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**DONE DEAL:** Minister of Public Works and Transport Chief Nduluhlaza Ndwandwe and the Crowne Airlines team leader Douglas Berry shakes hands during the signing of the MoU held at the Cabinet offices yesterday. Looking on is the Minister of Commerce Manqoba Khumalo and other officials. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

## OVER 9 000 JOBS COMING AT KMIII AIRPORT

BY MBONO MDLULI  
Mbabane

OVER 9 000 jobs are expected to be created at King Mswati III International Airport (KM III).

This comes after the ministry of public works and transport signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Crowne Aerospace, which will be trading as Inkwazi.

The company, which trades in cargo transportation, will be working from the KM III Airport and will play a vital role in exporting and importing goods in the country. Around 9 600 jobs are expected to be opened by the over E22 billion (USD 1.5 billion) investment. The company is expected to start operating next year or in 2021. The MoU signing event took place yesterday at Cabinet offices at Hospital Hill, Mbabane.

The MoU signing was done by Minister of Public Works and Transport Chief Nduluhlaza Ndwandwe and Douglas Berry, who was leading the Crowne Aerospace team of investors.

The goods are expected to be transported to many places around the world, making the airport one of the busiest in the southern African region.

Minister Ndwandwe, in his remarks, said the arrival of the company at the airport would bring more activity to the aviation facility, which was officially opened by His Majesty King Mswati III in 2014.

"We all know that the airport is there and the activity is minimal and Emaswati are asking on when

there would be activity in the airport. We are now happy that a company that will bring more activity is here," Ndwandwe said.

He further stated that there were many Emaswati who were training on how the aviation industry worked. Ndwandwe hoped that those Emaswati would not be jobless because of the presence of this company.

He urged Emaswati to cooperate in making sure that the company traded successfully from the country.

Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Manqoba Khumalo, who was also present during the signing, said they were happy as the commerce ministry to have such a big company to work from the country.

He said the company had promised to create 600 permanent jobs and about 9 000 indirect jobs were expected to be created.

Khumalo said the goods transported from Eswatini would be transported to many destinations around Africa, Europe, United States of America (USA), and Asia. More than 180 different take-offs from the airport would be experienced in a month.

Speaking during the event, Berry expressed his happiness to the fact that they were going to start working at the airport.

He said they were confident that they would bring activity to the airport soon. He said their investment was big, as it was around USD 1.5 billion. He stated that they expected to start operating during the last quarter of 2020.

## POLICE THWART PEACEFUL PROTEST

STORIES BY SIFISO NHLABATSI  
Mbabane

**MEMBERS of the Royal Eswatini Police Service thwarted what was otherwise a peaceful march by leaders and members of the Political Party Assembly (PPA) yesterday.**

The PPA, an assembly of various organisations including political parties, progressive civil society organisations and labour unions under the banner of the Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA), engaged in a march where they intended to deliver a petition to the South African High Commission.

The march, which was attended by over 300 protesters did not proceed as planned as police denied the marchers from marching to the South African High Commission.

The march, which started at around 9am at Coronation Park saw police officers clashing with leaders of the assembly over routes that they wanted to use.

Marchers wanted to march straight

through town as the High Commission offices are situated near the bus rank.

However, police flatly refused. The marches were then directed to use another route, which led them towards the Central Bank and once they reached the intersection leading to the Mbabane Municipality, police then blocked the road leading to the High Commission and directed the marchers to a route leading them out of town away from the Commission's offices.

### March

This did not go down well with leaders of the march. Police informed the leaders, including Swaziland Democratic Party (SWADEPA) President Jan Sithole that they had no permission to march and they were doing them a favour to let them use the streets in the first place.

Police officers asked the leaders if they had communicated their intention of delivering the petition to the South African High Commission, to which the leaders responded to the affirmative.

The officers were given a number of an official from the commission, which

they called and after some time they came back and told the leaders of the PPA that the commission was requesting that only a maximum of four people be allowed to deliver the petition.

When that message was communicated to the members they said they were against such, because they wanted to be there when the petition was delivered.

Police gave an excuse, saying they were not enough to ensure the safety of commuters once protesters got near the bus rank, where anything could happen. The PPA leaders disputed the information from the police, as they said the commission had earlier communicated with them and they agreed to host whatever number within their premises. The PPA leaders said because it was clear that police were denying them the right to deliver their grievances to the High Commission, they will go back without having delivered the petition.

However, the PPA leaders said they took yesterday's event as historic as it was the first time that political parties were granted such a platform.

## We were cheated outright - Jan

**SWADEPA President Jan Sithole has expressed his disappointment in the manner police officers treated marchers yesterday.**

Sithole said they were cheated outright.

He said when they received the mandate of delivering the petition as an assembly on Sunday, their members wanted them to do it on Tuesday, but because they wanted to follow the right channels and comply with the Public Order Act, they decided that yesterday was the best day because they would have given the municipality enough time to grant them permission to use the city streets.

Sithole said there was no reason the municipality could not respond

because they received the letter on Monday and 48 hours had elapsed.

The president said police went on not to tell the truth, saying the commission said it needed four people to deliver the petition.

He said an officer there made it clear that South Africa believes in freedom of speech and expression.

He said the commission indicated that it did not put any preventive measures or conditions for the PPA to visit the Commission.

Sithole said the conduct of the police presented the country in a bad light to the international community.

The Political Party Assembly warned the police never to repeat such a stunt again.

## 'MPs attacking innocent US Diplomat'

**MEMBERS of Parliament have been blasted for attacking US Ambassador Lisa Peterson for making comments on the controversial issue of government buying a fleet of cars despite the economic hardships faced by the country.**

The Political Party Assembly condemned the attack on the US envoy, saying it was an unjust attack by MPs. The PPA leaders said MPs should be concentrating on asking why government was spending so much money on fleets. The leaders said this was just another sign showing how freedom of speech was limited in the country.

A warning was also sent to the Shiselweni Regional Administrator Dr. Vincent Mhlanga for attacking the US ambassador.

PPA leaders made it clear that Dr Mhlanga should know that he was not the warlord for Shiselweni, but that the region is for Emaswati.

## Overwhelming police presence raises eyebrows

**THE overwhelming presence of members of the Royal Eswatini Police Service raised eyebrows yesterday.**

This is because despite that there were about 300 people who took part in yesterday's march accompanying PPA leaders to deliver a petition to the South African High Commission, there were over 500 police personnel and correctional services officers.

The marchers stated that it was more like police were expecting them to be chaotic. The marchers held their composure despite that they were denied permission to march to the High Commission.

### March

Jan Sithole who was leading the march said it was very important that at the end of the march everything went smoothly so that they can be able to meet again and strategise on the next move. Some of those who were part of the march included leaders of different unions, including Algamated Trade Union of Swaziland (ATUSWA), Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT), National Public Services and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU), Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) and Swaziland Democratic Workers Union (SWADNU).

## Mass meeting on Saturday

**POLITICAL Party Assembly (PPA) has called for a mass meeting on Saturday at SNAT Centre at lunch time.**

This meeting according

to SWADEPA President Jan Sithole is open to anyone who is affected by the hike in petrol prices, bread prices, electricity hikes, unemployment and a lot

of other issues.

### Way

Sithole said this meeting was where members of society would forge a way forward.

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## New public fare hike awaits Cabinet approval

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
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**UNTIL the Cabinet issues out the new gazette for bus fares, no one is expected to charge the new proposed bus fares.**

In a meeting held yesterday between the government and the consumer association, it emerged that only the final and crucial steps were now left for the bus fare hike to be effective.

This is according to Swaziland Road Freight Association (SRFA) President Sihlangu Nhlabatsi following yesterday's meeting.

Nhlabatsi stated that after they were

asked to reduce the hike of local distances, they agreed to charge E8 for these routes.

The chairperson started that the other proposed hikes were not opposed by the stakeholders.

"Today the final proposal will be taken to the attorney general for consideration before it is taken to Cabinet for endorsement," Nhlabatsi said.

He said it would be after it has gone through Cabinet that the gazette would be issued - then the new fares can only be effected.

Nhlabatsi added that their hopes were on the Cabinet to fast-track the whole process. This is because already they were operating at a loss as the new petrol

hike is hitting hard on their pockets.

The proposed bus and taxi hike is a result of the 85 cents fuel levy imposed by the ministry of finance last week Friday.

The 85 cents increase per litre follows the fuel tax increase from E3 per litre to E3.85 per litre in line with Legal Notice No. 190 of 2019 (the Finance Act, 2019 commencement dates notice) read in conjunction with the Finance Act of 2019.

Due to the fuel hike, transport associations in an urgent meeting held last week Friday they proposed new fares.

The initial proposed fare was that a charge for any passenger journey up to eight kilometres will be E10 but after



Tuesday's meeting, it was brought down to E8.

Meanwhile, the E0.66 for any journey in excess of eight kilome-

tres but not exceeding 50 kilometres and E0.63 for any journey in excess of 50 kilometres remained unchanged.

## ROYAL FLEET CRITICISM MISINFORMED - PM

STORIES BY MBONO MDLULI  
Mbabane

**THE criticism on the purchase of the Royal fleet is misinformed.**

This was said by Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini yesterday during a press conference held at Cabinet offices at Hospital Hill in Mbabane.

Dlamini said the delivered royal fleet was privately bought and no money from government was used.

The prime minister said they had noted that some opportunists had taken advantage of the country's current situation. They have used it to ridicule the King through misinformation that served their own agendas.

"Government notes the proliferation of misguided utterances on social media and international media forums and would like to advise Emaswati to refuse to be drawn by elements that intend to destabilise the peace synonymous with our kingdom," Dlamini said.

He went on to say that the country respected and recognised the rights of freedom of speech and freedom of assembly.

These rights, Dlamini said, should not extend to hate speech, inciting violence or supporting organisations that had been proscribed for carrying terrorist



**FOCUSED: Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini stresses a point during a press conference held at the Cabinet offices yesterday afternoon. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)**

activities in the country.

"Any persons considering taking part in protest action should ensure that they do not violate the Suppression of Terrorism Act of 2008 as amended, or the Public Order Act of 2017 or any other law. Violators of the law will be prosecuted," he said.

He stated that it was the responsibility of all Emaswati to respect and protect the integrity of the King and Ingwenyama as Head of State.

Government, he said, would not tolerate statements that were demeaning to the person of His Majesty and the

institution of the Monarchy.

He appealed to all Emaswati to always project the respect for which they were proudly known for, as they had no other country, but Eswatini.

He said currently, the nation was in the season of Incwala, where it was expected that all Emaswati would respect and take part in this tradition.

He said the King was committed to protecting the peace and stability Eswatini had always been known for globally.

"We shall always be open to advice and criticism when our decisions are challenged," he said.

## CoLA coming in April

**GOVERNMENT has promised to implement the cost of living adjustment in April next year.**

This was disclosed by the Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini.

The premier said the percentage of the CoLA would be determined by the state of the economy at that given point in time.

He said government appreciated

the loyalty and commitment of the nation, particularly civil servants who have continued to work and service the nation.

Government had offered a three per cent once-off CoLA payment for April next year.

It would seem the prime minister's latest comments indicate that the figure may change.

## Elderly grants to increase to E500 in January

**BENEFICIARIES of the elderly grants will be paid E500 per month from January next year.**

This was disclosed by the PM. He said the grant was presently at E400 per month and this was a way of effecting a cost of living adjustment to them as well.

This adjustment would come with an increase in the grants paid to people with disabilities.

Disability grants would increase from E180 to E280 per month and this would be effective from January as well.

Below are other measures to be taken by government to improve the lives of Emaswati:

- English will remain compulsory in schools, but will no longer be a passing subject.
- The Youth Fund Board will soon be finalising a second round of business start-up funding with the first round disbursed in March having already created 190 jobs.

• Government has availed a loan guarantee scheme to the value of E140 million for SME financing that local SMEs can now apply for.

• The ministry of public works and transport is establishing a Road Agency Fund to ensure all roads are properly maintained.

• A sum of E82.2 million has been released to the Regional Development Fund (RDF).

• Government has released all funds budgeted for medicines to the ministry of health to ensure consistent supply to the end of the financial year.

• Government will provide a 50 per cent subsidy to about 5 800 farmers of maize, beans and sorghum who have applied for the Farm Input Subsidy Programme. This subsidy covers the purchase of seeds, fertiliser and lime.

• Tractor hire services have been made available for all farmers for this farming season.

## Govt takes responsibility for BMWs

**THE purchase of the BMWs for Royal escorts is a responsibility of the government.**

Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini said government was responsible for the BMWs and it was in line with government policy regarding the VIP and escort vehicles.

"As previously stated, the purchase of this fleet is in line with government policy to replace cars after five years. Most of the VIP and escort vehicles being replaced are now 11 years old and others are no longer roadworthy," Dlamini said.

The premier said older vehicles were a cost to government in respect of repairs yet it saved a lot of money on new cars.

He said having a newer fleet came with warranty and service plan. The prime minister said government accept-

ed the public criticism regarding the purchase of the vehicles, given the current financial situation in the country.

However, the premier stated that the decision to buy the cars was taken way before the decision to put austerity measures in place was taken.

### Decision

"It is worth noting that the decision to replace the fleet was taken in July 2018 before austerity measures were put in place.

"A commitment was made with the supplier at that time, hence the agreement could not be reversed now as doing so could lead to litigation which would come with adverse consequences for government," he said.

He said to this end, the government had been consistent in implementing the austerity measures and remained

committed to doing so until the economy improved. He believed that government was on the right track to achieve this, and would like to thank the public for the support they had been given since austerity measures were put in place in the past year.

Government, the prime minister said, had a Strategic Roadmap in place that served as the master plan for all efforts towards improving the economy.

It would be in the best interest of the country and all Emaswati to be prepared to work together to ensure successful implementation of this strategy because it was at the axis of the socio-economic evolution of this country.

"We need to unite to uplift the standard of living for all Emaswati. This is no time to grow apart as a nation," he said.

## E30m already paid to tertiary students

**GOVERNMENT sponsored students have already been paid E30 million as allowance for the past three months.**

Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini said the students would get their book allowance before the end of this month.

### Payment

He stated that the delays in the payment of the student allowances were caused by transition from payment through cheques to monetary transactions.

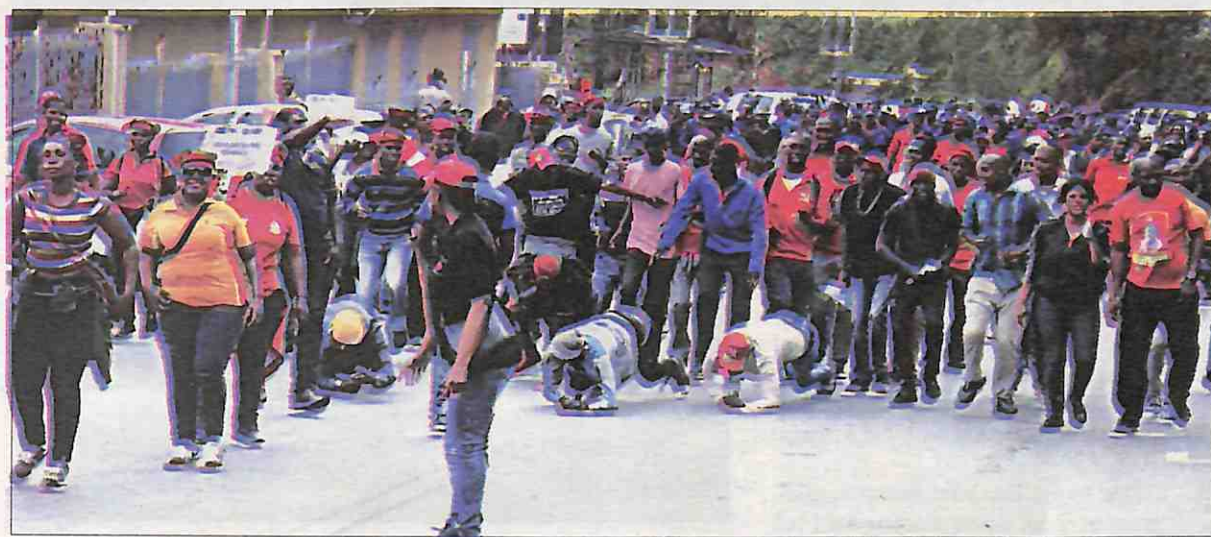
"We would like to appeal to all tertiary institutions to understand that the delay in paying allowances

for government sponsored students was caused by the transition from cheques to modern modes of monetary transactions - not cash flow challenges," he said.

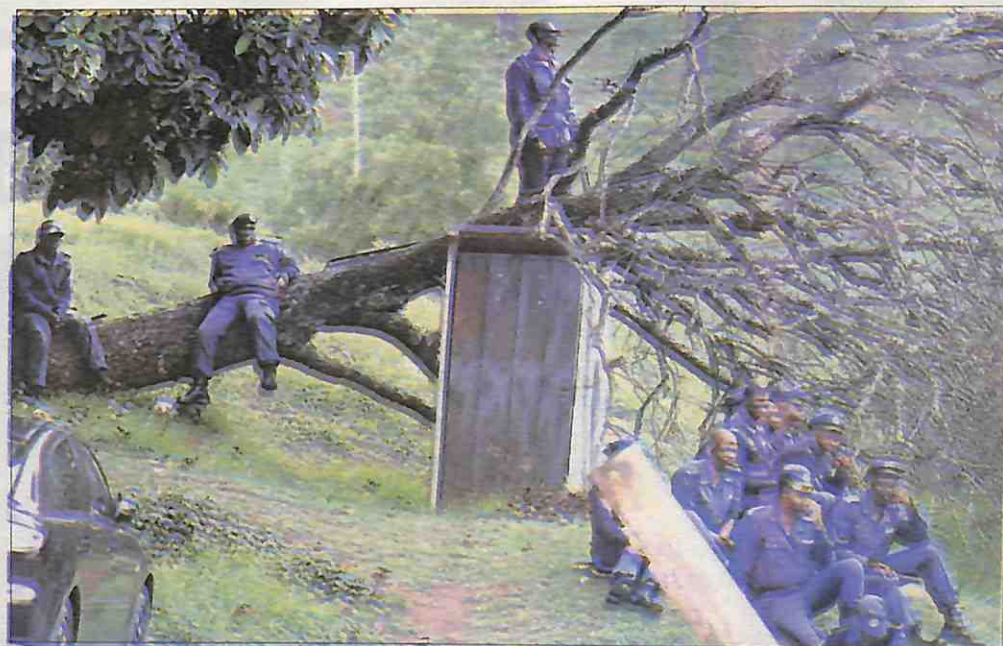
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## PPA's MARCH TO SA



**MARCHING:** Political Party Assembly (PPA) members perform some stunts after their failed march to the South African High Commission offices to deliver a petition yesterday. (R) **LET'S GO:** Ex-MP Jan Sithole with other Political Party Assembly (PPA) leaders on their way to meet senior police officers before the start of their march at Coronation Park yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**EGALENI LENYONI:** Some police officers who were deployed occupy different strategic positions.



**PAMPHLETS:** Mphandlana Shongwe distributes pamphlets to the PPA members.

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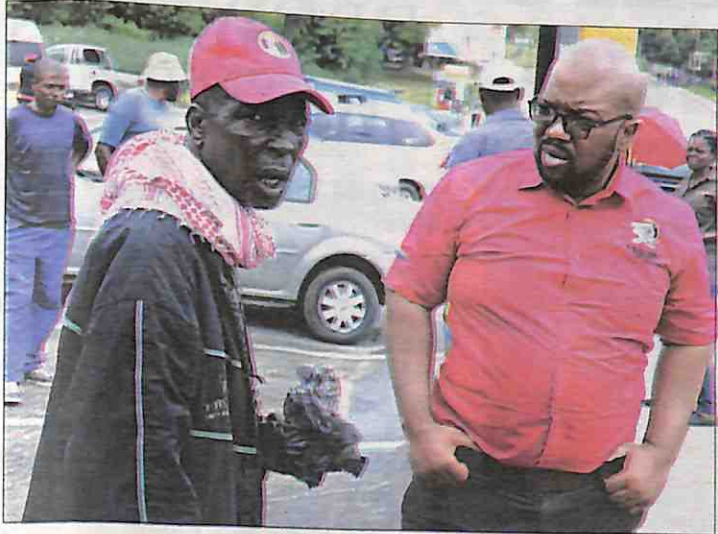
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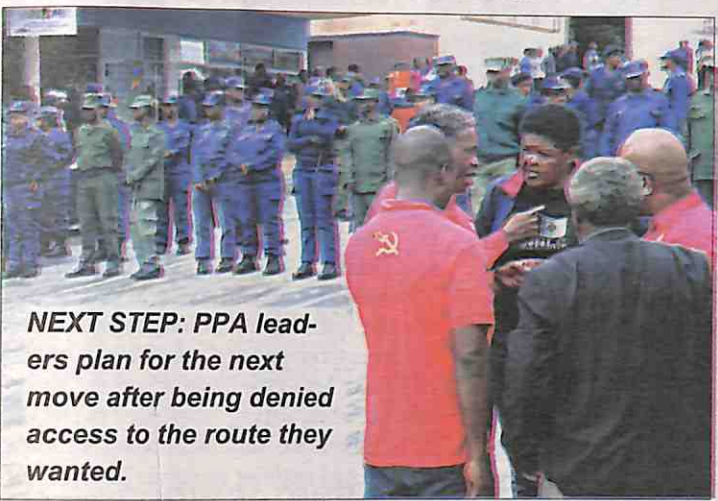
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WAY FORWARD: Mphandlana with Wandile Dlodlu in discussions before the start of the march.



NEXT STEP: PPA leaders plan for the next move after being denied access to the route they wanted.



AYIHLALE PHANSI: Police officers relax at the Coronation Park while waiting for the start of the PPA's march.



COMBINED: Royal Eswatini Police Service and His Majesty's Correctional Services officers came in their numbers for the poorly attended PPA march.



DOLO PHEZULU: Toyi-toying was the order of the day during the march.

## FAMILY ACCUSES AGRIZZI OF STEALING R35M

JOHANNESBURG - The family of the late Bosasa CEO Gavin Watson have laid a criminal complaint against former executive Angelo Agrizzi.

Watson's nephew, Jared, laid the complaint of theft on Wednesday, claiming R35 million went missing under Agrizzi while he was still employed by the company, which now called African Global Operations.

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# WHY ARE SECURITY CHIEFS ESCORTED? MP MAGONGO

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Lobamba

**MOTSHANE MP Robert Magongo has strongly questioned the decision to provide escorts for security forces chiefs.**

This was mentioned during the House of Assembly portfolio committee debate of the ministry of justice and constitutional affairs second quarter performance report in Senate on Tuesday.

Magongo said the security forces chiefs were all of a sudden escorted, which was not necessarily the case in the past.

He was referring to the three security leaders, namely Army Commander Jeffrey Tshabalala, National Commissioner of Police William Dlamini and Correctional Services Commissioner General Phindile Dlamini.

He wanted to find out if there was a new legislation that advocated for the escorting of the leaders as nothing had been communicated to them

as legislators. He said they were escorted normally by a convoy of two or more vehicles. He wondered what was going on, as in the past this did not happen.

He even asked Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini about this issue during the debate of the prime minister's office second quarter performance report on Monday.

He mentioned that it was not right to let the security chiefs get used to something that would not last as when their time in office came to an end, they would be forced to relinquish their privilege. "Niyentelani into letamuhlupha lomunfu kusasa, ngicela singaboyenta into letasehlu-la kusasa," he said. He mentioned that the speaker and deputy speaker were not escorted. He said in other countries, Parliament speakers were escorted and wondered why the security bosses were escorted. He said the speaker's status was taken for granted in the country.

He enquired when this started and wondered why they were escorted as they were not under any kind of



WHY: Motshane MP Robert Magongo.

threat. He said this must come to an end, and if the security leaders were carrying their duties with honesty and dignity, they would not have anything to fear.

He stated that in the past, the security bosses were never escorted and only had designated drivers. He said currently the country was going through an economic crisis and

instead of cutting costs; they committed resources to their escorts, which were not necessary.

Magongo said the only rightful people who needed to be escorted were His Majesty the King, Queen Mother, Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. He said this must come to an end as it was a waste of the country's resources.

## TODDLER (2) DROWNS IN BATHTUB

BY DELISA THWALA  
Mbabane

**A modern nuclear family at Gelekeceeni in Ezulwini has been left engulfed with horror and heartache after their two-year-old baby drowned in a bathtub full of water yesterday morning.**

Narrating the ordeal, the mother of the toddler Sihle Lukhele said she was running her bath and getting ready for work. "I thought my daughter was sleeping when I filled my bathtub with water, and all I heard then was a scream from the bathroom and utter silence thereafter," said Lukhele.

The visibly-shaken mother said she could not believe it when she found her only daughter floating in the bathtub. In an effort to try and save her baby's life she took her and tried to apply first aid methods through pumping the chest so that she could cough out the water but this was to no avail as baby Aviwe was not responding.

"I called my husband and he helped me ascertain the situation and unfortunately, our baby did not respond and that is then when we decided to take her to the hospital and she was certified dead on arrival," explained the mother.

The father of the baby, Ncamiso Ndlamangandla said he had nothing to say as he was still in shock and utter pain with the loss of his only child. "My sister, can we have privacy as a family as we are still faced with this situation. I have nothing to say for now," lamented Ndlamangandla. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said nothing has been reported to them regarding a baby drowning incident but she will continue checking if there was any new information. "For now nothing has been reported to us regarding this incident but we do encourage people to report such happenings to us as they are of serious concern in the kingdom," closed Vilakati.

Vilakati then gave safety tips on how drowning incidents can be avoided in homes and make sure that everyone is safe especially toddlers and infants. "Avoid leaving children unattended and always make sure that they play where they can be closely monitored, parents should never leave water filled containers such as basins and buckets which children have easy access to," explained Vilakati. She said if they have to store water for later usage, making sure it is with tightly closed containers. Closing taps tightly also helps especially in bathtubs and sinks.

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### Notice

**ESTATE LATE CHARLES GAMBU DLAMINI  
MASTER'S REFERENCE NUMBER EL 108/2019**

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Dated at Siteki on the 13th November 2019.

Yours Faithfully  
Xolile Nkhambule  
**ASSISTANT MASTER OF THE  
HIGH COURT**

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## Roads Agency coming next year

BY MBONO MDLULI  
Mbabane

**THE Roads Agency is expected to start operating next year.**

This was said by Minister of Public Works and Transport Chief Ndlaluhla Ndawandwe in the House of Assembly. This was during the second quarter performance of the works ministry, which took place on Tuesday.

Ndawandwe said for now, the Bill on which the agency would work was still with the attorney general's office. He expressed hope that the Bill would be tabled in Parliament next year and be passed by the Legislature on that same year.

The Roads Agency's role will be to help the public works ministry to maintain the country's roads so that they would be in the right condition. The agency's operation will depend on what the Bill would say. However, the idea behind the operation of the agency was that motorists would pay a certain fuel levy so that it could enable the agency to

operate and have money to build and maintain the country's roads. For every fuel filled up in any vehicle, a certain percentage would be taken from the money paid for that fill-up towards the survival and role of the agency.

In short, the agency would survive like the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (SMVAF), which is commonly known as the MVA.

Ntongeni MP Sifiso Sompisi Magagula said they were happy with the development. However, he was worried that such developments could be delayed because the process was not entirely in the hands of the minister. He called upon the minister to make use of the public works portfolio committee, should some challenges arise.

The idea of the Roads Agency was reportedly conceived in 2011, during the ninth Parliament. The 10th Parliament was set up and dissolved, without anything being done in terms of setting up the agency. The agency is said to have the potential of making around E60 million a year and it could make more than that, as time went on.

## HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SLAMMED FOR

BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Lobamba

**THE Commission on Human Rights has been accused of under-performing by members of Parliament (MPs).**

The legislators have questioned the visibility and efforts made by the commission in advocating, prevention, promotion and monitoring of human rights violations through promotion and fostering the rule of law and good governance.

The Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration (CHRPA) was established in terms of Section 163 of the Constitution of the Kingdom

of Eswatini.

Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Pholile Shakantu said as much as the commission continued to advocate for human rights, they were faced with a number of challenges.

Among these challenges, the minister said the commission had inadequate human and financial resources against its massive mandate. She also said another challenge faced by the commission was the overlap in mandate with the Anti-Corruption Commission, which needed to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

This was stated during the House of Assembly portfolio committee

debate of the ministry of justice and constitutional affairs second quarter performance report in Senate on Tuesday.

Regardless of the challenges faced by the commission, the legislators questioned why the ministry did not intervene and make the commission functional as it was crucial.

### Enquired

MP Prince Kusa enquired why the ministry had not provided the necessary personnel as the commission was in line with the country's constitution.

"This commission is important and the situation around it should not be like this," he said.

He also enquired why the find-

ings made during the commission's investigations were not made public. He also raised a concern that the commission was not advocating for human rights and the only entity seen to be visibly advocating for human rights was the deputy prime ministers office yet the commission was there.

Ndzingeni MP Lutfu Dlamini said there were a number of cases involving the infringement of human rights that were left hanging due to the ineffectiveness of the commission.

He said another case in the Hhohho region involved a family that had been forced to abandon the only home they knew because the owner of the farm banned the family from



# OVER 5 000 CIRCUMCISED IN THREE MONTHS

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

**THE Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) has seen over 5 000 males being circumcised in the past three months.**

This is reflected in the ministry of health quarterly report, which shows that a total of 5 629 circumcisions were performed in the past three months.

During the three-month period, 51 per cent of the total number of circumcisions were performed in August during the second 'Back to School' campaign conducted nationally across all regions.

August saw 2 841 males circumcised while in July 1 432 were circumcised. The VMMC is one of the prioritised interventions that the country has adopted as an additional way of strengthening HIV prevention over the past months.

This is one of the projects that target males directly and also extends to sexual partners once they commence sexual activity.

The report states that it also offers a package that includes HIV testing services, age appropriate condom promotion and distribution, screening and treatment of sexually transmitted infections and risk reduction counselling.

The report also states that the programme aims at reaching a target of 70 per cent of males, aged 10 to 49 circumcised by the end of the year.

The circumcisions were conducted across multiple health facilities in all four regions.

In order to prepare healthcare professionals for the circumcision exercise, a total number of 473 completing cohort of students from Southern Africa Nazarene University, University of

Eswatini (UNESWA) and Christian Medical University and 25 nurses from facilities were trained. However, the ministry laments that it is unable to conduct in-service training of health care workers.

The ministry further reports that some clients who have tested positive for HIV are not initiated on ART immediately due to individual based reasons, including readiness.

Another HIV prevention tool, which is still new, introduced by the ministry is oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

A total of 1 534 people were initiated on oral pre-exposure prophylaxis in the current quarter.

The 1 534 comes from 73 health centres in the country. Hhohho region has 24 facilities that offer PrEP, making it the region with most people. Manzini comes second with 18 facilities, Shiselweni with 17 and lastly, Lubombo with 14.

## Hlane council member accused of stealing sickly man's land

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI  
Siteki

**A member of a council which oversees Hlane has been accused of abusing his powers by allocating himself land which belongs to a chronically ill resident.**

Hlane is under the leadership of a traditional council which is referred to as *Libandla*. The council is responsible for allocating land to residents, either by *kukhonta*, or those who want to extend already existing homesteads.

A member of the council, Gadla Tfwala is being accused of taking advantage of a sickly resident and grabbing his land for his own use.

The owner of the land, Gary Vilane has reported the matter to the King's Liaison Officer (*Ndabazabantu*) Makholokholo Khumalo for redress.

When speaking to this publication, Vilane disclosed that he acquired land at Hlane near Njokane through *kukhonta* in 2004. He was allocated land near the late Prime Minister Bamabas Dlamini's home and other notable figures in the community.

Vilane said he underwent all the traditional norms before the land was endorsed as his. A couple of years later, Vilane said he acquired a chronic illness which compelled him to visit hospital in South Africa, Johannesburg at least once every month.

He decided to stay at one of his homesteads in Matsapha to minimise the travelling costs.

Fast forward to 2019, Vilane said he received a report to the effect that his homestead at Hlane has been invaded by a person who is preparing to erect a structure of his own. It transpired that the person was a member of the traditional council.

Upon making an inquiry, Vilane said he was told that his land was too big for one man. Vilane said what confused him more was the mere fact that the person who was 'forcefully' occupying his land was the very same individual who has a voice in allocating land to residents.

When I enquired about this anomaly, Tfwala boasted that he has royal blood and I would never win a case against him," said Vilane as he struggled to maintain his strength. Vilane said he eventually reported the matter to *Ndabazabantu* where it was deliberated intensively.

The King's Liaison officer confirmed having received a complaint from Vilane. Khumalo said his office attended to the matter and made a ruling.

"Our findings indicated that Tfwala abused his powers and trespassed into another resident's land and it was ordered that he must vacate the said land," said Khumalo. Khumalo said, however, it has been gathered that Tfwala defied the ruling and continued to clear the land in preparation to erect a structure. He said his office has once again summoned both parties to a meeting which is scheduled for next week.

## UNDER-PERFORMANCE

ever setting foot in the farm.

"This is not right and the commission should do something about it," said Dlamini.

Motshane MP Robert Magongo said recently he was in Arusha in Tanzania, where he attended a human rights court event. The legislator said he was shocked as he noticed that there was no human rights judge representing Eswatini.

He wondered why that was the case. He added that the reason for enquiring was because the minister of justice and constitutional affairs report indicated that the commission was active.

He enquired where human rights focused cases were deliberated on.

"The human rights court headquarters for African countries is housed in

Arusha but surprisingly there is no representative of the country in the court," he said.

Minister Shakantu said in the period under review, three deputy commissioners were appointed.

She also said in an effort to mitigate the shortage of staff in the commission, support has been solicited from the Royal Eswatini Police Service and His Majesty's Correctional Services for the secondment of the commission's officials.

She added that the commission has received 47 cases for investigations, of these, 18 were referred to other agencies, three required legal advice and six were investigated and finalised while 15 were still pending. She said the commission has also on its own accord investigated five cases.



**Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Pholile Shakantu.**

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**OZONE FRIENDLY: Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati handing over the equipment to SRA Commissioner General Dumisani Masilela yesterday at Mountain Inn Hotel.**

## UNDP buys over E600 000 equipment for 8 border posts

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE  
Mbabane

**THE United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has once again sponsored the Kingdom of Eswatini with 11 ozone depleting substances identification equipment worth E617 804.**

The handover was held at the Mountain Inn Hotel yesterday. The equipment was specifically donated to the Eswatini Revenue Authority (SRA) and it will be used by the customs officers in the eight commercial border posts in the kingdom.

When handing over the equipment, Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati said the Kingdom of Eswatini is grateful to the international partners, the Ozone Secretariat under UNEP and Multilateral Fund for the continued support in enabling the country to comply with the obligations of playing a pivotal role in eliminating ozone depleting substances.

The 11 refrigerant identifiers will assist custom officers to analyse the contents of refrigerants being imported, thus preventing the smuggling of ozone depleting substances into the country. The minister said identifiers would assist in verifying the contents of each ozone depleting substance cylinder as importers may

falsely label them. "This material is useful in the analysing of the composition of the ODS, refrigerants, their blends and also in the identification of hydrocarbons which have zero ozone depleting potential and low global warming potential," Vilakati said.

He further stated that the Eswatini Environment Authority (EEA), through the National Ozone Unit, collaborates with the SRA in the effective implementation of the regulations by monitoring importation or exportation of ozone depleting substances in all the ports of entry in the kingdom as mandated by Section 14 of the Ozone Depleting Substances Regulation of 2003.

He said the collaboration between the two organisations was highly recognised by the government as demonstrated by the multitudes of illegal ODS consignments detained in the ports of entry. Vilakati said since the inception of the ODS phase out programme, 130 custom officers have been trained as part of the capacity building component of the programme.

"It is of paramount importance that we continue to collaborate as well in the ODS training of the officers and if possible sustain these capacity building initiatives to ensure that our officers are aligned with what is happening within the region and globally," he said.

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# ESWATINI LEADS WORLD IN CERVICAL CANCER RATE

STORIES BY SIFISO DLAMINI  
Mbabane

**CERVICAL cancer is a grave threat to women in Eswatini, and must be taken seriously as the country has the highest rate of cervical cancer in the world.**

This was revealed by United States Ambassador to Eswatini Lisa Peterson during the launch of the Hhohho and Shiselweni regional police clinic facilities held at Mbabane old police station yesterday.

She said in Eswatini, more than 75 out of every 100 000 women had cervical cancer in 2018, which was the highest rate among the 185 countries evaluated. She mentioned that by comparison, in the US, the cervical cancer incidence rate was 7.6 per 100 000 women.

The ambassador encouraged all women to go for cervical cancer and breast cancer screening.

She also encouraged men to consider voluntary medical male circumcision, which could both prevent cervical cancer among their partners and improve men's chances of not contracting HIV. Peterson commended the collaboration between the ministry of health and the REPS for setting up police wellness centres.

"It is through joint efforts such as these that vital health and well-being services were brought to communities, improving health care access for everyone," she said.

She said it was often difficult for people in for-

mal sector employment to find time to visit health facilities and a facility tailored to the needs of police officers improved the likelihood that they would seek services in a timely manner.

She noted that a majority of police officers were men, and there was a growing body of research that suggested that men globally had poor healthcare seeking behaviour, especially for preventive and wellness services, as well as when conditions became severe.

She said men in Eswatini were much less likely to be aware of their HIV status than women and came for treatment later. She added that this behaviour actively exposed the men's partners to the risk of contracting HIV.

She added that these centres located on site would provide police officers and the neighbouring communities with comprehensive health care and easy, confidential access to HIV testing and improved medication.

The ambassador stated that the US Government through its President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) was proud to have partnered with the ministry of health and the REPS to help make health services more accessible for the police and communities around the facilities.

She thanked the implementing partners for their support in ensuring these wellness centres were fully functional and met the standards required for a full-service health care facility.

She further applauded Cabinet for steps taken as it sought to provide quality health services for all the people of Eswatini.



**APPRECIATING:** Representative of the Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi, Dr Vusi Magagula with the Police NatCom, senior police officers and US Ambassador Lisa Peterson. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

## This is another milestone - Lizzy

**MINISTER of Health Lizzy Nkosi, who was represented by the Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula at the REPS clinics launch, said yesterday marked another milestone in the relationship between the ministry and the police service.**

"A healthy police force means a safe Eswatini and so nothing is more important to government than improving healthcare for the police officers and the general public all around the country," she said.

She said the ministry was cognisant of the fact that a majority of the police officers were males, which the ministry was still struggling to reach with healthcare services due to many reasons.

She said the health services would improve the lives of the police officers and assured the male patients that professionalism and confidentiality was a priority to health workers.

The minister also thanked the efforts made by the health workers in ensuring that high quality health services were provided in the facilities. She said the ministry was committed to ensuring adequate drug supplies in the facilities and said they were optimistic that the services provided would soon expand to include HIV testing and counseling as well as ART initiation. She also conveyed a word of thanks and appreciation to the US government for supporting the country's health initiatives.

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##### THE JOB:

Reporting to the Finance Manager-Operations, the purpose of the job is to ensure that month end procedures are implemented; and to provide accurate, reliable and complete historic financial information to all stakeholders timeously.

##### KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:

- Ensure that Group Record to report policies, processes and procedures are properly implemented and adhered to.
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- Responsible for the intercompany process for the company.
- Review the monthly Country on a Page with balance sheet variance notes.
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- Prepare annual financial statements for Ubombo Sugar Limited including subsidiary companies.
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- Drive financial reporting and internal control improvements initiatives by coordinating development focused workshops and interventions.
- Manage and review Green House Gas (GHG) reporting.

##### THE APPLICANT:

- A qualified CA or CIMA
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- Systems administration experience
- Eswatini Institute of Accountants professional membership or a Recognised International Accounting Body
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- Carry out all reporting relating to Treasury as required by Ubombo Sugar and the Illovo Group.
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- Oversee and manage internal controls relating to treasury and work with Internal and External Audit during the planning and carrying out of the audit.
- Maintain and develop relationships with banking institutions and understand the relative strengths of each of these banking partners.

##### THE APPLICANT:

- Bachelor of Commerce degree in Accounting or Equivalent.
- CIMA / ACCA / CA or Equivalent is an added advantage.
- 5 - 8 years relevant experience.
- Eswatini Institute of Accountants professional membership or a Recognised International Accounting Body.

##### THE REWARDS:

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# POLICE HEALTH FACILITIES TREAT OVER 320 PATIENTS DAILY

**ROYAL Eswatini Police Services (REPS) health facilities provide services to over 320 patients on a daily basis.**

The REPS is committed to providing quality health care services, not only to their members but the general public as well.

This was revealed by the National Commissioner of Police (NatCom) William Tsitsibala Dlamini during the official launch of the Hhohho and Shiselweni regional police clinic facilities held at the Mbabane old police station yesterday.

These facilities are an addition to two other clinics which became operational in 2016, located at the Matsapha Police Academy and Ngonini OSSU Base.

He said on a daily basis, the clinics combined rendered public health services to over 70 police officers and about 250 private patients, specialising in the provision of primary prevention services, quality medical care through treatment, care and support, as well as anti-retroviral therapy in a customer friendly environment with particular emphasis on cost-effectiveness, confidentiality and customer satisfaction.

Dlamini said the police service's endeavour to decentralise health services was an effort to implement the Police Health Strategy 2016-2022 whose primary aim was the provision of high quality preventive, curative and rehabilitative services that were relevant and accessible.

He said the initiative started as a mere human resource welfare issue, and has now become an essential instrument to address, not only the



**QUALITY:** The newly-opened clinic at the old Mbabane police station.

health, wellness and safety challenges for officers and their immediate family members, but also extended to clients and members of the public in the neighbouring communities.

He mentioned that the very nature of police work predisposed officers to a wide variety of diseases, danger, threat and traumatic experiences. All these elements contributed to making officers' lives susceptible to sicknesses and psychological overload.

"As we launch these two health facilities, our aim is to cushion officers from the impact of sickness, which invariably culminates to staff attrition due to obvious factors, such as low performance and poor service delivery in the workplace," he said.

He challenged all police officers to adopt and develop positive and healthy lifestyles by going for routine health check-ups, eat balanced meals, exercise regularly and keep fit, as well as proac-

tively attending to personal health issues.

He conveyed the REPS' sincere gratitude to the Government of the United States of America through the Ambassador to Eswatini Lisa Peterson, for taking the initiative in leading from the front in all matters relating to health, particularly on HIV prevention and treatment.

"The two clinic projects we are launching today would not have been such a great success without the generous funding and technical support from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in conjunction with Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF) in terms of on-site refurbishment, furniture and medical equipment," he said.

He also complimented Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi for her astute leadership acumen and her resolution to renew the long existing relationship between the police service and ministry of health. He said the ministry played a pivotal role in the procurement of appropriate medical supplies for the health facilities despite the challenging socio-economic environment in the country.

He added that the ministry also seconded two qualified nurses who were working with police nurses in an effort to effectively attend to the high number of patients attended to each day.

The NatCom also mentioned that as a police service, they would always prioritise occupational health and safety and ensure there was psycho-social support readily available for stress and trauma incidence victims.

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## Mabila Attorneys dump socialite 'Gauzen'

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Magistrate's Court

MBABANE entrepreneur and socialite Menzi 'Gauzen' Gama has accused his attorneys of breaching their initial agreement due to incessant hike of legal fees.

Gama, who was represented by Mabila Attorneys in a case where he has been accused of raping a young woman, revealed that he had paid the law firm a specific amount of money, which both parties had agreed upon.

This was after Gama's attorneys approached the court to apply for a withdrawal of legal services.

It is worth mentioning that Gama's trial was set to commence today and continue on November 20.

"My agreement with my attorneys stated that I was to pay a certain amount of money for them to handle the case throughout the duration of the trial.

I had already paid the full amount; however, every time there was to be an appearance before the court I was made to pay more money. I can no longer afford to pay more money than I already have," Gama stated.

Gama further informed the court that his attorneys recommended a South African attorney to handle his matter, however, he was discouraged when he discovered that the new attorney would charge almost E18 000 for each court appearance.

"Your Worship, my business is not doing as well as it used to and I am only a small time businessman. I had requested a lawyer friend

...as socialite claims breach of agreement due to hike in legal fees.

of mine to represent me during the course of the trial, at lower rates. I cannot afford the kind of money that Mabila Attorneys wants from me," he emphasised.

Presiding Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi informed Gama that the court's hands were tied, as it was unaware of the country's attorney fees.

"The court cannot comment or issue an order with regards to the agreement you had with your attorneys.

Please attempt to seek legal counsel so that your matter can commence," the judicial officer stated.

### Court

After informing the court that he needed at least two months to hire an attorney to represent him, the court postponed his matter to February 6, 2020 for resetting of his matter.

According to previous reports, Gama was arrested and charged with rape on March 25, 2018, when he was said to have raped a 28-year-old woman.

Gama reportedly committed the offence at his place of abode in Mahwalala, after a drinking spree at the popular hangout spot Solani's Shisanyama.

After his arrest, Gama vehemently denied commission of the offence in his urgent bail application before the High Court.

Through his attorney Linda Dlamini of Mabila Attorneys, he stated that the sexual intercourse between the two parties was consensual.

## Wife told me to tear marriage certificate - dejected man

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Magistrate's Court

AFTER having been married for a year, a man claimed that his wife asked him to tear up their marriage certificate, as she was no longer interested in the marriage.

A heartbroken Leonard Simelane claimed that after a few months of marriage, his wife packed her bags and left for her paternal homestead.

Simelane has since approached the court to file for divorce on grounds of malicious desertion, after his wife deserted their matrimonial home on July 3.

"She just started displaying anger towards me for no reason whatsoever, and she would tell me numerous times that she would pack her bags and go back to her paternal home. This was until she eventually did so in July 2019," Simelane stated.

According to Simelane, his wife's words stung him, as she asked that he must not refer to her as his wife, and he should not refer to himself as her husband.

"She told me in the face that I should tear our marriage certifi-

cate apart, and that I should do whatever I wanted with it as she did not care about our marriage anymore. That was when I approached her father to ascertain the root cause of his daughter's anger. However, I never received any responses from them," Simelane emphasised.

Simelane added that he knew his marriage was in trouble when, after meeting with her father, his wife sent him a text message asking him to burn all her belongings. "The heated text message from my wife stated that I should burn all her belongings she had left in our home, as she did not intend coming back to get them. She emphasised that she did not want to see me again.

I am pleading with the court to request her to come back to me, so that we can resolve our problems as I still love her," he added.

Simelane and his wife were married through civil rites in November 2018 in Matsapha, after which they established their matrimonial home at Sidvashini.

The court ordered that Simelane be granted a final decree of divorce, in the event that his wife did not restore conjugal rights within 14 days.

# ESWATINI COMMITS TO UN CALL ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS

STORIES BY BODWA MBINGO  
(In Nairobi, Kenya, Courtesy of UNFPA)

THE country has made its commitment towards the United Nations drive to ensuring that women's reproductive health and rights are protected fully in countries globally.

Minister of Economic Planning and Development Dr Tambo Gina yesterday made this commitment in the ongoing Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 currently taking place in Kenya's capital city.

ICPD stands for the International Conference on Population and Development; a 1994 meeting in Cairo where 179 governments adopted a revolutionary Programme of Action and called for women's reproductive health and rights to take centre stage in national and global development efforts.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the ICPD.

This year, the governments of Kenya and Denmark and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) are co-convening the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 a conference to mobilise the political will and financial commit-



**COMMITTED:** Minister of Economic Planning and Development Dr Tambo Gina delivering the country's commitment at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 in Kenya yesterday. (Pics: Bodwa Mbingo)

ments urgently needed to fully implement the ICPD Programme of Action.

During the summit, countries have been called upon to make specific commitments towards the drive that are attainable, relevant and time bound.

### Presenting

Minister Gina, presenting Eswatini's national commitments, first highlighted the country's Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence (SODV) Act of 2018 as one tool that has assisted the country make strides in as far as the ICPD Agenda is concerned.

He told the gathering that the plan is to scale up comprehensive, quali-

ty and integrated health services taking advantage of the 4th information, communication and technology (ICT) generation, with a focus on HIV prevention and prevention of teenage pregnancy as well as maternal health promotive strategies by 2030 through scaling up innovative HIV, sexual and reproductive and health rights initiatives, especially for adolescents and young people; delivering quality health services, in particular maternal and neonatal care services at all levels of care; strengthening the capacity of schools of nursing and midwifery to graduate competent front-

## On Time investors run to court

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
High Court

SOME of the individuals who invested their monies into On Time Investments (Pty) Limited have run to court where they are seeking a relief.

Ten of the investors yesterday filed an urgent application at the High Court

for an order compelling the company to compensate them of their investments.

Sibusiso Dlamini and nine others who are applicants in the matter filed the application under a certificate of urgency.

They are represented by Mbabane based lawyer Vusi Thomo of Thomo, Maziya Attorneys law firm in the matter.

On Time Investments is the same company whose offices were recently stormed by over 100 people who were demanding an explanation after being informed that it had cut off its business relationship with them.

Dlamini is demanding payment of E158 125 in respect of his investments with the company.

Principal Judge Qinisile Mabuza about two weeks ago issued an order

## Family of four attacked set alight inside family car

BY SANDILE NKAMBULE  
High Court

FOUR members of a family, including their father, were attacked with the family car doused with petrol and set alight.

The head of the family was torched to death. The gruesome incident happened at Etimphandze in the Shiselweni region, where four men were eventually arrested in connection with the murder of the deceased. Simon Ngomane Zwane, Siphon Mfanimpela Zwane, Veli Mbandzeni Mamba and Sibusiso Zwane have since been indicted at the High Court for the murder of Mndobandoba Masuku.

....father torched to death  
...four suspects in the murder case have since been indicted at the High Court

According to the indictment, they are facing a total of four counts with the first being the murder of the deceased, the second being assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm in that they assaulted Ntsandvo Masuku by hacking him with a bush-knife with the intent to kill him. The third being assault common in that they unlawfully assaulted Phila Masuku with stones on the head while on the last count, they are charged with malicious injury to property in that they

set the car alight.

According to one of the witnesses Melusi Masuku, who is a victim and was present at the scene of crime, he was in the car with the deceased, Ntsandvo and Ndoda Mathunjwa as Mathunjwa was driving for his father, the deceased while he (Melusi) was seated on the front seat of the vehicle and the minor child, Ntsandvo was at the back seat.

He states that in the indictment that while travelling home towards





**HEAD TURNER:** Part of the many summit participants that took turns to take pictures with the Eswatini youth group on Tuesday.

## Emaswati a head-turner at Nairobi Summit

**ESWATINI continues to enjoy the benefits of relentlessly preserving its unique culture.**

Such was very glaring at the opening ceremony of the ongoing Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 in Kenya's capital on Tuesday.

At least 11 youth members from the country that are taking part in the summit were head-turners within the city while clad

in their full traditional regalia. Almost every participant of the summit wanted a piece of them as they lined up to take photos with them.

The participants constantly asked where this youth delegation was from and in every session that the group members went to they caught all the attention.

line health care workers to deliver quality health services and improving the supply-chain management for health commodities, including reproductive health commodities in both public and private health facilities, with a focus on lifesaving maternal and newborn commodities.

"We also plan to scale up GBV

prevention, response and management by 2025 through establishing a local forensic unit; rolling out the one-stop centre initiative to cover all four regions of Eswatini and ensure that the one stop centres are functional; improving frontline response initiatives and strengthening the legal framework including the 2018 Sexual Offences



and Domestic Violence Act and National Guidelines to End GBV in order to ensure that all affected individuals receive integrated and quality services," he stated.

The minister further disclosed that government also plans to strengthen national data systems including the civil registration and vital statistics so as to meet the needs of the Strategy for Sustainable Development and Inclusive Growth as well as Agenda 2030, including the review of the 1967 Statistics Act by 2025.

He said another plan is to improve investments in young people to capitalise on the demographic dividend by 2030 through increasing budgetary allocation towards programmes for young people, establishing a national internship programme within government, the private sector; and among development partners, undertaking a full rollout of the vocational and life skills training programme and ensuring that young people with disabilities are also taken on board.

"We further plan on strengthening leadership of young people in decision making positions as

well as their participation across all level and operationalising the National Education Sector Policy to ensure that teenage mothers are able to complete their education by 2030.

We will also mobilise the required financing to finish the ICPD Programme of Action and sustain the gains already made by packaging some activities into projects that can be considered to secure funding from national and international sources to improve the quality of life of the younger population, skills development and strengthening institutions responsible for the implementation ICPD programme of action by 2025," he concluded.

Meanwhile, the minister is leading a delegation of 11 young people from various civil society organisations in Eswatini, seven government officials from the ministry of economic planning and development and the ministry of health, a senior journalist from Eswatini Observer and Maseyisini Member of Parliament (MP) Mduduzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini.

**NB: Read more on the Nairobi Summit in the Saturday Observer.**

## More children, adolescents on ART in 2019

**BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE**  
*Mbabane*

**THERE was an increase in the number of children and adolescents on antiretroviral treatment (ART) in 2019.**

According to a second quarter performance report for the ministry of health, there is a significant increase in the number of children and adolescents who are on ART compared to 2018. Currently, there are 8 908 children and adolescents under the ART treatment.

In every six weeks this year, compared to 2019, there was a noted one per cent increase. The report states that new formulations have been improved by World Health Organisation raltegravir for neonates. New adolescents are being initiated.

This is due to the fact that adolescents are sexually active and are being infected by HIV. Since 2014, teenage pregnancy has been increasing by 14.6 per cent.

The ministry, according to the report, has introduced several activities to improve the numbers. The ministry has launched teen clubs which are supported by regional health partners in order for them to function.

Secondly, the use of DBS viral load which help with paediatrics phlebotomy. This has been a problem for health workers and targets only the under fives.

The ministry also has an Early Infant Diagnosis Point-Of-Care (EID POC) pilot and 19 platforms have been placed in facilities and the project will end next month.

Global Fund was asked to fund the project. The ministry has also strengthened birth testing where government working with SRH will be using POC and convectional method till next month. The future of the above stated programmes will be determined by Global Fund support.

The ministry also listed several challenges that they encounter in the ART. In the report, the ministry stated that the paediatric has not reached the targeted 90 per cent.

This is because some parents refuse or delay their children from being enrolled on ART despite getting HIV results early.

Another challenge highlighted in the report is that the viral suppression has not reached 90 per cent. In addition to the challenges, it was noted that teenage pregnancy is still on the rise as well as new infections in adolescents.

A total number of 210 sensitisation workshops on PCS concepts to healthcare workers and community care givers were held. These figures are contained under psychological care and support programme activities for the period of July to September.

These orientation workshops provide an excellent opportunity to introduce the concept of self-care, stress management and team building concept to health-care workers.

These were regional psychologists. 120 juvenile educators were also trained. Regional psychologists were able to counsel 28 patients.

The individual counsellings were sessions carried per request and in collaboration with the wellness focal person

to freeze bank accounts belonging to Sukke On Time Investments (PTY) Limited.

The interim order by the principal judge came after one of the aggrieved clients of the company, through his attorney Linda Dlamini, moved an urgent application at the High Court.

Among those who invested are civil servants, former politicians, businesspeople, pensioners and general members of the public.

Since the company declared that it had severed its business dealings

with them, the investors have been demanding a refund of the monies they invested plus interest thereof.

### Similar

One of the other applicants who recently filed a similar application Zwelithini Mndzebele of Manzini, claimed to have invested a sum of E143 750 with On Time Investments.

The applicants in the matter informed the court that they entered into an agreement with the company and alleged that it was the material term of the agreement that the company would lease photo-

copying machines to third parties for rental and in turn would be paid monies for the period agreed upon.

### Agreement

Mndzebele averred that in the agreement he had with the company, they were to pay him a sum of E12 500 per month per machine for a period of 48 months and the intended lease, rental agreement was to commence on June 6, 2019 and expire on June 6, 2023.

Mndzebele informed the court that in compliance with the agreement, he paid a total sum of E143

750 to the defendant's (company) bank account on June 6, and was issued with a receipt. But in breach of the agreement, the defendant has not paid the plaintiff (Mndzebele) the monthly sum of E12 500 for the months of September and October.

He averred that in the premise, the defendant was liable to him for the rentals for September and October in the sum of E25 000, plus the sum of E143 750 being a refund of the money invested plus interest.

alight. By then the deceased could not get out of the car and he burned to death in the process.

This witness then got the opportunity to flee but the first accused pursued him.

He managed to outpace the accused person who only hit him with a stone on his ear.

The witness further stated that he ran towards a homestead belonging to a Sihlongonyane family where he reported the whole ordeal and sought for help.

By then deceased's car was up in flames as they were at a distance.

Other residents were alerted and they proceeded to the car and found that the deceased had been burnt to death inside the car before members of the Royal Eswatini Police Service were called.

# STOP the VIOLENCE

Mphandzeni road, they suddenly came across rocks which had blocked the road and in a bid to gain access to the road leading home, the vehicle stopped and he came out to remove the rocks.

However, just when he was removing the rocks, a hail of stones flew towards their car and that is

when they started screaming in a bid to raise an alarm to nearby homesteads within the area.

He stated that everyone in the car tried to jump out and escape through windows and he opened the rear door to pull out the minor child, however, in the process, the first accused (Simon) obstructed

him while carrying a bushknife which he used in hacking the minor child with his right hand almost cut off in the process.

He further stated that another person appeared carrying a petrol container and doused the car while the deceased was still struggling to get out before the car was set



# RSSC'S THEMBELISHA GIVES HOPE TO SHEWULA CARE POINTS

BY OBSERVER REPORTER  
Shewula

**THEMBELISHA** Preparatory School continued to assist two Shewula care points with non-perishable foodstuff and books donated by the pupils.

Thembelisha follows in the footsteps of the parent company, the Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation (RSSC) in being an active contributor to the socio economic development of Eswatini.

Thembelisha Principal Gina Marucchi said; "From success to significance - with this in mind, the Thembelisha family collected the usual non-perishable foodstuff that are taken annually to two Shewula care points, but this time we wanted to leave some-



**PARCELS:** A section of the pupils pose with the donated food parcels.

thing that could continue for more than a couple of weeks.

"The Junior Preparatory made big books on different topics, with lots of pictures and the words written both

in siSwati and English.

"The pages were covered in plastic contact, to enhance the life of the books. Plastic bottle-tops were collected and holes drilled through each

lid - these are used to thread onto string/cord - enhancing hand eye co-ordination, dexterity and concentration." She added that all the children were so intrigued and enthusiastic

about the books and the threading and it created an ever lasting impression on the Thembelisha Grade 3's and 6's who enjoyed sharing these activities with the little ones.

"More of this type of outreach programmes should be done. We need to be robust in our thinking and move beyond food parcels (although still included), to a place where a more lasting impact can be made."

RSSC Group Public Affairs Manager Sifiso Nyembe, who is also the school's manager, said; "The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honourable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

"As a company, we are instilling life skills and values to these children that will make them better and stronger leaders of tomorrow. For them to go all out and assist their peers, they will know that there is always a less fortunate individual that one can assist and change that person's life for the better. There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up," Nyembe added.

**EDUCATION IS POWER:**  
A pupil assists the children at the care point with a reading exercise.



**YOUNG STAR:**  
A Thembelisha pupil plays a game with a child at the care point.



## MTN records increase in MoMo deposits

BY NONGCEBO DLAMINI  
Manzini

**AFTER** witnessing a two-month decline in the funds deposited into MTN Mobile Money, there is a notable increase in deposits at the close of October.

In the last two months, the total amount deposits dropped by E6.6 million in August, while in September it dropped by E5.6 million. However, by the end of October, the total funds deposited into MTN MoMo increased by E18.4 million.

MTN Eswatini Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondvo said the increased rate was also notable in the last month. There was also an improvement in the payment of water and tax payments.

He said this meant that MTN MoMo customers were using the payment platform to enjoy the convenience of paying for different services in the convenience of their home.

"A few years ago, MTN introduced the payment of nine different government taxes through MoMo. The money deposited and used within MTN MoMo has also improved by E7.5 million by the end of October," he added.

Lumphondvo said from an overall drop of E9.7 million in September, MTN MoMo registered an overall improvement of E53.7 million by the end of October.

He said as the festive season draws closer, it is expected that the performance of MTN MoMo would continue to improve as users distribute annual savings and make payments in the convenience of their homes rather than physically moving from one outlet to the next.

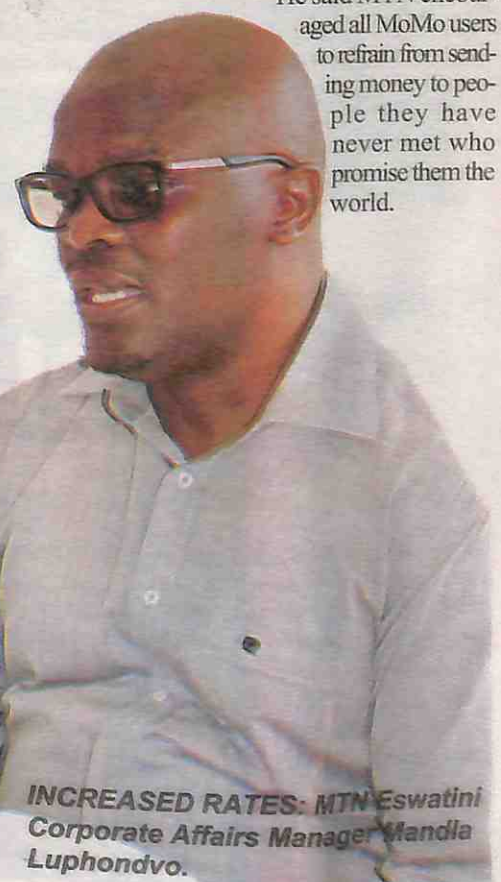
He added that MTN Eswatini encouraged the use of safe plat-

forms like MoMo to reduce incidents of lost or stolen cash.

"As customers move their salaries, annual savings and bonuses, to pay for different services, they must always keep their PIN safe to ensure that the platform remains safe for users," he said.

Lumphondvo said as they head towards the festive season, there would be different typologies of fraud. He said most of these approaches used by fraudsters appeal to different vulnerable groups, and promise prospects for employment, for instance.

He said MTN encouraged all MoMo users to refrain from sending money to people they have never met who promise them the world.



**INCREASED RATES:** MTN Eswatini Corporate Affairs Manager Mandla Lumphondvo.



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| No. 1 | SRA 2019/018 | Managed Print Services | 29 November 2019 |

Proposals are hereby invited from suitably qualified suppliers for the provision of Managed Print Services for the Eswatini Revenue Authority.

Tenderers should submit the following:

- Business Profile with Three Trade References where similar work was undertaken
- An Original valid Tax Clearance Certificate
- A valid certified copy of Trading License
- A current certified copy of Form J endorsed by the Registrar of Companies
- A current certified copy of Form C endorsed by the Registrar of Companies
- A certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation
- Certified Copies of National IDs of Company's Directors
- Police Clearance Certificates of Company Directors listed in Form J
- A current certified copy of Labour Compliance Certificate
- Declaration of Eligibility

All Interested and suitable qualified vendors who wish to provide the above services for SRA must visit the SRA website at [www.sra.org.sz](http://www.sra.org.sz) for the Expression of interest document and the Eswatini Public Procurement Regulatory Agency website at [www.sppra.co.sz](http://www.sppra.co.sz)

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# MAN CLAIMS HE WATCHED GANG MEMBER RAPE WOMAN

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**IN a rather bizarre case, a witness in a rape case testified to the effect that the suspect raped the survivor while he 'watched'.**

In his evidence in chief, Mxolisi Thwala told the court that he was returning from a night vigil at Gelekezeni when the incident occurred.

"I offered a young lady a lift, who requested that I drop her off at her rented flat near Siwela Umphakatsi. Along the way, I stopped to buy myself a cold beverage and I noticed a large group of men seated around a bonfire, where it seemed they were burning stadium chairs. After discovering that the bar was closed, I drove towards the woman's place of abode to drop her off," Thwala recalled.

Thwala added that as he dropped the woman off, she asked him to accompany her to her door, as she was afraid of thugs, especially the notorious gang, AmaBenjamini.

"I walked her to her door and as I turned around to return to my car, the large

group of men accosted me and forced me into her one-room flat. I noticed that the ring leader was carrying a 60 centimetre long knife, which also seemed to have been home made.

The other members of the gang entered the flat and helped themselves to various items belonging to the woman, while the ringleader threatened to stab us with the knife," he stated.

According to Thwala, while the other gang members left the flat to break into his car parked outside, the ringleader instructed both of them to undress.

"He ordered me to remove my trousers and climb on the woman's bed. He also ordered me to close my eyes, or he will stab us.

I obliged, and as I sat on the bed, I heard him order the woman to undress so that he could rape her. All this time, she was begging him not to rape her, as he had already helped himself to her belongings.

At this point, I was helpless as I was afraid he would kill us," Thwala stated, much to the shock of the court. The ringleader, true to his word, proceeded to rape the woman, while Thwala sat

on the bed with his eyes closed.

However, Thwala claimed that after some time, he decided to open one eye and when he did, it was his saving grace.

"With one eye open, I noticed that the perpetrator had placed the home made knife beside the bed and on the floor.

I also observed that the knife had a shoelace attached to it, which I knew that if I pulled it, I would get the knife and finally have the upper hand.

## Perpetrator

Unfortunately, the perpetrator saw me reach for the knife and a scuffle ensued.

We fought over the knife and after some time, I overpowered him and after seeing that he did not stand a chance, he ran off into darkness.

That was when we raised an alarm and the woman was taken to the hospital for examination," Thwala explained.

Thwala informed the court that, before he handed the knife over to the police as an exhibit, he elected to conduct his own investigation on its owner.

"I asked people around the community to assist me in finding the owner of the knife and I discovered that it belonged to a man named Sibusiso Dlamini, who

was linked to the AmaBenjamini gang. I duly informed the police of my findings, thus handing the knife in as evidence.

Funny enough, before I dropped the woman at her place of abode, I saw Dlamini sitting around the fire with a large group of men.

They must have seen me and followed us to the woman's home," Thwala concluded. Sibusiso Dlamini, alongside Delisa Vilakati, are facing charges of rape and robbery in another matter.

The victim in that case gave evidence to the effect that one of the perpetrators was carrying a knife similar to the one Thwala described.

The knife handed in as evidence in the case by Thwala was linked to the rape case, which saw another woman being raped at knife point, allegedly by two perpetrators.

Vilakati, who is the area's *umgijimi*, has disputed all evidence presented to the court, claiming that none of the evidence brought by the Crown's witnessed directly linked him to the rape.

The matter was postponed to a later date.



**BEFORE HER:**  
Principal Magistrate  
Fikile Nhlabatsi.

**Mother claims  
she sells  
dagga for food**

BY VUYILE DLAMINI  
Mbabane Magistrate's Court

**A mother has claimed that starvation has been the main reason why she saw it fit to sell dagga.**

Lobayeni Magagula (49) will join the thousands of dagga dealers behind bars, after she was found to have been in illegal possession of dagga.

Claiming that her four children needed to be fed, Magagula explained that she was unemployed and the businesses she had started had failed, dismally. "Your Worship, I am aware that dagga is an illegal substance, however, the returns of sale for the product are profitable. I needed to feed my children and I saw that selling dagga was the only way to do so. Magagula was arrested and charged with contravening the Pharmacy Act, after she was found to have been in possession of 5.5 kilograms of dagga. She was found to have been in possession of the illegal substance on November 11, 2019 at KaNcesi area.

After hearing her mitigation, Principal Magistrate Fikile Nhlabatsi sentenced Magagula to pay a fine of E3 000 and in default of payment, serve two years in prison for being in possession of dagga.

## Siblings arrested for dagga possession

BY BONGUMUSA SIMELANE  
Mbabane

**TWO siblings and their cousin were on Monday arrested by the police after they were found in possession of dagga.**

The family members from Nkhungwini in the Shiselweni region were arrested after the police raided their homestead following a tip-off from members of the public.

According to impeccable sources, the police stormed the homestead in the early hours on Monday where they found the trio sleeping. Upon arrival at the homestead, the police searched the house where the three were sleeping and dagga consignments were found stashed in refuse bags.

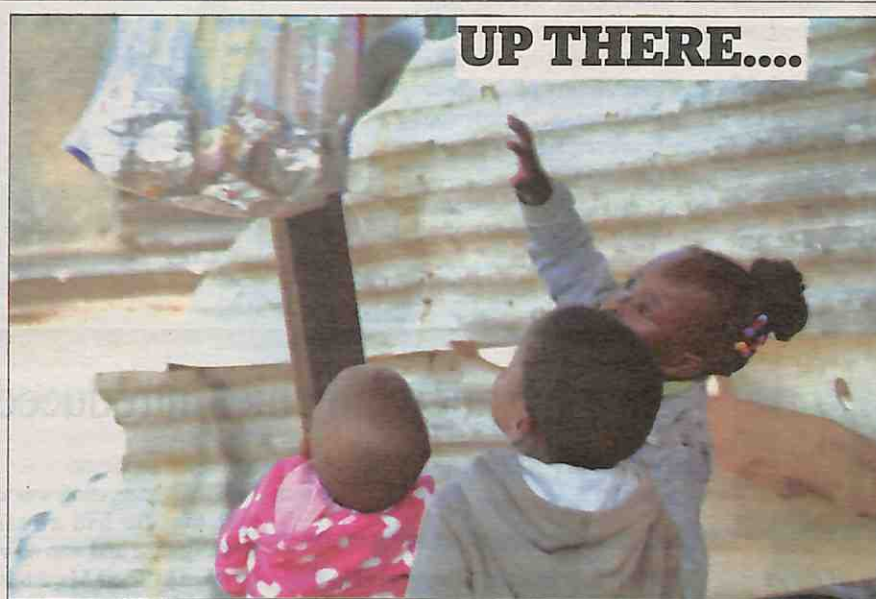
It is reported that the suspects tried to flee the scene after the arrival of the law enforcers but were swiftly apprehended as the police fired warning shots which prompted the trio to surrender. The names of the suspects are withheld as they still have to appear before court. The three are said to be aged between 22 to 28.

Sources revealed that the men have been involved in the illegal dagga trade for quite some time now and they smuggle it into neighbouring South Africa.

"They have been making a living through the trade of dagga and they have never ever worked before. This has been their way of life and it is not the first time they have been raided by the police," said the source.

There have been other similar incidents in the area and surrounding places where police have raided dagga growers which resulted in some suspects being arrested.

One area in the Shiselweni region is in Hosea where last year police sprayed quite a number of dagga fields after receiving tip off from members of the public. Police Information and Communications Officer Senior Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the arrest of the three. She said they were still to appear before court.



**UP THERE....**

**ONE FOR ME:**  
Children take  
turns as they  
try to snatch  
some snacks  
which were on  
sale at a spaza  
shop in  
Msunduza yes-  
terday.

(Pic: Mduduzi  
Mngomezulu)

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## Light rain brings hope to Lavumisa

BY STARKY MKHONTA  
Lavumisa

**THE rain received in the last couple of days has brought hope to the people of Lavumisa, as the rivers and dams in the area had dried up.**

There are reports that due to the dry spell in the area livestock had started dying.

In one homestead, it was gathered that two cows valued at E15 000 were lost.

Jabulani Dlamini who has invested a lot in his livestock said it was a setback for him to lose the two cows a week ago. It is believed it was a result of the drought which has started being experienced.

Areas that were hard hit by the dry spell are around Matsanjeni South constituency such as Qomintaba.

According to Bucopho of Qomintaba Doctor Dlamini, they were still nursing hope that things would return to normal.

He said though they received some showers in the past two or three days, it was not something they could be thrilled about as it would take some time for the dry rivers and dams to return back to 'life'. He said to claim that the rain received was enough

would be misleading as there has not been much improvement in their dams or rivers.

"What we have received are just drops. Otherwise nothing has changed in terms of the rivers and dams. There is a need for more rain and with the few drops received, we want to believe it is the beginning of good things to come. The few drops received will impact positively on the vegetation including grass which is good news for our animals.

Otherwise, we are still looking forward to real rain in order for us and the animals to survive," said Dlamini. Dlamini said to prove that the few drops received were not enough, farmers have not started ploughing or tilling the soil.

### Expecting

"We are still expecting good rainfall so we can start to plough the fields. The way things are right now, it is no different than it was during winter," said Dlamini.

Matsanjeni South Member of Parliament Bomber Mamba also confirmed that they received rain recently but it was not enough to brag about. He said there was, however, still hope that there would be enough rainfall to enable farmers to start ploughing.

"What we received, we can't say it's rain but just a few drops," said MP Mamba.



**HOPES:** The rain received in the last couple of days has brought hope to the people of Lavumisa.

## ANC hails release of 'comrade' former Brazil president Lula

**JOHANNESBURG - The African National Congress yesterday welcomed the release of former Brazilian president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva from prison.**

This was after the Supreme Court of Brazil ordered his release until all available appeal processes had been exhausted. Lula was jailed in April last year after being convicted for corruption and money laundering. Yesterday the ANC applauded the Supreme Court ruling, saying it upheld the rule of law and maintained the independence and integrity of the judiciary.

"We reaffirm our support for comrade President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and his progressive allies and the ideals for radical economic transformation that we jointly stand for. As a revolutionary movement, we are committed to the full liberation of our people,

which also includes economic liberation, in the spirit of international solidarity," it said.

It praised Lula for what it called his commitment to the cause of the struggle of the poor and his extraordinary track record to improve the living standards of the people of the country.

### Acknowledge

"The ANC also acknowledges the critical role that President da Silva and his successor President Dilma Rousseff (also from the Worker's Party) played, together with (former South African) President Jacob Zuma, in securing South Africa's entry into BRICS, and strengthening the overall world political and economic influence of this important economic block into the world socio economic arena."

*African News Agency*

# VACCINATIONS FOR PNEUMONIA INTRODUCED

BY NONDUDUZO KUNENE  
Mbabane

**THE Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi has urged parents to ensure that their children are vaccinated with Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PVC) in order to prevent pneumonia.**

The minister was speaking during a press conference that was aimed at giving an insight on pneumonia since Tuesday was World Pneumonia Day.

On November 12, all countries in the world commemorated the fight against Pneumonia. It is the biggest infectious killer of children in the world.

"It is one of the causes of preventable child deaths," she said.

Nkosi explained the day was meant to create awareness to the people about the disease, its symptoms, causes and treatments.

She added that this year was the 10th anniversary of the disease. She said pneumonia affected people of all ages, however, it is severe illness that may result in death.

"In the country, pneumonia is one of the top five causes of all illness and deaths in children," she said.

Due to the seriousness of the condi-



Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi.

tion, the Ministry of Health has introduced an immunisation schedule for children that included PVC which is given to children under the age of five to prevent pneumonia. She also urged all citizens of the country to ensure that they are seen by qualified health professionals when they experience symptoms of pneumonia.

Therefore the minister urged parents to ensure that their children are vaccinated with the vaccine.

She added that information that they

could require will be provided by clinics, health workers and public health units in the country.

### Signs and symptoms of pneumonia may include:

- Chest pain when you breathe or cough.
- Confusion or changes in mental awareness (in adults age 65 and older)
- Cough, which may produce phlegm.
- Fatigue.
- Fever, sweating and shaking chills.

## New Mbangweni chief introduced to Mathendele Township

BY STARKY MKHONTA  
Nhlango

**THE new chief of Mbangweni in the Shiselweni region was last Sunday unveiled to residents of Mathendele Township in Nhlango.**

The township is considered part of Mbangweni under Shiselweni II Inkhundla.

Mandla Matsebula is the one earmarked to take over the reins. He is the son of Ngudzu Matsebula who passed on a few years ago. Pat Gamedze, one of the elders at Mathendele Township said authorities from Mbangweni brought the chief in waiting to the meeting and introduced

him to the residents.

He said the meeting was also informed that Mandla had already been to BakaNgwane and was now a waiting to be taken to Their Majesties like the rest of the other candidates from other communities.

"In the meeting, the residents were informed that all the necessary procedures have been followed in the preparations of having the next chief endorsed. We were also informed that Mandla was already from meeting the Ludzidzini Council as part of the process when a new chief has to be appointed. We were also informed that the next stop was to Their Majesties as he (Mandla) must be blessed

by the country's authorities as the one recognised," said Gamedze.

Gamedze added that the current acting chief of Mbangweni Musa Matsebula was the one who introduced the man the clan had identified as the suitable one to become the next chief during the meeting attended by almost 300 residents.

"The acting chief, Musa was accompanied by some of the members of the ruling household of the ruling Matsebula clan and part of members of the inner council. He requested him just to greet us only and not to say anything else and that's exactly what the chief in waiting did. He waved to the crowd and returned to his seat," said Gamedze.



**SAFETY FIRST:** A traffic police officer on his way to chase some cows off the road at the foot of the Malagwane Hill yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



BY STARSKY MKHONTA  
Nhlengano

## Shiselweni Youth Business Expo 2019 next week

THE Shiselweni Regional Administration office has teamed up with the Eswatini National Youth Council (ENYC) and Nhlengano AIDS Training Information and Counselling Centre (NATICC) in hosting an annual Shiselweni Youth Business Expo 2019.

The business expo, which will be held for the first time, is scheduled for next Wednesday at Esizalwini Auditorium at Eswatini Water Services Corporation (EWSC) building in Nhlengano.

The aim of the business expo is to empower, educate and further give exposure to the youth of the region.

ENYC Regional Coordinator Theminkosi Hlatshwako said the stage was now set for the activity which will also see some of the successful entrepreneurs sharing their

experiences and giving tips to those keen in venturing into business. He said the business expo was also in line with Eswatini's Strategic Roadmap 2019-2022.

"This is where the youth of the region will have an opportunity of hearing from those that have made it in the business space and how challenges could be overcome. It's just a start and we want to see the youth

of the region make it in the business space. We will be having other key players some who have contributed in various ways in trying to uplift the country's economy," said Hlatshwako.

Hlatshwako said he was optimistic that after the business expo, there would be fruitful results and lives of the youth would change.

He said the plan was to have the youth business expo staged annual-

ly. He said the region which is known to be lagging behind in as far as development was concerned, events like the youth business expo can make a difference.

"We know equipping the youth with skills, it is investing wisely. This is what we are doing and as a region, we want to be counted as having played part in seeing the kingdom moving forward," said Hlatshwako.

## PRESS OFFICE IN-CHARGE OF THOSE PREPARED TO DIE FOR COUNTRY - PERCY

BY SIFISO NHLABATSI  
Mbabane

GOVERNMENT press office has come out to defend its officers from critiques who pointed out that it is not carrying out its duties efficiently.

In the past few months the government press office has been working overtime trying to shed light on a lot of issues affecting the citizenry.

The worsening economic situation and the questionable government spending habits have not made things easier for the press office as now and then the office had to give explanations to both local and international media on the operations of government.

This situation has seen Members of Parliament accusing the press office of not doing a good job. The parliamentarians stated that those supposed to speak on behalf of government sometimes make a mockery of things instead of properly



**RESPONSE: Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane.**

putting things into perspective.

Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane, in response to these allegations, said the govern-

ment press office is not in charge of those who have made a mockery of things. Simelane said instead the press office was in charge of those who are prepared to sacrifice a little for Eswatini.

The government spokesperson said they openly declared in 2015 that there is need to beef up the press office, thus the recruitment of ministerial communication officers. Simelane said these officers were currently undergoing on the job mentoring.

Over the last few months, the government press office has been very active as it has activated accounts on different social media platforms with the latest being Twitter, which was officially announced by Simelane.

This platform has been used by government to give updates and issue notices to the public.

However, it is worth noting that there has been no two-way communication between government and the public in these platforms as the press office simply posts stuff and rarely responds to questions raised by the public.

## Man jailed three years for brutal assault of another

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI  
Siteki

A domestic fight between two neighbours saw one of them being sent to the correctional services facility for three years after he was found guilty of assault.

Bhekithemba Ndabandzaba (38) of Maphungwane was alleged to have assaulted Sifiso Matsebula by hitting him with a knobstick several times on the head and body, leaving him with multiple injuries. The accused person appeared before the Magistrate's Court where he faced a charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

When the charge sheet was read to him, the accused pleaded guilty while conducting his own defence. He, however, argued that he acted in self-defence, saying the complainant was the one who attacked him.

### Engaged

The two men were said to have engaged in a fierce fight after they met along a pathway in their home area. They reportedly had long standing differences which emanated from a woman who was in a love triangle with both of them.

When presenting his evidence, the complainant told the court that he had to receive a number of stitches on the head and face after the accused person hit him with the knobstick. He said he was rescued by a neighbour who intervened in the assault as he attempted to fight back.

In mitigation, the accused person asked the court to be lenient when passing sentence. He maintained his stance that he acted in self-defence.

When issuing sentence, the court noted that the complainant sustained serious injuries which could have resulted to death if he was not rushed to hospital. For this, the accused person was sentenced to three years in a correctional facility with an option to pay E3 000 fine. The accused person was taken to the facility after he failed to pay for the fine.

## RAPE CHARGES A FABRICATION BY FAMILY - SUSPECT

BY WONDERBOY DLAMINI  
Siteki

A suspect who has been charged with rape told the court that the charges against him were a fabrication by some of his family members who want to see him sent to jail.

Sonkhe Masina appeared before the Magistrate's Court where he faced a charge of rape. He is alleged to have wrongfully and unlawfully had sexual intercourse with an elderly woman.

The charge is accompanied by aggravating factors in that the accused person inflicted the complainant with lifetime trauma following the incident.

He is further alleged to have exposed the complainant to the risk of contracting sexually transmitted infections. The crime is said to have been committed early last year before enactment of the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 2018.

### Commenced

When the matter eventually commenced trial, the accused person pleaded not guilty to the charge while conducting his own defence.

The crown paraded two witnesses who presented their evidence before court. One of the witnesses told the court that she found the accused person in the act of committing the crime. She stated that the accused person sneaked into the hut where the complainant was sleeping.

During cross-examination, the accused person disputed the evidence of the witness. He stated that the charges were fabricated by some of his family members who had personal issues with him. He alleged that the real feud between him and his family members was an estate which he was entitled to.

"Some family members want to send me to jail so that they can have access to my father's estate which includes farming fields," he said.

The accused person admitted to have visited the elderly woman's home on the day of the alleged incident. He stated that he went there to check on the elderly woman as per the norm for neighbours. The matter was eventually adjourned and ordered to return to court next Tuesday.

KWAZULU - Natal-Eskom said yesterday it was fixing the infrastructure that had been damaged by a severe storm and tornado that "wreaked havoc" in New Hanover, Pietermaritzburg, a day earlier.

Technicians found that 15 networks in the Mpolweni, Dalton, Wartburg, Albert Falls and Swayimani areas had been affected, leaving around 15 000 people without power.

"Supply to about 5 000 customers was restored overnight and work is currently going on to restore power

## KwaZulu-Natal fatal storm leaves 15 000 without power

to the rest of the affected customers," said Eskom's KwaZulu-Natal spokesperson Joyce Zingoni.

### Restoration

She said restoration would take longer than usual, as some structures and lines were down.

"Customers are urged to stay away from low hanging conductors and fallen structures."

People should treat all installations as live for safety reasons.

While the extent of the severe storms and tornado that hit parts of the province is yet to be determined, at least two people have been confirmed killed and 20 injured.

The injured were treated for minor to moderate injuries at the Mpolweni settlement near Wartburg on Tuesday

night. On Tuesday, the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Cogta) in KwaZulu-Natal activated councillors and volunteers to assist affected communities after a tornado hit New Hanover, Pietermaritzburg.

The tornado, according to the department, "ripped through the area, injuring scores of people and damaging

homes and public infrastructure".

This was confirmed to News24 by South African Weather Service (SAWS) forecaster Edward Engelbrecht: "It was a tornado on Tuesday afternoon in New Hanover, Pietermaritzburg."

He said a team was yet to rate the scale of the damage caused by the tornado. News24



## Shiselweni, Hhohho regional police clinics official opening



**APPLAUSE:** Representative of the Minister of Health Lizzy Nkosi, Dr Vusi Magagula being given a round of applause during the official opening of the Shiselweni and Hhohho Regional Police Clinics (Regpol) held yesterday. Also in the picture are the Assistant Commissioner Zanele Nxumalo, US Ambassador Lisa Peterson, National Commissioner of Police William Dlamini and Shiselweni Regional Commissioner Wendy Hleta. (Pics: Mduzuzi Mngomezulu)



**GRATEFUL:** The commissioner, ambassador and other high ranking police officers pose at the end of the ceremony.

**PASTORS:** A section of the chaplains who were also present at the occasion watch the proceedings.



**OFFICIAL:** Dr Vusi Magagula cuts the ribbon to officially open the clinics. (R) **ON TOUR:** American Ambassador Lisa Peterson, Dr Vusi Magagula and Assistant Commissioner Zanele Nxumalo tour the clinic.

**FULLY EQUIPPED:** Inside one of the consultation rooms.



**THANK YOU:** National Commissioner of Police William Dlamini hands over a gift to the US Ambassador Lisa Peterson during the event.



**BRIEFING:** The Assistant Commissioner Zanele Nxumalo briefing the delegation as they tour the clinic yesterday.



**OFFICERS:** Some of the police officers following the proceedings.



**OPERATIONAL:** The newly-opened clinic at the old Mbabane Police Station.



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## KEY ISSUES TO CONSIDER AS COUNTRY ROLLS OUT WAC

## MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO MAHLALELA

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**LAST week Wednesday marked an important milestone in the National HIV and AIDS Multisectoral Response to HIV and AIDS in the Kingdom of Eswatini.**

The Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini in a historic event held at the Royal Villas in Ezulwini, launched two key national documents (the National Prevention Policy 2019 and the Eswatini Stigma Index Report 2019); a Regional Small Grants Programme for People Living with HIV; and the 2019 World AIDS Campaign/World AIDS Day (WAC/WAD).

The launched documents and initiatives will contribute to the national efforts towards the vision of Ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2022, which is ultimately the HIV Response's contribution to the First World Eswatini envisaged by His Majesty King Mswati III.

The prime minister, as head of government and line minister for the HIV response, noted that ending AIDS is possible only when all of us commit ourselves to unapologetically and steadily work towards this goal and further-committed to support the national HIV response.

Currently, the response to HIV and AIDS is implemented against a background of a very tight fiscal space.

However, government has continuously protected investment to HIV and AIDS and the social sectors, with over 40 per cent of resources required currently sourced from domestic investments.

This did not stop the prime minister from announcing that the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini through NERCHA will provide a kick-start programme (E800 000 pledged) directed at supporting PLHIV at grassroots level.

The Regional Small Grants Programme will ensure that befitting groups of PLHIV access small grants to implement livelihood programmes on HIV at community level. The programme will be monitored closely and depending on annual performance, decisions will be made on future investments.

The grants programme is a commendable initiative indeed. However, for the country to achieve the goal of ending AIDS, eight years earlier than the world, there is need for even-more deliberate to reduce new HIV infections,

reduce AIDS-related deaths, prevent mother-to-child transmission, and eliminate stigma and discrimination. These are key advocacy issues as the HIV and AIDS response rolls out WAC/WAD 2019.

## REDUCE NEW HIV INFECTIONS

In the Kingdom of Eswatini, globally and within the SADC region, new HIV infections have dropped, which is good news.

Since 2014 new infections have dropped by 44 per cent from a high of 2.9 per cent in 2014 to 1.5 per cent in 2017. The HIV Estimates and Projections report shows that new infections will further drop to 1.24 per cent by 2024.

I encourage you to maintain your focus on the interventions that have resulted in the reduction of new HIV Infections.

At the same time there are still pockets of concern, where some subpopulations have not been reached with prevention and treatment services.

A higher proportion of new infections occur among young people aged 15-24 – with HIV incidence among adolescent girls and young women continuing to remain worryingly high – and about 15 per cent of People Living with HIV and AIDS (PLHIV) remain unaware of their HIV status, with a majority being men and children below 14 years.

Also, the final transmission rate at the end of breastfeeding, estimated at 7.8 per cent in 2018 and projected to be 4.87 per cent by 2024, is a concern.

This evidence both challenges us and best equips us to design innovative programmes to ensure our HIV response leaves no one behind.

The current HIV incidence of 1.5 per cent among those aged 15-24 is not enough to achieve epidemic control, if the vision of Ending AIDS is to be achieved.

In response, the country has in the National Multisectoral HIV and AIDS Strategic Framework (NSF) 2018-2023 set ambitious targets of:

- Reducing HIV incidence among persons aged 15-49 years by 85 per cent;

- Reducing new infections among infants aged 0-1 year to less than 0.05 per cent;

We need therefore to find new and innovative ways to reinvigorate the prevention response to be able to achieve reduction of new infections as stated in the NSF. The recently published Sitakhela Likusasa study carried out in the Kingdom provides evidence that it is possible to find innovative ways to improve prevention programming.

Development partners and key stakeholders in the response need to look at the Sitakhela Likusasa study closely and implement some of the recommendations while continuing to investigate other new ways to deliver prevention services.

## REDUCE AIDS-RELATED DEATHS

Additional to reducing new HIV infections, the country needs to focus on reducing AIDS deaths.

Since the country introduced life-saving antiretroviral therapy (ART) in 2003 and further upscaled its delivery in 2010, over 70 000 lives have been saved.

Further, through the continued and decen-

tralised provision of ART, the country has realised a steady decline in annual AIDS deaths to an estimated 3 500 in 2017.

The 2019 HIV Estimates and Projections Report indicate that in 2018, AIDS-related deaths with ART were estimated to be 2 400 and will decline to 1 900 in 2024. AIDS-related deaths were estimated at 300 among children, 0-14 years in 2018 and projected to decline to 100 by 2024.

This reflects that though it is possible to achieve our goal, there is quite an amount of work that still needs to be done to reach the 2022.

Targeting the 'hard to reach' populations, which include adolescents and young people, adult men, key populations, mobile populations, prisoners and persons with disabilities, will help strengthen our resolve as a country to end AIDS by 2022.

To ensure that all PLHIV know their status, we need to expand and deliver interventions to reach the 'left-behind' populations.

The government of the Kingdom of Eswatini continues to ensure that people living with HIV have access to numerous HIV services, including antiretroviral therapy (ART) which government remains committed to fully funding, especially for adult formulations.

Ensuring not only full access to the life-saving drugs but expanding into and ensuring proper nutrition for those living with and affected by HIV, will result in an improved quality of life and will contribute to long and productive lives – which should positively impact the economy.

## PREVENT MOTHER-TO-CHILD TRANSMISSION OF HIV

The country has for the last couple of years been providing the universal access to ART approach (also known as test and treat).

This strategy involves providing ART to all people living with HIV upon diagnosis of an HIV+ status, regardless of CD4 cell count eligibility or WHO clinical staging.

The introduction of this strategy led to the adoption of the World Health Organisation recommended Option B+ guidelines to prevent mother to child transmission, in which all pregnant women living with HIV immediately start lifelong ART.

There has since been a notable increase in the number of women of reproductive age who are receiving antiretroviral therapy regardless of pregnancy status, though the number of HIV positive pregnant women needing ART is projected to decline from 10 900 in 2018 to 8 500 in 2024.

In 2018, the MTCT rate at six weeks of age was estimated at 4.45 per cent and projected to remain the same by 2024. The final transmission rate (at the end of breastfeeding) was estimated at 7.8 per cent in 2018 and projected to be 4.87 per

cent by 2024.

## ELIMINATE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

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

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

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

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

Stigma and discrimination expose PLHIV to numerous social exclusions and oppressions, and often, the negative social labels they are given, create a negative perception of self, resulting in social withdrawal and self-exclusion as well as self-protective and survival mechanisms.

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

It is everyone's role to ensure that Zero Stigma and Discrimination is achieved in Eswatini. There is need to harness and encourage all (PLHIV and/or affected by HIV) to contribute positively to creating an enabling environment where stigma and discrimination only remains in history books.

## COMMUNITIES MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

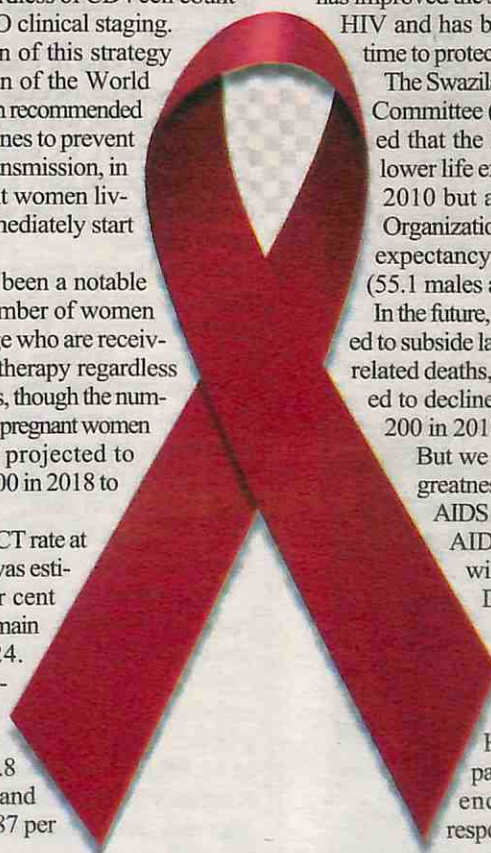
There is no doubt that the massive scale-up of ART, along with targeted prevention efforts, has improved the survival of people living with HIV and has become more effective over

time to protect their partners and offspring.

The Swaziland Vulnerability Assessment Committee (VAC) back in 2004 predicted that the HIV prevalence rate would lower life expectancy to just 40 years by 2010 but according to World Health Organization data published in 2018, life expectancy in Eswatini is now at 57.7 (55.1 males and 59.9 females).

In the future, AIDS Orphan-hood is expected to subside largely due to declining AIDS-related deaths, with AIDS orphans projected to decline to 28 000 by 2024 from 45 200 in 2018.

But we can still do more to achieve greatness. As the country's HIV and AIDS response engages in the World AIDS Campaign activities that will culminate in World AIDS Day on December 1, there is a need for all of us, in our different geographic communities and sub-populations, to find and stick to an HIV prevention and treatment package and make the difference in the HIV and AIDS response.





## ON THIS DAY

...NOVEMBER 14

**1940** - During World War II, German war planes destroyed most of the English town of Coventry when about 500 Luftwaffe bombers attacked.

**1951** - The first telecast of a world lightweight title fight was seen coast to coast. Jimmy Carter beat Art Aragon in Los Angeles.

**1956** - The USSR crushed the Hungarian uprising.

**1968** - Yale University announced it was going co-educational.

**1969** - Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon from Cape Kennedy, FL.

**1969** - During the Vietnam War, Major General Bruno Arthur Hochmuth, commander of the Third Marine Division, became the first general to be killed in Vietnam by enemy fire.

**1972** - The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above the 1 000 (1 003.16) level for the first time.

**1972** - Blue Ribbon Sports became Nike.

**1973** - Britain's Princess Anne married a commoner, Capt. Mark Phillips, in Westminster Abbey. They divorced in 1992, and Princess Anne re-married.

**1979** - US President Carter froze all Iranian assets in the United States and US banks abroad in response to the taking of 63 American hostages at the US embassy in Tehran, Iran.

**1983** - The British government announced that US-made cruise missiles had arrived at the Greenham Common air base amid protests.

**1988** - Israeli President Chaim Herzog formally asked Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to form a new government.

**1989** - The U.S. Navy ordered an unprecedented 48-hour stand-down in the wake of a recent string of serious accidents.

**1990** - Simon and Schuster announced it had dropped plans to publish Bret Easton Ellis novel "American Psycho."

**1991** - After 13 years in exile Cambodian Prince Norodom Sihanouk returned to his homeland.

**1994** - US experts visited North Korea's main nuclear complex for the first time under an accord that opened such sites to outside inspections.

**1995** - The US government instituted a partial shutdown, closing national parks and museums while most government offices operated with skeleton crews.

**2012** - The game Candy Crush Saga was released as a mobile app for smartphones.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Yuna** (Pop Singer) - November 14, 1986 (33 years old)



**Travis Barker** (Drummer) - November 14, 1975 (44 years old)



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LEADERSHIP GREETINGS  
FOR POWERFUL GIRLS

**WE live in societies where leadership is seen as an exclusive preserve for men.**

Women and girls are socialised to support men and assist them to flourish in their leadership roles.

They have been made to believe that they do not have it in them to lead. How many times have you heard that women do not have what it takes to become leaders? But what is it really that makes a leader?

If Warren Bennis' definition is anything to go by, then we can make the assumption that leaders are people who are able to express themselves fully. It does not take anything outside of oneself to become a leader.

It requires integrated people who know who they are, what their strengths and weaknesses are, and how to fully deploy their strengths and compensate for their weaknesses. They also know what they want, why they want it, and how to communicate what they want to others, in order to gain their cooperation and support.

Finally, they know how to achieve their goals.

The key to full self-expression is understanding one's self and the world, and the key to understanding is learning—from one's own life and experience.

Young girls and women living in patriarchal societies are already set to not meet this benchmark because their everyday interactions and environments emphasise the need to deny who they are and assume identities defined by self-interested agents of stagnation and oppression.

These agents, so powerful, then "confer" these identities on the women who struggle to identify with them as they are in conflict with who they are and so fail to become what they set out to be. If society is always quick to point out that women are natural nurturers, why is it difficult to see that the very same nurturing trait is an ingredient for leadership- servant leadership?

This is the kind of leadership that will take us far as societies especially because we do not want people that will become leaders and just put that in their CVs; we need people who will make change and leave a legacy and for something as timeless as that, we need nurturers who have "Ubuntu".

Warren Bennis argues that timeless leadership is always about character, and it is always about authenticity. To underscore this point, psychologist William James wrote, "I have often thought that the best way to define a man's character is to seek out the particular mental or moral attitude in which, when it came upon him, he felt himself most deeply and intensively active and alive.

At such moments, there is a voice inside which speaks and says, "This is the real me."

Young girls, you are encouraged to discover and cultivate that authentic self, the part of you that is most alive, the part that is most you.

Now, as then, finding and nurturing that authentic self is the one sure way of becoming a leader. But that is the hardest part for most of us. Rightly so, because becoming a leader is not easy, just as becoming a doctor or a poet isn't easy, and those who claim otherwise are



fooling themselves. But learning to lead is a lot easier than most of us think it is, because each of us contains the capacity for leadership. In fact, almost every one of us can point to some leadership experience; at home, school, in the church or the community. So, what made us leaders in those instances?

The first thing that our girls need to have for them to become timeless leaders is integrity. This is a difficult one because it calls for ignoring the hypocrisy and double-standards that are pervasive in our societies. The dictionary defines integrity as "the state of being complete, unified." John C. Maxwell sums it up nicely when he says, "When one has integrity, their words and deeds match up."

We struggle everyday with situations that demand decisions between what we want to do and what we ought to do. Integrity establishes the ground rules for resolving these tensions. It determines who we are and how we will respond before the conflict even appears.

It welds what we say, think and do into a whole person so that permission is never granted for one of these to be out of sync. It binds our person together and fosters a spirit of contentment within us. It will not allow our lips to violate our hearts.

When integrity is the referee, we become consistent- our beliefs are mirrored by our conduct.

To earn trust, a leader must be authentic. It appears that traditional definitions of leadership makes leadership overrated in our time. In the past, the emphasis was on collecting data, establishing whether you were on the right track and then acting. It gave so much room for us to be discouraged, based on supersti-

tions, outdated beliefs and oppressive measures.

Today, young people understand that time is of essence. They think on their feet, make rules as they go- even bending and breaking some of them. This new way of thinking is what is going to lead our young people to uncharted worlds.

The leaders of today's digital age, whose world is never still or quite in focus, must depend on compasses, according to Weick.

He explains, "Maps, by definition, can help only in known worlds—worlds that have been charted before. Compasses are helpful when you are not sure where you are and can get only a general sense of direction."

If we are going to break the mold, we need young girls who have seen the gloomy picture of women in leadership, but still remain determined to navigate the path with only a compass in their heads (vision), but not knowing where it will lead- only believing in themselves. In addition to vision, self-confidence and emotional intelligence will take our girls far.

As we welcome the festive season, the message (by Warren Bennis) to beautiful, fun-loving girls should take is this: No leader sets out to be a leader.

People set out to live their lives, expressing themselves fully. When that expression is of value, they become leaders. So the point is not to become a leader. The point is to become yourself, to use yourself completely—all your skills, gifts, and energies—in order to make your vision manifest.

You must withhold nothing. You must, in sum, become the person you started out to be, and to enjoy the process of becoming.





**HELLO:** Zimbabwean smallholder farmer relies on weather information via his mobile phone to aid his cropping activities.

## AFRICANS CHARGED MORE THAN 3.5 TIMES THE 'AFFORDABLE' RATE FOR MOBILE DATA

PEOPLE living in Africa are charged an average of 7.1 per cent of their monthly salary for a gigabyte (GB) of mobile data, more than 3.5 times the threshold considered affordable.

That's according to a report by the Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI), which classifies the affordable rate as two per cent of monthly income.

It finds that progress towards competition is stalling across low- and middle-income countries amid consolidation between mobile and internet operators.

The trend threatens to jeopardise the push towards affordable internet access for all, with half the world's population still unable to connect. Even though the 50 per cent mark was reached at the end of last year, that's still far short of the UN's goal of universal access.

The 2019 Affordability Report, published on October 22, estimates that people in countries with low levels of mobile and internet competition pay about US\$3.42 per gigabyte (GB) of data more than those in competitive ones. This premium, says A4AI, is "unaffordable" for many people in low-income countries.

A4AI estimates that 1GB of data costs US\$7.33 more in a country with a monopoly market than one with two mobile operators — with an estimated 260 million people worldwide having access to just one operator, and 589 million living in low-competition countries.

The impact of limited competition is substantial in regions such as Sub-Saharan Africa, where that price equates to about 5.8 per cent of average monthly income.

In a range of countries that A4AI tracked for affordability between April and June 2019, African nations made up the bottom 13, with the price for a gigabyte in those countries at 10 per cent of average monthly income or more.

The figure was as high as 26 per cent in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and more than 20 per cent in the Central African Republic and Chad.

### Lack of competition

Less than half (65 out of 136) of the low- and middle-income countries studied in the report have fully competitive markets, says A4AI.

"This trend underlines the urgency of promoting competition to support healthy markets that provide affordable internet access," it adds. "Policymakers and regulators must work to encourage competition and support new entrants."

Dhanaraj Thakur, research director at the World Wide Web Foundation, which runs A4AI, believes competition must be boosted through regulation to encourage new entrants, more options for public internet access and joint initiatives between the public and private sector, and municipally owned or community networks.

Villages or groups of villages can set up their own not-for-profit networks with services that are relevant to them, Thakur suggests, pointing to examples such as the Zenzeleni community-owned network in rural South Africa.

"Access to broadband internet is still too expensive," he says. "One of the ways to help reduce costs is through greater competition and a greater mix of solutions... We believe not enough is being done in that regard." This requires a concerted push from governments, he adds.

### Moving forward

Although progress is slow, Thakur says governments are gradually adopting policies and affordability is improving. The report names Cameroon and Mali, among countries that have helped boost affordability with new national broadband plans.

Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu at the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

says the world has seen "tremendous advances" in digital technology, but that millions of people are being "left behind".

She calls for support for the world's poorest countries to form policies, regulations and projects to foster internet access and adoption. "We know all too well that internet access and use significantly shape human, social and economic conditions," she said.

Claire Melamed, CEO of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data, says it is vital that "technological advancement doesn't reinforce disadvantage."

"Giving people visibility and opportunities to connect with others and make their voice heard are an important part of human and economic progress," she said.

"It's not easy for overstretched governments to grapple with complex regulatory environments, but coordinated policies and approaches are needed to make a reality of the push to 'leave no one behind'." *Africa.com*

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## Wit and Wisdom

● Duty does not have to be dull. Love can make it beautiful and fill it with life.  
- Thomas Merton

● Inasmuch as love grows in you, so beauty grows. For love is the beauty of the soul.  
- St. Augustine

● Love, you know, seeks to make happy rather than be happy.  
- Charles William Gordon

● I think true love is never blind but rather brings an added light, an inner vision quick to find the beauties hid from common sight.  
- Phoebe Cary

● Love is the greatest refreshment in life.  
- Pablo Picasso

● Duty makes us do things well. Love makes us do things beautifully.  
- Phillip Brooks

● Give love and unconditional acceptance to those you encounter, and notice what happens.  
- Wayne Dyer

● Among those whom I like or admire, I can find no common denominator, but among those whom I love, I can - all of them make me laugh.  
- W.H. Auden

● Take hold lightly. Let go lightly. This is one of the great secrets of felicity in love.  
- Spanish Proverb

● We can only learn to love by loving.  
- Iris Murdoch

● There is nothing stronger in the world than gentleness.  
- Han Suyin

● To love is the great amulet that makes this world a garden.  
- Robert Louis Stevenson

● Love awakens and enhances all of your senses. Do all things lovingly. That is the secret to quality and excellence.  
- Gary Ryan Blair

● Love is the one option that is always open to you. We are all born for love. It is the principle of existence and its only end.  
- Benjamin Israeli

● Better a heart filled with love than a mind filled with knowledge. Appreciation makes people feel more important than almost anything else you can give them. The heart that loves is always young.  
- Greek Proverb

● Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.  
- Seneca

● Where there is no love, pour love in, and you will draw love out.  
- St. John of the Cross

● Those who practice loving, gentle, harmonious speech experience great beauty as a result. We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do. Sharing is the heart of loving. Life is a journey and it is love that makes that journey worthwhile. For love is heaven and heaven is love.  
- Sir Walter Scott



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## VITALS

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Prime Rate                        | 10%              |
| <b>First National Bank</b>        |                  |
| Inflation Rate                    | 2%               |
| <b>Central Statistical Office</b> |                  |
| Mortgage Rate                     | 10%              |
| <b>Swaziland Building Society</b> |                  |
| Bank Rate                         | 6.5%             |
| <b>Central Bank</b>               |                  |
| Petrol (u)                        | E13.65 per litre |
| Replacement                       | E13.70 per litre |
| Diesel                            | E13.65 per litre |
| Paraffin                          | E 9.15 per litre |
| <b>Engen Garage</b>               |                  |

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 13 NOV 2019

| CURRENCY                | BUY        | SELL    |
|-------------------------|------------|---------|
| US Dollar / SZL         | 14.9038    | 14.9538 |
| British Pound/SZL       | 19.1432    | 19.2074 |
| Japanese Yen/SZL        | 7.2931     | 7.3169  |
| Swiss France/SZL        | 15.0452    | 15.0896 |
| Botswana Pula/SZL       | 1.3562     | 1.3728  |
| Australian Dollar/SZL   | 10.1972    | 10.2329 |
| Canadian Dollar/SZL     | 11.2532    | 11.2309 |
| Mozambique Meticals/SZL | 5.5211     | 5.5942  |
| Euro/SZL                | 16.4136    | 16.4686 |
| Gold                    | 1,462.5566 |         |
| Oil                     | 62.28      |         |

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# GOVT GETS E600M ADVANCE FROM CBE

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**GOVERNMENT** has accessed an advance of E600 million from the Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) at the end of October.

This is contained in the Recent Economic Development (RED) report released by the CBE which stated that government accessed the money in the 2019/20 financial year after paying an E1.7 billion advance accessed in the 2018/19 financial year.

"According to the Central Bank Order of 1974, government is expected to repay any Central Bank advances made to her by the end of the first six months after the end of the financial year.

"Accordingly, government repaid the entire E1.7 billion advance which was accessed in the financial year 2018/19 at the beginning of July upon receipt of SACU funds, in line with the requirement of the CBS Order.

"In the financial year 2019/20 government once again accessed an advance of E600 million as at the end of October 2019," it stated.

The RED highlighted that the total domestic debt outstanding stood at E10.6 billion, an equivalent of 15.8 per cent of GDP at the end of October 2019, representing a 7.9 per cent decrease when compared to the previous month.

It stated that the decrease was attributed to the 64 per cent fall in the amount of CBE Advance to government.

During the month of October, the bank on behalf of government issued a total of E160 million in three year, five year, seven year and 10 year bond re-openings.

Total bids received amounted to E174.6 mil-

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lion indicating a bid cover ratio of 109 per cent; while allotments made amounted to E133.6 million reflecting an allotment ration of 83.5 per cent.

While commercial banks continued to dominate participation in government securities on the shorter end of the yield curve, non-bank financial institutions dominate on the longer term securities.

Also contained in the reports is that in the month of September, the country recorded an increased trade surplus of E689.3 million compared to E543.1 million the previous month.

The trade balance benefitted from weaker imports in the month.

Exports for the month increased marginally amounting to E2.702 billion, from E2.697 billion in the month of August. The import bill declined in the quarter to register E2.013 billion, down by a monthly 6.6 per cent.

The RED released by the Central Bank of Eswatini noted that an analysis of exports for the month of September show that exports of miscellaneous edibles increased by 3.8 per cent,

to record E1.214 billion from E1.169 billion in August. The commodity continued to dominate Eswatini's exports contributing 44.9 per cent to total exports for the month.

Sugar and sugar product exports, which were valued at E777.3 million, reflecting a

1.0 per cent month-on-month increase.

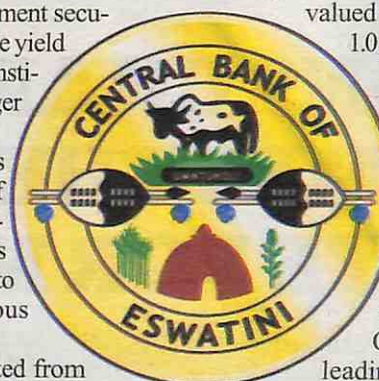
Meanwhile, receipts from textile and textile apparel declined by 13.5 per cent in the month, amounting to E314.9 million.

Wood and wood articles totalled E137.6 million in the month of September, down from the E141.4 million in the previous month.

On the import side, the country's leading import of energy products

increased by 4.9 per cent to total E361.6 million. Imports of machinery, appliances and electrical materials were worth E203.5 million in September, down by 17.5 per cent when compared with August.

Vehicle imports took a downward turn in the month, amounting to E109.8 million from E142.0 million the preceding month. Invoice from plastic and plastic articles declined by 7.4 per cent, totalling E83.7 million.



# INFLATION RATE SLOWS TO 1.9 PER CENT

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**THE** country's headline inflation rate was at 1.9 per cent in September, down from 2.0 per cent recorded in August.

According to the Recent Economic Developments (RED) report released by the Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) consumer inflation mainly benefitted from lower growth in the price indices for furnishing and household equipment, 'transport' and 'miscellaneous goods and services'.

The index for 'furnishing and household equipment' grew by a slower rate of 2.1 per cent in September from 2.9 per cent in August, owing to a decline in the prices for 'furniture and household appliances.'

Transport inflation maintained a downward trend, decreasing to 0.2 per cent in September from 0.3 per cent in the previous month, mainly due to base effects.

Additional inflationary pressures emanated from the price index for 'miscellaneous goods and services' which recorded a deflation of 0.6 per cent in September, down from a deflation of 0.1 per cent in the previous month.

The RED highlighted that the above decreases were partially offset by increases in the price indices for 'alcoholic beverages and tobacco'



and 'clothing and footwear,' which grew by 3.1 per cent and 0.6 per cent, respectively, in September.

On month-on-month basis, consumer inflation grew by a slower 0.1 per cent in September from a 0.3 per cent growth in the previous month, driven by the price index for 'furnishing and household equipment,' which recorded a month-on-month deflation of 0.3 per cent

in September.

Food inflation grew by 0.4 per cent in September from 0.1 per cent the previous month.

Core inflation, which is CPI excluding volatile items such as food, fuel and energy, slightly declined to 1.9 per cent in September, lower than 2.0 per cent in August. On month-on-month rates, core inflation was lower at 0.0 per cent in September.



# LILANGENI WEAKENS AGAINST MAJOR TRADING CURRENCIES

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**DURING the month of October 2019, the Lilangeni/Rand was generally weaker against the major trading currencies.**

The Lilangeni was weaker on a monthly average of E14.91 in October 2019 compared to E14.84 to the US Dollar in September 2019.

Against the Pound Sterling, the Lilangeni depreciated from E18.33 in the previous month to E18.82, while against the Euro it depreciated from E16.34 to E16.47 in October 2019. The local unit received mixed pres-

ures from economic and political developments experienced both in South Africa and externally during the month.

Positives came from the improvement in the global trade conditions following the progress in the US-China trade talks, and the improving sentiments with regards to the Brexit.

## Gained

The Rand also gained as the Fed cut their interest rates to between 1.5 per cent and 1.75 per cent. Furthermore, Moody's decision not to downgrade SA's credit rating to junk status saved the rand from anticipated losses. However, the planned load shedding

by Eskom across South Africa; the reactions to the details revealed in Mid-term Budget Policy Statement at the end of October; the downward review of South Africa's economic growth forecast; all somewhat counteracted the positives and slumped the rand.

The Lilangeni is expected to remain volatile with pressures coming from South Africa's ability to address their internal issues; the progress in US-China trade war talks and Brexit developments. The local unit ended the month at E15.02 to the US Dollar, E19.44 to the Pound Sterling and E16.77 to the Euro.

## EBA TO LAUNCH FRAUD AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**THE Eswatini Bankers Association (EBA) will today officially launch the Fraud Awareness Campaign.**

The launch will be held at the Eswatini Bank Auditorium in Mbabane, starting at 11am.

Speakers at the event include EBA Chairperson Zakhele Lukhele, Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Maxwell Masuku, Federation of Eswatini Business Community (FEEBC) and Association on Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) representatives.

The campaign seeks to educate and increase public awareness of fraud, cyber security and cyber-crime issues.

It also seeks to protect the public from such crimes which tend to be prevalent during festive seasons.

The Fraud Awareness Week will be from November 17, to November

23. According to a statement released yesterday, the international Fraud Awareness Week resonates with Eswatini Bankers Association as thousands of customers are exposed to different types of fraud on a daily-basis.

It highlighted that the International Fraud Awareness Week was a global initiative to raise awareness about fraud prevention and anti-fraud education.

## Fraud

"The Eswatini Bankers Association in collaboration with Royal Eswatini Police Service can attest that fraud can have a substantial impact on any type of business regardless of its size.

Many companies have suffered misappropriation of assets by employees and fraudulent financial reporting by management through fraud. Individuals and companies as a result of fraud have been impacted by financial loss, loss of customers/ public trust, increase on Audit cost amongst others," reads part of the statement.

BY QONDILE NTIWANE

**UNIVERSITY of Eswatini Professor Musa Dube says the time has come for farmers to subscribe to Information Communication Technology to boost their produce.**

Making his remarks during the presentation of the 2018/19 results of a research conducted by the ministry of agriculture, Dube said being part of the new digital era was essential when talking about the application various technologies which allows farmers to upload and market their products.

## Presentation

The presentation was held at the Mphophoma Conference Centre yesterday saw a number of scientists, intellectuals, researchers, extension officers, farmers and consumers of research findings attend in great numbers.

Dube, who was also the guest speaker during the event, congratulated the Research Department on their findings and also sharing these with other stakeholders in the field. Meanwhile, Chief Research Officer Similo Mavimbela stated during the event

## Agriculture Research Dept. presents 2018/19 findings



**REMARKS: UNESWA Professor Musa Dube makes his remarks during the presentation of the 2018/19 research results by the ministry of agriculture at Mphophoma, Malkerns yesterday.**

that the results presented on the day includes those from agronomic research, plant protection, post-harvest, which will inform farmers where to go in this new season when it comes to new vari-

eties of maize or bean seeds that have been tried and recommended for farmers to adopt as well as those from a research on food science.

He also informed the stakeholders

present on different ways to improve production.

## Purpose

"The main purpose of the seminar was to present results from the dif-

ferent researches carried out by the ministry throughout the season by research, talk to the findings, and also to sharpen research skills amongst us stakeholders," he said.



**PARTICIPANTS: The participants posing for a group picture after the event.**

## 'Small businesses don't need handouts'

**JOHANNESBURG – Small, medium and micro-sized enterprises (SMMEs) are lauded as the backbone of any economy and collectively they are the largest employer and contributor to sustainable income for millions of households.**

Yet in reality, they are the pariahs of big business and the outcasts that bear the brunt of a capitalist world that favours the established and moneyed.

The fact that about 50 per cent of small businesses fail to survive beyond their second year of doing business says it all.

Many have attributed this reality to multiple tangible issues such as inexperience, lack of access to funding, lack of marketing budgets and know-how etc. Having been in business for over the critical two-year litmus-test period, none of these reasons is as signifi-

*...they need corporate support to survive*



**BLACK FRIDAY: Small businesses can take advantage of Black Friday by winning customers and keep them coming back for more.**

cant as the elephant in the room.

The main reason SMMEs fail is that

they are heavily regulated with very little or no support from big business

or government, save for loads of talk and PR rhetoric. That SMMEs are expected to adhere to the same levels of reporting and compliance as big companies is a shame. The playing, therefore, is neither level nor in their favour.

Financial management and reporting. Like any other big company, SMMEs are expected to comply with the same laws in terms of filing their returns ie income tax, PAYE and VAT etc. And they absolutely should be expected to comply. However, this has been proven not to be their strength and it is a no brainer to understand why. SMMEs are not experts in this field and do not have the necessary budgets to outsource this function to professional accounting firms. Understanding Legalese and effecting it. Closing deals requires SMMEs to have sound legal advice, support and understanding in order to protect their interests.

Often SMMEs find themselves agreeing to contracts drawn out for them by the other contracting party with little input or influence on the contractual terms. For them to have an equal input on their contracts they need to pay for legal opinion and again this is a luxury they can't afford. The desperation of having to take whatever job comes because that might just be the only one you get regardless of the terms and conditions of the contracts is their everyday reality.

## Payment

This ranges from payment terms to exit clauses to the ownership of the work done et al. I don't know how many times I have had to turn down business from prospective clients who insist on signing a 90-day to 60-day payment terms. My argument has always been once the work is done, I must pay my employees for work done on a monthly basis, why should I subsidize multimillion if not multibillion-rand companies with my little resources. *Business Report*



## Zimbabweans enjoy improved fuel supplies

**HARARE** - Zimbabwean motorists, particularly in the capital Harare, have enjoyed a steady supply of fuel over the past week with queues at filling stations drastically reduced, while dealers continue to notify them of the availability of either petrol or diesel for sale.

Unlike in recent months when motorists had to queue up for several hours before fuelling up, the past week has seen them driving straight to the courtyard and being assisted immediately by filling station attendants.

Zimbabwe has not been able to import enough fuel to satisfy customer demand for several years now because of foreign currency constraints. It is not clear why the situation has improved during the past week.

A Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority (ZERA) spokesperson did not respond to queries from Xinhua last week over the improved supplies. Taxi driver Alfred Paradza said the situation could have improved because of rising prices which were limiting motorists to buying fuel for immediate use. "I don't

think supplies have improved. Fuel is now very expensive and not many motorists can afford to buy in huge quantities. Things are now tough and we only buy enough to keep us on the road," he said. Paradza said that there were still some filling stations which continued to have relatively long queues. "I don't know what's with those filling stations. People continue to queue up there yet there will be other filling stations where they can just drive in and buy fuel. Maybe they just don't know that other filling stations also have fuel," he said.



ZERA on Sunday announced new pump prices for fuel which are slightly higher than during the previous week,

with petrol now costing 16.77 Zimbabwe dollars per liter and diesel 17.53 Zimbabwe Dollars per liter. *Xinhua*

## 'BUMPER BLACK FRIDAY ON CARDS'

**JOHANNESBURG** - FNB Merchant Services Chief Executive Thokozani Dlamini has predicted bumper Black Friday transactions based on the growth in sales volumes recorded over the last three years.

Black Friday falls on November 29, while Cyber Monday falls on December 2. The days have changed the way South Africans shop ahead of Christmas.

"This year we anticipate a 15 per cent increase in the total number of transactions between November 29 and December 2," said Dlamini.

Dlamini said over the past three years, FNB had seen a substantial increase in transaction volumes for the period between Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

According to BankServAfrica, Africa's leading automated clearing house, South Africa's card transactions reached R3 billion on Black Friday 2018, up 16 per cent from 2017. "The total number of transactions processed through our payment system over the course



of the Black Friday weekend were 10 million on Friday, eight million on Saturday, 5.9 million on Sunday and six million on Cyber Monday," Dlamini said.

Black Friday is a huge discount-driven shopping day held annually the day after the American

Thanksgiving holiday. In 2018, Google reported that South Africa topped the list of the most online searches for Black Friday globally - more than any other country.

Dlamini said historically, both card present (CP) and Card Not Present (CNP) transactions, which

included online and app purchases, increased during this period.

"While we still expect that CP transactions will reflect the majority of consumer spend, online and app purchases have shown strong growth in recent years in line with the increase and adoption of e-retailing in South Africa and globally," said Dlamini. Dlamini said over the last two Black Fridays, CNP grew 26 per cent year-on-year, while CP grew by 14 per cent year-on-year. "Merchants like Takealot continue to be one of the top 10 merchants for FNB customers to spend on Black Friday, accompanied by the eBucks shop which offers consumers significant discounts," said Dlamini. "As a proactive strategy to maximise sales from shoppers seeking to take advantage of Black Friday deals, we have noted that some retailers are now spreading specials over two or three days prior to Black Friday in order to manage the volumes," Dlamini said.

*Business Report*

## Job cuts at South African State firms gather pace

**JOHANNESBURG** - South Africa's post office is cutting several hundred jobs, the second state-owned company in as many days to detail plans to lay off workers as the government looks to slash its wage bill.

Finance Minister Tito Mboweni signaled last month he's intent on lowering the government's payroll costs, which consume 35 per cent of national spending. The cuts are part of a plan to defend the nation's last remaining investment-grade credit rating, which has a negative outlook.

The Post Office will pay voluntary severance packages to about 776 employees at the end of November, as part of a phased reorganization, company executives told parliament on Tuesday.

A day earlier, cash-strapped South African Airways announced plans to cut 944 jobs. The Public Servants Association, which represents more than 240 000 state workers, this week called for urgent talks on the plans to reduce the state wage bill.

The Congress of South African Trade Unions, the nation's biggest labour group, called the SAA plans 'a reckless announcement.'

The two biggest unions at Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd., the debt-stricken state power utility, last week threatened to stage demonstrations and strikes to protest against plans to split the company into three units. The National Union of Mineworkers and the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa are concerned there may be job losses and want the company and government to start formal negotiations with them.

*Bloomberg*

## SAA warns of strike over planned retrenchments

**Cape Town** - The SAA Board has warned Parliament that there will be no flights to take off if a strike by the unions goes ahead.

This was after the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa and the SA Cabin Crew Association issued a strike notice over the planned retrenchments of 944 workers.

SAA Board acting Chairperson Thandeka Mgoduso told the Standing Committee on Public Accounts yesterday if the strike went ahead it would cause more financial damage to the airline.

The Board was appearing before SCOPA over its finances. Mgoduso said the consultations with the unions have not succeeded on the restructuring at SAA. "We have received notifications from NUMSA and the Cabin Crew Association this morning. Once there is no cabin crew there is no flight that can take off," said Mgoduso. She said MPs should not be surprised if the financial situation does not improve after the strike. The unions are demanding salary increases and to stop the retrenchment of the 944 workers. *Political Bureau*

## Drought threatens SA's food security

**JOHANNESBURG** - AGRI SA has issued a stern warning that the prevailing drought conditions could collapse rural economies and decimate the country's entire agricultural industry.

The lobby group said in a drought report yesterday that farmers faced potential foreclosure by banks and that those whose farms would not be attached would be unable to obtain any production credit to plough maize.

Agri Northern Cape deputy president and head of Agri SA disaster management centre Willem Symington said farmers had taken massive financial losses with 37.5 per cent of rural South Africa affected.

"Yields per year are down and farmers are planting less," Symington said.

"In animal production we see lessened production due to drought. In the Western Cape we have seen a loss of 25 per cent in the value of export crops. They are also shedding jobs due to drought. Job losses are around 20 to 25 per cent in the Northern Cape and the Free State."

Agri SA said grain and livestock producers had been particularly affected by the unnatural dry weather conditions, below normal rainfall and warm weather. It said the Ugu District on the South Coast of KwaZulu-Natal, for instance, was highly distressed, with Harding, a small town off the coast, the hardest hit as the local dam has virtually dried up.

The group said several Karoo towns had suffered the same fate as boreholes and dams had dried up. Symington said while South

Africa was one of the most food secure countries in the world the current drought can result in an entire economic downturn.

"As a country, we are not managing climatic disasters very well," he said. "We have a lot of work to do. Drought can change our status as a food secure country." In its climate advisory last month, the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development warned that drought conditions would persist and water restrictions would remain in place in several provinces.

Agri SA said it had agreed with the department to collaborative efforts, including establishing an inter-sectoral task team representative of the agriculture value chain to assist with efforts to help farmers and farmworkers.

*Business Report*

## As electricity cost increases, burden on landlords rises

**JOHANNESBURG** - The biggest challenge for property owners and landlords is utility management.

With the ongoing increase in utility costs in South Africa, installing prepaid meters has become a necessity for landlords to manage their tenant's usage.

Property owners are sometimes burdened with large electricity bills resulting from tenants who are not wary of the usage. Most property owners are busy juggling various properties, their lifestyles and facing administrative challenges. However, it is key to provide tenants with easy management tools so both the landlord and tenant can maintain good relations. In recent years, sub-metering has become a perfect solution for property owners. Prepaid sub-meters are a great solution for commercial properties, industrial complexes, private residences, resorts, BnB's, apartment blocks, shopping centres and every type of facility where utility management is necessary. A sub-meter is a device that helps the user to control and regulate the usage of electricity. *IOL*



# Focus on Africa News

## Continental News

# HOW PREACHER SENT GUNMEN INTO SCHOOLS

**FAUBE** - When an Islamist preacher took up the fight in Burkina Faso's northern borderlands almost a decade ago, his only weapon was a radio station.

The words he spoke kindled the anger of a frustrated population, and helped turn their homes into a breeding ground for jihad.

Residents of this parched region in the Sahel - a vast band of thorny scrub beneath the Sahara Desert - remember applauding Ibrahim 'Malam' Dicko as he denounced his country's Western-backed government and racketeering police over the airwaves.

"We cheered," said Adama Kone, a 32-year-old teacher from the town of Djibo near the frontier with Mali, who was one of those thrilled by Dicko's words. "He understood our anger. He gave the Fulani youth a



**GUNMEN:** Soldiers examine burnt-out cars outside the Splendid Hotel in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso's capital, after it was attacked by al-Qaeda-linked extremists. (Reuters)

new confidence." Mostly herders, young men like Kone from the Fulani

felt the government in Ouagadougou favoured.

The preacher successfully exploited their conflicts over dwindling land and water resources, and the frustrations of people angered by corrupt and ineffective government, to launch the country's first indigenous jihadi movement. That cleared a path for groups affiliated with al Qaeda and Islamic State. Since Dicko's first broadcasts, Burkina Faso has become the focus of a determined jihadi campaign by three of West Africa's most dangerous armed groups who have carved out influence in nearly a third of the country, while much of the world was focused on the crisis in neighbouring Mali. Militant Islamist fighters close schools, gun down Christians in their places of worship and booby-trap corpses to blow up

first responders.

At least 39 people died last week in an ambush on a convoy ferrying workers from a Canadian-owned mine in the country. There has been no claim for that ambush, but the modus operandi - a bomb attack on military escorts followed by gunmen unleashing bullets - was characteristic of Islamist groups.

Since 2016, the violence has killed more than 1 000 people and displaced nearly 500 000 - most of them this year. In 2019, at least 755 people had died through October in violence involving jihadist groups across Burkina Faso, according to Reuters' analysis of political violence events recorded by the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project, an NGO.

Actual numbers are likely higher - researchers aren't always able to identify who is involved in the violence. The teacher Kone is one of many of Dicko's former supporters who regret their earlier enthusiasm.

"We handed them the microphones in our mosques," he said. "By the time we realised what they were up to, it was too late." *Reuters*

## Trump helps break deadlock between Egypt, Ethiopia on Nile Dam talks

**JOHANNESBURG** - United States President Donald Trump has helped break the deadlock in talks between Egypt and Ethiopia on the construction of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) by Ethiopia following intensive talks between the two North African countries, as well as Sudan, in Washington DC.

Trump tweeted that yesterday's meeting went well and that discussions on resolving the issue would continue after Sudan, Egypt and Ethiopia's foreign ministers agreed to reach a comprehensive, cooperative, adaptive, sustainable and mutually beneficial agreement on the filling and operation of the dam and to establish a clear process for fulfilling that commitment in accordance

with the 2015 Declaration of Principles. Cairo asked for Washington's intervention after years of fruitless talks with Addis Ababa over GERD's construction - which began in 2010 - specifically over the filling of the dam and the timetable for its operation.

Egypt, which claims historical rights to the Nile River resources and relies on it for supplying the majority of its water, expressed concern that filling the dam would impede its water supply while Ethiopia argued that its construction is vital for an improved electricity supply. Sudan has not been directly involved in the confrontation between the two countries but is the third country situated on the Nile so is also affected. *African News Agency*

## Long queues as Zimbabwe releases new bank notes, coins

**HARARE** - New bank notes and coins finally hit the streets of Zimbabwe on Tuesday after a false start the day before, with depositors forming long queues at banks and ATMs.

The new notes are part of President Emerson Mnangagwa's monetary reforms to have Zimbabwe revert to using its own currency in place of the US Dollar and the Rand. In June, Finance

Minister Mthuli Ncube banned the usage of foreign currencies for the settlement of local transactions. On Tuesday, depositors started withdrawing the new notes, in five and two Zimbabwean dollar denominations, as well as two dollar bond coins, from banks and cash machines. The new currency was supposed to be available on Monday but the introduction was delayed. "We are overwhelmed

today because people want the money to avoid paying premiums for their cash on the streets. I am not sure how much we will give out today but we are prepared for a busy day," said a bank teller at a local finance institution in Harare.

By mid-morning depositors pushed and shoved each other in long queues at most of the banks in the capital.

*Fin24*

## 67 arrested in gay-friendly bar charged with 'nuisance'

**KAMPALA** - Sixty-seven people arrested by police in a Kampala bar popular with gays were charged with 'common nuisance' on Tuesday, but rights activists said it was a bid to intimidate the LGBT community.

The police raided the Ram Bar in the heart of the Ugandan capital on Sunday and arrested 125 people, 58 of whom

were subsequently freed.

Police Spokesman Patrick Onyango initially told AFP they did not know the bar was hosting an LGBT event on the night of the raid, which was targeted at illegal tobacco and opium use. The 61 men and six women were subsequently charged with the unrelated offence of common nuisance. Clare Byarugaba

from the human rights organisation Chapter Four Uganda told AFP that the police deliberately targeted the bar.

"The police knew who they would be targeting. It's a crackdown on any space seen to be LGBT-friendly," Byarugaba said. "This was intended to intimidate and scare LGBT individuals."

*AFP*

## BRIEFS

### Forces fire in the air to quell protest

**ABUJA** - Nigerian security forces used teargas and fired in the air on Tuesday to disperse protesters seeking the release of an opposition figure held since August after calling for a revolution. Omoyele Sowore, the founder of local news site Sahara Reporters and a candidate in February's presidential polls has been detained for 'treason.' At the end of September, the Nigerian Judiciary ordered his release but the authorities have not complied. About 80 protesters gathered outside the headquarters of the Department of State Services (DSS) in the capital Abuja, shouting slogans against President Muhammadu Buhari, an AFP journalist said. *AFP*

### Algeria jails 22 protesters

**ALGERIA** - Twenty-two Algerian demonstrators were handed one-year jail sentences on Tuesday for 'undermining national unity' by bearing the Berber minority's flag during anti-regime protests, a prisoners' rights group said. The CNLD committee said on its Facebook page that a court in the capital's Sidi Mhamed district had sentenced the accused to 12 months in prison - half of it suspended - and fines of 30 000 dinars (US\$275). Said Salhi, vice president of the Algerian human rights groups LADDH, condemned the ruling as 'heavy, hard and unexpected', adding that defence lawyers would appeal. *AFP*

### Russia wants end to embargo

**MOSCOW** - Russia backs lifting an embargo on diamond exports from the Central African Republic, the deputy finance minister said Tuesday as Moscow was preparing to chair a global scheme regulating the gem trade. Russia has made moves to strengthen its influence in the poor but strategic CAR in recent months, sending military instructors to the country and receiving mining concessions as part of a plan to boost its presence in Africa. Next year Moscow will be chair of the Kimberley Process, a global scheme established in 2003 to eliminate the so-called 'blood diamonds' produced in rebel-controlled areas. *AFP*

### Rights are not up for negotiation

**NAIROBI** - Natalia Kanem, executive director of UNFPA, had a strong statement at the opening of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD25) in Nairobi, Kenya, on November 12: Reproductive and sexual health rights for women and girls are not up for negotiation, and we will protect and defend them. The firmness of Kanem's words inform the commitment of the UN agency and its partners to move forward despite the progress made, 25 years after, in the fight against gender-based violence, maternal and infant mortality, child marriage, schooling for girls, access to family planning. *All Africa*



# Focus on SA Scene

Your Daily Mzansi News

## 'You're nothing compared to your parents'

**JOHANNESBURG** - EFF leader Julius Malema has fired a broadside at DA MP Ghaleb Cachalia, describing him as a political under-achiever hiding behind his family name.

This was after the conservative DA MP told the National Assembly during a debate on a Malema-sponsored condolence motion about late Zimbabwean former president Robert Mugabe, that Malema "was only six years old" when Cachalia travelled to Harare to attend the commemoration of the anniversary of the universal declaration of human rights. In closing the debate, Malema hit

back at Cachalia, accusing him of being an ageist who was using his family name to advance his political career.

Ghaleb is the son of the late anti-apartheid struggle icons Amina and Yusuf Cachalia. Malema said Cachalia was resorting to using the issue of age in a political debate because he did not have credentials of his own.

"I heard someone saying here that in 1988, Malema was this or that age. That's a problem of ageists. You're an ageist of note because whether I was eight years at the time, politically if I were to compare what I've achieved and what you've achieved,

you don't come anywhere close," said Malema, to loud applause from his MPs. "You always hide behind the dress of your mother's credentials. You use your family wrongly for personal accumulation and you always irritate us with your parents' credentials as if they're yours. They're not yours. You have no credentials at all." At that moment, Ghaleb rose on a point of order to object to Malema's accusations.

"The honourable Malema accused me of using my family's name for personal accumulation. He must withdraw," said Ghaleb, but Malema would not have it. "Honourable speak-



SLAMS: EFF leader Julius Malema.

er, I never mentioned anyone. But if the shoe fits, wear it.

"You're too old, chief, to be saying 'my mother this, my father this and that'. Write your own history, which is going to be the ugliest history because of the side you chose. You

will never have credentials close to your parents. You're nothing compared to your parents." In the end, the Mugabe condolence motion was adopted by all parties with the objection of the DA, while the IFP and the ACDP abstained. *Times Live*

## ACE ON A MISSION

**JOHANNESBURG** - The ANC is gearing up for the 2021 elections with its focus squarely on embattled municipalities.

The party's Secretary General, Ace

...to get answers in Nelson Mandela Bay

Magashule, headed to Nelson Mandela Bay yesterday with a contingent of National Executive Committee (NEC) members.

In a letter signed by Magashule, which News24 has seen, the party says its NEC members will be touring the country to intervene in various regions facing upcoming conferences or problems in their councils. "The programme is primarily focused on municipalities faced with various challenges. These include cases where provincial and regional structures intend to bring changes to the leadership of the municipalities," the letter reads.

Nelson Mandela Bay has been rocked by scandal after scandal since UDM Mayor Mongameli Bobani took over from the DA with the aid of the ANC and other opposition parties, including the EFF.

Four motions of no confidence have been tabled against Bobani. All have failed. The most recent motion was orchestrated by the DA and the ANC. With the recent resignation of DA leader Mmusi Maimane, and the re-emergence of Helen Zille

as the party's federal council chair, the ANC's top brass say this has affected the "functioning of municipalities", "hindering service delivery."

"[Consequently] the situation has necessitated a need for the NEC to give guidance and political perspective on the approach in which the ANC caucus must handle these matters."

NEC delegates Nomvula Mokonyane, Dakota Legoete, Jeff Radebe, David Masondo, Meogo Matube and Tony Yengeni will form part of the delegation which will engage with party volunteers and branches.

At the heart of the interventions are two valuable metros the party lost in the 2016 municipal elections - Nelson Mandela Bay and Johannesburg. The party has been wooing DA coalition partners in Johannesburg to regain the metro, following executive mayor Herman Mashaba's dramatic resignation from the liberal party.

A provincial leader who sits on the NEC said the party is considering fresh elections in both metros to leverage the DA's very public power struggles, marked by the resignations of high-profile leaders.

News24

## Durban man sells coffin as a 'Goth bed' on Facebook

**DURBAN** - What do you do when you want to get rid of a coffin that has been sitting in your garage for nearly 10 years?

Tony Symes of Queensburgh was faced with this very conundrum recently when the last completed coffin from his coffin manufacturing business from 10 years ago was taking up just too much space in his garage.

"I decided that it was time to sell it and I decided to put it up for sale on Facebook's Market place," he explained.

"I used to manufacture coffins but as a one man show it was tough and I had to find other sources of revenue so I stopped making coffins."

I initially tried to sell it as a coffin but it became joke central for people on Facebook so I decided to rename it a Goth bed to widen the customer base but the jokes have just carried on," he said. Symes said that Facebook users have among other things asked

whether the coffin he was selling was the same one used by Pastor Alp Lukau to resurrect a congregant earlier this year. "They think this is a joke but it is not. I genuinely want to sell this coffin," he said. Symes said he started making coffins 10 years ago with a friend but the business did not work out. Initially he had dozens of coffins around his house and even had to store some in the lounge.

"My partner and her daughters did not like it very much and said it was macabre."

They did not even invite any of their friends over because they were too embarrassed," he said.

He, however, managed to sell most of his coffins but was left with one completed coffin which he stored in his garage. "My brother and I made a pact that whoever between us died first, would get to use the coffin."

Daily News

## 'The buck stops with the leader'

**CAPE TOWN** - DA parliamentary leader John Steenhuisen has come out in support of the party's review report, which led to Mmusi Maimane's resignation as head of the DA.

Speaking to Eusebius McKaiser on Radio 702 on Tuesday morning, Steenhuisen said he did not believe in collective responsibility and that the buck stops with the party leader, no matter what.

"It doesn't matter where things went wrong, the buck stops with the leader," said Steenhuisen. When a party had bad election results, leaders the world over took responsibility and stepped down, he said.

Steenhuisen is part of a two-man race to replace Maimane as interim

party leader at this weekend's federal council meeting.

He will go head to head with Gauteng MPL Makashule Gana.

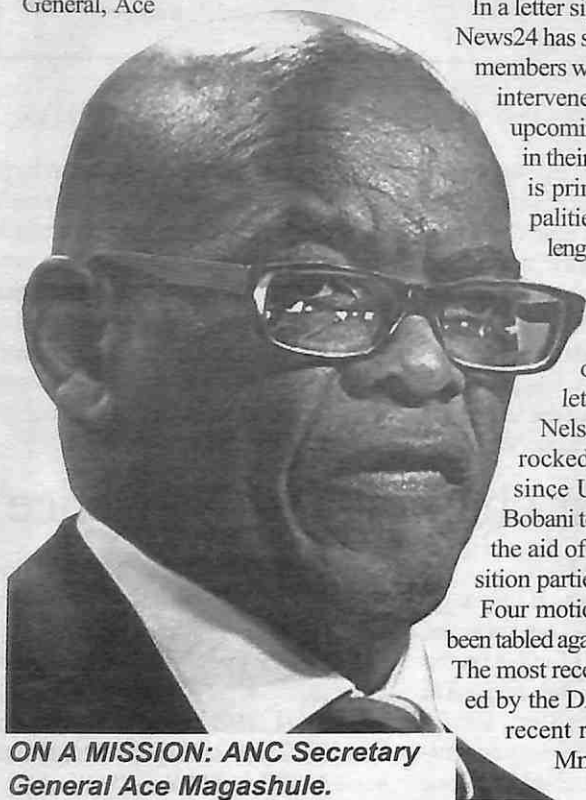
Steenhuisen is seen as the frontrunner to take the job, after he was elected, unopposed, as parliamentary leader last month, after Maimane's resignation.

Steenhuisen dismissed that race should play a part in choosing a leader, making the example of Helen Suzman, who, despite being white, fought the apartheid government in parliament.

He said he did not think he could not speak for the poor just because he "lacks pigmentation."

Steenhuisen argued that not all black South Africans felt the same.

Times Live



ON A MISSION: ANC Secretary General Ace Magashule.

## Rape suspect burnt to death by mob in Limpopo

**LIMPOPO** - The South African Police Service (SAPS) in Mphahlele outside Makhado, Limpopo, are on the lookout for suspects who assaulted and set alight two men during separate mob justice incidents that took place last Friday.

In the first incident, police responded to a complaint from community members at about 08:00 after a body of man was found at Tshituni tsha Fhasi village near the Nwanedi River, SAPS spokesperson Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo said.

"When police arrived at the scene, they found the charred remains of a 27-year-old man, identified as Elikana Makondelele.

The body had open wounds and his legs tied with an electric wire. The motive behind the killing is unknown at this stage but police investigations are ongoing," said Mojapelo.

That evening, at about 18:00, the community of Raliphaswa Tshikhwani village allegedly stoned and set alight a man they suspected of raping a girl.

"Police attended to an attempted rape incident of a six-year-old girl.

While they were busy with their investigations, they received a complaint of mob justice, and responded immediately.

When they arrived at the scene, the person was already dead and community members had left the scene. Various

objects like stones and bricks were left next to the body."

The deceased has been identified as Lutendo Raswisi, 35, from Matanda village. In both incidents, police have opened cases of murder and no arrests have been made yet.

"A manhunt has been launched for the suspects responsible for these acts of criminality," said Mojapelo. The provincial commissioner of the SAPS in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Nneke Ledwaba, has condemned the killings and urged all members of the community to report any criminal activity to the police and refrain from resorting to acts of vigilantism.

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# Focus on SA Scene

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## Steenhuisen, Gana's final days of lobbying for DA job

**CAPE TOWN - The DA's John Steenhuisen and Makashule Gana have only four days to lobby support in their bid to become the party's interim leader.**

The party will once again be thrust into the spotlight when it elects Mmusi Maimane's replacement, as well as a new federal chair.

The party has been in a state of political wilderness after the two heavy hitters Maimane and federal chair Athol Trollip made shocking resignations shortly after Helen Zille was elected as the new federal council chair.

Without any direction from its own Constitution in the sudden turn of

events, the party elected on voting for an interim leader and federal chair. The two party interim leaders would hold the fort until its early congress in 2020.

Much like the federal council elections, which resulted in a discord between the major party players, party presiding officer of federal council elections Desiree Van Der Walt said the rules will remain the same.

With the withdrawal of Western Cape leader Bonginkosi Madikizela from the race, the 160 council members who would normally use a ranking system (single transferable vote ranking system) to elect a new leader, will find it easier to choose the preferred

candidates. "There are only two candidates, so [each] member will choose their preferred candidates. Unlike the system which will be used to select a federal chair. In that election we have four candidates. The first candidate to go on the ballot will be selected from a draw and the other three will be chosen alphabetically," she said.

The four candidates vying for the federal chair position include: Dharmesh Dhaya - DA chief whip in the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality; Ivan Meyer - deputy federal chairperson and Western Cape finance MEC; Khume Ramulifho - MPL in the Gauteng legislature and Nomafrrench Mbombo - DA Women's Network leader and

Western Cape health MEC.

Van Der Walt explained that all candidates will address the federal council during Sunday's session to convince delegates to support their respective bids. For the position of federal chair, delegates will rank the leaders from the most to the least preferred. On Tuesday, News24 learnt that Gana sent a letter to party members ahead of this weekend's election. In the letter, Gana makes the argument that the party cannot ignore race in formulating its redress policies.

"To many black people, 'blackness' is irrevocably linked to their material conditions, which are more dire compared to their white compatriots. It absolutely does not hurt to acknowledge this predicament," he writes in the letter. *News24*



**FINAL: DA's John Steenhuisen.**

## ZUMA THROWS SARS A CURVEBALL

**JOHANNESBURG - Former President Jacob Zuma has thrown a curve ball at the SA**

**Revenue Services (SARS) by allowing them to make his tax records available to the public protector.**

In a surprise move, Zuma on Tuesday threw his weight behind Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane granting her permission to peruse his tax files - a move that could see Mkhwebane freely accessing the tax records of politicians and government officials as part of her investigations. "This may in the future include finance details of President Cyril Ramaphosa's 2017 presidential campaign which have been sealed from being made public following a court order in August. "The move by Zuma also comes while SARS seeks to stop Mkhwebane from obtaining Zuma's records.

"I need to clarify that I have never refused the office of the PP access to investigate my affairs. This country knows very well that the former PP @ThuliMadonsela investigated me on a number of occasions and made findings against me," tweeted Zuma.

SARS Commissioner Edward Kieswetter on Tuesday said the impending court case by the organisation was not about withholding Zuma's record but that SARS rather wants the courts

to clarify the legal principle of a taxpayer's privacy as contained in the Tax Administration Act of 2011.

SARS is fighting attempts by Mkhwebane to obtain Zuma's records as part of an investigation emanating from allegations that he received monthly payments of R1million from Durban businessman Roy Moodley while he was president.

The allegations are contained in investigative journalist Jacques Pauw's book *The President's Keepers* and prompted former DA leader Mmusi Maimane to ask Mkhwebane to probe the allegations. Kieswetter admitted that SARS regulations stated that organisations may release tax information to third parties but only if the taxpayer involved consents in writing.

"There are, however, specific provisions that allow 'taxpayer information' to be disclosed to a person who is not a SARS official (this happens if) a taxpayer gives written consent," he said.

But while it may not be in a formal document, Zuma appeared to give consent, throwing his weight behind Mkhwebane's mission, saying he had no problem with his records being perused as he 'had nothing to hide'.

*Political Bureau*



**THROWS: Former President Jacob Zuma.**

## EFF's Shivambu, Gardee facing the chop

**JOHANNESBURG - As the EFF elective conference draws closer, it has emerged that party Deputy President Floyd Shivambu and Secretary-General Godrich Gardee might find themselves out in the cold as there is a growing call for them to be removed from the executive.**

Sources within the EFF said Shivambu might be replaced by National Chairperson Dali Mpofu and Gardee by either National Executive Committee member Marshal Dlamini or party Spokesperson Mbuyiseni Ndlozi.

Independent Media has learnt that there was growing discontent about Shivambu and Gardee's performance, including failure to sell the party

throughout the continent.

A senior EFF leader who declined to be named said party President Julius Malema was the only one who was secure in holding on to his position.

The EFF is due to hold its conference at the Nasrec Expo Centre in Joburg between December 13 and 16. Sources said the EFF had been

split into two factions and both of them were fully behind Malema.

"One of the groups (factions) wants the deputy president removed and only kept as an ordinary member of the national executive committee. He is accused of having failed to perform his duties, of which one of them was to promote the party across the continent," said the source.

During the EFF leadership's site visit at Nasrec late last month, Malema took a swipe at Gardee about the party's failure to sell itself in other African states. *Political Bureau*

## Springboks symbol of white resistance to change - Ndlozi

**PARLIAMENT - Economic Freedom Fighters member of Parliament (MP) Mbuyiseni Ndlozi on Tuesday reiterated his scorn of the Springbok rugby team and said there would be no racial unity in South Africa until wealth was shared equally and land returned to those from whom it was taken.**

Ndlozi, in a debate on a motion to congratulate the Springboks for winning the Rugby World Cup, said calls to rally behind the team was a form of collective abuse of black people, who were being asked to sanctify a sport and a symbol that remained redolent of white supremacy.

"Because the Springbok is a sign that cannot be whitewashed, it stands in parallel continuity with Die Stem entrenching white supremacy in our society.

That is why the rugby team in question is white-dominated. It is a perfect reflection that white people have

successfully resisted change in our society for 25 years," he said.

He said the mass street celebrations that have met the returning rugby champions were 'fake' because it asked black people to buy into a false notion of transformation.

"Out there, people say what is happening is racial unity on the streets, but the truth is out there is (sic) scores of black people extending their exploited, marginalised, scandalised and brutalised humanity to a white-dominated team.... the white community to this day has not recognised the humanity of black people." Ndlozi said Springbok captain Siya Kolisi had to go to a white school he attended Grey High School in Port Elizabeth to win acceptance and dismissed the narrative that wing Makazole Mapimpi was a rare case of an Eastern Cape player who had to overcome adversity to achieve success on the field. *African News Agency*

## Political opportunism led to Marikana tragedy - COSATU

**JOHANNESBURG - Trade union COSATU has called on workers, members of the Tripartite Alliance and communities to rally behind its Marikana rally on Sunday in the North West province.**

COSATU said the Marikana tragedy of August 2012, which claimed the lives of 34 protesting miners, was a 'classic example of the immorality of capitalism and its festering greed'.

The union's National Spokesperson Sizwe Pamla said the union was com-

mitted to confronting the deteriorating situation that had led to many workers still getting killed after the tragic events of 2012. "The federation condemns the ongoing violence and intimidation of workers in Marikana and we strongly support the principle of freedom of association, especially for the working class, membership of any union or any party should not be a death sentence in a democratic country," said Pamla. He said that the ongoing killings and violent attacks on National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) members

had to be stopped and urged law enforcement agencies to start apprehending the perpetrators. "Political opportunism, populism and the culture of warlordism has undermined the efforts to find lasting solutions to the problems that led to the tragedy in the first place. The legacy of the Marikana tragedy should have been about changing the conditions of the mineworkers and holding the mining companies accountable for the damage that they have inflicted on the workers and communities for centuries." *Political Bureau*



# Focus on World News

Global News

## LAND DISPUTE BLOODBATH LEAVES 3 DEAD

**THAILAND** - Three people died in a courtroom gun battle in Thailand yesterday after the defendant pulled out a handgun as he waited for the verdict in a land dispute.

Retired policeman Thanin Chantratip shot dead the plaintiff and his lawyer before he himself was killed by police.

Witnesses said Thanin pulled a Glock .22 handgun from his waist after arguing with opposing lawyer Wijai Sukharom. Wijai was killed and his client Bancha Porameesananorn was later pronounced dead in hospital.

A court policeman returned fire in the melee and shot Thanin, who also later died in hospital. Two others, including the claimant's wife Supaporn, are in critical conditions after the gun battle in Chanthaburi yesterday morning.

Onlookers said Thanin and Wijai had started arguing after they arrived in court to hear the verdict.

The land dispute had been running for more than 10 years. Police Major General Charan Jitchuejun, deputy commander of Chanthaburi police, said an investigation had been opened into the shooting. He added: "We are sure that the

● Defendant shoots dead plaintiff and his lawyer before being gunned down



**TRAGEDY:** Bodies in the courtroom in the aftermath of yesterday's gun battle.

culprit is Mr Thanin Chantratip and that the victim was his rival in court. "The injured parties were the wife of the victim and two other lawyers. "The cause of the dispute is a civil lawsuit relating

to land which has been going on for more than 10 years. "Three people are dead and currently two are injured from gunshot wounds."

*Daily Mail*

## HILLARY CLINTON ATTACKS BORIS JOHNSON

**LONDON** - Hillary Clinton has attacked Prime Minister Boris Johnson for his "inexplicable and shameful" decision to block publication of a report into Russian interference in UK elections.

The former US presidential candidate told the BBC's Emma Barnett that she was "dumbfounded" by the UK government's refusal to publish the report, which was intended for publication before the general election. The UK Parliament's Intelligence and Security Committee sent Prime Minister Johnson its report weeks ago. However, the government is refusing to publish it until after the general election on December 12. "Every person who votes in this country deserves to see that report before your election happens," Clinton said. She added: "Because there is no doubt

- we know it in our country, we have seen it in Europe, we have seen it here - that Russia, in particular, is determined to try to shape the politics of western democracies. "Not to our benefit, but to theirs." She told the BBC: "I find it inexplicable

that your government will not release a government report about Russian influence. Inexplicable and shameful." Clinton added that the Kremlin would seek to interfere in future elections in the West.

"So there's no doubt of the role that Russia played in our [US] 2016 election and is continuing to play. "I would hate to see that happen here [UK.] Whatever the outcome. I don't know what's in it, [the report] any more than anybody else does. "But certainly, people who are about to vote in a month or so deserve to know what is in a report that one has to speculate, must have something of concern, otherwise why wouldn't it be publicly disclosed?" Reacting to Clinton's remarks, Chuka Umunna, the Liberal Democrats foreign affairs spokesperson, said the UK government's refusal to publish the report "implies there is something to hide" and said "Boris Johnson is morphing into Donald Trump more and more, day by day."

*Business Insider*



**ATTACKS:** Hillary Clinton.

## 'Death toll up to 7 in post-election unrest'

**BOLIVIA** - Seven people died in Bolivia in violence that broke out after Evo Morales was declared the winner of a recent presidential election, the attorney general said on Tuesday.

Four of those fatalities were from gunfire, Juan Lanchipa said. Until now, the toll was three dead. Morales resigned on Sunday and went into exile in Mexico on Tuesday. "All of these cases will be investigated until we establish the truth and find out who is responsible so they can be punished under the law," Lanchipa said. He also called on Bolivians to

return to calm after Senator Jeanine Anez proclaimed herself acting president in a move endorsed by the country's Constitutional Court. Anez, formerly deputy speaker of the Senate, proclaimed herself Bolivia's new interim president on Tuesday during a session of Congress that failed to reach a quorum.

Lawmakers had been summoned to formalise Sunday's resignation of Evo Morales and confirm Jeanine Anez, 52, as interim president, to end a power vacuum. *Citizen*

## Hong Kong on the 'brink of total breakdown'

**HONG KONG** - Hong Kong is on the 'brink of total breakdown,' police have said after officers were filmed pepper-spraying a woman and tackling her to the ground on another day of violence in the city.

A video clip shared by leading activist Joshua Wong purports to show heavily armed officers scuffling with a pregnant woman.

One policeman is seen squirting a can of pepper spray in the woman's face while several others help him

wrestle her to the ground. The clash was the latest violent episode on a day which saw protesters fire catapults at police and occupy the centre of Hong Kong where officers fired teargas in reply. Tensions are higher than ever after an activist was shot and another man set on fire by protesters in angry confrontations on Monday. "Our society has been pushed to the brink of a total breakdown," Senior Superintendent Kong Wing-cheung told a briefing yesterday. Police said masked rioters

had committed 'insane' acts, throwing trash, bicycles and other debris on to metro tracks and overhead power lines, paralysing transport. TV footage showed activists dropping heavy objects from overpasses on to traffic below, just missing a motorcyclist. In the pepper-spray clash, which reportedly took place in Hung Hom at around 10am yesterday morning, the woman turned away in agony after being sprayed but then continued to argue with the officer. *Daily Mail*

## BRIEFS

### Mass pig slaughter stains river red

**SEOUL** - A river near the inter-Korean border turned red with the blood of pigs slaughtered as Seoul attempts to curb the spread of African swine fever. South Korea has culled around 380 000 pigs since the first case of the haemorrhagic disease - which is not harmful to humans but is highly infectious in swine - was reported in September. Pig cases are nearly always fatal and there is no antidote or vaccine, with the only known way to prevent the disease from spreading being a mass cull of livestock. A local NGO said that heavy rains last week caused blood from a burial site near the inter-Korean border - where some 47 000 pig carcasses were piled up - to seep into the Imjin River on Sunday, turning some of the stream red. *AFP*

### Teen gets double lung transplant

**MICHIGAN** - A 17-year-old Michigan boy facing "imminent death" from vaping injuries has undergone a double lung transplant, the first in a patient suffering from the effects of e-cigarettes, a Detroit hospital said on Tuesday. The announcement by Henry Ford Hospital came a day after President Donald Trump said he would meet with industry representatives as his administration weighs new regulations, amid a nationwide outbreak of vaping-related illness and deaths. "This teenager faced imminent death had he not received a lung transplant," Dr Hassan Nemeh, surgical director of thoracic organ transplant at Henry Ford Hospital, said in a statement announcing the mid-October procedure, which he carried out with two other surgeons, assisted by a team of experts. *Reuters*

### Nurse charged for murder

**NEW YORK** - The man took the same route every morning down 92nd Street, walking his dog past the cornfields in Raymond, Wisconsin. But on the morning of July 21, 1999, as he walked with his teenage daughter, the drag marks caught his eye. They led from the road down a slight embankment beneath the power lines and into the corn, straight to a woman's limp body. Peering through the cornstalks, the teenager, Megan Rios, would never forget the sight. The dead woman was skinny, wearing black sweatpants and a gray denim western shirt embroidered with red and black flowers, still wet from the night's rainstorm. *The Washington Post*

### 'No complications' from Carter surgery'

**GEORGIA** - Former US president Jimmy Carter was recovering in a Georgia hospital following surgery on Tuesday to relieve pressure on his brain after he suffered multiple falls, an aide said. "There are no complications from the surgery to ease the pressure caused by a subdural hematoma," said a statement from the Carter Centre, adding that the 95-year-old Nobel laureate will remain in hospital "as long as advisable for observation". *AFP*



# CHURCH NEWS

WITH: Simon Shabangu



## Women Convention at Divine Ministries

**THE Divine Healing Ministries in Manzini will host a women's convention starting from November 29 to December 1.**

The host is Bishop Nash Shongwe's wife Pastor Zanele, as the first lady of the church.

The first day service starts at six in the evening until nine at night. Saturday will be an all-day service which will have different sessions where different speakers will share the Word on different topics. On Sunday it will start at 10 until 1pm.

"We invite people, especially women to come join us on this service, where we will be talking about a number of issues," madam Bishop said.

On another note, Bishop Nash extended his gratitude and appreciation to all who came through to support the church during their annual gala dinner two weeks ago.

He said the Word of God says blessed is the hand that gives than the one that receives. He said those who supported the church on this day would be blessed. He thanked his wife and children for their continued support to his ministry.

"I am truly humbled for the support that the people of God extended to us as a church during this special service, which we do on annual basis. This will go a long way in helping us as a church to do our ongoing projects and the charity work that we do. I want to pass my thanks to members of the Royal family, members of Likoqo, Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini, Cabinet ministers, Members of Parliament, Senators, my dear friend Bishop ND Nhlapho, pastors, companies and individuals who came through to support us. My thanks also goes to the executive of Divine Healing Ministries and the membership at large for their continued support," he said.

He said the support was humbling and wish such could be extended to other men of God who will host such events aimed at pursuing the work of God.

The bishop said part of the proceeds from this event will be channelled towards the ongoing church contribution at Othandweni. He said they would also do Christmas for the elderly, something they do on annual basis.

## Rest in Christ Ministries hosts end of year revivals

BY FUTHIE DLAMINI



HOST: Bishop J.V. Hlatshwako.

**REST in Christ Ministries will host a three-day end of year revivals, starting next Wednesday to Friday (November 20 - 23).**

The services are themed 'Rise up and walk' and are hosted by Bishop J.V. and Pastor B. Hlatshwako, which will be held at St Mark's High School hall from 6-8pm daily.

The church Chairman Maxwell Ngwenya

invited congregants to the revivals.

### Invitation

"We would like to extend an invitation to everyone in Mbabane and surrounding areas to come and be part of these life-changing revivals and your life will never be the same."

### Transport

"Come sit down with us as our bishop will be unleashing the Word of God," he said.

Transport to and from the venue will be available at a fee.

# Operational Crossover at Gethsemane Church

**GETHSEMANE Redemption International Church will host an all-night prayer service dubbed 'Operation crossover' to be held in their church at Kalonhlupheko in Siteki.**

The founder of the church, Prophetess BK Dlamini said the all-night prayer service would be on November 29, and is dubbed 'Operation Crossover' which will be a night of impartation as she will be empowering people to be able to operate for themselves, hence the name operational crossover.

She said this night service will be the last one before the main one to be held at the end of December, crossing over to the new-year. She said as the festive season drew closer people would be under immense pressure of different kinds which needed them to be strong in the Word of God.

She said at this service people will get to realise the God given power to fight any kind of attack, mainly spiritual attacks from the devil.

"People will get to know how to pray and even be able to pray for

..The founder of the church Prophetess BK Dlamini said the all night prayer service will be on

November 29 and is dubbed Operation Crossover



FIRE: Prophetess BK Dlamini.

others in times of hardship. This will help people to realise that it is not only us pastors and their leaders who have the power to pray and cast demons.

"The current situation is that people are made to believe that it is only pastors who have the power to pray hence they feel defenceless once they are under attack at home."

"That is why you find that others call their pastors in the middle of the night just for prayer, yet they also have the power every Sunday to pray and calm down the storms in their lives," she said.

She said **John 1:12** teaches that all mankind made of God's image has the power to operate by themselves without relying too much on their pastors.

"Mine on this day will be unpacking and imparting the know-how. I invite people to come join us in their numbers on this day and witness the power of God at work. They will surely come out different and will be healed from all the afflictions the devil has imposed in their lives. People will get spir-

itual and emotional healing on the night, so they must not miss the opportunity," she said.

Meanwhile, the prophetess she said other incidents of suicide were a result of the lack of the understanding of the power that one possessed as God's creation.

### Problems

She said when people get into problems or are under attack, the pastor would not be there to pray for them, and then they find a short cut as a way out of the problem by taking their lives.

"This is exactly what I will be helping people to avoid on that night," she added.

Meanwhile, the prophetess said they have weekly services at Liberty Centre in Manzini every Monday and Friday morning before people go to work.

She said this was where people gathered from different walks of life around the country and beyond to pray and also get healing.

She invited people to join her on the two days, which happens on weekly basis as well as the special Sunday service at the Siteki church.

## Bishop Zondo to empower leaders at Leadership Conference

**LOCAL church leaders will have the opportunity to be empowered by Bishop Bafana Zondo of Rivers of Living Waters Ministry based in Johannesburg, South Africa who will be addressing and ministering to leaders at a Leadership Conference at The George Hotel next Friday.**

Bishop Zondo will be coming for the first time in the country through the invitation of the founder of Jehovah Shamma Miracle Revival Church Prophet John Ngwenya.

This will be a breakfast meeting at the hotel, where the bishop from South Africa will address the leaders on a number of topics regarding their roles as leaders.

Pastor Joel Gamedze of Mshingishini branch of the ministry said registration to the conference was still open. He said registration costs E350 for a general ticket and E500 for a VIP entry.

"We invite all church leaders, business people and those in leadership roles to come join us on the day, where the man of God, who has been in leadership for more than 30 years, will be empowering leaders with the appropriate tools of leadership, especially in a Godly way of leading people. Even those who want to assume leadership roles can join this special session," he said.

### Mentoring

Gamedze said the bishop was a prominent figure in leadership mentoring and motivation.

He has his TV channel known as RLW and also has programmes in other TV channels like the Tshwane and Soweto TV stations among others.

He said on the evening of the same day, the prophet will be at Bosco Skills Centre where there will be an all night prayer. He said the bishop would minister the



PARTNERS: Prophet John Ngwenya and Bishop Bafana Zondo from South Africa.



word of God and further pray for the sick. "We invite people to come in their numbers and witness the power of God at work, as this anointed man of God will

also pray for the sick on the night. "This service is free to all and we invite Emswati not to miss this opportunity," he said.

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## THE SPOTLIGHT SHUTDOWN CONCERT

TICKETS NOW  
ON SALE!

- AKA billed to perform on the big day
- Tickets available via MoMo

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**TICKETS to The Spotlight grand finale are now on sale.**

MTN Service Centres and e-Top up Stores will assist customers to make purchases seamlessly and easy.

The Shutdown Concert is slated for November 23 and tickets are now on sale via Mobile Money.

The Spotlight is a project made brighter by MTN Eswatini in its endeavour to support local upcoming artists.

The MoMo way of buying tickets means that entertainment and music lovers would be able to purchase the tickets from the comfort of their homes and only produce the confirmation codes at the gate.

This is part of the nation's ongoing pursuit to embrace technology and innovation in order to save time and do things better and seamlessly to give customers more value.

The event will take place at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre Hall 1 from 6pm to 10pm and will feature multi-award

## ... Top class entertainment for grand finale

THE Grand Finale of the Spotlight, made brighter by MTN Eswatini, would see some of the best artists in the land taking to the stage alongside superstar AKA.

These artists include the award-winning Sands, Mozaik, Nomalungelo and Velemseni. Also to be part of the set is the ultra talented Ziyawakaziha who has been nominated in four categories in the MTN SWAMA

Awards. These local artists will also collaborate with the final three Spotlight artists. To add more spice to the whole event would be award-winning and much travelled comedian Mdura.

The new talent search, titled The Spotlight, was launched on July 13 and is aimed at discovering the next big music star. Auditions were held in all regions of the country where finalists were picked from each audition.

winning superstar AKA with a celebratory performance to mark the end of what so far has been a thrilling and immensely successful talent search for Eswatini's next music star.

The ticket development was confirmed by MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko, who said they were excited to incorporate the system in order to make purchasing tickets easier for anyone at any place in the country. To purchase a ticket one simply needs to dial \*007\*3\*12# and will get an option to purchase either the E80 ticket for under 18s or the E150 standard ticket.

"We would like to invite members of the

public to start purchasing their tickets via MoMo as they are already available. This system will ensure that even if someone is far from any of the ticket outlets, they can be able to purchase a ticket without any hassle which is one of the benefits of technology," he said.

Maseko also assured the public that the MTN Service Centres as well as e-Top Stores would have readily available friendly and helpful support staff to assist with the purchasing of the ticket even if one decided to go the route of just passing by and buying a ticket at one of the stores. MTN has assured the public that preparations for the event are at optimal levels.

"On the day we will also make sure that there are various entry points so that we limit having long queues to this very important event.

We are more than ready and geared up to host this historic event," he said.

He thanked all the partners they have been working with since the start of the competition and assured the public that the shutdown would be an unforgettable experience.

The lucky winner of the first season of The Spotlight will drive home a brand new Kia Picanto worth about E200 000, an insurance cover for a year from Momentum, a recording deal and data for a year, among a host of other prizes.



BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**PARENTS of Miss Little Eswatini finalists expressed how excited they were for the pageant and their daughters.**

The pageant was launched a few months ago at the Eswatini National Arts and Culture offices, where they invited Emaswati young girls to participate. On Monday, Pageants Eswatini revealed their top 10 finalists.

According to Little Miss Eswatini founder Nokuphila Masangane, said she was happy that the competition has reached this point as now all they have to do is see it through.

Speaking to some of the parents, they expressed the happiness shown by their daughters at home after they were announced finalists of the competition.

The parents also applauded the pageant

## Parents, finalists excited for Miss Little Eswatini pageant



for not focusing on beauty as they felt it would build confidence in their children. Landokuhle Makhanya's mother, Nonhlanhla Fakudze said she could not be any more proud of her daughter.

"I am beyond excited for my daughter. She is also excited and has been singing since she was announced one of the finalists. I

am also happy that she will be one of the first finalists of the first ever Miss Little Eswatini," she said.

Malaika Mukungu's mother Nina is also excited with the pageant.

"I am overjoyed by the news that my daughter will be part of this beautiful pageant. I cannot explain the joy that I have. Malaika is also excited and happy and I wish her

and all the contestants the best," she expressed.

Rosie Smith said her daughter Shakira Mabuza was overjoyed by the news. "I am not only happy about my daughter being part of the first ever Miss Little Eswatini pageant in the kingdom, but I am also excited because this pageant will build the children's confidence.

"It is also a different concept compared to other pageants. I like that it has to do with more than just beauty and concept is exactly what we need to teach our children," she expressed. Masangane said the purpose of the pageantry was to boost the children's confidence and also plough the spirit of unity and helping each other for a better tomorrow. Hence, it was not about beauty. She said winners were expected to get free tablets, book hampers and vouchers from Spur, game drive and bicycles.

## Liyana movie now available on DVD, Blue-ray

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**LIYANA movie is now available on DVD and Blue-ray.**

The Eswatini film has been gaining popularity since its release in 2017. Liyana is a Swati documen-

tary film directed and produced by Aaron and Amanda Kopp, following a group of orphans as they construct a narrative based on their own experiences.

After premiering at the 2017 LA Film Festival, the film was released in the United States on October 10,

2018.

The movie has also received over 35 international awards. Over the years, the movie has received the award for Best in Show Award at the 2019 Macon Film Festival in Georgia South Africa, Best Documentary Feature at the Beloit

International Film Festival, Best African Documentary at the Mashariki African Film Festival and the Audience Award for Favourite Documentary Feature at the Children's Film Festival Seattle to mention a few. Liyana was also executive produced by internationally acclaimed Thandie Newton.

To get hold of the DVD, the public will have to pre-order on the Liyana website. The movie has also raised over E445 000 through the Liyana Education Fund for the children featured in the movie.

To donate, the public can visit the page to see updates and then donate by PayPal, credit card, or cheque. They can also send donations via Cash App or Venmo to: LiyanaEducationFund.

To order the movie, one can use discount code PRESALE20 for 20 per cent off at checkout at LiyanaFilm.com/shop.



# LISWATI DESIGNS WEBSITE TO HELP ARTISTS

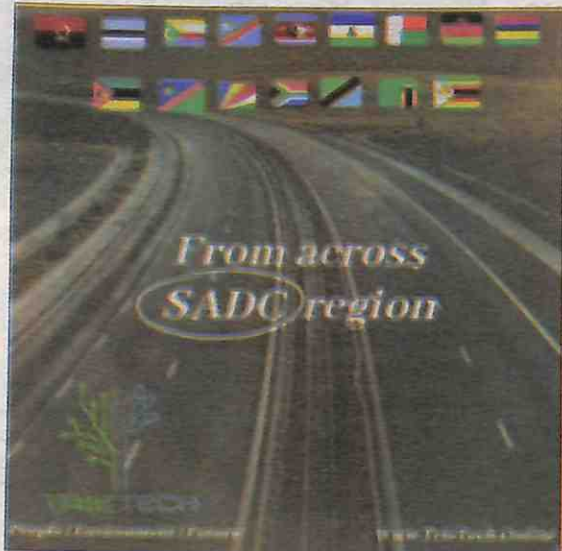
BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**BONGANI Shongwe** has designed a website known as 'Trie Tech' designed to help all artists in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

According to Shongwe, Trie Tech is a company interested in digitising society in order to create e-States. They focus on Web, App, game development and youth development.

"For the youth we have something called Triets from SADC, where we share talent each week from across the SADC region, we also have a platform where we list freelancers who are photographers, make-up artists, nail techs, models, videographers, cinematographers and directors from across the SADC region," he said.

He explained that someone from a foreign country can log into their website and book a photographer



from Eswatini or any other country because they love their work.

Shongwe said he was inspired by his friends who were photographers, nail techs and make-up artists. "I felt their work was so amazing that they

deserved to be booked outside of their towns and respective countries, and since I am a social person, I had friends from the different SADC countries so I decided to pursue the idea," he said.

He said the main aim of the website was split into two, one was to empower the youth so they employ their fellow youth as respective governments have a lot in their hands, and to create a community whereby they do

not just trade goods as countries in SADC but services also, culture and knowledge with one another.

"We also want to grow a new network where local artists and talent is booked outside our borders because our countries are filled with hard workers, creative individuals and determined individuals who want to change their families and communities," Shongwe explained.

Shongwe said artists would benefit by having new clients view their work.

He said they would also have adverts in shops as they engaged with in the different SADC countries, from evening wear shops, bakeries to wedding dress shops, whereby if someone is buying a wedding dress, they are able to view the advert and can also book a photographer, make-up artist or nail tech for their big day.

As the designer of the website, Shongwe hopes the initiative goes a long way in assisting to reduce the youth unemployment rate by raising young bosses, who will employ or train their fellow youth because according to him they need assistance because they now have too many bookings or something.

The public can access the website on [www.trietech.online](http://www.trietech.online), or alternatively on Facebook and Twitter @TechTrie, and Instagram on @Trie\_Tech where they can find photos of the freelancers work and the Triets from SADC talent they share each week.



## LUCT Events Management students launch events indaba

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**THE Limkokwing University Events Management students have launched their historic Events Indaba set to take place at Emfuleni Lifestyle on November 22.**

The launch of the event was held at Limkokwing University of Creative Technology premises and was attended by event's organiser and motivational speaker Jumbo J.

Also present was Hlumile, who is an events planning and décor specialist.

The Eswatini Events Indaba is for planners and all their relevant stakeholders, where they would get a chance to network with other planners to help support and improve the skills they possess.

According to the students, the event is also aimed at sharpening the skills of the planners who in turn would boost the industry. Attendees and par-

ticipants will mainly consist of events planners, both upcoming and those already fully-fledged.

"The purpose of having them at the event is to get their views, opinions and experiences on the event industry in Eswatini.

### Invited

"Students studying Events Management will be invited so that they will know more about what the event industry is all about.

The event will have participants who work with event planners when they organize events," said Sizwe Dlodlu, who is the overseer of the project.

Dlodlu said participants would be all the stakeholders of the industry.

These includes corporate decision makers, business owners, sales managers, marketing managers, graphic designers, sponsorship directors, public relations officers, sound and entertainment people, videographers and the media.

"These stakeholders will be given a chance to relate on what they are all about and how much they contribute in the events industry and what their services add to their planning," he said.

According to Dlodlu, the meeting would start with the showcasing of a documentary that will have interviews, statistics of the event industry in Eswatini and the review of past events hosted in Eswatini both the good and the bad.

"After the viewing of the documentary, there will be discussions whereby speakers will discuss the events industry in Eswatini, what the event industry is and how it can be improved or what can be

added to it," said Dlodlu.



GUGULETHU: Indlovukazi.

## 'Expect nothing but Eswatini music'

BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

**SOUTH African vocalist Indlovukazi says people should expect nothing but pure Eswatini music during the Divas Concert to be held at The George Hotel on November 24.**

The 'My Dali' hitmaker said she believed women were powerful and when they congregated, they healed each other through powerful conversations. She said to her, the word 'diva' meant go-getter a fighter, a woman who knows what she wants; finds ways to get it.

Indlovukazi urged her fans to attend the event

as she would make sure that everyone dances on the day. She said what would make the event special was that she looked up to most of the women set to perform on the night.

"Definitely, I am excited because I will be inspired," she said.

Indlovukazi said music was a universal language, every culture enjoyed music and song so the event was something great for the industry.

"Nobody really cares about race when there's music," she added.

## Gawuzela to drop 8th album

BY NJABULO DLAMINI

**THE long wait is over, as popular gospel group Mduduzi Nezinceku Zamagawugawu will be releasing a new CD in a few weeks' time titled Ngizinkela Kuwe (Sakhile Edwaleni).**

Founder and group leader Mduduzi Simelane, popularly known as President Gawuzela, confirmed that their eighth album was on its way.

"Presently, the production team is working on the final touches for the album and in a fortnight's time latest, everything should be all square," Simelane, also the Siphofaneni MP, said.

The album will be released under Simelane's stable; Umlilo Music Productions. It will be available on hard copy and online, details to be shared soon.

"We hereby thank all our fans for their love and support over the years. They have always been behind us and attended our shows in numbers, for which we are eternally grateful as this motivated us to persevere in this industry.

"Our fans should get ready as the latest album would be available soon, so we beseech them to support through purchasing the CD copies," he further said.

The new album has a number of hit songs such as *Ubizo*, *Siyay'dudula*, *Wothokoza Na?* and many more.

On another note, Gawuzela said they were looking forward to have their fans at the annual crossover show to be held at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre as usual on December 31.

This year's theme is; 'Operation 20/20 Sisemandleni'.

The MP also revealed that the acclaimed TV programme Makhelwane Simbona Ngetento is returning to the big screen 'soon'.





# Celebville

International Celebrity News

## Artists slam Burna Boy on Africans Unite concert line-up

**PRETORIA** - South African musicians and event organisers have objected to Nigerian rapper Burna Boy's inclusion at an anti-xenophobic concert, claiming the star incited hatred with his comments on SA.

In a series of tweets in September, Burna Boy urged black foreigners living in SA to defend and protect themselves against xenophobic attackers. In a now deleted tweet, he also told SA rapper AKA to beef up his security, before giving him the middle finger.

He promised to never set foot in SA again until the government "wakes the f\*ck up and really performs a miracle."

A month later it was announced that Burna would be performing in SA as part of the Africans Unite line-up to "unify all Africans and speak out against femicide."

Ticket listings and promotional material for the event claimed the concert was sponsored by the department of sports, arts and culture and is organised by Play Network Africa, which, according to its website, is

based in Nigeria.

Musicians and event organisers, under the umbrella of Tshwane Entertainment Collective, wrote a scathing letter to the minister raising objections against the concert and calling for the department to pull its sponsorship of the event. The group questioned the exclusion of artists and event organisers from Tshwane in the process, the lack of financial support for artists from the area, and claims that communities affected by xenophobia are located far from the areas where



**SLAMMED:** Nigerian rapper Burna Boy.

the concert will be held and cannot afford the ticket prices for the event. *Times Live*

## We tried to sort out our issues - Black Coffee

**CAPE TOWN** - Renowned DJ Black Coffee has revealed that his marriage to Enhle Mbali Mlotshwa deteriorated after a year of putting in efforts to save it.

"After much deliberation since the story of our relationship broke in public, I wish to state that we have been trying to sort our problems amicably and in private for almost a year now and it has been the most heart breaking and challenging period," he posted on his Twitter account.

"As much as there's two sides to every story I will not discuss our private life in public, let alone speak ill of my partner or my in-laws, as this can only hurt the people we both love dearly."

"As Mbali has stated, our priority is to protect our children at this point."

"This is now a court matter, we ask for privacy," he said.

His statement

comes after a visibly emotional Mlotshwa last Sunday posted a four-minute video on Instagram where she opened up about her troubled marriage to the international icon, whose real name is Nkosinathi Maphumulo.

The video followed an article in Sunday World which revealed that DJ Black Coffee and Mlotshwa have split after several years of marriage.

*Sowetan Live*



**WE TRIED:** DJ Black Coffee with Enhle Mbali Mlotshwa.

## John Legend named People magazine's 'sexiest man alive'

**HOLLYWOOD** - Multi-talented singer and actor John Legend was named People magazine's "sexiest man alive" on Tuesday, but said he wondered whether he could live up to the title.

Legend, 40, is married to model Chrissy Teigen with whom he has two children and is the first black man to have achieved coveted Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony (EGOT) status for his work on stage and screen.

"I was excited, but I was a little scared at the same time because it's a lot of pressure," the entertainer told People magazine. "Everyone's going to be picking me apart to

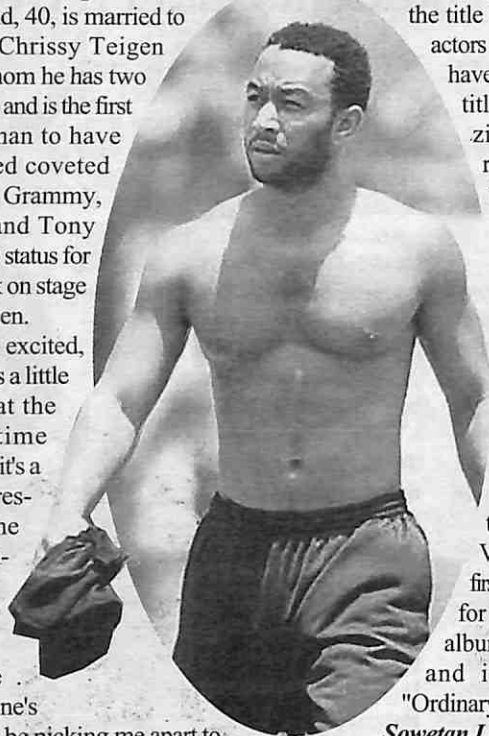
see if I'm sexy enough to hold this title."

I'm (also) following Idris Elba, which is not fair and is not nice to me!"

British actor Idris Elba took the title last year. Other actors and singers who have been given the title by the magazine's editors in recent years include Blake Shelton, Chris Hemsworth, Adam Levine, George Clooney and Channing Tatum.

Legend, currently a coach on US television talent series "The Voice," won the first of 10 Grammys for his 2004 debut album "Get Lifted" and its hit ballad "Ordinary People."

*Sowetan Live*



## Steve Harvey gives DJ Fresh a shout-out in America

**PRETORIA** - DJ Fresh has evidently gained a fan in American TV personality and comedian Steve Harvey.

In a video on Twitter, Steve gave Fresh a shout-out, saying how impressed he was with the interview he had with the renowned broadcasting veteran while he was in Mzansi promoting Family Feud SA.

"Whilst I was promoting 'Family Feud' and I went to radio stations in Joburg, I saw what they got over there. They've got it over there. My boy Fresh that's on the radio, Fresh, that boy got a studio that's as good as my studio in Beverly Hills."

Steve alluded to Fresh being the best in the game and gave radio per-



**GOOD:** DJ Fresh.

sonalities some words of wisdom. "That boy over there, he knock-in' them over the head. See, y'all keep getting underpaid because y'all producing subtle pass stuff and acting like it's okay. Y'all gotta stop that!"

Steve was in SA about two months ago and did several media interviews to promote the local version of 'Family Feud'.

The game show sees two families compete to give the most popular answers to surveyed questions,

often with hilarious results. It has been on air in the US since 1976, with Steve hosting since 2010.

He told TshisaLIVE that coming to SA was like "coming home."

He added that he did not believe Mzansi's artists, such as Thando Thabathe, Somizi, Mo Flava, DJ Fresh and others, who were doing the most on home soil, needed to leave the country for the bright lights of Hollywood.

"Why would you have to leave your home country to make it? It is just not being done the right way. Everyone keeps living in their own pocket, someone needs to unify the whole continent. If you go to Hollywood right now, there is a line. *Times Live*

## DAILY SOAPIE DIGEST



**DESPERATE:** Watch Imani on Muvhango tonight.



With his plans to deal with Judas and deliver on his promise to the MEC, Mpiyakhe turns his attention to Fenyang and Mkabayi's fleet.



Wendy's night out with Simon doesn't go as planned. Nina apologises to everyone she's wronged. Sibiyi worries about being banned from the shebeen.



Imani is desperate to get hold of the video that threatens to ruin her life. Rendani discovers that her desires are opposite to what she preferred them to be. Dee is confronted with motherhood challenges.



The money drop goes pear-shaped when a gun is revealed. Visiting her friends leaves Lesedi feeling more excluded than ever. Fikile is on her way but Nonkuleleko isn't ready yet!



Goodness' past puts her plans with Tshepo at risk. Kagiso struggles to come to terms with his sins. Zodwa learns shocking details about Shaka's funeral.



Nkunzi finally brings MaNgcobo proof, MaMlambo plays dirty to get Nkunzi's attention. Mondli's plan seems to be going great.



Tshepo makes a disturbing discovery and starts connecting the dots. A shareholder in Chillax makes a disturbing announcement and unwittingly gives Kgosi an idea. Things seem to be going well for a young entrepreneur, who's come up with the perfect solution to avoid detection.



MEME OF THE DAY

Being a man is not easy. Imagine someone being moody for your money

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

**Capricorn December 22 – January 19**  
You're trying to protect and shelter a certain part of yourself from others. This special spot in your soul that you hide from others is probably the most beautiful, since you nurture it so carefully. Don't give up this piece of yourself too easily. Save this pristine, delicate place for someone most deserving.



**Aquarius January 20 – February 18**  
Although some people may think of you as a space cadet when it comes to decisions and commitments, they may see a different side of you today. Don't be surprised if others come around to your camp once they hear your side of the story. Somehow all the pieces are fitting into place just like you knew they would. Those who doubted you will be pleasantly surprised.



**Pisces February 19 – March 20**  
It may be hard to find your mental and physical home base. Your mind could be wrapped in a cloud or some sort of imaginative time warp, so be careful how you proceed. Your head is in another dimension and you aren't paying nearly enough attention to the road ahead of you. Get off the highway and let your mind wander in a place where it's safe to do so.



**Aries March 21 – April 19**  
You like to recycle in your home and your workplace. Be a part of the solution instead of the problem by picking up after yourself and making sure that you aren't leaving a mess wherever you go. The state of the environment is more of a concern every day. It's up to each individual to make a difference.



**Taurus April 20 – May 20**  
The source of your frustration may be people who seem to be sensitive and honest yet act abrasively and speak aggressively. Try not to be fooled by those who continuously offer one image while delivering another. Keep your guard up. Don't waste your time giving people more chances than they deserve.



**Gemini May 21 – June 21**  
Have fun with people today. Talk about the fantasies you dream about coming to fruition in the coming years. Your emotions are strongly tied to your imagination. You could become defensive when someone starts to poke holes in your dreams. Use your intellect to defend yourself and the ideals you wish to live by in the future.



**Cancer June 22 – July 22**  
Your competitive side may be a strong force

in today's activities. Before you get too emotional about any situation, use logic and cold, hard facts to defend your position. Well thought out arguments presented clearly and concisely will be more effective than an emotional explosion full of tears and harsh words.



**Leo July 23 – August 22**  
Finding the answers you seek is easier when you take a more adamant position about where you stand now and where you want to be later. If you continue to be uncertain and relaxed about which way to proceed, others may take advantage of you. You have the strength and power to fuel your desires. It's time to put these into effect.



**Virgo August 23 – September 22**  
You've almost reached an important finish line. Don't give up. This is the time to kick into high gear and get moving even more quickly than before. Your emotions may remain out in left field as they merge with your most active fantasies. Do your best to stay on track by looking forward instead of behind you. You can always change course after you reach this finish line.



**Libra September 23 – October 23**  
This is a good time to make decisions that bring together your need for practicality as well as desire for emotional freedom. It's important for your mental health to have faith in your fantasies and your ability to see them through to fruition. There's a special portal open for you today with your name on it.



**Scorpio October 24 – November 21**  
You're apt to feel support, though it might be hidden in unexpected places. Don't discount anyone. Even the most caustic remarks have a touch of sensitivity and progressive thought that can help you a great deal. There's strength in emotional truth even if you don't want to hear it. Bitter pills may be hard to swallow, but they can be good for you.



**Sagittarius November 22 – December 21**  
It may be hard for anything to hold your attention today. Your mind may drift easily, and you may not have the patience to deal with situations that come your way. Do your best to wait until someone is finished talking before you jump in with your two cents. Be polite and respectful of others and they'll be more respectful of yours.



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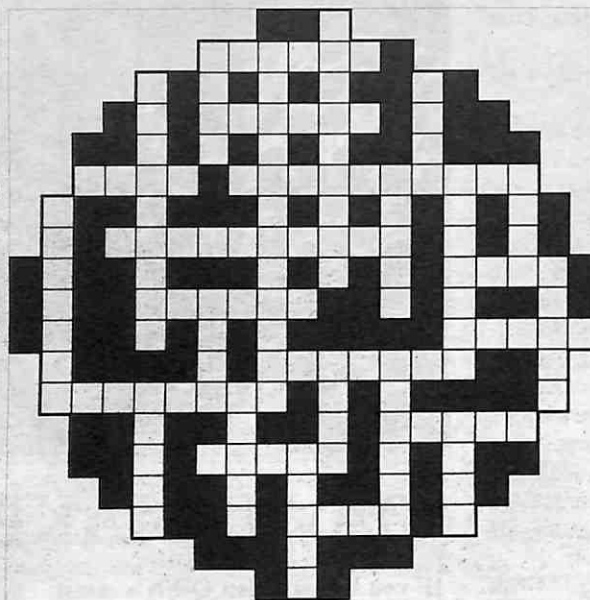


HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



Global Word-Fit 23

Can you fit the words from the list correctly into the grid?



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Cowboys secret

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to live a long life, the secret was to  
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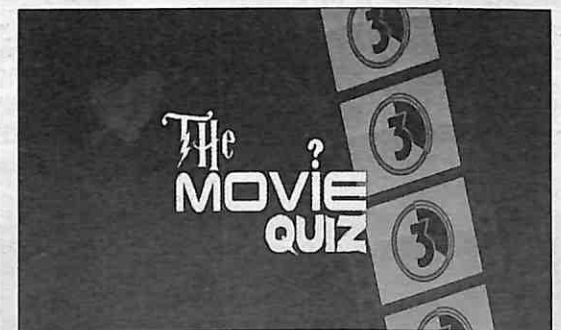
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Yesterday's Quiz

1. Wilder played the part of Skip Donahue alongside Richard Pryor in which film?

Answer:  
B. Stir Crazy

Today's Movie Quiz

What character did Wilder play in Blazing Saddles?

Answers:  
A. Jim (The Waco Kid)  
B. Jackie





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# FRIENDZONE 101 - UYANGTHANDA NA?

**WANT to pop the question but not sure if you're in the friendzone or not?**

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The age old saying goes 'you can't help who you fall in love with', and as true as that may be, it also means it can bring its fair share of chest pains along with it. What do you do when you have the hots for someone and want to make them officially yours but can't tell if they're down for you? Worse still, what do you do if you suspect you're headed for or even a permanent resident of the friendzone?

As firm fans of *Uyangthanda Na*, we've put together a helpful checklist for you to go through to assist in answering the dreaded question, "Have I been friend-zoned?"

They're way too comfortable around you.

Familiarity is cool but being overly comfortable around you might be a red flag. Why? Because generally speaking when someone likes you they tend to want to portray the absolute best version of themselves. They may dress the part or even hide parts of their persona as they try impress you. But when the situation is purely platonic then it's a green light on dodgy dressing and letting loose! But hey, don't give up just yet. Maybe they're just easy going like that!

**You're the go-to guy/girl for favours.**

We all need a helping hand at one time or another. But time and trends have shown that our crushes tend to be the last person we'd ever ask for help unless we absolutely had no other choice. So if you're consistently the go-to person for favours then you may very well be seen as that depend-



able friend and not a potential lover. Or perhaps you're just that cool! Hope is not lost!

**They set you up on dates with other people**

If we're getting to this stage then things may not be looking up. If you're potential bae is finding you other bae's you may want to act fast and tell them

how you truly feel. It's not a total train smash though as they may just be playing cupid because they genuinely have no clue that you're into them and they think you're amazing enough for someone else. Speak up or else you'll never know!

**You're their emotional crutch**

This is a tricky one to unpack. At

times you may find you both get along so well that future boo just feels so safe sharing and offloading on you. On the flip side, you really may just be their bestie and they're simply 'sharing with their friend.' If the case is the latter then eish... askies! There's one last test though if you're not sure.

They call you 'Friend', 'Chomi', 'Bozza'. Well... at least you tried. If you find them calling you adorable and platonic names like 'Friend' or 'Choma' then chances are kuLate! I mean, is there a bigger sign than that? But who are we to stand in the name of love. Nothing is impossible if you set your mind, or rather heart, to it!

Still not convinced? Thankfully there's a show for that! Catch *Uyangthanda Na* every Wednesday at 20:00 and see other secret lovers bring their true feelings to light in their quest to win their crushes heart.

## THE COOL CAST OF 21 BRIDGES ON M-NET

**LEARN about the cast of '21 Bridges'.**

Chadwick Boseman fans take note! This November you'll get to watch him back in leading man position in the action thriller '21 Bridges'. We're getting a sneak peek at M-Net Movies Night Out, and we can't wait to watch Boseman back in action, supported by this cool cast.

**Chadwick Boseman**

You Know Him From: Captain America: Civil War, Black Panther  
Fun Fact: He was the first and only person considered for the role of T'Challa in Black Panther.

In future: He will star in the Spike Lee war film, Da 5 Bloods.

**JK Simmons**

You Know Him From: Spider-Man I-III, Spider-Man: Far From Home, Whiplash, La La Land

Fun Fact: He won an Academy Award, a Golden Globe, a Screen Actors Guild Award, a Critics' Choice Award and a BAFTA for his role in Whiplash.

In 2019: He appeared as Clyde Pickett in Veronica Mars.

**Sienna Miller**

You Know Her From: Layer Cake,

Alfie, American Sniper, Black Mass

Fun Fact: Her mother was born in South Africa. In 2020: She'll appear in the drama Wander Darkly.

**Taylor Kitsch**

You Know Him From: Friday Night Lights, X-Men Origins: Wolverine, John Carter, Lone Survivor, True Detective

Fun Fact: The Canadian Hollywood star lives in Austin, Texas.

In 2020: He'll appear in a new TV series, called Shadowplay.

**Keith David**

You Know Him From: Platoon, There's Something about Mary, Armageddon, Pitch Black, The Chronicles of Riddick, Death at a Funeral, Cloud Atlas

Fun Fact: He attended the prestigious performing arts school Juilliard School, in New York. The school's alumni includes Viola Davis, Adam Driver, Anthony Mackie, and Oscar Isaac. In 2020: He'll appear in H4, a contemporary adaptation of Shakespeare's Henry IV.

Missed out on tickets to M-Net Movies Night Out?

'21 Bridges' will be released in cinemas nationwide on 29 November.



## DAVID MAKES MAN ON ONE MAGIC

**IF you haven't seen OWN's latest drama, 'David Makes Man', you're sleeping on a captivating story about a young teenage boy caught between the hardships of Miami inner-city life and the elite magnet school he goes to.**

The show is created by Oscar award-winning playwright Tarell Alvin McCraney and stars 16-year old Akili McDowell, who on top of landing his first leading role, also had the opportunity to meet and work with Oprah Winfrey.

Chatting to Vulture about his experience on the show, McDowell shares his very first encounter with the television producer. "One of my first interviews was with Oprah, and she came to set, and everybody's like, 'Oh my, Ms

Winfrey is here.'

"And everybody was running around, and I'm super-nervous, but inside I'm shaking," he tells Vulture.

Upon meeting Winfrey, McDowell explains how he casually greeted her with a: "Hey, how ya doing?" to which she reached out and embraced him with a huge hug, adding that, "... she meets my mom and things like that. And she [smelt] great, by the way."

McDowell, who says he also met Michael B. Jordan for the very first time after filming the whole season of 'David Makes Man', was left with some encouraging words from the American actor. "He said, 'Don't let this industry change who you are as a person. Still be the kind-hearted, passionate, hard-working

young man I've seen from the first time I watched your audition type," he tells Vulture.

Catch 'David Makes Man' every Tuesday at 20:30 on 1 Magic.

**Don't let this industry change who you are as a person. Still be the kind-hearted, passionate, hard-working young man I've seen from the first time I watched your audition type**





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**Mankayane Christopher**  
Lutsawe Twala



Funeral: 16/11/2019  
Vigil: 15/11/2019  
Place: eNyakeni

Kwatisa tihlobo ne bangani ba Mankayane Christopher Lutsawe Twala lowasebenta sikhatsi lesidze e Havelock Mine (Bulembu) kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatisa baka Tfwala eBuseleni, eSiyeni ka Magoloza naseKutsumuleni, bakaKunene eSitseni ekhakhakhe, bekhabinina kaBhembhe eSiteki, Mliba nase Mkhulamini inkonzo yekumkhumbula itawuba ngaleSihlanu 15/11/2019 eSalukazi Methodist Church nga 3pm. Utawufihlwa ngeMgicibelo ekuseni 16/11/19 emvakwemlindzelo ekhaya kubo eNyakeni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.

*Death brings pain that time can only heal, no words could ease what we truly feel but with God, her joy is eternally sealed, and cherish her memories that death can't even deal*

**Condolences**

**Babe Jack Tibane**



Funeral: 16/11/2019  
Vigil: 15/11/2019  
Place: eSiyeni

Satisa tihlobo nemndeni waBabe Jack Tibane lobekahlala kuMadonsa Esiyeni kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa Ekhyaya lakhe ngeMgicibelo mhlaka 16/11/19 emva kwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.

**John Mhlupheki**  
Masalekhaya Simelane



Funeral: 17/11/2019  
Vigil: 16/11/2019  
Place: eMcozini

Kwatiswa tihlobo ne bangani ba John Mhlupheki Masalekhaya Simelane lebekasebenta ka His Majesty's Correctional Services kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakubo bakaSimelane nebekhakhakhe kaTsabedze kuMalindza. Utawufihlwa mhlaka 17/11/19 ngiSonntfo. Kulindzelwe ngeMgicibelo Ekhyaya lakhe eMcozini ngasesikolweni. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumkakhe Josephinah Phiwangubani Tsabedze make waMalayi kanye nebantfwabakhe.

**Jabulane Savellius Mtetwa**



Funeral: 16/11/2019  
Vigil: 15/11/2019  
Place: Maliyaduma

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni ne bangani ba Jabulane Savellius Mtetwa lowake wasebenta ka Customers kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa baka Matsebula, ekhabonina, emkhulamini nebaka Mtetwa ka Zombodze nase Phuzumoya. Lilanga lekufihlwa nguMgicibelo ekhyaya kubo ku Maliyaduma ekuseni emva kwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumkhulu wakhe egameni lemndeni John shodi Mtetwa.

**Mpilo John Dlamini**



Funeral: 16/11/2019  
Vigil: 15/11/2019  
Place: Mvutjini

Relatives & friends of Mpilo Dlamini are notified of his demise. He will be laid to rest at Ezulwini Mvutjini on Saturday 16/11/19 after a night vigil on 15/11/19 at 21:00hrs at the late Prince Mashampu's home. Announcement by Melusi Dlamini on behalf of family.

**Nester Siceliwe Vilane**  
(nee Dlamini)



Funeral: 17/11/2019  
Vigil: 16/11/2019  
Place: kuMaphungwane

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wa Nester Siceliwe Vilane (nee Dlamini) kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa baka Vilane kabhuda nebaka Dlamini kuMaphungwane. Utawufihlwa kuMaphungwane ekhyaya lakhe (Siteshi), kuse Mhlabubovu esigayweni. Kulindzelwa ngemgicibelo mhlaka 16 kufihlwe ngelisonfto mhlaka 17. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Winile Khetsiwe Vilane

**Thobani Nkhosibona Dlamini**



Funeral: 17/11/2019  
Vigil: 16/11/2019  
Place: Ntabamhloshana

Relatives and Friends of Thobani Nkhosibona Dlamini are notified that she is late. She will be laid to rest at Ntabamhloshana on Sunday 17 November 2019 after a night vigil on Saturday 16 November 2019. Announcement by her Uncle Thulani Phondvolemgwenya Shabangu.

**Ntombitodwa Flora**  
Hlatjwako ula Nhlangi



Funeral: 16/11/2019  
Vigil: 15/11/2019  
Place: eNdlandlameni

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## JOB 13:15

Though He slay me,  
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I will surely  
defend my ways to  
his face.

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close to the  
broken-  
hearted; He  
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## Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal team-mate refutes injury claims

**PORTO** - One of Cristiano Ronaldo's international team-mates has insisted the Portuguese star isn't carrying an injury - directly contradicting the claims of Juventus Manager Maurizio Sarri.

Sarri had claimed that Ronaldo is suffering from 'an ongoing knee problem' after taking him off early in their last two matches.

Ronaldo reacted furiously to being substituted in the 55th minute during Juve's 1-0 win over AC Milan with reports in Italy suggesting he called his manager a 'son of a whore' before storming down the tunnel.

However, after reporting for international duty with Portugal for their concluding Euro 2020 qualifiers against

Lithuania and Luxembourg, Goncalo Paciencia has insisted Ronaldo isn't struggling with an injury.

"I don't have a medical degree, but he's looked fine to me," forward Paciencia told the A Bola newspaper. "The most important thing is that he's here because he's the best in the world."

Portugal need Ronaldo to be fit and ready for action as they try to secure their place at next summer's Euro finals.

They are currently second in Group B but third-placed Serbia are just a point behind and could yet pip them to an automatic qualification place.

Paciencia's comments will only heighten speculation that Ronaldo and Sarri have fallen out. Ronaldo was substituted eight minutes from time in Juve's

Champions League win over Lokomotiv Moscow in Russia last week.

The 34-year-old has completed the full 90 minutes in every other Serie A and Champions League match this season aside from the last two.

According to Gazzetta dello Sport, the 34-year-old will also not be fined for his outburst at Sarri but will be expected to apologise to his team-mates for not returning to the bench.

Ronaldo also risked receiving a two-year ban due to anti-doping regulations after there were concerns that he left the Allianz Stadium early.

Sky Sport Italia, as per Football Italia, reported that Ronaldo left the stadium three minutes before full-time on Sunday.

*Daily Mail*



## Ntseki discusses possible Benni role



Bafana coach Molefi Ntseki.

**JOHANNESBURG** - Bafana Bafana coach Molefi Ntseki has been probed whether former striker Benni McCarthy could join his technical team.

The 42-year-old McCarthy was recently sacked as head coach of Cape Town City following a run of poor results as the Mother City side won just two of their last 18 matches.

McCarthy has reportedly returned to Scotland to enjoy some quality family time as he ponders his next move, with reports linking the Champions League winner to Soweto giants Orlando Pirates.

South African Football Association (SAFA) President Danny Jordaan also weighed in on McCarthy's sacking, revealing he will have talks with the coach to discuss a possible role within the association.

Meanwhile, Ntseki is hoping to build an overseas-based scouting network in the next few months with a view to roping in McCarthy.

"Yeah, because when you look at our roll-out plan I presented to the president and technical committee, we need to have a scout overseas," said Ntseki ahead of Bafana Bafana's crucial Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) Qualifier against Ghana today.

**Scout**

"Basically we are saying we must have two, who will be helping each other for senior and all the junior players, because if we are to have only one scout then it would be very difficult to be all over and give us a technical report on players we have overseas.

"So, it's just unfortunate that coach Benni had to lose his job at Cape Town City, but that doesn't mean anything bad about him - he's a good coach and a legend of the game, and he's qualified to do the job for us.

"When that time comes, we'll be able to consider him."

*SPORT24*

## Hlatshwayo has big dreams for Bafana

**JOHANNESBURG** - Bafana Bafana captain Thulani Hlatshwayo doesn't want to look back on his international career and his highlights are only participating in major tournaments.

The tough-as-teak defender has represented his country at all levels - from the Under-17s, to the Under-20s he played in the 2009 Under-20 World Cup with, as well as captaining Bafana in the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) in Egypt.

But apart from participating in major tournaments with those teams, the 29-year-old has no silverware to show for it.

He would like to change that in Cameroon in 2021 by leading Bafana to continental glory at the AFCON.

The road to that glory starts tomorrow against Ghana at Cape Coast in the

opening match of their AFCON qualifiers.

Bafana will then host Sudan on Sunday in the second match.

"It is really important for us to achieve things with the national team, we are not getting any younger," Hlatshwayo said. "We've done well against Mali and we did well against Egypt, now it's for us to make sure that we get a trophy.

"Because I don't want to look back and say, 'Thulani you played at the Afcon in Equatorial Guinea and at the Afcon in Egypt but what have you achieved?'"

"It has to be a norm for South African teams to qualify for these major tournaments, but we also have to win something."

Bafana held their only proper train-

ing session yesterday having flown to Accra on Monday and then driving to Cape Coast by bus.

Today they will get a feel of the stadium they will face the Black Stars on. Even though Ghana brought in seven new faces, there is a lot of familiarity between the two teams.

Hlatshwayo, for instance, has played against Ghana's captain Andre Ayew since 2009 when the two national Under-20 teams met in the Last 16 of the World Cup. The two led their senior national teams in Dubai in a training match before the Afcon.

Bafana went on to have a better AFCON than Ghana who were meek and crashed out in the Last 16, while Hlatshwayo and company reached the quarter-finals after knocking out the hosts Egypt.

*IOL*

## Notoane pleased with SA U-23's collective effort

**CAPE TOWN** - Amagluglug head coach David Notoane says he is pleased with the manner of his side's 1-0 victory against the Ivory Coast at the U23 Cup of Nations (AFCON).

Notoane's side dictated matters from the start when threatening their opponent's goal from as early as the second minute. The only thing missing from an impressive performance was goals with the deadlock broken eventually in the 78th minute.

But what a goal it was to decide the encounter. SuperSport United midfielder Teboho Mokoena stepped up to hit an unstoppable free-kick from around 35 yards out to give his side their first win in Group B.

"We are very happy to get our first win of the tournament, especially against a strong side such as Ivory

Coast," Notoane said.

"This was both a tactical and physical battle which needed a special moment to determine the end result, and I am glad that we are the ones who managed to come up with it.

"Mokoena was a pleasant surprise for us when he stepped up to take the free-kick," Notoane added.

"We have a number of players such as Luther Singh, Sipho Mbule and Kobamelo Kodisang who could normally take free-kicks for us on any given day, however, Mokoena felt pretty confident about this one.

"If you ask me, I would not have been happy to have drawn in my second group match - following the 0-0 draw against Zambia - and I am truly happy that we were able to push for this winning result in this tie."

*Team Talk*

## Messi back from three month ban

**BARCELONA** - Lionel Messi returns from suspension for Argentina as they face bitter-rivals Brazil in a friendly in Saudi Arabia tomorrow, a repeat of the summer's COPA America semi-final.

Messi was banned by the South American football confederation CONMEBOL for three months after criticizing the officiating as Brazil knocked Argentina out of the tournament in July.

Brazil earned a 2-0 victory over their rivals to progress to the final, beating Peru 3-1 to lift the trophy at the Maracana in Rio de Janeiro.

Messi, who was also sent off in Argentina's 2-1 third-place play-off win over Chile, missed four international matches after claiming CONMEBOL was 'corrupt' and had set the tournament up for Brazil to win.

The match will take place in Riyadh at the King Saud University Stadium, little over a year after Brazil beat Argentina 1-0 in Jeddah.



Messi will return to Saudi Arabia in January with Barcelona, after the Spanish Football Federation announced on Monday that the Spanish Super Cup will take place there for the next three seasons.

Despite Brazil's strong recent record against Argentina, they are without a win in four matches and Messi's availability leaves the game wide open.

"We have to pay a lot of attention to him," said Chelsea's Brazilian winger Willian. *DPA*



# SA's Klaasen, Kiwi partner into last four at ATP Finals

**LONDON** - South African tennis star Raven Klaasen and his New Zealand doubles partner Michael Venus have qualified for the last-four of the ATP Finals in London.

The fifth-seeded pairing beat second seeds Lukasz Kubot (Poland) and Marcelo Melo (Brazil) 6-3, 6-4 on Tuesday night to claim their second win of the event. In their first match on Sunday, the SA-Kiwi duo beat fourth seeds Rajeev Ram (America) and Joe Salisbury (Great Britain), also with a 6-3, 6-4 scoreline. Klaasen and Venus will face eighth seeds Ivan Dodig (Croatia) and Filip Polasek (Slovakia) in their final round-



robin game today but are already assured of a spot in the weekend's semi-finals.

## Thiem produces one of his finest performances of 2019

**LONDON** - Wimbledon rarely gets to see the best of Dominic Thiem but he reserved his finest tennis for the ATP Finals on Tuesday night when he scored a scintillating upset against Novak Djokovic.

The Austrian became the first man through to the semi-finals when he beat the world No 2 6-7, 6-3, 7-6 in just over two and three quarter hours.

His brilliant display means that Djokovic and Roger Federer will play off tonight to see who joins him for the weekend at the O2 Arena.

As one of the event's best matches of recent years

approached its climax it looked like the younger player had blown his chance, having been cloyed by nerves as he failed to serve out the decider at 6-5 and then fallen 4-1 behind in the tiebreak.

But the tally of winners from Thiem, who has never passed Wimbledon's fourth round, hit 51 as he roared back to clinch it 7-5. Now it comes down to the simple equation of whether Federer can avenge this year's SW19 final loss against the Serbian, who has been in prime form and did little wrong on Tuesday night.

*Daily Mail*



**BEST OF THE BEST:** Dominic Thiem.

## Federer gets ATP finals campaign back on track

**LONDON** - To help himself get over last Sunday's disappointing start at the ATP Finals Roger Federer spent part of his off day trying out the niche sport of Rackets across London at the Queen's Club.

The 38 year-old Swiss, who has also played Real Tennis there in the past, is curious about different ways to wield a racket - and it looked like a change proved as a good as a rest.

On Tuesday he went out against world number eight Matteo Berrettini and kept his hopes of making the weekend semi-finals alive by beating the Italian 7-6(2), 6-3 in effectively a must-win match.

It is at this stage of the event that the mathematics can become infernally complex - a weakness of the format - but it sends him into today's match against Novak Djokovic in renewed good heart.

Djokovic was last night facing Federer's conqueror of Sunday Dominic Thiem, and what-

ever the result it is most likely Federer would have to beat the Serb to have any chance of making the last four. The Swiss said his day off had helped him: 'There are plenty of ways to get rid of that loss, to hang out with my kids. We had a good time as a team.'

Britain's Joe Salisbury and American partner Rajeev Ram find themselves in a similar position to Federer after recovering from their loss on the opening day to keep themselves in the hunt for a place on Saturday.

Needing a win to realistically keep themselves alive, the debutants came back to defeat Ivan Dodig and Filip Polasek 3-6, 6-3, 10-6 in the sudden death 'champions' tiebreak used in the doubles competition.

They are now most likely going to need a win on Thursday against second seeds Lukasz Kubot of Poland and Brazilian Marcelo Melo to sustain a home presence into the last couple of days.

*Daily Mail*



## ATP RESULTS

### SINGLES

#### Group Bjorn Borg

Roger Federer (SUI x3) bt Matteo Berrettini (ITA x8) 7-6 (7/2), 6-3

Playing later

Novak Djokovic (SRB x2) v Dominic Thiem (AUT x5)

### DOUBLES

#### Group Jonas Bjorkman

Rajeev Ram/Joe Salisbury (USA/GBR x4) bt Ivan Dodig/Filip Polasek (CRO/SVK x8) 3-6, 6-3, 10-6

Playing later

Lukasz Kubot/Marcelo Melo (POL/BRA x2) v Raven Klaasen/Michael Venus (RSA/NZL x5)

"Everything seems to be going great this week.

"We just keep trying to work hard and persevere together," Venus told the ATP Tour's official website.

"We're just happy to be playing this well at the end of the year and especially in London. It's such a

special event.

"The atmosphere makes it awesome to play out here."

Klaasen added: "We're really excited about how we played. Mikey carried me out there today. We're just happy to be through."

*News24*

## World Vision

### THE FARMER GROUP ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING PROJECT (FGES)

Title: End of Project Evaluation  
Deadline for submission: 20 November 2019  
Duration of Assignment: 25 working days  
Detailed TOR'S: To be received upon expression of interest

#### Background

The Farmer Group Economic Strengthening Project (FGES) aim to contribute to poverty reduction through increased resilience for food security and nutrition among rural households (Lubombo and Manzini regions) in rural Swaziland. Services of a Consultancy are required to conduct the End of Project Evaluation for the FGES Project.

#### Objectives and Scope

This evaluation must follow detailed World Vision Evaluation guidelines.

The overall objective of conducting the evaluation is to determine the changes in the lives of the project beneficiaries with emphasis on the effectiveness of the project interventions in empowering the communities in the target areas. To ascertain the effectiveness of the vegetable production initiatives towards achieving the intended goal of the project. Did the vegetable production strengthen the buying power of drought affected people to ensure they have access to food and other basic household needs.

#### Time frame and deliverables

The Consultancy team shall prepare and submit the following:

- Inception Report: clarification of objectives and methods of the evaluation.
- Presentation of initial findings presented to Project Management at the end of the exercise.
- Draft Final report: Full report with annexes
- Final report: revised report with audit trail detailing how comments have (and have not) been addressed in the final Evaluation Report.

#### Education, Experience and Competencies

- A Master's Degree Agribusiness, Development studies, Demography or Statistics
- Specialist technical knowledge in the field of agribusiness, environment and as well as project management.
- Recent experience with results based management evaluation methodologies.
- Work experience of at least 5 years in fields related to commercial agriculture, value chains.
- Excellent report writing skills.
- Demonstrable analytical skills.
- Project evaluation experience with donor funded organizations (EU funded project evaluation will be an added advantage).
- Proficiency in written and spoken English

#### Submission of Applications

Interested consultants shall submit a Technical proposal detailing the proposed methodology for the evaluation, Analysis plan, experience and expertise (including CVs of the Consultant(s) to undertake the exercise and a financial proposal detailing the proposed budget indicating the consulting fees and other associated costs for undertaking the evaluation. These should be emailed before the 20 November

2019 to:

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Supply Chain Manager  
World Vision Eswatini  
Email: [ntokozi.dlamini@wvi.org](mailto:ntokozi.dlamini@wvi.org)

- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Only those candidates that are shortlisted for interviews will be notified.
- TOR's are available on request from Ntokozi Dlamini.

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**DONE DEAL:** Controversial multi-millionaire former Billericay Town owner Glenn Tamplin has had a wild 24 hours after buying Romford.

## Millionaire buys new club

**LONDON** - Controversial multi-millionaire former Billericay Town owner Glenn Tamplin has had a wild 24 hours after buying Romford.

Tamplin, who signed Celebrity Big Brother stars Jamie O'Hara and Jermaine Pennant when he famously took over non-league side Billericay in 2016, is now back in the Essex football game.

While at Billericay, he also brought former Premier League player Paul Konchesky in. He is friends with TOWIE's Mark Wright, having organised a charity match against him in 2017, and was followed by BT Sport for a documentary.

After a spell as manager, he decided to leave Billericay earlier this year after claiming that abuse was being aimed at him and his family.

He announced his return to football ownership

*...signs 15 players, sacks the manager and puts himself in charge, all on his first day!*

on Tuesday with a Twitter post declaring: "GT - Back in the game".

Tamplin has already dismissed the coaching staff at the Isthmian League North Division club and put himself in charge.

Manager Paul Martin, Mark Lord and the back-room team have all been sacked by the incoming owner. The eighth-tier side have also brought in 15 new players in the space of a day as they try and push up the table - with the goal of reaching the Football League. Steel tycoon Tamplin, 47, claimed to have invested around £3 million into Billericay during his time in charge there,

improving their New Lodge ground.

He confirmed his involvement with Romford in a tweet on Tuesday evening: "We have signed 15 new players today and will concentrate on getting off bottom place and working our way back up the league this season to playoffs."

"I truly believe we can go from bottom to promotion play-offs this season still."

He added in a further tweet: "I would like to confirm as the new owner of Romford FC that I will be the manager of this side along with a very experienced assistant and coaching staff."

*Daily Mail*

## Tough Pirates job will help Mokwena grow - Komphela

**JOHANNESBURG** - Rhulani Mokwena has been thrown in at the deep end at Orlando Pirates but Steve Komphela believes the experience will be crucial for his development.

Mokwena is leading the Soweto giants in his very first job as a head coach on an interim basis and he is currently struggling to get the Buccaneers firing on all cylinders as they hover around mid-table.

Komphela is convinced that the high-intensity environment will help Mokwena become a better coach, in the same way, the Kaizer Chiefs job helped the current Golden Arrows boss grow.

**Quoted**

"Rhulani is in an environment where it is not easy. I know very well what he is going through," Komphela said as quoted by IOL.

"It is not easy, but we always talk. We tell him to listen and focus. It is a great honour and a privilege to be there."

"So, enjoy it and do your job so that after two years, you can say 'I was at Pirates'. You don't sleep there (at Pirates). If you sleep, you are lucky."

Reflecting on his own experiences, Komphela added: "When I left the environment I was at (at Chiefs) I had grey hair. When I went there, I was pitch black... but by the time I left it wasn't the same. But that's growth."

*TeamTalk Media*

## Spain's record scorer Villa retires after 19-year career

**TOKYO** - Star striker David Villa, Spain's top goalscorer, yesterday announced he will retire next month, ending a glittering career in which he won the World Cup, European Championships and Champions League.

The 37-year-old Vissel Kobe striker said he will call it a day at the end of the 2019 J-League season after a 19-year career that took him to Barcelona, Atletico Madrid and Valencia while accumulating 98 caps for his country.

"I have decided to end my professional career

and that I have decided to retire," Villa told reporters in Kobe, his voice occasionally breaking with emotion.

"I've been thinking about this for a long time. This is the result of discussions I had with my family and people around me... I want-

ed to retire from football, not be forced to retire from football," he said.

Villa will become an investor in Queensboro FC, a new franchise based in the New York district of Queens that will play in the second tier of US football.

"Even though I will no longer be on the pitch, I will continue to be involved in football in other ways and will continue to contribute to the football world," he said.

Villa played in three World Cups and was a member of the Spanish side that lifted the trophy in 2010 and won the European Championships in 2008, though he missed out on the 2012 triumph through injury. He scored 59 times for Spain, a national record.

### Champions

His club honours include the 2010/11 Champions League, the 2011 UEFA Super Cup, 2011 Club World Cup and two La Liga wins in 2010/11 and 2012/13 with Barcelona.

Villa scored the third goal for Barcelona at Wembley in the 3-1 win over Manchester United in the 2010/11 Champions League final.

He won a third La Liga with Atletico Madrid in his one season there in 2013/14 after leaving Barcelona. After leaving Atletico, Villa embarked on a successful spell in Major League Soccer for New York City, where he scored 80 goals in 124 appearances. Villa was New York City's first-ever signing and his haul included the first goal scored at Yankee Stadium in an opening home victory over the New England Revolution.

At Vissel Kobe, he played alongside fellow Spanish legend Andres Iniesta and German striker Lukas Podolski but the presence of the ageing foreign stars has done little to bring success to the ambitious Japanese club. *AFP*

## Faf 'massively surprised' by reaction to SA flag undies

**CAPE TOWN** - Springbok scrumhalf Faf de Klerk says he has been "massively surprised" by the reaction to the South African Speedo that he wore in the aftermath of last weekend's 2019 Rugby World Cup win.

The 28-year-old made waves all over the world after the November 2 win over England in Yokohama when he stripped down to his undies in the Bok change room after the game.

He wore the Speedo for the official celebration photoshoot while he also met the Duke of Sussex, Prince Harry, while wearing it.

Ever since, Springbok fans all around the country have been sporting their own South African Speedos as was seen on the recently completed trophy tour that made its way through Johannesburg, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town.

At Cape Town's City Hall on Monday, De Klerk even gave the Archbishop Desmond Tutu a glimpse of his Speedo.

Speaking to Sport24 on the same day, De Klerk said he and a lot of the Boks play Test matches with the same flag Speedo.

"I always play with it," he said.

"There is no massive back-story. I just always play in a South African Speedo when I play for the Springboks."

"I've probably played the last two years with it." De Klerk added that while he was shocked by the public response, he was pleased that fans were having fun with it.

"I was massively surprised. I didn't do it intentionally, but the response has been great," he said.

"It's created a nice vibe and the people are enjoying it, so I'm all for that."

"It's all for fun."

*Sport24*



**RETIRE:** The oldest member of the Springboks' Rugby World Cup squad Schalk Brits.

## Smiling Springbok hero Schalk Brits retires ... again!

**CAPE TOWN** - The oldest member of the Springboks' Rugby World Cup squad, Schalk Brits, has retired from rugby for the second time in two years, but he insists this time it's the real deal as he reflects on a career that ended on the highest of high notes in Japan.

The 38-year-old Brits was lured out of retirement in 2018 by Rassie Erasmus to join the Springbok squad - after a sparkling career that included 74 Super Rugby caps with the Lions, Stormers, Bulls and more than 200 appearances for English powerhouse Saracens.

Before that, Brits hadn't represented the Boks since the Rugby World Cup in 2015 and although he played in 15 Tests in an international career spanning 12 seasons, the ever-smiling, hot-stepping hooker retired as a Springbok captain with a RWC winners' medal around his neck. "Schalk was an invaluable member of our squad and someone who not only lifted the spirit amongst the players, but set an example with his professionalism and superb work-rate throughout the last two seasons." *SA Rugby media*

**GOING HOME:** Spain striker David Villa.



# African rankings: Kaizer Chiefs chase Sundowns

**JOHANNESBURG** - The latest African rankings have been revealed, which shows Kaizer Chiefs not too far off from catching up to Mamelodi Sundowns, despite not challenging in any CAF Competition.

Chiefs have extended their ABSA Premiership unbeaten run this past weekend after a 3-2 victory over their neighbours, Orlando Pirates. This weekend's result saw Amakhosi

go 10 points clear at the top of the log, after Sundowns' 3-2 loss to Golden Arrows.

Bidvest Wits also took a knock this weekend after a 1-0 loss to SuperSport United.

Elsewhere in Africa, Esperance de Tunis remains the number one club on the African continent, although Al Ahly is positioned in second place, are not far from catching up to the top spot. *Soccer Laduma*

## TOP FOUR SA CLUBS ACCORDING TO FOOTBALLDATABASE.COM:

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Sundowns - 14th place | Chiefs - 18th place  |
| Wits - 22nd place     | Pirates - 25th place |

## Top 10 African clubs on the continent according to footballdatabase.com:

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Esperance de Tunis | Al Ahly          |
| TP Mazembe         | Etoile du Sahel  |
| Al-Merreikh        | Vita Club        |
| Al Hilal Omdurman  | Wydad Casablanca |
| El Zamalek         | CS Sfaxien       |

## Ex-Downs midfielder's job hunt continues

**JOHANNESBURG** - A former Mamelodi Sundowns midfielder could be on his way to Sweden after failing to agree terms with a Gauteng-based PSL club.

Thokozani Sekotlong has been training with Highlands Park for the past few weeks in the hope of securing a job with the Lions of the North.

However, the Mamelodi-born midfielder has since left the MTN8 cup finalists after failing to agree terms on new contract and is reportedly on his way to Sweden for an assessment with an unknown team.

"He did well but couldn't agree on certain things and hence couldn't sign," a source tells *KickOff.com*.

"He has stopped training with Highlands Park and is preparing for trials overseas. There is interest in Sweden but nothing has been finalised yet."

Sekotlong has confirmed that he is back home in Tshwane, where he is training on his own and



waiting for new offers.

The former Brazilians winger is also reported

to have attracted interest from Stellenbosch and Chippa United. *Kick Off*

## Most valuable African XI, Salah and Mane feature

**JOHANNESBURG** - The market values of African stars continue to rise as the continent's brightest talents leave their mark around the world.

Here is Africa's most-valuable XI!

Ajax Amsterdam shot-stopper Andre Onana is the most valuable African goalkeeper in the world at present. The Cameroon international, who is an undisputed starter for the reigning Eredivisie champions, is valued at a reported €35 million (R574 million).

Onana is supported by a backline that includes countryman Joel Matip, who shares the same

valuation, and Senegal defender Kalidou Koulibaly, who has a remarkable market value of €75 million (R1.2 billion).

The pair of centre-backs are flanked by €30 million-rated (R492 million) Morocco right-back Achraf Hakimi and Algeria left-back Faouzi Ghoulam, who is valued at €23 million (R377 million), although the latter's value is influenced by the short length of time remaining on his Napoli contract.

Guinea's Naby Keita and Ghana's Thomas Partey, who are both valued at €50 million (R820 million), make up a two-man midfield, while

Mali's Moussa Marega takes up an advanced role. The Porto star is said to be worth €30 million.

Liverpool's duo of Sadio Mane and Mohamed Salah are the two most valuable players in the XI. Senegal star Mane features on the left wing at €120 million (R1.9 billion) while right-sided Salah is rated at €150 million (R2.4 billion).

Up front, Arsenal and Gabon striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang features as the lone striker with a reported market value of €70 million (R1.1 billion).

*SOCCKERLADUMA*

## THE TOP 10 PLAYERS

1. Gabadinho Mhango averages 3,2 dribbles per 90 mins - total of 19 dribbles in 523 minutes this season.
2. Tshidiso Patjie averages 3,1 dribbles per 90 mins - total of 29 dribbles in 853 minutes this season.
3. Gaston Sirino averages 2,7 dribbles per 90 mins - total of 17 dribbles in 562 minutes this season.
4. Thabo Rakhale averages 2,6 dribbles per 90 mins - total of 17 dribbles in 587 minutes this season.
5. Aubrey Modiba averages 2,6 dribbles per 90 mins - total of 15 dribbles in 518 minutes this season.
6. Evans Rusike averages 2,5 dribbles per 90 mins - total of 22 dribbles in 796 minutes this season.
7. Deon Hotto averages 2,5 dribbles per 90 mins - total of 18 dribbles in 630 minutes this season.
8. Augustine Mulenga averages 2,5 dribbles per 90 mins - total of 14 dribbles in 502 minutes this season.
9. Iqraam Rayners averages 2,1 dribbles per 90 mins - total of 21 dribbles in 891 minutes this season.
10. Themba Zwane averages 2,0 dribbles per 90 mins - total of 14 dribbles in 621 minutes this season.



## Top 10 PSL dribblers, no Chiefs star

**JOHANNESBURG** - South African football is largely enjoyed not for its vast amount of goals scored per match or per season but often for its flare, or otherwise known as 'Kasi Flavour'. Seldomly such flare is used productively, however, with different tricks performed in futile areas of the pitch, though it is still lauded as entertaining by the fans.

But some individuals are adept at using their trickery and skill to good effect and for the greater good of helping the team in the attacking phase.

Such players have recorded successful dribbles, which is seen as the successful navigation past a defender, who would otherwise have stopped the attack through dis-possession or a foul. *Kick Off*

## Amakhosi dump Joburg until next year

**JOHANNESBURG** - Kaizer Chiefs have dumped Joburg until next year, with Bidvest Wits joining the league leaders in adopting Moses Mabhida Stadium as a second home for their next league match.

Wits are set to host Mamelodi Sundowns in an ABSA Premiership clash at Moses Mabhida on December 17, which will be the second time they use the venue for a home match this season.

The Students already beat Orlando Pirates at the same venue back in September, winning 4-3 after relocating to Durban due to renovations at Bidvest Stadium.

Meanwhile, Amakhosi have already hosted Pirates and Black Leopards in the Telkom Knockout and league at the World Cup venue this season.

According to the fixtures on the PSL website, Chiefs' next home league game will also see them travel to Durban to host Bloemfontein Celtic on December 7.

With Chiefs hosting their TKO semi-final against Maritzburg United at Mbombela Stadium in Nelspruit on November 24, it means they will only return to Gauteng for another home match on January 8 when they host Highlands Park at FNB Stadium.

Furthermore, the Phefeni Glamour Boys will host their league game against Stellenbosch at Moses Mabhida on April 12. *Kick Off*

## I can't go coach in Germany - Pitso

**JOHANNESBURG** - Pitso Mosimane is standing strong for local coaches and questioning the impact of some of the foreign coaches in South Africa.

With so many changes on the coaching merry-go-round in the PSL, Mosimane feels local coaches deserve more respect because they are capable of doing the job.

The Mamelodi Sundowns coach, who was named African Coach of the Year in 2016 after winning the ABSA Premiership and CAF Champions League, believes most foreign coaches don't make any difference in our football.

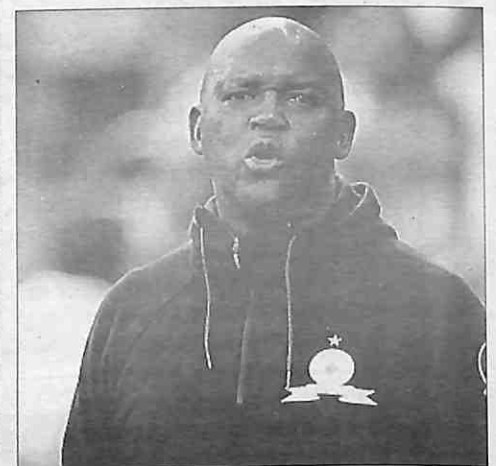
"I always like to speak for local coaches, because I believe I'm a local coach, and local coaches have done it and they are doing it," he said.

"Gavin Hunt has shown as a local coach that he can do it. I was very angry when Clinton Larsen was let off the job (at Chippa United). I mean really what's the difference (at Chippa now)? He hasn't been there and then what? Do you know what I'm trying to say?"

"I was not happy when Cavin Johnson was let off his job (at AmaZulu), what has happened? Have you seen any big difference? You can't really say there's been a big difference."

Mosimane supports his argument by stating that no South African coach can go and get a job in Europe, hence he feels they must be given more respect locally to prove themselves.

*Kick Off*





# SHUKUMA ESWATINI

BY DUMISANI NTIWANE (ESRC Media Officer)



## LET US MAKE IT A SHUKUMA FESTIVE

**Shu...Shu...Shukuma Eswatini! Sanibonani, greetings and welcome to yet another edition of your favourite read, Shukuma Eswatini.**

We are the Eswatini Sport and Recreation Council (ESRC).

This column has never hidden the fact that nothing thrills us more than to serve this nation through sport and quality recreational activities.

Now that the festive season is fast approaching (some claim it's here already), we have made it our mission to ensure our people are not drowned by the festive sea.

We will be busy, very busy actually, rolling out our flagship programme Shukuma Eswatini. Our stakeholders

**...We will be very busy during the festive season ensuring the masses remain active**

should not lose their fitness at this time. We are encouraging people to maintain their healthy lifestyles even during such merry times as the festive season.

If one wakes up early in the morning for that refreshing run, jog or even a stroll, please be consistent and do that every day.

We have a saying here; "Shukuma and keep the doctor away". Indeed, this holds true, as it has been proven that by keeping one body's active, there are a lot of benefits. Everyone needs to know that by now. A healthy body equates a healthy mind.

We want to make this festive season one to remember, especially for our urban folks.

It is no secret that we have spent the better part of the year attending to folks in the rural areas, as we target mostly Tinkhundla centres.

The festive season should therefore bring some relief to the townsfolk, as we will be targeting Tinkhundla Centres around our main towns.

We want to make it a Shukuma festive season! Soon, we will be issuing out the details of our action plan. Watch this space!



### Confirmed: Sandleni here we come

**All roads lead to the Sandleni Inkhundla on November 23, which is next week Saturday, to be precise for our flagship programme Shukuma Eswatini.**

We have always said that one thing is certain about all our Shukuma programmes – they are all exciting, thrilling and stimulating. They cater for both the young and old, the abled and disabled. What's more, Shukuma has taken a completely different and new dimension. We have increased the number of our partners that always travel with our team. Such partners include the likes of PSI, Breast and Cervical Cancer Network, Eswatini Mobile, Autism Eswatini, Diabetes Eswatini, the Crime Prevention Unit from the Royal Eswatini Police Service and many more others that always offer their services for free in these constituencies.

Another major advantage to the

people taking part in Shukuma is the fact that we never fail to come with our recognised Sports Associations. Here we are talking about karate, boxing, athletics, cricket, netball, volleyball, table tennis, tennis and many more.

We have a very big surprise in store for the people of Sandleni Inkhundla. They are in for a treat really. The people of Sandleni and surrounding areas should come in their numbers to play. They will not regret doing so.

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### Well done Athletics Eswatini

**WE cannot help but shower the Athletics Eswatini executive committee with praises for continuously raising the bar.**

Just the past weekend the association hosted its graduation and official closing ceremony for the Technical Officials Level 1 Course and Level 1 Coaching Course, which was held at the Catholic Centre between September and November.

Worth noting is that there was also a graduation ceremony for coaches and technical officials who were trained in 2016 and 2018. Athletics Eswatini requires that coaches and technical officials must go through a minimum one year

for practical experience.

A total of 26 coaches graduated with Level 1 coaching, while 35 technical officials also graduated as National Technical Officials with Level 1 Certificate.

#### Certificates

A total of 32 coaches and technical officials were also handed attendance certificates.

The Eswatini Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (EOCGA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sidney Simelane, the ESRC Business Development Manager Zama Tsabedze, Athletics Eswatini COO Thoba Mazibuko amongst others, graced the event.



### Waterford dominates inaugural MTN Champs

**IT is now history that Waterford Kamhlaba dominated the inaugural MTN High School Championships, which were staged at the Coronation Park on Saturday.**

Waterford won both the boys and girls categories in what was no doubt a thrilling competition.

The tournament was sponsored to a tune of E20 000 by MTN. Congratulations are in order to Waterford for being crowned the inaugural champs. Enjbulweni High Schools were the runners up. Taking part in the tournament

were the likes of Ntfontjeni High School, Ka Schiele High School, St. Christopher's High School, the eventual champions, Waterford Kamhlaba World College and Enjbulweni High School.

The ESRC is obviously happy to see such competitions, especially amongst our youth, who represent the future of sport.

We are grateful to MTN for allocating the resources enabling our children to partake in sports. We are optimistic that the competition will return bigger and better next year.

### Eileen-light Computers netball tourney

**THIS weekend is expected to mark the start of the newly-launched Eileen-light Computers netball tournament.**

This is a one-day tournament. Eileen-light Computers have forked out a sum of E10 000 as sponsorship for the tournament. The netball association has already revealed that this first of its kind tournament will feature teams from the country's regional leagues. Four teams per region will battle it out for glory during the tournament. This means a total of 16 teams will be battling for honours. As stated previously, such sponsorships are hard to come by and we would like to thank Eileen-light Computers for the wonderful gesture.

The sponsorship launch, most will recall was held at EOCGA Board room in Mbabane last week. We are very excited and proud to have Eileen-light computers joining our limited number of sponsors. For our sports to prosper, we do need companies to associate themselves.

Once again, we are extremely grateful to company for ploughing back to the community through sport.



# MTN MONTHLY MASTERS COMPETITION



**CHAMP:** October MTN Monthly Masters champion Eerfaan Dada accepting his prize from MTN Brand and Sponsorship Manager Thandiwe Mashinini during the competition held on Sunday at Mbabane Club. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)



**WINNER:** Longest drive Mduduzi Maphalala receives his prize from Mashinini.



**NOVELTY:** Albert Mavuso won the novelty section 8/17.



**FOLLOW:** Some of the golfers watching the presentation.



**MoMo:** Former soccer player Cosmo Mthethwa receives a consolation prize from MTN Senior Manager Consumer Meshack Maseko for registering with Mobile Money.



**WELL DONE:** Mashinini seems to be giving a thumbs up to runner up Sandile Choncho.



**VETERAN:** Veteran golfer Fincorp's Dumsani Msibi receives his 13th position prize from Maseko.



**THIRD:** Nicholas Vilakati finished third on the day.



**PRIZES GALORE:** Golfers Nicholas Vilakati was the biggest winner on the day.





● Real Madrid are considering a world record offer of £340m for Paris St Germain's 20-year-old striker Kylian Mbappe. (*Le Parisien via Calciomercato*)

● Cristiano Ronaldo will not be fined by Juventus for his reaction to being substituted for the second game running but the Portuguese forward, 34, will be expected to apologise to his teammates. (*Gazzetta dello Sport, in Italian*)



● Manchester City are ready to challenge for the signature of Rennes' starlet Eduardo Camavinga, 17, after the Angola-born midfielder's impressive start to the Ligue 1 season. (*90min*)

● Barcelona are interested in Salzburg's 19-year-old striker Erling Braut Haaland as a replacement for 32-year-old Luis Suarez, but are reluctant to meet the Austrian club's £85m valuation. (*ESPN*)

● Manager Frank Lampard has been keeping a tight-grip on the Chelsea dressing room by setting a fine of £2 500 if his players are late to training. (*Mirror*)

● Lyon and Netherlands forward Memphis Depay, 25, says he 'does not want to talk about rumours' after being linked with a £50m move to Tottenham. (*Football.London*)

● Swiss midfielder Granit Xhaka, 27, has been house-hunting in Italy before a proposed move to AC Milan in January after being stripped of the Arsenal captaincy. (*RSI via Star*)

● Tottenham have earmarked Roma's Italian midfielder Lorenzo Pellegrini, 23, as a potential replacement for Christian Eriksen. (*Football Italia*)



● Nemanja Matic wants to leave Manchester United, possibly as early as January, with Italy the most likely destination for the Serb midfielder, 31. (*Telegraph*)

● Tottenham Manager Mauricio Pochettino could be sacked if Spurs lose to West Ham after the international break. (*Telegraph*)

● Fiorentina have made an approach for ex-Inter Milan boss Luciano Spalletti with patience running low with Vincenzo Montella. (*Football Italia*)

● Arsenal have handed a week-long trial to Colorado Rapids midfielder Cole Bassett and the 18-year-old American could join the Gunners in January. (*Sun*)

# ESWATINI TAEKWONDO FEDERATION NAMES BOTSWANA OPEN SQUAD

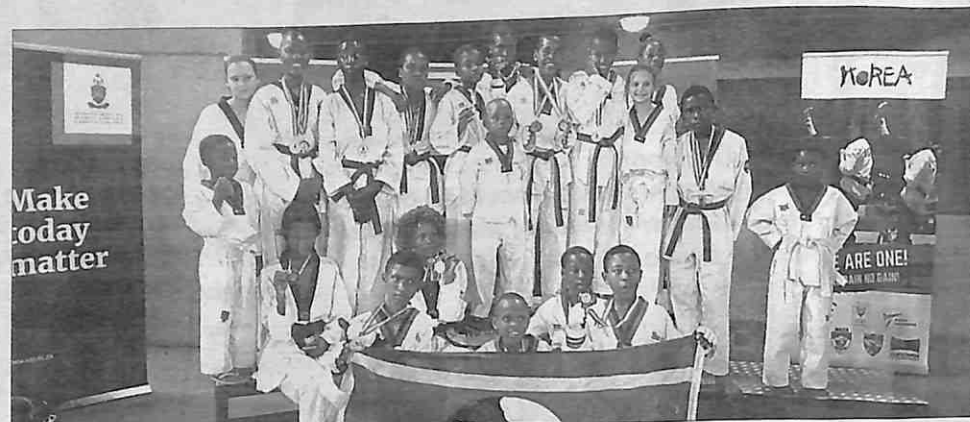
BY COLISILE SACOLO

**TAEKWONDO – THE Eswatini Taekwondo Federation has named their squad to compete in the annual Botswana Open scheduled for Gaborone this coming weekend.**

The local national team will be using the tournament to prepare for the upcoming 2019 COSATA Games to be held in the country next month at the Mavuso Sports Centre (December 7).

The team will be led by reputable official and ETF Vice-President Sizwe Mabuza, who is the squad's Manager. Other officials are Mancoba Motsa, Delisile Nxumalo and Gabisile Sibisi. The squad comprises of top athlete in Wandile Maziya and Melusi Lukhele, who will be leading the Eswatini contingent in the annual international competition. This was confirmed by Eswatini Taekwondo Federation Secretary Mbongeni Sibandze, who said the team would leave the country by road tomorrow morning.

"We have named eight athletes for the Botswana Open where they will be competing against other regional countries and we are confident they will



**READY: The Eswatini taekwondo national team.**

make the country proud during the assignment," he said. Sibandze said they were sending four officials and eight athletes.

#### Athletes:

1. Wandile Maziya
2. Melusi Lukhele
3. Sanelisomasuku
4. Peter Mkhwanazi

5. Thabiso Mdluli
6. Momotho Shomgwé
7. Fakazile Nxumalo
8. Nqobile Ginindza

#### Officials:

1. Sizwe Mabuza - Manager
2. Mancoba Motsa - Coach
3. Delisile Nxumalo
4. Gabisile Sibisi.

## MPL, NWL dose in MTN Basketball League

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**BASKETBALL – THE Men's Promotions League and National Women's League games will be in full swing at Coronation Park on Saturday under the MTN Eswatini Basketball League.**

There will be three MPL matches on the day and one NWL encounter in what is set to be a family day for basketball fanatics around the capital city. Scavengers will open proceedings at 10am against Elangeni Wolves in their quest to return to winning ways following their defeat to log leaders Knicks in their previous outing.

The other match will see Luyengo Pacers take on RSSC Tridents while promotion hopefuls Knicks

| MTN ESWATINI BASKETBALL LEAGUE:  |    |          |        |
|----------------------------------|----|----------|--------|
| Saturday at Mavuso Sports Centre |    |          |        |
| Scavengers                       | vs | Wolves   | 10am   |
| Lyns                             | vs | Imiqhele | 12noon |
| Pacers                           | vs | Tridents | 2pm    |
| Raiders                          | vs | Knicks   | 4pm    |

have a date with Manzini Raiders. The only NWL clash will see Lyns face Imiqhele YaseMvasi at 12 noon. Eswatini National Basketball League Chief Operations Officer Thulani Shiba confirmed the fixtures when contacted yesterday.

#### Matches

"We will be having four matches on Saturday in the Men's Promotion League and only one game in the National Women's League. We invite fans to attend the games in their numbers," he said.



**MOVE: Basketball action at a recent competition.**

## Ultimate Pool tourney kicks off in December

BY MELUSI MLOTSI

**POOL – THE much awaited Ultimate Pool Knockout Tournament will kick-off on December 21-22 at Pigg's Peak game room.**

The tournament is sponsored to the tune of E16 000. The champions will walk away with of E6 000 while runners-up will receive E3 000.

About 32 teams are expected to participate in the tournament and registration fee is E300. The tournament's format will be a three-player system.

Flag Nxumalo, Eddie Mkhonta and Menzi Ngomane have already assembled a formidable team for the tournament while Dodge Matsebula, Siyabonga Dlamini and Nathi 'Bhubesi' Sihlongonyane are also another team to watch.

Coordinator Sihle Mokoena said the aim of the

tournament was to promote the sport in the country, especially among the youth. He also mentioned that 15 teams had already registered. The deadline for registration is December 16.

"We are looking forward to the tournament to be held at Pigg's Peak game room. We also thank the sponsors of the tournament for ploughing back to the community and we invite pool lovers to come in their numbers to watch the games."

Mokoena also mentioned that the main sponsors of the tournament were the Hlatshwako brothers, who were based overseas.

#### Prize breakdown:

|                  |   |                    |
|------------------|---|--------------------|
| Champions        | - | E6 000 plus trophy |
| Finalists        | - | E3 000             |
| Semi-finalists   | - | E1 500             |
| Quarterfinalists | - | E 900              |

## Over five local clubs for Siteki Road Classic

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**CYCLING – OVER five local clubs are expected to take part in the 2019 Siteki Road Classic slated for Siteki Hotel next month (December 8).**

The clubs that will participate in the last race of the year are Dig Deep, MTN Khemani, NewComm Wheels, 4ever Cycling, EUDF, Kusekhaya and Inyatsi.

These teams will be expected to battle out in the annual road race.

There will be three categories in the 120km, 60km, and 30km while registration is open until the last day of the competition.

Registration for the 120km is E200, E150 for 60km and E100 for the 30km race.

Eswatini Cycling Association Vice Secretary Morgan Rudd said they were expecting several local clubs to attend the upcoming race when contacted yesterday.

"We hope to have a number of local teams during the race and registration can still be made at Adventure Sports. We are also expecting riders from South Africa and Mozambique to attend the race."

He then encouraged riders to register on time for the race to avoid congestion on the final day. Dig Deep Racing Club star Gcina Banda is the defending champion.

**"We hope to have a number of local teams during the race and registration can still be made at Adventure Sports."**



# PAA KWESI SET FOR TAMBUTI RETURN

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**SOCCER – LUBOMBO base side Tambuti FC are set to reunite with their former player in attacking winger Paa Kwesi.**

The Ghanaian winger left the club at the beginning of the season to join Pigg's Peak Black Swallows. However, the player recently parted ways with the Northern Hhohho based outfit.

Information gathered from a source close to the matter revealed that the Ghanaian forward started training with the sugar belt side last week with the hope of catching the eye of the Terisayi Changara-led technical bench.

"Kwesi is trying his luck with Tambuti after he parted ways with Black Swallows recent-

ly. We are hoping he will make it given the fact that he once played for the team," said the source.

Currently, Tambuti have two foreign players in Nigerian forward Ugochukwu and Democratic Republic of Congo impressive midfielder Reagan Kangumbu.

Tambuti Communications Officer Nathi Dlamini said he was not in a position to comment on the matter.

"I can't say something at the moment," he briefly said. Meanwhile, the Lubombo based outfit fought gallantly a week ago when they played to a 3-3 draw against army side Young Buffaloes. Changara's men are occupying position eight in the MTN Premier League log standings with 12 points. They will face Malanti Chiefs in the next match.



## 'Karas', 'Zidane' shine in Eswatini Corporate League

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**SOCCER – FORMER elite league players Khayelihle 'Karas' Dlamini and Lwazi 'Zidane' Maziya were a marvel to watch during the inaugural Eswatini Corporate League games played at Manzini Club on Saturday.**

Rockefeller Alkaline Water and Dixies International are the main sponsors of the Eswatini Corporate League which was launched a month ago by the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.

'Karas' and 'Zidane' appeared for the Eswatini Communications Commission (ESSCOM) team. Their team played to a 2-2 draw against The George Hotel in an entertaining match watched by an impressive crowd. Former Mbabane Highlanders player Khayelihle 'Karas' Dlamini

was crowned the Man of the Match. The skillful player walked away with an Alkaline Water gift hamper.

In a post-match interview, 'Karas' thanked the sponsors of the tournament and said it was a good initiative. "As a former player, I think this is a good initiative from ECL. It is also good to note that most of the players featuring in the ECL are former Premier League players.

This is a good initiative that will keep the former players occupied and refreshed," he said.

The second match also saw Montigny Group playing to a 1-1 draw against FINCORP. Saneliso Nhlengetfwa had a good game and won the Man of the Match award.

### The full results:

|                  |     |                |
|------------------|-----|----------------|
| The George Hotel | 2-2 | ESSCOM         |
| FINCORP          | 1-1 | Montigny Group |

## We are ready for any country - Dominic

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

**SOCCER – ESWATINI National Under-20 coach Dominic Kunene says the squad is ready to face any opponent in the 2019 COSAFA Under-20 Championships.**

The Young Buffaloes mentor said this when asked his expectations about tomorrow's draw of the annual regional youth championships scheduled for Zambia next month.

"We are looking forward to the draw where we are ready to face any team we will be drawn against during the draw on Friday. We cannot choose the opposition but we have to face the challenge in front of us in

Zambia during the competition. "I strongly believe we can do well in the competition only if my players apply themselves and take each game seriously," he said.

Kunene said they would soon announce the local squad that would be competing in the youth championships.

"We currently have a pool of players mainly from the previous Under-17 squad, who are not new in the international arena. I strongly believe they will deliver the desired results for the nation," he said.

The COSAFA Under-20 Championships will take place in Lusaka, Zambia from December 4-14.



## EFA HOSTS U-15 WOMEN FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

STORIES BY COLISILE SACOLO

**SOCCER – THE Eswatini Football Association (EFA) will host the U-15 Women Football development programme at Mhlambanyatsi Sports Ground on Saturday.**

"The main purpose of this development programme is to provide a platform for the Eswatini

girl child, to develop her football artistry," reads a press statement from the Eswatini Football Association.

This football development programme acts as a feeder for the women's junior national teams and also provides the pool of players that can be recruited by the women's football teams competing under the Women Football Association.

### The fixture is as follows:

#### Mhlambanyatsi Grounds fixture schedule:

| Team A                | vs Team               | Venue   | Time   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------|
| 1. Usutu Forest       | vs Kwaluseni Infant   | Pitch A | 9am    |
| 2. Mhlambanyatsi      | vs John Wesley        | Pitch B | 9am    |
| 3. Entuthukweni       | vs Fonteyn            | Pitch C | 9am    |
| 4. SOS Herman Gmeiner | vs Lobamba National   | Pitch D | 9am    |
| 5. Ezulwini Catholic  | vs Usutu Forest       | Pitch A | 10am   |
| 6. Elangeni           | vs Mhlambanyatsi      | Pitch B | 10am   |
| 7. Kwaluseni Infant   | vs Lobamba National   | Pitch C | 10am   |
| 8. Fonteyn            | vs SOS Herman Gmeiner | Pitch D | 10am   |
| 9. John Wesley        | vs Ezulwini Catholic  | Pitch A | 11am   |
| 10. Usutu Forest      | vs Elangeni           | Pitch B | 11am   |
| 11. Kwaluseni Infant  | vs Mhlambanyatsi      | Pitch C | 11am   |
| 12. Entuthukweni      | vs Lobamba National   | Pitch D | 11am   |
| 13. Kwaluseni Infant  | vs Fonteyn            | Pitch A | 12noon |
| 14. Elangeni          | vs SOS Herman Gmeiner | Pitch B | 12noon |
| 15. John Wesley       | vs Entuthukweni       | Pitch C | 12noon |
| 16. Mhlambanyatsi     | vs Ezulwini Catholic  | Pitch D | 12noon |
| 17. Ezulwini Catholic | vs Fonteyn            | Pitch A | 1pm    |
| 18. Entuthukweni      | vs SOS Herman Gmeiner | Pitch B | 1pm    |
| 19. Elangeni          | vs John Wesley        | Pitch C | 1pm    |
| 20. Lobamba National  | vs Usutu Forest       | Pitch D | 1pm    |

### EFA's refereeing physical fitness test Sunday

**SOCCER – THE Eswatini Football Association (EFA) will host the refereeing physical fitness test on Sunday at Somhlolo National Stadium, starting at 8am.**

There are 70 participants (some are elite league referees) and 10 officials (referees committee and physical fitness refereeing instructors) expected to attend this fitness test.

The main purpose of the fitness test is to test the level of fitness of the referees.

## SWALLOWS LADIES' SIBONELO GWEBU LEADING SCORERS CHART

BY COLISILE SACOLO

**SOCCER – MBABANE Swallows striker Sibonelo Gwebu is leading the scorers chart in the Women Football League.**

The Birds Ladies player has scored 14 goals after eight games as her team is second on the log table.

Gwebu has been in rich scoring form since the beginning of the season, scoring crucial goals for Swallows.

Royal Leopard player Phumzile Dlamini has 12 goals under her belt while Elangeni's Sebenzile Mavuso has scored 11 goals.

Merlyn Sanga from Manzini Wanderers completes the top four bracket with 10 goals.

The other players are yet to reach double figures in as far as scoring goals is concerned.

This was confirmed by Women Football League Competitions Committee Secretary Lucky Dube.

Meanwhile, Elangeni Ladies are occupying the top spot on the log standings

This comes after the games played over the weekend.

Elangeni have won all their seven opening games as they now have 21 points and are sitting comfortable at the top of the log table.

Mbabane Swallows are second with 16 points after eight games.

Manzini Wanderers are third with 15 points as they have won all their games so far.

Young Buffaloes complete the top four bracket with 15 points after seven games.

On the opposite end, Illovo are at the bottom of the log table as they have lost all their five games. Mbekelweni are second from the bottom with zero points as they have also lost all their opening four games.

### Scorers:

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Sibonelo Gwebu (Mbabane Swallows)     | 14 |
| Phumzile Dlamini (Royal Leopard)      | 12 |
| Sebenzile Mavuso (Elangeni)           | 11 |
| Merlyn Sanga (Manzini Wanderers)      | 10 |
| Cebile Shongwe (Young Buffaloes)      | 9  |
| Tibonile Dlamini (Manzini Wanderers)  | 7  |
| Tenamile Ngcamphala (Young Buffaloes) | 7  |
| Siphelele Simelane (S. Diva)          | 6  |
| Simangele Sikhondze (Elangeni)        | 5  |
| Mary Phiri (Green Mamba)              | 5  |
| Gcinile Zwane (Manzini Wanderers)     | 5  |
| Nobuhle Mdluli (Young Buffaloes)      | 5  |
| Nonhle Simelane (S. Diva)             | 5  |
| Martha Manyane (Manzini Wanderers)    | 4  |
| Nonduduzo Dlamini (Kappa Ladies)      | 4  |
| Siphilisiwe Ndlovu (Elangeni)         | 4  |
| Anna Dieter (Mbabane Swallows)        | 4  |
| Nondumiso Dlamini (Kappa Ladies)      | 4  |
| Mcebo Shabalala (Elangeni)            | 3  |
| Nelile Mnisi (Mbabane Swallows)       | 3  |
| Mazwi Dube (Manzini Wanderers)        | 3  |
| Nolwazi Dlamini (S. Diva)             | 3  |

### Women Football League log:

| Teams                | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD  | PTS |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1. Elangeni          | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 2  | 23  | 21  |
| 2. Mbabane Swallows  | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 28 | 6  | 22  | 16  |
| 3. Manzini Wanderers | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 1  | 32  | 15  |
| 4. Young Buffaloes   | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 32 | 3  | 29  | 15  |
| 5. Royal Leopard     | 7 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 22 | 4  | 18  | 12  |
| 6. Green Mamba       | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 10 | 2   | 10  |
| 7. S. Diva           | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 19 | 15 | 4   | 8   |
| 8. As Interladies    | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2  | 7  | -5  | 7   |
| 9. Kappa Ladies      | 6 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 15 | -2  | 6   |
| 10. Happy Girls      | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 5  | 47 | -42 | 6   |
| 11. S. Roses         | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2  | 24 | -22 | 1   |
| 12. Mbekelweni       | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3  | 13 | -10 | 0   |
| 13. Illovo           | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0  | 47 | -47 | 0   |

Roses are third from the bottom and have one point in their account after seven games.

Meanwhile, the league games will continue this weekend.



## RESULTS

### Africa Cup Of Nations - Qualification

|                          |     |             |
|--------------------------|-----|-------------|
| Namibia                  | 2-1 | Chad        |
| Malawi                   | 1-0 | South Sudan |
| Central African Republic | 2-0 | Burundi     |
| Cameroon                 | 0-0 | Cape Verde  |
| Guinea-Bissau            | 3-0 | Eswatini    |
| Nigeria                  | 2-1 | Benin       |
| Sierra Leone             | 1-1 | Lesotho     |

## Bull players now to share E50 000

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**SOCCER**—MBABANE Highlanders players will reportedly now share E50 000 from the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup prize money.

This comes after they were initially promised E100 000 for bringing the trophy home. However, it has been reliably gathered that the frustrated players will now share E50 000 without clear explanation from the management.

The money is likely to be given to the top 18 players who were doing duty during the final played at the Somhlolo National Stadium in August. This effectively means that each player would receive E2 700.

"We have waited for so long for our share of the spoils. They told us that we will now share E50 000 and there is nothing we can do. We will accept what they give us as they say half a loaf is better than nothing," said one of the players.

Mbabane Highlanders Head of Secretariat Bhekisisa Dlamini said the monetary issue was between the employer and employee. "I cannot comment about this issue. This is confidential as it is between an employer and employee."

The black and white capital city side won the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup in August after they beat hub giants Manzini Wanderers 3-1. The capital city giants took home a hefty E1.1million. This put an end to their eight-year trophy drought, making it their fourth title in the annual spectacle. Runners-up Manzini Wanderers took home E550 000.

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## SIHLANGU FALL IN GUINEA BISSAU

BY SIBUSISO MASILELA

Guinea Bissau..... (2)3  
Eswatini..... (0)0

**SOCCER**—THE nation's pride Sihlangu now looks like a team that has left everything in God's hands following their 0-3 loss at the hands of Guinea Bissau in their 2021 AFCON Qualifiers Group I opening match played at Estádio 24 de Setembro last night.

It would clearly seem the going is continuing to get tougher for Sihlangu Semnikati in the international scenes.

The result further ensured a bad start for the nation's pride in their dream of reaching the 2021 AFCON finals as they were thrashed by the star-studded opposition.

This match marked the start of Sihlangu's journey towards the next finals of the

● Nation's prided handed 0-3 drubbing

● Team suffered early set-back after injury to right back Lindo Mkhonta before kick-off

● Sihlangu to face Senegal on Sunday



continent's showpiece slated for Cameroon in two years' time.

Sihlangu coach Kostadin Papic was forced to throw in Royal Leopard defender Mlamuli Msibi into the deep end following an injury to his regular right back Lindo Mkhonta before kick-off.

However, the Serbian mentor kept his faith on his trusted soldiers in the likes of Sandanezwe Mathabela, Siboniso Mamba, Sifiso Matse, Wandile 'Skosh' Shabangu, Phinda 'Phindrix' Dlamini, Sandile Gamedze and Fanelo 'Order' Mamba. Guinea Bissau scored their first goal in the 40th minute through Jorginho with their second coming five minutes later via the boot of Piqueti in the 45th minute.

The match went to the break with Guinea Bissau leading 2-0.

The 2019 AFCON participants Guinea Bissau continued where they left off as they upped

the tempo in the second half.

The West Africans Islanders eventually scored the third goal in the 76th minute through Joao Marioa to wrap up the match.

Sihlangu could not give any response to the opposition's goals as the match ended 3-0 in favour of Guinea Bissau.

The senior national side will return home tomorrow evening to prepare for their second Group I match against Senegal at the Mavuso Sports Centre on Sunday.

The other Group I opening fixture between Senegal and Congo Brazzaville was due to take place last night.

**Eswatini:**

Sandanezwe Mathabela, Mlamuli Msibi, Frank Dlamini, Siboniso Mamba, Phumlani Dlamini, Mzwandile Mabelesa, Sifiso Matse, Wandile Shabangu, Phinda Dlamini, Sandile Gamedze, Fanelo Mamba.

## Flyers face Sunrise in Ingwenyama Cup play-offs

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

**SOCCER**—BUCKLE up, the game is on!

Ubombo Flyers will face-off with Sunrise in the SMVA Ingwenyama Cup Regional play-offs while Ludzeludze Brothers have a date with Shiselweni based outfit Amalanda.

This comes after the draw conducted at Lobamba Technical Centre yesterday. The play-offs are scheduled for Somhlolo National Stadium on Saturday.

Making his remarks after the draw, Ingwenyama Cup organising committee Chairman Johannes 'Ace' Sibozza urged teams to keep time and soccer fans to behave themselves during the



**Three Ingwenyama regional play-offs participants Samkeliso Dlamini (Sunrise), Phumlani Langwenya (Ludzeludze Brothers) and Bonginkhosi 'Mashiphisa' Mamba posing during the draw held yesterday at the Eswatini Football Association Technical Centre. (Pic: Melusi Mlotsa)**

games.

"We are happy the regional tournament has reached this stage. We urge

teams to keep time on Saturday."

Premier League of Eswatini Chief Operations Officer Pat Vilakati echoed

### THE FIXTURE:

Saturday at Somhlolo National Stadium  
L. Brothers vs Amalanda 2pm  
Ubombo Flyers vs L. Sunrise 4pm  
Entrance Fee - E10

Sibozza's words by warning teams to keep time.

He said clubs who failed to adhere to the rules would face consequences.

"Keeping time is very important. We expect clubs to arrive 70 minutes before kick-off time. Failure to do so will land them into trouble."

Meanwhile, Lobamba Sunrise representative Samkeliso Dlamini said they were ready to face Flyers.

"We are hopeful we will finish

the job within the 90 minutes and reach the last 32," he said.

Amalanda Public Relations Officer Bonginkhosi 'Mashiphisa' Mamba said they were happy with the draw.

"We are hoping for a good game against Brothers.

We know them well and this is our chance to reach the last 32," he said.

Ludzeludze Brothers representative Phumlani Langwenya said they were looking forward to the next stage of the tournament.

He said the spirits were high in the camp ahead of the match.

Ubombo Flyers were not represented during the draw and PLE COO Pat Vilakati said the team would face the consequences for their failure to show up.