are monitoring your behaviour towards your wife, and they will soon imitate your behaviour. Be very careful, Ngwenya," the magistrate warned.

After further cautioning him to desist from such conduct, Magistrate Zulu sentenced Ngwenya to pay a fine of E1 500 and in default of payment, 15 months for breaking his wife's table. He was further sentenced to pay E1 000 and in default of payment, spend one year in a correctional facility for insulting his wife.

MAN FINED E800 FOR PRANKING ANOTHER

BY VUYILE DLAMINI
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A man claiming to have been playing a prank on another found himself on the wrong side of the law after he was arrested for robbery.

Siyabonga Hlophe (21) of Siphocosini is living with a world of regret after he was arrested and charged with the offence of robbery. On August 3, 2019 at Manzana area, he robbed Andile Simelane of his VTU cell phone valued at E800.

According to his charge sheet, Hlophe unlawfully and with intent induced submission to the taking of the property valued at E800, threatened Andile Simelane that unless he consented to the taking of his property, he would assault him with open hands.

He then took the VTU cell phone from Simelane.

During his appearance before

Magistrate Temantimandze Shongwe on Wednesday, Hlophe explained that he was just pranking Simelane when he took his cell phone.

"Simelane and I had a disagreement earlier on that day and I thought that I would punish him by taking his cell phone. All of that, which occurred was not my intention as it was not that serious. I was just playing around with him.

I plead with the court to be lenient in my sentencing, as it was not my intention to commit a crime in the first place," Hlophe stated.

Hlophe revealed that he had even returned Simelane's phone back to him, and apologised for unlawfully taking his property.

After hearing his mitigation, Magistrate Shongwe sentenced Hlophe to pay a fine of E800 and in default of payment, serve eight months in a correctional facility.

ARMY COMMANDER'S SON'S



HAPPY DAY: It was a happy day for Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force Army Commander General Gubhuzumlambo Jeffrey Tshabalala and his wife, Busi, as their son Mpendulo brought them a wife in Winile Nyamane. This was during their second day of the wedding, where Nyamane also presented bridal gifts to her in-laws. The ceremony was held at Tshabalala's home in Dwalile on Sunday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



KHETHILE KHETHILE: The couple appreciates one another during the ceremony.

IN DANCE: The bride captured as she pins the second spear into the ground, symbolising that she is officially a member of the Tshabalala family. She is assisted by Prince Sigombeni who is the customary father to the bride.



GIYA: Mpendulo appreciates his wife, Winile as she dances up a storm before the many people.



GIFTS: Emalangeni get ready to present the Tshabalala family with the gifts.



LEADING: Winile leads her delegation as they leave the kraal after the kugana session.



DISPLAY: The delegation from the Royal family shows off the beauty of culture as Emaswati.



BEAUTY: Imbali shows off the power and beauty of culture.

FOLLOWING: Sigodlo follows proceedings.



2ND DAY OF WEDDING



GRACED: The ceremony was graced by the area's Chief Maphokela Tshabalala (l) and Chief Zwide Nxumalo of Zikhotheni as they are seen with their host, Gubhuzumlambo Tshabalala (c).



EVERYTHING GOING WELL: Princess Gcebile ensures that all goes well during the presentation of bridal gifts.



ASIBABONISE: The couple dances before their guests during the colourful ceremony, which marked the last day of the weddings.



SKILLS: Emalangeni dance up a storm as they came through in numbers to support one of their own.



SHOWCASING: Umtsimba from the Royal family showcases their dance skills before their in-laws.



IN SUPPORT: Winile joined by Balondolozzi during the song and dance session.



SAMKHEHA KWA NYAMANE: The Tshabalala family watches the traditional dances from Royalty.

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GENEROUS: Pupils of Mambane Primary School display their new shoes received from Bunye Betfu Savings and Credit Cooperative.

BUNYE BETFU DONATES SHOES TO MAMMBANE PRIMARY

BUNYE Betfu Savings and Credit Co-operative has presented socks and school shoes to 69 pupils of Mambane Primary School.

Bunye Betfu is made mainly of government employees who seek to improve their livelihood by saving funds for personal projects. The organisation has also adopted a policy of giving back to the needy through an annual charity programme.

Speaking during an interview, Chairperson of the organisation Fortunate Lukhele said they had included the annual charity programme as part of their expenditure.

Need

This year, the organisation decided to donate to school children as part of a strategy to eliminate poverty in rural areas.

Lukhele said the organisation consulted with the deputy prime minister's office to ascertain schools which are in desperate need for assistance. It transpired that Mambane primary had the highest rate of



HELPING HAND: The shoes which were donated by Bunye Betfu Savings and Credit Co-operative.

pupils who needed assistance.

A majority of the pupils are said to be either orphaned or vulnerable, fully dependant on government for school necessities.

"We found that the situation at the school was shocking, with a majority of the pupils without proper uniform," said Lukhele.

Lukhele said some of these pupils walked to school bare-footed, while others wore home-made sandals (*tingwabela*) during the winter season. Others wore torn uniform without jerseys.

Lukhele said even though the

donation could not be enough, the organisation was happy to make a little difference to the lives of the pupils.

Challenges

She stated that the organisation desired to put a hand in helping government to improve the lives of the needy. She said the organisation was alive to the fact that government was currently faced with financial challenges, hence the need for every organisation and individuals to contribute to the efforts which are aimed at making a better life for all.

School Principal Lomasontfo Dlamini thanked the organisation for coming through for the children. Dlamini echoed that the school had a majority of pupils coming from poverty-stricken households. Dlamini said generally, the Mambane community was faced with poverty following a drought situation which was experienced in previous years. "The donation will go a long way in uplifting the children's self-esteem as they will now have proper shoes," said the school principal.

In addition, Lukhele said Bunye Betfu remained committed to empowering its members as individuals so that they can also make a difference in their various communities. At present, the organisation has about 6 200 members. Lukhele encouraged employed individuals to take control of their finances by making savings for future use. "Joining a co-operative has helped hundreds of individuals to establish their homes and businesses," she said.

Lubombo chiefs opposed to redeployed RS' farewell party

TRADITIONAL leaders in the Lubombo region have opposed a planned farewell function for the redeployed Regional Secretary Nhlamhla Nxumalo.

Nxumalo was recently appointed to the position of principal secretary in the ministry of home affairs, a move which is said to have been a promotion from his previous position.

Following this move, staff members at the regional administration office planned a farewell function for the outgoing RS.

Arrangement

In fact, the officers have proposed to consolidate Nxumalo's farewell party with that of former RA Sylvia Mthethwa who is now an senator. This was also relayed to the traditional leaders during a meeting at Siteki Hotel last week.

However, the traditional leaders opposed this arrangement, saying such functions were foreign to them.

Speaking during the meeting, Chief Mvimbi Matse pointed out that it was improper to bid farewell to an official who had not retired, but only moved to another department.

Matse said in fact, they were simply paying courtesy to the former RA by bidding her farewell as they had a good working relationship with her.

Fit

Matse was echoed by Prince Chief Kusa, who emphasised that it was improper to bid farewell to a person who was still at work.

"What if the RS may be redeployed to this region in the next two years, are we going to bid farewell to him again?" asked Prince Kusa. The chiefs said however, officers of the RA's office were free to bid farewell to the outgoing RS in any way they deemed fit.

Malindza community police to convene meeting on Saturday

COMMUNITY police under Malindza Umphakatsi will on Saturday convene a meeting to discuss issues of security in the area.

This was reported by Bucopho of the area Seven Tsabedze during an interview yesterday.

Tsabedze said there were several issues which needed to be addressed as the country will have a number of national events in the near future, these includes the Umhlanga Reed Dance and the International Trade Fair which commences next week. "We have to ensure that the area is safe for visitors, and this includes keeping the road free from straying animals," said Tsabedze. He added that community police will discuss the issue of stock theft as it remains prevalent in the area.

FORM THREE BOY CREATES BRAND FOR A LIVING

IT is never too early to start a business which may eventually be there years later.

A Form Three pupil of KaLanga High School has utilised this phrase and started dreaming big for his future. Like any other ambitious child, Peter Mhlanga (16) dreams of owning a branding shop with a number of employees. To achieve this, the boy has already started working on his dream with a few

items already bearing his brand name; Black Vibe.

When speaking to this publication, Peter disclosed that he had a dream to create his own brand when he was still doing Form Two at the same school. He was inspired by the likes of Philani Mpanza of Siteki who owns the 'Sgonia Republic (SG)' brand. Peter said he then started working on some few items which he would buy from bou-

tiques and rebrand them before reselling.

Through this process, Peter said he would ask for assistance from known tailors from his neighbourhood. At present, Peter said he already had a handful of reliable customers from around Siteki. These would place their orders on a regular basis. "My dream is to start a formal business as soon as I complete school and avoid run-

ning around looking for employment," he said. Peter attributed his achievements to the support he got from his parents and teachers who encouraged him to go for his dreams. The upcoming entrepreneur appealed for financial assistance as he dreams of expanding his trade. In developed countries, children are taught about business strategies at tender age so that they may be independent when they complete school.

MPs CAPACITATED ON SMALL CLAIMS COURT AMENDMENT BILL

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

THE ministry of justice and constitutional affairs has capacitated members of parliament (MPs) on the amendment of the Small Claims Court Bill.

Speaking during the opening of the workshop Principal Secretary in the ministry Lorraine Hlophe said MPs were the right people to be capacitated on the amendment Bill because they would be debating it in Parliament before it is passed into an Act.

Hlophe said they believe by the time the bill reaches Parliament the MPs would be clear on what they are debating about and passing the correct judgments.

The objective of the proposed amendment is therefore to give effect to Section 139 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Eswatini Act 2005 by assigning jurisdiction of the Small Claims Court to the judiciary.

"In this matter the ministry of justice is desirous to implement the 2011 Act subject to amendments relating to the court's jurisdiction as proposed,"



DEBATE: Principal Secretary Lorraine Hlophe.

she said.

She explained that the amendment of the Act came after the chief justice felt that the Small Claims Court Act is giving the minister of justice too much power, thus contradicting the 2005 Constitution Section 15 which states that the CJ is responsible for all courts. The current Small Claims Court Act, 2011 assigns the supervisory jurisdiction over the Small Claims Court

to the minister of justice contrary to Section 139 of the Constitution, which assigns the supervisory jurisdiction of specialised courts, subordinate courts or tribunals exercising judicial functions to the judiciary.

Drain

Present during the opening of the workshop was an attorney from the Attorney General's (AG) office Thulasizwe Dlamini who worked on

SMALL CLAIMS COURT TO OPERATE AFTER HOURS

THE Small Claims Court is different from other courts as its officials work on a voluntary basis.

PS in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Lorraine Hlophe clarified that officials of these courts will not be paid but work on voluntary basis.

She added that this court normally works on weekends and after the magistrate's courts are adjourned. Hlophe added that small courts could also preside in boardrooms.

"This is more like giving back to the community and gaining experience," she said.

However, Hlophe said it does not mean these courts are less important.

"The presiding officers of these courts are called commissioners," she said.

Anyone who has a law qual-

ification is welcomed to volunteer in the Small Claims Court claims. The PS said these courts also give law students and graduates who are not yet employed an opportunity to gain experience. She further pleaded with already practising justice employees to take part in the Small Claims Court so that more experienced staff would volunteer in these court. "If the Small Claims Court were not important, there would not be any law about it, nor its existence," she said.

Hlophe said Small Claims Courts would close a lot of gaps in the judiciary system as some crimes would not go unpunished. The existence of the Small Claims Court will solve a lot of landlord issues, unpaid small loans and debts.

Fines in these courts would not exceed E10 000.

the amendment of the Bill, Kwaluseni PM Mabhanisi Dlamini, Ntfontjeni and Nkhataba MPs amongst others. The Small Claims Court was first piloted by the ministry of commerce after small business licence holders voiced out con-

cerns on how their businesses were going down the drain because of people who purchase on credit then later not settle their debts.

The PS said they identified the gap of Small Claims Court in the country.



POLICE WORK: New NatCom William Tsintsibala Dlamini and former National Commissioner of Police Isaac Magagula.



KING APPLAUDS EX-NatCom FOR JOB WELL DONE

BY MHLONISHWA HLOPHE
Matsapha

HIS Majesty King Mswati III was full of praises for former National Commissioner of Police Isaac Mmemo Magagula for a job well done in the police service.

Magagula basked in the glory of the King's praises during the 18th Police Day Celebration, held at Matsapha Police Academy on Friday.

Before announcing William Tsintsibala Dlamini as the New National Commissioner, the King started by praising the former national commissioner for diligently serving the police service.

"I would like to thank Umtfombeni for his splendid performance in the police service. I would like to person-

ally thank him in front of everybody for the works he has done for the country. I hope this will encourage others to work diligently when appointed by the King," said the King.

Served

Magagula served the police service for 46 years having joined it in 1972. He was appointed into parliament's Senate last year.

As the King continued heaping praises for the former NATCOM, the audience appreciated the King's address with whistles and shouting *Bayethe*.

The King further stated that Magagula's achievements as police chief are endless and it is there for all to see.

Worth noting is that even this year's celebrations were blessed by the rains, however that did not dampen the spirit of the police officers from displaying a great show before Their Majesties.

STILL NO WATER AT GUNDWVINI

BY MELUSI TSABEDZE
Mtfongwaneni

MONTHS later the area of Gundwini in the Manzini region has no clean water suitable for human consumption.

Community members continue to consume water from the Mgubhane River which they also share with livestock. As a result, some members of the community had reportedly fallen sick. According to Gundwini Community Caregiver Julia Myeni, they were faced with clean water scarcity after a water

pump supplying the area with clean water became dysfunctional.

"The situation has worsened; community members have to share water with livestock. We drink and cook with water from the river which is not clean. Members of the community continue to complain of stomach pain," said Myeni. It is said recently, a boy from the area was taken to the RFM after he suffered from stomach ache. His mother Sarah Dlamini said doctors at the hospital informed her that the boy had diarrhoea.

"Thursday I took my son to RFM, the doctor there told me that my son

had diarrhoea and we suspect that it is a result of the unclean water that we consume." It is said businesses from Gundwini had been badly affected by the lack of clean water.

Myeni said members of the community were forced to buy water from a local, Mangethe Zwane.

"He charged E2 per bucket, however, not everybody can afford this amount as some claim they do not have even a penny."

Bucopho Sabelo Simelane said officials from rural Water were in the area to evaluate the situation and the possibility of having a new pump.

"They are still to test if the systems are still in place. Rural Water has to bring a new pump."

RSTP IMPLEMENTS AFRICA CODE WEEK

BY NONGCEBO DLAMINI
Manzini

THE Royal Science and Technology Park (RSTP) through its Advanced School of IT (ASIT) has taken the initiative of being the implementing partner for the Africa Code Week (ACW).

Head of Academics at the School of IT Mbuso Dlamini said ACW was the story of hundreds of schools, teachers, ministers, community centres, code clubs, NGOs, businesses and non-profit organisations coming together to give birth to the largest digital literacy initiative ever organised in the

continent

"It starts with a train of trainers programme, wherein ICT teachers around the kingdom, both primary and high schools come to RSTP's Innovation Centre at the Songcondvongcodvo WemaSwati House to be capacitated on the Scratch Programming language developed by MIT in the USA," he said.

Dlamini said the teachers are then sent back to their respective schools to introduce Scratch programme to their pupils.

He added that the training had levels.

Dlamini said the teachers would be empowered on all the levels of Scratch. "The program unleash-

es creativity and innovation," he added.

Dlamini said the RSTP AWC initiative resulted in 100 ICT teachers being trained in 2016, 400 in 2017 and 350 in 2018 from all four regions.

In 2016, 691 school children in the kingdom were trained on Scratch 2.0 during the ACW which was between October 24-28.

Dlamini said RSTP took pride in bringing a partner in implementing the Africa Code Week.

"The goal is to have every child in Eswatini being able to grasp the language of coding, literacy in coding is a must is a must know as we live in the digital age," he said.

HOME AFFAIRS MINISTRY WELCOMES NEW PS

BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mbabane

OFFICIALS at the Ministry of Home Affairs on Thursday welcomed newly appointed Principal Secretary Nhlanhla Nxumalo.

Speaking during the event Under Secretary Arnold Dlamini said it was normal for government to redeploy one of its own anywhere as a civil servant, hence the need for everyone to embrace the changes Their Majesties have made.

The recently-appointed PS expressed his happiness and contentment on the

new position.

Nxumalo thanked His Majesty King Mswati III for placing trust and confidence in his abilities, especially with such a complex ministry where the good and the bad of the country resided.

He urged every employee to work with transparency as the ministry dealt with important sectors like registration, immigration and traditional events.

"Lelitiko licuketse tinhlangothi letim-coka telive kufaka ekhatsi lubhaliso, kwemukela bachamuki, tekuphuma nekungena kwebantfu eveni kanye nemikhosi yelive ngakoke kumcoka kutsi wonkhe mumuntfu asebente

ngekutsembeka," he said.

He promised to lead by example and let his work speak volumes while serving in the ministry and beyond.

The new PS urged the ministry's officials to work with integrity, humility, be customer friendly and work as a team in unity without corruption.

He requested the staff to work well together to make the upcoming Umhlanga Reed Dance event a success.

Nxumalo's appointment was announced by the Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini last Saturday in a press briefing.

He replaces Anthony Masilela, who

was redeployed to the position of Lubombo regional secretary.

Nxumalo was Lubombo regional secretary (RS) since 2014. Before then, he was a principal at SIMPA since 2010.

He holds a Master's Degree in Human Resources Management and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Science; Administration and Economics Majors.



WELCOME: Recently-appointed Home Affairs Principal Secretary Nhlanhla Nxumalo makes his remarks while being welcomed at the ministry's offices on Thursday.
(Pics: Nokuzola Thwala)



EMBRACED: Minister of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe's representative, Under Secretary Arnold Dlamini makes his remarks at Christian Life Centre in Mbabane on Sunday.
(Pics: Nokuzola Thwala)



GOODBYE: Pastors Sue and Stan Drew render a worship song at their farewell function.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTRE EMBRACES KING SOMHLOLO'S VISION

STORIES BY NOKUZOLA THWALA
Mbabane

MINISTER of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe says the Christian Life Centre church has embraced King Somhlolo's vision.

She said King Somhlolo commanded Emaswati to receive missionaries holding a book on the right hand.

The minister was speaking during a farewell function for Stan and Sue Drew, who are the church's outgoing pastors at the event. The event also saw the introduction of the new Pastor Gideon Phiri of Christian Life Centre in Mbabane on Sunday. She was represented by the ministry's Under Secretary Arnold Dlamini.

"Christian Life Centre has embraced King Somhlolo's vision 'keep the book' by receiving Pastors Stan and Sue Drew. This is literally heeding to the gospel according to Luke 10:16 which reads



HALLELUYAH: Pastor Gideon Phiri greets the saints after his introduction at Christian Life Centre.

thus; the one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me," she said.

The minister said when Jesus sent 72

disciples ahead of him in pairs, he charged them to bless those who received them, curse those rejecting them and live like the host.

The Drews were accepted, meaning that Emaswati accepted the one who sent them, hence the success in their over 15 year's mission work.

"May the church uphold all lessons learned, maintain commissioned projects and implement all plans initiated during your term of office.

"Naturally, any substance adapts to its nearest form. You have lived in Africa particularly Eswatini long enough to be called Emaswati.

"Now, as outbound Emaswati kindly be good ambassadors of the country like you have been in the Kingdom of God. We will cherish your contributions on this regard. Not forgetting your good work which is not limited to, evangelism, teaching and social responsibility," he said.

PRAY EARNESTLY PASTOR PHIRI - MINISTER

MINISTER of Home Affairs Princess Lindiwe further encouraged the newly-installed Pastor Gideon Phiri to pray earnestly.

"Pastor Phiri you have responded to the call to be a labourer in the house of the Lord. Kindly note, 1 Timothy 3 verse 3 and 4 say you are a lamb in the midst of wolves, should carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Implying, never bother about material things and making friends

because God will provide. Be genuine," she said. The minister further urged Phiri to be faithful, blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behaviour, hospitable, able to teach, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome and not covetous.

She said government recognised significant benefits accrued from churches' existence in society. Ideally, they were unregulated development partners.

"Anomaly practice increases in churches forcing government to regulate the sector. This church is encouraged to uphold its doctrine, the country's Constitution and observe all protocols prevailing in the Kingdom of Eswatini for it to succeed in its mission.

"We pray to God to fill you with knowledge of truth so that you can be able to feed congregants wisdom and understanding of Christians values," she stated.

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FOR centuries, women have played a secondary role in leadership, supporting their spouses by looking after the household and children.

When civilisation started spreading around the globe in the early centuries, women lobbied and fought for their rights.

Women started entering the work environment but providing mundane services such as cleaning and making teas in offices, much like what was expected at home.

As time went on, women started attending school and getting recognisable jobs in different economic sectors.

Currently, we are in an era where women occupy important leadership positions in the society and it is very clear that they are not looking back.

We have come into an era wherein women now occupy positions that our mother would not even dream of.

The recent appointment of Madam Phindile Dlamini by His Majesty King Mswati III in the previous week is proof that women have proved to the globe that they are worth their salt.

BENEFIT OF HAVING
WOMEN LEADERS

Women leaders bring an array of essential qualities to the workplace.

Women are empathic listeners, who value collaboration and teamwork while also acting as experts at building relationships, encouraging others to achieve their maximum potential.

These qualities work well with the skills men bring to the workplace, including assertiveness, risk-taking and self-confidence.

According to a Gallup study that was done in (2014), part of the findings was that when men and women effectively work together, their different viewpoints, ideas and market insights lead to an organisation's improved problem solving and performance.

The same study stated that hiring a demographically diverse workforce boosts financial performance.

The study of 800 business units from two companies representing the retail and hospitality industries showed that gender-diverse business units had better financial outcomes than those dominated by one gender.

Another study done in (2016) in the United States for the Fortune 500 companies showed that with the highest representation of women board directors had higher financial perfor-

mance on average than those with the lowest representation of women.

The study looked at a return on equity, return on sales and return on invested capital. Much of the discussion on women and leadership has centered on large, for-profit businesses, especially the big companies and global entities.

However, the same leadership pattern exists in organisations of all sizes and within all sectors, including government, academia, research, medicine, primary and secondary education, small business and for-profit and nonprofit industry.

THE WOMAN LEADER

Women need to understand how to navigate working in what is perceived as a man's world. To be successful in this environment, women must understand the culture and values to offset the gender-based attitudes of male colleagues.

They must ensure their supporting leadership teams consist of both men and women that represent necessary expertise within service, political and general business areas. Also women ought to assess the environment and help the peer perspective to help avoid gender-based pitfalls.

It is advisable to integrate with and strategy into subject expertise, a popular approach among male colleagues: women should use the woman intuition when making a point, networking, serving on professional boards, pre-

senting at conferences and publishing articles.

CREATING AND NURTURING
A NETWORK

According to the experienced women in leadership, one of the most important things women can do is network.

Everyone networks, even if they do not realize they are doing so. Most people have natural networks of friends, relatives and colleagues they turn to when seeking advice or input.

The importance of networking in the business world is primarily recognised when looking for a job, but experts say networking should be continuous.

Building relationships based on trust is not

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optional, it is necessary, and requires both men and women be included in one's network. It is through working together and providing mutual support that trusting, work relationships are developed and sustained.

In celebrating the women month, Tive Leadership Centre in association with Wesi Foundation will be hosting the women in leadership breakfast networking meeting at Sibane Hotel on August 21, 2019 starting at 7.30am.

Organisations are encouraged to participate. The women on leadership forum called 'Women Pioneer' is a platform that recognise and celebrate our women leaders.

The women that have significantly contributed in building the economy of Eswatini. Both institutions advocate for meaningful leadership that adds value to institution. For more information please email tiveleaders@gmail.com or WhatsApp 7863 0823/ 7662 2463 or call 3402 4130.

Our guest speakers include Senanile Nkosi who would be speaking on - Leading in a male dominant environment, the dos and don'ts as a female leader, Gugu Vilane from South Africa Midrand, who will be speaking on leading in a multi facet environment and entrepreneur leadership.

The breakfast meeting will also have an esteemed surprise speaker who will be speaking on getting education to harness your leadership skills.

To all the women leaders, we look forward to discussing more on women issues in leadership.

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.50%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	1.8%
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 12 AUG 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	15.2811	15.3311
British Pound/SZL	18.4076	18.4678
Japanese Yen/SZL	6.8756	6.8968
Swiss France/SZL	15.7213	15.7711
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3768	1.3905
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.3621	10.3991
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.5556	11.5899
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	17.1301	17.1862
Gold	1,495.6425	
Oil	56.51	

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ESA TO HOST 150 DELEGATES FOR ANNUAL SUGAR CONFERENCE

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE
Mbabane

ESWATINI Sugar Association will be hosting 150 local and international delegates under the Federation of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Sugar Producers (FSSP) in the annual Sugar Conference.

The conference will be held at the Royal Swazi Spa Convention Centre, Ezulwini on August 28, 2019. This conference is held annually on a rotational basis amongst the SADC sugar-producing countries.

ESA Chief Executive Officer Dr. Phil Mnisi said this year's conference is themed 'The Future of Sugar' which is informed by pertinent developments in the domestic, regional and international sugar landscape. Mnisi mentioned that last year the conference was held in Mozambique.

The CEO said the conference is a platform where sugar pro-

ducers in the SADC region discuss issues of common interest around sustainable production and trade in sugar, such as the growing complexities and challenges facing sugar in the global markets.

It will also allow for participatory and interactive conversations on exploring forward thinking, diversified approaches and strate-

gies around the following sub-themes that include but not limited to the Role of Sugar in Supporting the Eswatini Strategic Road Map.

The delegates will also look into the world sugar outlook, the sugar sector as a vehicle for developing the regional economy, regional and international sugar trade developments and dynamics, changes

in consumption preferences and their impact on sugar, new research activities to support sugarcane value addition as well as a panel discussion on the future of sugar.

"The one-day programme will take the format of presentations and panel discussions by domestic and international experts in the sugar industry," he said.

PM to address FSSP

HIS Excellency the Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini will be the keynote speaker in this year's Federation of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Sugar Producers (FSSP) annual Sugar Conference.

This was revealed by Eswatini Sugar Association Chief Executive Officer Dr. Phil Mnisi. He said the prime minister will address the 150 delegates from SADC countries that have confirmed

participation. These include the Kingdom of Eswatini, Mozambique, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mauritius, Tanzania, Zambia and Angola. "Other SADC member states that have an interest in sugar issues who are members of the SADC Technical Committee on Sugar, such as Lesotho, Botswana and Namibia, are also expected to participate," he said.

The Federation of SADC Producers (FSSP) is a coalition

of sugar producers, which was formed with the main purpose of providing a common platform for SADC sugar producers to advance issues of common interest. The annual FSSP Conference is one such mechanism. There is also a SADC Sugar Producers Consultative Forum which is an industry body feeding into, and supporting the work, of the SADC Technical Committee on Sugar. The technical committee implements the work of the FSSP.

NEW PROGRAM FOR LEATHER PRODUCTION AT CODEC

...The prime objective of this training programme is to equip learners with the identified competences specified in the OS

BY BAHLE GAMA

THE ministry of commerce, industry and trade in conjunction with the European Union and other stakeholders have amended a curriculum for a programme in Basic Footwear and Leather Goods Production Operations.

This was during a stakeholder workshop held at Happy Valley Hotel yesterday.

Speaking during an interview, Director of SMEs in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Meluleki Dlamini said the new programme will be introduced at the National Handicraft Centre, CODEC in Ezulwini.

He said the contents of the programme were in line with the occupational standards and it has been designed to develop the necessary knowledge and skills of learners.

The programme is designed to develop the necessary knowledge, skills and attitude of the learners to the standard required by the occupation. The contents of this programme are in line with the occupational standard. Learners who successfully completed the programme will be qualified to work as a cutting operator in footwear



NEW PROGRAMME: Director of SMEs in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade Meluleki Dlamini.

and leather goods Industry with competencies elaborated in the respective Occupational Standards (OS). Graduates of the programme will have the required qualification to work in the footwear and leather goods sector in the field of Cutting and Prefabrication," he said.

Skills
He stated that the programme has different entry requirements and the stakeholders were present to validate it and see how students can benefit from it and the introduction of the program was because there had been training only for the students.

The prime objective of this training programme is to equip learners

with the identified competences specified in the OS. Graduates are therefore expected to have knowledge of the product, the materials used in footwear and leather goods, using of hand tools, cutting leather by hand, cutting leather by machine, perform the pre-fabrication operations, apply quality standards, work with others, receive and respond to workplace communication, demonstrate work value and develop understanding of entrepreneurship in accordance with the performance criteria described in the OS.

The programme will have duration of 584 hours, excluding the on-the-job practice or cooperative training time.

"The learner can exit after successfully completing the modules in level I and will be awarded the equivalent institutional certificate on the level completed. The learner can also exit after completing any one learning module. However, only certificates of attainment or attendance (this is institutional discretion) will be awarded," he continued. He added that the programme target group is any citizen who meets the entry requirements and capable of participating in the learning activities.

"This TVET-Programme is characterized as a formal programme on middle level technical skills. The mode of delivery is co-operative training. The TVET-institution and identified companies have forged an agreement to co-operate with regard to implementation of this programme. The time spent by the trainees in the industry will give them enough exposure to the actual world of work and enable them to get hands-on experience," Dlamini said. He also mentioned that the co-operative approach would be supported with lecture-discussion, simulation and actual practice. These modalities will be utilised before the trainees are exposed to the industry environment.



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IDENTIFYING A SCAM

THERE are many different types of scams, and they have become more sophisticated over time.

Scammers go to great lengths to appear trustworthy but there are things you can do to recognise and take action against scams.

If it's possible you are being scammed, figure out what's happening and what you can do about it. Use these questions to help figure out if you have been targeted by a scammer.

Has someone contacted you unexpectedly?

Most scams start with an approach through contact you weren't expecting. If someone contacts you out of the blue—whether over the phone, through the post, by email, on a website, in person or on social media—always consider the possibility that it may be a scam.

Have they promised you something?

Scammers offer exciting advantages to get you interested. They can promise you things like easy money, great bargains, inside knowledge or a caring relationship.

Have they asked you to do something?

Scams eventually lead to a request for money or personal information. Scammers may ask you to enter details on a website, answer questions in a survey, or pay upfront for what they have promised.

GENERAL TYPES OF SCAMS

Advance fee fraud is when someone asks you to pay a fee in order to get something valuable. Promises made in this kind of scam can include inheritance payments, overseas trips, job offers or cars. But any kind of offer that seems enticing and is made by someone you don't know, could be the beginning of advance fee fraud. The scammer will take your payment and never deliver what was promised. Sometimes advance fee fraudsters will say a number of payments are needed to release your prize, but the promised prize does not exist.

If you have given money to an advance fee scam:

- Stop all contact with the scammer

To avoid advance fee fraud:

- Do not pay money to someone you don't know well—or haven't met in person.

Finance and investment frauds come in many forms. A scammer will approach you unexpectedly with an investment product or opportunity that promises great returns. Often their website, references and materials look like the real thing. Investment scammers produce fake financial reports, forged share certificates and glossy initial public offerings to convince you to give significant amounts of money.

- Scammers can convincingly imitate the logos and communication style of trusted companies. They are known to make fake websites, ID badges, letterheads and other materials to fool people into giving money or information. Just because the opportunity looks legitimate, it doesn't mean it is.



If you have given money to a finance and investment scam:

- Stop all contact with the scammer

- Do not make any more payments

- Report the person who approached you to invest to FSRA to ascertain the legality of the products and his registration status.

To avoid finance and investment scams:

- Invest in businesses regulated locally.

- Get financial advice before making any investments, and don't be pressured into a quick decision

- Solicit advice from the FSRA on ways to protect yourself.

Buy cryptocurrency, e.g. bitcoin, ethereum - Buying cryptocurrencies or using crypto-exchanges can put you at higher risk of being the target of a scam or fraud. Scammers promote cryptocurrency sale and exchange as a way to catch you in phishing scams, upfront payment scams, and various forms of finance and investment fraud.

Cryptocurrency is also used in a new wave of Ponzi and pyramid schemes. In these scams, it can seem like the value of your currency is growing when it's not. What looks like a return on investment is actually money from joining fees charged to other people who think they are buying cryptocurrency. Beware of false reassurance from people you know—your friend, family member, neighbour or co-worker may be caught in a scam without realising it.

If you have given money to a cryptocurrency scam:

- Stop all contact with the scammer

- Do not make any more payments

To avoid scams related to cryptocurrency:

- Take time to research any investment opportunities you're considering

- Be sceptical if someone offers—or says they get—high returns for little risk

- Follow advice from the FSRA.

A recovery scam is when a victim of a scam is targeted again—this time by someone claiming they can recover lost funds for a fee. If you have sent money overseas, it's not uncommon for a fake enforcement agency to offer to get it back if you pay them a percentage. These offers are not genuine.

If you have given money to a recovery scam:

- Stop all contact with the scammer

- To avoid recovery scams:

- Ignore anyone who claims they have special knowledge of how to recover funds lost in a scam.

It's important to be suspicious because scammers have ways of making their offers seem real. Beware of the false sense of reassurance that can come from tricks like these.

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Scammers can learn private details through computer hacking or by taking mail from your letterbox. They use this information to build your trust. If someone offering an opportunity knows a lot about you, it doesn't mean the opportunity is real. Scammers appeal to people's emotions and are experienced at building trust to eventually exploit the relationship. When you develop a relationship with someone over time, it can be hurtful to think their interest in you may not be genuine. But if someone you met online eventually asks you to send or receive money, stop and think if you have noticed or been caught in a scam, report it to FSRA.

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- "Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe."

— Albert Einstein

- "So many books, so little time."

— Frank Zappa

- "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."

— Mae West

- "Insanity is doing the same thing, over and over again, but expecting different results."

— Narcotics Anonymous

- "The person, be it gentleman or lady, who has not pleasure in a good novel, must be intolerably stupid."

— Jane Austen, Northanger Abbey

- "Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read."

— Groucho Marx, The Essential Groucho: Writings For By And About Groucho Marx

- "A day without sunshine is like, you know, night."

— Steve Martin

- "Never put off till tomorrow what may be done day after tomorrow just as well."

— Mark Twain

- "I love deadlines. I love the whooshing noise they make as they go by."

— Douglas Adams, The Salmon of Doubt

- "Anyone who thinks sitting in church can make you a Christian must also think that sitting in a garage can make you a car."

— Garrison Keillor

- "Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea."

— Robert A. Heinlein

- "All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."

— Charles M. Schulz

- "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and it may be necessary from time to time to give a stupid or misinformed beholder a black eye."

— Jim Henson

- "I'm not afraid of death; I just don't want to be there when it happens."

— Woody Allen

- "Whenever I feel the need to exercise, I lie down until it goes away."

— Paul Terry

- "I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book."

— Groucho Marx

Focus on

Africa News

Continental News

DAR ES SALAAM - Tanzania on Sunday laid to rest most of the 71 people who died while trying to collect leaking petrol from an overturned fuel tanker that exploded.

The deadly blast, which took place on Saturday near the town of Morogoro, west of the economic capital Dar es Salaam, is the latest in a series of similar disasters in Africa.

President John Magufuli declared a period of mourning through yesterday. He was represented at funerals by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa.

Majaliwa spoke at a ceremony in Kola, less than 20 minutes from where the disaster occurred some 200 kilometres west of Dar es Salaam.

He gave a new death toll of 71, along with 59 injured.

White coffins were lowered into graves by members of the security forces, after which Islamic or Christian clerics said brief prayers and tossed handfuls of earth on them.

A Pentecostal pastor named Mechak said in a service broadcast on television that "this should serve as a lesson to us. When there is an accident like

TANZANIA LAYS TO REST DOZENS KILLED IN FUEL TANKER BLAST

this we should steer clear and let rescue workers do their job."

DNA tests will be carried out on bodies that were burnt beyond recognition, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Jenista Mhagama said, adding that families could take the remains of their loved ones and organise their own burials if they preferred.

Accompanied

A woman who had accompanied her neighbour to retrieve the body of a victim at the hospital said: "When I saw the injured my whole body trembled. They had been burnt like pieces of meat."

"No one wanted to listen"

Witnesses said the truck tipped over as it tried to avoid a motorcycle, and locals quickly converged on the scene to collect fuel.

The explosion was triggered when a

man tried to retrieve the truck's battery, creating sparks that ignited the fuel, according to the region's governor.

Footage from the scene showed the truck engulfed in smoke and flames, with charred bodies and the burnt-out remains of motorcycle taxis scattered on the ground among scorched trees.

A video posted on social media taken before the explosion showed dozens of people carrying yellow jerricans around the truck.

"We arrived at the scene with two neighbours just after the truck was overturned. While some good Samaritans were trying to get the driver and the other two people out of the truck, others were jostling each other, equipped with jerricans, to collect petrol," teacher January Michael told AFP.

News24



REMAINS: Two men carry the remains of a burnt out motorbike after a fuel tanker exploded on Saturday in Morogoro, 200 kilometres (120 miles) west of the Tanzanian capital Dar es Salaam.

RED CARPET FOR BOTSWANA INVESTORS

GABORONE - Botswana has promised to roll out the red carpet for investors, urging them not to be discouraged by its small population from doing business in the country because decent returns are part of the package.

Speaking at the official opening of the 14th Global Expo Botswana in the capital city Gaborone this week, President Mokgweetsi Masisi said his country was making conditions conducive for investors.

"The World Bank's Doing Business Report of this year has placed Botswana at number five in the Ease of Doing Business rankings in sub-Saharan Africa.

We continue to review and make strategic reforms to improve the ease of doing business and the competitive environment to facilitate the growth of local business as well as to attract foreign direct investment. These reforms include, among others, the continued

streamlining and automation of our processes in areas of company registration, construction permits and cross border trade," Masisi said. "We have eased entry into Botswana through the introduction of visas on arrival as well as instituting changes on acquisition of permanent residence."

The Botswana Investment and Trade Centre (BITC), a government agency set up to attract investors and promote the landlocked country as a brand, also promised to make life as easy as possible for investors.

African News Agency



Zimbabwe teachers have been 'reduced to beggars'

HARARE - Zimbabwe teachers protesting their low wages are threatening to go on strike when schools reopen next month as the country's deteriorating economy simultaneously faces yet another hike in fuel prices.

The Progressive Teachers' Union Secretary-General, Raymond Majongwe, issued the warning on Twitter saying it would be difficult to open schools when the third term begins because teachers had been reduced to beggars with the

rapid increase in the prices of basic goods, Pindula News reported yesterday.

Warning

The strike warning followed the government last month providing the civil servants with a cushioning allowance which was dismissed by the teachers as nothing when compared to the rate at which prices were increasing.

In other bad news for Zimbabwe's ailing economy the price of fuel has gone up yet again after the Zimbabwe Energy

Regulation Authority (Zera) on Sunday evening announced the new prices.

Petrol will now cost \$9.09 per litre while diesel is now \$9.27 per litre. The last price increase was made on August 3, just over a week ago.

The dramatic spike in fuel prices follows the finance and economic development minister stating several weeks ago that he wanted fuel prices to increase by \$1.

African News Agency

Pandor concerned at students' reckless call to expel South Africans

PRETORIA - International Relations and Cooperation Minister Naledi Pandor on Sunday expressed concern about statements said to emanate from a student organisation in Nigeria, calling for the expulsion of South Africans and protests at South African-owned businesses.

"The protests are said to be in response to alleged

killings of Nigerians by South Africans. As you are aware, these allegations are devoid of truth, reckless, and unwarranted," Pandor told journalists at a briefing in Pretoria. These statements were most unfortunate, as they did not reflect the existing strong relations between the people and the government of South Africa and Nigeria. The two countries enjoyed strong bilateral relations, which were forged over many years during the struggle for liberation in South Africa

and in this democratic era, fully supported by the people and government of Nigeria, she said. Acting High Commissioner to Nigeria Bobby Moroe had had several meetings with the police and other senior government officials in Nigeria.

"We have also had contact from the highest level of the Nigerian government; we have been assured that authorities in Nigeria are taking these calls for protests seriously.

African News Agency

BRIEFS

Rocket fire hits airport, breaking Eid truce

LIBYA - Rocket fire hit the Libyan capital's sole functioning airport Sunday, violating a temporary truce between the unity government and forces loyal to strongman Khalifa Haftar, airport authorities said. "Mitiga airport has been targeted by fire this morning, the first day of Eid al-Adha", the airport's management said in a statement on Facebook, referring to the three-day Muslim holiday that began on Sunday. Air traffic was suspended "until further notice", the statement added, alongside photos showing columns of smoke rising from the runway and parked planes.

AFP

Muslims marked Sudan's first post-Bashir Eid

KHARTOUM - As Muslims in Khartoum marked their first Eid al-Adha feast without Omar al-Bashir as a ruler in three decades, the mood was upbeat Sunday but the menu stayed frugal. Months of bloody anti-regime protests created a historic opportunity for civilian rule in Sudan but also saw prices soar, putting a damper on celebrations. In Khartoum markets, the price of a sheep — a must in the Feast of the Sacrifice which is considered the holiest day in the Muslim calendar — has doubled since last year. "You used to be able to find a sheep for 3 500" Sudanese pounds (\$60), said Mohamed Abdullahi. Reuters

'No new Ebola cases, vaccinates over 1,300'

GOMA - The World Health Organisation said it has vaccinated over 1 300 people who potentially came into contact with the Ebola virus in the Congolese city of Goma, helping contain what many feared would be a rapid spread in an urban centre. A year-long Ebola outbreak in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo has killed at least 1 800, the second biggest toll ever, and efforts to contain the virus have been hobbled by militia violence and some local resistance to outside interference. Goma, a lakeside city of nearly two million people on the Rwandan border, has been on high alert over the past week. Reuters

Singapore to ban domestic elephant Ivory trade

SINGAPORE - Singapore will ban the domestic trade in ivory from September 2021, the government said yesterday, shutting the door to an important end-market for poached elephant ivory. Demand for ivory from Asian countries such as China and Vietnam, where it is turned into jewels and ornaments, has led to a surge in poaching across Africa. The international trade in ivory has been banned since 1990 under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), an international treaty signed by most countries.

Reuters

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Global News

MAY TO SNUB HER FORMER CHANCELLOR HAMMOND

LONDON - Theresa May is set to snub her Chancellor, Philip Hammond, by leaving him off her resignation honours list, while handing a peerage to her chief of staff, Gavin Barwell.

The former prime minister is finalising the names on her list, which is expected to see several senior members of her staff elevated to the House of Lords. She is also considering handing honours to some of her closest political allies.

As one of her most senior and longest serving ministers, Mr Hammond – a former foreign secretary and defence secretary – would have been eligible for an honour.

But in a sign of how their relationship soured during her time in office, he is understood to have missed out entirely.

One friend of the PM said: "Nobody can read Theresa's mind but I'd be astonished if she gave Philip anything. He blocked and frustrated her for three years even at the very end he was still doing everything he could to be obstructive."

By contrast, David Cameron put his chancellor, George Osborne, at the top of his honours list by making him a Companion of Honour. That is a rare award for 'nationally important service', which is ranked above a knighthood and allows the recipient to put CH after their name, can be held by only 65 people at any one time. May is expected to hand a peerage to Barwell – the former Croydon MP who joined her in No. 10 as her chief of staff after

...by leaving him off her resignation honours list



SNUB: Theresa May (left and right) is set to snub her Chancellor, Philip Hammond (left and right).

losing his seat in the catastrophic 2017 election – and at least one other senior staff member.

Understood

But her list is understood to be much shorter than her predecessor's, comprising around 20 names. Cameron handed gongs to 48 former colleagues and allies and named 13 new Tory peers. May and her chancellor were friends when she entered No. 10 in 2016, but their rela-

tionship very quickly deteriorated.

In her early months in office her allies raged at his gloomy tone which damaged relations with Eurosceptic Tory MPs.

Critics also accused him of frustrating No Deal planning by refusing to provide adequate funding to government departments to get ready and in her final months in office he was seen in No. 10 as a constant thorn in her side.

Daily Mail

Questions around Epstein's death deepen but abuse probe continues

NEW YORK - Jail staff failed to follow protocols leading up to Jeffrey Epstein's death, according to a report from The New York Times, deepening the fallout from what led to the highly connected financier's apparent suicide.

Epstein should have been checked on by guards in his cell every 30 minutes, but that didn't happen the night before his apparent suicide, a law enforcement official told the Times.

The Times spoke to the official on the condition of anonymity. The Associated Press has not independently confirmed the information.

A law enforcement source also said he was alone in his cell Saturday night after his cellmate was transferred.

Knowledge

An official with knowledge of the investigation told the Times that the Justice Department was told Epstein would have a cellmate and be monitored by a guard every 30 minutes.

The mystery surrounding how he was able to kill himself in jail comes as investigators have been digging into allegations of sexual abuse and conspiracy against Epstein. An additional federal investigation was launched Saturday after the Federal Bureau of Prison said Epstein was found unresponsive in his cell at a high-security jail in Manhattan. He was later pronounced dead from an apparent suicide, the BOP said. His abrupt death cuts short a criminal prosecution that could have pulled back the curtain on the inner workings of the high-flying financier with connections to celebrities and presidents, though prosecutors have vowed to continue investigating. *Daily Mail*

Typhoon Lekima death toll rises to 44 in eastern China

BEIJING - A monster storm that smashed its way up the eastern China coast and forced more than a million residents to flee has killed 44 people, state media said yesterday.

Footage on state broadcaster CCTV showed fields and streets flooded by muddy water, submerged vehicles, scattered debris and trees blown over as strong winds and rain from Typhoon Lekima pounded cities along the seaboard. At least 16 peo-

ple were still missing as the storm moved further up the coast near Beijing. Official Xinhua news agency said the toll had risen to 39 in Zhejiang province, where Lekima made land-fall on Saturday, packing winds of nearly 190 kilometres per hour (120 miles per hour) and pounding the coast with waves several metres in height. At least 18 of those were killed in a landslide triggered by torrential downpours in Wenzhou, state media said. *AFP*

Boris Johnson's no-deal Brexit enforcer took R4 million

LONDON - Boris Johnson's most senior adviser, who is a fierce critic of Brussels and has been tasked with delivering Brexit, co-owns a farm which has received R4 million in EU subsidies.

Dominic Cummings, who also masterminded the Vote Leave campaign to quit the EU, faces potential embarrassment from the revelation, which was reported by the Observer. Since he was appointed as Johnson's special adviser - and handed the office next to the prime minister - Cummings has pitched the mission to leave the EU as a battle between the political elites and the general public, and previously criticised subsidies paid out to British

landowners as "absurd."

The Observer's analysis of Land Registry documents and EU subsidy databases found that a farm in Durham, which Cummings jointly owns with his parents and another person, has received around R345 000 a year for most of the last two decades.

The money was paid out to Cummings's parents and another family member for various reasons, including "set aside," a scheme which pays farmers not to grow anything. Writing on his blog, Cummings has previously criticised the use of agricultural subsidies because they "raise prices for the poor to subsidise rich farmers. *AFP*



NO DEAL: Boris Johnson.

BRIEFS

Russia mourns 'heroes' killed in missile test

MOSCOW - The city that hosts Russia's main nuclear research site announced a day of mourning Sunday for five of its staff killed during a missile test that provoked elevated radiation levels. Russia has said that five nuclear agency workers were killed Thursday by a blast during testing of a nuclear-powered missile at an Arctic facility. The closed city of Sarov in the Nizhny Novgorod region, about 500 kilometres east of Moscow, declared 24 hours of mourning from 10:00 GMT on Sunday, with flags lowered and entertainment events cancelled, RIA Novosti state news agency reported. *AFP*

India imposes Kashmir clampdown

INDIA - Indian troops clamped tight restrictions on mosques across Kashmir for yesterday's Eid al-Adha festival, fearing anti-government protests over the stripping of the Muslim-majority region's autonomy, according to residents. The Himalayan region's biggest mosque, the Jama Masjid, was ordered closed and people were only allowed to pray in smaller local mosques so that no big crowds could gather, witnesses said. Kashmir has been in a security lockdown for eight days as the Hindu nationalist government in New Delhi seeks to snuff out opposition to its move to impose tighter central control over the region. *AFP*

Palestinian shot at soldiers on border killed

PALESTINE - A Palestinian shot at Israeli soldiers along the Gaza border Sunday and was killed when troops returned fire, the army and Hamas's health ministry said, in the third such incident in recent days.

Israel's army said in a statement that the Palestinian shot toward troops, who returned fire, while the Gaza health ministry confirmed a 26-year-old man identified as Marwan Nasser was killed.

During the incident, an Israeli tank also targeted a Hamas military post in the area, the army said, adding there were no casualties or damage on the Israeli side. *AFP*

Men arrested with £75m worth of meth

NEW ZEALAND - Two British men have been arrested in New Zealand after police found a huge stash of methamphetamine potentially worth tens of millions of pounds in an Auckland apartment. Police said the men, aged 60 and 49, were held after authorities targeted a foreign criminal organisation working in New Zealand as part of what they are calling Operation Essex. *AFP*



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RAMAPHOSA HEADS TO TANZANIA FOR STATE VISIT, SADC SUMMIT

PRETORIA - President Cyril Ramaphosa will undertake a state visit to Tanzania tomorrow and Thursday at the invitation of President John Pombe Magufuli, International Relations and Cooperation Minister Naledi Pandor said on Sunday.

South Africa and Tanzania enjoyed strong fraternal, historical, and excellent political, economic, and social relations which were cemented during the period of the liberation struggle, she told journalists at a media briefing in Pretoria.

Established

South Africa established formal diplomatic relations with Tanzania in 1994. Since then, there had been high-level interactions between the two countries aimed at consolidating and strengthening political, economic, and social relations, resulting in the signing of 16 sectoral agreements between the two countries. Ramaphosa's state visit would further deepen the existing economic, political, cultural, and social relations between the two countries, Pandor said.

In 2018, South African exports to Tanzania amounted to R5.8 billion, whereas imports from Tanzania amount-



TOVISIT: SA President Cyril Ramaphosa.

ed to R479 million. South African exports to Tanzania were predominantly in the areas of manufacturing - machinery, mechanical appliances, paper, rubber products, vehicles, iron, and steel, including services and technology.

On the other hand, imports from Tanzania were mainly gold, coffee, cashew nuts,

and cotton. There were over 170 South African companies operating in Tanzania, across all sectors of the economy.

"The state visit will allow both leaders to discuss bilateral, continental, and global issues, and to reaffirm their commitment to further cooperate closely on multilateral issues. *ANA*

Off-duty JMPD officer shot dead in Vlakkfontein, service pistol stolen

JOHANNESBURG - Two people, one an off-duty Johannesburg Metro Police Department officer, were shot dead in Vlakkfontein on Sunday evening.

According to JMPD spokesperson Chief Superintendent Wayne Minnaar, the officer, believed to be in his 30s, was "at a place of entertainment" around 18:45 when the incident happened.

While the details of the shoot-

ing are still sketchy, it is believed to have been a robbery, as the five suspects fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of money, said Minnaar.

Two firearms belonging to the victims were taken by the suspects who fled in a Ford Laser.

A search for the suspects is under way and a case of murder is being investigated.

News24

Zille sides with Malema, EFF over SANEF

CAPE TOWN - Former DA leader, Cape Town mayor, and Western Cape premier Helen Zille, now a policy fellow at the Institute of Race Relations (IRR), has argued that if the South African National Editors Forum (SANEF) won their case against the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) this would, ironically, curtail media freedom.

In a column for News24, Zille expresses her view that "the media will have been complicit in curtailing a foundation freedom" if the case succeeds.

Approached

SANEF approached the court, in their own words, "in defence of media freedom and seeking protection of journalists against sustained intimidation and threats against journalists by EFF leader Julius Malema and his supporters."

Their complaint can be read in full here. Zille questioned whether the case saw journalists "claiming the right to exercise their freedoms (including to be hateful and hurtful, which they regularly are) while preventing others from doing so".

"Given that SANEF and almost all the journalists who have brought the case are active commenting participants in day-to-day politics, rather than mere neutral observers, do they expect to be immune from blow-back?" she asked.

Suggested

Elsewhere in the column, she suggests that SANEF and the five journalists who joined the case - Adriaan Basson, Pauli van Wyk, Bary Bateman, Ranjeni Munusamy, and Max du Preez - may be barking up the wrong tree in their interpretation of remarks made by Malema as hate speech.

These utterances were made while addressing supporters outside the Zondo commission of inquiry into state capture. "...Quoted in full context, Malema's remarks, on which the case is primarily based, show that he specifically urged his followers not to use violence against journalists. A little bit of context, I have found, makes a lot of difference," Zille writes.

Zille has herself faced off against Malema in court.

Citizen



SIDES: EFF leader Julius Malema and Helen Zille.

Boy, 14, stabs woman to death in Cape Town

CAPE TOWN - Western Cape police have arrested a 14-year-old boy for stabbing a woman to death in Kuils Rivier, Cape Town.

Police spokesperson Cpt FC van Wyk said officers responded to the scene in Kalkfontein after 5pm on Saturday.

Van Wyk said they found the woman on the floor with multiple stab wounds to her body. The 55-year-old woman was declared dead on the scene.

The 14-year-old boy was arrested for the murder and is expected to appear in the Blue Downs Magistrate's Court soon.

The motive for the murder was not known. Anyone with information or who witnessed the incident is requested to contact the Kuilsrivier police at 021-900-2800 or Crime Stop on 086-001-0111. *Sowetanlive*

We don't make donations to political parties - ABSA

JOHANNESBURG - Banking group ABSA on Sunday rubbished claims that it made a donation to help fund President Cyril Ramaphosa's ANC presidential campaign.

"As a policy, ABSA does not make donations to political parties or politicians.

"Consequently, Absa did not make a donation to President Cyril Ramaphosa's ANC presidential campaign in 2017 or any other campaign of that nature," it said in a statement. This after the Sunday Independent reported that a group of politicians, including a minister and a deputy minister, were seemingly paid millions for their role in Ramaphosa's successful 2017 ANC presidential campaign. According to the newspaper, it has seen the campaign's bank records and financial statements which identified the beneficiaries of the R1bn campaign funds.

In a statement on Sunday, ABSA denied making a donation.

"Today we contacted Mzikazi wa

Afrika, one of the authors of the article who confirmed to us that ABSA Nation Building was a transaction reference by third parties, not an entity.

"Thus, the link to ABSA is purely coincidental. That name does not exist as an entity within ABSA."

It was reported that at least R8.4m was spent on hotel accommodation for ANC delegates at Southern Sun and Protea hotels. It has also emerged from the financial statements that prominent businessmen donated large sums to the CR17 campaign ahead of the conference.

In a statement released on Saturday evening, presidency spokesperson Khusela Diko said the leaking of confidential banking information of funders was a breach of privacy.

"The selective circulation of this banking information is clearly intended to cast aspersions on the president, and follows the recent report of the public protector, in which there was a substantial focus on the funding of the CR17 campaign. *News24*

Axed councillors to 'divorce' ANC

KWA-ZULU-NATAL - The 15 councillors in Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality in the Free State, who were fired by the ANC's disciplinary committee for misconduct last year, say they are fed up and are breaking away from the party.

"We are expecting hundreds of comrades to be present at a meeting on Monday (yesterday), where we will be divorcing the ANC," spokesperson for the councillors Pharatlane Motloung told City Press.

The councillors will be contesting the upcoming by-elections - scheduled to be held on August 28

- as independent candidates.

Maluti-a-Phofung municipality consists of 69 councillors in total.

The decision comes despite this week's efforts by the ANC's National Executive Committee (NEC) to unite members. Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma and senior party leader Siyabonga Cwele led a meeting to resolve the discord among members.

"The NEC instructed all of us, including provincial

and regional leaders, to find each other," said Thabo Meeko, the ANC's spokesperson in the Free State.

"The ANC national leadership was expecting these comrades to apologise. It instructed us to enlist them into a political rehabilitation programme."

Break

He said the ANC was unaware of the group's move to break ranks, adding that the party would have to consult the Constitution to deal with the matter. *Sowetan Live*

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'THINGS ARE BAD, EVERYTHING'S FALLING APART'

DURBAN - Not to be left out amid the ongoing political turmoil the country is in, former president Jacob Zuma yesterday, took to Twitter to express his opinion on the ongoing events.

However, street smart as always, Zuma opted not to be direct but instead used coded Zulu idioms to make his point, thus making it impossible to tell whom he was taking a jab at.

Tweeting from his official account he opened in November last year specifically to give his political opinions, the former president opened by saying "Webakwethu!!! Kubi!! Iyabhubhudl'inkezo!" - translated, it loosely means that "Good people, things are bad. Everything is falling apart". He added emphasis that when he threw in another coded Zulu idiom which says "Iwa Libheke Umoya", meaning the valley is facing the wind.

Webakwethu!!! Kubi!! Iyabhubhudl'inkezo.



THINGS ARE BAD: Former President Jacob Zuma.

Iwa libheke Umoya.

Sengathi bakhona abazoyikhotha imbenge yomile.

— Jacob G Zuma (@PresJGZuma)
August 12, 2019

In ancient Bantu times, mainly because of their nomadic and pastoralism lives, Bantus were against building households in valleys that are vulnerable to destructive winds or facing the direction of the wind. By saying this, Zuma was apparently saying that there is someone who has been left vulnerable to attack and embarrassment. That was seen when he ended the tweet by saying "Sengathi Kukhona Abazoyikhotha Imbenge Yomile" - meaning that someone was about to pay a heavy price for his or her past actions.

The tweet sparked a frenzy minutes after it was posted. Two hours after it was posted, the tweet was retweeted 1534 times and liked 3184 times. It also sparked a debate with others saying Zuma correctly interpreted the country's prevailing political situation and it was time for some people to face the consequences of their political actions. **Political Bureau**

47 murdered in Cape Town's deadliest weekend since SANDF's arrival

CAPE TOWN - Cape Town saw its deadliest weekend since the SA National Defence Force's (SANDF) deployment in crime hotspots last month, according to province's forensic statistics.

Premier Alan Winde said yesterday that 47 murders were recorded by forensic services in the metro - with 27 shootings, 13 stabbings and seven murders by other means.

Last weekend, 41 murders were recorded, with knives and sharp instruments overtaking guns as the weapon of choice.

This had been a decrease from 46 murders two weekends ago. However, three weekends ago there had been fewer murders (25) recorded.

The army has been deployed from July 18 to September 16 this year.

Among the latest to be killed was a mother from Kuils River, who was allegedly stabbed to death by her 14-year-old son, and a 29-year-old taxi driver who was shot in the face multiple times.

Winde said that, in addition to these weekend deaths, the City also saw the tragic shooting of heavily pregnant mom Sadiqah Newman and the discovery of murdered horse rider Meghan Cremer's body on Thursday. "Both of these young women had their lives cut short by

senseless violence. We need to put a stop to this," said Winde.

"We welcome the fact that police made swift arrests in both of these cases and hope that the criminal justice system will do its work to ensure that those responsible for these deaths are removed from society and unable to hurt more people."

Winde said they would be writing to police management to ask for a full reportback on the role and effectiveness of the SANDF since their deployment, as well as the police's plan to fight crime going forward. He believed most police officers in the province were committed, but needed adequate tools and resources to be effective.

Province

"Violence like we've seen over the past weekend impacts the whole province and all areas of government. We have seen the strain that violence is placing on our health system, with massive increases in gunshot injuries resulting in other surgeries which are not life threatening, being pushed back."

Winde called on everyone to play their part in making the province safer, for example by joining a neighbourhood watch or helping organisations such as the Pink Ladies or Rape Crisis. **News24**

Treasury officials were 'pressured' to pay R30m to Gupta-linked firm

JOHANNESBURG - Free State department of agriculture finance boss Selpate Dlamini allegedly insisted that provincial Treasury officials pay out R30m to the Gupta-linked company Estina, without proper documentation being submitted.

This is according to former Free State treasury deputy director for financial governance, Anna Fourie, who told the state capture inquiry yesterday of an instruction handed to her by Dlamini in 2012, when the controversial Vrede dairy farm project was established.

Fourie, who retired from the provincial government in 2018 after almost 40 years of service, said she was at a farewell event for a colleague on June 15, 2012, when she was approached by her boss, then Provincial Treasury Chief Executive, Humphrey Kgomongwe.

She said Kgomongwe told her to help two other colleagues to conduct a financial assessment on payments needed by the department of agriculture.

"It was a very urgent payment that needed to be done on that same day. He requested that we go to the office and do the assessment. The amount requested to be paid was R30m. We waited for [Dlamini] to come to the venue with documentation to be assessed," she told the commission.

Times Live

Acting SABC COO Craig van Rooyen resigns for personal reasons

JOHANNESBURG - The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) yesterday announced the resignation of Dr Craig van Rooyen as Acting Chief operations officer (COO) and group executive for technology, due to personal and family reasons.

Van Rooyen was appointed to act in the COO position at the end of April following the dismissal of Chris Maroleng after he was found guilty of three of four charges at a disciplinary hearing.

Maroleng had been appointed in January 2018 and was tasked with cleaning up the SABC when he took over from Hlaudi Motsoeneng, who in turn was fired in June 2017 for bringing the SABC into disrepute. Van Rooyen, who joined the SABC on 1 November 2018 as group

executive for media, technology and infrastructure, was responsible for the technology operations management of the SABC, including developing and executing key strategies to support the SABC's corporate plan.

The public broadcaster said that Van Rooyen will be leaving on 9 September. Van Rooyen said this had been a tough decision: "My decision to leave the SABC is one of the most difficult decisions I have had to make, due to my good working relationships at the corporation," he said in a statement.

"The Group Chief Executive officer, Madoda Mxakwe and the Chief Financial Officer, Yolande van Biljon, have made my decision to leave a particularly hard one. **Political Bureau**



LEGAL COSTS: Busisiwe Mkhwebane.

Fundraising for Busisiwe Mkhwebane surpasses R100k

JOHANNESBURG - Over R100 000 has been raised for Busisiwe Mkhwebane's legal costs.

The organisation Democracy In Action (DIA) launched the fundraising campaign after previous court rulings against her.

Mkhwebane was ordered to personally pay a portion of the legal costs in the ABSA-Bankorp bailout matter.

The organisation believes the court erred in issuing a person-

al cost order.

"As an organisation, we felt it was very important to raise the fund to assist the Public Protector because we really feel it was very unfortunate of the Constitutional Court to ask the Public Protector to pay from her pocket..." said DIA member, Thabo Mtsweni.

"We want to strengthen our constitutional democracy, we want to support our institution for democracy..." added Mtsweni. **eNCA**

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GOING SOLO:
Nothando Hlophe.

NOTHANDO HILOPHE, LESERATO PART WAYS

BY DELISA THWALA

AWARD-winning gospel artist Nothando Hlophe has left Leserato Events.

This was confirmed by Leserato Events through an official statement yesterday morning.

"It is a bitter-sweet day to confirm that we have decided to terminate Nothando Hlophe's management contract with immediate effect. Our decision was based solely on the fact that it is no longer serving both parties to perform on this contract," read the statement.

"Both parties' expectations

"I will not be joining any new stable. I just want to use all the skills impacted by Leserato Events on me and see where that takes me because I learnt a lot from them"

are no longer aligned as they were in the past, this in essence is part of growth and is as natural as can be and we feel, even though we have invested heavily in her career and have a contract to recover our investment, it would be unfair to force a contract between Nothando and Leserato for the sake of the contract," continued the statement.

Statement

The statement also highlighted that they would forever appreciate the learning experience since they worked for a common purpose with the gospel singer.

Further confirming the statement was the gospel star Nothando through an interview with this publication.

"My journey with Leserato has been nothing short of amazing, we worked well together but just like

in every form of working and doing business together, there are hiccups and misunderstandings, hence the decision," stated Hlophe.

The singer also added that she had learnt a lot from her former stable and felt that it was time she impacts on her own what she learnt from Leserato. She was responding to whether she would join another stable.

Learnt

"For now I will not be joining any new stable. I just want to use all the skills impacted by Leserato Events on me and see where that takes me because I learnt a lot from them," closed Hlophe.

Nothando Hlophe was with Leserato Event since March 2015.

Under the stable, she has recorded and released two live albums

released in 2016 and 2019.

She also was part of Spirit of Praise (volume 6 and 7) and has hits like 'Khulula Ugcobo', 'Sekukaningi', 'Impilo yami' and many more under Leserato Events.

For bookings, the singer will deal with them directly going forward.

Termination

The contract termination comes at a point where the singer is currently on tour for her newly-released album 'Nothando Live at Soweto' where she is set to tour the United Kingdom and some parts of South Africa.

She is also currently receiving raves with her songs 'Yebo' and 'Tibonakalise' from the album where they were sitting at over 100 000 views on YouTube.

Hlophe's last appearance under Leserato was on Saturday where she set the stage on fire at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre during the first ever MTN iPraise Gospel Festival where she performed over six songs for her fans.

Destiny Group promises bigger, better MTN iPraise second edition

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

AFTER successfully hosting the first annual MTN iPraise show, Destiny Group promises a bigger and better edition next year.

This promise was made by Destiny Group Director Tom Lin.

Lin said they would work hard to ensure the show does not only continue to promote local artists but will also serve the public.

"We obviously look at hosting a bigger and even better one and have started speaking with some potential major acts. However, we believe that MTN Eswatini will be the one to state when or how the next show will be held as the title sponsor of the event. We greatly appreciate their guidance and support in this event as well as their overall support for the arts in Eswatini," said Lin.

Lin continued to extend his gratitude to sponsors and the public for supporting the event.

"First and foremost we would like to thank MTN Eswatini for making the dreams of gospel music lovers come true by supporting an event that aims to bring the best of African gospel stars alongside our very own," he said.

He then thanked support sponsors for coming on board to help them with a variety of things. "Last but not least we thank the public for



OUR OWN: Nduduzo Matse on stage.

endorsing this new concept which was shown by them being on their feet from the first artist singing along until the very last," he said.

He said as Destiny Group they believed the event was a great success as all artists they engaged from outside Eswatini came through and delivered unforgettable live performances that will linger on in the fans' minds for many years.

"We also thank the local artists for also showing the rest of the world

that they are at a very high standard as they held their own on stage when pitted with award-winning international acts. We are very proud of them! We also thank the organising team, EIPA for the venue and support, the media and everyone who contributed to the success of this show," he said.

Lin highlighted that through the involvement of the South African channel, One Gospel; the event would take Eswatini to the rest of the world



PERSONALITY: One Gospel; 'Out and About' host Millicent Mashile.



ATTENDED : Tim Godfrey.

and promote the goodness of Eswatini. "Even the artists promised to be good ambassadors of Eswatini and let the world know that there is a beautiful country out there with lots of talent," said Lin.

...MTN iPraise takes Eswatini to the world

THE first edition of the gospel show did not only see its success but it also promoted the Eswatini culture through the guests and artists stories that they shared with the fans.

Destiny Group's Tom Lin shared how they took the artists to see different parts of Eswatini to promote tourism.

"The One Gospel team brought two crews to Eswatini and they not only interviewed local artists and promoted them but also toured the country. One Gospel was accommodated in Eswatini by Emfuleni Lifestyle a support sponsor to the event," he said.

He said the team from Nigeria was taken on a full day programme by the Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture, who showed them around the country as well as shared the history of Eswatini.

Dr Tim Godfrey said he would ensure that he also continues to promote Eswatini wherever he performs as he also composed a song about the country.

"I have a lot of followers and since I started posting about Eswatini, they have been asking more about this lovely country and are eager to visit it," he said.

EMASWATI HUNGRY FOR MUSIC PLATFORM

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

WITH two singing and voice competitions happening at the same time, it was inevitable to have contestants try their luck from both competitions.

This proves just how much Emaswati are hungry for a platform that would help launch their music careers.

A few contestants have been seen moving forward to the next rounds of both The Spotlight and Eswatini Gospel Music Talent search.

Both competitions started on the same week, with The Spotlight first hitting Manzini and the latter in Mbabane.

Although the competitions are looking for



different genres, contestants seem to have mastered the art of excelling in both competitions.

Speaking to MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko he said it was 100 per cent up to the contestant to compete in either competition.

Talent

Thulani Mthethwa of Eswatini Gospel Music Talent Search said this was something they did not predict because they never thought people would audition for both competitions but it was still a good thing.

"It is very tricky, especially because there might be a candidate that is accepted on both sides. I think it is something that needs to be discussed but we promise

to look into it," he said.

He said there was also no way to find out if there was a contestant that joined competitions and moved forward.

"I truly think this is a matter that the contestants also need to look into because both competitions are looking at promoting young talent. We might be strictly gospel but both competitions are looking for singers, so I think if push comes to a shove we might have to make a decision to cut that contestant or give them a choice to choose which competition they would like to continue with," he said

SWAMA president congratulates new ACASWA counterpart

....Shares tips on how to handle title

BY DELISA THWALA

SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini has on behalf of the SWAMA patron Princess Sakhizwe and the National Executive Council congratulated the newly-elected ACASWA President Phetsile Masilela.

Masilela is the first female president of ACASWA.

Dlamini said they were delighted to hear of her landslide victory and pledged their full support to her and the association.

"I personally look forward to working closely with her and strengthening our associations' relations," conveyed the SWAMA president.

Dlamini mentioned that this was such a milestone in the arts sector where they need more and more women leaders to stand up to the challenge of nurturing the growth of the infant industry.

He shared that their sector was at its infancy and they have lot of work to do in terms of educating themselves about the music business and its mandate, which is to grow the arts and music to greater proportions.

Dlamini also shared a few words of insight to Masilela as she begins her new task as the ACASWA president.

"There are two types of artists: those who enjoy a sense of entitlement, they always complain about everything and then wait for things to happen and then, there are those who are blessed with a spirit to chase their dreams, they will not rest until their visions manifest, they understand the concept of working hard and they simply get things done," confessed the SWAMA president.

He said there were no prizes for guessing which ones were more successful and essential for the growth and development of the music industry.

"Work hard and give it all you've got. If you do that, you will find more success than you had ever thought.

It is not easy but it is a lot of fun, there is never a dull moment in this industry! We have incredible gems right here in Eswatini opinions, have contributed to your being chosen for this daunting task. We wish you all the best as you represent us all," said Dlamini.

Smallz honoured by invitation to ANC Rally

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

SMALLZ The Comedian keeps gaining more South African fans.

The comedian was recently invited to perform at the African National Congress rally held at Driekoppies Stadium in Mpumalanga, South Africa the past weekend.

The comedian said he was humbled by the party's reception and hospitality.

"It was like any other event, an honour for us to share our work with the people here and the reception they gave us was quite humbling and we are further humbled by the party's consideration of us here," he said.

Smallz was quick to assure his fans that he remained an affiliate of no political establishment.

"I am just an entertainer whose service happens to be sought by people from all walks of life as was the case the past Saturday



RALLY: Smallz The Comedian performs at the ANC rally in Driekoppies.

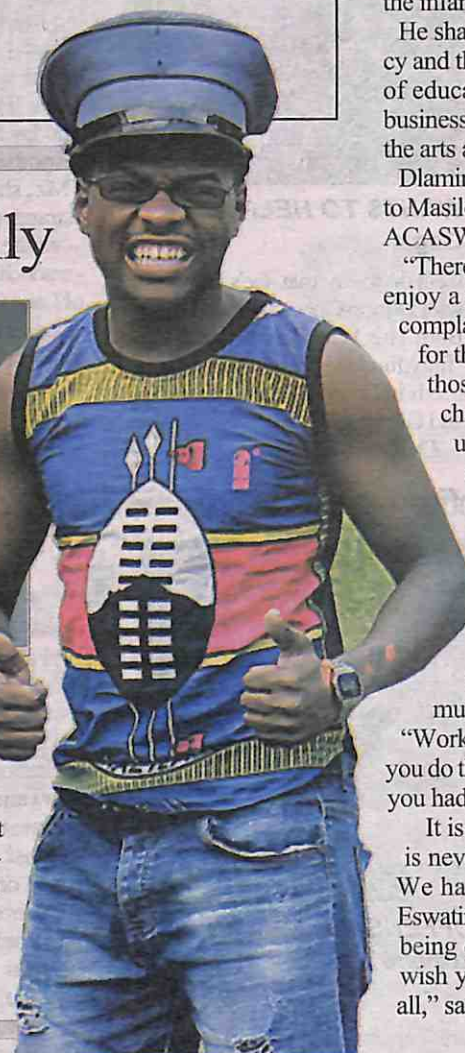
in Driekoppies," he said.

Leaps

South Africa's love for Smallz seems to be growing in leaps and bounds as he and his partners, comedians Gedlembane and S'lwane recently landed themselves a deal with Ligwalagwala FM on a show dubbed 'Afternoon Drive'.

The show airs every Thursday at 16h45.

Smallz mentioned that all these gigs were a pioneering milestone for them and they hoped even more young aspiring Eswatini artists would be inspired.



NTANDO DUMA SAUDI ZANDA ZAKUZA



MASANDI DJ LADY AMAR S-TONE



SOCKS VELEMSENI

TENDANESS

ALBUM LAUNCH (ESWATINI EDITION)

STAND A CHANCE TO WIN 1 OF 5 DOUBLE VIP TICKETS TO THE TENDANESS ALBUM LAUNCH (ESWATINI EDITION) BY ANSWERING THESE TWO QUESTIONS

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ENTRY (DOOR): MAIN ARENA E80 VIP E250
(VIP COMES WITH A COPY OF THE TENDANESS ALBUM)

What is the title of Tenderness' debut album?

Who is the SA artist featured on the song 'Over The Moon' on the album?
This artist is also on the album launch line up.

Your Name and Surname

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Celebville

International Celebrity News

Janet Jackson surprises fan at Vegas residency show

HOLLYWOOD - Janet Jackson left what may be her number one fan shook after he achieved viral fame with an epic reaction video to snagging tickets to her show. Yup, she took notice. Entrepreneur KB Strawder Jr. documented the sweet interaction from start to finish, which ended on a high note Sunday when his father got to meet the one and only Janet backstage after one of her Metamorphosis concerts this weekend at the Park MGM hotel and casino. It was the perfect time to catch her too — Janet's residen-



SURPRISES: Janet Jackson.

cy ends on August 17, and she's only doing three more shows between now and then. In the clip, you see KB's dad talking to what looks like the media, and then Janet sneaks up behind him.

TMZ

Chopra called a hypocrite over India-Pakistan conflict

HOLLYWOOD - Priyanka Chopra heard an earful from a frustrated fan who called her a hypocrite for seemingly advocating for peace, but clearly choosing sides in the India-Pakistan conflict. The tense moment went down Sunday in LA, where Priyanka was attending the Beautycon event and fielding questions from the crowd during a Q&A. A woman, who called herself Ayesha and identified as Pakistani, says it's difficult to hear her talk about humanity, when she clearly feels a certain way about



HYPOCRITE: Priyanka Chopra.

recent violence in her home region. The woman called Priyanka out for a tweet she posted in February that translated to "Long live India"

TMZ

Lady Gaga vows to fund classrooms after shootings

NEW YORK - Lady Gaga wants to help the healing process in the communities recently affected by mass shootings — and her solution is cash for classrooms. The singer posted an emotional message this week in support of the families and victims of the Gilroy, El Paso and Dayton shootings that occurred within a week of each other. Gaga wrote that her heart went out to those affected, adding ... "Everyone has the right to laws that make them feel safe in their communities. In this moment, I want to channel my confusion, frustration, and fury into hope. Hope that we are there for each other and for ourselves." Gaga



WANTS TO HELP: Lady Gaga.

went on to say that she's partnering with DonorsChoose.org and the Born This Way Foundation to "fully fund the classroom project needs in Dayton, OH, El Paso, TX, and Gilroy, CA.

TMZ

Jenner responds to Cyrus kissing ex Kaitlynn Carter

NEW YORK - Brody Jenner appears to have some thoughts about his recent ex locking lips with a newly single Miley Cyrus — his message is simple, new day, new page and lots of laughs. The 'Hills' star posted a photo Sunday that seemed to be in direct response to photos published by TMZ, showing Kaitlynn Carter, his estranged "wife"/fiancee/girlfriend — whatever the hell she is to him — smooching with Miley on the shores of Lake Como. In the photo, Brody's standing near the edge of a cliff overlooking the ocean and staring back at the camera from afar. He captioned the pic, "Don't let yesterday take up too much of today." Vague



NEW DAY: Brody Jenner and Miley Cyrus.

enough to be about anything, right? Well, his costar, Brandon Lee, got explicit. Brandon commented underneath, writing, "Let's round this scandal out and post a pic of us making out," adding a kissing emoji for good measure.

TMZ

Metro FM apologises for 'offensive' Miss SA poll

AUCKLAND PARK - Metro FM has apologised for a social media poll on new Miss SA Zozibini Tunzi that had Twitter deep in the feels this past weekend. The poll, run on the station's Twitter page, asked fans if Zozibini, was "stunning", "just ok" or "wrong choice". Many felt the poll was offensive towards Zozibini and slammed the station for questioning her beauty. Soon, Metro FM was trending as angry users shared their feelings about the post. The station also issued a statement distancing itself from the controversial post and claimed it would carry out "internal mea-



OFFENSIVE: Miss SA Zozibini Tunzi.

sures" against those found responsible for the "unapproved" content. *Times Live*

Malcolm X to launch his own YouTube TV channel

DURBAN - The People's Blesser, Malcolm X, is taking his fight to help students, orphans and the less-fortunate to YouTube, with the launch of his own channel. Malcolm X TV will cover student life, tuition, accommodation, meals, books and allowance needs at public and private tertiary institutions across Mzansi, much like he has been doing on his Instagram account for years. "My camera crew and I will continue with our normal campus and charity visits countrywide, and in neighbouring states, to address students' needs hands-on, like we've been doing in the past," Malcolm X told



LAUNCH: Malcolm X.

TshisaLIVE. He said the channel will also address needs at old-age homes, orphanages, mental institutions and HIV/Aids hospices. He explained that he was inspired to start the channel.

Times Live

Sbahle opens up about 'reclaiming' herself after car crash

DURBAN - Friday marked one year since Sbahle Mpisane was involved in a car crash that nearly claimed her life and resulted in her spending months in hospital. Sbahle lost control of her car during the early hours of August 9, 2018 on Victoria Embankment in Durban. Paramedics had to use Jaws of Life to remove her from the wreckage. And, even though it's been a long and tough journey to recovery, Sbahle learnt to push herself to reclaim her life. Taking to Instagram, Sbahle shared how suffering from amnesia after the accident almost made her forget that she's an intellectual woman and made her question if she could



OPENS UP: Sbahle.

rise above her injuries. "My traumatic injuries on both my feet made me question if I could steer myself in any direction I choose."

Times Live

Former Miss World Strauss confirms pregnancy

CAPE TOWN - Former Miss World and Miss SA Rolene Strauss confirmed that she is three months pregnant, making the announcement via a game on her YouTube channel. Rolene, who posts a new video on the channel every Wednesday, titled the video "big announcement". It was her first live video and she asked viewers to play "Pictionary" with her. She then drew images, while people had to guess how it related to her news. Rolene said she initially wanted to start trying for baby number two



EXPECTING: Former Miss World and Miss SA Rolene Strauss.

earlier this year, but was then asked to be on the cover of Women's Health.

Times Live

WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST



TODAY



STRUGGLES: Qaphela.

Qaphela struggles to escape his toxic family name. Fenyang is unimpressed by Phumelele's intervention in the case.



TODAY



SHATTERED: Sechaba.

Sechaba is shattered by what he's learned but puts a brave face on it. Lalage breaks huge news to an unsuspecting connection. Veronica makes a bold move with Makgorometsa.



TODAY

Mulondo refuses to let go of his twin brother. James and Marang's engagement party turns into a tragedy. Mulalo decides to shut down Vho-Mukondeleli's what's app group.



REFUSES: Mulondo.



TODAY

Madikgetla wants to bring Suffo in for questioning. Reneilwe is down in the dumps and feels like her star has faded.



DOWN: Reneilwe.

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Try not to spend too much time on one issue today, Capricorn. It's possible that you'll get so wrapped up in it that you'll find it hard to deal with anything else. Take care of one issue the best you can and move to the next without dwelling on the first. Your focus is strong, and you can tackle many issues efficiently.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

Your emotions are likely to be pulled to extremes, Cancer. A key aspect of today is communication, and it yields a great deal of power. People are fighting for knowledge today so be sure of your facts before you start tossing them out there. You'll command respect from others, thanks to your solid commitment to the truth.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

Things should be going well for you, Aquarius. Stay on track and you'll have a clear runway. If you deviate from where you need to be, you might get a harsh reminder from something or someone. There are powerful forces at work. You'll benefit if you work with instead of against them. Maintain your focus on the truth and those aspects that align with your soul.



Pisces February 19 – March 20

You may feel like you're walking a tightrope, Pisces. One wrong step will cause you to tumble to the ground. Don't put so much pressure on yourself. You may see things as life or death situations when what's required now is an upbeat attitude. If you insist on making things more complicated than they need to be, you may turn away the very people who can help you.



Aries March 21 – April 19

Someone or something may intimidate you and make you want to retreat, Aries. But this person or situation is the very thing you need now in order to do what you have to do. Opportunities are there for you even though they may be disguised. Once you find them you will know. Have confidence that you're ready for the next step in your journey.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

There may be power struggles brewing beneath the surface that become evident in your interactions, Taurus. Your first reaction may be to get upset and make your viewpoint even more rigid. It's important that you be more laid back. Accept that other people have different perspectives on the situation. Work with instead of against them. Walk away if others are unreasonable.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

You may find yourself running in a million different directions, Gemini. This is a good day to do errands. You can juggle many things at once, so continue with confidence. Make sure that you do each task thoroughly instead of skimming over them. Others are likely to notice your work. Do work that makes you proud.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Your mood is likely to be malleable, Sagittarius, depending on the people you're with and situation you're in. One minute you may be high as a kite and the next you're down in the dumps. There's likely to be very little middle ground. The key for you now is to align yourself with those with a positive attitude who can bring helpful working solutions to the issues.



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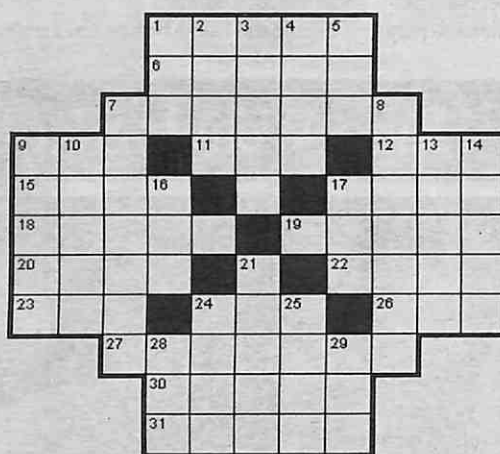


HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



PUZZLE CHOICE

X-WORD



DOWN

1. MAKE A MISTAKE (3)
2. VIOLENT DISORDER (4)
3. ATTACH TO (5)
4. SMALL SHEET OF PAPER (4)
5. SNAKE-LIKE FISH (3)
7. GO AHEAD (7)
8. STRIVE TO EQUAL OR MATCH (7)
9. COLOSSUS (5)
10. BYWORD (5)
13. QUICKLY (5)
14. RUSSIAN COUNTRY HOUSE (5)
16. COVERING (3)
17. PASTRY (3)
21. DRIED PLUM (5)
24. ELLIPSE (4)
25. COUNTRIES IN SPECIAL ALLIANCE (4)
28. FROZEN WATER (3)
29. ACQUIRE (3)

ACROSS

1. RUB OUT (5)
6. RANSACK (5)
7. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH (7)
9. MARINER (3)
11. GRATUITY (3)
12. INSANE (3)
15. OBJECT OF WORSHIP (4)
17. CHRYSALIS (4)
18. IMPLIED (5)
19. FRAGRANT FLOWER (5)
20. MATURED (4)
22. A PIECE (4)
23. INDICATING MAIDEN NAME (3)
24. GLOBE (3)
26. BEVERAGE (3)
27. DISCLOSE (7)
30. SMALL BOAT (5)
31. CHOOSE (5)

HUSBAND, WIFE

A husband asks his wife:
- If I died, would you marry again?
- Oh darling, of course I wouldn't. I'd go and live with my sister.

LOL
Laughing Out Loud

And if I died, would you remarry?
- No, I think I'd go and live with your sister too.

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1. Every 130 years, the Earth is inhabited by a totally new set of humans.
2. The feeling when your socks are soaking wet must be similar to what it feels like for a cat to get its fur wet.
3. No-one has ever been in an empty room.
4. Maybe the reason you think your washing machine is only eating single socks is that you wouldn't really notice if it ate a whole pair.

MOVIE QUIZ
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERSThe
MOVIE
QUIZ

Yesterday's Quiz

1. Who remade Solaris in 2002 and who took the lead role? Which Russian director made the original thirty years earlier?

Answer:

A. Steven Soderbergh; George Clooney; Andrei Tarkovsky

Today's Quiz

1. What was Tomas Alfredson's 2008 film, a bleak contemporary account of a vampire's existence set in a small

town in Sweden?

Answers:

A. Let the Right One In
B. Robocop



JACQUES fools his foes at Tribal Council!

For three Tribal Councils in a row, his alliance members, the so-called Spit Shakers Seven, kept him in the dark about their voting plans.

But this week self-proclaimed social butterfly, architect Cobus Hugo (28), had to swallow an even more bitter pill. With five votes against his name – also from the people he once believed could take him to the top – Cobus became the thirteenth person to be voted off M-Net's Survivor SA: Island of Secrets and the fifth member of the jury.

Before host Nico Panagio had snuffed Cobus's torch however, Tribal Council delivered nail-biting drama. When it was time to read the votes, all eyes were on Jacques. He was supposed to play the Hidden Immunity Idol, draped around his neck. Instead, he just slowly buttoned down his shirt.

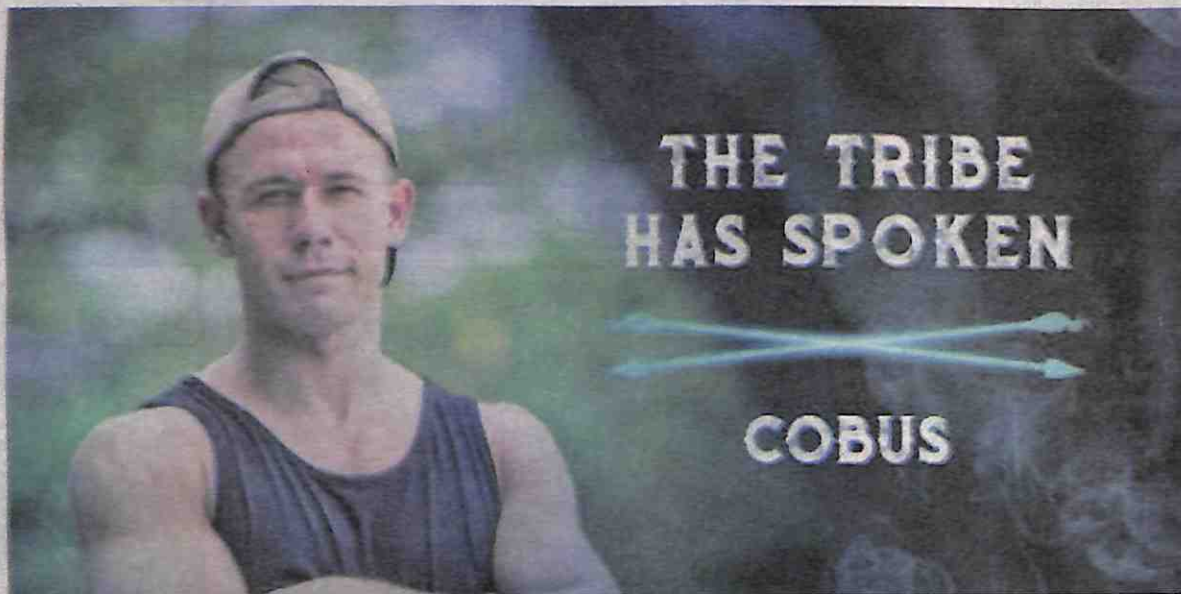
Confident

Then, there was another rude awakening for over-confident Steffi. Her name was written down as well and she heard Nico saying "... two votes Steffi... two votes Cobus... two votes Jacques". If Jacques played his Idol for Cobus, as the jury wished, it could have been a tie! And, if Jacques's bold move to persuade the other players at the bottom of the food chain that gunning for Steffi could be their saving grace, it could have been even worse for the former Miss Namibia.

How the Survivors voted:

The consensus at camp – without the targets knowing, of course – was that the votes would be split between Jacques and Cobus. In the end, the Amigos alliance – Rob, Nicole and Steffi – voted for Cobus. So did Durão and Mike, who Jacques tried to win over by sharing his advantage with them. Laetitia and Mmaba

Former friends crush castaway Cobus on M-Net's Survivor SA: Island of Secrets



followed the orders of 'senior management', as Jacques calls the power players, and went for Jacques.

Thus, the two votes, received by Steffi came from Jacques and Cobus.

How the week's episode played out:

This week's Reward Challenge revealed quite a lot about the Survivor's standing in the game as well as their strategy, needs and attitudes. Host Nico presented them with three options to play

for a hearty meal with wine, a letter from home or an advantage in the game. To win the reward, they had to keep two opposing forces (a set of handles) apart with a heavy metal bar shaped like a key between them. If at any point during the challenge they released the tension on those handles, the bar would slip through, shatter a tile and eliminate them from winning.

Nicole and Durão both picked the meal,

but then Durão realised that Nicole needed the nutrients more – and deliberately crushed his tile.

Most of the castaways were craving a letter from home. After Jacques, Laetitia and Cobus fell out, it was game on for Steffi and Mike. Taking his cues from Durão, Mike thought it was an excellent plan to let Steffi win.

The final face-off for the advantage in the game was between Mmaba and Rob.

Even though Mmaba needed it more than ever before, Rob didn't budge. After his victory, Rob was sent off to the Island of Secrets to spend an evening alone and find out more about his advantage. The advantage turned out to be an opportunity to practise for the all-important Immunity Challenge as well as everything that was up for grabs at the Reward Challenge.

Emotional

While an emotional Rob shed more than one tear when reading the letter from his dad, there were also plenty of red eyes back at camp. Steffi's letter from actor husband Clint Brink made her all weepy and the others broke down at the thought of missing out on much-needed encouragement from home.

Rob's winning spree did not end at The Island of Secrets. He came out tops at the Immunity Challenge, where he also won the opportunity to test-drive a Mahindra SUV for a month upon his return to South Africa. But will all of this put a target on his back now? After thirty days on the island, it's clear that everyone is there to win and that nobody can be trusted.

Survivor South Africa: Island of Secrets is screened on M-Net every Thursday at 19:00. It will also be available on DSTV CatchUp.

M-Net Movies looks at five of Hugo Weaving's best roles.

This Sunday night's movie on M-Net, *Mortal Engines*, plunges you into a fantastical, post-apocalyptic world of mechanised cities. Hugo Weaving takes on a villainous role as Deputy Lord Mayor Thaddeus Valentine. If you're familiar with Weaving's career, you'll know he's more than up to the task of playing the bad guy, but he also has a softer side, a funny side, and an anarchic side. Give this guy a role and he'll run with it. Let's take a look at his top five roles, before joining the Nigerian-born English-Aussie actor for a fantasy rendezvous in *Mortal Engines*.

The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (1994)

Hammed

Weaving glammed it up and hammed it up for his fabulous turn as drag queen Mitzi Del Bra in this Aussie road trip comedy classic. But underneath all the comedy and the camp is a tender, heart-warming road movie bolstered by stunning performances.

The Matrix Trilogy (1999 – 2003)

Cold, calculating, maniacal. This perfectly sums up Agent Smith, particularly every single time he says "Mr. Anderson". In his relentless pursuit of Neo, Weaving pulls off what is now one of his most famous roles with chilling aplomb.

The Lord of the Rings Trilogy (2001 – 2003), The Hobbit Trilogy (2012, 2014)

Top five Hugo Weaving Roles



You can escape the matrix after all! Because that's just what Weaving did. In between shooting the Matrix trilogy in Australia, he hopped on over to New Zealand to pop on a pair of pointy ears and speak elvish in Peter Jackson's magnificent Middle Earth-set trilogy.

Gravitas

He lent gravitas to the wisdom of Elrond in all three films, reprising the character several years later for the first and last part of the Hobbit trilogy.

V for Vendetta (2005)

From enforcing conformity in the matrix to breaking free of convention, Weaving sought anarchy as the title character in this Orwellian slice of dystopian sci-fi. His face is obscured through-

out his performance, but what he pulls off with his voice and body tells us everything we need to know about fairness, freedom, and justice.

Patrick Melrose (2018)

In this miniseries, Weaving delivers a chilling performance of a very different kind. He plays abusive father David Melrose in a performance that is cruel, tortured, and harrowing, yet disturbingly tender. Weaving finely balances the idiosyncrasies of his character, commanding the attention of both the characters that surround him as well as the audience.

Watch Hugo Weaving in *Mortal Engines*, your Sunday night movie on 11 August at 20:05 on M-Net channel 101.

What's hot on Mzansi Magic tonight

● MIM: Sipho at 18:00

After his mother's death, a gifted matriculant finds in the pits of depression and slipping further away from his academic goals.

● The Throne Season 1 at 19:00

(Episode 218: A Thief In The Dark)
Queen Mosadi has found someone to blame and Lazarus has a new plan while Odirile and Sello are already counting their chickens.

● Isithembiso Season 3 at 19:30

(Episode 97)
Absalom has doubts about Banzi's 'miracle'. Rasputin manipulates Madoda into ensuring Ayanda makes the right choice.

● Please Step In Season 6 at 20:00

(Episode 06)

Thokozile wrote in to the show seeking an intervention between herself and her husband's niece Maria.

● Isibaya Season 7 at 20:30

(Episode 112)
Qaphela struggles to escape his toxic family name. Fenyang is unimpressed by Phumelele's intervention in the case.

● The Queen Season 4 at 21:00

(Episode 12: Moving House)
Kagiso wants revenge. The Maakes' unravel while Shaka loses control of his household.

● Rate My Plate Season 1 at 21:30

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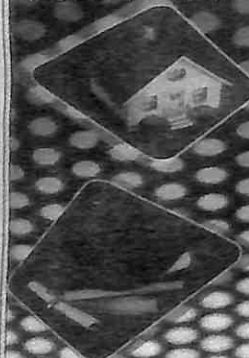
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POGBA LAUDS MAGUIRE AFTER OUTSTANDING DEBUT



MANCHESTER - Paul Pogba has heaped praise on new Manchester United team-mate Harry Maguire following his formidable debut against Chelsea.

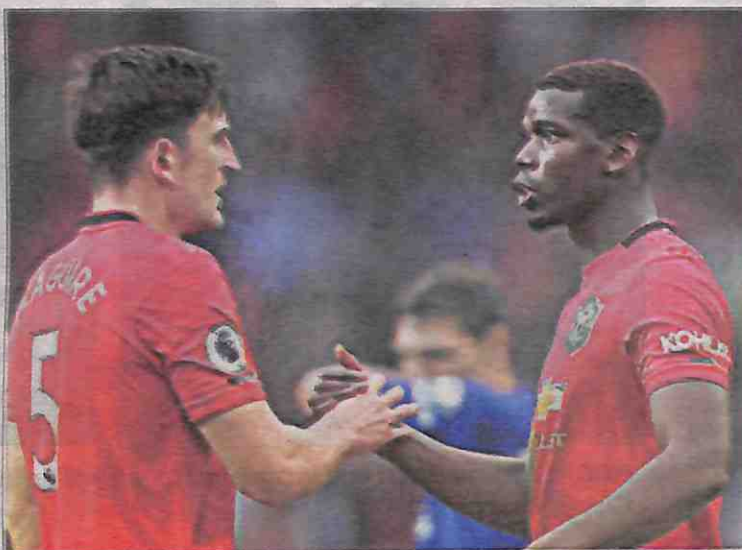
Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side ran out emphatic 4-0 winners against their top four rivals on Sunday at Old Trafford, with Maguire a calm presence in defence on his first outing since his £80million move.

And Pogba, who shone in the second half, lauded the England international, telling French reporters: "I call him 'The Beast'."

"Honestly, as you saw, he was really impressive. He is a leader. He fit right in with us in training."

"We talked about controlling the defence well and he has a good understanding with Victor [Lindelof]. It was a very good match to start with from the whole team."

Marcus Rashford bagged a double,



'I CALL HIM BEAST': Paul Pogba and new Manchester United team-mate Harry Maguire.

while Anthony Martial and Daniel James on debut grabbed a goal each as they put Frank Lampard's side to the sword. *Daily Mail*

Bale returns as Zidane stays tight-lipped on Neymar

MADRID - Real Madrid's Gareth Bale played for the first time in four pre-season matches on Sunday to suggest he could yet regain his place under coach Zinedine Zidane.

Bale came off the bench as Madrid drew 2-2 against Roma in the Stadio Olimpico, before losing the friendly on penalties.

After the game, Zidane was also asked about a possible move for Paris Saint-Germain striker Neymar but he refused to address the issue.

It was Madrid's seventh and final warm-up fixture ahead of the start of La Liga next weekend but Bale has only played three of those, and each time as a substitute.

James Rodriguez, who has also been expected to leave Madrid this summer, was not even named on the bench against Roma.

"Bale and James are players of Real Madrid," Zidane said afterwards. "Anything can happen until August 31 but we are counting on all the players." On a potential move for Neymar, who is reportedly keen to leave PSG and could rejoin Barcelona, Zidane said: "We

are here with the squad that we have and we are only thinking about that." Zidane had made it clear Bale was not part of his plans for a reinvigorated Real Madrid this term and the Welshman was left out completely for their previous three friendlies against RB Salzburg, Fenerbahce and Tottenham.

Closure

But after a move to China last month fell through and the closure of the Premier League trans-

fer window, Bale was back in the squad against Roma and came on for the last half an hour. With the score level, he could have won it for Madrid, firing into the side-netting and then just wide in the 92nd minute after two

impressive breaks forward. It remains to be seen if Bale is now included in Zidane's squad to face Celta Vigo in Madrid's season opener on Saturday. Their display against Roma was one of their better showings of a patchy pre-season, which has seen them register two wins, two draws and three defeats after normal time. *AFP*



Tearful Serena's US Open plans in disarray

TORONTO - A tearful Serena Williams saw her US Open preparation thrown into disarray on Sunday as back spasms forced her out of the WTA Toronto final after just four games, handing Canadian teenager Bianca Andreescu the title.

Andreescu, 19, was up 3-1 with a break of serve when 23-time Grand Slam champion Williams decided she couldn't continue.

She called for a medical timeout, but within a minute, the

umpire announced she was retiring.

"I just knew," said Williams, adding she'd undergone hours of treatment before the match to combat the back spasms she'd first felt in a semi-final win on Saturday night. "I knew I wasn't going to be able to continue." Andreescu approached her chair, offering words of encouragement and a consolatory hug as Williams tried to fight back tears.

"I'm sorry I couldn't do it today," Williams told the crowd, her voice cracking. *AFP*

TEARFUL: Serena Williams.



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Serero set for R17m Eredivisie exit?

JOHANNESBURG - Serero, 29, seemingly played his last game in the Netherlands this weekend with another composed 90-minute showing for Vitesse in their 2-0 win over Willem II.

According to Dutch publication De Telegraaf, the three-time Eredivisie winner has agreed to join UAE Pro League side Al Jazira after a €1 million (R17m) bid was accepted for his services.

Al Jazira, currently coached by former Heerenveen boss Jurgen Streppel will have known the diminutive playmaker during his time during his time managing in the Dutch top-flight, where Serero has emerged as one of the leading performers.

Over the 2018/19 season, the South African was named amongst the Team of the Season, which earned him a place in the AFCON 2019 squad, however, his stay in Europe appears to be coming to an end.

After leaving Ajax Cape Town as the PSL Footballer of the Year in 2011, Serero spent five seasons in parent club Ajax Amsterdam before two impressive campaigns with Vitas.

Kick-Off



POSITIVE: Steve Barker.

We're here to stay - Stellies are down but not out

CAPE TOWN - Beaten but not defeated.

Promoted Stellenbosch FC will see it that way after going down 1-0 to Cape Town City in a first Cape derby Premier League meeting at the Athlone Stadium on Saturday night. City had frontline player Chris David to thank for their win and first victory of the new season.

The ex-Fulham player, who joined the club in February, rounded off a move featuring four players with a well-placed, well-struck shot from his favoured left boot from inside the box that ended up in the bottom left-hand corner of goalkeeper Boy de Jong's net. Stellies weren't much of a threat during the first half but it was a different story in the second period as they found their mojo and began to threaten City's defence.

A number of chances to draw level weren't put away and that will be a worry for coach Steve Barker as his boys have now gone four league games without a goal stretching back to last season's final two in the National First Division that they ended up winning to gain promotion. **Kick-Off**

KHUNE, BILLIAT RETURN

JOHANNESBURG - Khama Billiat and Itumeleng Khune will be available for selection for Kaizer Chiefs' next game in a major boost for the club and its supporters, coach Ernst Middendorp has confirmed.

But whether the pair are selected for the team to take on SuperSport United at Soccer City on Saturday, August 24 remains to be seen.

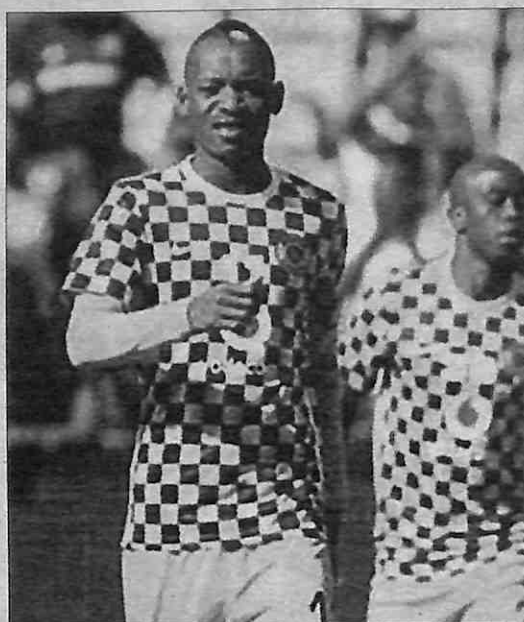
Billiat did not play in Chiefs' opening two games of the new campaign after injuring his knee in the pre-season Carling Black Label Cup while Khune is working his way back from major shoulder surgery. The goalkeeper has been sidelined for the last six months.

"Khune has played 45 minutes in a friendly game, then another 60 minutes and this week we will play him for a full 90 minutes," Middendorp said.

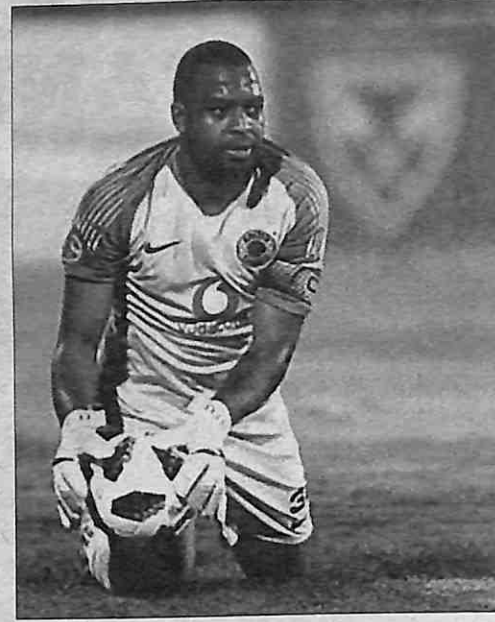
"He will be available for selection for the next game."

Chiefs have this weekend off because they did not qualify for the MTN8, effectively meaning a fortnight's break between last Saturday's 1-0 win over Black Leopards at Durban and the next clash against Matsatsansa.

As for the equally injury-prone Billiat, Middendorp said the club were managing his work load.



BACK: Khama Billiat and Itumeleng Khune will be available for selection for Kaizer Chiefs' next game.



"People must remember that he has not had a proper rest for many seasons now, what with participation in the Champions League, the Cup of Nations and ... and ... and," the coach said.

"He came back from the Cup of Nations with a left knee problem that we all saw in Egypt already."

"He joined us for pre-season on July 15 and he was with us for three days before we sent him off for

some more rest.

"I didn't want him to play in the Carling Black Label Cup but he wanted to play and he had been voted into the team.... and we had to honour that decision of the fans."

"He had pain again in his knee during that game but the scans showed there was no major damage, just bruising."

Middendorp explained that Chiefs' management, in consultation with

the medical staff, took a collective decision before their first game against Highlands Park to not overload Billiat with work but rather bring him on slowly, gradually increasing his work load.

"We have a progressive programme for him starting on July 21 and going through to August 21, a period of three weeks. "Then he will be available for selection," the coach added.

Kick-Off

MARITZBURG TOO STRONG TO STRUGGLE AGAIN - TINKLER

JOHANNESBURG - Maritzburg United coach Eric Tinkler feels his squad is too strong this season to suffer the same fate as the last campaign where they teetered on the brink of relegation and only managed to survive in the post-season playoffs.

His confidence comes despite the club letting slip potential victory at the weekend when they allowed Highlands Park to score a last-gasp equaliser for a 1-1 draw in their first home match of the new season at the Harry Gwala Stadium.

"If I look at both our games so far, against Golden Arrows and Highlands, I think we've got a lot of strength," said Tinkler, whose side lost their 2019-20 opener to their provincial rivals Arrows on the first weekend of the season.

"If I look at my bench, I've got a

lot of options available to me, so I see a hell of a lot of positives.

"But we are in the business of results, that's our reality and it's easy for me for me to talk," he added.

"The three points were vital for us against Highlands. It was a home game, where you need to pick up your three points, especially against teams like Highlands, so there is that disappointment."

"But I need to take positives from these two games."

Maritzburg had five weeks preparation for the new season in contrast to the rest of the top flight clubs who have been through the standard six. Highlands added an extra week for a total of seven.

The reason is that Maritzburg decided to give their players a minimum of three weeks off after the mentally-draining pressure of com-



WELL DONE: Steve Komphela of Golden Arrows and Eric Tinkler of Maritzburg United during the ABSA Premiership match between Golden Arrows and Maritzburg United at Sugar Ray Xulu Stadium in Durban, South Africa.

peting with the playoffs, and dipping with relegation, and as a result still have some catching up to do.

"Highlands are always well-conditioned but I felt at times we out-

ran them and that is kudos to my fitness department because that means we've had a good pre-season," Tinkler said.

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PIRATES COACH CONFIDENT OF BEATING GREEN EAGLES



JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates will overturn their 1-0 deficit in the second leg of their CAF Champions League clash with Zambian side Green Eagles, coach Micho Sredojevic says.

Spencer Sautu scored the only goal of the game in the first leg at the Nkoloma Stadium on Saturday, taking advantage of a fortunate deflection into his path to beat Buccaneers goalkeeper Wayne Sandilands.

Pirates were otherwise on

top in terms of possession and chances, but failed to get a vital away goal, and must now overturn the deficit in the return fixture at the Orlando Stadium in a fortnight. "We dominated in all the aspects of the game except the crucial one, which is to put the ball in the net," Sredojevic said.

"We applied ourselves very well, unfortunately there was a lapse in concentration at the start of the second half when we had a clear situation on the one side, and then from

losing the ball in midfield, a deflected shot put the opponent in a position to score the goal.

"We did well in the build-up to reach areas where we can be dangerous to our opponent, however we did not do enough to create more chances," Sredojevic says the Zambian side defended well after taking the lead, a sign of what is to come in the return leg where his side will have to be more incisive in attack to break them down.

Kick-Off



BAYERN MUNICH INQUIRE ABOUT PHILIPPE COUTINHO

MUNICH - Bayern Munich have enquired about the possibility of signing Philippe Coutinho from fellow European giants Barcelona.

Bayern are looking to bolster their midfield options ahead of the new season and are ramping up their search before the transfer window closes on August 25 in Germany.

...after Brazilian falls down pecking order

And according to Spanish publication Mundo Deportivo, the Bundesliga giants have asked Barcelona about making a move for Coutinho, who has fallen down the pecking order at the Nou Camp.

Future

The Brazilian midfielder's long-term future at Barcelona has been in doubt for some time after struggling to settle on the pitch following his move from

Liverpool in a £145million move last January.

He was heavily linked with the likes of Arsenal, Tottenham this summer but moves failed to materialise.

However, Coutinho, who has now dropped below Antoine Griezmann in the pecking order after his arrival from Atletico Madrid, might be offered a way out by Bayern.

Daily Mail

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Maguire catches Mourinho's eye on Man Utd debut

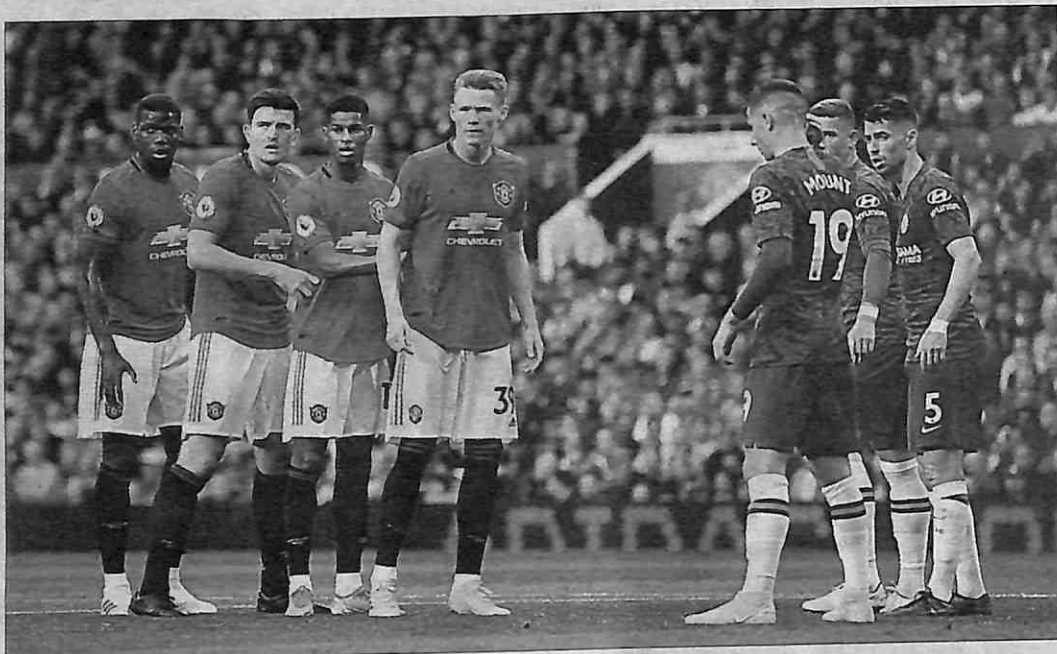
LONDON - Harry Maguire brought instant stability to Manchester United's much-maligned defence on Sunday and their 4-0 win over Chelsea showed he can build a strong partnership with fellow centre back Victor Lindelof, Jose Mourinho has said.

Maguire became the world's most expensive defender when United paid a reported 80 million pounds (\$96.28 million) for his services and the England international delivered a man-of-the-match performance on his debut at Old Trafford.

"He was solid like a rock," Mourinho, who has managed both sides, said in his role as a television analyst for Sky Sports.

"You can be very dangerous in attack but if you feel that a mistake is around the corner it takes your confidence away and you don't play as well. When you feel there is something that allows you to play you are much more confident."

"As I always said Lindelof can be a very good player. With Maguire



Manchester United defender Harry Maguire impressed Jose Mourinho in his debut game against Chelsea.

it can be a very good partnership."

Maguire was also praised by United Manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who said the centre back had brought a sense of calm to a defence that conceded 54

league goals last season.

"(Maguire) did exactly what we signed him for, his presence in both boxes, his calmness and composure on the ball," Solskjaer said.

"He's a leader and with him,

(goalkeeper) David de Gea and Victor Lindelof, they marshalled that back line really well. It is important to have strong personalities at the back."

Reuters

Peter is the best keeper in the PSL - Benni

CAPE TOWN - Coach Benni McCarthy has hailed Peter Leeuwenburgh as the best goalkeeper in the PSL.

The Cape Town shot-stopper pulled off a number of crucial saves, the last a trademark effort from point-blank range that helped secure City a 1-0 derby victory over promoted Stellenbosch FC at Athlone Stadium on Saturday.

Chris David netted in the seventh minute of the game played in front of 5 000 fans.

McCarthy felt his charges deserved to come away with all three points. "It was an enjoyable derby, but we made life difficult for ourselves. We definitely made Stellies think they were in the contest for all our

missed chances because towards the last five minutes you are fighting for your life; you throw people forward," McCarthy said.

"I think they caught us a little flat-footed and on the back foot. That's why we bought Pete. We brought him in for that. You need a keeper like all the great clubs."

"Manchester City, Liverpool and Manchester United, they all have top keepers and Cape Town City has one too. He kept us in the game when the heat was on and we ended up getting the result we wanted. But we must be more dominant when in the pound seats."

David found the back of the net in a hard-fought affair with a left-footed low shot inside the

box to give his team their first win of the season. City, who began their campaign with a 2-2 draw away at Baroka FC last weekend, move up four places to fourth on the league standings on four points, two behind early pacesetters Kaizer Chiefs who have won both of their games.

Stellenbosch are 13th with one point from their goalless draw away to Chippa United on the opening day.

The fact that City's three league goals have been scored by different players will please McCarthy.

IOL



Lionel Messi to miss opening La Liga game due to injury

BARCELONA - Ernesto Valverde has revealed Lionel Messi could miss Barcelona's opening La Liga game against Athletic Bilbao on Friday.

Messi, who featured for Argentina at the Copa America this summer, is currently struggling with a calf strain and did not travel with the Barcelona squad to the USA for their two pre-season games with Napoli.

There were hopes the five-time Ballon d'Or winner would recover in time but Valverde has suggested he is set to miss out.

Daily Mail

Micho reacts to speculation on Bucs star

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates coach Milutin Sredojevic has commented on midfielder Theminkosi Lorch's role in the team amid speculation over his future.

Lorch has been linked with a move away from Pirates in the current transfer window as interest from Europe appeared in several reports in recent weeks. The Bafana Bafana star, who netted the all-important goal that eliminated hosts Egypt from the Last 16 of the Africa Cup of Nations last month, is said to have caught the eye of French Ligue 1 side Toulouse as well as Percy Tau's former club in Belgium, Union Saint-Gilloise.

Though he was absent from The Buccaneers' shock CAF Champions League preliminary round defeat to competition debutant Green Eagles at the weekend, Micho has stressed his importance to the club's quest in the 2019/20 season.

"He has grown a lot and you can see that he always fights for the team. He is a player with a lot of creativity and as a team, we are proud to have him," Sredojevic said in his press conference. *Kick Off*



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YAM NAWA S'PHAKEME FUTSI



BAYETHE: EPTC management poses with His Majesty King Mswati III after the crowing of Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup champions Mbabane Highlanders at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



WITH THE OFFICIALS: The Charity Cup final match officials pose with His Majesty.

MBABANE HIGHLANDERS VS ROYAL LEOPARD



TWO AGAINST ONE: Mbabane Highlanders captain Menzi Sithole controls the ball while Royal Leopard's Mcolisi Lukhele and Melusi Dlamini close in.



SHOT: Leopard's Barry Steenkamp takes a shot while Highlanders' Punch Masenamela attempts to block him.



NOT THIS ONE: Leopard goal-keeper Phephisani Msibi winning the ball from Highlanders' Josef Lekata.

CELEBRATIONS



DONE DEAL: Highlanders players celebrate their second goal against Wanderers in the final.



FIRST THING: Tibiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director Dr A.T Dlamini with Highlanders Patron Moses Dlamini and PLE CEO Simanga Nhleko at the Royal Box.



JOVIAL: Some of Highlanders followers in jovial mood.



JOY: Highlanders' Josef Lekata joined by Punch Masenamela in celebrating his goal against Royal Leopard.



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CAN'T MISS OUT: EPTC employees also had a chance to pose with His Majesty.



YAM'NAWE S'PHAKEME FUTSI: EPTC marketing team poses with His Majesty.

CEOs VS CABINET



TACKLE: FINCORP Managing Director Dumsani Msibi marks his opponent. This was during EPTC EXCO & CEOs vs Cabinet in a curtain-raising match for the finals. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.



STILL ACTIVE: Minister of Sports Harries 'Madze' Bulunga challenges EPTC Managing Director Petros Dlamini.



OOPS! Cabinet/MPs goalkeeper Vulimpompi Nhleko tries to make a save.



WANDERERS VS MB. SWALLOWS



PUSHING: Swallows' Wonder Nhleko and Wanderers' Sanele Mkhweli fight for the ball.



S'PHAKEME FUTSI: Manzini Wanderers' Sifiso Maseko and Mbabane Swallows captain Tony Tsabedze in a heading duel.



TIGHT MARK: Wanderers' Thami Zulu tackles Swallows' Sandile Hlatjwako.



EKHAYA: Manzini Wanderers and Mbabane Highlanders supporters celebrate the Weslians' lone and winning goal scored by Leon Manyisa against Mbabane Swallows.

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CONGRATULATIONS
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Against strong teams, the 'Black Bull' showed determination and courage in front of close to 18 000 football lovers, who joined His Majesty King Mswati III for the finals of one of the richest tournaments in the country.

Let us stand up and salute Mbabane Highlanders for ending their nine-year trophy drought on Sunday at the Somhlolo National Stadium.

It was not easy games, I must say, but their effective tactics made a difference on the day.

A few gave them a chance, judging from their first game performance, where they beat Royal Leopard after the penalty shootouts. Personally, I just thought they were not ready for the start of the new season but as the match progressed, they also grew in confidence and went all the way to win the tournament in style.

Party

They really shocked me and rocked Manzini Wanderers to the core in the finals as the Weslians had only prepared themselves to beat Swallows. This I say because they literally failed to come to the party in the second match where they looked like a team that needs a coach. Wanderers have good players, who was not used on the day and that were their downfall. But for Highlanders, I think it was just their day.

Highlanders' new boss Ally Kgomongwe has just delivered a trophy and has done it in superb fashion.

The hero for the Mbabane-based side was Sandile 'Sawa' Gamedze, who won a penalty towards the end of the match and converted it to shove a dagger in the hearts of the hub giants.



The football gods smiled upon the 'Black Bull', but frowned on the embattled Wanderers for their misdeeds after leaving players like Mike Dombo on the bench, but only to introduce them when it was already late to change anything.

Football can be so cruel and it was merciless towards Wanderers, who not only failed to finish in the top eight in the previous season, but crumbled on the big occasion.

Progress

For the entire week, Manzini buzzed with anticipation, with expectations high for the big game, but it was all for nothing.

I will not say much about Mbabane Swallows and Royal Leopard as they both failed to progress to the finals.

Leopard literally failed to play their normal football as they were frustrated by Highlanders and with that performance, they did not deserve to go through.

For Swallows, I think they are still wondering how they lost the match. Wanderers did not pose any threat in this match and they were lucky to have been handed a 'gift' by Swallows keeper, who must be cursing his gods for allowing in that easy goal from a corner kick.

We were all anticipating to see Swallows coming hard at the opposition but they just failed to make things happen on the day. Could it be that Wanderers were better prepared on the day? Well, maybe but this game failed to live up to expectations.

I expected fireworks, judging from what had happened during the week but it was not the case. It was just one of those games where the 'lucky' team won.

I also thank His Majesty King Mswati III and other Royal family members for gracing the great football spectacle.

This turned out to be a harmonious day filled with energy and enthusiasm from football supporters, who came in numbers to support charity. The support from fans was overwhelming as close to 18 000 of them crammed Somhlolo to cheer their respective teams, while others came just to have an experience of this wonderful event and give their eyes something to marvel at.

Worth noting is that people maintained a high level of respect as there was no violent incidents throughout the day.

Athletics were also part of this special day to add more enthusiasm and innovation to the events of the day.

May I once again congratulate Highlanders for winning the Charity Cup. I will forgive their fans for singing throughout the night on Sunday. I know some are still singing even today, its okey Bomagebhula, enjoy your victory to the fullest.

Special thanks go to the football stakeholders and the sponsor EPTC for organising such a great tournament that is meant to help the less privileged in the country. Charity was indeed the winner on the day.

MAMBA SHOULD IMPROVE IN THE SECOND LEG

CORRECTIONAL Services side Green Mamba need to dig deep into their reserves of courage to advance to the next stage of the CAF Champions League after a 0-2 home loss to Zambian side Zesco at Mavuso Sport Centre.

Mamba will play their crucial second leg game in Zambia next week and I personally feel they should have done better here at home to boost their chances of brushing aside the Zambian team.

Home wins are usually crucial in continental competitions, and Green Mamba will now have to double their efforts if they are to go past the George Lwandamina-led side. In all honesty, Mamba should have

won this match but they were let down by poor finishing as they missed a number of clear cut chances.

The visiting side was not a hard nut to crack and I expected the Correctional Services side to do better here and make use of the home ground advantage. It will be a tough second leg match for Mamba.

The visiting team's performance on the day was just average and Mamba should have capitalised on that.

In fact, they did not live up to expectations and a more aggressive Green Mamba should have at least drawn that match.

I think we are all aware now that they face an uphill battle for progression towards the next stage of the continental competition, when they travel to face the Zambian side in the second-leg on the weekend of August 23-25.

Hope

We all want to see an improved Mamba in the second leg, as they now know what to expect from the opposition.

On the other hand, army side Young Buffaloes brought the nation joy when they beat Buildcon 1-0 in the CAF Confederations Cup played at the Levy Mwanawasa Stadium in Ndola, Zambia on Saturday.

It is not easy to win against Zambian teams away in such tournaments and we salute Buffaloes for their heroics.

ics.

We are hopeful 'Amathole' will once again hoist the country's flag sky high when they host Buildcon at Mavuso Sports Centre next week.

Their coach Dominic Kunene should guard against complacency as Buildcon have nothing to lose. They will be all out for an early goal to unsettle Buffaloes in the second leg and the army side should approach this match with caution.

'Buffis must definitely use the MTN Premier League games as preparations for the second leg. One can only trust that Buffaloes will continue with their good form and represent the country well even in the second leg.

Buildcon are no longer a closed book to Buffaloes and we hope Buffaloes will make it to the next stage of the tournament, something they have failed to achieve in the past.

Let us all support them as they are now representing the county; it's not about the two representatives but the nation now.

We all want to see an improved Mamba in the second leg, as they now know what to expect from the opposition.

WE MEAN BUSINESS - ALLY KGOMONGWE

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER - MBABANE Highlanders boss Ally Kgomongwe says they mean business this season.

Speaking yesterday after watching his side winning a trophy after eight years, the South Africa businessman said he told the supporters during his unveiling about two months ago that the trophy drought shall be a thing of the past in the team.

"When I promise something I always deliver. As you remember during my unveiling I said that there will be no more tears among the bull family. I'm happy that I have wiped away the tears from the team. Yes, it's a new dawn in the black and white family. Let us all rejoice and be glad on it," he said.

Captain Menzi Sithole said they were happy to win the final and it was a tricky match.

"We have a new team and also our opponents were parading new players. The encounter was tough. It's so great that at last we tested a trophy. I'm so proud of the my teammates," he said.

South Africa born import Josef Lekata



NOW IS THE TIME: Mbabane Highlanders boss Ally Kgomongwe celebrates with the technical team and players after lifting the cup.

said the win meant a lot to him as a new player. He said they were told that the team had been without a trophy for the past 18 years.

"I was touched when I heard that Highlanders has been without a trophy for such a long period, hence I told myself that I will work harder to make the team supporters happy," he said.

The former Amazulu FC striker mentioned that their main focus now would

be the league. Mlamuli 'Mlaba' Nkambule said the glory days were back in the team. He thanked the team new boss Ally Kgomongwe for his motivation to them as players.

"Finally, we now have a trophy. All the best to my teammates and supporters," he said.

Defender, Vusimuzi Vilakati said they would continue to work hard for the team to please their supporters.

Dr AT left church for Charity Cup

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER - TIBIYO Taka Ngwane Managing Director Dr AT Dlamini left Church on Sunday for the 2019 Telecom Charity Cup at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday.

Capital city giants, Mbabane Highlanders were the eventual winners of the one-day tournament. Speaking to this publication, Dlamini said his love for charity work saw him leaving church to join the nation at Somhlolo National Stadium.

"I told my pastor I will leave early for the Charity Cup tournament."

It was a great event as the nation gathered for charity work, joined by His Majesty King III and members of the royal family.

I would like to thank EPTC for the Charity Cup. It's not about them but helping the poor in the society. Let's all stand up and help those who are less privileged in the country," he said.

The former Prime Minister also mentioned that he enjoyed himself during the one-day soccer spectacular. He said all the teams played good football and congratulated Mbabane Highlanders



FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME: Tibiyo Taka Ngwane Managing Director Dr AT Dlamini.

for being crowned champions.

"I am a Mbabane Swallows by birth but at this juncture I would like to congratulate Mbabane Highlanders for winning the trophy after a long time. They deserve it and it's good for local football," he said.

Eswatini football can no longer be taken for granted - Kwenaithe

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER - SUPERSPORT presenter and pundit Thomas Kwenaithe says Eswatini Football can no longer be taken for granted.

Speaking at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday during the Telecom Charity Cup finals, Kwenaithe said the standard of local football was growing by leaps and bounds.

He noted that from the time of Harries 'Madze' Bulunga as a coach of the national team, the local side went closer to qualifying for the AFCON Cup.

"The standard of local football is growing day by day. It is a fact that Eswatini Football can no longer be taken for granted. We are also seeing South Africa stars such as Punch Maselemela now plying their trade in Eswatini, an indication that the sport is now getting the attention of international stars," he said.

Kwenaithe further said that the final was fantastic as both teams gave a good account of themselves. He mentioned that runners-up of the tournament, Manzini Wanderers got a number of chances but failed to convert them to goals.

"The final between the two sides was good and congratulations to Mbabane Highlanders for winning the title after a long time," he said.



Fans happy with this year's Charity Cup

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER - A number

of fans interviewed during the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday said they enjoyed this year's tournament

particularly the Mbabane Swallows versus Manzini Wanderers game. This is what some of them had to say:

Samkeliso 'Stout' Dlamini (Mbabane Highlanders) - It was fun because everyone will benefited not only the teams and fans but also the less privileged in the country. La Sport + Dlozini Masilela (Mbabane Highlanders) - I am happy Highlanders won the Charity Cup. We had a lot of fun cheering on Sigebe as they lifted the trophy.

Celimphilo Dlamini (Swallows) - The team played really well against Wanderers. Unfortunately, it all went wrong for us because of goal keeper Sandanezwe Mathabela. We are disappointed with his performance.

Otherwise, it was a great day. Luthando Kunene (Mbabane Highlanders) - The game was good, the players did well and we are very proud of the team. I also enjoyed watching the Weslian vs Birds game, it was entertaining.

Dumisani 'Mfundisi' Matsebula (Mbabane Highlanders) - The games were great and I am happy Mbabane Highlanders were the eventual winners.

Tenani Xulu (Manzini Wanderers) - It was a great tournament and I was happy with our first game performance. Leon Manyisa had made us proud too, he has shown that he loves the team and is doing his level best.

Alex Ngomane (Manzini Wanderers) - I am happy with the overall performance of the team. Even though we did not win the Charity Cup, it was great tournament.

Muhle Simelane (Manzini Wanderers) - I enjoyed myself happy here. My team played well but I was not happy with the substitutions the coach made. I had fun.

Bheki Dlamini (Mbabane Swallows) - I am happy with the squad we have. The team played well and it's only that we were unlucky to concede that goal. Otherwise we have a team and I enjoyed watching the new signees as they are setting in well. We will win trophies this season.

Pay attention to your talent - Manyisa

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER - MANZINI

Wanderers midfielder Leon Manyisa says young people should pay attention to their talent because sometimes it is hidden and you will never know it until you demonstrate it.

Manyisa said this when interviewed after they lost 1-3 to Mbabane Highlanders in the Charity Cup finals on Sunday.

He said he never knew he was talented in soccer until people noticed his talent which prompted him to pay attention to it.

The 18-year-old, who is doing Form Four

at Elangeni High School, said he started playing soccer as a hobby not knowing that one day he would be famous and play for one of the biggest teams in the country.

Gifted

He said everyone had a gift and sometimes one ends up not realising your talent when they do not pay attention to it.

"Praying is the best way to realise your skill and your dreams as well, so I would like to encourage young people, who like to play soccer to continue doing that and start training at an early age in order for them to reach their full potential," he said.

Manyisa said he started playing soccer when he was six years old and from there he never looked back. He said each and every day he prayed to God to help his destiny because he had other dreams apart from

being a soccer player.

"Even though people compliment me each and every day about how I play, I don't let it get in my head and start being pompous but my main aim is to improve each and every day."

He said he was focusing more on his studies and wanted to achieve his goals because without qualifications in this world one was nothing.

"Even if you are soccer star, you need qualifications to have something to fall back on to because football is a short career."

Manyisa said one cannot depend on football for the rest of their life. "Football is beautiful but education comes first and I would like to encourage young people who are engaged in soccer to focus on their studies and pray every day," he said.

MTN Premier League starts this weekend

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER – THE MTN Premier League 2019/20 season will start this weekend.

Defending league champions Green Mamba will aim for their second successive trophy, after being crowned league champions last season, while other teams will want to upset the Correctional Services side by winning the trophy in the upcoming season.

Premier League of Eswatini Chief Executive Officer Simanga Nhleko confirmed during yesterday's EBIS Radio Sports Show that the league would start this weekend.

"Yes, I can confirm that the MTN Premier League is expected to start this weekend as per what was agreed on during the AGM two weeks ago."

He said the PLE would be announcing the fixture once everything was finalised.

"For now I can confirm that the league will definitely start this weekend unless advised otherwise because a number of things needed to be considered before announcing the fixture."

Hoping

He said they were hoping venues would be available as they haven't heard anything with regards to non-availability of the venues.

The league's governing body announced the fixtures for the opening weekend of the 2019/20 season during their AGM where the reigning champions Green Mamba will face rookies Pigg's Peak Black Swallows.

Having signed a number of new players, Manzini Wanderers will take on last year's league runners-up Royal Leopard.

Moneni Pirates will clash with newbies Milling Hotspurs while Young Buffaloes have a date with Manzini Sundowns.

In one of the interesting clashes of the new campaign, Mbabane Highlanders will renew their rivalry against Mhlume Peacemakers.

Tambuti will play against Sea Birds in another exciting encounter.

Completing the weekend's fixtures is Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe's Mbabane Swallows, who will lock horns against Malanti Chiefs.

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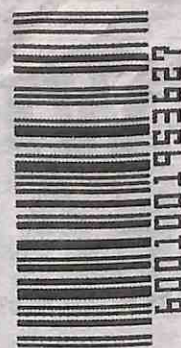
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WANDERERS FIRE 'KOKI'

- Decision was taken yesterday after an executive meeting
- Team already looking for a new coach
- Losing Charity Cup was the final straw

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER – HUB giants and 2019 Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup runners-up Manzini Wanderers have decided to part ways with coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

The Weslians have finally decided to release the head coach following the team's poor form in the previous season and again for failing to win the Charity Cup on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium, where they lost 1-3 to Mbabane Highlanders.

Information gathered is to the effect that the former Mbabane Swallows mentor was criticised by a section of the team's management and supporters after the defeat.

An official privy to executive committee discussions last night disclosed that the team decided to fire the coach for a number of reasons.

The source said the team's authorities were not happy with the previous season's performance, where the team finished outside the top eight despite the coach making a promise when he took over.

"I can tell you now that 'Koki' was already treading on thin ice going into the Charity Cup on Sunday. He made promises when he took over as head coach in the previous season but he dismally failed to deliver."

The source said they expected 'Koki' to win at least one trophy last season but he failed, something that did not go down well with the team boss.

Failed

"He was then given a chance to prove himself, starting with the Charity Cup this season but he failed to deliver it. The team has tried to sign all the players he wanted and they expected him to do better in the Charity Cup."

The source said 'Koki' went on to lead the team in the Charity Cup knowing very well that he would be fired if he does not win. "The team is also not happy with the way he selected his first 11 despite being advised to use certain players. He did not include some players in the final match, something that angered some of the technical bench members. Losing the Charity Cup in that fashion was the final straw as he was eventually fired."

The source said it was also believed that he did not like certain players in

the team.

Manzini Wanderers Chief Executive Officer Sandile 'Ntofo' Dlamini confirmed that the team had parted ways with the coach.

He said an amicable agreement was reached between the two parties. "I can confirm that we have parted ways with Koki. I can't state the reason because it is between the employer and employee. We would like to express our gratitude to him for all the efforts during his time at Manzini Wanderers and wish him well."

Dlamini further said they were currently looking for a new coach.

Meanwhile, Vilakati joined the maroon and white outfit midway in the 2018/19 season. This was his second stint with the hub giants as he was also fired in 2010/11 season despite

the team sitting at the top of the log.

AXED: Former Manzini Wanderers coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati.

BULL PLAYERS TO SHARE E100 000

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER – AFTER their gallant performance that saw players defying all odds to win the 2019 Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup, Mbabane Highlanders players will share E100 000 from the prize monies.

The capital city giants took home E1.1 million for being champions of the 'Yami Nawe, Siphakeme Futsi' edition. Hub giants Manzini Wanderers walked away with E550 000 for being runners-up of the one-day soccer spectacular.

Mbabane Highlanders' new boss Ally Kgomongwe confirmed that the players would share the said amount when contacted yesterday morning.

He said he was so much happy about the players' performance and would

give them E100 000 to share as a token of appreciation. "In my term in office, I will always ensure that my players are well motivated. Prior to the final, I told them that if they bring the trophy back home, I will reward them with E100 000 and I will definitely fulfil that promise."

He said the team played well on Sunday despite having some of their players injured. "It was not easy but the defied all odds to eventually win the Charity Cup."

Impressed

Meanwhile, the team's patron Benson Dlamini said they were impressed with Kgomongwe's input despite the fact that he had been in power for a period less than three months.

"Personally, I can safely say that Ally has been great since he joined the team as a director. In a period of less than

three months, he has proven himself beyond doubt. We are all looking forward to a good season and there is still a long way to go," he said.

Dlamini further said the team was still on the rebuilding process and they would beef up their squad ahead of the new season. "We are not yet a well-oiled machine but I am sure the technical team will definitely assembly a strong team. I was happy with the team's performance and the boys can only improve from here going forward," he said. Dlamini also thanked the team's former directors for coming to the stadium and rally behind the players. "It was really encouraging to see the team's former directors rallying behind the team. We are one big family at Highlanders."

Amongst of their new signings, the black and white outfit paraded former

AmaZulu striker Josef Lekata, former Kaizer Chiefs and Mamelodi Sundowns defender PUNCH Mesenemela, Muzikayise Ngidi and PHILA Mamba among others.

