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**DIVIDED:** Limkokwing University of Creative Technology students crowded at the entrance gate during the opening of the university yesterday. The students were divided as some opted to sign the declaration and commitment to peace forms while others were sceptical about the form as they felt it infringed on their rights. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

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# MINISTRY ISSUES STERN WARNING ON STRIKE

STORIES BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

**WOE unto all civil servants who will attend the planned mass action on September 25, which is in two weeks time.**

Leading to this day, where workers have declared that they will strike and march to Mbabane to deliver petitions calling for the payment of the Cost of Living Adjustment, otherwise known as CoLA, Public Service Principal Secretary Siphosabedze has issued a stern warning to all public servants who will not report at work on the announced

dates by the Public Sector Associations (PSAs).

The PSAs have announced that starting today and on the 17th, 23rd and 24th they will be staging activations to sensitise workers about their planned strike action.

## Dates

Tsabedze speaking in an interview stated that the dates announced by the Public Sector Associations are official working days.

"All civil servants are expected to be at work on the dates they have announced including the 25th September," he said.

He added that drastic measures will be taken against all public ser-

vants who will absent themselves from work.

Tsabedze said any one who plans to join the said activations should seek permission to be off work from their supervisors.

The Swaziland National Association of Government Accounting Personnel (SNAGAP), Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT), National Public Service Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) and Swaziland Democratic Nurses Union (SWADNU) all make up the PSAs.

However, SWADNU will not participate in the planned strike action because they are classified as an essential service.

According to SNAGAP General Secretary Dumsile Dlamini she described the upcoming strike as lawful.

## Strike

Dlamini said this comes after the court upheld their rights to strike in its July 29th judgment. Workers are demanding a 7.85 per cent Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA).

Building up to the big day the National Public Service Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) Secretary General Thulani Hlatshwako said they have been visiting branches in the regions throughout the country mobilising their members towards the strike.

## ...All systems ready for big march - PSAs

**PSAs are not backing down despite government stern warnings.**

The Public Sector Associations of Swaziland are ready to fight tooth and nail for the 7.85 per cent Cost of Living Adjustment.

SNAT General Secretary Sikelela Dlamini called up all civil servants to take part in the huge march set to take place on September 25.

Building up to the main day, Dlamini said on September 17 and 23 protest marches would be

held in all four regions of the country.

He said on the 20th September they will hold a mass meeting for all civil servants at the SNAT Centre in Manzini.

## Staged

Dlamini added that on September 24 a night vigil shall be staged at SNAT Centre in preparation for the big day.

The last time public servants had a salary adjustment was in 2016 which was popularly known

as *dvladvula*.

The PSAs call for CoLA has been a battle with government since last year.

A planned strike action in January this year was declared illegal by government, hence the matter went to court, to which in July 29 a ruling delivered by Industrial Court Judge President Sifiso Nsibandze that the strike was legal so long as proper procedures were followed, hence the planned action in two weeks time.

## TSC to fill vacant posts

BY STARKY MKHONTA  
Nhlango

**IN what is likely to come as a relief and joy to those in the teaching profession, government has since given the Teaching Service Commission (TSC) the green light to fill-up vacant posts in schools which have been created by teachers who have left, dead or retired.**

It was explained that with some teachers having taken retirement and others having left the profession for various reasons, this has necessitated government to allow the TSC to fill up the posts. Government led by Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini resolved shelving of hiring and filling up of posts in the public sector until the economy which has taken a nosedive improves. Freezing of hiring and filling up of posts within some of the government departments and institutions being led to some areas operations has greatly affected.

The ministry of education was not

spared when the decision was taken as some of the schools have been without teachers for sometime now.

However, in a gathering yesterday at Joppa Primary School, TSC Executive Secretary Ncansile Mtshali announced that as an employment agency for the ministry of education, they have been now given the go ahead to fill up the posts in schools created during the course of the year.

This is where a TSC team headed by its Chairman Simanga Mamba attended a get together for the Alliance Church schools.

The TSC boss was a guest of honour in the event which was combined with the farewell function of retiring teachers.

The Alliance Church has a total of 13 schools around the Kingdom, 11 are primary schools and two are high schools while one is a tertiary.

Mtshali said the decision was a relief not just to the schools but even to the commission as a heavy burden had been removed from its



TSC Chairman Simanga Mamba.

shoulders.

She said the TSC was fully aware of the challenges in schools caused by the freezing of posts which, however, was understandably necessitated by the ailing country's economy.

"We are now in the process of seeing to it that affected schools get teachers. We are thankful to government for seeing the necessity to review its position as per the circular which froze hiring," an said Mtshali, a statement that led to unbelievable thunderous applause from the crowd.

TSC boss Simanga Mamba said the posts that the commission would fill were only those created by departure of teachers during the period of the second and third term. He said it was not like government had allowed the commission to start a full scale hiring process.

"What government has done is allow us to identify posts that need to be filled in schools. We call this a waiver.

"We are replacing teachers who have retired and we do this with the permission endorsed by Cabinet," said Mamba.

## Govt owes KISS E300m for ICCFISH

BY MBONO MDLULI  
Mbabane

**GOVERNMENT is owing the KISS Joint Venture contractors who are constructing the five star hotel and convention centre in Ezulwini over E300 million.**

This transpired yesterday when Members of Parliament (MPs) who are members of the ministry of economic planning and development's portfolio committee toured the multi-billion project yesterday in Ezulwini.

The MP wanted to see what exactly was needed to finish the project.

The project is known as the International Convention Centre and Five Star Hotel (ICCFISH).

The money owed on the side of the FISH is said to be E116 784 413.91 and on the side of the ICC, an amount of E279 197 220.05.

This brings the total amount of the owed money to E395 981 633.96.

The MPs were informed that the project needed more money to be finished and government was in the process of drafting a Loan Bill that would ensure that money was raised to finance the project.

An amount of USD 83 million is needed by government to continue with the project. At the time of writing this report yesterday, this amount of money was equivalent to just over E1.2 billion (E1 214 290 000 to be exact).

Dvokodvweni MP Mduduzi Magagula said the situation was not so good at the site because the contractors were owed.

The contractors working at the site include Kukhanya Civil Engineers, Inyatsi Construction, and Stefanutti Stocks and the team of the contractors is known as the KISS Joint Venture.

## Income

Magagula, who is the chairperson of the portfolio committee, said the joint venture was now affected because it was not receiving any income, yet it was expected to deliver the required results. The situation, according to Magagula, was not favourable to the workers working on the project and government needed money to ensure the conclusion of the project.

The Dvokodvweni MP stated that on the ICC side, the money used by the contractors was E1 134 893 152.05 yet the money received on this project was E855 695 932. On the FISH side, Magagula said the money spent by the contractors amounted to E1 144 409 658.38 yet the amount paid to date was E1 027 625 244.

The MP said the officials from the economic planning ministry also informed them that the operator to operate the building had also not been found as government was still in the process of finding one.

Magagula pleaded with the nation to support this project because it was supposed to be finished.

He said leaving the project half way would not benefit the nation and if things went his way, Parliament would pass the Loan Bill for the project to proceed.

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# Cold weather for Shiselweni Reed Dance

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

## RELATIVELY cold weather for Shiselweni reed dance anticipated.

Information sourced from Eswatini Meteorological Services predicts a hot, cold and warm weekend.

Today it will be sunny and hot in the

Lowveld. Temperatures are predicted to reach a maximum of 33 Degrees Celsius.

Heavy clouds are predicted in the evening.

Tomorrow this will be the coldest day of the weekend with maximum temperature dropping to 21 Degrees Celsius. The day will be cloudy and cold accompanied by rain and drizzle in the morn-

ing. Rain showers are expected in spots during the day.

### Warm

On Sunday, which will be the final day of Shiselweni Reed Dance will be cloudy and cold in the morning becoming cooler and warm in the Lowveld. Temperatures around Mbangweni Royal Resident are predicted to reach a maximum of 22 Degrees Celsius.

## WEATHER UPDATE

Today	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
Mbabane 14/27	15/28	17/30	16/29	17/31	14/33
Tomorrow	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big Bend
Mbabane 10/15	11/16	13/18	12/17	14/19	10/21
Sunday	Mankayane	Manzini	Siteki	Mhlume	Big-bend
Mbabane 9/22	10/23	12/25	11/24	13/27	9/28

With the deadline to sign re-admission forms today...

# STUDENTS DIVIDED

...“For us as students it is not easy to give up on all our rights and hand them over to management”

BY SIFISO DLAMINI and BONCIWE DLAMINI  
Mbabane

THE country's tertiary institutions students remain divided over the ultimatum given by their administrations to sign and submit re-admission forms before the end of today.

Some appeared keen to sign the forms whilst others are still not happy, hence the University of Eswatini students will have a meeting today to decide on the matter. It was the same case at Limkokwing University of Creative Technology (LUCT) in Mbabane yesterday when some students went to resume classes, whilst others convened at the university gates.

LUCT Student Representative Council (SRC) President Sibusiso Mathebula said they were gathered at the gate hoping that management would call them inside so they could have a dialogue.

He said all they wanted was a chance to explain to management what they as students wanted, as they felt they were being victimised and intimidated by the declaration to sign peace forms. He said they felt the forms were forcing them into compromising the quality of their education.

“For us as students it is not easy to give up on all our rights and hand them over to management,” he said.

Mathebula added this made the students feel they would no longer be able to express their grievances.

He said in the institution, normally they had a number of problems they faced every semester such as no Wi-Fi and lack of machinery that was operational in labs which also affected their education.

On the same note, he said at the moment there was some division as some students had already signed the forms yet others had not.

“What we have gathered is that those who have decided to sign the forms want to carry on attending classes as that would affect their education. However, our concerns have not been attended to and we have been waiting here since morning for management to engage us so we can say our piece,” he said.

He added management was not interested in giving them a chance but expecting them to just show up and sign the forms.

The other main concern that has not been fully resolved is the distribution of the allowances by government.

He said they were worried government would not honour the promise of distributing allowances on time.

“The scenario we envisage is that if we agree to the proposed method, what would happen to us if government does not honour the agreement when we have already signed the forms? Where does that put us as we would no longer be able to express our concerns and grievances,” he stated.

### Calendar

Mathebula mentioned the other issue they were facing was with regards to the semester calendar as of now they were expected to be in week seven. They were worried about signing the form without management informing them on how they would make up for the lost time.

UNESWA Mbabane campus students also expressed the same sentiments. At first glance, one would have assumed all was well as the students were seen calmly going about their business.

However, upon enquiries, the students revealed they were neither happy nor comfortable with the manner in which their grievances were handled by relevant authorities.

Mbabane Campus Student Representative Council Secretary Lungelo Mthethwa said they would not be happy until they received their allowances from government.

He mentioned that as much as they wanted to get back to class, they were doing so under unfavourable conditions as they had no idea when they would receive their allowances.

He said as much as they appreciated the efforts made by government in increasing their allowances, they were still concerned with whether government would be able to honour their stance. On the issue of the university banning night meetings or gatherings by the students, Mthethwa said the abolishing of night meetings was suggested by them as the SRC.

He stated that they were also of the idea that conducting meetings at night put the safety of the students at risk as it allowed people who were not even students to join them.

“As the SRC, we are totally against vandalism and we suggested that meetings should be held during daytime hours to ensure the safety of the students. Sometimes



**WE WANT TO LEARN:** Some of the students who opted to fill the forms so they could get back to class.

people who are not students attended the meetings and sometimes insinuated the vandalism under the auspice that they were students while they were not,” he said.

He also mentioned they welcomed the initiative by the university authorities as it promoted the safety of the students. He also suggested they would appreciate if the joint meeting dates were included in the almanac (university calendar) so they would be able to know when meetings were scheduled and be conducted during the day-time hours.

At Kwaluseni Campus almost all students had signed the form out of fear that they might be expelled.

“We will sign but there is no guarantee that we will not protest again.”

This was a response by the University of Eswatini's Student Representative Council (SRC) Chairperson Sakhile Mndzebele when asked how the students reacted towards the re-admission form signing. The SRC chairperson stated that the government-sponsored students were about 53 per cent while the self-sponsored ones were at 47 per cent.

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1. PERSONAL PARTICULARS

1.1 Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

1.2 First and Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1.3 Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

1.4 Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

1.5 Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

1.6 Date and Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

1.7 PIN Number: \_\_\_\_\_

1.8 Permanent Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1.9 Programme: \_\_\_\_\_

1.10 Level of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

1.11 Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar/ Registrar's Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

**The UNESWA re-admission form that students were given until today to sign or be expelled.**

Here, he said the self-sponsored students were of the view that they had nothing to do with the protests by their colleagues hence they signed the forms without a problem.

On the other hand, some of the government sponsored learners are said to have had challenges comprehending the stated consequences because they claimed that it somehow dispossessed them their rights.

For instance, Mndzebele said although they would sign the form because they were under duress, but there was no guarantee that they would not participate in protest actions because it was the last resort that students had when their grievances were not

addressed by the relevant authorities.

He was adamant that even groups that are still to enrol with the institution would inevitably engage in protest actions so signing the re-admission form might not be a barrier for them.

Further, Mndzebele said other students had since panicked since they thought refusing to sign would end with government in revoking their scholarships.

However, amid the mixed emotions towards the form signing, Mndzebele said the SRC was prepared to convene a students' meeting where the repercussions of signing the forms would be discussed.

“We're still waiting for the students to sign the petition so that we can lawfully convene the meeting to discuss this matter,” Mndzebele said.

When the UNESWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane was asked on how the students reacted to the process, he said it was still too early to tell since the students were given until today to sign and return the forms.

“We can only do a proper assessment after the deadline which is tomorrow. We hope that they will all sign and further adhere to the conditions stated in the re-admission forms,” he said.

Dr Simelane further confirmed that classes had resumed yesterday and that there were no disruptions.



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# MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS, NO FINE FOR RAPING WOMAN

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

A young man's promising future has come crashing down after he was sentenced to 15 years in prison for raping a 47-year old woman without her consent.

Madoda Bhembe (26) will be 41 years old by the time he is released from prison, after the court convicted and found him guilty for having committed the offence of rape.

According to the survivor's account, Patience\* arrived at a local drinking spot with the hope of utilising its Mobile Money services.

"When I arrived, I found that Bhembe was drinking at the bar. When I approached the Mobile Money agent, Bhembe initiated a conversation with me and offering to buy me an alcoholic beverage.

I refused, as it was not my intention to stay at the bar for long. I refused politely and left, not suspecting that Bhembe would be following me," Patience stated.

After she had walked for a distance, Patience felt a man's hands grab her from behind and when she turned around, she was shocked to see that it was Bhembe, who she immediately recognised as the man who offered to buy her alcoholic beverages at the shebeen.

Bhembe was then said to have used force, while threatening her and further dragged her to his

house, where he was said to have raped her, twice.

Patience's sworn statement revealed that Bhembe had unlawful sexual intercourse with her twice, without her consent. She also stated that Bhembe did not utilise a condom for both instances of forced intercourse.

After he was done raping her, Patience was said to have escaped from Bhembe's house and preceded to her own home. She was then said to have spent the night, and only informed another party of her ordeal on the next day, when her colleague at work noticed that she looked like she had been crying.

## Revealed

That was when Patience revealed what had befallen her on the previous day, prompting her colleague to encourage her to report the matter to the police station.

According to his charge sheet, Bhembe was said to have, on August 11, 2019 at Lobamba area, had unlawful sexual intercourse with Patience\* twice, without consent and without the use of a condom.

The aggravating factors accompanied by Bhembe's offence state that he was said to have committed the offence without the use of a condom, thus exposing the survivor to the risk of contracting sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV and AIDS.

Secondly, an additional factor stated that Bhembe committed the offence by using threats and force

to induce his victim to have sexual intercourse with him.

During his mitigation for a lesser sentence, Bhembe pleaded with the court to consider the fact that he was still a young man who had a promising future ahead of him.

## Choices

"Life behind bars has made me evaluate my life and choices. I have a better understanding of right and wrong, and I take full responsibility of the events that took place when I committed the offence. I have since changed my lifestyle, after having accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. I am a born again Christian and I intend to live my life that way, from now onwards," Bhembe pleaded.

Before passing her sentence, Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi informed Bhembe of the factors which led her to his sentence

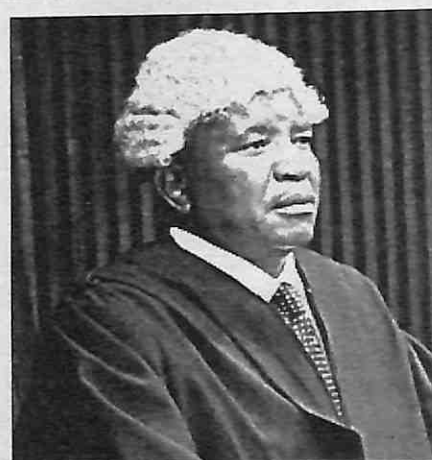
"Crimes of this nature strip the victim, whether male or female, of their dignity and they suffer great humiliation from them.

With the increase of these crimes reflected in the media on a daily basis, it is important that the courts make an example of those who commit them, to deter those who even think of committing them. It is the court's duty to ensure that justice is served, and that the victims have peace in the way that their cases are handled.

These sentences need to be harsher so that offenders think twice before committing such offences," the principal magistrate stated.

After which, Principal Magistrate Nhlabatsi found Bhembe guilty of having committed the offence, and further sentenced him to serve 15 years in a correctional facility, without the option of a fine.

(\* Not her real name)



ASKED: Deputy Senate President Ndimiso Mdluli.



RESPONDED: Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg.

## E4.7bn collection deceptive - Minister

BY MBONO MDLULI  
Mbabane

THE E4.7 billion that was collected by government during the first quarter of this financial year can be deceptive.

This transpired when Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg responded to questions on the future collections of government's revenue.

Deputy Senate President Ndimiso Mdluli asked the minister to state if it was correct to assume that government could collect E18.8 billion or more this financial year. Mdluli posed this question during the debate of the first quarter performance of the ministry of finance.

The debate was done by senators who are members of the ministry of finance's portfolio committee in the House of Assembly recently. The minister could not give an answer back then, but promised to give a written response.

In his written response, Rijkenberg gave a picture of a situation whereby government could not be able to collect the amount of money which Mdluli enquired about.

Mdluli asked such a question because the ministry had reported that during the first quarter of this year (which runs from April to June, 2019), the government was able to collect E4.7 billion.

This gave the impression that government could potentially collect E4.7 billion or more in each of the four quarters of the current financial year.

Mdluli asked the minister to tell him if he was right to think that the country could make E18.8 billion or more this year. "Based on the revenue collection in the first quarter, can it be sustained for the next three quarters of the financial year 2019/20?" Mdluli enquired.

Rijkenberg responded by saying the total revenue amounting to E4.7 billion collected in the first quarter was attributed to an over-performance by the value added tax (VAT), company taxes, and other income taxes. The higher performance, according to the minister, was due to provisional payments made by some large taxpayers.

"However, such payments will not be made in the second quarter and that might cause a decrease in the second quarter's revenue collection," Rijkenberg said.

The minister stated that there had been a 37 per cent decline in debt recoveries to date, and that could have a negative impact on the revenue collection.

Currently, the country mainly collects its revenue from the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and from domestic taxes like pay as you earn (PAYE), corporate taxes, and consumption taxes like the VAT.

However, the country's heavy reliance on SACU has come under scrutiny in the previous years, with economists and others stating that such reliance could not be healthy for the country's economy, more especially because free import and export of products is now encouraged.

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# Deeds Registry department relocates

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

**THE Deeds Registry department under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy has finally relocated to Dlanubeka building.**

This comes months after the Deeds Registry office was pictured by this newspaper submerged in water during

the rainy season early this year.

According to a press statement by Natural Resources and Energy Communications Officer Sikelela Khoza from September 16, 2019 the office will conduct its business from the 3rd floor of the Dlanubeka Building, Mdada and Lalufadlane street Mbabane.

Despite the relocation the contact details of the department remain unchanged. The public can call the following num-

bers for any enquiries: 2404 133 or 24041813/5.

Khoza stated that the the core function of the Deeds Registry is to examine all deeds, bonds and other documents submitted for execution or registration, as by law permitted.

The offices were all along situated at the Auditor General's Department opposite the Treasury Department.

## LAWYERS TO BE EDUCATED ON SODV TODAY

BY MBONO MDLULI  
Mbabane

**LAW Society of Swaziland (LSS) will today host a workshop on the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act.**

The lawyers will be hosting the one-day workshop today at Royal Swazi Spa, starting at 8:30am. The workshop is expected to help the lawyers understand the contents of the SODV Act, in order to improve on their work as far as the Act is concerned.

LSS Secretary Thulani Maseko said the LSS found that it was important for the lawyers to have a workshop about the SODV Act. He said lawyers dealt with all aspects of the law and it was

important for them to understand the contents of this law.

Maseko further said some lawyers in the country dealt with family and criminal law, hence it was important for them to understand what this Act was all about.

Lawyers who deal with family and criminal law were the ones that had to acquaint themselves with the contents of the Act.

The Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA) is one organisation that is passionate about getting people to learn about what the SODV Act is all about.

The organisation has been concerned about the rate at which sexual offences and violence had been occurring in the country.

SWAGAA Communications and

Advocacy Officer Silindele Nkosi-Nxumalo said what was done by the lawyers was very important and needed to be encouraged. "Such initiatives are encouraged by the organisation because lawyers are the backbone of legal issues," Nkosi said.

She further stated that with the lawyers' full understanding of the SODV Act, cases of gender-based violence and abuse would be comprehensively dealt with.

The workshop, according to Nkosi, would assist in attaining one of the Act's main objectives, which was to adequately deal with sexual and domestic offences.

Nkosi said for a very long time, the local justice system had overlooked the fact that men and boys were also victims of gender-based violence and this was very unfair.

## Over 50 graves a sorry sight at Manzini Cemetery

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

**DOZENS of collapsed graves at the Manzini Golf Course Cemetery are a sorry sight.**

Some of the over 50 out of 8 500 graves are said to have been neglected by their owners for a long time yet they have been weather-beaten.

Information sourced from concerned citizens was to the effect that the people responsible for the graves had last been at the site after burial, which was years ago since the utilisation of the site for new burials was stopped in 2009.

It is said some of the neglected graves have their concrete top parts plummeted as a result of poor enactment. This was confirmed by the Manzini Municipal Council's Public Relations officer Mathokoza Thwala when sought for comment on the matter.

Thwala said the council had also received the reports about the malformed graves at the cemetery and that it was a cause for concern. He said it was for this reason that an assessment was then undertaken by the responsible department from the council.

### Collapsed

This, he said, yielded that the Manzini Golf Course cemetery was not the only gravesite to have collapsed graves, as others at different sites in Ngwane Park have suffered the same fate.

When asked what might have resulted to the current state of the graves, Thwala said rains greatly contributed while also poor construction skills of tombs could not be ruled out.

In addition, Thwala said the fact that most people neglected their relatives' graves soon after burials was another cause that has resulted to the graves being in that state. In this regard, the council's mouthpiece said some people neglected the graves because they thought that the council was responsible for taking care of them when it was actually not the case.

Thwala said the council's parks, gardens and cemetery department could only maintain the site by clearing overgrown vegetation and ensur-

ing that the sites were clean.

"When it comes to the graves' maintenance and repairing, the council is not in any way responsible because we cannot interfere or even touch the graves. As Emaswati, we've known this to be a personal matter that families needed to attend to the best way they know how," he said.

He then urged relatives of people that are buried in these cemeteries to visit their loved ones and see to it that their graves are in good shape.

To ensure that the graves don't collapse again after being rehabilitated, Thwala advised the members of the public to ensure that they engaged skilled builders for preparation of their loved one's graves as it is not average who is skilled to prepare a grave, especially where the grave will be lined with a brick wall and a tombstone placed.

### Unskilled

The PRO said the engagement of unskilled labour during funerals is one of the contributors to the obtaining situation in the cemeteries.

For those who would want to erect tombstones, Thwala said they should first compress the soil and wait for about three weeks before the tombstone could be placed.

He said tombstones were important in that they helped in easily identifying a grave since it would have a burial number on it.

For the graves that currently do not have tombstones, Thwala emphasised that relatives who would want to erect some, may first apply with the council to ensure that the grave they want to install the tombstone on, is the right one and that they do it the proper way.

Furthermore, Thwala mentioned that double burials were permitted at the Manzini cemeteries. He explained that double burial is when two corpses are buried in one grave. Here, Thwala said the bones of the corpse that would have been buried earlier would be removed from the grave and the pit be extended by 300 metres more before the older bones could be replaced. A 30 centimetre slab would be constructed before the new corpse could be buried on top.

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### TENDER NO.11 OF 2019/2020

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2. Requests for Proposals may be purchased from; the **Eswatini Civil Aviation Authority Head Office, Matsapha Airport Road** (Finance offices) effective from the **9<sup>th</sup> September 2019** for a non-refundable fee of **E300.00** per set. The method of payment shall be cash, bank guaranteed cheque or electronic fund transfer proof in favour of ESWACAA.
3. Completed Tender Documents shall be delivered in a sealed envelope to:  
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Not later than 12 noon Eswatini time on the **18<sup>th</sup> October 2019** at which time the tenders will be opened.

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DAY:	DATE:	MAINTENANCE BY (DEPOT):	AFFECTED AREAS:	DESCRIPTION OF WORK:	PERIOD:
Saturday	14 Sep	Elangeni	Ezulwini ICC/Fish Hotel, Yensun House	Project Construction	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
Sunday	15 Sep	Malkerns	Malkerns Town, Asikhutlisane Complex, Bosco, Malkerns Police, Mangozeni, Sithomo, Eagle's Nest, Golden, Khanyisile Village, Mbetseni, Swazi Can.	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
		Pigg's Peak	SEDCO, Mangwaneni, Malanda, Bahloli	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Stonehenge	Extension 3, Youth Centre, Mobeni Kuyehlela, Paramount Flats, Water Services Depot	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Elangeni	Bethel Court, The Crescent Ezulwini Midway, Valley View, Lubane Offices and surrounding	Project Construction	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
Monday	16 Sep	Nhlangano	Gege, ERIC, Formline, Gege Border, Gege Police Post, Mahlabatsini, Sisingeni	PMR Installation	9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.
		Big Bend	Sphofaneni, Lanjani, Lukhatseni, Lugegedze, Nsoko, Nisela Canterbury SD citrus	PMR Commissioning	9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. 2:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Manzini	Ngwane Park, Sdzakeni, Kashali, Lwandle, Nhlabeni	GIS Installation and Reconductoring	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Stonehenge	Motshane, Ekecekeni, Ngubonkulu	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
Tuesday	17 Sep	Hluti	Jericho and surrounding areas	Project Construction	9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.
		Pigg's Peak	Mahebedla, Lujingela, Majotini, Mhlosheni, Hawane	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Mhlume	Mananga D Pump Station	Cable Installation	9:00a.m. – 2:30p.m.
		Manzini	Bulunga, Ngculwini, Gundwini, Logwazela Mgconyeni	Comb Unit Installation Closing Span and Service Connection	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Madlangempisi	Msinda, Buhlebuyeza, Nkambeni MTN, Swazi Mobile, Railway Aerials	Reconductoring	9:00a.m. – 4:30p.m.
		Nhlangano	Gege, ERIC, Formline, Mahlabatsini, Sisingeni, Mfenyane	PMR Commissioning	9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
		Nhlangano	Bhakubhaku, Hlobane, Mandulo, Tebetebe and surrounding areas	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Matsapha	Logoba Ndzevane, Logoba Skhakhane Flats, KaMbonjane, Mabunu Complex	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Elangeni	Calabash, Mukela Township, Mboni Village, Ezulwini Gaip Filling Station, Mosque Nyonyane, Ecansini, Zeeman, Ecansini Water Plant, Engodini, Kamchoza, Lamgathi, Dlangeni, Hhukwini, Emdzangwini, Hlobani, Tagomeni, Ngome, Masutsane	Project Construction and Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Stonehenge	Motshane, Sibovini, Ekecekeni, Ngubonkulu	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Hluti	Efjendlovu, Lawuba	Project Construction	9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
		Mhlume	Mangweni Primary and High School, Mangweni Hammer Mill, Mangweni, Mangweni Water Pump	Reconductoring	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Sithobela	Ekukhanyeni	Underground Cable Installation	9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
		Matsapha	Old Ludzidzini area, Zombodze, Gocweni	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
Wednesday	18 Sep	Manzini	Madelezini, Mabunwini, Ngculwini, Lwandle, Ngwane park, Lwandle, Lugaganeni and surrounding areas	Reconductoring, ABC and Underground Cable Installation and Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Elangeni	Elangeni, Ekuzubekeni, Ebhareni, Endlini Yenyoni	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Stonehenge	Pine Valley, Pine Valley Next To Substation, Ematjeni	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Sithobela	Mjweni, Phunga Police Station, Mgwaveni, Lamdladla, Mphambano, Nhlabantfu, Latsamela, Emaplazini	GIS Installation	10:00a.m. – 4:30p.m.
		Malkerns	Lundzi Inkhundla, Gobho, Mputuzi Matseni and surrounding areas	Reconductoring	9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
		Malkerns	Tsawela, Musi	PMR Installation	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Elangeni	Cultural Village, Gwava Gallery, Mantenga, MTN Aerial at Mantenga	Project Construction	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Siteki	Matsetsa, Luhwahhweni	Project	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Nhlangano	Hiatsi, ESIBS Aerial, White City, Hiatsi Bus Rank, Hlatikulu Clinic, Assegal and surroundings	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Siteki	Lonhlopheko, Mayenjane, Maphatsindvuku, Lukhula, Footen, Mzilikazi	Line Relocation	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Malkerns	Tsawela, Musi	PMR Installation	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Manzini	Mdumezulu, Sidvokodvo, Tri Cash, Masini, Moti	Routine Maintenance and Closing Span	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Siteki	Njojane, Hlane Siphambanweni, Dlalile Primary and High School, Takhamuti Farmers, Hlane Clinic, Hlane MTN, Hlane Royal Residence	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Pigg's Peak	Nkalangeni, Lubhujini, Maphalaleni, Singizini Barracks, Magwegweni	Routine Maintenance, Additional Conductor and Transformer Upgrading	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
Thursday	19 Sep	Madlangempisi	Msinda, Buhlebuyeza, Nkambeni MTN, Swazi Mobile, Railway Aerials	Reconductoring	9:00a.m. – 4:30p.m.
		Hluti	Maloma Primary School, Lemhlophe and surrounding areas	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Siteki	Malindza, Highway, Teoze	Underground Cable Installation	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Siteki	Mpumalanga Town City, Mathuneni, Moyeni	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Sithobela	Mpomputa, Mgambeni, Lufafeni, Sinkweni	Section Alier Installation	10:00a.m. – 4:30p.m.
		Malkerns	KaSiHlongonyane Dwaleni	Transformer Upgrading	10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
		Siteki	Mpumalanga Town City, Mathuneni, Moyeni	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Sithobela	Mpomputa, Mgambeni, Lufafeni, Sinkweni	Section Alier Installation	10:00a.m. – 4:30p.m.
		Malkerns	KaSiHlongonyane Dwaleni	Transformer Upgrading	10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
Friday	20 Sep	Siteki	Mpumalanga Town City, Mathuneni, Moyeni	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
		Sithobela	Mpomputa, Mgambeni, Lufafeni, Sinkweni	Section Alier Installation	10:00a.m. – 4:30p.m.
		Malkerns	KaSiHlongonyane Dwaleni	Transformer Upgrading	10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
		Siteki	Mpumalanga Town City, Mathuneni, Moyeni	Routine Maintenance	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.

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# MTN commits to provide first world services

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

MTN Eswatini is committed to provide first world services aligned with the nation's vision of 2022.

Since establishment of the company in 1998, MTN Eswatini has grown in leaps and bounds and over the years, apart from providing services in communication, the company has provided employment opportunities for tens of thousands of Emaswati as well as invested in numerous programmes within the country ranging from sports, culture and youth empowerment programmes.

MTN Eswatini on Wednesday met the senate ministry of information communication and technology (ICT) portfolio committee to engage them on issues pertaining the operation of the company within the kingdom and also highlight issues pertaining legislative enabling environment that would best assist the company moving forward.

The meeting was held at the Royal Villas in Ezulwini. MTN Eswatini Chief Executive Officer Sibusiso Nhleko said the purpose of the meeting was for the company to engage the legislators on the company's mandate in terms of where it started and where it was headed in relation to the country's vision towards attaining first world status.

He also mentioned the company also wanted to outline their social responsibility, past as well as future contributions towards the betterment of the nation.

MTN Eswatini Legal Advisor Regulatory Affairs Bongani Mndzebele said the main objective of the interaction with the legislators was to express how the organisation fitted in the ICT spectrum within the country as the nation moved towards attaining first world status.

Mndzebele said the meeting was more of an empowerment session which the company has been engaging on over the years. He also said the engagement was meant to highlight to the legislators how other countries operated in terms of ICT as well as identifying methods or ideas that would best suit the country. "Going forward what can we as Eswatini do in order to reach the first world status in the aspect of ICT," he said.

### Introducing

MTN Eswatini Chief Technical Officer Thembi Mkhonta said the company was also in the process of conducting research in evaluating possibility of introducing the 5G network that was already available in other countries.

She mentioned as MTN Eswatini, the company was considering rolling out trials for the 5G network which enabled almost all devices to be connected to the network. She said through the 5G network, it was possible to connect motor vehicles as well as electrical appliances in households. "This is what we call the internet of things," she said.

She said in terms of timelines, it was tricky to state exactly when this could be attainable without having a spectrum that allowed for the introduction of the service.

She said during the course of next year, if the spectrum would be available, the company would then begin considering introducing the service. For now, it is still early to provide the service since the company was still in the process of securing the spectrum.

She said a spectrum basically was waves that enabled connection between communication devices; she stated they could be considered as the road that enabled communication between individuals. She mentioned the spectrums differed depending on the technology in use.

She said the spectrum used for 2G was different to that used for 3G and sometimes the spectrum could be the same. She said basically a spectrum was an enabler that allowed customers to connect with one another.





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## SA commits to end xenophobic attacks

BY MBONO MDLULI  
Mbabane

**GOVERNMENT** has teamed up with the government of South Africa to address the on-going xenophobic attacks in South Africa.

The South African government is hoping to address xenophobia by placing law enforcement agencies in strategic places to address the matter.

Such a stance was taken by the South African government because the xenophobic attacks were criminal.

The government of South Africa is working with the governments from other countries, including that of Eswatini, to come up with lasting solutions on the xenophobic attacks.

The government is represented by Eswatini High Commission to South Africa, which is based in Pretoria. It is headed by Ambassador Dumsile Sukati.

On Monday, the South African government's Department of International Relations and Cooperation convened a meeting with Heads of Mission in South Africa.

The aim of the meeting was for the Heads of Mission to be briefed by South Africa's Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Naledi Pandor.

During the meeting, Pandor expressed concern about the xenophobic attacks currently going on in South Africa.

She assured the Diplomatic Corps that they were working as a team to find lasting solutions to the problem.

The minister further stated that it was now evident that these actions were as a result of a deep-rooted anger expressed by the citizens who felt that their government had failed to address their socio-economic issue.

During the meeting, the government informed the Diplomatic Corps that police and other law enforcement agencies had been



**TO END:** South Africa's Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Naledi Pandor.

strategically placed to monitor and deal with the spate of what had turned out to be xenophobic attacks. Of note was that some of the perpetrators of the xenophobic attacks were arrested by the South African police.

It also transpired during the meeting that the labour unions in South Africa had distanced themselves from such attacks and this showed that such attacks were orchestrated by faceless individuals.

The minister pleaded with respective missions to request their governments to engage their citizens in an effort to prevent retaliation towards South Africans residing in their countries.

The minister pleaded with the respective missions to request their governments to engage their citizens in an effort to prevent retaliation towards South Africans residing in those countries.

Furthermore, missions were encouraged to register their citizens who were in South Africa in order to keep track on their legality and status in South Africa.

The missions were requested to set up a committee, through the office of the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps that would work cooperatively with the Department of Home Affairs to put a stop to the prevailing attacks.

# Revive human rights commission - Senators

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Lobamba

**THE** ministry of justice and constitutional affairs has been asked to prioritise overcoming challenges faced by the Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration (CHRPA).

This was a motion moved by Senator Mkhululi Dlamini and seconded by Senator Leckina Magagula on Wednesday in Senate.

Senator Mkhululi said in the country's Constitution, there was an entire Section dedicated to the protection and promotion of fundamental rights and freedoms. He mentioned that human rights were fundamental and it was important for every nation to ensure that all their citizens' rights were protected.

Dlamini said the most critical of the human rights was the right to life which ideally every individual had to enjoy. He made an example of the right to access portable water which was one of the most basic of the human rights.

In the motion, the senator requested the ministry to submit a comprehensive report to Senate detailing the challenges relating to fully operationalising the Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration.

He stated the report should also indicate the measures that would be employed by the ministry to overcome the challenges faced by the commission. The minister was requested to submit the report within 21 days after adoption of the motion.

The senator said the commission was different from others in that it dealt with human rights.

He mentioned the operations of the commission were subject to investigation as among their main prominent responsibilities was ensuring legislators declared their assets when taking their seats in Parliament.

"But what about the other functions of the commission that would ensure that an ordinary citizen who may not have enough money to hire legal representation would be able to approach them for assistance and be able to get the needed help," mentioned the senator.

## Senators demand update on Sidvokodvo Industrial Park

**THE** ministry of commerce industry and trade has been ordered to provide a detailed update on the Sidvokodvo Industrial Park.

Through an oral question submitted by Senator Ndumiso Mdluli on Wednesday in Senate, the senator asked the ministry to explain to Senate what progress had been made in establishing and operationalising the Sidvokodvo Industrial Park.

Minister Manqoba Khumalo said the issue was proving to be challenging. He said the national industrial hub Matsapha was currently fully occupied. He said for investors to be able to secure working space in Matsapha was almost impossible at this stage.

He said all the factory shells that were constructed in the town were occupied



**BRING IT BACK:** Senators Mkhululi Dlamini and Leckinah Magagula.

One of the functions of the commission was to ensure that all citizens enjoyed their rights to the fullest.

He enquired who would call to order members of the Anti-Corruption Unit in case they committed crimes if the commission did not fulfil its mandate as was the current situation.

### Position

Dlamini mentioned there was a need for every citizen in the country to be accountable regardless of their position in society even a position as high profile as the prime minister. There needed to be an entity that would be responsible for maintaining order and protecting human rights in the country.

He also mentioned it was important to also ensure that when enabling to commission to perform its duties, they were not overly empowered as they also needed to be accountable for their actions.

Senator Leckinah Magagula, who seconded the motion, asked the commission to stand up and be vocal. She mentioned Section 163 (64) of the Constitution clearly outlined the responsibilities of the commission included investigating corruption cases.

"The issue of corruption is another matter that was of serious concern as it had engulfed the country, the commission should be able to play a role in addressing the issue," she said.

She also mentioned the commission had a mandate to investigate corruption cases and submit the findings to the Attorney General, as well as the



Commissioner General to name a few. She insisted the commission should emulate the deputy prime ministers office as they have been vocal with regards to the SODV.

Senator Isaac Magagula concurred with the senator: "On a light note, we did not discuss this but I also feel the need to say something on the matter," he said.

### Popularised

He mentioned that just as the SODV had been so popularised in the country, the commission and duties should also be popularised. He mentioned it was imperative not to accept understaffing to effect the functions of the commission. He requested the minister to ensure that the commission was open for business, seen and visible in terms of their mandate as inscribed in the country's Constitution.

Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Pholile Shakantu said the ministry welcomed the motion and the request to formulate a report.

She said it was clear that the commission had a bill of rights.

She also said the submissions by the senators to ensure that the commission was visible were also welcomed and the ministry would conduct the investigations for ensuring the commission was visible and fulfilled its mandate and responsibilities.

The minister also said the ministry would compile the report and submit it to senate within the stipulated 21 days.



**WE WANT UPDATE:** Senator Ndumiso Mdluli.

He also mentioned that the ministry was faced with a challenge in establishing the Sidvokodvo Industrial Park due to governments financial constraints. "Since government obtained the 310 hectares of land in Sidvokodvo, the country's economy has been on a downward spiral, thus there were no resources to utilise the space," he said.

Khumalo also mentioned the new Cabinet had instructed the ministry to utilise the route of Private Public Partnerships (PPP).

He mentioned the ministry was currently undertaking the process of securing funding though engaging private companies as well as private investors.



# PSs told to respect, recognise Secretary to Cabinet

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

**SENATORS want more respect and recognition for the Secretary to Cabinet from principal secretaries.**

This was mentioned by Senator Mkhululi Dlamini during the debate of the cabinet first quarter performance report in senate on Thursday.

The senator said when the prime minister was appointed by His Majesty King

Mswati III, he felt pity for him as he inherited a cabinet and country that had very little, if any to go by, but at the same time he was required to deliver.

He said the most concerning thing was that all the other ministries were under the prime minister's office.

This meant the performance of these ministries is on the prime minister's shoulders and this meant if there was any minister who was under performing, it would mean that the PM had underperformed.

He also said the same applied to the Secretary to Cabinet, who was overseeing all principal secretaries. If there was a PS who was underperforming, that would mean the Secretary to Cabinet had under performed.

"My main concern was that nowadays, the Secretary to Cabinet office is treated like an ordinary department and was no longer given the respect and impetus he deserved.

The Secretary to Cabinet needed to have their own report as they were the

ones who were responsible for ensuring parliament operated accordingly in relation to the performance of the PS's.

It should also be the norm that when PS's underperformed, the blame was placed on the Secretary to Cabinet. He emphasised that this should be addressed by the office of the prime minister as Secretary to Cabinet was in charge of the PS's and should be respected and allowed to engage with them.



Secretary to Cabinet  
Mbuso Dlamini.

# ETA wants stakeholders to play role in tourism boost

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE  
Mbabane

**ESWATINI Tourism Authority (ETA) has called for all relevant stakeholders to play a part in ensuring that the tourism industry attracts a high number of tourists.**

This was revealed by ETA CEO Linda Nxumalo, where she also highlighted that the media also has a very crucial role to play in assisting the authority in its quest to capture more tourists into the country.

Nxumalo said the media can do that by handling cases which involve tourists with extra care, so that it cannot backfire on the industry as that can lead to negative perception about the country. She said there are some instances where you find that there are stories or articles that do not paint a good picture of the country, which on its own can lead to tourists to lose interest in coming to Eswatini.

"We understand that the media is playing its role of informing and educating the public but we still believe that there is a lot that we can do as various stakeholders, to promote the country's tourism industry," Nxumalo said.

She added that the media should try by all means to help and assist the Tourism Authority in achieving its mandate.

Nxumalo mentioned that there will be a workshop aimed at capacitating the different media houses on how to help



Eswatini Tourism Authority has called for all relevant stakeholders to play a part in ensuring that the tourism industry attracts a high number of tourists.

improve and champion the call for tourism attraction in the country.

"This is going to help shed more light and help the media to understand what is expected of it in terms of attracting tourists into the country.

When there is understanding it will be easy for the media to handle this issue with great care which can benefit the country in the long run," she said

Nxumalo went on to make an example of South Africa which is among the countries that attract the country's main tourists, stating they visit the country during the busy days such as Umhlanga, Bushfire and Trade Fair and if they get bad treatment that will mean the local tourism industry is going to be affect-

ed. She said they are also engaging the police force in their campaigns because they are also one major stakeholder in the tourism sector. She said police are also interacting with tourists when they are in the country, while on the country roads or any point where tourists happen to visit such as busy places during festivals.

Nxumalo then urged the nation to take domestic tourism seriously so that they can know more about their country's tourist sites other than jetting off the country.

She further said this will even help business people in the sector to develop new products that will attract both the local and international tourists.

# Collapsing pyramid schemes change names

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI  
Siteki

**IT would seem that members of the public are yet to lose more money to new pyramid schemes which are mushrooming, allegedly founded by the same fraudsters.**

The fraudsters open a new pyramid scheme under a new name after shutting down the old one. This publication yesterday reported on one of the pyramid schemes which are currently on the process of collapsing, with members dropping out after getting their invested money back.

It was further gathered that however, there are more than two pyramid schemes sharing a similar name, which is known as GDN.

These are Gold Diggers Network (GDN) and Global Dream Network (GDN).

Worried members of these pyramid schemes flooded this publication with calls as they wanted to enquire about the veracity of a collapsing scheme.

Further investigation revealed that the former was indeed in the process of collapsing. This was after more people claimed to have been members of the scheme, but eventually dropped out after noting that chances of getting profits, as they had been promised, were getting slimmer with each passing day.

"There are a few members remaining, and those are the ones who are still hoping to get their invested money back before they could drop out," said a source who claimed to have been a member of the pyramid scheme.

Meanwhile, another pyramid scheme which is known as Grace Prosperous Networkers (GPN) was also reported to have completely shut down after collecting approximately E30 000 from members. According to members who have since reported a case with the police, the scheme had a membership of 100 people. Each of the members contributed E300 as joining fee.

Unlike in other pyramid schemes, the members of this particular scheme were not compelled to recruit more members, but were only advised to wait for their turn to receive profits within a week.

"We were told that this was a stockvel, and not a pyramid scheme," said one of those who were members. The source alleged that members were promised sums of E4 500 each as profits. This however, did not happen after the members disappeared after collecting the joining fees.

"Right now I am at the Nhlanguano Police station to report a case against the founders of the scheme as it has since disappeared with our money," the member said when called by this publication.

Further information gathered was that a number of the pyramid schemes were being founded by the same people. When sought for a comment, Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Phindile Vilakati confirmed having one of the pyramid schemes being investigated.

Vilakati said one of the cases was reported in Manzini.

"We have already made an arrest in this particular case with further investigations still ongoing," said Vilakati.

# Violence against women a learned behaviour – Dr Sibanda

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

**THE escalating violence against women, children and foreigners has been described as a learned behaviour which can never be won through awareness campaigns.**

Occupational Health Specialist Dr Cleopas Sibanda said adult behaviour good or bad is learned during childhood. "When will we realise that behaviour is learned behaviour and an end product of a psychological process," he said. Sibanda said the violence cannot be ended by campaigns or public awareness but the efforts to end the killing of women and children start from correcting the learned behaviour as well as ensuring that the young generation

## ...Public help needed to end xenophobia

**TO curb the current situation of violence and xenophobia the African Institute of Xenophobia Research, Elimination and Prevention (AIXREP) seeks the public's help.**

"There is an out of necessity of a newly formed organisation which needs your personal help," he said.

The AIXREP seeks to undertake research to measure the barometric pressure of xenophobia in each and every

learn good behaviour from the older generation. This comes after a drastic increase in the number of cases against women and children in the country and outside Eswatini. In as much as SODV Act has been put in place as well as awareness campaigns there has never

been any different.

The organisation further seeks to qualify and quantify xenophobia in each and every African country. This will make recommendations on how xenophobia can be combated at both national and regional level.

Therefore for locals who want to take part in the research they can contact Dr Cleopas Sibanda at 7683 3180 or email cleosibanda@gmail.com.

Dr Sibanda said it is not only Eswatini that is engulfed with this catastrophe but the whole world. Hence there is need to improve the way children are groomed and the environment they are exposed to, he added.



## WHAT IS A PYRAMID SCHEME:

■ A pyramid scheme is a form of investment (illegal in most countries, including Eswatini) in which each paying participant recruits two further participants, with returns being given to early participants using money

contributed by later ones.

■ Pyramid schemes however, may purport to sell a product, but they often simply use the product to hide their pyramid structure.



BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

# ESWATINI RANKED FIFTH ON WORLD ENERGY INDEX

ESWATINI has been recognised for its growth in the energy sector by being ranked fifth in the 2019 World Energy Trilemma Index.

This transpired at the ongoing 24th World Energy Congress hosted by the Abu Dhabi Department of Energy (DoE). The energy congress started on Monday and it is expected to end today in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates, under the theme 'Energy for Prosperity'.

The fifth spot ranking is as a result of the new policies put in place by the country and increased energy access, thus the index reflects a 25 per cent improvement. The top 10 comprises countries that have done remarkably well on the equity front improving access.

## Flagship

Eswatini is presented by Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Peter Bhembe at the energy congress.

The minister is accompanied by the Chief Energy Officer in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy Lindiwe Dlamini and Chief Executive Officer of Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority Vusi Mkhumane.

The World Energy Congress is the World Energy Council's global flagship event offering a unique platform



**CONGRESS:** Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Senator Peter Bhembe with Africa Vice Chairperson of the World Energy Congress Dr Elham Ibrahim.

for global energy leaders to explore new energy futures, critical innovation areas, and new strategies.

According to the Communications Office at the Natural Resources and Energy Sikelela Khoza, the congress brings together prominent leaders from the energy sector around the world to explore the prospects of international

partnerships and joint ventures to drive the sector's transition.

Ministers responsible for energy and exhibitors are part of the congress which presents a unique platform for exploring the state of the energy sector in Abu Dhabi, and showcasing the investment opportunities it presents. "Over a 100 exhibitors are show-



**ENERGY:** Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy in Namibia Kornelia Shilunga and Minister Bhembe.

casing latest energy technologies and solutions being deployed around the world," he said.

The meeting's highlights from day one were the importance of diversifying the energy mix with renewable energy and the need to take a fresh look at innovation to deliver a successful energy transition.

Khoza further stated that Minister Bhembe was also part of the launch of the updated World Energy Scenarios report by the World Energy Council. Among the key findings were that

energy demand per capital is projected to peak before the year 2030.

At the end of the congress the minister will also participate in the World Energy Congress, Trilemma Ministerial Roundtable. This year's discussions will focus around the Energy Trilemma and the policy challenges it entails.

The World Energy Council's Energy Trilemma Index ranks countries' energy performance on three dimensions, Energy Security, Energy Equity, and Environmental Sustainability, based on global and national data.

## VACANCY

Regional Support Clerk



Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals to fill two vacant positions of Regional Support Clerk in the Operations Department.

### MAIN PURPOSE

To provide secretarial & administrative support within the region. To coordinate housekeeping activities for the regional office and carry out other related operational activities within the region including attending to customer applications / requests / queries (walk-in and telephonic).

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

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- Minute taking
- Professionalism and courtesy
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- Electronic and other filing (records management ability)
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- Analytical thinking ability
- A proactive approach to work

### KEY PERFORMANCE OUTPUTS

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- Information sharing
- Customer care, experience and feedback
- House keeping
- Data capturing
- Reports
- Office administration

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The position has a competitive salary and other benefits associated with the level of the position.

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## A celebration of life of Prosper Mpofu Takawira

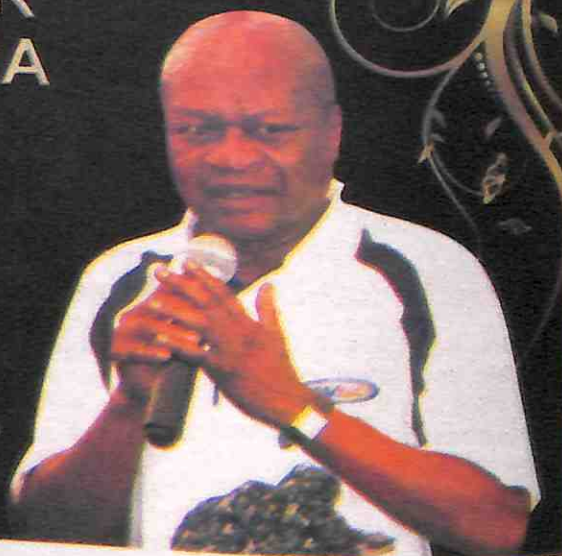
With regret, the management and staff of MVtel wished to inform all friends, relatives, business associates and colleagues that Prosper (Mpofu) Takawira has responded to the Lord's call on Monday, September 9, 2019.

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

## PROSPER TAKAWIRA

Memorial Service  
Friday 13th  
2:30pm  
Mananga Centre  
Ezulwini

Life Celebration  
Friday 13th  
7pm  
Eswatini Theatre Club  
Mbabane



May his soul rest in peace.





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## POSTAL & TELECOMS on Observer



# EPTC OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The official closing ceremony of the Eswatini International Trade Fair took place on September 9, 2019 at the Business Centre, Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre.

This event wrapped up a productive week for EPTC as all its entities (EswatiniTelecom, EswatiniPost, Infraconnect and The National Contact Centre) were a hive of activity during the course of the Trade Fair.

For 11 days, the Corporation had the opportunity to showcase its various products and services to thousands of customers that visited its stands, with the most popular products being the 20gig promotion for EswatiniTelecom and Life Insurance for EswatiniPost. EPTC was also awarded first prize in the High Tech Enterprises category.

### Main Attraction

#### EswatiniTelecom Fiber;

The main attraction for this year's Trade Fair was the "Smart Home". The Smart home is a convenient set up where home appliances and devices can be automatically controlled remotely through the Fiber network.

Smart Home showcases the attractiveness and many benefits of using the Fiber network. This new technology advancement was witnessed by His Majesty the King, showcasing the strides and commitment the corporation has made to achieve vision 2022. Also on offer were live demonstrations of what the Fiber network and ADSL Broadband can do for customers, from home surveillance, Netflix, Music downloads, to remotely controlling Lights, Smart Fridge and Stove.

#### Other Products:

- PABX Systems
- Fixed Line availability
- Waya Waya Unlimited Package
- Prepaid Cards
- Handsets
- MySpot vouchers

#### EswatiniPost;

EswatiniPost encouraged locals to shop online and collect their parcels at EswatiniPost.

EswatiniPost brings the world to your doorstep through electronic commerce (e-commerce) which allows you to directly buy goods or services from a seller/merchant over the Internet using a web browser and have them delivered safely to EswatiniPost who will then notify you via SMS to pick up your parcel.



The award considers the best designed stand, the best dressed exhibitors as well as the customer experience that is afforded to customers by the exhibitors when they visit the different stands during the course of the exhibition. The award was received by EPTC Marketing Manager Phetsile Gama on behalf of the Corporation from Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini.



EPTC Employees posing with the award.



#### Other Products:

- Apply, pay for your Post-box and EswatiniPost Insurance.
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- Internet bandwidth
  - Backbone Transmission

#### The National Contact Centre

- Enquiries
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As promised, customers were offered free Wi-Fi for the opening weekend and customers who purchased EPTC's products were given branded promotional items which came in the form of Branded Cushions, Pens and Water Bottles to name a few.

To get Wi-Fi or Postal services please visit your nearest Telecenter or Post office. If you are a business customer you can contact your Key Account Manager.

For any queries on EswatiniTelecom and EswatiniPost services please call us on 800 2000.

If you are interested in a centre that offers excellent customer service, the latest innovative technologies and a highly skilled workforce to steer businesses forward through offering outsourcing solutions then you can contact the National Contact Centre by calling 25180 000.





## Man fined E2 000 for possession of dagga

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI  
Siteki

A man of Mpaka has been fined a sum of E2 000 after he was found guilty of possession of dagga weighing 2.3 kilogrammes.

Sandile Tsabedze appeared before the Magistrate's Court, where he faced a charge of contravening Opium and Habit Forming Drug Act of 1922.

He was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully possessed the said amount of dagga without being a holder of a valid permit. He was nabbed by police at Mhlumeni Border Gate while attempting to smuggle same into Mozambique.

When the charge sheet was read to him, the accused person pleaded guilty to the charge. His plea was accepted by the crown without leading evidence to prove commission of the offence.

On mitigation, the accused person asked the court to be lenient when passing sentence, saying that he was a first time offender. He told the court that he was asked by a friend at the neighbouring country to bring him some amount of the herb.

He claimed that his friend used dagga for medical purposes. The accused person was eventually found guilty by the court. He was sentenced to 10 months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E2 000 fine.

Meanwhile, Musa Sihlongonyane of Mpolonjeni faced a charge of house breaking with intent to steal and theft. The accused was said to have broken into a house belonging to Miriam Dlamini and stolen items valued at E4 720.

The accused person was not asked to plead to the charge as the crown indicated that it would lead evidence to prove commission of the offence. The matter was postponed to a later date pending setting of a date of trial.

# Vendors to make a killing at Shiselweni Umhlanga

BY STARKY MKHONTA  
Nhlango

"IT is usually at this time of the year that we make reasonable amount of money from what we sell."

Market women and vendors feel the annual regional Umhlanga Ceremony remains an important event in the calendar in terms of their business.

Those interviewed ahead of the Shiselweni Umhlanga Ceremony starting today, said such an event was a blessing to them as they make more money there than any other day. The regional ceremony takes place at Mbangweni Royal Residence from today until Sunday. The Shiselweni Umhlanga Ceremony is held immediately after the national ceremony held at Ludzidzini.

The vendors who benefit from the event by selling their wares said they have now prepared enough stock to last for the duration of the event.

"I sell food and I usually make a killing during the ceremony here at Mbangweni. I hope to cash in



more money even this year and I have prepared enough stock. Business to some of us usually flourishes during such an event," said Zodwa Khumalo.

Others involved in the chicken dust business also said they were hoping to generate good money during the ceremony. "It is true that during such events we make more money than any other normal day. We always plan for such events. There are now many of us in the same business but it is how you prepare yourself that will

see you smiling at the end of the day.

I have been in this business for almost five years. It's only during the regional ceremony where I make a killing in terms of sales," said William Nkambule.

Other vendors sell the traditional regalia and other accessories including bracelets which are worn with the attire. Private photographers also said even though there were known areas where they were prohibited and restricted from taking pictures, it was usually during the

regional Umhlanga where they make reasonable amount of money.

"We all know there are restricted areas within the royal premises when it comes to taking of photos. We are careful regarding this because as Emaswati we have to do things the right way.

We don't just take pictures anyhow but we have to be far away from such restricted areas. But we still get customers and sell pictures to them. It's usually good business for us during this event," said Muzi Dlamini.



Some of the motorbikes which were also auctioned at CTA government vehicle auction on Wednesday. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

## NEIGHBOUR SAVES GIRL FROM SUICIDE

BY STARKY MKHONTA  
Nhlango

THE arrival of a neighbour at a homestead at Mahlalini saved the life of a little girl who was planning to kill herself, after being admonished by her mother for poor performance at school.

The girl, who is doing Grade Six in one of the schools under Shiselweni II Constituency, was angry at the manner her mother reprimanded her as she felt ridiculed.

The mother was angry when she was shown her daughter's school work Monday as she had gone to

fetch her report and she scolded her for the poor performance there.

Parents had been invited to the school for open day, a day before the official opening of the third term and were given the reports of their children for the second term. Schools re-opened for third term on Tuesday.

Information gathered is that the girl (13) was frightened by the manner her mother ridiculed her in front of her teachers. On arrival home, she went into her bedroom and hatched a plan to avoid the wrath of her mother whom she had left at another homestead.

"The girl was scared she was going

to be in more trouble once her mother arrived home. She did not want to face her after having been shouted at for poor results.

It was then that she decided to find a way of killing herself so that she did not experience what she went through at school," said one of the residents.

As the girl was planning to end her life a neighbour arrived carrying a school bag she had left at her neighbour's home last term when schools closed. The neighbour had considered that the girl would need the bag as schools were opening the next day.

The neighbour found her in the bed-

room crying. She wanted to know what had happened and it was then that the girl explained how she was scared after her mother ridiculed her for poor performance. It is said as the neighbour was keen to know more and she noticed that the girl was carrying plastic bag full of tablets and this raised curiosity.

"The girl was found with tablets but these were not the deadly weevil tablets.

They were part of the medication for someone in the family. It was clear that girl intended to ingest all of them once and thus overdosing. The tablets were confiscated from her and her mother was immediately called to rush home. On arrival, the mother was informed how her

daughter almost ingested tablets being ridiculed her for poor school work," explained a neighbour.

The matter was not reported to the police or anyone but it was concluded and finalised between the girl's family members.

"It's a matter which we ended up discussing as neighbours with the girl's family. The good thing is that the girl was seen going to school on Tuesday and no one knew at school that she almost took away her own life. The mother never showed interest in approaching anyone to provide counselling for her daughter and did not want to even involve the police," said a neighbour. Attempts to get comment from the mother proved futile.



## Thieves break into teachers' quarters, steal E20 000 worth items

BY STARSKY MKHONTA  
Nhlalanga

**THE** thieves who broke into the teachers' quarters at Nkulungo Primary made away with items worth close to E20 000.

The burglary occurred while the teachers were away on holidays. It is said the teachers were forced to cut short their holidays after learning that their houses had been broken into and valuable items stolen.

The thieves are said to have done



their homework as they carried the burglary without anyone noticing, leaving all the doors wide opened. Community members noticed doors

opened at the teachers' quarters and wondered as to how that could be the case as the occupants were away on holidays.

However, after a closer look it was discovered that thieves had broken into the houses as even the burglar doors were found destroyed, enabling the thieves to gain entrance and clean the houses.

### Claimed

A security guard employed by the school, strangely, claimed to have not even noticed that there were burglaries.

According to the Principal of the school Thulani Kunene, there were

five teachers whose items were stolen by the thieves.

He said the thieves broke into three houses occupied by the five teachers.

He explained that these could be people who were aware that the occupants of the houses were away.

"What we found is that the teachers had items such as TV sets, music systems, videos, CDs and several other belongings.

When doing calculations of the stolen items, the figure reached almost E20 000. It's a setback for the teachers as now they need to buy the goods they lost," said Kunene.

## 'THEY ARE PLOTTING TO REMOVE ME - CHIEF

BY STARSKY MKHONTA  
Nhlalanga

**A** chief from one of the areas in the Shiselweni region has alleged how his reign has been made a living hell by individuals including close family members.

The chief, who is a member of the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF), said it was time he exposed the rot which involved certain people who are his relatives.

He claimed that these were the very people who have all along been planning to topple him.

The chief asked to have his identity kept a secret for now until all the royal assignments were over as he would report the matter to authorities.

He said he was now ready to spill the beans and how those who should be supporting him had turned against him.

He said he was prepared to even alert the country's authorities on how some

of them abused their powers by influencing others to rebel against him.

"Once all the royal activities currently taking place are over then I will make an arrangement where I am going to disclose everything to the public. These people have made my reign a nightmare.

There are people in the family who are fighting me and are determined to see me removed from the leadership role and replace me with someone else.

It's been very difficult for me because these people are orchestrating all the dirty plans against me and they won't rest until I have been unseated," said the chief sounding distressed.

He added that he had carefully thought about the issue and he was now more prepared to name all those he considered as dangerous people with bad influence not only in the community but even within the family.

"As I speak, there are those who don't regard me as a leader and are hell-bent on seeing me removed. I have hinted to people close to BaKaNgwane how

individuals are jeopardising all the plans we have for the community to make progress because of indifference.

It has been impossible to work and come up with progress in my area due to the infighting. I am personally undermined as others are questioning my authority despite knowing that I am the rightful chief of the area," said the chief.

The chief also disclosed that he was no longer feeling safe with the way things were happening in his community and within the family.

**Wait for the right time where I am going to explain what is happening in the family**

## Dagga suspect escapes from police custody

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A** suspect who thought that he would succeed in running away from his problems learnt the hard way after he was re-arrested after attempting to escape police custody.

According to reliable sources, 34-year-old Wandile Maseko of Malanti appeared before the court on dagga related charges on Tuesday morning, where he was said to have been remanded into custody until a later date.

While his arresting officer Constable M Fakudze was preparing to take documents pertaining to Maseko's arrest, Maseko was said to have saw that as an opportunity to quietly slip out of the Mbabane Police Station and making his escape to 'freedom'.

According to Fakudze, he turned his back for a split second to prepare to take Maseko's fingerprints and when he looked back, Maseko was nowhere to be seen. After police offi-



**IN CHARGE: Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati.**

cers located Maseko, he was re-arrested and further charged with contravening the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act for escaping police custody.

According to his charge sheet, Maseko was said to have, on Tuesday at Mbabane Police Station, did wrongfully and unlawfully escape the law-

ful custody of Constable Fakudze, after he was arrested for a Pharmacy Act offence.

During his appearance before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati on Wednesday, the prosecution informed the court that Maseko had appeared before the court on Tuesday, where he was advised to make a bail application at the High Court.

This was because Maseko was accused of being in possession of 24 kilogrammes of dagga.

According to the law, accused persons found in possession of dagga in excess of 15 kilogrammes have to move for a bail application at the High Court.

Maseko was further advised to make his bail application at the High Court, however, he was reminded that he had jeopardised his chances as he had shown the courts that he was a flight risk. The prosecution then applied for the court to remand Maseko until September 27, to which it was granted its application.

## CTA AUCTION



**SOLD:** This car was sold for E36 000, this was during the auction at CTA. (Pic: Lucky Simelane)

## Five-car pile-up at busy road leading to Manzini

BY BONGIWE DLAMINI  
Manzini

**FIVE** motor vehicles were involved in an accident on Wednesday morning.

The accident occurred after the Nazarene traffic lights and towards the Riverstone Mall, when a BMW X6 that was driven by a 33-year-old man was disturbed by another vehicle whose driver overtook the vehicle without care.

Fortunately, the 33-year-old is said to have managed to apply brakes on time.

### Managed

Two other vehicles; a VW Polo and mini truck that was driven by a 23-year-old woman and 47-year-old man, respectively, also managed to slow down and further halted before they could smash the other vehicles.

While these cars were still halted in the middle of the road, and their drivers assessing what had happened, an Isuzu double-

cab that was driven by a 56-year-old man is said to have come speeding and knocked the mini truck which went on to bump on the VW Polo sedan that was driven by the woman.

This resulted to all the cars being eventually smashed both at the back and front.

The Isuzu is said to have been badly damaged upon impact while the rest of the cars incurred minor denting.

### Sustained

Luckily, all the drivers of the vehicles sustained minor to no injuries at all, save for the Isuzu driver who is said to have been treated and discharged at the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM) Hospital.

When sought for comment, the Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the incident.

She said the police were undertaking the necessary process to find out more evidence relating to the case.





## BRINGING OUR CHILDREN INTO THE BUSINESS EARLY



CBE Governor, Majozi V. Sithole welcoming His Majesty King Mswati III to the CBE stand during the official opening of the Eswatini International Trade Fair at Mavuso Trade centre.

When the country was abuzz during the Eswatini International Trade Fair, chanting about Eswatini being Open for Business, the Central Bank of Eswatini joined in and brought the country's children on board to learn about business too.

When parents were learning about how they could beef up their businesses at the CBE stand children were given a head start in becoming the entrepreneurs of the future. Our aim was to get them interested in finance, problem solving, saving, budgeting for a good course while building their entrepreneurial mindset through a fun and games approach --- and what naturals we discovered our children to be!

The logic is simple, 'Lugotjwa Lusemanti', meaning, teach them while they are still young and fresh to grab ideas. We all know why this is so right? Well besides the well-known fact that children are our future generation blah, blah, blah, the CBE is really about helping children prepare for a healthy financial future. This is in line with the Bank's realization that investing in our children and young people's financial education as parents and education system is a great investment that will give us greater returns.

Financial education not only helps people manage their financial affairs and improve their standard of living, it also makes a positive contribution to the soundness and efficiency of the financial system and performance of the economy.

As Governor, Majozi Sithole stated in his speech at the launch of the Global Money Week earlier on in the year, our young people have become financial consumers earlier in their lives than ever before. This calls for decision making on their part. We are talking about decisions that have lasting consequences if not well managed. While it is the role of many players to teach financial education and entrepreneurship to our children, the main responsibility lies on parents. No parent wants to toss their children into the water and hope they will figure out how to swim. But more often than not, when it comes to money and business, that is what parents do. But where do we even begin?

### 1. The Cartoon Mania!

Chances are your kids already have TV time, so why not use their favorite cartoons to turn this into an opportunity for business education by exposing them to cartoons

that teach money and business concepts. At the CBE stand, we went beyond this and discussed the messages with the children after the cartoons has sparked their intrigue. We used all sorts of cartoons and educated children about entrepreneurship, money and business concepts like reputation and revenue.

### 2. Business Simulation Games

We played board games like Monopoly or Payday; online games such as the Needs and Wants game that seeks to help prioritize spending. We also taught them about making business decisions along the way. Parents too, can use these games to introduce the concepts you learn from your business education in a way kids can understand through practical simulation experiences. You can even find business simulation games online that put your child in the shoes of a business owner.

### 3. Read Business Books with Your Kids

There are books about entrepreneurship that appeal to kids of all ages. For kids as young as preschoolers and kindergarteners, read a book like "Lemonade in Winter: A Book About Two Kids Counting Money." Find books that can entertain and inspire teens. You can also find books for children about historical innovators like Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Edison, whom they've probably been introduced to in school.

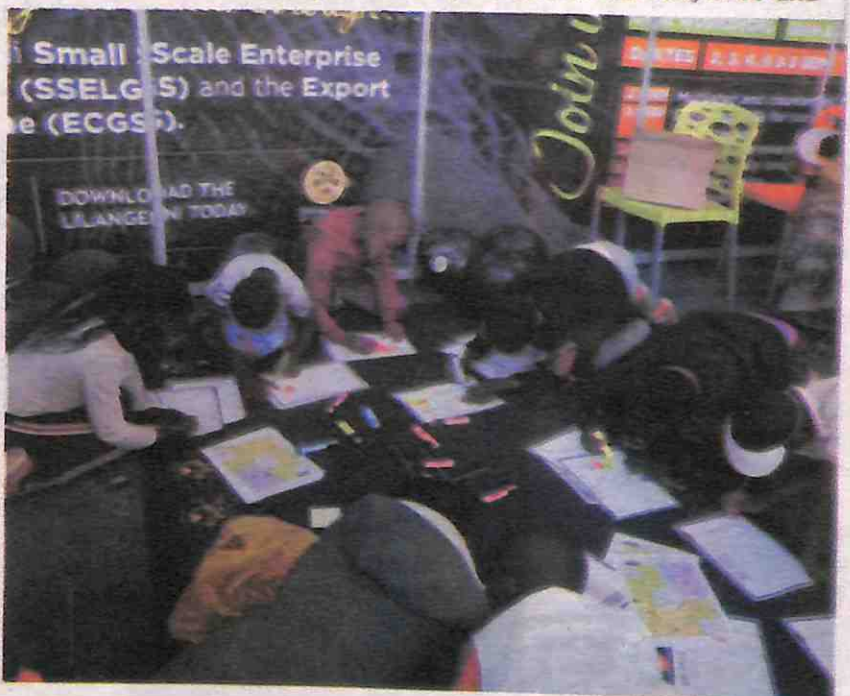
### 4. We even made and watched financial educational Videos!

The Central Bank has locally made cartoon videos that will teach your children about learning, saving, budgeting and earning. Your child will relate to these videos; they will also appreciate the use of our 'Lilangeni' currency. Some of these videos and other resources can be downloaded from the Eswatini Finance website on [www.eswatinifinance.org.sz](http://www.eswatinifinance.org.sz).

We had something for adults too:

### 1. Workshops on Counterfeit and Mutilated Banknotes

This workshop aimed at educating the public on how they can detect genuine notes through looking, feeling and tilting. If you hold the original Lilangeni banknote against light, you should be able to see features like the watermark - an image integrated in the paper structure that shows the portrait of His Majesty King Mswati III with a highlighted necklace. When you touch the banknote, you should feel the raised printing on the ligcebesha worn by His Majesty and on the. When you tilt the banknote you should see a colour changing ink security feature in the E50, E100 and



Children playing various games at the Kids Corner during the Eswatini International Trade Fair.



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Above: One of the children receiving a gift from CBE's Pamela Nhlengethwa after successfully completing a puzzle on savings



Above: Children enjoying themselves with business simulation games.

E200. On the E10 and E20, the silver security thread colour does not change.

The workshop also covered mutilated banknotes. Mutilated means the banknote is torn, defaced, stained, dirty or defective in some way. Unfit banknotes are those that are mutilated and soiled. Any unfit banknotes and coins can be exchanged for the same value in good quality, at a commercial bank branch or the Central Bank of Eswatini.

## 2. Workshops on Financial education and Awareness

The workshop entailed educational information on making smart decisions about saving, investing and credit. The importance of saving money was explained in detail. The public was encouraged to save for expected life events such as education and retirement. They learnt that saving helps them avoid debts by providing a safety net for rainy days and also makes it possible to live a debt-free life.

They also learnt how they can invest their money, set investment goals and how long you plan to invest. By talking to financial institutions or investment companies, they were advised to seek suitable investment options and understand the costs and risks associated with that investment. Beyond investments, the workshop covered credit and debt; when you should and should not use credit, signs that you are in a debt trap and tips to avoid these traps.

## 3. Workshops on Government bonds and treasury bills

This workshop focused on educating the public about the risk-free Government bonds and treasury bills. Treasury bills are short-term debt instruments (91, 182, 273 and 364-day papers) issued by CBE on behalf of Government of Eswatini. Bonds are long-term debt instruments (1 year and above). The public can invest in either of the two in large denominations with a minimum of E10, 000. Bonds are sold at a discount, par or premium to their face value, meaning that you can pay less, equal or more than the par amount, but at maturity you receive the par amount if the bond is held to maturity. Further information on bills and bonds can be found on the CBE website at [www.centralbank.org.sz](http://www.centralbank.org.sz) or the Financial Markets department at 2408 2258.

## 4. Workshops on Investment Scams

These workshops were meant to assist the public to easily identify a scam. Scams promise very-high guaranteed returns on the investment over a short period of time. Frequently, there is no clear product or how the company makes money. Other signs include pressure to make a quick decision or borrow money (especially against your retirement fund) to invest into their company. The public was taught how they could avoid scams and what to do once they have identified one. Everyone was encouraged to report any scams or suspected scams to the Central Bank of Eswatini Ethics Hotline at 800 40 80 or call the Ethics office at 2408 2114.

## 5. Workshops on the Small Scale Enterprise Loan Guarantee Scheme (SSELG)

These workshops focused on the SSELG scheme that was established for all Eswatini SMEs which are owned by Eswatini nationals or by legal entities in which Eswatini nationals have at least 75% ownership and effective control. The scheme is available to Eswatini SMEs that are start-ups or already engaged in any of the following different industries: manufacturing, agriculture, tourism, construction, services, transport and retail.

The SSELGS is very helpful to SMEs in that it has lower lending rates of interest as compared to the lending rates charged by financial institutions in their different products that they offer for businesses. The lending rate of interest for SMEs is staggered from the ruling prime rate (currently 10.25%) plus a minimum of 2% up to a maximum of 5% depending on the risk profile of applicant as assessed by the financial institutions. The lower interest rates contribute to access and affordability of loans by the SMEs resulting in the growth of the SME sector and the economy of the country as a whole. For further information, contact the office of the SSELG scheme at 2408 2317.



Above: Members of the public inspecting security features of the Lilangeni Banknote during the counterfeit and mutilated notes workshop.

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## ON THIS DAY

...SEPTEMBER 13

1900 - Last 2 000 British prisoners in Nootgedagt, South Africa, freed

1901 - Hubert Cecil Booth patents vacuum cleaner

1904 - Thomas Hicks wins 3rd Olympics marathon (3:28:53.0) (40 km)

1905 - Pogoro/Ngindo attack Fort Mahenge German East-Africa

1983 - 8th Space Shuttle Mission-Challenger 3-launched (6 days)

1983 - Elizabeth R Zakarian (Devon Pierce), 17, NY, crowned 1st Miss Teen USA

1983 - WKBC-TV (channel 48) ends broadcasting in Philadelphia

1983 - Guion Bluford becomes 1st African-American astronaut in space

1984 - 12th Space Shuttle Mission (41-D)-Discovery 1-launched (6 days)

1984 - Red Sox Jim Rice grounds into record 33rd double play en route to 36

1984 - Sotheby's in London begins 2 day auction of rock memorabilia

1986 - Gelindo Bordin wins Stuttgart marathon (2:10:54)

1986 - Soviet authorities arrested Nicholas Daniloff (US News World Report)

1986 - 43rd Venice Film Festival: "Le rayon vert" directed by Eric Rohmer wins Golden Lion

1987 - 87th US Golf Amateur Championship won by Billy Mayfair

1987 - Ben Johnson of Canada runs 100m in world record 9.83 sec

2006 - 63rd Venice Film Festival: "Still Life" directed by Jia Zhangke wins Golden Lion

2012 - Cholera outbreak kills 229 people in Sierra Leone

2012 - A blast in the Xiaojiawan coal mine, China, kills 26 miners with 21 missing

2013 - 15 people are killed by a liquid ammonia leak at a cold storage plant in Shanghai, China

2013 - "12 Years a Slave" based on the memoir by Solomon Northup, directed by Steve McQueen and starring Chiwetel Ejiofor, Michael Fassbender and Benedict Cumberbatch premieres at the Telluride Film Festival (Best Picture 2014)

2015 - English author Frederick Forsyth (The Day of the Jackal) reveals that he worked for MI6 for more than 20 years

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Thomas Müller - (Footballer) September 13, 1989. (30 years old)



Tyler Perry - (TV producer) September 13, 1969 (50 years old)



## WHAT THE LAW SAYS

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## WITNESS PROTECTION ACT 2018

Access to minor under protection

16. If a judge of the High Court in an *ex parte* application made in chambers by the Director, is satisfied that the safety of a minor or a mentally impaired person who is under protection might be endangered by the exercising by any one of a right of access to that minor or mentally impaired person, the judge may suspend that right of access or make any appropriate order with regard to the exercising of that right in a manner aimed at-

- (a) Preventing the disclosure of the identity or whereabouts of the said minor or mentally impaired person; or
- (b) Achieving the objects of this Act.

## Confidentiality and disclosure of information

17. (1) The Director and every other member of the Office shall, upon taking office, take an oath or make an affirmation in the form specified in the first schedule, before the Attorney-General.

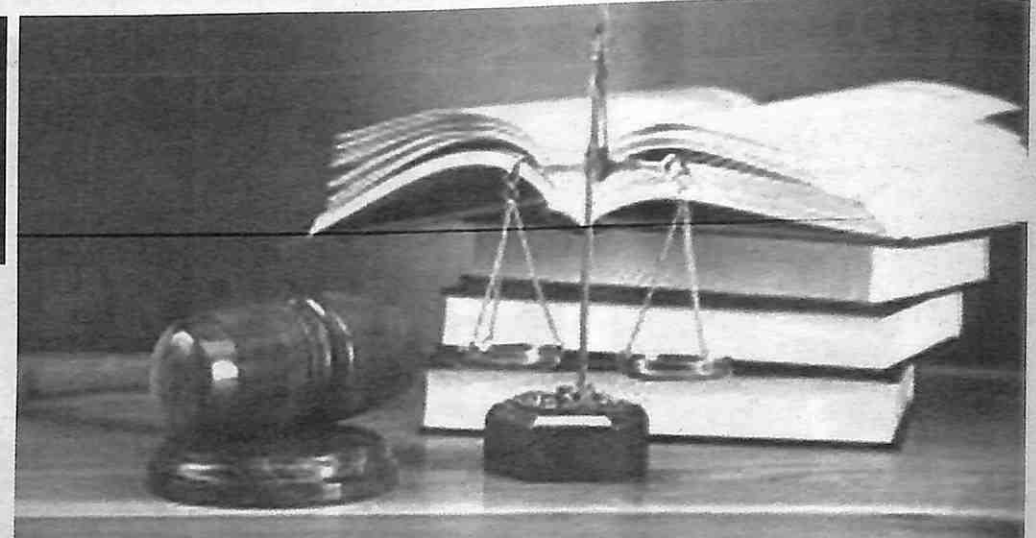
(2) No person shall disclose any information which that person has acquired in the exercise of powers, performance of the functions or carrying out the duties conferred upon, assigned to or imposed by this Act, or in the course of the performance of any functions relating to the provisions of this Act, except-

- (a) For the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Act;
  - (b) When required to do so by any competent court;
  - (c) If authorised to do so by the Minister; or
  - (d) In terms of subsection (3).
- (3) The Director may, subject to subsection (5), and after consideration of any representations referred to in that subsection, on such conditions as the Director considers fit, disclose any information in respect of a protected person-
- (a) With the consent of that protected person or the parent or guardian, if the person is a minor or mentally impaired person;
  - (b) If the protected person has previously disclosed such information or acted in a manner which resulted in the disclosure;
  - (c) If the disclosure-
- (i) is required for the exercise or protection of any rights;
  - (ii) Is required for the compilation of a voter's role; or
  - (iii) Is in the public interest; or
  - (d) In any criminal proceedings if the disclosure is necessary to establish the guilt or innocence of a person.

(4) The Director may not disclose any information in respect of a minor or a mentally impaired person referred to in Section 13 without the prior approval of a judge in chambers.

(5) The Director shall, before disclosing any information in respect of a protected person, take reasonable steps to notify the protected person or the parent or guardian of the protected person, if the protected person is a minor or mentally impaired person, of the contemplated disclosure and shall allow the protected person, or where applicable, the parent or guardian, to make written representations within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner in relation to any matter regarding the disclosure.

(6) Subsection (5) shall not apply where the



Director is of the opinion that the notification may jeopardise the purpose for which the information is disclosed.

(7) The Director shall in determining whether information in respect of a protected person should be disclosed as contemplated in subsection (3), take into account-

- (a) The reasons for the disclosure;
- (b) The probability that the disclosure may endanger the safety of the protected person concerned or that of any other protected person or the integrity of a witness protection programme under this Act;
- (c) Whether the need for the disclosure can effectively be met by any other means;
- (d) Whether there are effective means available to prevent any further disclosure of the information; and
- (e) Any other factor that, in the opinion of the Director, should be taken into account.

(8) No person shall disclose any information referred to in subsection (3)-

(a) Which came into the possession of that person or which was disclosed to that person in contravention of the provisions of that subsection; or

(b) If the person ought to have reasonably suspected that the information was disclosed in contravention of the provisions of that subsection.

(9) Notwithstanding any other law, no person in respect of whom proceedings are, or may be, or have been instituted or conducted, or who is a suspect in such proceedings, shall have access to any information, record, document or statement relating to the proceedings concerned, including any information, record, document or statement which is contained in, or forms part of a police docket or is held by any police official charged with the investigation relating to the proceedings, which may disclose any information referred to in Section 18, unless the Director otherwise directs.

## Protection of information concerning protected person from publication

18. Notwithstanding any other law, the presiding officer-

- (a) At any proceedings or at civil proceedings

in which a protected person is a party or a witness; or

(b) At proceedings instituted or conducted in terms of any law, in which a protected person is a party or a witness and in respect of which the person is in terms of any law compellable to answer questions or to give evidence or to produce any book, record, document or object in such proceedings,

may make an order prohibiting the publication of any information, including any drawing, picture, illustration, painting, photograph, whether produced through or by means of computer software on a screen or a computer print-out, pamphlet, poster or other printed matter, which may disclose-

(i) The place of safety or location where the person is under protection or been relocated in terms of this Act;

(ii) The circumstances relating to the protection;

(iii) The identity of any other protected person and the place of safety or location where that person is being protected; or

(iv) The relocation or change of identity of a protected person, unless the Director satisfies the presiding officer that there are exceptional circumstances which are in the interests of justice.

## Protected person not obliged to disclose certain information

19. Notwithstanding any other law, a protected person shall not be obliged to disclose any information referred to in Section 18-

(a) When giving evidence or producing any book, record, document or object in the possession or control of that person, in any proceedings or in any civil proceedings before a court; or

(b) If the person is in terms of any law compellable to answer questions or to give evidence or to produce any book, record, document or object in the possession or control of that person, in any proceedings instituted or conducted in terms of any law, when answering the questions or giving the evidence or producing that book, record, document or object in such proceedings.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## WESTERN-STYLE OF DEMOCRACY DOES NOT ALWAYS WORK

LAST week, on 3rd September to be more precise, I received an unexpected email purporting to be from the producer of an international news talk show, based in Washington DC in the United States, which apparently broadcasts to over a billion televisions around the world.

The producer was so keen to get me on the television programme, CGTN America's Global Business, to talk about the Kingdom of Eswatini that, I was even offered a car with personal driver, to transport me to the nearest television studio.

Whilst obviously very flattered by the invitation, it did raise two questions in my mind.

Firstly, how did the producer get my email contact details and secondly, why me to talk "about the monarchy that remains there and the issues faced in that nation?"

Rightly or wrongly, the conclusion I reached from the limited information available was that, it would just be a continuation of the negative press over the last 10 to 15 years led by the Mail/Mail on Sunday in the United Kingdom, which has focused on the supposedly undemocratic political system in Eswatini and the role of the Ngwenyama, His Majesty as hereditary Head of State. So, I declined the producer's kind invitation.

Yes, there are economic, social and political issues which need to be addressed urgently, such as an early investment in education and health; corruption in Eswatini's political and economic life; a redistribution of wealth; the role of women in our society to include gender based sexual abuse.

And yes, Eswatini would welcome more inward investment from countries outside of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement to achieve Vision 2022.

But, are these not issues which the government of the Kingdom of Eswatini needs to be allowed to address itself?

After the war in Iraq, it should be very self-evident now that, a western-style version of democracy cannot just be exported to or imposed



upon other countries. It just does not work.

So, imagine a country with a constitutional monarchy, where the role of the Head of State is purely symbolic, with no input into the political decision-making process, apart from attending the opening of a new session of Parliament and the giving of royal assent to any legislation.

## Decided

A country that has decided to leave a mutually beneficial trade agreement with its nearest neighbours and where its Prime Minister on Monday, made a unilateral decision to suspend Parliament for five weeks until the 14th October (subsequently judged to be "unlawful" by the highest civil court in Scotland), in an attempt to avoid his no-deal Brexit option being sabotaged by legislation passed by Parliament and which has received royal assent.

No, I am not referring to the Kingdom of Eswatini and that is the ability to lead in times of stress and of difficulty. Leadership through difficult times means having the moral courage to stand up and take charge and not succumb to the childish playground behaviour that threatens to derail any hope of recovery.

It means having the ability to rise without being embroiled in emotion, to set out a plan, with the confidence of knowing that no plan is perfect. More than that, it requires the ability to identify a common goal that everyone can work towards. Like

saving the 69 Chilean miners. Like saving the Thai soccer team.

Like saving South Africa. The story of the Chilean miners and the story of the Thai boys are examples of what we are capable of. When hope was all but lost, the magical blessing of human cohesion transformed the situation. What could have been dire and tragic became wonderful and awe inspiring.

South Africa has done it before. We know we are capable of it. We just need to recognise the immense power and value that there is if we just work together.

So, there is a certain irony that, despite all the ongoing negative criticism in the West of the current political system, the United States has an embassy located in the Kingdom, a politically stable African country when compared to its nearest neighbour.

And to its credit, the United Kingdom has recently appointed a High Commissioner to the Kingdom of Eswatini, who will hopefully focus his energies on supporting post-Brexit bilateral trade agreements and inbound investment to facilitate a knowledge based economy, rather than the stated desire of his Foreign Office to promote UK values (Times of Eswatini - Thursday, 5th September 2019). For the record, Eswatini ceased being a British Protectorate in 1968.

Mike Drew

## Nearly 200 Nigerian migrants repatriated from SA after xenophobic violence

ABUJA - Almost 200 Nigerian migrants were repatriated from South Africa on Wednesday afternoon following a wave of xenophobic violence that swept through the country and sparked sharp exchanges between the two countries.

A flight carrying 189 Nigerians landed in Nigeria's commercial capital Lagos, with some of those onboard punching the air and singing their national anthem while waving pictures of burnt shops.

"I ran for my life, they would have killed me," said Samson Aliyu, a clothes seller who lived in South Africa for two years.

"They burnt my shop, everything," he added.

More than 600 Nigerians are expected to return from South Africa this week, the Nigerian government has said.

"We were expecting 317 but from the information we have 189 are on board," said Nigeria's minister for diaspora affairs Abike Dabiri-Erewa. "There was about a five-hour delay courtesy of the South African authorities who actually frustrated this return of Nigerians," she said, blaming authorities in Johannesburg for failing to help Nigerians without travel documents. "There was a lot of frustration in get-



ting them back home but we're glad that they will be here," she added.

Leading the returnees in singing the national anthem, Dabiri-Erewa promised the government would provide financial support.

Johannesburg and surrounding areas were rocked by a series of deadly attacks on foreigners last week, including many directed against Nigerian-owned businesses and properties. At least 10 people were killed in the violence and hundreds of shops destroyed while

more than 420 people were arrested.

No Nigerians were killed but the violence led to condemnation across Africa, particularly in Nigeria, fuelling diplomatic tensions between the continent's two leading nations.

The violence also prompted reprisal attacks against South African firms in Nigeria and the temporary closing of South Africa's diplomatic missions in Lagos and Abuja. (AFP)

## Wit and Wisdom

● "Blessed are the hearts that can bend; they shall never be broken."  
— Albert Camus

● "We don't need a list of rights and wrongs, tables of dos and don'ts: we need books, time, and silence. Thou shalt not is soon forgotten, but Once upon a time lasts forever."  
— Philip Pullman

● "The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men."  
— Plato

● "You care so much you feel as though you will bleed to death with the pain of it."  
— J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

● "Nothing travels faster than the speed of light, with the possible exception of bad news, which obeys its own special laws."  
— Douglas Adams, *Mostly Harmless*

● "Luxury is not a necessity to me, but beautiful and good things are."  
— Anais Nin

● "I know some who are constantly drunk on books as other men are drunk on whiskey."  
— H.L. Mencken

● "Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard, are sweeter"  
— John Keats, *Ode on a Grecian Urn and Other Poems*

● "I decided as long as I'm going to hell, I might as well do it thoroughly."  
— Stephenie Meyer, *Twilight*

● "Always be a poet, even in prose."  
— Charles Baudelaire

● "Now that she had nothing to lose, she was free."  
— Paulo Coelho, *Eleven Minutes*

● "What draws people to be friends is that they see the same truth. They share it."  
— C. S. Lewis

● "Always be a first rate version of yourself and not a second rate version of someone else."  
— Judy Garland

● "I am both happy and sad at the same time, and I'm still trying to figure out how that could be."  
— Stephen Chbosky, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

● "One must dare to be happy."  
— Gertrude Stein

● "I say let the world go to hell, but I should always have my tea."  
— Fyodor Dostoevsky, *Notes from Underground*



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## VITALS

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

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 11 SEPT 2019

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.6673	14.7173
British Pound/SZL	18.1111	18.1729
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.3193	7.3422
Swiss France/SZL	14.7781	14.8225
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3435	1.3555
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.0749	10.1122
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.1521	11.1867
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.1948	16.2501
Gold	1,492.2660	
Oil	65.51	

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## BUSINESS ESWATINI ON XENOPHOBIC ATTACKS:

# Commercial transportation disruptions a great concern

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**BUSINESS Eswatini** has raised concern over the xenophobic attacks which have led to the disruption of the flow of commercial transportation between the Kingdom and the Republic of South Africa.

The organisation denounced the protest, saying they have not only dodged transport companies in the kingdom but have also affected cross-border in general.

The organisation said it was of mutual benefit for both countries to ensure continued flow of trade between the countries.

Adding that the continued violence and threats directed at foreign truck drivers in South Africa have almost put paid to cross border trade, thereby robbing companies and families alike of a legitimate livelihood.

President of Business Eswatini, Andrew le Roux, said that it was unfortunate that these upheavals were occurring at a time when the economies of both countries were under severe stress and also that both countries were battling persistent economic stagnation and runaway unemployment which are issues that need bilateral coordination; and not bilateral confrontation.

### Agreements

Over and above this, the president mentioned that Eswatini had bilateral agreements with South Africa, and the whole of SADC stating that what has been happening in recent days could not be said to be in the spirit of these agreements.

"We cannot at this point over-emphasise the growing importance of trade integration between our economies. Our private sector remains a net importer of goods and services from the Republic of South Africa. That's an inescapable fact. As a private sector body, we count on both governments to effect the necessary measures of protection at this time and for them to communicate with businesses so that we minimise damage to goods and persons."

"We therefore condemn the unlawful actions that the perpetrators of violence have taken, and we, at this time, add our voice to those calling on the prompt action by the responsible structures to implement decisive measures against this disruption that has resulted in economic loss to businesses," he said.



**CONCERN:** Business Eswatini CEO E. Nathi Dlamini with the organisation's President Andrew Le Roux.

The president said they had also noted the call by business organisations in South Africa for an end to the violence and destruction of property, to which they fully support and are grateful for.

"In the positive spirit with which Eswatini and SA have engaged at a political, economic and social level, we are confident that the economic harm that has been experienced recently will not happen again and that through the measures taken, we will again experience uninterrupted commercial traffic flow between our

countries without any intimidation and fear of reprisal to truck drivers or any of our people," he said.

Meanwhile the CEO, E. Nathi Dlamini, said he stood by the words of the president and further hoped that hard lessons were learnt from this dark episode and would not be repeated.

He said in the recent spate of looting and burning of trucks, as far as he was concerned there were no winners because the situation scared off much needed investors away, which both countries are desperate for.

## ESA looking to achieve sugar price exceeding inflation in 2021

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**AS part of their strategic objective, the Eswatini Sugar Association (ESA) is looking to achieve a sugar price in 2021 that exceeds inflation.**

This is part of the company's strategic goal, which is to double the industry's revenue in 10 years, namely 2017-2026.

This is contained in the company's Integrated

Annual Report for 2018/19, which also highlights the exploring of viable value addition initiatives to benefit the industry as another objective for the company.

The organisation also plans to promote and support sustainable Industry Expansion in the near future.

As part of their strategic Action, ESA is looking to optimise sugar pricing, deliver sustained profitability and competitiveness, supporting initiatives for provision of adequate water

resources and long-term water security and also creating a sugarcane fund to finance industry needs and ensure stability.

The action plan also talks to the supply chain efficiencies, including containing and controlling costs, implementing innovative costs saving financing structures and models. Also part of the plan is to implement an efficient industry payment system for sugar and sucrose delivery as well as the continuous improvement in technical services.



# Annual consumer inflation unchanged at 1.7 percent

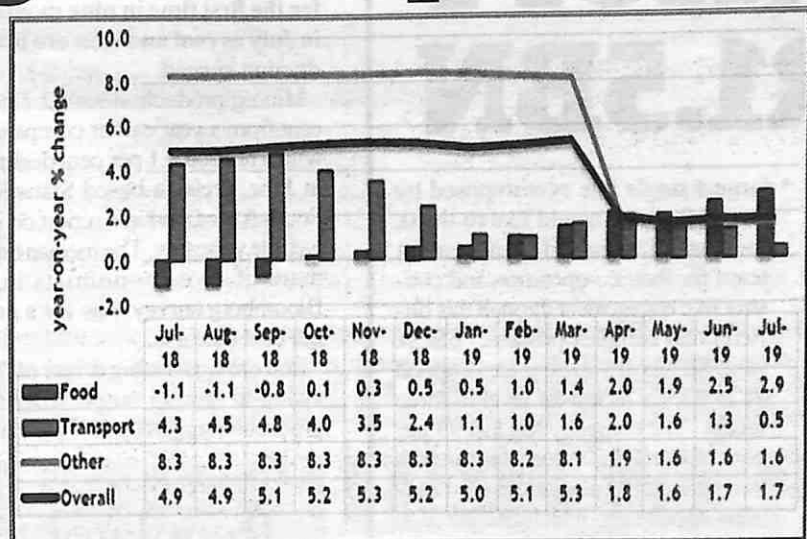
BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THE country's annual consumer inflation remained unchanged at 1.7 per cent in July 2019, same as it was in June 2019.

According to the Recent Economic Developments by the Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE), the price index for 'food and non-alcoholic beverages' continued on a gradual upward trend from low base effects, recording 2.9 per cent in July 2019 from 2.5 per cent in June 2019. The increase was largely driven by growth in the prices for 'bread and cereals', 'oils and fats', 'sugar and sugar products' as well as 'coffee, tea and cocoa'.

The above increase was however counteracted by decreasing rates of growth in the price indices for 'transport', 'clothing and footwear' and 'alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics'.

Transport inflation decreased to 0.5 per cent in July 2019 compared to 1.3 per cent in June 2019, owing to a deceleration in the prices for 'fuels and lubricants'. In the same line, the price indices



Source: Central Statistical Office

for 'clothing and footwear' and 'alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics' declined by 1.0 and 0.8 percentage points, respectively. On month-on-month basis, consumer inflation grew by 0.1 per cent in July 2019 from a similar growth recorded in the previous month.

The price index for 'food and non-alcoholic beverages' grew by 0.4 per cent whilst on the other hand, the price

indices for 'clothing and footwear' and 'alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics' decreased by 0.6 and 0.3 per cent respectively. Core inflation, which is CPI excluding volatile items such as food, fuel and energy, grew by 1.6 per cent in July 2019, from 1.7 per cent in June 2019. On month-on-month rates, core inflation recorded a zero growth from 0.1 per cent in the previous month.

## Eswatini's first reinsurance company launches new offices

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THE country's first ever re-insurance company, Ezulwini Reinsurance Company will officially launch its new offices in the capital city today.

The company is owned by the Eswatini Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF) as a major shareholder and Tanzania Reinsurance as a minority shareholder.

The PSPF which is a pension fund for Civil Servants owns 51 per cent of the shareholding while Tanzania Reinsurance Company which itself is owned by the Public Service Pensions Fund of Tanzania owns 49 per cent.

### Partnership

The company's Chairman Musa Hlatshwayo said this was as strategic partnership to ensure the safety of the insured both as insurers and ordinary clients.

"As you are already aware that for the past three years, our company is operating in a highly competitive open market scenario with-

out riding on the obtaining compulsory cession legal framework.

"I am glad to inform you that despite this we have secured nine per cent market share of the total reinsurance business in the Kingdom of Eswatini and we look forward to increased participation," he said.

The launch will be held at the new offices at Sibekelo Building this afternoon starting at 3pm. He invited the public to come and be part of this event.

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## FNB expands Ezulwini Gables branch

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

THE First National Bank is expanding their Ezulwini Gables branch and this will see the addition of three ADTs and two ATMs.

This was revealed by the institution's CEO Dennis Mbingo during a cocktail; hosted by the bank for their Entrepreneur of the Year Awards (EYA) Premium winners held at the George Hotel yesterday.

He said the new developments would ensure the branch is more business friendly.

"We understand that business people cannot spend a long time in a bank queueing. In line with that we also are looking at other branches like Nhlanguano and Manzini to ensure that they become more business friendly.

He added that FNB was also rolling out a new service called Cash Plus, which would allow people to transact money from more areas around the country through participating retailers.

He said All Cash Plus transactions would be facilitated via FNB's secure Cellphone banking platform.

"Cash Plus is a convenient way for both FNB and non-FNB customers to deposit and withdraw cash at retailers who are registered FNB Cash Plus agents. This means that one would not need to go inside a bank or seek access to an Automated Teller Machine (ATM)," he said. Mbingo said they were in continuous engagements with stakeholders on ways to support the country in the quest for economic development.

"One of the questions we continuously ask ourselves is 'How Can We Help You?' While access to finance is important, also of equal importance is the creation of opportunities for business growth and development. We therefore are continuously looking at ways to engage



POSE: Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo alongside the stakeholders during the cocktail event. (R) REMARKS: FNB Chief Executive Officer Dennis Mbingo making his remarks.

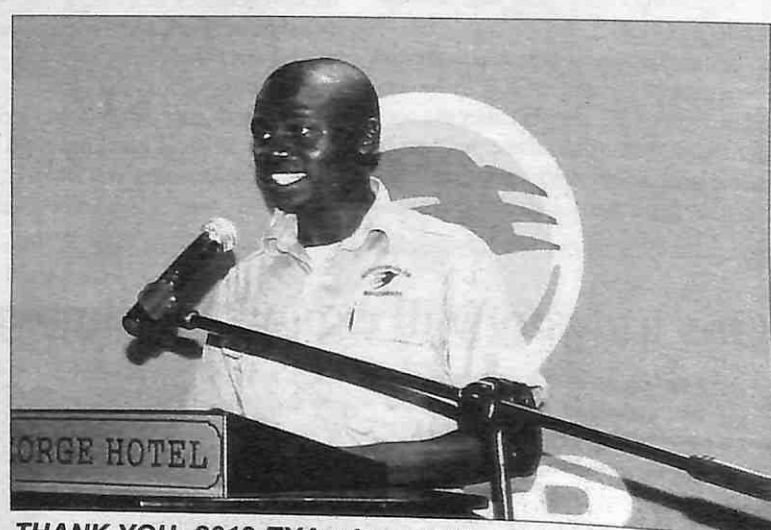


HERE: A section view of the people who attended the event.

and support you more.

"We have since set up a website, to be shared with the public soon, that will be a hub for entrepreneurs banking with

us to be able to display their businesses and services on the platform that is supported by FNB. How we support is that people who go to this website will



THANK YOU: 2019 EYA winner Sifiso Nhlengethwa making his remarks.

know that the companies have gone through our Know Your Customer (KYC) process and are accountable as we will have all their details including ID. We are also looking at having an APP to accompany this website," he added.

He then re-affirmed the bank's commitment to helping Eswatini SMEs start, run and grow their business.

"We are available to listen to where we can support you in your journey," he said.



# SA AUTHORITY FINES STEINHOFF A RECORD R1.5BN

**JOHANNESBURG - The Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) has fined Steinhoff an administrative penalty of R1.5bn.**

"The requirement for Steinhoff to make multiple, significant restatements of its accounts subsequent to December 2017 supports the conclusion that Steinhoff failed to meet its obligations under the FMA 2012. The FSCA has therefore found that the Steinhoff Group made false, misleading or deceptive statements, promises or forecasts in its public statements to the markets in the prior period," the regulator said in a statement.

Given the scale and severity of the offence, it has issued a fine of R1.5bn.

But given Steinhoff's current financial position, it will waive the bulk of it to only levy a penalty of R53m.

This is to avoid penalising innocent Steinhoff shareholders further, and due to the fact that the fraud was committed by former execs and staff.

It is also "in acknowledgement of the co-operation of management to date and Steinhoff's commitment to continue co-operating fully with the FSCA in all future actions taken against any persons allegedly responsible for the wrongdoing." "While, in light of Steinhoff's current financial position, we have made the decision to remit a substantial proportion of the penalty, even after this reduction it remains the

largest single fine ever imposed by the FSCA. We would like to thank the current Steinhoff management team for their co-operation and constructive engagement through this difficult and complex process," FSCA said. Steinhoff's share price dropped 1c to 105c - its lowest level in three weeks. The company has lost 99 per cent of its market value over the past two years amid revelations of fraudulent accounting, which amounted to more than R250BN.

Last month, the share slumped to below 90c at one point, as investors continue to fret over whether the company can survive the massive legal claims against it. *Fin24*

## 'Slowdown in global growth poses risks for local economy'

**JOHANNESBURG - Risks to the SA Reserve Bank's growth forecasts are on the downside because of uncertainty over global growth, Bank Governor Lesetja Kganyago warned.**

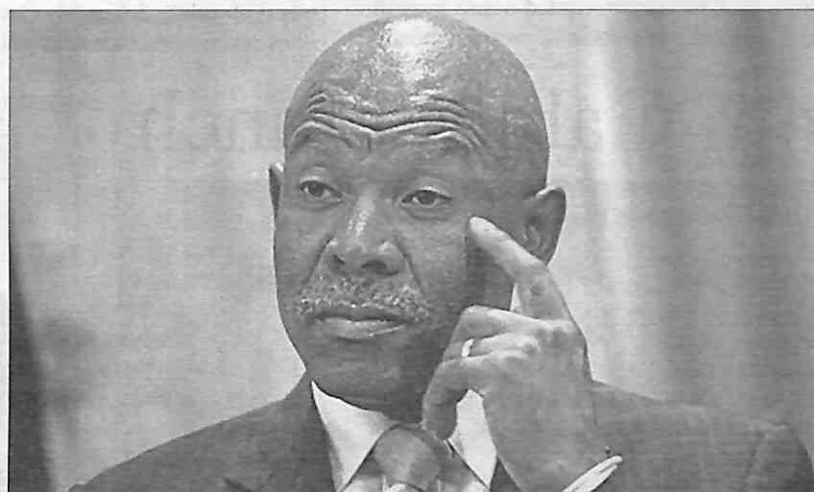
The bank projects the economy to grow 0.6 per cent this year rising to 1.8 per cent in 2020 and two per cent in 2021, with global growth of 3.4 per cent forecast for 2019, but it is expected to slow thereafter.

Kganyago told members of Parliament's finance committee that global growth is unlikely to become more supportive of domestic growth because of US-China trade tensions and the negative impact of Brexit. Geopolitical tensions are affecting commodity prices, he said, with lower global demand resulting in lower exports.

"We cannot be saved by the global economy as it is actually slowing down," Kganyago said. "With trade tensions globally not abating we see the risks to global growth on the downside."

The timid rebound of global trade at the beginning of the year was not sustained."

While domestically there was a rebound in real annual growth in GDP in the second quarter of 3.1 per cent after the contraction of more than three per cent in the first quarter, domestic growth remains volatile. Economic activity remains



**WARNS: Bank Governor Lesetja Kganyago.**

weak with insufficient investment and job creation. "Potential growth, an outcome of investment — both physical and human — remains very low. We need to lay the basis for sustained growth if we are going to make any impact on the jobs situation," Kganyago noted.

To get the domestic environment right, he said, requires ensuring a sustainable fiscal framework and a commitment to macro-stability. Reducing supply-side disruptions, such as load-shedding and strikes, and improving policy certainty across several domains are a basis for driving business confidence.

Low business confidence is hitting

investment and reducing growth and will have to be restored to stimulate economic growth, he said, adding that flows of foreign direct investment into SA are low compared to its emerging-market peers. Kganyago noted that "restoring confidence is the cheapest form of stimulus" and that he and President Cyril Ramaphosa are at one about the need to strengthen business confidence. Despite having called for structural reforms of the economy, the bank has played no role in the formulation of the Treasury's economic plan. Kganyago said this is because it is the preserve of the government. *Business Live*

## SA mining output rises for first time in 9 months

**JOHANNESBURG - South African mining output increased for the first time in nine months in July as coal and iron ore production surged.**

Mining production rose 2.4 per cent from a year earlier compared with a revised 4.1 per cent decline in June, Pretoria-based Statistics South Africa said in a report on its website yesterday. The median estimate of five economists in a Bloomberg survey was for a one per cent increase.

Iron ore was the big driver of the swing in mining output after its production surged by 23.7 per cent.

Coal, which is the biggest contributor to total mining, rose 8.6 per cent in July and platinum-group metals, the second-largest mineral group, rose 2.7 per cent.

Gold production continues to lag the rest of the industry and declined 13.1 per cent, the 22nd consecutive month of contraction. Gold mining in South Africa, which has lost its status as the continent's biggest producer of the metal to Ghana, is becoming less lucrative as it costs more to extract from deeper ore bodies. A 39.1 per cent drop in diamond production also weighed on the sector. *Fin24*

## Regulator takes a hard line on retirement funds costs

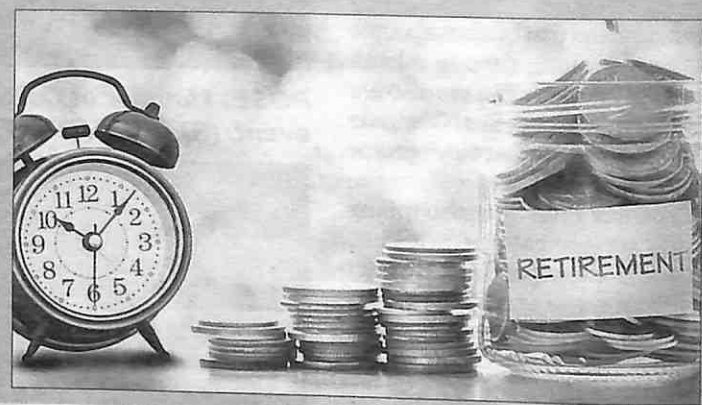
**JOHANNESBURG - The country's top financial services watchdog says it is going to crack the whip to ensure pension funds accelerate efforts to drive down costs that eat into people's retirement savings.**

Speaking at the Financial Sector Conduct Authority's (FSCA) retirement industry conference yesterday, the regulator's divisional executive of retirement funds supervision Olano Makhubela said they will soon be looking at retirement funds statements to see how their average costs compare against the industry average. Funds whose costs deviate significantly will have to explain themselves. Makhubela said the regulator will be looking at everything, from administration costs to asset management, consulting and litigation fees, which he said are on the rise, eating further into members' savings. "We have to

address this issue of costs differently and urgently because it is a real problem," said Makhubela.

He said the FSCA will conduct research to get a sense of industry averages. It will be looking at large umbrella funds as these have the economies of scale that the FSCA and National Treasury want to see all funds achieve. "We'll need to design a model to see what the optimal number of members is that yields the economies of scale we need to bring down costs and then we will address the outliers," said Makhubela. He said the regulator is, however, cognisant that some investments, such as private equity and alternatives that allow pension funds to invest in development projects, do not come cheap. He added that the drive to have funds whose costs exhibit economies of scale will undoubtedly lead to more consolidation in the industry.

*Business Live*



## Gas industry will exploit Mozambique like all the others

**MAPUTO - Gas in Mozambique is yet another example of what happens when a fossil fuel development is whitewashed by the usual rhetoric of "infrastructure development", "education" and "socioeconomic progress".**

The country's nascent gas industry is straight out of the textbook on fossil-fuel exploitation in poor countries — mass human rights violations, irreversible environmental destruction and government corruption that renders any chance of a trickle-down effect null and void.

This is unfolding just as the "resource curse" operates in so many other parts

of Africa and the world. The only economy that will change is the padding of the pockets of corporate and government individuals in power. The idea that the two current gas projects — Mozambique LNG, led by Anadarko (and soon Total), and Coral LNG, led by Eni and ExxonMobil — will actually double the GDP of the country, as the industry is promising, is laughable. Mozambique has been one of the leading producers of coal and ruby resources in Africa for many years, yet it remains the sixth poorest in the world, with only about 20 per cent of the population hav-

ing access to electricity. What makes anyone think the gas industry will have more of a conscience or effect?

The idea that the huge profits from the gas industry will seep down to the population is a copy-and-paste from press releases of nearly every energy company the world.

### Thrilled

Standard Bank is, of course, thrilled with the lightning-quick growth of the industry — with 20 per cent of the bank owned by the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, they are collectively the largest lenders to the project.

In 2018, Mozambican organisation Justiça Ambiental! (JA!) asked for and was granted a meeting with the relevant executives at Standard Bank, but on the agreed day the bank cancelled just two hours in advance.

When JA!, whose employees had travelled from Maputo, still insisted on the meeting, the two executives we were planning to meet were claimed to be busy, and instead were attended to by more junior employees who began the meeting by saying they "can't give you any answers because we know nothing about the projects".

Standard Bank has refused to hold another meeting since. The Export Credit

Insurance Corporation of SA (EIC) has been completely irresponsible in agreeing to finance this project after JA! had clearly informed it of the terrible effects of the industry. While it was still in the "consultation" phase, JA! and other organisations communicated with the COO, and on two occasions provided the EIC with detailed information gathered from the ground and from affected communities — communities that have now been forcefully removed from their homes, lost their lands and livelihoods, and face violence from military and private security companies if they try to resist.

*Business Live*



# Focus on Africa News

## Continental News

### Grace Mugabe sobs next to husband Robert's coffin

**HARARE** - Grace Mugabe wept by her husband's coffin today after the body of Zimbabwe's former dictator was returned to his home in Harare - with his family apparently gaining the

upper hand in a row about his funeral.

Mugabe, who died last Friday at the age of 95, has proved troublesome even in death with his family and his successor Emmerson Mnangagwa

at loggerheads about how his burial should be handled.

Today his family insisted he would be buried in a private ceremony in his home village early next week - not, as Mnangagwa wanted, at the

Heroes Acre shrine in Harare where a grave is waiting for him.

A family statement demanded that Grace, who was once a rival to Mnangagwa for the presidency, should be front and centre during

the funeral.

At the Mugabe residence in Harare she sat by her husband's coffin and was consoled by opposition leader Nelson Chamisa on Thursday.

In the meantime, mourners paid their respects to Mugabe's coffin at a stadium in Harare today.

*Daily Mail*

## MUGABE TO BE BURIED NEXT TO HIS MOTHER - NEPHEW

**HARARE** - Zimbabwe's founding prime minister, Robert Mugabe, will be buried next to his mother, Bona, at Kutama village on Monday or Tuesday.

His nephew, Leo Mugabe, confirmed this to TimesLIVE in a telephone interview yesterday.

"We are very busy right now, but yes, he will be buried next to his mother," he said, adding weight to an AFP report that the family had snubbed the national Heroes' Acre in Harare and opted for a private burial at the family homestead.

In a strongly worded statement, Mugabe's other nephew, exiled Patrick Zhuwao, said the family noted with "extreme concern" that the government had gone ahead with preparing a funeral programme without consulting them. He also accused the government of trying to coerce them into giving



in to its demands.

According to Zhuwao, his uncle demanded that in the event he died, his widow, Grace, should not lose sight of his remains until they were laid to rest. "One of the wishes that

the late Robert Gabriel Mugabe indicated was that his wife, Dr Grace Mugabe, must never leave the casket bearing his remains for the duration of the funeral proceedings whilst in Zimbabwe up until his mortal remains

have been entered [sic]," he said in a statement. A traditionalist, Sekuru Banda, said such customs were practised in many African families and they helped the departed spirit to rest in peace. *Times Live*

### Botswana under UN pressure to sign cultural rights treaty

**GEVEVA-GABORONE** - The United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, Fernand de Varennes has expressed disappointment at Botswana's failure to sign the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR).

In a report seen by APA, de Varennes noted that while Botswana is not a State Party to the ICESCR, various provisions of the country's Constitution and other pieces of legislation implicitly recognise them.

"The Special Rapporteur is disappointed that the government has not started progress in considering the signing and ratification of the ICESCR and its Optional Protocol," de Varennes said.

He said the explanation of the government as to why the ICESCR and its Optional Protocol have not been ratified indicates that Botswana has the ambition to respect, protect and fulfil the rights contained within the covenant and already recognises the importance of some of the provisions within its national laws.

"Whilst Botswana may currently regard itself as being unable to ratify the ICESCR and its Optional Protocol as it is not yet in a position to implement the provisions therein, the Special Rapporteur makes clear that ratification of the ICESCR is a necessary step towards achieving the government's ambition to ensure these rights," de Varennes said.

The official said when he visited the southern African country, the government explained that "Botswana is not oblivious to the importance of the treaties".

*APA*

### Ten dead at Mozambique president's rally ahead of elections

**MAPUTO** - At least 10 people were killed in Mozambique during a stampede at a campaign rally of President Filipe Nyusi, the ruling party said, just over a month ahead of general elections.

The small stadium in the northern city of Nampula where the rally was being held on Wednesday was overcrowded and a crush occurred as people rushed for the exits at the end, according to witnesses.

"Unfortunately 10 of our party's militants died," the ruling Frelimo

party said in a statement, adding that 85 people were injured.

The scene was "total chaos", rally attendee Benjamin Nhumai told AFP.

"What happened is that the gates were closed and they were only opened after the departure of Frelimo candidate, President Nyusi," said Nhumai. "Hence everyone inside the 25 de Junho Stadium wanted to leave at the same time and there were people who were pushed and they fell and were trampled," he added.

The incident claimed the lives of at least six women and four men, according to the party.

Nyusi is hoping for a second term in office at general elections scheduled for October 15. His Frelimo party has dominated power for more than four decades and he is expected to win. His government and ex-rebel group-turned opposition party Renamo completed a long-awaited peace pact last month, 27 years after the end of the first civil war.

*AFP*



**DOMINATED: Mozambique President Filipe Nyusi.**

## BRIEFS

### Sudan, rebels agree on roadmap

**CAIRO** - Sudan's newly appointed government and rebel leaders have agreed on a roadmap aimed at ending war in the country by year end, following the military's ouster of autocratic President Omar al-Bashir in April.

The two sides signed an initial deal after three days of negotiations in Juba, capital of neighbouring South Sudan. Sudan has been convulsed by rebellions in its far-flung provinces for decades, resulting in tens of thousands of people being killed.

Fighting in the western Darfur province has largely died down in recent years, but rebels and bandits are still active there as well as in the southern provinces of Blue Nile and South Kordofan. *AP*

### Liberia call for action over economic

**MONROVIA** - More than 300 chiefs representing Liberia's rural and traditional bloc have called on the president to set up a war and economic crimes court as part of measures to fight impunity that has impeded the growth of Africa's oldest independent republic.

The representative chiefs are powerful and particularly influential in political decision-making and voting processes in the rural belts.

In their statement, released at the close of a week-long gathering in the capital, the chiefs expressed disappointment over the government's handling of millions of US dollars since George Weah assumed the presidency.

*africanews.com*

### Nigerian tribunal rejects bid

**LAGOS** - A Nigerian election tribunal rejected a bid by the main opposition candidate to overturn the result of February's presidential election, which saw Muhammadu Buhari returned to office.

Defeated contender Atiku Abubakar, a businessman and former vice president, was the candidate of the main opposition People's Democratic Party (PDP).

This petition is hereby dismissed in its entirety," Justice Mohammed Lawal Garba said in announcing the ruling on Wednesday afternoon.

All five judges who presided over the tribunal rejected Atiku's claims.

*Al Jazeera*

### Sisi selects new public prosecutor

**CAIRO** - Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has selected long-time judiciary official Hamada al-Sawy as Public Prosecutor, judicial sources said yesterday, the first such appointment since the constitution was amended earlier this year.

Egyptians approved constitutional changes in April, giving the president the power to choose head judges and the public prosecutor from a pool of senior candidates pre-selected by the judiciary. Rights activists say Sisi has overseen a crackdown on dissent in Egypt since he was elected president in 2014, a year after the military he then commanded overthrew Islamist President Mohamed Mursi after mass protests against his rule. *Reuters*



# Focus on SA Scene

Your Daily Mzansi News

## Pandor steps in as Ramaphosa pulls out of UN meeting

**PRETORIA** - President Cyril Ramaphosa has pulled the plug on his trip to the UN General Assembly later this month so he can deal with ongoing problems in SA.

The presidency said yesterday that Ramaphosa had delegated Interna-

tional Relations and Co-operation Minister Naledi Pandor to lead SA's delegation to New York to allow the Ramaphosa "to concentrate on critical issues in the country".

The gathering of world leaders takes place September 23-26. "The presi-

dent has decided to remain in SA to attend to the implementation of government's urgent measures on gender-based violence, the restoration of order and stability in areas affected by public violence and to oversee initiatives to turn around the economy,"

spokesperson Khusela Diko said.

Ramaphosa's trip to the event would have been his first since his election earlier this year. "This is a time for leadership from across society to mobilise their respective constituencies in support of economic progress

and rebuilding the social and moral fabric of society. Government is stepping up its own contribution to this collective effort," the president said.

"Over the next few days and weeks, President Ramaphosa will be meeting communities, civil society and structures of government on concrete actions to address public concerns and challenge," Diko said. *Times Live*

## HELEN ZILLE ON RADIO STATION'S APOLOGY

**JOHANNESBURG** - Former DA leader Helen Zille says the only reason EFF leader Julius Malema and his party won't accept Eyewitness News's apology is that it "was not grovelling enough".

This after the broadcaster apologised to Malema for the foul language used by senior journalist Barry Bateman on Tuesday.

Bateman was caught on camera using the word p\*\*s while in conversation with another reporter after an impromptu press briefing by Malema outside the Hawks' offices on Tuesday.

The video and the phrase has been trending on social media.

TimesLIVE reported that Eyewitness News issued a statement, saying: "As EWN, we demand that our reporters abide by the same high standards that we expect from others."

"Bateman was taken off air immediately after we were made aware of the video. EWN will hold an internal probe that will deal with the matter appropriately."

The EFF, however, has rejected the apology, saying it was a "delayed lukewarm apology".

"We have long warned that journalists are responsible for the toxic environment that the EFF has to operate in, within the media generally."

"One must simply imagine what would have happened had the EFF

Helen Zille.



responded to Bateman on the scene of his naked provocation. It is obvious that many would blame the EFF for being intolerant of the media and suppressing media freedom," said the party.

The EFF said the broadcaster must take action against Bateman.

"Had it been a black journalist who would have insulted a white journalist, he would be under suspension

with immediate effect," the party argued.

"Bateman must be dealt with the same way and not be accorded the white privilege of kid gloves."

Taking to Twitter, Zille said the EFF's "fragility over an expletive" was ironic.

"They won't accept the apology because it was not grovelling enough," she said. *Times Live*

## Gumede gets a spot on ANC's eThekweni regional task team

**DURBAN** - The ANC in KwaZulu Natal has included former eThekweni chairperson Zandile Gumede in its regional task team (RTT) to prepare the embattled region for its upcoming elective conference.

Party spokesperson Ricardo Mthembu told News24 that the provincial working committee had resolved issues previously raised over its RTT by those aligned to Gumede.

Gumede's regional executive committee was disbanded in June after failing to go to conference last year.

Mthembu said the new task team had to take the region to conference by the end of this year. It comprises of Mluleki Ndobe as coordinator, Bheki Ntuli as his deputy, Lwazi Mshengu as convenor, and Gumede as deputy convenor.

Ndobe, who is the deputy speaker of council, was previously arrested in connection with the murder of Sindiso Magaqa, but charges were provisionally dropped.

According to sources, Gumede - who's been known to be close to former president Jacob Zuma - will go head-to-head with another RTT member, Thabani Nyawose.

Nyawose is a branch leader and has a long history of being

involved in the student movement and the ANC Youth League.

Nyawose is also believed to be close to current ANC President Cyril Ramaphosa and former KwaZulu-Natal ANC Chairperson Senzo Mchunu.

It also claimed by some in the region that his ascendancy could lead to better relations between the powerful region and its provincial leadership structure.

Gumede is seen in some circles as a controversial figure. The former eThekweni mayor is out on R50 000 bail, after being arrested earlier this year on corruption charges relating to a R208m Durban solid waste tender. She has also been blamed for poor performance in the metro.

Businessman Musa Nciki is said to have teamed up with the Gumede in her bid to return to the helm. He is expected to contest the regional secretary position.

Former regional secretary Bheki Ntuli, who is reported to be on Nyawose's slate, also wants to retain to his old position.

Ntuli was recently appointed the province's MEC for transport, community safety and liaison.

*News24*

## 'MultiChoice CEO told me I was mad'

**JOHANNESBURG** - Former SABC executive Hlaudi Motsoeneng yesterday boasted about how he strong-armed MultiChoice into funding the public broadcaster's 24-hour news channel.

Testifying at the state capture inquiry for the third day, Motsoeneng said former SABC chief executive Lulama Mokhobo and then board chairman Ben Ngubane failed in their bid to get MultiChoice to sponsor a channel for SABC news.

Motsoeneng then asked to take a crack at the negotiations, according to him.

"I went and engaged them, it was not easy.

We were fighting, because when I approached the CEO of MultiChoice, he said to me sometimes it seems like you are mad.

I said it's a good madness because it's in the interest of the SABC.

"That meeting didn't go well. He left the meeting.

Now I was in trouble, because I was not achieving what I wanted to achieve ... I had to find a way so that I could engage him again," he said.

In a second meeting, Motsoeneng said he proposed that MultiChoice host the SABC's 24-hour news channel on DSTV as a pilot project, until the SABC completed its digital migration project.

MultiChoice agreed, hosting the channel and another called SABC Encore. "When you talk about my legacy, it is those two channels and the employment of people," he said.

Asked what was in it for MultiChoice, Motsoeneng said "nothing".

In 2015, it emerged that as part of the deal, the SABC undertook to back MultiChoice's position on digital migration, which involved set-top boxes to convert the digital signal to analogue after migration not being encrypted.

Motsoeneng received an R11m success fee for concluding the negotiations, a matter which is now the subject of litigation.

*Times Live*



eThekweni chairperson Zandile Gumede.





## Focus on SA Scene

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# WAYS WE COME UNDER ATTACK

**PRETORIA** - A total of 21,022 people were murdered in South Africa between April 1, 2018 and March 31 this year, while 52,420 were victims of sexual offences.

This is an increase of 3.4 per cent and 4.6 per cent respectively.

Shockingly, there were 736 murders committed by children.

The weekend contributes 60 per cent of the murders (Friday to Sunday). If you include Monday, that figure goes to 70 per cent.

These are some of the latest SAPS crime stats released in parliament on Thursday morning briefing by National Police Commissioner General Khehla Sitole, SAPS Statistics Chief Major General Norman Sekhukhune and Police Minister Bheki Cele.

"There is a very high number of people that are murdered by people they know," Cele commented.

"Why do people behave like they are coming from the moon on weekends?" Cele asked. He said they are seeking help from experts, including sociologists, in a bid to find answers to this question.

### WORST AREAS

All provinces have recorded increases when it comes to contact crimes.

Nyanga station in the Western Cape leads when it comes to trio crimes. But Gauteng has 19 stations featuring in the top 30.

Murder cases reported were highest in Nyanga (289), followed by Delft, Khayelitsha, Inanda, Philippi East, Mithatha, Umlazi, Harare in the Western Cape, Plessislaer and Gugulethu.

### WEAPONS AND REASONS FOR CRIMES

Attempted murder cases across SA increased by 4.1 per cent to 1,898.

A 23.1 per cent decrease in cash-in-transit heists was recorded while a 1 per cent increase was noted in aggravated robbery with 140,032 cases.

Property-related crimes as a whole decreased by 12,804 (2.5 per cent). Stock theft saw the biggest increase in this category (up by 2.9 per cent).

### VEHICLE CRIMES

Most (5 098) of the more than 16 000 car hijackings that were reported in the year occurred in townships.

More than 1,500 cars were hijacked in city centres, 110 on national highways,

...Boiling water, bare hands, knives



Minister of Police Bheki Cele.

97 in suburbs, and one at a port of entry.

The most car hijackings were reported at Nyanga police station in the Western Cape.

The statistics revealed that 12 857 drivers were threatened with a weapon of some kind, mostly a firearm.

In 12 cases, a brick was used while in five other hijackings an axe was the weapon of choice.

At least 351 drivers reported that hijackers had "knocked on the window or another part of the vehicle" to hijack them. In 14 cases, objects were thrown on the road as part of the modus operandi.

In 51 cases, hijackers used a fake stop and go detour to target their victims.

The most hijacked vehicles were Toyotas, followed by Volkswagen. According to the statistics, Chrysler was the least hijacked car, with three taken in the 12-month period.

### WEAPONS USED, CAUSES OF CRIMES

Looking at the weapons used in crimes, the SAPS data reveals that knives are most common (4 720), followed by unidentified sharp objects (1 552) while in 506 cases, a brick was used to attack the victim. Bottles, sticks, sjamboks and machetes were also used while in 68 cases, the weapon was fir and matches.

Among the causes of murders were domestic violence (1,115 cases) and

mob justice and vigilantism (789).

Arguments/misunderstandings accounted for 1,727 cases, armed robbery (751), gang-related (1,120), illegal mining (62) and taxi violence (321). The Institute for Security Studies noted that domestic violence tied with gangsterism for the second-leading cause of murder in South Africa, with personal arguments being the primary reason. Almost 60 per cent of women who are murdered by their partners are shot dead, which shows the importance of tighter controls of gun licences, the ISS said.

The DA's Andrew Whitfield highlighted gender-based violence and attacks on children as serious causes of concern. He said:

• An average of 113.9 rapes are reported a day, reflecting an increase in 3.9 per cent.

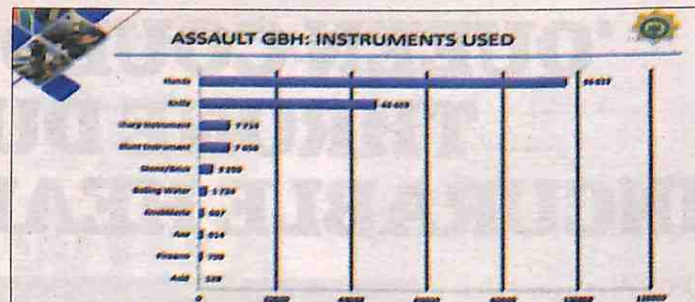
• Murder and sexual offences against children have both increased by 2.9 per cent and 3.8 per cent respectively

• Children make up 46.5 per cent of all reported sexual assault in South Africa

• 69.8 per cent of all sexual offences committed are against women

"Police need to display extreme professionalism in dealing with victims of crime and we need higher police visibility in crime-ridden areas."

Times Live



### BIGGEST INCREASE TO BIGGEST DECREASE IN CRIMES 2019

CATEGORY	2018	2019	CHANGE
Sexual offences discovered as result of police action	6 701	7 976	+19.0%
Commercial crime	73 277	83 823	+14.4%
Arson	3 869	4 083	+5.5%
Sexual Offences	50 108	52 420	+4.6%
Attempted murder	18 233	18 980	+4.1%
Common assault	156 243	162 012	+3.7%
Murder	20 336	21 022	+3.4%
Stock-theft	28 849	29 672	+2.9%
Assault with the intent to inflict grievous bodily harm	167 352	170 979	+2.2%
Common robbery	50 730	51 765	+2.0%
Malicious injury to property	111 492	113 089	+1.6%
Robbery with aggravating circumstances	138 364	140 032	+1.2%
Robbery at residential premises	22 261	22 431	+0.8%
Burglary at non-residential premises	71 195	71 224	0.0%
Robbery at non-residential premises	20 047	19 991	-0.3%
All theft not mentioned elsewhere	302 656	300 457	-0.7%
Truck hijacking	1 202	1 182	-1.7%
Carjacking	16 325	16 026	-1.8%
Theft out of or from motor vehicle	129 174	125 076	-3.2%
Burglary at residential premises	228 094	220 865	-3.2%
Shoplifting	62 180	60 167	-3.2%
Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs	86 160	82 912	-3.8%
Theft of motor vehicle and motorcycle	50 663	48 324	-4.6%
Illegal possession of firearms and ammunition	17 558	15 736	-10.4%
Robbery of cash in transit	238	183	-23.1%
Drug-related crime	232 547	232 657	-28.1%
Bank robbery	13	4	-69.2%

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### Murder

↑ 3.4%

2017/18 2018/19  
20,336 21,022

### Attempted Murder

↑ 4.1%

2017/18 2018/19  
18,233 18,980

### Car Jacking

↓ 1.8%

2017/18 2018/19  
16,325 16,026



# Focus on World News

Global News

## 'QUEEN COULD GIVE UP THRONE DUE TO INCURABLE HEALTH ISSUE'

**LONDON** - Queen Elizabeth II could be forced to abdicate her throne giving it to Prince Charles due to a heartbreaking health condition, a royal expert has claimed as they said there wouldn't be any other option.

The Monarch's health has been a growing concern for royal fans as the Queen holds the title for the longest-reigning monarch at 66 years and counting. The 93-year-old sparked worry when she was photographed with a large purple bruise on her left hand at Buckingham Palace after meeting Jordan's King Abdullah and Queen Rania. Doctors have since said the bruise was most likely caused by a minor injury as people who age are more prone to bruising.

Speaking on Royal Central's podcast, editor Lydia Starbuck said: "It does raise questions,



**ROYAL SHOCK: Queen Elizabeth II.**

Hypothetically in the future if someone who was ruling were to develop a condition like dementia.

"At what stage can others step in to either become regent or to take responsibility away because often it's a very difficult area that people are capable in some areas of their life and losing abilities in others."

Royal expert Britanni Barger added: "In the past when dementia wasn't really known

we know that had to have been monarchs across the globe who had it.

"They may have had their child or whatever doing all the grunt work but that was before a time we knew what it was.

"The media now, if some monarch does get something like dementia, ALS or any disease like that, I think they would really have no option but to get a regent."

Starbuck added: "I think

if anything happens it is more likely she will make Charles regent instead of completely abdicating.

"I think it's very unlikely that she will completely abdicate." As regent, Prince Charles would assume the majority of duties Queen Elizabeth II currently carries out but would not be crowned king until the passing of his mother.

The last regency in the UK took place between 1811 and 1820, when future King George IV took over control from his father George III.

Royal biographer Phil Dampier believes Charles is already gaining more duties from the monarch.

Mr Dampier said: "He is starting to do that already, being at the state opening in Parliament and the Commonwealth conference. [express.co.uk](http://express.co.uk)

## Brexit court ruling prompts calls to reverse parliament suspension

**LONDON** - British premier Boris Johnson faced calls on Thursday (Yesterday) to reverse his suspension of parliament after a Scottish court ruled it illegal, as government documents warned a no-deal Brexit could lead to civil unrest and shortages of food and medicines.

The Operation Yellowhammer documents, which the government was forced to release on Wednesday, revealed that preparedness for a no-deal Brexit remained "at a low level", with logjams at Channel ports threatening to impact supplies.

They also warned of "a rise in public disorder and community tensions" in such a scenario.

The government stressed that it was "updating the assumptions" in the document, and that it was "neither an impact assessment, nor a prediction of what is most likely to happen. "It describes what could occur in a reasonable worst case scenario,"

wrote minister Michael Gove.

But the release, after MPs voted last week to compel the government to publish, fuelled lawmakers' fears that a disorderly divorce would be hugely disruptive to the UK.

The government, meanwhile, has appealed the Scottish court ruling, with the case set to be heard in the Supreme Court next Tuesday, and parliament will for now stay shut.

Johnson has said suspending, or proroguing, parliament until October 14 is a routine move to allow his government to launch a new legislative agenda.

But critics accuse him of trying to silence opposition to his plan to leave the European Union on October 31, even if he has not agreed exit terms with Brussels.

Johnson argues that while he is working to get a deal, Britain must leave the bloc regardless, three years after the referendum vote for Brexit.

**AFP**

## Al Qaeda leader calls for new terror attacks against US, allies

**NEW YORK/TEHRAN** - Al Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri called for Islamic terrorists to strike at the US, Israel and their "European allies" in a new video tied to the 18th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

In an Arabic-language speech addressed to "Muslim brothers the world over," al-Zawahiri urged his followers to be "inventive and creative" as they concoct their diabolical plans.

"The interests of Israel and its American, British, French, Russian, and European allies are spread all over the world," he said, according to an English-language transcript distributed with the video.

"So just as they conspire and join forces against us everywhere, we must chase them down everywhere, at a time and place of our choosing."

Al-Zawahiri noted that that "18 years have passed since the blessed raids in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania" and also appeared to

reference President Trump's recent decision to cancel secret peace talks with the Taliban.

"The Islamic Emirate dealt severe blows to America.

This is why the Americans showed keenness to negotiate with them a withdrawal from Afghanistan," he said.

The 33-minute recording was discovered Wednesday morning by Raphael Gluck, co-founder of JihadOScope, a company that monitors terrorist communications on the Web and elsewhere.

The video, produced by al Qaeda's propaganda arm, "Al-Sahab Media" was uploaded to several Internet cloud-computing storage sites after being "teased" in messages posted Tuesday on the encrypted Telegram app, he said.

Versions were released in various qualities so the video can be viewed on different types of devices, including smartphones, he said.

[nypost.com](http://nypost.com)

## Pope Francis accuses critics of stabbing him in the back

**VATICAN CITY** - Pope Francis has accused his critics of stabbing him in the back and said he is "not afraid" of the Catholic Church splitting.

Speaking after a trip to Africa, the Pope took issue with conservative clergymen who have criticised him.

Those men do not "want good for the Church", but only care about 'changing popes, changing styles, creating a schism', he said.

US Catholic leaders have attacked the Pope in the past for his views.

It is the first time he has spoken so openly about the chance of a split in the Church, which has more than one billion followers worldwide.

Pope Francis made his comments on

a flight back to Rome after a trip to Madagascar, Mauritius and Mozambique.

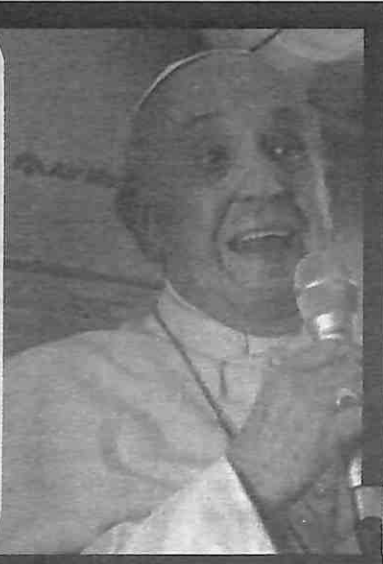
He was asked by a reporter about attacks from conservative Catholic leaders, TV channels and websites in the US.

### Accused

Some Catholic leaders, particularly in the US but also some others around the world, have accused the Pope of diluting their faith, and have even called for his resignation.

They are unhappy with his stances on the environment and immigration. But in particular they are opposed to his moves to allow divorced and remarried Catholics to take Communion.

**BBC News**



## BRIEFS

### Bolton 'tough' but not 'smart' - Trump

**NEW YORK** - President Donald Trump said he fired controversial national security adviser John Bolton for not being "smart," particularly in his comments seen as threatening North Korea's dictator.

In his first full account of the Tuesday sacking, Trump homed in on Bolton's strained relationship with Kim Jong Un, the North Korean leader whom Trump has met three times for talks on his nuclear arsenal and frequently describes as a friend.

Trump said discord between him and the hawkish adviser goes back to early 2018.

**Afp**

### Mother killed by her two-year-old girl

**BELARUS** - A young mother died on her 21st birthday after getting her neck wedged in the closing window of her family's BMW.

Yulia Sharko was trying to pull her two year old daughter from the vehicle through the half open front seat window.

At this moment, the child pressed the automatic switch closing it, which garrotted her mother, say reports citing law enforcement.

Her husband Artur found the mother-of-two unconscious soon after the freak accident.

**Daily Mail**

### Christchurch shooting trial moved

**CHRISTCHURCH** - New Zealand's High Court on Thursday altered next year's trial dates for the man accused of murdering 51 Muslim worshippers in Christchurch mosques to avoid the hearing clashing with the holy month of Ramadan.

Australian Brenton Tarrant's trial was due to begin on May 4, 2020, which next year will coincide with Ramadan in the Islamic calendar.

A statement released by the court said prosecutors were concerned the clash would pose a problem. "A number of the witnesses to be called at trial are of the Islamic faith," it said.

**Reuters**

### BJ Habibie, dies

**JAKARTA** - Indonesia's former President B J Habibie, who came to power during the country's turbulent transition to democracy after former strongman leader Suharto stepped down in 1998, has died, his son said on Wednesday evening. Habibie, 83, had been suffering from heart problems and was in hospital, Thareq Kemal Habibie told Metro TV.

An engineer by training, Habibie succeeded Suharto as Indonesia's third president only months after becoming his deputy, just as the country was rocked by spasms of rioting and economic upheaval triggered by the Asian financial crisis.

**Al Jazeera**



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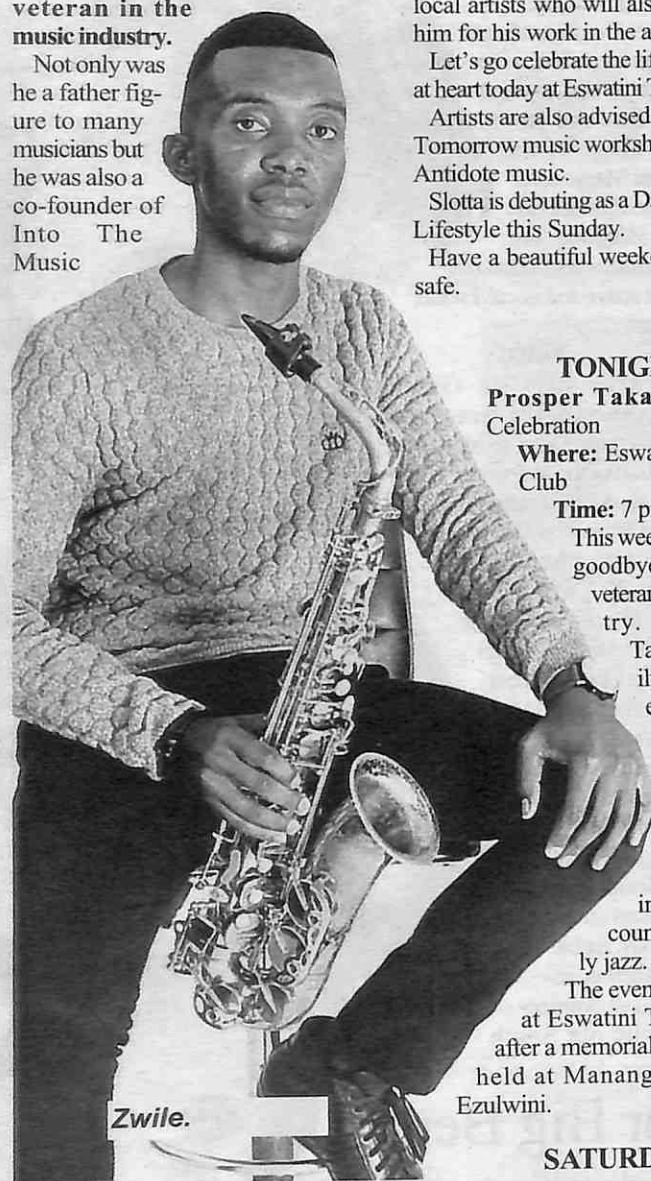
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# COME CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PROSPER TAKAWIRA

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**THIS week, we celebrate the life of Prosper Takariwa; a veteran in the music industry.**

Not only was he a father figure to many musicians but he was also a co-founder of Into The Music



Zwile.

Society.

Takawira's legacy in the music industry will live on as he introduced a number of international artists to Eswatini.

He also helped groom a number of local artists who will also remember him for his work in the arts.

Let's go celebrate the life of a musician at heart today at Eswatini Theatre Club.

Artists are also advised to attend the Tomorrow music workshop hosted by Antidote music.

Slotta is debuting as a DJ at Emfuleni Lifestyle this Sunday.

Have a beautiful weekend and stay safe.

## TONIGHT

**Prosper Takawira: Life Celebration**

**Where:** Eswatini Theatre Club

**Time:** 7 pm

This weekend we say goodbye to a music veteran in the country. Join the Takariwa family as they celebrate the life of Prosper Takariwa who made a huge impact on the music industry of the country especially jazz.

The event will be held at Eswatini Theatre Club after a memorial service to be held at Mananga Centre in Ezulwini.

SATURDAY

## The Spotlight

**Where:** Ezulwini Mahlalekhukhwini House

**Time:** 8am

The Top 30 has been chosen and they are ready to sing again in front of the judges. This time around, their fate lays in the hands of the public. To vote for your favourite, first watch the show on Eswatini TV on Sunday from 5pm to 6pm, then the public would have to SMS the contestant's number to 7768 using any MTN number or by visiting [www.mtnspotlight.com](http://www.mtnspotlight.com)

Each SMS will cost E0.50.

## Antidote's Tomorrow Music Workshop

**Where:** Endibanweni

**Time:** 2pm

Tomorrow is an artist development programme that aims to help emerging artists and musicians build sustainable music careers through a series of monthly discussions and workshops. This month's theme is "Digital Music Distribution."

The discussion will be led by Antidote

Music directors, Mmeli Hlanze and Sizo Hlophe, and will unpack how artists and musicians can get their music distributed onto major online music stores and streaming services.

Entry is free

## SUNDAY

**Sweet Temptation with Slotta**

**Where:** Emfuleni Lifestyle

**Time:** noon

Singer, photographer and all-round artist Slotta will debut as a deejay at his first ever one man show title Sweet Temptation.

Join Slotta as he makes his way into the deejaying world. He will be supported by DJs Cup, Ziyawakazitha, Ace4nic, Karly B, 1D and Mmmely.

Entry is free

## SAVE THE DATE

**What:** All Star Festival

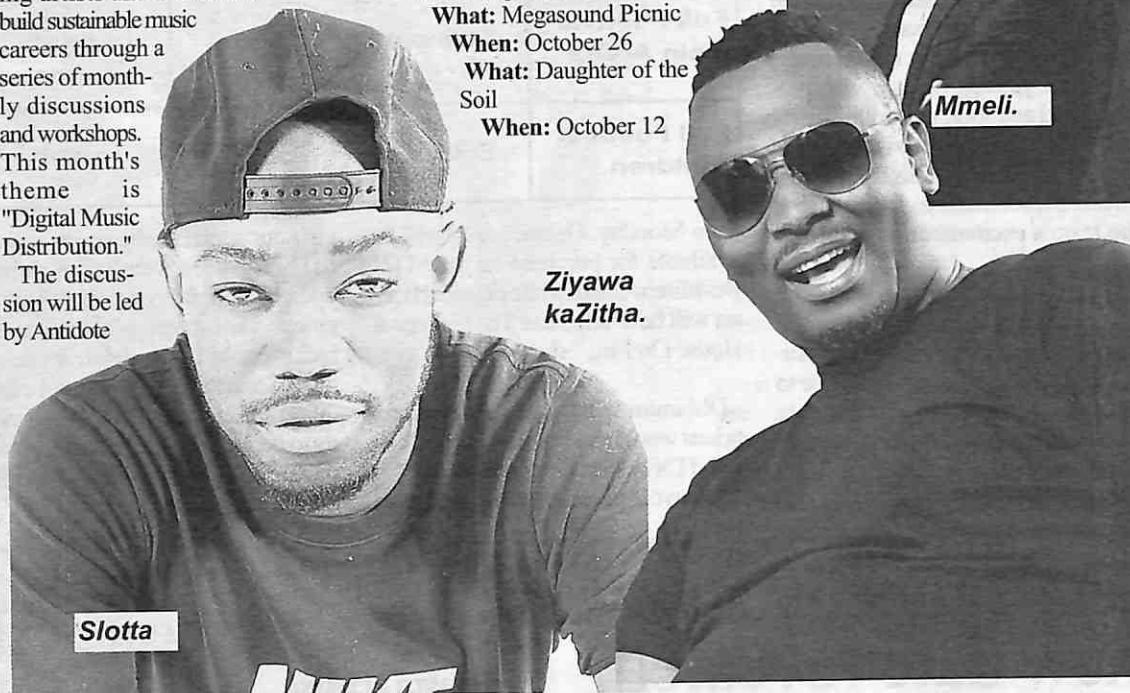
**When:** September 21

**What:** Megasound Picnic

**When:** October 26

**What:** Daughter of the Soil

**When:** October 12



Ziyawakazitha.

Slotta

Mmeli.

## KHULI CHANA WANTS TO COME TO THE KINGDOM

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**SOUTH African rapper took to social media to suggest that he will be coming to Eswatini.**

The rapper recently released a brand new track titled 'Ichu' featuring Cassper Nyovest. The rapper is also well known for songs such as 'Hape le hape', 'Tswaa Daar' and many others.

The multiple award winning artist, was recently in Zimbabwe promoting the song and tweeted, "We rocked Zimbabwe, Botswana, Swaziland (Eswatini) is next."

The song premiered on South Africa's music show Live Amp last week.

Real name Khulane Morule, was born in Mmabatho, Mafikeng in the North West Province, where he was raised by a single mother. His love for rapping was evident from a young age.

It would not be the artist's first time in Eswatini as he has performed a number of times including at the inaugural hip hop festival Hipnotik back in 2012.

His first album was titled the 'Motswako Originator' which was released in November 2009. He now owns and manages two Johannesburg music recording companies, the Raux studios and the Mythrone Records. On the other hand he released his second album 'Lost in Time'.



INTERESTED: Khuli Chana.

## Lunch Concert at Alliance Francaise today

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

**ALLIANCE Francaise de Mbabane will host a Lunch Concert at 1pm today.**

Attendees will be treated to soul artists Bandle and Samilo.

Confirming this was Camille Vallée who said such an event is held on a monthly basis.

"Every first Friday of the month Alliance Francaise features upcoming artists for an hour.

"It has become the place to be to celebrate the week end with good music and good food. Indeed there

will be a special French inspired dish on special," she said.

As September's first Friday was a public holiday they decided to host the show today.

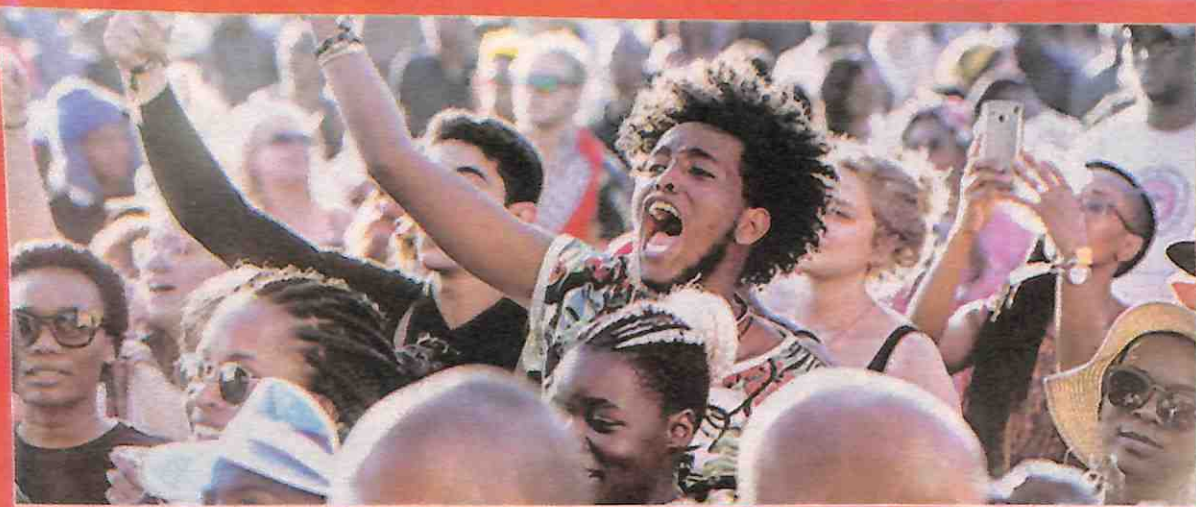
She stated that they strive to share cultures.

She said the event aims at making music accessible to all and allow upcoming artists showcase their craft.

"Eswatini has so much talent that has not been exposed.

It is with Emaswati's support that our artists will be known and be able to take their talent to the next level," she said.





# MTN BUSHFIRE EARLY BIRD TICKETS SOLD OUT

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

## MTN Bushfire early bird tickets have sold out!

The tickets sold out after being released on Wednesday. This was confirmed by House on Fire Communications Officer Phiwo Dhlamini.

Dhlamini said despite doubling the number of early bird tickets this year, tickets have sold out in record time.

"Thank you to everyone who pre-registered and took part in this early ticket release. The explosive response from MTN Bushfire fans from across Africa and around the globe matches the team's excitement for the festival," she said.

The festival is slated for May 29 to May 31, 2020.

Furthermore, Dhlamini said festival fans who did not get a chance to get the tickets still have a chance to be part of this experience by securing phase one festival tickets.

"Phase One tickets will go on sale

...Phase 1 tickets to go on sale on Monday

	Early-Bird	(Phase 1)	(Phase 2)
Full Festival Golden Lounge	Sold out	1 950	2 350
Full Festival Main Arena	Sold out	950	1 150
Full Festival Children	Sold out	250	300

from Monday. Online tickets will be available for purchase on the MTN Bushfire website while physical tickets will be available at The Gallery at House On Fire," she said.

### Avoid

Dhlamini mentioned that physical tickets would also be available at selected MTN outlets next month.

"To avoid missing out, people should

visit our social media pages and the MTN Bushfire website for prompt updates. The festival will reflect the unique atmosphere of tolerance and inclusion. MTN Bushfire invites all fans of music, the arts, cultural exploration and environmental sustainability to become part of the thriving community that is MTN Bushfire," Dhlamini concluded.

## Smallz to perform alongside Trevor Gumbi

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

### ONLY the sky is the limit for the pint-sized comedian.

Eswatini's foremost comedian, Smallz The Comedian is set to meet his fiercest match in South Africa's Trevor Gumbi, who has over the years managed to grow his career to the status of 'firmly one of South Africa's most sought-after comedians'.

Slated for the end of November at My Angel Lodge, Nelspruit, the show will also feature a litany of Mpumalanga's finest artists alongside some of Mzansi's finest comedians.

Trevor Gumbi is a South African comedian, writer and actor best known as co-host and voice over artist of the Mzansi Magic entertainment magazine show Headline. The comedian is also known for his active and vocal Twitter account.

### Voted

He also stars as Gideon Gwinyimbu, the dim-witted security guard that works at the reception of the apartment building, in the SABC1 sitcom Ses'Top La and hosted the Mzansi Magic travel show Msawawa True South with Trevor Gumbi.

Trevor was voted one of South Africa's Twitter Kings in Cosmopolitan magazine's January 2011 issue.

"I am truly humbled and excited about this gig. Having a chance to perform with such stars internationally, enable us to further intensify our connection with our South

Afri-can community who understand the language," said Smallz.

Smallz The Comedian is well-known as the winner of the first 'LOL Comedy Competition', for consistently hostingsold-out shows in and out of Eswatini and posts viral Face-book and YouTube videos.

TO MAKE THEM LAUGH: SA's Trevor Gumbi.



TO PERFORM: Smallz the Comedian.

AIMS: Sibusiso 'Mr Sey' Gwebu.

## LAF comedy show new date revealed

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

THE LAF TSEF comedy show that was postponed last weekend will be hosted on October 5 at the same venue which is Sibane Hotel.

The LAF TSEF comedy show was postponed last minute due to ongoing unrest and xenophobic attacks in South Africa as most of the comedians were to come from countries such as Botswana, Zambia and South Africa.

The show was cancelled last Friday morning by Mdura the Comedian.

Seven comedians are expected to perform on the day.

Comedians coming are Thapelo, TT Phasha, Bush, Umbia and Marforty.



LINED-UP: Mdura the Comedian.

Eswatini comedians that will also be headlining the comedy show are Sbu the comedian, Mdura the Comedian, Dr Shakes and Thembela.

## A new talent search show for Big Bend

BY NJABULO DLAMINI

SEYTAINTMENT will tomorrow host a talent search show at Gamula Hall.

The entertainment stable is directed by Ndzevane High School teacher Sibusiso Gwebu, popularly known as Mr Sey, and it aims to discover, groom and grow young talent from Big Bend, Gamula, Matata, Nsoko, Ndzevane and other surrounding communities.

"Since being posted to Ndzevane High, I have discovered talent from my school and other neighbouring schools and I am pleased to have contributed in grooming the young pupils' talent.

"I felt it was time to take my work further by invading the communities with the intention of unearthing raw talent from here. There is abundant talent that needs to be unearthed

in the communities and I might add that I've been inundated with requests from residents here, particularly the youth who are out of school, to assist them in growing their talent.

"That was after noting my work in grooming and forming talent from, both primary and high schools from Ndzevane and neighbouring schools," Mr Sey said.

### Communities

Starting time for the talent search show is 9am until 4pm.

The long term plan, according to Mr Sey, is to form art clubs from the communities as he did with the primary and high schools from the neighbouring areas.

Guests are; Eswatini art legends; Stan Mabuza, Maswati Dlodlu (Arterial Network Eswatini), World Vision (Lubulini), Super Buddies (Big Bend), Lubombo Arts Hub representatives as well as Ndzevane

and Gamula community leaders. Lubulini police will be there to monitor peace.

Judges for the talent search, Mr Sey has invited established artists such as kwaito ancestor Immortal 7, Popzin (whose talent he also nurtured), Da Coolest DJ, Gedlembane, Ingunguluzane, Heart Breakers, Wezzy, Lady Spesh, Mr Be-gga, etc.

There will also be established dancers and poetry recitations at the event.

Entrance to the talent search show is E20 per head whilst children will part with E10.

Mr Sey is also a presenter of the programme that airs on Eswatini TV titled 'Sjaiva Sinomakanjani'.



## Trompies coming back for All Star Fest

BY SETSABILE NKAMBULE

**SOUTH African Kwaito legends Trompies will be in the kingdom for the All Star Festival which is dapped for September 21 at Sidvokodvo Rider's Ranch.**

Trompies will be performing alongside DJ Bucks, Afrikan Roots, Xoli M, Dr Muruti and Shepherd Brothers, DJ Wicked and Mozaik among others.

According to event organiser Sifiso Maziya, as the event is themed All Star converse, it was only fair that they bring the godfathers of All-stars the Trompies, who have been wearing the brand for decades.

"What is an all start party without

Trompies. We felt people had to come and enjoy a great time while wearing the coolest footwear. We therefore thought that the godfather's of the footwear, Trompies would be part of the show to make the whole event more relevant," he said.

### Displays

Maziya stated that the show would be diverse as they were planning to have a day picnic to accommodate families, invite vendors to display their craft, wares and have other activities such as various food displays, fashion and a lot more.

He said they were expecting everyone including toddlers to come wearing their Converse All Stars sneakers as they are supported by the brand.

"We have tried our best to bring people's money's worth entertainment. Our line up consist of more than 10

very talented artists with diversity which most will perform live with a full band.

"In addition to that, we are bringing full kiddies zone for the parents to enjoy while children are well taken care

of. It is going to be the first of its kind and people will definitely enjoy the festival," he said

Maziya mentioned that they would be adding more artists to the line-up "Also worth noting is that, the artists from South Africa will bring a big convoy as they would be promoting," he said.

Trompies are a South African music group who specialise in a type of pop music known as kwaito.

From the beginning of their career to date, they have since sold over half a million records and have become very successful in producing and managing other artists as well, through their record label Kalawa Jazmee.

Trompies were in the kingdom during the MTN Bushfire Festival weekend where they performed and were amongst the most loved.



AS THE FINALS APPROACH...

## THE SPOTLIGHT TO HAVE 11 ELIMINATIONS

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**THERE will be 11 elimination shows until the competition unearths the next Eswatini's music superstar through public voting.**

The first one will be held tomorrow at the MTN head office, Mahlalekhukhwini House, Ezulwini.

The show gives each contestant an opportunity to perform for the public's vote, hoping to continue to the next round of the contest.

Each week, the voting window will close on Friday at 5pm and open again on Sunday after each show on Eswatini TV.

The show is aired every Sunday at 5pm.

The Spotlight is powered by MTN Eswatini.

Through the contest, MTN seeks to unearth the Kingdom's hidden music gems by putting them on 'The Spotlight', giving them a platform to unleash their potential, #PutMeOn.

### Concept

The Spotlight is also a key component of the MTN Eswatini Music Awards, a concept created by Eswatini Arts and Music Association (ESWAMA) which has already uncovered some of the country's most endowed artists, and the 'youthful brand' has decided to further strengthen the sector's value chain through The Spotlight.

The Spotlight is a key part of MTN Pulse, a rocking lifestyle, community and an attitude that is embraced by those who choose to rise above their fear and live up to their full potential.

### Ambitions

MTN Pulse is also for the young at heart and mind who understand what MTN can do to support their hustles and ambitions; those that have no fear to pursue their passions, regardless of what the world might say, #BeYOU.

The lucky winner of the first season of The



ALL THROUGH: The Spotlight Top 30.

### THE SPOTLIGHT TOP 30:

1. Madoda Bongani JR Nsibandze	-001	16. Thabiso Makhanya	-028
2. Nompndulo Nsibandze	-002	17. Zweli Gule	-033
3. Sambulo Matse	-008	18. Rina Mthethwa	-035
4. Samkele N Dlamini	-009	19. Dick da Cunha	-036
5. Melusi Mndzebele	-011	20. Siphosemusa Simelane	-038
6. Nonsikelelo Dlamini	-012	21. Clive Herbst	-040
7. Khethokuhle Sibandze	-013	22. Phille Mota	-041
8. Lindelwa Tsabedze	-014	23. Namisa Nhlengetfwa	-043
9. Phetsile Sihle Nkos	-015	24. Kwanele Magongo	-045
10. Eyethu Gama	-017	25. Lunga Mabizela	-047
11. Nosipho Shelembe	-021	26. Nsika Nsizakalo Mazibuko	-048
12. Mpendulo Mndvoti	-022	27. Celimphilo Mpiwenhle Dlamini	-049
13. Mbali Gamedze	-024	28. Ncamiso Dlamini	-050
14. Thembelihle Faith Khoza	-025	29. Quinton Sibisi	-051
15. Nonsikelelo Magongo	-026	30. Gcobani Sisekelo Masuku	-053

Spotlight will drive home a brand new Kia Picanto worth about E200 000, a cover for a year from Momentum, a recording deal and data for a year from MTN Eswatini.

## Sarnilo for Live Themed Series

BY DELISA THWALA

**MTN Bushfire Firefly winner Sarnilo is geared to set the internet on fire with her newly released live series which features artists around the country.**

This was confirmed by her Manager Velefini Mngomezulu on Wednesday.

"It is a wordislive. com series themed around our super star artist Sarnilo. The series will consist of five episodes where in each episode she will hosts an artist making new music at Yati studios produced by super producer Welile 'Wigo' Mthethwa," shared Mngomezulu.

He also added that each episode is a documentary of the making of each song so that the public can feel the spirit of each song.

### Project

They dropped their first episode yesterday which featured Qibho Intalektual and have other great artists involved, in this project to look out for in the coming episodes.

The series is yet to feature more artists like the award winning Velemseni, Tlale Makhene, Ziyawaka Zitha, and Amarii and S-Tone.

According to Mngomezulu, there would be a live screening of the project before the launch, where all the music will be launched live.

The attendees will get the opportunity to see all these artists on stage and also get to be the first crowd to see music videos of the songs shot by Sakhile 'Black Rhino' Gumbi.

The launch will take place on December 14 and the venue is not yet confirmed as they were still looking for a venue that would best fit them and their budget.

"We are pleading with sponsors and venue owners to land a hand where they can and help us make 'Sarnilo Hosts' a success for us" closed Mngomezulu.



FEATURED: Qibho Intalektual

## LINDA DLAMINI TO HOST ANOTHER HOLY GHOST PARTY IN SA

BY PHETSILE MAMBA

**AWARD winning gospel artist Linda Dlamini will be hosting yet another Holy Ghost Party Festival in South Africa, at the GNF Auditorium where he will be recording**

ing his DVD and CD.

This will be the second Holy Ghost party festival, since the first was held in Eswatini at Metropolitan Church in Manzini.

The second Holy Ghost Party Festival will see the likes of Nothando Hlophe, Ayanda Ntanz, Lungelo

Hlangwane, Tsepo Prince, Takesure Cube, Londiwe Cele, Nduduzo Matse, Dumi Mkokstad, Bobo Ngeobo, Thina Zungu and himself Linda Dlamini ministering the word of God through their music.

"I'll encourage all Emaswati to go and attend the Holy Ghost Party

Festival because seeing them will show love and support to me," Linda said.

The event is powered by TMM Events.

There will also be return tickets for the show costing E800, VIP inclusive.





# Celebville

## International Celebrity News

### Singer and Idols star Thami Shobede dies

**PRETORIA** - Singer and Idols SA runner-up Thami Shobede has died at age 31, his record label Gallo Records confirmed. Shobede died at Kalafong Hospital in Pretoria on Thursday morning. "Gallo Record Company is extremely saddened and shocked to learn of the sudden passing of one of our artists Simphiwe Thamsanqa Shobede, fondly known as Thami," general manager at Gallo Records, Robert Cowling, said.



**RIP: Thami Shobede.**

"It came to our attention this morning that he was in hospital suffering from an illness and complications. His family went to see him in Atteridgeville hospital, where he passed away sometime just before noon this morning. "The singer with the velvet voice and Season 12 Idols SA runner up was only 31 years of age. *Sowetan Live*

### Bonang is a woman on a mission

**CAPE TOWN** - Bonang is on a mission to be heard and aims to change the world by being a voice for the voiceless. In an interview with TshisaLIVE, the TV personality explained that her role in society was to make sure that girls' education in Africa and gender-based violence are taken seriously. Just last week, Bonang was among many celebs who spoke out about femicide and abuse in the country.



**A VOICE: Bonang Matheba.**

"I am a survivor of domestic abuse and for the first time I felt safe and I thought that people will actually believe me. This is something that I spoke about many years ago and people didn't believe me. They made fun of me and thought I was lying. And for the first time I thought like wow, OK, let me say something because I felt that people were on my side," she said. *Times Live*

### Burna Boy refunds 'boring' fan for not dancing to his music

**NIGERIA** - Nigerian musician Burna Boy has garnered controversy after refunding a "boring" fan his ticket money, as well as asking him to leave the front row during a performance. The incident happened during the Atlanta stop of his "African Giant" tour on Tuesday. In a video on social media, Burna Boy can be heard telling the man to leave after he noticed he was not dancing.



**REFUNDS: Burna Boy.**

He asked security to escort the fan out of the venue, saying: "Your face is not encouraging." Later, he said the fan could stay, but should move to the back, as the front row was for his true fans. While some said the rapper was right for doing what he did, many criticised him for humiliating a fan who came to enjoy the show. *Times Live*

### Kendall has dropped \$10,000 on postmates since 2015

**HOLLYWOOD** - Kendall Jenner is just like the rest of us, she orders from Postmates and she loves sushi, but we're pretty sure she opens up her wallet just a bit more than you. Okay, a LOT more! Kendall is one of Postmates' most dedicated customers, because the company tells us she started getting deliveries way back in 2015 and she's since dropped more than \$10,000! The supermodel's placed orders across



**LOVES SUSHI: Kendall Jenner.**

14 cities, getting the goods from 95 different businesses, and her 5 most expensive orders have all come from the same spot, Matsuhisa. Kendall loves the sushi joint so much, she's racked up a \$1,219 Postmates bill from the restaurant alone, and her largest Matsuhisa order came in at just under \$600! But, sushi isn't the only thing on Kendall's plate. Other cravings include Japanese, Thai, Chinese, Mexican and Italian food. *TMZ*

### AKA slams 'woke' celeb xenophobia outrage

**PRETORIA** - Rapper AKA has challenged claims that mostly foreigners were killed in the xenophobic violence that erupted in SA in the past two weeks and asked if local celebs who were "duped" into believing the claims would mourn their countrymen. The rapper, who was caught up in a heated Twitter exchange with Nigerian artists last week, at the height of the attacks, took to Twitter on Wednesday to



**HEATED EXCHANGE: Rapper AKA.**

voice his opinion on stats that claimed only two foreigners had died in the violence. According to News24, Defence Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula gave these statistics in a briefing to the media on behalf of justice and security cluster ministers in Parliament on Tuesday. According to EWN, Police Minister Bheki Cele said on Tuesday that only 12 people had died in the violence. *Times Live*

### Sipho 'Hotstix' Mabuse doesn't want abusers at his shows

**PRETORIA** - Singer Sipho "Hotstix" Mabuse is giving gender-based violence the thumbs down and has made it clear he doesn't want abusers to attend his shows. Hotstix expressed his views on femicide and the importance of people speaking out against the killing of women and children on Phat Joe & The Family's radio show on Radio 2000. "It has become so endemic that we are silent to this topic. Men are silent and I think my colleagues [the musicians] should speak out



**VIEWS: Sipho 'Hotstix' Mabuse.**

and use the platform and actually make the loudest noise about men who abuse children and women that they do not belong to this society." The jazz singer said that abusive men should not even come to his shows. "If they think that they are the 'man' then they should not come to our gigs and celebrate with us because we don't want such animals who go out and kill women and abuse children and then they believe they belong to this country!" *Sowetan Live*

### Robin Thicke's fiancée caused Malibu crash - cops

**NEW YORK** - Robin Thicke's fiancée is at fault for a 2-car crash in Malibu, so say cops in their preliminary investigation, but it's not all bad news for Robin's baby mama. Law enforcement sources tell TMZ, cops have determined Robin's fiancée, April Love Geary, made an unsafe left turn onto the PCH with her Cadillac Escalade last weekend, causing her to smash into a BMW carrying three people. We're told April's car hit the pas-



**AT FAULT: Robin Thicke with fiancée.**

senger side of the Beamer and the impact was so hard, it sent the BMW flying off the side of the road. As we first reported, no one was taken from the crash scene to the hospital, but we're now told the Beamer's two young passengers ultimately did get treated for aches and pains. In video from the scene, you can see Robin picking up car parts off the road and attempting to direct traffic away from the accident. *Sowetan Live*

### 'L&HHNY' renewed for season 10

**LONDON** - Fans of "Love & Hip Hop: New York" will be ecstatic to hear the show's coming back, but day-one diehards will really love the fact some Season 1 faves are returning too. You heard right, Season 10 is actually being shot right now in Brooklyn, according to our sources, and we also got word on who's been involved. Now, here are the big fish

that are back in the mix. Jim Jones, Chriss, Lampkin and Somaya Reece. Sorry for those who wanted to see Cardi B back, but as we all know, she's on to bigger things. You might've noticed we didn't mention Remy Ma or Papoose being brought back for the big 1-0 and that's because we don't know for sure if they are or not. *TMZ*



**COMING BACK: L&HHNY cast members.**

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY



**RISKS: Mabuyi.**

Mabuyi puts life on the line to try and save an old student from a fate worse than death. Phumelele confronts Fenyang about his disappearance and when she finds out what has upset him, delivers a surprising response.

ISIDINGO

TODAY

Sechaba and Claudette both receive devastating blows. Florence shares a secret with Wendy. Anja makes the same mistake, again.



**MISTAKE: Anja.**

Muvhango

TODAY

Susan feels an immediate connection with Vhutshilo's therapist. Seretse tries to apologise to a broken hearted Imani. Warona and Shaz panic when their cleaners do not show up.



**CONNECTS: Susan.**

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

Jamaica takes his relationship frustrations out on Kilowatt customers. Bash tries to run away but is intercepted by Fats. Sabelo and Sindiswa continue burning through the money.



**FRUSTRATED: Jamaica.**



## MEME OF THE DAY

Angeke usuke ku iPhone 6 uye ku iPhone 11 Pro max. Don't scroll I'm talking to you



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## Capricorn December 22 – January 19

It's going to be a great day for you and your latest cause, because you are making some very positive impressions on some very powerful people. Try to get in a lot of face time with these folks today, quantity is at least as important as quality. And do not be nervous around them! These people want to get to know you better, and they really like what they see in you. You should feel relaxed and optimistic, because things will be coming up roses for you soon!



## Aquarius January 20 – February 18

If you feel held back right now, the restrictions that you feel are more in your imagination than in reality. There is a part of you that is looking for an excuse to not move forward on your latest project, and welcoming the chance to put things on pause for today. But what do you really gain? The longer you put things off, the longer it will take to get to your personal finish line.



## Pisces February 19 – March 20

Today you'll be able to clean off your plate and help an underappreciated coworker at the same time! You've got a lot of things going on, but they don't and they're bored. Ask them to help you get your work done, and you'll be helping them more than they'll be helping you. What they do will get them noticed in a way that will finally raise their profile, they'll be very grateful to you for putting everything in motion. Every minute of your time will be booked today.



## Aries March 21 – April 19

The earlier you get comfortable with your opportunistic tendencies today, the more good deals you can make. It is not only acceptable for you to take advantage of certain situations, it is wise. Now, before you worry that you will become greedy and start using people to your advantage, just relax, that's not going to happen. Your sense of equality is far too strong for you to start doing things like that. You can still treat others well while you help yourself.



## Taurus April 20 – May 20

It's all about staying grounded today, because if you can keep things real, you will keep your cool. If someone tries to push your buttons, just walk away. Try to maintain a realistic viewpoint about where you are going in your life. Sure, things aren't perfect, but they really aren't all that bad, either! Also, you might need to lower the expectations you have for the people you're working with.



## Gemini May 21 – June 21

That hard conversation you've been dreading won't be so hard after all if you have it today. So brighten up and embrace the chance to share your side of the story and get things out into the open. Talk things out, and you'll find an answer. Of course, it's not about finding an instant solution, it's about at least attempting to bring things out into the open.



## Cancer June 22 – July 22

Your competitive side is coming out in full force today, but you also have a really strong awareness of yourself, so your temper is not going to get you too riled up or aggressive. Unlike some people you're working with right now, you know how to play a strong, determined game without losing sight of good sportsmanship.



## Leo July 23 – August 22

It's time to go back to the beginning to get the inspiration you need today. Remember back when you had real enthusiasm about where you were going? The passion is still there; you just have to dig down and find it! This process of digging will take your mind off of the work you're doing right now and help distract you from worry and worrying is not going to help you one bit, so why bother? Call up a fun friend and get back in touch with what really matters.



## Virgo August 23 – September 22

It's extremely risky to go for romance when the object of your affection is a coworker, the stars say that it's not wise to mix your professional life and your personal life now. You know what your priorities should be, so follow them. Do not let your heart overrule your head, keep your eye on the ball, and ignore the shortsighted advice that people have been giving you. The risks involved with getting romantically involved are too great.



## Libra September 23 – October 23

Timing may be tricky between you and your people today, and you might have to use some creative tricks to keep things flowing. Just because a party has to be postponed doesn't mean that it won't ever happen, so don't give up! Watch out for complainers, their negative thinking is contagious, and if they are taken too seriously, they could ruin a lot of happiness that's been buzzing through your social circle.



## Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Your growing ambition could get in the way of your social life right now. After all, you can't spend more time with friends if you're spending all your time at the office. Acknowledge this dilemma, and make sure that the imbalance doesn't last too long. While you're busy implementing new ideas and proving how valuable you are to the head honchos, your friends are creating important new things, too and you need to make sure that you don't miss out!



## Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

There is no such thing as being too frugal right now you've got to hold on to your money and pinch those pennies as tightly as you can. Luckily, the best things in your life will be free today. Instead of laying out money for that bank-breaking dinner and a movie date, opt for a do-it-yourself picnic in the park or a good old-fashioned evening of board games and pizza. Your creativity can help you come up with all sorts of ways to have fun without opening up your wallet.



## BABY BLUES



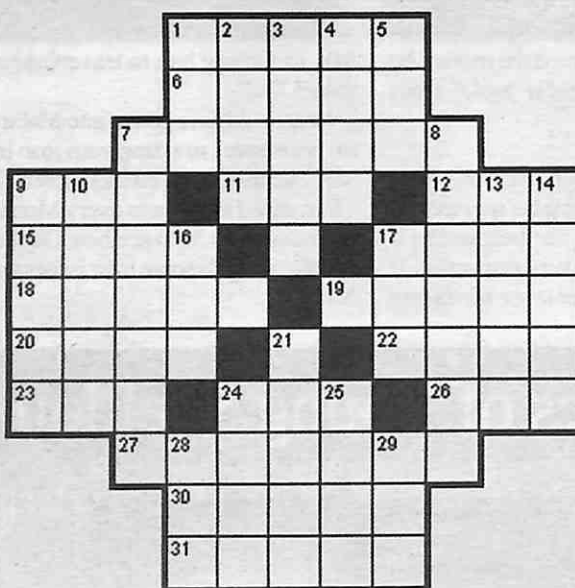
## BUCKLES



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## X-WORD



## DOWN

1. SMALL SNAKE (3)
2. THOSE PEOPLE (4)
3. ANESTHETIC (5)
4. DESICCATED (4)
5. EXPANSE OF WATER (3)
7. LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (7)
8. ANARCHIC (7)
9. BYWORD (5)
10. PART OF A FLOWER (5)
13. SMALL Mallet (5)
14. FOE (5)
16. SPANISH TITLE (3)
17. WAS SEATED (3)
21. MOTHER-OF-PEARL (5)
24. PERCUSSION INSTRUMENT (4)
25. URSINE MAMMAL (4)
28. METAL-BEARING MINERAL (3)
29. TRAVEL A ROUTE REGULARLY (3)

## ACROSS

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30. RELATING TO COUNTRY LIFE (5)
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## Blonde Date

A young blonde secretary was describing her blind date to a friend. "After dinner," she said, "he wanted to come back to my apartment, but I refused."

I told him my mother would worry if I did anything like that." "That was smart," her friend said, approvingly. "Then



what happened?" "He kept insisting, and I kept refusing," the secretary said.

"You didn't weaken your resolve, did you?" asked the friend. "Not one bit. In the end, we went to his apartment. I figured, let his mother worry."

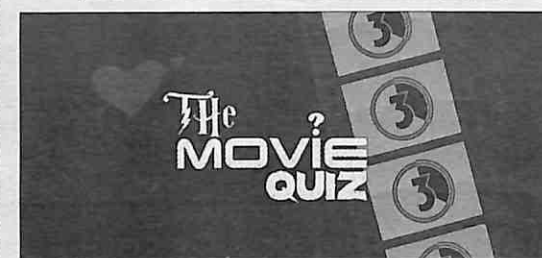
## DID YOU KNOW

1. In 1518, a "dancing plague" took over the town of Strasbourg, France.

2. People wore fake moles (or "beauty patches") made of velvet, silk, or mouse skin in the 18th century as a fashion statement.

3. Before the invention of color TV, 75 per cent of people said they dreamed in black and white. Today, only 12 per cent do.

4. It's illegal to own just one guinea pig in Switzerland because they get lonely.

MOVIE QUIZ  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Yesterday's Quiz

1. What year was Forrest Gump released?

Answers:  
A. 1994  
B. 2000

## Today's Movie Quiz

1. Which artist sang the song "Oh, Pretty Woman" from the film Pretty Woman?

Answer:  
A. Michael Jackson  
B. Roy Orbison





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## WALKING STRAIGHT INTO THE LION'S DEN - ISIBAYA

**RUTHLESS MK now has the upper hand.**

Does MK have a lucky streak or what? I mean, look at how both situations with Iris and Mabuyi presented the perfect ammunition against Qaphela and the Zungu's.

Now, Qaphela and the Zungu's are in a tight spot, many lives are in danger, all because Iris and Mabuyi thought they could fix one tiny problem that has something to do with to MK.

We kind of get how Iris would face MK and try to return the money he tends to think Qaphela "stole" from him, but we can't quite get how Mabuyi got the courage to face him like that.

Here's what we know about Iris and Mabuyi:

### Iris

She's a businesswoman, a good one too. She's a sophisticated woman, a go-getter who believes anything a man can do, a woman can do too. It's no surprise that she fearlessly approached MK



at his club and returned the money he tends to think Qaphela "stole" from him.

### Mabuyi

She just moved to Johannesburg, from eBhutesini and learning her way around the big city, chasing her dreams. She's outspoken, but still very respectful. It was quite the shocker to see her facing

MK and telling him to leave Qaphela alone! Tjo!

What could have gotten into Mabuyi, for her to speak to a dangerous man like MK like that, in his territory even?

Stay tuned to #Isibaya every Monday to Friday at 20:30 to see how Qaphela and the Zungu's solve their issues with MK.

## Follow the adventures of Young Sheldon

**NOT many nine-year olds have the privilege of going to university at such a young age.**

But for Sheldon Cooper, well, this is just a normal part of his life. The young genius will leave you in stitches as you follow what he gets up to in his daily life, which includes spending time with his family, going to class and just being a child (well, a child with an extraordinary talent).

The second season of the show introduces viewers to many different sides of this young man's life, including jealousy. You see, even geniuses get threatened and jealous especially if there's someone younger and smarter than them.

How will Sheldon handle being outsmarted by Paige? You'll have to stay tuned to Young Sheldon, weekdays at 18:30 on VUZU, DStv channel 116.



## DStv September Highlights

### M-NET MOVIES SMILE

**Monster In Law** | Sunday 2019 at 14:00 CAT

Beautifully animated and incredibly sweet, this Oscar-winning tale follows Miguel, a young boy whose dreams of becoming a musician lead him to the colourful land of the dead.

### M-NET MOVIES ACTION+

**Queen Of The Damned** | Sunday at 20:00 CAT

Aaliyah and Stuart Townsend bring Anne Rice's novel to life in this supernatural film. The vampire Lestat awakens a great evil, Akasha, the queen of all vampires.

### MAISHA MAGIC

**Madhubala** | Weekdays 17:00 CAT - 18:00 EAT

Madhubala is the story of a lady called Madhubala who was born on a film set. While working as a beautician to fund her family she encounters Bollywood superstar Rishab Kundra (RK). The encounter eventually leads to marriage.

**Shilawadu Xtra** | Weeknights at 18:00 CAT - 19:00 EAT

SHILAWADU standing for (Shirika La Wambea Duniani) is Tanzania's biggest Gossip and Tabloid TV show that will bring all the insight Juicy Gossip news about your favorite stars in Tanzania and the rest of East Africa.

### ZAMBEZI MAGIC

**Spoiler** | Tonight at 21:00 - 21:30 CAT

Spoiler is a dark comedy of a spoiled brat who punishes anyone who gets in his way, each spoiler escapade is stuffed with relentless wit and a little horror.

### E! ENTERTAINMENT

**Live From The Red Carpet: the 2019 primetime Emmy awards** | 22 September at 00:00 CAT

Join the biggest stars in television for a night of celebration and style. E!'s Live from the Red Carpet has your ticket to the 2019 Primetime Emmy Awards, showcasing the year's most talented stars from the hottest shows. It's sure to be a night you won't forget, with plenty of memorable looks on the red carpet - let E! be your style guide for television's biggest night.

### MTV BASE

**MTV BASE PRESENTS AMAPIANO** | 24 September at 21:00 CAT

Amapiano movement is the new surge into the dance category that has taken over South Africa's dance floors by storm. We delve deep into the vibrant genre that has shifted the musical landscape in South Africa, ascertain its originators and the cultural impact it has had in our townships.

### HISTORY

**Hitler's Secret Tunnels, Brand New and Exclusive** | 23 September at 18:25 CAT

Seventy years after the end of World War II, hundreds of miles of tunnels built by the Nazis may still be protecting Hitler's final secrets. When explorers, Mike Scott and Luke Mahoney uncover a hidden Nazi document that reveals a sealed Nazi underworld, they search these unexplored tunnel complexes that might hold the answers.

### TLC

**Brides, Grooms And Emergency Rooms** | Saturday 28 September at 21:00 CAT

Getting married is usually the happiest, most romantic day of a couple's life; a time to celebrate love and unity. But for some very unlucky couples, it all goes horribly wrong. This incredible series recounts the stories of fantasy wedding plans that have been completely derailed by harrowing medical mysteries and shocking emergencies. A hunt for a wedding venue in Mexico becomes a dramatic kidnapping and leaves an engaged couple fighting for survival; a groom-to-be is struck by a life-threatening form of pneumonia two days before his wedding; a wedding ceremony is thrown into jeopardy after being hit by a massive sandstorm. These are just some of the astonishing accounts of when the big day goes very, very bad.

### CRIME & INVESTIGATION

**MURDERTOWN S2 New Season** | 30 September at 20:50 CAT

In a gripping 10-part series, Murdertown puts the location centre stage. Each episode sees Katherine Kelly, tell the compelling, step-by-step story of how one extraordinary murder was solved and how it fits a disturbing wider pattern in one city. With interviews from victims, witnesses and police officers, Murdertown tells the story of some of the most shocking murders in the UK and examines the impact they had on local communities around them.

### INVESTIGATION DISCOVERY

**Twisted Sisters** | 24 September at 21:00 CAT

Sisterhood just got very sinister in this chilling series, which delves into the most outrageous crimes ever committed by the unlikely of pairs. As this show - executive-produced by Khloe Kardashian - reveals, kinship can kill...and sisters fuelled by jealousy or hatred are the most dangerous of all. Each episode investigates how and why a pair of sisters, bound by blood, has descended into darkness. Sometimes they work together to commit a crime but often the duo can turn against one another with the deadliest of outcomes. As investigators recount how they unravelled each case, interviews with family members and close friends unearth what triggered their path towards a life of crime.



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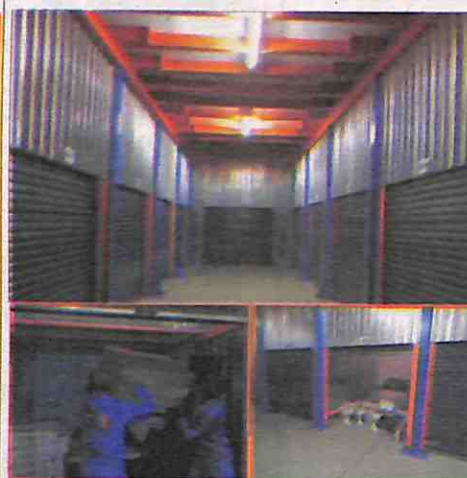
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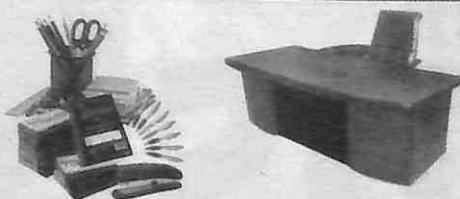
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Nester Malingose Bhembe



Funeral: 14/08/2019  
Vigil: 13/08/2019  
Place: Egebeni

Relatives and friends of Nester Malingose Bhembe are notified of her death. She will be laid to rest on Saturday 14 September 2019 after a night vigil at Egebeni. Announcement made by her family.

Njabuliso Precious Shiba/ Matsenjwa



Funeral: 14/08/2019  
Vigil: 13/08/2019  
Place: eMphofu

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Jan Mbhojo Mabuzi



Funeral: 14/08/2019  
Vigil: 13/08/2019  
Place: Sgcineni

Relatives and friends of Jan Mbhojo Mabuzi are notified of his untimely passing. Funeral will be at home Sgcineni 14 September after a night vigil on Friday. Announcement made by his family. Rest in Peace Mshengu.

Magareth Lokudzinga Shongwe uLa Gamedze



Funeral: 14/08/2019  
Vigil: 13/08/2019  
Place: Elubhuku

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa Magareth Lokudzinga Shongwe uLa Gamedze kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bekhakhakhe ekudzeni nebakubo Elubhuku kuMalidza ka Gamedze. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 14 September 2019 ekuseni emva kwelindzelo nga leSihlanu. Kwatiswa nebekhabo nina kaFakudze khona Elubhuku. Simemetelo sikhishwa bantwabakhe egameni lemndeni.

Nomsa Josephine Msibi (nee Myeni)



Funeral: 15/08/2019  
Vigil: 14/08/2019  
Place: Mancubeni

Relatives and friends of Nomsa Josephine Msibi (nee Myeni) are notified of her demise. She will be laid to rest at her marital home at Mancubeni Mankayane on the 15 September 2019 after a night vigil on 14 September 2019. May her soul rest in eternal peace. Myeni Mguni Mfolozi.

Bongiwe Delisile Muntuza Dlamini



Funeral: 14/08/2019  
Vigil: 13/08/2019

Friends and relatives of Bongiwe Delisile Muntuza Dlamini are notified of her demise. Notified are the Bantwabenkhosi of Ensingweni, Green Mamba FC, Nsibandze's of Luyengo and Sibonelo Sendumiso Church. Night vigil on the 13th September 2019 (Friday) and funeral on Saturday the 14th September 2019. Announcement by Chief Maloyi.

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Funeral: 14/08/2019  
Vigil: 13/08/2019  
Place: Msumpe

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Charles Gambu Dlamini



Funeral: 15/08/2019  
Vigil: 14/08/2019  
Place: eMbebebeni

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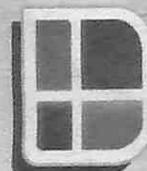
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# BENNI REACHES MAYAMBELA DECISION

CAPE TOWN - Cape Town City head coach Benni McCarthy has made a decision on whether or not to sign his former teammate Mark Mayambela.

According to a reliable source, the well-travelled winger will sign a contract with the Citizens as soon as club chairman John Comitis arrives back in the country from overseas.

The 32-year-old is a free agent and has been training with City since Monday in the hope of winning himself a contract.

Mayambela and McCarthy played

together at Soweto giants Orlando Pirates and were part of the team that won the second treble in the 2011/12 season.

"Oh yes, the decision has been taken," the source tells KickOff.com.

"To tell you the truth, McCarthy is signing the player you see, they are just waiting for the big boss, he is not here. He will be back tomorrow to decide how many seasons he is offering Mayambela. "Everything will be completed tomorrow, but as for coach Benni, he has given the club the go-ahead to sign the player." *Kick-Off*



## Scoring goals is my job - Nurkovic

JOHANNESBURG-New Kaizer Chiefs striker Samir Nurkovic is reluctant to set targets and predict the number of goals he could score for Amakhosi in his maiden season in the domestic Premiership.

While reluctant to put his head on the block, the 1.87m tall striker has assured fans that he intends to play a key role upfront as Amakhosi continue to plot a path back to the winners' podium after four barren years.

Nurkovic wants to be part of a Chiefs team that hoists aloft a trophy for the first time since May 2015 and put a gloss on the club's 50th anniversary celebrations.

"I just want to do my best in each and every game and do what the coach is asking of me, then the goals will come," said Nurkovic at the club's training base in Naturena.

The 27-year-old Serbian striker has adapted well to new life and surroundings at Naturena.



He has featured in all of Amakhosi's four games this season and the busy striker has already opened his account after scoring a wonder goal in Chiefs 1-1 draw against SuperSport United last month.

"As a striker my job is to score goals and I hope I can score as many goals as I can. Everybody knows I know how to do it," said the striker.

Can Nurkovic reach double figures?

He took a prolonged deep breath before saying that "as long as I am creating chances for my teammates and I am playing, I am okay."

Chiefs next game is against a Polokwane City side high on confidence having conceded just one goal in four league matches.

The visitors are placed fifth on the standings, three points behind Chiefs with two wins, a draw and a defeat.

**GOAL MACHINE: Kaizer Chiefs striker Samir Nurkovic.**

## Sterling 'to land huge Pepsi endorsement

LONDON-Raheem Sterling is set to join sport's top commercial earners after reportedly being offered a Pepsi endorsement.

Should the deal materialise, the Manchester City and England star would appear in adverts for the popular soda beverage alongside Lionel Messi and Paul Pogba ahead of next summer's European championships.

According to The Telegraph, Sterling has been courted by some of the world's top brands including Air Jordan and H&M but Pepsi look set to snap up the 24-year-old in the huge

endorsement deal.

The winger's performances for club and country in the last few years have seen him become one of the most sought-after athletes in world football, putting him alongside the best the sport has to offer.

The deal will reportedly be for 12 months while Sterling will be one of the key figures for the Euro 2020 campaign along with Messi.

Messi has been the face of Pepsi since the 2014 World Cup finals and tends to feature prominently alongside a player of the day.

Liverpool's Egyptian superstar Mohamed Salah is one of the most recent to feature in the Pepsi adverts next to the Argentine.

Nike, who currently endorse Sterling, are also hoping to renew their boot deal with the Englishman as he enters the final season of his contract with the American sports giant.

Nike's subsidiary, Air Jordan, have also approached Sterling over a possible deal as they look to move into the football boot brand market following their successful partnership with Paris Saint-Germain. *Daily Mail*



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# I WANT TO WIN THINGS - MESSI

**BARCELONA** - Lionel Messi has all but confirmed he has a clause in his contract at Barcelona that allows him to leave for free, and warned the club they must maintain a winning team around him to ensure he stays.

Asked about the clause that could see him walk away in 2020 Messi told Diario Sport: 'I can't really confirm anything because contracts have confidentiality clauses in them and if I talk I will be breaking that clause.'

'What I can say is that I want to be at Barcelona for as long as possible and play my whole career here because this is my home.'

'I don't want to have a long contract and just stay here because of the contract. I want to stay because I see that there is a winning project at the club. I want to carry on winning things. The clause and the money means nothing to me. I am motivated by other things and the most important thing is to have a winning pro-

## ... 'Money means nothing to me'

ject.' The comments will be interpreted as a gentle warning to the club. Messi added: 'Obviously I want to win. And I want to win at this club. It is my home. I have no intention of going anywhere but I want to keep winning and competing.'

### Denied

Messi denied requesting the signing of Neymar although he did admit to giving his opinion to the club over the Brazilian's possible return.

Asked if it was true that he told the club to get Neymar, Messi said: 'Ask for him to be signed, no. Obviously we comment on it when we hear that Ney could come back.'

'We gave our opinion as to whether it was good or bad for him to come. We never said that the club had to sign him. We did not impose,

we gave our opinion as we did with Griezmann or other players who have come or not come.'

### Spectacular

Asked if he was disappointed by how the summer saga turned out he said: 'Disappointed no. I would have liked for him to come and be with us but we have a spectacular squad to compete for everything. I am not disappointed, I would just have liked to play alongside him again. Nothing more.'

*Daily Mail*

## Neymar 'to be included in PSG squad for 1st time this season'

**PARIS** - Neymar is set to be included in Paris Saint-Germain's matchday squad for the first time season after failing to secure a move away.

According to French outlet L'Equipe, Thomas Tuchel is ready to include the £198million star after he returned from the international break healthy.

The Brazilian pushed for a return to Barcelona this summer and his actions were met by fierce criticisms from the club's ultras, who would likely make their feelings clear at the Parc des Princes should he be involved against Strasbourg. Tuchel has not called on Neymar's ser-

vices so far this season due to the ongoing turmoil around his future.

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*Daily Mail*



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Lionel Messi.**

## Mourinho hails Ronaldo after latest record-breaking exploits

**LISBON** - Jose Mourinho has hailed compatriot and Juventus star Cristiano Ronaldo as he continues to show no signs of slowing up.

Ronaldo, a five-time Ballon d'Or winner, scored four times during Portugal's 5-1 victory over Lithuania to break Robbie Keane's record for most goals in European Championship qualifiers.

The Portuguese international has now netted a remarkable 93 times overall for his country in 160 appearances. And Mourinho, who managed Ronaldo at Spanish giants Real Madrid between the years of 2010-2013, has labelled his compatriot a 'phenomenon' who will continue to keep taunting defences even when he is 50 years old.

### Ambitions

'What Cristiano does, does not surprise me,' Mourinho told Portuguese TV channel 11. 'At 34, he is a top player, who plays in a top team and has top ambitions. It does not surprise me because he is a case study in genetic terms, and mentality as well.'

'He is a phenomenon, someone who only thinks about winning and doing it more and more and better. That is why I am not surprised at all what he does.'

'When he is 50 years old he will be at home and FIFA will invite him to a game of legends. He will play the game and score a goal. I am sure it will be like that.'

## Semenya, Viljoen to get upgraded medals

**JOHANNESBURG** - Caster Semenya and Sunette Viljoen are to receive their upgraded medals from the 2011 world championships during the 2019 edition in Doha, Athletics South Africa (ASA) said on Thursday.

Semenya moves from 800m silver to gold and Viljoen from javelin bronze to silver after the Russian victors of both events, both called Mariya, were disqualified for doping.

Mariya Abakumova won the women's javelin and Mariya Savinova the women's 800m.

Viljoen will receive her silver ahead of the afternoon session on October 2.

Semenya's medal will be given to ASA.

### Handover

The federation said it would 'decide on the appropriate time, venue and date for an official handover to the athlete'.

The world championships in Doha run from September 27 to October 6.

*Times Live*



## African star buys Spanish club

**ACCRA** - Ghana international midfielder Thomas Partey has invested into owning a stake of a Spanish football.

Partey, 26, has developed into one of the biggest stars in African football since breaking into the Atletico Madrid first-team in the 2016/16 season under manager Diego Simeone.

The Black Stars midfielder was part of the runners-up UEFA Champions League side in 2016 and won the Europa League with the LaLiga giants a season later.

His exploits with the Los Rojiblancos earned him a place in the 2018 CAF Team of the Year and a nomination for the BBC African Footballer of the Year.

But now, his looking towards creating further success in the sport, as third-tier Spanish side Alcobendas Sport confirmed he was part of the ownership group that has taken over the club.

The four investors are believed to hold equal stakes in the club and are aiming to develop the club towards reaching the professional ranks.

'I have joined three of my advisers who are also my good friends for us to takeover Alcobendas Sport to make it one of the great clubs in Spain,' Partey told Ghanasoccer. 'It is an ambitious project but we have put together our plans of making it a success through a gradual process of growing Alcobendas Sport from the ground up.'

*AFF*



## Ronaldinho to come out of retirement aged 39

**SAO PAULO** - Ronaldinho is dusting off his boots to temporarily come out of retirement for Colombian side Independiente Santa Fe.

The legendary Brazilian has been announced as the star attraction at the club's upcoming friendly on October 17.

It remains unclear as to who the opposition will be but Ronaldinho, who won 97 caps for

Brazil, is sure to generate plenty of interest for the match at the Campin.

Ronaldinho is not turning out for any old team, though. Santa Fe are regarded as one of Colombia's most successful teams, having won 17 league titles. According to reports the most expensive ticket for Ronaldinho's fleeting return have been priced at £30 before VAT.

The only stumbling block will be whether Ronaldinho can travel to Colombia for the game as he is currently without his passport in Brazil after it was taken away for failing to pay an environmental damage fine.

*Daily Mail*



# Weekend Sports Fixtures

...Compiled by Jongile Xuba

**MTN Premier League fixtures****Today at Somhlolo National Stadium**

Green Mamba vs Tambuti FC 6:30pm

Mweni Pirates vs Manzini Wanderers 8:35pm

**Sunday at Killamey Stadium**

P/P Black Swallows FC vs Denver Sundowns 1:30pm

Malanti Chiefs FC vs Manzini Sea Birds 3:35pm

**Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium**

Mbabane Highlanders vs Milling Hotspurs FC 1:30pm

Mbabane Swallows FC vs M. Peacemakers 3:35pm

**MTN First Division League fixtures****Tomorrow at Mayaluka Stadium**

Illovo FC vs Mbabane Citizens 1:30pm

Madlenya FC vs Seven Dreams FC 3:30pm

**At King Sobhuza II Stadium**

Rangers FC vs Tinyosi FC 3pm

**At Killamey Stadium**

Umbelebele FC vs Tambankulu Callies 1:30pm

Vovovo FC vs Young Movers FC 3:30pm

**At Somhlolo National Stadium**

Ludzeludze Killers FC vs Hlathikhulu Tycoons 3pm

**Copa Coca Cola finals****Today at Somhlolo National Stadium****Loser's finals**

Duze High vs Ngwane Central High 9am

**Finals**

Elangeni High vs Mkhondvo High 11am

**Hub Hardware Nkhamba Juniors League - E28 000****Tomorrow at Majotini Sports Ground - U17**

Dribbling Stars vs SuperStars 9am

Fast Movers vs Shooting Stars 10am

Superstars vs Fast Movers 11am

**Sunday at Majotini Sports Ground - U17**

Dribbling Stars vs Shooting Stars 9am

Superstars vs Shooting Stars 10am

Fast Movers vs Dribbling Stars 11am

**Mandla Mahewu Mbabane Juniors league U15 - E15 000****Tomorrow at Police Sports Ground**

Ebuka Stars vs Multi Classic 8am (U17)

Swallows vs Multi Classic 9am

Hurricane vs White City 9am (U17)

Freestyle vs Red Stars 10am (U20)

**Milky Max Mbabane Juniors League U13 E30 000****Tomorrow at United Sports Ground**

Real Tec vs Mphalati 8am

The Wailers vs Malanti Chiefs 9am

Supersport vs Malangwane 10am

The Wailers vs Amawele 11am

Habbana vs Malanti Chiefs 12am

M. Fighters vs Mangwaneni 1pm

**Furniture Warehouse Mbabane Juniors - U20****Tomorrow at Msunduzi Sports Ground**

Wizards vs Zulwini Aces 8am

Umbelebele vs Mantsholo 9am

Multi Classic vs Sivutsa 10am

Aces Utd vs Interstars 11am

**Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground U20**

M. Fighters vs Mphalati 9am

Imbumbwe vs Sidwashini 10am

Veni Cosmos vs Hurricane 11am

**Swazi Trac Hhohho Super League - E77 000****Southern Zone****Tomorrow at Mhlambanyatsi Sports Ground**

H. Shooting Stars vs Imbumbwe 1:30pm

Sidwashini vs Emajukujuku 3:30pm

**Tomorrow at Embo Sports Ground**

Corporation vs Community 1:30pm

L. Sunrise vs Burning Spear 3:30pm

**Tomorrow at Maphalaleni Sports Ground**

Junior Stars vs Billy Ocean 3:30pm

**Sunday at Casino Sports Ground**

Swazi Sun vs Mbabane City 3pm

**Northern Zone****Tomorrow at Buhleni Sports Ground**

Machibini vs Seven Stars 11am

Kappa Kappa vs PP Rangers 1pm

Horo Spinners vs Vultures 3pm

**Sunday at Prison Sports Ground**

Khanjana vs Stone Breakers 1pm

Manchester vs Mvuma 3pm

**Mandla Mahewu Mbabane League - E70 000****Promotion****Tomorrow at Msunduzi Sports Ground**

PG Dribbling vs Multi Classic 1:30pm

Mbabane Celtics vs Interstars 3:30pm

**Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground**

FC Vaal vs Real Tec 3:30pm

**Sunday at Msunduzi Sports Ground**

Double Action vs Village Stars 11am

Dribbling Wizards vs Pot O Gold 1pm

Amawele vs Sandla 3pm

**Sunday at Sidwashini Sports Ground**

Mpolonjeni Y. Stars vs Mvukweli 1pm

Freestyle vs White City 3pm

**B. Division****Tomorrow at Police Sports Ground**

Movers vs Mbabane Utd 1:30pm

Royal Dynamos vs Veni Cosmos 3:30pm

**Tomorrow at Sidwashini Sports Ground**

Rangers vs D. Darkies 1:30pm

**Sunday at Sidwashini Sports Ground**

Mpolonjeni Y. F. vs Hurricane 11am

**Sunday at Police Sports Ground**

Red Stars vs Mb. Arsenal 9am

Mantsholo FC vs Lusoli 11am

Junction Stars vs Mangwaneni 1pm

Mantsholo Utd vs Real Stars Utd 3pm

**South Stars Mzimba League - E65 000****Tomorrow at Nsukumbili Sports Ground**

Chiefs U17 vs Sundowns U17 1:30pm

Rebels vs Amacabane 3:30pm

**Tomorrow at Mzimba Sports Ground**

City Stars vs Bush Bucks 1:30pm

Mzimba Achievers vs Rangers 3:30pm

**Tomorrow at Hhukwini Sports Ground**

Monaco vs Green Sea 1:30pm

Rhumbas vs Sibuyeni 3:30pm

**Sunday at Nsukumbili Sports Ground**

All Stars vs Barcelona 9am

Highlanders vs Sundowns 11am

Kasiko vs Swallows 1pm

Chiefs vs Cosmos 3pm

**Sunday at Hhukwini Sports Ground**

Bombers vs Driekoppies 9am

Africa Stars vs Top Centre 11am

Rhinos vs Timbungulu 1pm

Killers vs Arsenal 3pm

**Bakhanyisele MAbulala & Gongz Maphalaleni League - E40 000****Eastern Stream****Tomorrow at Jubukweni Sports Ground**

Hill Stars vs Love &amp; Peace 1pm

Jubukweni vs Lunkanka 3pm

**Tomorrow at Ararati Sports Ground**

Happy Tigers vs Sunrise 2pm

**Sunday at Jubukweni Sports Ground**

Top Classic vs Rollers 11am

Happy Fighters vs Young Aces 1pm

Mighty Birds vs Academy 3pm

**Western Stream****Tomorrow at Maphalaleni Sports Ground**

Barcelona vs Thuluzobona 11am

Professionals vs XI Experience 1pm

**Sunday at Maphalaleni Sports Ground**

Killers vs Umkhokha 1pm

Khulangwane vs Stonebreakers 3pm

**Sunday at Bizza Sports Ground**

Liselesele vs Young Stars 11am

Rangers vs Hotspurs 1pm

Blue Birds vs Young Lovers 3pm

**Pots Construction Sigangeni League - E30 000****Tomorrow at Sibovini Sports Ground**

Villa Sport vs Real United 3pm

**Tomorrow at Sigangeni Sports Ground**

L. Nationals vs Kupheleni 3pm

**Tomorrow at Ntsetse Sports Ground**

Mhlane vs Real Touch 3pm

**Sunday at Sigangeni Sports Ground**

Sigangeni vs U. Eagles 1pm

Y. Fighters vs Mighty Chiefs 3pm

**Sunday at Ntsetse Sports Ground**

Total Xi vs Ntsetse Flyers 3pm

**Sunday at Sibovini Sports Ground**

Sibovini vs Kangaroo 3pm

**Sunday at Mhlambanyatsi Sports Ground**

Black Aces vs M. Celtics 3pm

**Futis Nkhamba League - E30 000****Tomorrow at Majotini Sports Ground**

Dribbling Stars vs Nkoyoyo Utd 1:30pm

Mhlosheni Celtics vs Majotini 3:30pm

**Tomorrow at Motshane Sports Ground**

Real Rovers vs Manyisa 9:30am

Nkoyoyo Jnr vs Kasi XI 11:30am

Mahangeni Cosmos vs Fast Movers 1:30pm

Barcelona vs Ngwenya 3:30pm

**Sunday at Motshane Sports Ground**

Lubhedze vs Bafana 9am

Molshane Very G vs Superstars 11am

Crocodiles vs Atletico 1pm

H. Shooting Stars vs Imbumbwe 3pm

**Sunday at Majotini Sports Ground**

White Rhinos vs Sivutsa 1pm

Majotini Rebels vs H. Arsenal 3pm

**Oupa Mhlanatane League - E50 000****Tomorrow at Mtfonjeni Sports Ground**

Hotfighters vs Lonhlanane 1pm

City Stars vs Manchester 3pm

**Tomorrow at Zinyane Sports Ground**

Zinyane vs Democracy 1pm

Celtics vs Thuluzobona 3pm

**Sunday at Tinkhuneni Sports Ground**

Fast Movers vs N. Liverpool 1pm

Chelsea vs Arsenal 3pm

**Sunday at Mtfonjeni Sports Ground**

Weima vs Sihoye 1pm

Mpofo Aces vs M. Professional 3pm

**Eastern Stream****Tomorrow at Manjengeni Sports Ground**

Manjengeni vs Tigers 1pm

M. Bombers vs Macocweni 3pm

**Tomorrow at Makhweya Sports Ground**

Newcastle vs T. Wizards 3pm

**Sunday at Makhweya Sports Ground**

M. Cosmos vs XI Men 1pm

Makhweya vs Z. Swallows 3pm

**Sunday at Zintatjane Sports Ground**

Liverpool vs H. Defenders 3pm

**Buy Cash Pigg's Peak League - E50 000****Tomorrow at Malanda Sports Ground**

Peak Forest vs Nkomazi 1pm

Citizens vs White Killers 3pm

**Tomorrow at Plantations Sports Ground**

Mhlatane vs Maguga 1pm

Ndeva vs Rise &amp; Shine 3pm

**Tomorrow at Lazwane Sports Ground**

Rockville vs Darkies 1pm

Supersport vs Hotspurs 3pm

**Tomorrow at Club Sports Ground**

19 Celtics vs Thuluzobona 1pm

Bush Bucks vs Peak City 3pm

**Sunday at Malanda Sports Ground**

Phophonyane vs Mangwaneni 10am

**MP Nelson Mamba Timpisini League - E25 000****Tomorrow at LFTC Sports Ground**

Zamalek vs Njakeni 1pm

Hhohho Pirates vs Vusweni 3pm

**Tomorrow at Ndlalambi Sports Ground**

Hlabeni All United vs Superstrikes 11am

Star Wanderers vs Besutwini 1pm

Young Tigers vs Soccer Rose 3pm

**Tomorrow at Mbasheni Sports Ground**

Young Swallows vs Gunners 9am

Rockville vs Sikheleni 11am

Mbasheni Swallows vs Ngonini 1pm

Kudwaleni vs Ellegence 3pm

**Sunday at Ndlalambi Sports Ground**

Blue Birds vs Mv. All United 11am

Golden Arrows vs Njakeni City 1pm

Young Stars vs Matsamo 3pm

**Sunday at LFTC Sports Ground**

Bombers vs Red Lions 11am

Young Savilla vs JB Arsenal 1pm

Mv. Sundowns vs AK 47 3pm

**Shebza Ntabenezimpisi League - E50 000****Tomorrow at Fontotje Sports Ground**

Mayiwane vs Hungry Lions 1pm

Skom Boyz vs R. Bombers 3pm

**Tomorrow at Ntamakuphila Sports Ground**

City Stars vs Mnz Sundowns 3pm

**Sunday at Fontotje Sports Ground**

Mahombe Arsenal vs Fontotje Utd 11am

Dangerous Darkies vs Manchester 1pm

Golden Arrows vs Superstars 3pm

**Sunday at Ntamakuphila Sports Ground**

Nta. Swallows vs Buhleni Aces 1pm

Special Killers vs Y. Professional 3pm

**Dabulamanzi Manzini Super League****Tomorrow at Nsuka Sports Ground**

Nsuka United vs Moyeni United 3pm

**At TB Centre**

Royal Swallows vs Mhlaleni United 3:15 pm

**At Golden**

Vickery Nomads vs Louis XIV 1:30 pm

Stumbo XI vs Ludzeludze Brothers 3:15 pm

**At Mkhuzweni**

Timbutini F.C. vs Lozitha Spurs 3:15 pm

**At Zakhele 2**

Hub Sundowns vs Colani United 1:30 pm

Fairview Chiefs vs Villa Stars 3:15 pm

**Sunday at Zakhele 2**

Sisonkhe vs Luve Cosmos 3:00 pm

**Manzini Promotion League****Tomorrow at Zakhele 1 Sports Ground**

F.C North vs Home Sparrows 1:30pm

Green Way vs Bad Boys 3:15pm

**Sunday**

Two Stick Com. vs Wounderful Touch 11am

Maliyaduma United vs Combine Stars 1pm

African Chiefs vs City Eagles 3pm

**At Zakhele 2 Sports Ground**

Ngwane Park vs The Bones 9am

Superstars vs Manzini United 11am

Kholwane F. Birds vs Siboniso Selwandle 1pm

**S & S Malkerns Promotion League****Tomorrow at Ndinda Sports Ground**

Troublemakers vs Mahlanya United 2pm

**Sunday at Golden Sports Ground**

Phondo vs Ntandozi 11am

Swazican vs Malkerns 1pm

Golden Arrows vs Vuka Aces 3pm

**At Dwaleni Sports Ground**





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## EMASWATI SHOULD NOT GIVE UP ON SIHLANGU!

LET me start today's column by apologising profusely to the entire football fraternity and the Eswatini nation for the disappointment of Sihlangu's elimination from the 2022 World Cup Qualifiers.

To say this was a disappointing result would be an understatement because the truth is that it was not what we expected especially against a lowly-rated country like Djibouti. It is during such times that we must unite as a nation and not allow emotions to override our line of thinking about Sihlangu.

It is time we pick ourselves up and focus on the next games the squad will be playing in a couple of days from now. Let us not lose sight of the fact that such results are part and parcel of football and cannot be changed but be accepted as they are. It is now pointless to cry over spilt milk and most importantly, this is not the time for finger-pointing and blaming game. We lost as a team and let us go back to the drawing board to work on the mistakes. Now, we must shift focus

...the squad's elimination from the 2022 World Cup Qualifiers a bitter pill to swallow but let us continue supporting the boys in the forthcoming international matches



to the CHAN Championships where we have done so well and on the threshold of creating more history. Yes, we are facing Zambia on the 22nd of this month and I can safely declare that

we are looking forward to this game. There is no time to rest for the boys as they will be reporting back to camp this Sunday at Lobamba Technical Centre and all they need now with-

out doubt is support from the nation. We need to put the disappointment of the Djibouti result behind us now and focus on this important game against the Zambians.

One must really shower local football supporters with thanks for the loyalty they are continuing to show towards Sihlangu, no matter the results. We were happy to see the supporters coming to rally behind the boys at Mavuso Sports Centre, showing a united spirit despite the unfavourable results at the end.

They accepted the results as they were and showed great sportsmanship. This is the kind of attitude and spirit we are encouraging from them in future games of this nature. We are aware that they want to see the squad winning all the time and we appreciate their patience even in defeat. We also thank the presence of acting Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala along with other Cabinet Ministers who were present to support the squad. Some Members of Parliament (MPs) along with top government officials also witnessed this game and this is highly appreciated. We also recognise the presence of Eswatini Football Association (EFA) President Adam 'Bomber' Mthethwa along with Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) Chairman Peter 'Touch' Magagula who were part of the top dignitaries on the day together with their executive committee members.

This support means a lot to the squad and we hope that they will continue being visible in future games of this magnitude.

### Thank you to Sihlangu players, technical bench for commitment

**THE** will to win that the Sihlangu players and technical bench displayed against Djibouti was a joy to watch and it was unfortunate that the result at the end was not what we wanted.

The boys gave their all in the game and the commitment they put preparing for this game was really outstanding. Credit must also be given to the technical bench led by Kostadin Papić for working so hard behind the scenes to get the boys ready for this game.

The hunger to win this game was never in doubt and they really put everything to ensure that the team was ready but as fate would

have it, the result did not favour us at the end. They have brought lot of improvement in the squad and there is no doubt that this will pay off in a good way as they look forward to future games.

My plea to football supporters is to support the players and technical bench unconditionally because they wear the national team jersey with pride.

They need the nation's undivided support in the forthcoming CHAN tie against Zambia, which if we win, will take us to the finals in Cameroon. That should be enough motivation for people to come in big numbers for

this game.

Still on the same vein, we really need to thank the EFA executive committee in particular the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Frederick Mngometulu for always being fully behind the national team in terms of support.

This goes also to the departments under his office who make it a point that they give the squad all the support needed when preparing for big matches. We say thank you very much!



### It's back to action in MTN Premier League this weekend

Football followers will be happy to know that action returns in the MTN Premier League this weekend and already, the teams are not giving each other any breathing space.

It is clear from the onset that this will be another exciting season in the league as all the teams look hungry for the championship title.

The fixtures for the weekend have already been released and football followers can refer to the local media to know where their favourite teams will be playing. Most importantly, they should behave well and accept results as they are.

### State of PLE after Victor Gamedze

There was so much anxiety and even doubt at times about the future of Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) after the sad demise of Chairman Victor 'Maradona' Gamedze (May his soul rest in eternal peace).

Little did we know that another Chairman would rise in Peter 'Touch' Magagula.

The league is doing ever so well under his leadership and to be honest, he could not afford to falter because we all know that he worked hand in hand with Gamedze. I can assure the football fraternity that a lot is still coming from him as the chairman because he has serious dreams to make this league the best in Africa. He is now introducing the PLE awards to be staged sometime next year as he announced recent-

ly at the Convention Centre in Ezulwini. There are so many other innovations in the pipeline which include the re-introduction of the Top Eight knockout tournament.

Let us not forget that he has also reinforced the development league management by enlisting the services of Gerrard Shields. He was also the brains behind the introduction of the pre-selling of tickets for Premier League games, which was an astute move. Most importantly, he has fostered a great relationship with the EFA, which is making his job very much easier. There is no doubt that the PLE is in good hands under his guidance and we wish him all the best.



# ON TIME INVESTMENT SUPPORTERS TOURNAMENT

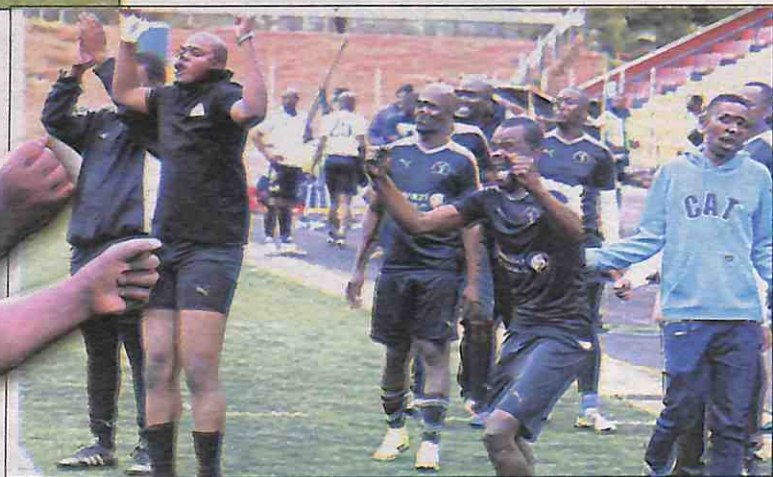


**SPONSORS:** On Time Investment Social and EFA Social posing before their clash in one of the games during the supporters tournament held last Saturday at Somhlolo National Stadium.

**LEFT - MY BALL:** Mbabane Swallows' Sibusiso Dlamini controls the ball while a Mbabane Highlander supporter closes in. The game ended in a 1-1 draw. The tournament was won by Manzini Wanderers supporters.

(Pics: Lucky Simelane)

**YES:** Highlanders' Nikiwe Khanyile dances after scoring.



**THE BLACK BULL:** Highlanders supporters celebrating a goal.



**TOP AND BELOW - MAHHALA HHA:** Wanderers supporters in jubilation after scoring in one of their games.



**SWALLOWS BHOLA:** Mbabane Swallows supporters in jubilation.



**JOY:** Swallows' Nokuthula Simelane and Royal Leopard's Potoza in a jovial mood after scoring. **RIGHT - IT'S A GOAL:** Swallows coaches Thembinkosi Nxumalo and Malungelo Mndzebele celebrate.



**OOPS!** EFA's Nkosinimandla Mavuso dribbling On Time Investment player.



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## MTN Premier League 2018/19

PREVIEWS

WILL GREEN MAMBA  
BOUNCE BACK TO  
WINNING WAYS?

BY MELUSI MOTSA

Tonight

Green Mamba vs Tambuti FC  
Somhlolo National Stadium, 6:30 pm

**CORRECTIONAL Services side Green Mamba will be looking to bounce back to winning ways when they face-off with Tambuti FC tonight.**

It will be a test of character for the MTN league defending champions following their last weekend defeat at the hands of Manzini Wanderers.

Mamba are fourth on the log as they have won one match so far.

It's high time for the correctional services side to start winning games if they want to defend the league. In football it is important to win the first league matches because most of the teams are still trying to adapt.

In their quest to return to winning ways, Gwanya will again rely on the experience of pint-sized midfielder Njabulo Thwala to do the spadework at the middle of the park.

The former Black Swallows player is expected to trouble the defence with his freezing passes.

He will be with his 'partner in crime' Mcolisi Mkhontfo at the belly of the park.

Another major boost for the Correctional Services side is that they will welcome back some of their stars, who missed last weekend's match. This was due to the fact that they were doing international duty with Sihlangu Semnikati. Green Mamba will be meeting an unpredictable side in Tambuti FC.

## TEAMS:

## GREEN MAMBA

Head coach - Caleb Ngwenya  
Captain - Banele Dlamini  
Key players - Thokozani Mkhulisi, Solomon Oladele, Njabulo Thwala, Mcolisi Mkhontfo, Musa Dlamini  
Match winner - Mcolisi Mkhontfo

## TAMBUTI FC

Head coach - Terisayi Changara  
Captain - Muntu Mamba,  
Key players - Muntu Mamba, Mcebo Mdluli, Ugo, Ismael Zwane  
Match winner - Reagan Kangumpu

The sugar belt side cannot be taken for granted as they have what it takes to upset their star-studded opponents. Terisayi Changara boys will be also looking to bounce back to winning ways after the heavy defeat they suffered at the hands of capital city giants Mbabane Swallows, about three weeks ago. Surely the international FIFA week break allowed the Lubombo based outfit to

correct their mistakes.

The good news for Tambuti is that captain Muntu Mamba, who is also employed by Correctional Services, has been allowed to play in this encounter.

The experience of Mamba will come in handy in this match as he is expected to spearhead the attacks. In fact, he will be the player to watch tonight, not only by the fans but also his workmates.

Mcebo 'Kitaza' Mdluli, another player employed by the Correctional Services is expected to play a pivotal role towards the downfall of Green Mamba.

Tambuti will be also boosted by the return of left back, Ismael Zwane.

Coach Terisayi Changara has also received his paperwork ahead of the match.

This, therefore, means that the former XI Men in Flight coach is now eligible to sit on the bench and issue some instructions to his players. It will be an interesting match between the two sides.

'Weslians' aiming for  
Buccaneers scalp

Manzini Wanderers vs Moneni Pirates  
Somhlolo National Stadium,  
8:35 pm

**HUB giants Manzini Wanderers will tonight visit Moneni Pirates at Somhlolo National Stadium.**

The two sides will be playing in what has been dubbed as the 'Manzini derby'.

Manzini Wanderers will want to prove that their win against Green Mamba was not a fluke. The spirited maroon and white

outfit will be welcoming back prodigal son coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe, who

bounced back in the team last week after parting ways with Thabo Koki Vilakati. 'Crooks', who has been in the helm before, is expected not to change last weekend's first eleven if he wants to make a first impression.

Exciting winger Mike Dombo is expected to once again lead the attacks. The Congo-born midfielder cum-striker is a ray of sunshine to the Manzini Wanderers team. His last weekend's goal against Green Mamba from 35 yards was superb and is expected to continue with the same form. He is expected to form a good combination with Cameroon-born forward Laurent Abah in the striking force. The team

## TEAMS:

## Moneni Pirates

Head coach - Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini  
Captain - Menzi Simelane  
Key players - Lwazi Mamba, Menzi Simelane, Romanus Idigimba  
Match winner - Siphosethu Mlotso

## Manzini Wanderers

Head coach - Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe  
Captain - Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya  
Key players - Thami Zulu, Laurent Abah, Sandile Dlamini, Mike Dombo  
Match winner - Mike Dombo

will also welcome captain Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya and defender Machado. Former Mhlume Peacemakers defender Thami Zulu will keep in check the Moneni Pirates strikers at the back while Sandile 'Onyango' Dlamini will be hoping to keep a clean sheet between the goalposts. Another interesting factor is that goalkeeper coach Percy Shongwe ditched Moneni Pirates for Manzini Wanderers ahead of the match. Shongwe knows the strengths and weaknesses of his former employers. Manzini Wanderers will be facing their nemesis Moneni Pirates, who are currently playing good football.

The 'Sea Robbers' are enjoying a new lease of life under the guidance of Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini and Bongani Mhlongo. The black and white youthful squad is capable of spoiling the Wanderers' party. 'Magiyane' will be banking his hopes on fast running forward Siphosethu Mlotso to do the damage. The Linkokwing student's electrifying pace will give Manzini Wanderers defence a torrid time.

Lwazi 'Shumi' Mamba will also be all out to haunt his former team with his runs on the right flank. Goalkeeper, Romanus Idigimba will ensure that nothing goes past him.

## LEG OF LAMB TOURNEY BACK TODAY

BY JONGILE XUBA

**GOLF - THE United Health Insurance Leg of Lamb (LOL) Golf Tournament returns after a week-long break.**

This was confirmed by Leg of Lamb captain Wakie Lawrence, who said the competition would be in full swing this afternoon. "We would like to remind all golfers that the Leg of Lamb competition is back on Friday (today) and will be played at Manzini Golf Course. We invite any interested players to make their way to the course and join us for a fun day of golf," he said. He added most players participate because of the family atmosphere around the com-

petition. Lawrence further revealed that they suspended last week's tournament out of respect for the other major competitions that were being played.

"We had the King's Cup competition last weekend and thus out of respect decided to cancel all golfing activities from Thursday to Saturday. We treat each other equally on and off the course which is why a lot of people never miss the tournament. We urge more to join us," he said.

THE United Health Insurance Leg of Lamb Golf Tourney is sponsored by United Health Insurance to a tune of E50 000 for one year. The competition is played weekly at Manzini Golf Course where the winners take home juicy meat prizes.

## Warriors face Cricket Mbabane

BY JONGILE XUBA

**CRICKET - INDIAN Warriors will take on Cricket Mbabane in the Eswatini Cricket Association (ECA) Spring T20 League tomorrow with both teams looking to claim the top spot.**

The games will be played at Malkerns Country Club.

This is according to the fixture released by ECA secretary general Reuben 'Rho' Nxumalo.

Cricket Mbabane will be looking to continue with their good form after they won their previous match against RSSC last

weekend. Two batsmen Hamza Ali and Peter Chasusa led Cricket Mbabane to a four wicket victory and the team will once again bank on them.

The capital city team will play Lowveld Gladiators first at 9am.

Gladiators, who are at the bottom of the log, will be looking to get their first points of the season. Indian Warriors will be confident to maintain top spot after they reached 121 runs in just 11.4 overs to win last time out.

The Warriors clash with Cricket Mbabane at 1pm in a game that will determine who ends the weekend at the top of the T20 League log.





# WANDERERS LOOKING TO CONTINUE GOOD FORM AGAINST MONENI

BY JONGILE XUBA

**SOCCER - MANZINI**  
Wanderers Public Relations Officer Sandile 'Ntofo' Dlamini says the team has a new lease on life after getting a new coach in Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe.

He said they wanted to continue where they left off in their previous MTN Premier League victory against Green Mamba.

Wanderers will face-off with cross-town rivals Moneni Pirates at Somhlolo National Stadium tonight.

'Ntofo' said they were happy to have 'Crooks' back in the team and that they would be playing for all three points against Pirates.

"We have a new coach now and we are looking like a completely new team.

After last week's win against Green Mamba, we want to continue with that good form and collect maximum points. I invite all our fans to come and cheer the players on," he said.

Dlamini further said Sanele Mkhweli could also possibly feature in the match as he would be expected to pass the late fitness



**HUB DERBY:** Manzini Wanderers in action against Moneni Pirates earlier this year.

test.

The good news is that skipper Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya and defender Jose Machado have recovered from their injuries.

"Preparations have been going really well this week and we will be welcoming back 'Shana' and Machado. They will provide a

needed boost going into the derby match," he said.

Meanwhile, Moneni Pirates PRO Mlungisi 'Puma' Simelane said they would be all out for the maximum points against Wanderers.

He said the team was in good shape after signing good players before the deadline transfer.

"We managed to register a majority of the players we wanted and we are in good shape heading to the match. The only player injured is Samkelo Ginindza while the others are ready for the match," he said. Simelane said they respected their opponents inside the field of play.

## FIFA MA Refereeing Instructors course at Thokoza

BY COLISILE SACOLO

**SOCCER - THE** Federation of International Football Association (FIFA) will host the MA Refereeing Instructors course from Monday to Friday at Thokoza Church Centre.

According to a press release from the Eswatini Football Association, the course will be facilitated by FIFA Instructor Carlos Henriques from the Republic of South Africa.

"The objective of this course is to equip the local instructors with the relevant knowledge and skills as they have to educate the referees in the country. Some of the topics to be discussed in this course are; law amendments, tactical fouls, the integrated practical training with referees and assistant referees just to mention but a few," reads part of the statement.

### The participants are as follows:

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Mavuso Thulani      | 20. Zondo Sifiso        |
| 2. Dlamini Gilbert     | 21. Hadebe Dumsani      |
| 3. Shongwe William     | 22. Dlamini Phinda      |
| 4. Dlamini Ernest      | 23. Nkambule Enock      |
| 5. Mkhathwa Kule       | 24. Mthupha Bongani     |
| 6. Mkhabela Bhikisizwe | 25. Nkambule Senzo      |
| 7. Motsa Jabulani      | 26. Shongwe Mbongeni    |
| 8. Nkonyane Thulani    | 27. Gama Mandla         |
| 9. Kunene Sabelo       | 28. Mbingo Petros       |
| 10. Sibiyi Lybnah      | 29. Ndzimandze Phinda   |
| 11. Kunene Siphoph     | 30. Ndlangamandla Lucky |
| 12. Vilakati Gerald    |                         |
| 13. Mmema Hendry       |                         |
| 14. Nyawo Sithembiso   |                         |
| 15. Mabuza Nhlanihla   |                         |
| 16. Dlamini Ezrome     |                         |
| 17. Fakudze Mbongiseni |                         |
| 18. Silenge Enock      |                         |
| 19. Viana Letticia     |                         |

All course participants are expected to converge at the Thokoza Church Youth Centre by 7am, at the latest to obtain their course equipment to be ready kick-start the course at 8:00 am.

## Basotho referees for Buffaloes, Bidvest Wits CAF match

BY COLISILE SACOLO

**SOCCER - THE** Confederation of African Football (CAF) has assigned four Basotho referees to officiate in the upcoming 2019/2020 CAF Confederations Cup match between Young Buffaloes and Bidvest Wits to be played on Saturday.

The referees are Osiase William Koto (referee), Souru Phatsoane (first assistant referee), Lesupi Samuel Puputla (second assistant referee) while Lebalang Martin Mokete will be the fourth official.

The match commissioner will be Acacio Victor Teixeira from Mozambique.

The match will be played the Mavuso Sports Centre in Manzini, starting at 3pm.

Buffaloes went through to this stage after eliminating Buildcon FC from Zambia in the preliminary round where they won 2-1 on aggregate.

The team will welcome the return of their trusted servant Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze, who has recovered from an ankle injury.



**CAF: Young Buffaloes players celebrating.**

The referees:

1. Osiase William Koto - Referee
  2. Souru Phatsoane - Assistant referee 1
  3. Lesupi Samuel Puputla - Assistant referee 2
  4. Lebalang Martin Mokete - Fourth official
- The match commissioner is Acacio Victor Teixeira from Mozambique.

## We want to win it for Leon – Elangeni High

BY JONGILE XUBA

**SOCCER - ELANGENI** High School soccer team has pledged to win the Copa Coca-Cola Soccer Tournament for the first time in honour of their Armenian-bound captain Leon Manyisa.

Manyisa recently completed a two-year switch to Armenian side FC Van and the former Elangeni High School captain was instrumental in getting his team to the finals.

Team coach Njabulo Nhlabatsi said Manyisa's move to Europe was an inspiration to the whole team and that they wanted to win the tournament.

"We are ready for the finals after playing well throughout the competition. Our captain Leon Manyisa's absence has pushed the boys to work hard as they want to win it for him," he said.

He went on to say although Manyisa would be missed, the rest of the players were more than capable of winning the match.

He said they would be all out for a win to clinch the title.

"The boys look really good in training and they are ready for the match. We are not a one-man team and we will prove that by taking the title home," he said. Meanwhile, Mkhondvo High assistant coach Simanga Zwelithini Zulu said they were ready to make their com-

### Copa Coca Cola finals Today at Somhlolo National Stadium

Loser's finals		
Duze High vs	Ngwane Central High	9am
Finals		
Elangeni vs	Mkhondvo High	11am

munity proud and were not concerned with Manyisa's absence.

The team is in great shape and the spirits are very high. Our objective is to win the game and bring the trophy back home," he said.

The finals will be played at 11am after the loser's final where Duze High School will clash with Ngwane Central High at 9am.

## Top local masters for Juniors Grading

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**TAEKWONDO - FIVE** local masters recognised by the World Taekwondo Federation have been assigned to conduct a Taekwondo juniors grading session at St Michael's High School Hall tomorrow.

The officials will oversee the grading of several male and female youngsters from white to red belt.

The officials are Zakhele Dlamini,

Sizwe Mabuza, Bongani Manyatsi, Mbongeni Sibandze and Sandile Mchunu, who have licences from the world governing mother body to conduct Taekwondo competitions. The grading will start at 10am where several athletes will be displaying their skills.

Eswatini Taekwondo Federation (ETF) Secretary Mbongeni Sibandze confirmed the news yesterday.

"We have assigned the WTF accredited officials to conduct the upcoming grading so that the competition can meet

international standards.

The event will also help us prepare for the upcoming international competitions.

We urge teams to keep time so that we may finish the event on time," he said.

Some of the local clubs expected to grace the grading include St Michael's, Next Generations, Correctional, Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) and University of Eswatini (UNESWA) to name a few. ETF recently sent a four-member team to the 2019 World Cadets Championship held at Uzbekistan about two months ago.



# Papic names CHAN Qualifiers squad

BY JONGILE XUBA

**SOCCER - SIHLANGU** Semnikati head coach Kostadin Papic has named his 24-man squad for the upcoming 2020 African Nations Championship (CHAN) qualification match against Zambia.

The Serbia-born mentor named a changed squad to the one that beat Angola with the absence of Mbabane Swallows' Ndimiso 'Tower' Ndaba and Green Mamba pair of Musa Dlamini and Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo.

'Xavi' recently returned to Green Mamba after a move to South African based side Stellenbosch failed to materialise.

The squad was confirmed by Eswatini Football Association (EFA) Media Officer Muzi Radebe, who said the national team would be on duty next Sunday, with the training camp starting this weekend.

"Coach Kostadin Papic has named his squad for the training camp to start this Sunday at the EFA Technical Centre in Lobamba, as the team prepares to face Zambia on September 22," he said.

The match against Zambia will be played at the Mavuso Sports Centre in Manzini, starting at 3:30pm.

All hopes are now on gaining a spot in the CHAN tournament to be played Cameroon after failing to advance in the World Cup Qualifiers on Tuesday where we lost to Djibouti 1-2 on aggregate.

**NAMES SQUAD:**  
Sihlangu head coach  
Kostadin Papic.

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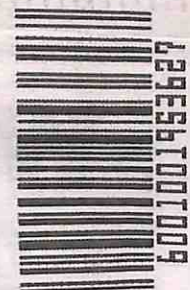
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2. Dlamini Melusi:	Royal Leopards
3. Tsabedze Fanelo:	Royal Leopards
4. Matse Sifiso:	Royal Leopards
5. Dlamini Machawe:	Royal Leopards
6. Magagula Andy:	Royal Leopards
7. Mathabela Sandanezwane:	Mbabane Swallows
8. Ndzabandzaba Siboniso:	Mbabane Swallows
9. Mkhonta Lindo:	Young Buffaloes
10. Shabangu Wandile:	Young Buffaloes
11. Matsenjwa Lindani:	Young Buffaloes
12. Mamba Fanelo:	Young Buffaloes
13. Gamedze Sandile:	Young Buffaloes
14. Sithole Menzi:	Mbabane Highlanders
15. Vilakati Vusi:	Mbabane Highlanders
16. Dlamini Banele:	Green Mamba
17. Ngwenya Siboniso:	Young Buffaloes
18. Dlamini Sibonginkhosi:	Mbabane Swallows
19. Makhanya Mlamuli:	Tambuti FC
20. Gamedze Sabelo:	Mbabane Highlanders
21. Msibi Mlamuli:	Royal Leopards
22. Dlamini Peter:	Mbabane Highlanders
23. Dlamini Phinda:	Green Mamba
24. Mamba Siboniso:	Young Buffaloes

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## 'BUFFS' READY FOR WITS

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER - LOCAL** envoys Young Buffaloes, have declared their readiness ahead of tomorrow's crunch CAF Confederation Cup match against Bidvest Wits at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

The army side's head coach Dominic Kunene said they had done all the preparations and were now looking forward to face the South African side.

"We are ready and looking forward to our match against Wits. We are quite aware of the magnitude of the match and the quality of the league which the opposition is playing in. I am aware they will be all out to frustrate us at our own backyard but we will withstand the pressure. We will try by all means to make use of our home

- Army side promises to use home ground advantage
- Team welcomes 'Saviola' and Ndoda
- Meanwhile, Wits drop ex-Bucs striker Gift Motupa



ground advantage."

"The spirit is high in the camp and we will be parading a full strength squad following the return of our two players in Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze and Ndoda Mtsetfwa.

### Support

We are appealing for support for the nation as we will do our level best to make them happy on the day," he said.

Entrance fee is E40, payable at the entrance.

'Amathole Ezinyathi' have

### BIDVEST FULL SQUAD:

Peterson Brandon - goalkeeper  
Goss Stuart Ricardo - goalkeeper  
Zwane Siyanda  
Hlatshwayo Thulani  
Nonyane Lehlohonolo  
Pelemba Gaspar Elias  
Monare Thabang  
Lark Carl  
Domingo Moegammad Haashim  
Hotto Daniel Deon  
Hlanti Sandile S'Fiso  
Nange Phathutshedzo

Mkhwanazi Wilson Buhlebuyeza  
Alexander Cole  
Dzvukamanja Terrence  
Doutie Sameehg  
Macheke Alton Zitha  
Ritchie James Keegan  
Macuphu Mxolisi  
Dropped  
Motupa Gift  
Mahangwahaya Ivan  
Murray Simon Stuart

already made Emaswati proud in the competition after knocking out Zambian side Buildcon during the preliminary round.

Wits will arrive in the country this afternoon by road via the Ngwenya Border Post. They will be booked at Lugogo Sun.

Meanwhile, Bidvest Wits have

withdrawn two of their strikers in Gift Motupa and Ivan Mahangahanya from their final 18-men squad expected in the country this afternoon.

They were dropped alongside Murray Simon. The final list was confirmed by Wits Director of Football Roy Limongeli.

## Nhlengetfwa the right man for Wanderers - Nyanga

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER - NEWLY** appointed Manzini Wanderers head coach Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe says current Director Mehluli Nhlengetfwa is the right man for the team.

The veteran mentor has come out to praise the South African based businessman following his excellent leadership skills in running the team.

Hlophe was speaking for the first time since rejoining the hub giants from Mbabane Swallows.

"I would like to commend the Director Nhlengetfwa for demonstrating excellent skills in running the team.

He has proven himself as a good leader by rectifying his decision of parting ways with me last year as I have been recalled to the club. I, therefore, call upon the entire Manzini Wanderers family to support the director as he intends to bring back the glory days in the team," he said.

The former Sihlangu assistant coach further expressed his excitement at rejoining the maroon and white ensemble.

"I am very happy to be back at the team as I will be able to finish my work which I had started during my previous stint. I want to help the club win trophies by working together with all stakeholders of the team," he added.

Hlophe's first assignment in his Wanderers return would be tomorrow night against Moneni Pirates at Somhlolo National Stadium.

The 'Weslians' will be welcoming their two players in captain Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya and Jose Machado from injuries for the traditional hub derby.

**SUGGESTS:**  
Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlophe.

