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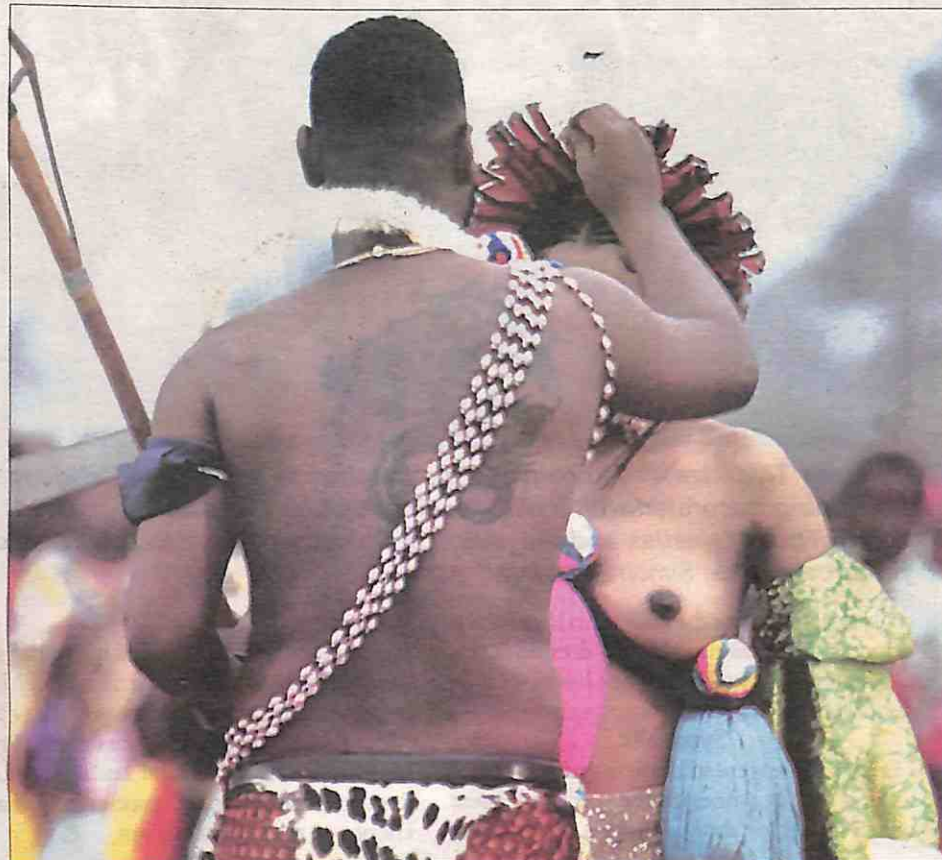


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Princess Tiyandza who's well-known as Titi, daughter to Inkhosikati LaNgangaza being decorated with a white feather by Luis Leite as she danced before Their Majesties and the nation at the Shiselweni Reed Dance ceremony yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu) SEE PAGES 2, 3, 8, 12

PRINCESS TITI'S GLOWING MOMENT

...As Mozambican man declares love to princess at Shiselweni Reed Dance



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LUIS DECLARES HIS LOVE FOR

STORIES BY SIMON SHABANGU

The Shiselweni Umhlanga ceremony witnessed yet another colourful and historic moment when Luis Leite publicly declared his love for Princess Tiyaanza.

The princess, who is well known as 'Titi', wore a perfect smile when Luis bravely approached the Arena to perform the customary act – much to the delight of the thousands of spectators.

The full to capacity crowd who crammed the Mbangweni Royal Residence arena could not help but ululate and applaud as the Mozambican national did it the traditional way by decorating the Princess with a white feather.

This was when the princess was at the centre of the arena dancing beautifully with Emazinyane.

This sparked colour to the ceremony, evident in the way that the spectators went wild with ululations and screams.

There were broad and warm smiles as the princesses continued to dance, while Luis continued to do the *kudlalilisa*.

Commitment

In the Eswatini culture and custom this act can be interpreted to show interest and affection, and to further show deliberate interest to a serious commitment in a relationship.

What the crowd witnessed is similar to what happened at Ludzidzini Royal residence when Prince Majaha decorated gospel singer Nothando Hlophe.

The incident was also very well received in the arena and proved to be a major highlight of the day.

Accompanied by two of Emajaha, Luis came from the left of the arena while the princess was doing a solo dance.

He was accompanied by Mdabulo and Shiyumsuthu who led him to the arena to offi-



Princess Tiyaanza well known as Titi, daughter to Inkhosikati LaNgangaza after being decorated with a white feather by Luis Leite as she danced before Their Majesties and the nation at Shiselweni Reed Dance ceremony yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

cially declare before the nation his love for the princess. Luis was also properly dressed in traditional regalia just like a true Liswati warrior as he went to the arena.

Symbolic

Emazinyane were still dancing with their sister and closely witnessed the special moment which lasted for about a minute, yet it is very

symbolic.

Coincidentally she was dancing to the song titled, Selingshonele Mbangazitha, which basically means my days are gone your Majesty.

This comes after the same was done by Prince Majaha two weeks back at Ludzidzini Royal Residence who decorated gospel artist Nothando Hlophe in the similar fashion.

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Government's decision to decline the registration of the association that seeks to advance the protection of human rights of lesbian gay bisexual transgender and intersex (LGBTI) persons has been viewed as confirming the findings of a study which concludes that the country violates the minority group's rights.

This was said by Melusi Simelane, the founder of Eswatini Sexual and

GOVT VIOLATING GAY RIGHTS - MELUSI

Gender Minorities (ESGM) organisation whose application for registration was declined the past week by the Registrar of Companies Msebe Malinga.

The study Simelane was referring to is titled 'Are We Doing Right?' which was conducted in nine countries of the southern and east Africa including Eswatini, South Africa Botswana, Ethiopia, Lesotho Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

The study was officially launched

on Friday in a meeting held at Endibanweni conference located at the Mbabane National Library.

"They have just exposed themselves that they have always been denying the existence of the LGBTI community in the country. They have admitted and confirmed that our rights are being violated and discriminated just as the findings of this study reveal," Simelane said.

On the contrary, the registrar of companies denied that the decision

to decline to register the organisation was a way of discriminating the LGBTI people.

He said the Eswatini Constitution does not include sex or sexual orientation. He said it was clear that discrimination based on sexual orientation and sex was not protected by the Constitution of the Kingdom of Eswatini or in any of the country's domestic laws.

Stating his reasons for declining the registration Malinga said it would

...Study on LGBTI launched

The study 'Are We Doing Right?' indicates that discrimination, stigma and marginalisation related to sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression place LGBTI people at higher risk for mental health concerns and violence.

Despite that the country successfully hosted the second gay pride march and had made no arrests under the colonial 'sodomy' law recently, the LGBTI advocacy organisations documented numerous human rights violations ranging from violence to denial of public services.

The study found that LGBTI people, regardless of their specific sexual orientation or gender identity, show higher levels of depression, anxiety, suicidality, and substance

use than the general population.

LGBTI people are also more likely to experience verbal harassment, physical and sexual violence than the general population, and face sexual orientation and gender identity-related barriers when trying to access healthcare.

Experienced

Compared to the general public, LGBTI people have been found to have higher levels of mental health concerns, have experienced more violence, and have faced barriers to healthcare that are directly linked to their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

"Overall, most participants had not been denied healthcare or called names or insulted due to their sexual orientation or gender identity. However, more than half of par-



Melusi Simelane briefing the audience on the study at Endibanweni on Friday. (Pic: Zwelethu Dlamini)

ticipants said that healthcare staff had treated them disrespectfully because of their sexual orientation or gender identity," reads part of

the report.

The findings from the study provide evidence of the seriousness of the rights violations against Emaswati who identify as sexual or gender minorities, as well as the health consequences.

Wellbeing

"The findings from our study confirm that in Eswatini, as described in other parts of the world (Meyer, 2003; Hatzenbuehler et al., 2014), social exclusion, marginalisation and stigma due to non-normative sexual orientation and/or gender identity has a negative impact on the mental health and wellbeing of people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex," reads the report.

The study calls for the urgent need for mental health services that are affirming of sexual and gender diversity and are provided without sex-

PRINCESS TIYANDZA

Imbali brave chilly weather to dance before Their Majesties

Imbali from the Shiselweni Region came in their thousands to be part of the second and final leg of the Reed Dance ceremony at Mbangweni Royal Residence.

The ceremony which started with the arrival of the Imbali on Friday was a spectacular event despite the chilly weather which is accustomed with this ceremony in the region.

The throngs who came in different ages could not be deterred from honouring Their Majesties with their presence at the ceremony which is a pride to the maidens.

Imbali started off the day with delivering the reed before the King and Her Majesty who took time to witness the thousands delivering and later dancing past to where Their Majesties seated.

Excited

The large numbers of the Imbali who did not only come from Shiselweni but from the other three regions and beyond the borders were excited to have a moment passing next to the King as he watched in appreciation.

The Imbali later proceeded to the arena, where they danced up a storm before the throngs of people who were also in attendance to witness the ceremony which is also a tourists attraction.

The peak of the ceremony was



Imbali in song during the Shiselweni Reed Dance.

when the Imbali started the song 'Mnikeni Lihawu Lakhe atodalisela Imbali', which was when His Majesty took to the arena to make rounds and appreciate the elated maidens who danced in jubilation as they were in the presence of their King.

Emakhosikati also took time from different occasions to go to the arena to appreciate Emazinyane who were showing off their skills and maturity in the dancing of traditional songs.

Leading the Imbali was Princess Temaswati and Princess Sakhizwe who both at different intervals entertained the gathering dancing to their different songs. Princesses Temave and Sabusiswa were among those that stepped out to showcase their maturing

talent.

Indvuna Nonduduzo 'Zuzu' Zubuko and leader of Kabhamsakhe Vivane Hlatshwako were at their usual best on the day

Attendance

Emakhosikati, Sigodlo, Chiefs, Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini, Cabinet ministers, members of various Royal councils were all in attendance at the ceremony. Visitors from outside the country and local businesspeople also came through to witness the spectacular ceremony, which is one of a kind in the world.

The ceremony continues today which will be the last day of the memorable weekend for the Imbali which will be transported back to their respective homes after today's proceedings.

SNAT challenges PM to name strike sponsors NOT BY FAVOUR

BY FORTUNE NDLANGAMANDLA

Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) has challenged Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini to reveal the proposed teachers' strike sponsors.

Responding to the PM's statement on the proposed strike by the Public Sector Associations SNAT Secretary General Sikelela Dlamini said the PM's statement made a litany of allegations that were not only fabricated but also misleading.

However, Government Spokesperson Percy Simelane refused to be drawn on the contents of the PM's statement, saying that government had said what it wanted to say for now. Simelane stated that should there be need it would release another statement and act on it. Simelane had been asked to respond to the SNAT statement yesterday.

SNAT has said that the allegation by the PM was disturbing, trumped-up and flawed, adding that the resolution to strike was made by all teachers by voting (above threshold) for the legal strike action.

Limits

"There has never been a person or organisation that sponsored the strike by teachers, in anyway. Mandvulo has resorted to tell grandiose lies that stretch and exceed the limits of believability," the SG said.

The SNAT SG challenged the PM to openly name those who are sponsoring the teachers strike, inform the public who those reputable sponsors are as well as to mention the kind of sponsorship that the SNAT received from these philanthropists.

"We are, as a matter of principle, convinced that the PM is trying to demonise the ninety-one (91) year-old Teachers' Organisation, trying to make it a skunk: putting it into disrepute in the process. It is, therefore, a serious cause for concern for us as the SNAT to have an appointed head of government slowly becoming a social



BUT BY MERIT

engineer of falsified information. Lies cannot and shall never be an ingredient of success in the position that he holds in government," elaborated the unionist.

He then pleaded with the PM to desist from telling fibs as it belittles him, not as a PM but as a man and it makes SNAT to doubt his ability to think critically for solutions to counteract challenges such as this one.

Behaviour

"The whole fabrication means you do not make the cut to hold the office that you are occupying, currently, on appointment. As a man, you cannot thrive on hearsay, rumours and grapevine. It is even worse if you are a head of government. Your behaviour is likened to that of a man whose reservoir of ideas is quickly running out of financial resources. Populism and emotional blackmail shall not last. For that, we throw the gauntlet to him to bring proof of this serious allegation," SG Dlamini said.

Furthermore, he said to imply that the civil servants strike shall only be conducted by teachers is divisive, a cock and bull story and nonsensical. All PSAs (SNAT, NAPSAPU & SNAGAP) shall partake in the upcoming strike. Please take note of that."

He said the PSAs were prepared to show the PM where money to fund the CoLA can be solicited. He called upon all unionists to the battle front, beginning on Tuesday as per the released schedule.

PSAs have decided to take it to the streets to demand 7.85 per cent CoLA. The union said on September 25, there would be a protest at national level where every member is expected to partake.

be improper for him to register an organisation whose objectives are not provided for in the Constitution or any legislation.

He argued that the Constitution prohibited same sex relations, hence he would not register an organisation that sought to promote what he deemed unlawful.

Simelane stated that it was one of the study's recommendations to government to decriminalise same sex relations as the registrar's reasons suggested that they are being viewed as criminals. The association wanted to register as the Eswatini Sexual and Gender Minorities and as a non-profit organisation under Section 17 of the Companies Act.

ual orientation and gender identity-related stigma, prejudice and discrimination.

"Affirming and non-judgmental mental health-care services for sexual and gender minority people are at least as important as HIV-related health services.

Implement

"This is not just to improve mental health and wellbeing, but also to support efforts to decrease the vulnerability to HIV," further reads the report.

Simelane said he hoped that stakeholders would take the recommendations of the study and implement them to make Eswatini more inhabitable for sexual and gender minorities.

He said the findings are shocking and they must not be taken lightly, as these are only those that the researchers could reach out to, at the time. "There is so much abuse of power, and thus discrimination that goes on in the human rights service provision corners of this country. For instance, the registrar of companies has declined the registration of our organisation, which has a clear mandate to address such findings."

KOBE director dies

BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

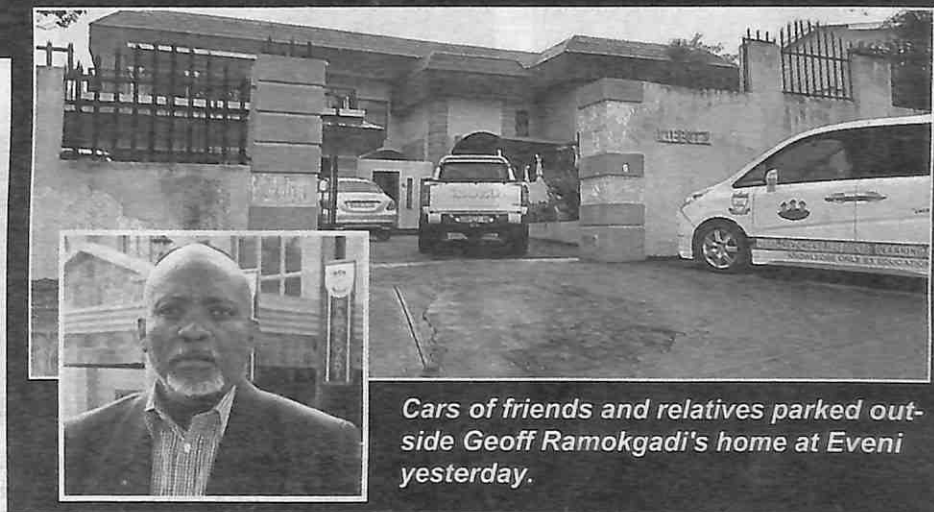
KOBE-Ramokgadi Learning Academy founder Geoff Ramokgadi, who is also President of the Jewish Community in Eswatini and Vice Chairman of the Commonwealth Jewish Council (CJC), has died.

The veteran Jewish leader is believed to have died after a long illness at the age of 65. The news of his demise started spreading on Friday night as he is believed to have passed on earlier in the evening.

Close friends and associates who learnt of his passing on were touched to learn of his demise as they described him as noble man who was professional, passionate, a visionary and caring. Friends, relatives and employees of the astute businessman had started sending condolences to the family in the morning. Family representatives found at the Ramokgadi's residential place at Eveni stated that the family was still dealing with a lot and would be ready to address the media today.

"Right now, the family is still dealing with a lot, we will be ready to communicate with the media by tomorrow. We just need a bit of time because it is still too early to say anything for the moment, we can't comment on anything. We will let you know, we will be able to communicate with the media once we have been able to contact the other members of the family," said one of the family representatives.

Another family member stated that it will not be a good thing for them to break the news before the other family members have been informed and promised to provide more details



Cars of friends and relatives parked outside Geoff Ramokgadi's home at Eveni yesterday.

today as they will have contacted the other family members.

Ramokgadi's death has been described as a huge blow to the Jewish community, not only in the country as he had been hailed for his leadership skills which saw him being appointed into various positions in the international Jewish community.

Faith

In February 2017 he was appointed Vice Chairman of the Commonwealth Jewish Council (CJC). He was reporting to the council on whatever issues related to the Jewish faith that were happening in Eswatini and coordinated meetings for the Jewish community since he also doubled as a local President having assumed the position over 15 years back.

According to the CJC, the council was created by a unanimous agreement of Jewish leaders from 16 Commonwealth countries at a meeting held in London from November 29,

to December 1, 1982. It now includes the Jewish communities of 37 countries, Hong Kong having the observer status.

Part of the objectives of the CJC is to provide links between Commonwealth Jewish communities, to create a network of Commonwealth Jewish communities through which shared interests and mutual support can be nurtured.

It is also seeking to support the interests of Commonwealth Jewish communities, and Commonwealth communities in which Jewish communities live and work. To make representations on behalf of Commonwealth Jewish communities to governments and other relevant bodies and people as and when it seems suitable and to cultivate constructive relationships to help further the goals of CJC.

His death has also hit hard on the prestigious school he had established at Ezulwini where he served as a director for several years. Notably, of late Ramokgadi wanted to sell the school.



The judges Fiona 'Fifi Dope' Russell, Ndimiso Dlamini, Velemseni Ndzimandze and Khulekani 'Karly B' Mamba smile during The Spotlight top 30 performances held at Mahlalekhukhwini House yesterday morning. (Pics: Nokwanda Sibandze)



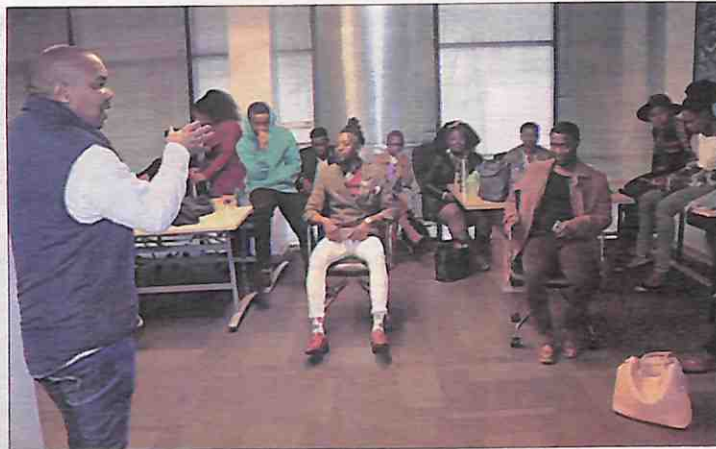
The ladies show off their faces after being beautified by The Spotlight glam squad.



Samkele Dlamini, Nontsikelelo Magongo and Nontsikelelo Dlamini pose after they were done singing for the day.



Nontsikelelo Dlamini shows off her make-up



The Spotlight Judge Ndimiso Dlamini shares words of wisdom to the contestants.



Rina Mthethwa before and after her make-over.



Nompendulo Nsibandze before and after.



Namisa Nhlengetfwa's different looks.



Mbali Gamedze received a standing ovation from the judges and spectators.

Competition tightens for

STORIES
BY NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

With every top 30 contestant being on top of their game, the competition seems to be getting tougher for The Spotlight contestants.

The Top 30 had another chance to sing for the judges and fight for a spot in the next round at the Mahlalekhukhwini House yesterday morning. The contestants were given 10 songs again this week to study and master for their performances.

With nerves and tension hitting the singers hard, the rappers seem to be calmer than everyone else in the competition. The six rappers who remain in the competition feel that they all have what it takes to win the competition and they were willing to give it their best to be crowned the winner of The Spotlight.

The rappers are allowed to perform their own songs for the crowd and audience so to showcase their writing and vocal styles.

They all surprised the judges as they all got positive comments from the judges. Madoda Nsibandze, Mpendulo

According to the judges' comments and reactions from the crowd, the competition was tougher than ever. The contestants also admitted they were scared now than before because they know each other's strengths and weaknesses. What also made the competition hard was that most the contenders chose the same songs. The songs that were chosen mostly by contestants include John Legend's 'You and I', Bruno Mars' 'When I was your man' and 'When we were young' by Adele.

Speaking to some of the contestants, they shared their feelings on how hard

they were finding the competition at this stage.

Melusi Tsabedze who sang 'You and I' by John Legend said he was aware that all the singers were good enough to win the competition, which was what made the competition more difficult.

Participants

Another participant who felt the going was getting tougher was Lunga Mabizela.

"We all know that we can sing but now, the competition is different because we are so close to the finishing line and to get there we are all bringing our all to the stage," he said.

...Rappers nonchalant

Mndvoti and Ntsika even got a standing ovation from the judges and crowd for their performances.

Speaking to the rappers, they said for them it was more about getting their work out there and the competition was doing just that for them. "As a rapper, being on stage is the best thing, so being given the opportunity to do that every week, I will of course bring my A-game," said Nsibandze.

Mpendulo Mndvoti said there was nothing to be scared of as this was a competition. "Nerves are normal but

it is important to use them to your advantage and the make them work for you and not against you," he said.

Although the rappers were feeling more confident, the only female rapper in the competition Phetsile Nkosi did not share the same sentiments.

After her performance, judges felt it was not her best and felt the other rappers were stepping up their game and she was being left behind. They also advised her to focus on rapping only as they felt her singing voice let down her entire performance.

Make-over giving singers more confidence

As nervous as they said they were, some of the participants admitted that, the make-over they get before performing boosted their confidence.

Nontsikelelo Dlamini shouted, "This is definitely what I needed," after she got a full face make-up from the The Spotlight make-over

team.

"The make-up makes us feel like real stars and it truly boosts my confidence. I am grateful to MTN for not just expecting us to sing but for helping us become the stars we were born to be by giving us the tools that we need like this make-over," said Lindelwa Tsabedze.

Ladies

The ladies were happy to be given an opportunity to look like superstars while some of the boys were happy about it. Although some were happy with the make-up, some guys felt they were happy with their natural look.

Thabiso Makhanya was one of the guys that allowed the glam team to work magic on his face. "This is for my look and understand the need for it. I am also happy with the work they do so all I can say is thank you MTN for putting us on,"

he said. Contrary to what Makhanya felt, Dick da Cuhna said he was more comfortable without make up. "I love the work the idea for the makeup and I tried it last week but I feel like I prefer no make-up at all and I am glad I am also given the opportunity to choose, which to me means they still want us to be true to ourselves and respect us as musicians," he said.

The Spotlight contestants

MTN Pulse did not bring one of the best production teams to produce the competition but also brought one of the best bands to perform alongside the contestants.

This week the top 30 were given a chance to perform with S-Cubed's NKO and Wakhile.

The band had an opportunity to practice with the contestants on Thursday where they had the opportunity to understand what each artist wanted for their performance.

The band will continue to work with the contestants throughout the competition and each week an instrument will be added to the performances.

Competition

Towards the end of the competition, the contestants will perform with a full live band to gear them up for the entertainment world.

The Top 30 were not only treated with an instrument and rehearsals with the band but were given tips by some of the industry's best promoters and managers.

SWAMA President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini, Penny Bouwer, Ndumiso Dlamini and Khulani Mamba also shared words of inspiration and wisdom to the participants.

Speaking to one of the singers Namisa Nhlengetwa, she said the workshop helped her in a number of ways as she got to learn about the industry. "It is easy to want to be in an industry but it is definitely hard to penetrate and stay in any industry. So the workshop really helped us understand what we are getting ourselves into and what to expect when we finally make it,"

S-Cubed Band for live shows



S-Cubed Project's Wakhile, NKO and Sizwe were happy to be part of the team.

she said.

Other contestants felt it was some of the best advice they have gotten about the industry. "It was really good and helpful and I hope we all take into consideration what we were taught and put it into good use," he added.

On top of the advice he gave the contestants on Thursday, Ndumiso Dlamini also had a few words of encouragement for them

before their performances.

"This competition is tough, and by virtue of being here, it means you can sing, but what makes you stand out is what will make you win this competition," he said.

He also encouraged the contestants to build their brand outside of the competition as they will be putting their fate in the public's hands going forward.



Quinton Sibisi, Gcobani Masuku and Samkele Dlamini in the waiting area.



Kwanele Magongo, Ria Mthethwa and Ncamiso Dlamini pose after their performances.

Vote for your favourite from today

The Spotlight voting lines open today after the show airs on Eswatini TV at 5am to 6pm.

To vote, the public would have to SMS the contestant's number to 7768 using any MTN number or by visiting www.mtnspotlight.com. Each SMS will cost E0.50.

The show airs every Sunday from 5pm to 6pm and repeat on Monday at 9am.

Sambulo Matse	-	001	Madoda BonganiJR Nsibandze	-	022
Melusi Mndzebele	-	004	Phetsile Sihle Nkosi	-	025
Nontsikelelo Dlamini	-	006	Zweli Gule	-	012
Gcobani Sisekelo Masuku	-	009	Rina Mthethwa	-	014
Quinton Sibisi	-	016	Lindelwa Tsabedze	-	017
Samkele N Dlamini	-	002	Phillie Motsa	-	019
Mbali Gamedze	-	003	Namisa Nhlengetwa	-	021
Nontsikelelo Magongo	-	007	Khethokuhle Sibandze	-	020
Thabiso Makhanya	-	010	Lunga Mabizela	-	026
Siphosemusa Simelane	-	018	Eyethu Gama	-	027
Nsika Nsizakalo Mazibuko	-	008	Celimphilo Mpiwenhle Dlamini	-	028
Mpendulo Mndvot	-	011	Nosipho Shelembe	-	029
Clive Herbst	-	013	Ncamiso Dlamini	-	030
Dick da Cunha	-	015	Kwanele Magongo	-	023
			Nompendulo Nsibandze	-	024



Lunga Mabizela took the time to practise his song before his turn.



Khethokuhle Sibandze practises before her performance.



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SUFIAW to pay striking ESRIC staff salaries

STORIES BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

The three-week strike by Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation (ESRIC) staff cost their union over E1million in salaries, which will be paid to their accounts on their normal payday.

This follows that the company evoked the no-work no-pay rule to the striking staff.

Confirming the upcoming salary payment while not divulging the exact figure, Swaziland Union for Financial and Allied Workers (SUFIAW) Secretary General Jabu Shiba said the union was going to pay the over 60 members.

She assured the employees, noting that as the union managed to pay Nedbank employees who are almost double the number of ESRIC employees, they would also apply the same rule with the current strike.

"This will cost over a million Emalangeni. We will pay them just like we did to Nedbank, where all 140 employees were paid during their strike," she said.

Shiba stated that she was not able to quantify the costs seeing as this would be revealing people's salaries.

Compensate

"All I can say is that the union has a strike fund which we put aside to compensate our workers in the event they are involved in strike action and will be affected by the no-work no-pay rule," she said.

Explaining why they had to pay them, she said despite theirs being a protected strike which was governed by labour laws, the employer was with-in rights to enforce the no-work no-pay rule.

The employees are expected to get payment for the days they worked from their employer and the rest from the union.

The strike action enters its fourth week this week as the two parties have still not reached an agreement – at least by Friday.

The strike emanates from a salary evaluation exercise which granted employees a salary increment, however, when it was time for the employees to get what was due to them, there was a disagreement on the principle of payment.



SUFIAW Secretary General Jabu Shiba addressing ESRIC workers during the protest action. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

"The employer is refusing to discuss the options of implementing the salary review and simply wants to implement one that does not benefit the employees much and is nowhere in their policies. The strike goes on even next week where other financial institutions are expected to join," Shiba explained.

Disregarded

The employees expressed that they don't understand why a remuneration philosophy would be put in place and then be disregarded. They said all that they want is for the report to be implemented and no decrease be effected.

They indicated that they want to see the company complying with the terms of the negotiations and the union.

Following this disagreement, SUFI-AW followed all the necessary steps until they resorted to the last measure, which was to withhold power.

The protracted strike saw workers abandoning their workstations and managers taking over.

The company is said to have engaged temporary staff which has irked the employees as they feel this is water-

Salary review report non-negotiable – ESRIC

The management of the Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation (ESRIC) has come out to state that the ongoing strike by employees is unnecessary and not warranted.

Instead, the management views the strike as a threat to reverse the significant gains made over the years to improve the welfare of the employees.

In a press statement, ESRIC has for the first time detailed the background to the issues leading to the strike, clearly outlining its position.

ESRIC has stated that the bone of contention was that the union had the expectation of negotiating the outcomes of the review exercise which the company views as improper. The ESRIC management has stated that it

was their view that any sort of negotiation erodes the independence and objectivity of the exercise.

"It casts doubts on the outcome of what should be an objective assignment. In addition, the recommendations of the consultants are competitive and take into account realities in the financial service industry. Management is committed to the implementation of the recommendations of the report, including the proposed new salary scale," reads part of the statement.

The company stated that it remained committed to resolving the dispute and making decisions that will promote the long term well-being of all its staff members and the sustainability of the business.



ESRIC employees picketing outside the company premises in Mbabane.

ing down the purpose of their strike. The employees want to take the company to court over the issue of recruiting temporary staff.

Meanwhile, other financial institutions have promised to join the ongoing

strike at ESRIC tomorrow as a sign of solidarity. The new development means all the financial institutions in the country might ground operations, including banks.

This was revealed by the Secretary

General of Swaziland Union of Financial Institutions and Allied Workers (SUFI-AW) Jabu Shiba during the ongoing strike by ESRIC employees on Friday, saying the union was facilitating the final logistics of the solidarity strike.

Man impregnates his 15 year old niece

BY KHETSIWE KHUMALO

A 15-year-old pupil of Mavula Central Primary School's future has been thrown into disarray after she fell pregnant and has had to drop out of school.

The pupil, who had been doing her Grade 6, has allegedly been impregnated by her uncle.

According to her class teacher, the pupil had passed her second term well enough to hold the 12th position in her class.

Suspensions of the girl being pregnant were raised by her class teacher who asked a relative who had come to collect the girl's report card.

The source said they paid no atten-

tion to the teacher's suspicions until the 15-year-old was overheard talking to a certain man over the phone.

"I found out that something was going on, through a text the victim sent from my phone, telling some man not to call since she was now giving back the phone to its owner.

"The text had the caption, 'Love you Mjabulase wami' which made me curious to find out who that was," says the source.

The source decided to investigate the matter further and called the number and was surprised to hear a familiar voice of the girl's uncle speaking on the other end of the line. After this discovery, the source called the girl's grandmother to have her further investigate

and put an end to the matter.

However, the family was astonished to find out that the 15-year-old's grandmother had done nothing to stop the issue and instead called the mother of the girl to tell her what had happened.

It was only in July when the news about the young girl being pregnant came out. The mother to the now pregnant girl had not reported the case to the police. She was, however later called to the Buhleni Police Station after the source reported the matter to a certain officer at the station.

When she was questioned on the matter, she defended herself by saying that she had not been staying with her daughter all along.

"I can't say anything concerning the

matter. I did not live with her prior to this, so I don't know much. My daughter is now living with me because I had to see to it that she gets her antenatal card at the hospital," she said.

A case was opened against the uncle, who has since been released on bail.

Information gathered was that a few months ago the uncle fought a guy who apparently herds the family's cattle over the impregnated girl. The herdsman would apparently visit the girl, and converse with her from time to time.

In one instance the uncle found them chatting at the gate which triggered a heated argument between the men which led to a physical fight. Through that fight, he was badly hurt on the leg and had to get a police report in order to be treated in hospital.

When the uncle was asked to comment on the allegations against him, he

simply said he could not say anything concerning the matter.

The incidents supposedly took place at Sihhoye where the young girl previously lived. The victim is now based in Mzaceni, where she now lives with her mother.

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LAW SOCIETY ACCUSED OF POLITICAL AMBITIONS

STORIES BY ZWELETHU DLAMINI

Lawyers have questioned the decision by the Law Society of Swaziland (LSS) to oppose the application for admission filed by Advocate Michael Robert Hellens.

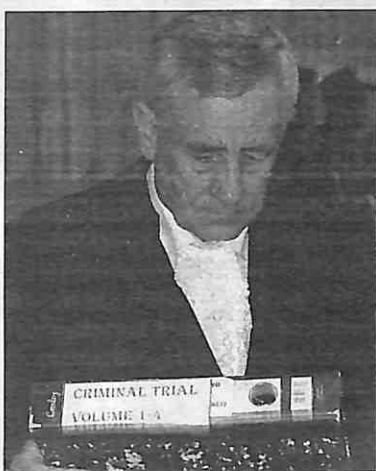
The LSS filed an application opposing the advocate's admission early in the week. The advocate is expected to represent the state in the on-going trial of Sipho Shongwe who is accused of the murder of Victor Gamedze.

In his opposing affidavit, LSS Secretary General Thulani Maseko submitted that when vetting Hellens, the society discovered that he had neglected to state that he was once charged with unprofessional conduct for having accepted an amount of R500 000 as a 'gift' referring to an article that was published by the South African press.

Maseko argued that by so doing Hellens had failed to satisfy the requirements for admission of a non-resident advocate as set out in Section 5 (2) as read with Section 28 to 30 of the Legal Practitioners Act.

Several lawyers wondered how the decision was reached and whose interest this opposition would protect as some believe this was to serve the executive's interest which has been labelled as being politically motivated. Some of the lawyers have even suggested that the LSS was now diverting from its mandate and taking the form of a

...Lawyers critical of Society's decision to oppose admission of advocate

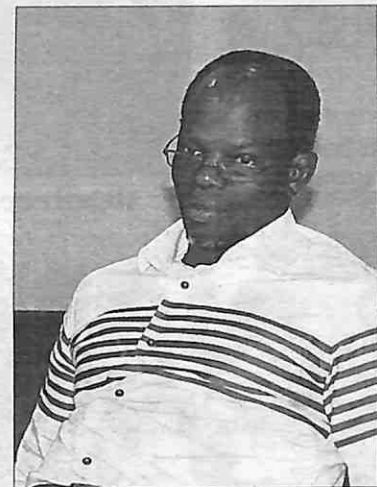


Advocate Michael Robert Hellens and Law Society of Swaziland Secretary General Thulani Maseko.

political party.

The learned friends expressed their opinions on the matter using the social media platform Facebook. Several members agreed with their colleague who posted the question on the matter.

"As a member of the Law Society, I am worried that our executive is losing its way. Why would the Law Society vigorously oppose an application for ad-hoc admission of an advocate to prosecute a high-profile matter, whose interests is the Law Society protecting? Certainly not those of its members nor of the public and not of the



proper administration of justice. The only conclusion is that it is representing the interests of the accused. I fear we have become petty and are allowing ourselves to be used for agendas other than our own," reads the post by one of the learned friends.

Irrational

"I couldn't have said it better. The Law Society is opposed to the admission of a Senior Counsel of at 24 years standing but regularly consents to the admission of Advocates who are considerably less experienced. That to my mind is irrational," another lawyer who agreed with the post.

One of the lawyers alleged that the institution was efficient when dealing with political issues than when dealing with its mandate which made him believe it was a political party.

"Law Society? Do we even have such an institution *lakitsi*? The Society you are talking about is a political party to be unveiled soon that tends to expedient when dealing with political issues and become extinct when it has to deal with the real issues to which it was designed for.

"I have a feeling that 'Ngumakhundu', an instrument of torture to deal with lawyers wayward or straight. I have never seen the good of it and I doubt if they know other hosting dinners and frivolous unimportant issues. I have too many stories to tell but to who as there is none.

"I'm sorry if hitherto you did not know that we do not have such," lamented another lawyer.

Another lawyer suggested that the case in question was political and wondered if the LSS was not taking the form of a political party.

"Isn't the LSS taking the shape of a political party. We all know that the high-profile case is now 'political'," he, wondered.

Another lawyer stated that he was once responsible for ad hoc admissions in the office and had seen several petitions for ad hoc admissions. "All a petitioner is required to allege is that he or she has not been struck

We will never be a political party - LSS

The Law Society of Swaziland (LSS) Secretary General Thulani Maseko said the Society opposed the admission of Advocate Michael Robert Hellens within the ambit of the statutes of the LSS.

He also stated that in as far as he was aware the society was not a political party and was not going to be at any point rather it will remain a professional body.

He stated that he had not yet received a formal complaint lodged by their members and was optimistic that they were yet to address the matter formally if they have concerns or needed clarity.

"They have a right to express themselves, I am hoping that at a proper time they will address us in a formal meeting, right now I am not aware of the complaint. They have a right to disagree. We are not a political party and we will never be a political party.

We are not pursuing any political agenda. The LSS was established by the statute as a professional body we do what is within the parameters of the statute," he explained.

off the roll and there are no pending disciplinary proceedings against him or her.

According to the newspaper report the Johannesburg Society of Advocates says Hellens is a member in good standing. Once the JSA made that representation, to my mind, it's the end of the matter," opined the learned friend.

PRIMARY PUPILS STEAL E30 000 WORTH OF BUILDING MATERIAL

STORIES BY KHETSIWE KHUMALO

A gang of three boys from Sidvokodvo Nazarene Primary School was arrested on a charge of theft after they allegedly broke into the school using a school owned key. They are said to have stolen eight 20litres of paint, one 5litre of paint, IVR tiles and 90 cement bags, which can all be estimated to be worth E30 000.

The suspects were arrested by Mliba police during the school holidays.

The alleged gang leader is said to be doing Grade Seven at the school. Two of the boys have since been released on bail and one is still in custody.

According to sources the three are alleged to have gained entry into the school during the school holidays after stealing the school key.

The pupils are said to have hired a taxi driver, Msimisi Mavuso who they called in the evening to help transport them to the school.

It is suspected that several trips were made to the school.

The stolen material was said to be kept and used to plaster a house that belongs to the Grade 7's grandmother.



The house where the stolen building materials were stored.

er in Luve. Some of the stolen material was allegedly taken by Mdluli's aunt, a soldier, who is also accused of using the material to renovate her house. The names of the suspects are known to this newspaper, however, they are withheld as these are pupils.

The aunt denied all the allegations of using stolen property, saying that she did not have any part in this and was only involved because she was worried about her mother who was being put through all this stress by her sister's son.

The Head teacher, Mavis Mdluli and

school committee are said to have had a dispute as it is suspected that the school was trying to keep the story hidden for the sake of both the pupils and the school's reputation.

"I would like to confirm that it is true that our pupils stole the schools building material property of which all the paints were retrieved with 46 bags of cement. I have no further comment concerning the matter as it is still being handled by the police," said the head teacher. Nazarene Schools Manager, Fanyane Mabundza said the matter was very unfortunate as the stolen

FOURTH SUSPECTED GANG MEMBER EXPOSED

The three boys could surely not have pulled this off alone, and there are claims that there was a fourth member involved.

According to our sources, a university student is allegedly in the habit of stealing the goods.

It is alleged that more items such as water pumps, bags of beans, rice and other consumables were hidden in his house. It is alleged that his father helped him on a particular Friday night to hide the stolen goods to a place only known by them. However the suspect told this newspaper that he was not involved in this, saying that his name was only dragged to this

scandal because he assisted the boys to hire transport to ferry the loot. He admitted that he was the one who was called to hire the car that was later used to transport the stolen goods from some home to the hide-out location.

"I had no prior knowledge that the building materials were stolen, I was just helping out as I was asked by one of the boys," he explained. He revealed that he was aware that he had been named as one of the suspects, "but all that was due to the misunderstanding that was caused which one of the suspects clarified to the police when he was apprehended."

goods were to be used on a certain school project which has since been discontinued.

He further said he suspects that the pupils were influenced by someone as there were a lot of unanswered questions concerning the case.

"The children who were released on bail are back at school and we cannot interfere or take any action against them until the matter is taken to court but for now the pupils are still suspects and have not been proven guilty," said the manager.



SHISELWENI UMHLANGA COVERAGE



His Majesty King Mswati III and Her Majesty the Indlovukazi joined by the Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini as they watch the Imbali during the main day of the Shiselweni Umhlanga Reed Dance yesterday.
(Pics: Simon Shabangu)



His Majesty appreciating Emazinyane and Imbali from the Royal Family.



His Majesty King Mswati III posing for cameras on arrival for the ceremony.



Emakhosikati dance alongside Princesses Temaswati and Tiyandza.



Emazinyane and Indvuna Nonduduzo 'Zuzu' Zubuko leading the Imbali as they dance before Their Majesties.



Princess Tiyandza after she was decorated with the white feather by Luis.



Minister David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala and Senate Deputy President Ndumiso Mdluli at the ceremony.



A section of the throngs of Imbali who were at the ceremony.



A section of the Imbali who came through for the ceremony.



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Vote and keep your favorite contestant on 'The Spotlight!'

Yippee, voting has opened!

The Spotlight has unearthed exceptional gems after its nationwide audition tour in search for the Kingdom of Eswatini's next music superstar. The ball is now in your court to vote and keep your favorite contestant on The Spotlight.

Voting lines will open today after The Spotlight show on Eswatini TV at 5pm. The show gives each contestant an opportunity to perform for your vote, hoping to continue to the next round of the contest. But, you have all the power when it comes to the fate of the performers, as your vote determines whether or not each act can move forward or gets eliminated in each round until the grand finale.

So, if you want your favorite acts to move on in the competition, voting is the best way to play a part in the outcome of the show.

Voting for the first season of The Spotlight will be available via two official platforms; SMS and website.

How to vote?

- SMS the contestant number to 7768, SMS costs E0.50cents per vote;
- Vote on the website;

- Go to contestants' tab
- Click on the picture of your favorite act
- Click on 'Vote for Me'



Contestants appearing in tonight's episode

1. Sambulo Matse
2. Samkele Dlamini
3. Mbali Gamedze
4. Melusi Mndzebele
5. Thembelihle Faith Khoza
6. Nontsikelelo Dlamini
7. Nontsikelelo Magongo
8. Nsika Nsizakalo Mazibuko
9. Gcobani Sisekelo Masuku
10. Thabiso Makhanya
11. Mpendulo Mdvoti
12. Zweli Gule
13. Clive Herbst
14. Rina Mthethwa
15. Dick da Cunha
16. Quinton Sibisi
17. Lindelwa Tsabedze
18. Siphosemusa Simelane

19. Philile Motsa
20. Khethekukhe Sibandze
21. Namisa Nhlengetfwa
22. Madoda Bongani_JR Nsibandze
23. Kwanele Magongo

24. Nompandolo Nsibandze
25. Phetsile Sihle Nkosi
26. Lunga Mabizela
27. Eyethu Gama
28. Celimphillo Mphilwenhle Dlamini
29. Nosipho Shelembe
30. Ncamiso Dlamini

There will be 11 elimination shows until the competition unearths the winner through public voting. Each week, the voting window will close on Friday at 5pm and open again on Sunday after each show on Eswatini TV. The Spotlight show is aired every Sunday at 5pm and can also be streamed live on MTN Eswatini's YouTube

channel. Live shows will be held on the following dates at the MTN's head office auditorium.



- Top 30-14 September
- Top 26-21 September
- Top 23-28 September
- Top 20-05 October
- Top 17-12 October
- Top 14-19 October
- Top 10- 26 October
- Top 8-02 November
- Top 6-09 November
- Top 4-16 November
- Final-23 November

The lucky winner of the first season of The Spotlight will drive home a brand new Kia Picanto worth about E200 000,

a cover for a year from Momentum, a recording deal and data for a year from MTN Eswatini. You have the power to decide who do you want in the grand finale!

Don't forget to join the conversation by following us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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The outpatient department is usually empty during lunch hours. (Pic: Khetsiwe Khumalo)

RFM patients tired of poor service

BY KHETSIWE KHUMALO

Amid a concerning health crisis, patients have started to dread having to take the long trip to government hospitals.

As they worry they are not going to get the prescribed medication, queue for long hours, spend endless days admitted but without any consultation, or have to endure poor service at the hands of health care specialists.

Patients of the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial (RFM) Hospital have criticised the hospital's quality of care. Patients interviewed by this newspaper have revealed that they encounter rude staff, if not the absence of nurses to assist them while they await doctors.

Others revealed that nurses, hardly keep them informed and have to wait hours on end to be moved between different departments.

In most cases, patients say there no one to assist during lunch hours.

Processing

The claims of seriously inadequate care included the case of an old aged man who sat in the Emergency Room (ER) for hours waiting for the processing of his transfer to the male ward.

"My experience at the hospital hasn't been the smoothest. I have been here since 9am and I haven't been given any medication for the pain I am in. They keep telling my youngest son that they are waiting to fill in admission forms," said the patient, who asked not to be named. He disclosed that the nurse that was assisting him looked to be busy. The old man was eventually seen being pushed to the male wards, about several hours later.

A high school girl who came in through the emergency room was kept waiting for hours.

Her aunt who wished not to disclose her identity said upon their arrival at the ER they were asked by the nurses what was wrong with the child, checked her BP levels and were told to go see a doctor at the medical and surgical outpatient department.

To their surprise they were told to hand in their file and wait because

the doctors at the OPD were out for lunch.

"Their system is poor. You can die seated on the benches waiting for doctors," said the aunt.

On the same note patients who had come to the hospital to get casts or remove them were kept waiting without any knowledge of why.

This was revealed by a young man and lady. The young man said the nurses did not disclose to them on where they were going or for how long but were just told to wait in line. The lady disclosed that she had arrived at 9am in the morning but was still at the hospital during lunch.

"I am still here waiting to be assisted. Moving to different departments also contributes to us being here for so long.

Contributing

If the staff were fast paced in doing things we would be done by now but another contributing factor maybe that there aren't enough doctors," said the lady.

According to one of the nurses at the hospital, the ER handles emergency cases which do not require a queue. The patients are attended upon arrival and treated depending on the emergency.

Patients

The staffer said some patients are referred to the Medical OPD or Surgical OPD depending on their health cases.

She added that they needed to learn from the queries made and from other feedback.

"Attitudes of staff are absolutely a vital part of delivering better care, so improving standards has to start with staff," she said.

RFM Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Benjamin Simelane acknowledged the feedback, saying that it was however regrettable that it was negative.

He apologised to the patients for the inconvenience.

"The complaints are noted and viewed in serious light by management. Clients are requested to utilise the customer care office located in room 46 in order for their complaints to be speedily addressed," said Simelane.

IS SUNDOWNERS RACIST?

The owners of the popular Sundowners Backpackers and Lodge have assured the public that the place is open for business – for everyone.

This is amid claims that the place has recently turned back Emaswati, and that it only accepts whites.

These claims have been gaining traction on social media, after several individuals claimed that they had been turned back from making bookings, because of the colour of their skin.

One of the directors of the place told this newspaper that he had been made aware of the social media claims against the Sundowners, and have been dealing with the backlash.

The director, who identified himself as Sergio said that the allegations were far from the truth.

"Social media can do a lot to tarnish one's image and it is sad that all this is being said about us but the truth is anybody can come in and book with us, but what we don't allow is people that want to come in and book for two hours," said Sergio.

He said that he was not sure how the

...Yes, say clients, no say owners

allegations came about but suspected one of the staff members who had since left that made such comments to downgrade his place.

Sergio further said that he has booked all sorts, counting groups of people from the time the country had the Lujun Festival, he also said he had groups from House on Fire and Legends book as well.

Inquire

However, a young man who recently went to inquire at the Sundowners Backpackers and Lodge and was turned away by the working lady who he alleges asked if the man was booking for white people because she would get into trouble if she allowed people of her skin colour into the place.

A Journalist from this newspaper also posed undercover to investigate these allegations, posing as a customer who was interested in making a booking.

A lady who came to the gate to meet the undercover journalist spoke through the locked gate refusing to let her in.

"I was quite shocked and embarrassed to be honest because it felt like racial profiling," said the reporter.

The reporter inquired about the rooms provided, services offered and costs of the rooms. Without any problem the lady disclosed to all the questions.

She said most guests that were booked with them had done so with the owner, who then made her aware.

In the few months that the helping lady has worked, she confirmed that she had never seen nor let in any black people to the backpacker lodge.

"I have never seen any black people here. We usually get American customers that sometimes end up being volunteers," she said.

According to the cleaning lady, the backpacker's front entrance has been closed due to ongoing renovations but they are fully operational for people that seek to book for a room or rooms.

The backpackers have private rooms ranging from E300 to E450 which usually have single or double beds depend-

BY FORTUNE NDLANGAMANDLA

The robberies at the Eveni Galp Filling Station are becoming all too familiar as the filling station was robbed again this past week. This is for the fourth time it has been attacked within a short space of time.

This has now started to cause a lot of fear and concern for the workers who have been exposed to the frightening experience of being robbed by armed attackers.

The fuel station, which is opposite Apostle Justice Dlamini's church, the Worship Centre, was once again robbed on Tuesday.

The first recorded incident the filling station was robbed occurred in June in 2013, while in June 2015 three men equipped with long knives which looked like pangas and bush knives attacked and got away with money and items amounting to the value of E33 550 08.

The other robbery occurred in March 2017 where it was reported that thugs broke into the garage after they had kidnapped a taxi man and bundled him into his taxi's boot while they proceeded to rob the garage. It is said they got away with a sum amounting to E15 000.

Most of the incidents happened after 6pm, including this past week's robbery, which has baffled the community of the suburbs that frequent the shop

BY FORTUNE NDLANGAMANDLA

Swatini Meteorological Services (EMS) predicts normal summer rains for the farming season in the country.

The twenty-third meeting of the Southern African Regional Climate Outlook Forum (SARCOF-23) was held in Luanda, Angola, on August 28-30, to develop a consensus regional climate outlook for 2019-2020 rain season.

In the meeting, the EMS was repre-

EVENI GALP ROBBED



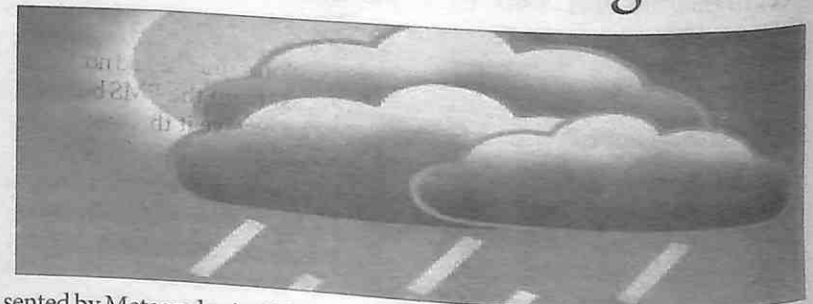
as their convenient store.

Four thugs believed to have been carrying pistols are reported to have been responsible for the latest robbery. However, it could not be confirmed if the four were all carrying guns but that one of the thugs is said to have remained in the escape vehicle – a Honda-Fit.

Just like the 2017 robbery, it is alleged that the modus operandi of the thugs is to bundle a taxi man in the car's trunk as they proceed to commit the crime.

When they arrived at the fuel station on Tuesday, one remained in the Honda-Fit which was parked between the pumps and change room a few strides from

Expect normal farming season



sented by Meteorologist Sifiso Nzalo. On Thursday, asked to share the

country's climate outlook for 2019-2020, Nzalo said he could not get into



A picture of Sundowners Backpackers front gate that has since been closed due to ongoing renovations.

ing on the customer's preference. Then the other rooms accommodate bigger groups of people. In one room they are said to have 20 bunk beds and 10 in another room. When asked if she was ever told never to allow black people in, she said her boss had never said that to her but she had heard from her co-

workers that have since left that black people were not allowed to enter the lodge.

She further said that she had witnessed potential black customers being turned back from the gate that is why she had to attend to the reporter at the gate.

People have taken their different views of the backpacker, with some saying the place was racist even before the renovations and some revealing other racist places in the country. Owners Paula from Mozambique and Sergio from Portugal run the place on a daily basis with help from their staff.

AGAIN

the convenience shop.

The other three are said to have proceeded to the shop with one of them standing by the door to ensure that nor one entered not left the shop. It is also alleged that the one who was standing in the door was also carrying a knife.

Speaking to the publication about the incidents that occurred from 2017 was the Manager Majahonkhe Tsela who joined Eveni Galp filling Station in 2017. Therefore, he spoke lengthily of the incidents that happened after join the garage.

Incident

Tsela said with the recent incident no culprit had been apprehended, however, workers furnished police with statements. He said suspects in the 2017 break-in were arrested. Tsela declined to give estimates of how much the robberies got away with.

He could only confirm that the robberies had got away with cash. As a result of the strings of attacks, the garage has resolved to keep money in a safe box.

However, the publication has gathered that the criminals got away with a sum around E39 000.

Tsela said when the thugs got in the shop they ordered everyone to lay on

the floor, shouting, "yonkheinja phansi!"

One of the thugs is said to have proceeded to the counter where at gunpoint ordered the workers to give him all the money in the till. The other one followed a security guard who ran to Tsela's office, where he ordered Tsela to hand over money.

Tsela told this newspaper that he feared for his dear life and thus obliged.

He said after they had robbed the filling station they ran to the Honda-Fit and the car went to the direction of Mantjolo.

As the drama unfolded, there were two clients inside the shop who were doing their shopping, however, it is said that the customers were not bordered by the criminals as they proceeded with their shopping.

As a matter of fact a woman who was in the shop was stopped from leaving the shop by one of the thugs who was standing at the door. There was also a kombi and another car which were filling fuel from the pumps.

"The attacks are taking a toll on the business and we have to make an arrangement with the police, maybe they could build a police post as we are away from town as you can see," he narrated.

He further stated that the filling station had a security guard, although he

was powerless to fight the robbers as they were heavily armed.

Tsela mentioned that the workers were left traumatised by the robbery especially because they were robbed at gunpoint. He noted the importance of giving counselling to the workers.

"I will have to organise counselling for the workers, it is obvious they were left traumatised, so I won't pretend like nothing happened," he said.

Insisted

Tsela insisted that the garage would now have to make a lot of security additions, including taking precaution not to keep money within the store.

This he said would ensure that whenever robbers attacked they found no cash within the shop.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed the September 10 incident. She said investigations were still underway and no one had been arrested yet.

To prevent more robberies at the garage, Superintendent Vilakati said police together with the garage would look at a strategy on how to deal with the matter.

Responding to possibilities of building a police post in that area, Vilakati's response was that the filling station management should approach police so the matter could be discussed.

able to sell extra yield," he said.

The minister said he had been assured by the National Maize Cooperation that farm inputs and tractors were ready. He said the cooperation was waiting for enough rains so it could start distributing services to farmers.

He acknowledged that NMC does not have enough tractors to service the whole country should it rain simultaneously across the country.

Efforts to get views of Swaziland National Agricultural Union (SNAU) Director Lwazi Mamba's phone were futile as his phone was not available.

Mahwalala Police Post serving its purpose

BY KHETSIWE KHUMALO

The decision to set up a police post at Mahwalala, a place best known for its high crime rate was viewed as a master stroke by the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) in dealing with the high crime rate in the area.

This is because the police have revealed that the crime rate has dropped in recent months.

As a result, the police are now only getting reports of minor crimes in the area, a big improvement from when they had to deal with the murder and rape of women and girls.

This was confirmed by Chief Police Information and Communication Officer, Phindile Vilakati who said that crime at Mahwalala had decreased drastically.

Without giving statistics she said that there were fewer serious cases being reported which showed an improvement in the area.

Decreased

"The crime rate in the area has indeed decreased although there were reported robberies made by mostly students. But the good news is there has been a few complaints," said Vilakati.

The arrest of the alleged rapist Mbuso Nkosingiphile Setilo was seen as a result of the hard work of the police and the police post being set up at Mahwalala, with the accused having been alleged to have terrorised residents by the area.

Setilo was arrested in connection with a string of rape cases around the area and was nabbed at Mahwalala.

Although there have not been any records of these murders and rape cases recorded in a while in that area, troubling trends are developing in theft, robberies and burglaries.

This was revealed by the REPS who say despite crime plunging to the lows in the area, they have serious concerns of robberies.

Victims to these recorded rob-

beries are mostly students from the Eswatini Medical Christian University which is situated in Lomkiri, Zone 4.

EMCU senior student, Lindo Dlamini said that they had noticed a number of gang members loitering around the university. He said that although cases involving violence in the area had become better overtime they had heard of stories and seen gang activity to which they have reported to the university and local authorities.

Students

Dlamini added that new students were made aware of the criminal activities of the area through the media and some through first-hand experience. Dlamini said that he was hopeful that the students would take necessary precautions as they were sensitised by police on such issues during their orientation week.

Dlamini stated that the police had promised to take aggressive action against these culprits to ensure their safety.

While EMCU also recognises the crime, they are also making necessary plans to help students be quickly attended to in case of an emergency.

The REPS have urged Mahwalala residents to continue reporting cases which will help them close in on other criminals of the area as there were many criminals that had to be dealt with within the area.

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rains – Meteorological Services

detail as the forecast had not been officialised by his superiors.

"It's just normal rains, we expect a normal summer, that is all I can say," Nzalo stated.

He continued to mention that the rains are expected to start from October to December.

Adding that daily or weekly forecasts would guide on such.

The Minister of Agriculture Jabulani Mabuza said once it starts to rain farm-

ers should go out to farm.

He mentioned that he had not received the forecast from the EMS but he was hopeful to receive it this week.

He advised farmers to farm crops which are favourable in their region in order to achieve good yields.

Furthermore, Minister Mabuza encouraged farmers to look after their crops so they could make a bumper harvest.

"They should farm with a mind-set of commercial farming so they they are



Alleged rapist Mbuso Nkosingiphile Setilo.



SHISELWENI UMHLANGA COVERAGE



His Majesty King Mswati III joined by Emazinyane while witnessing the Imbali deliver the reed at Mbangweni Royal Residence, during the Shiselweni Reed Dance ceremony, which started on Friday with the arrival of the Imbali, and ends today.



Her Majesty the Indlovukazi, who graced the event, watches Imbali as they deliver the reed. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



Emazinyane leading the way during the reed delivery.



Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini with Army Commander General Gubhuzu-mlambo Tshabalala, National Police Commissioner Tsintsibala Dlamini, Msushwana Nkambule and Liqogo Chairman Paul Dlamini.



ICT Minister Princess Sikhanyiso appreciates the Imbali.

Indvuna Nonduduzo 'Zuzu' Zubuko leads Imbali in song and dance.

Princess Temave delivers her reed.



Imbali from Royal Eswatini Police Service came through in their numbers to honour Their Majesties.



His Majesty's Correctional Services Imbali showing off their dance skills.



The ceremony also attracted Imbali from outside the country in Mpumalanga and KZN, who were also captured delivering the reed.



A view of the many Imbali who braved the chilly weather in response of the Royal command and celebrating being maidens.

STATEMENT ON THE CURRENT IMPASSE BETWEEN SUFIAW AND ESRIC

Since the 27th August 2019 members of the Swaziland Union of Financial and Allied Workers Union, SUFIAW (the Union) at ESRIC have been embarking on a strike action. The said strike relates to the implementation of the 2017 job evaluation and salary review exercise. Management does not believe the strike action is necessary or warranted. Nonetheless, Management has activated a comprehensive contingency plan and measures to ensure minimal disruption to operations and services provided to clients. Management would like to make the following clarifications and context to all stakeholders:

Background

The Remuneration Policy of the Corporation stipulates that a market remuneration survey and review will be done every three years and the remuneration structure may be adjusted in accordance with the market remuneration survey data.

A Salaries Review was due in 2015 and following the Board's approval of the exercise, Management engaged with the Union on the matter. At the time the Insurance and Allied Undertakings Workers' Union (IAUWU) was the representative Union.

Whilst the matter was being discussed Management was later to be informed that IAUWU was being dissolved. Despite this development Management felt obliged to proceed with the exercise considering that not all employees were in the bargaining unit and not all employees were members of the Union.

Camphor Consultants (Pty) Ltd proceeded with the exercise and the report was presented to the Remunerations Committee of the Board for approval. After the Swaziland Union of Financial Institutions and Allied Workers (SUFIAW) was recognised by ESRIC and a collective agreement signed, the Union put on table the discussion of a salaries review. Management presented the Camphor report which had been approved by the Board, however, the Union categorically rejected the report prepared by Camphor Consultants, refusing to even reading the report. The Union presented a request to Management that a fresh job evaluation and salary review exercise be undertaken where the terms of reference and the consultant would be agreed upon between the Union and the Corporation. Without setting a precedent and for purposes of maintaining good industrial relations, Management made a recommendation to REMCO that the request by the Union be acceded to and a salary review exercise be undertaken in 2017 in respect of only employees in the bargaining unit of the Union. This was to ensure transparency in the selection of the consultant and the terms of reference. Through consensus Deloitte Consulting was therefore appointed to undertake the exercise based on previously agreed terms of reference.

Results of the Exercise

Based on the market data, the Consultants developed a new pay scale. Some employees were found to be falling below the minimum of the recommended pay scale. The recommendation therefore was to move those identified employees to at least the minimum of the recommended pay scale. A monetary amount per annum was determined how much it would cost to make the necessary adjustments. This adjustment was to be backdated to January 2017.

Presentation of the Report

The Deloitte Consultants presented their report to both parties including the

recommendations made. Subsequent to the initial presentation by the Consultants, the Union sought further clarifications which were duly given by the Consultants on several occasions.

Dispute

Surprisingly, the Union declared a dispute against ESRIC in June 2019. The main contention was that Management was "refusing to negotiate" the implementation of the job evaluation and salary review report. After a number of CMAC representations CMAC issued a certificate of an unresolved dispute in June 2019 after not being able to reach common ground.

It must be noted that a certificate of an unresolved dispute does not imply that one party is correct and the other party wrong. It means that the parties could not find a middle ground and gives permission to the Union to withdraw their labour.

Series of Engagements

Prior to the commencement of the strike, ESRIC conceded to yet another request by the Union to have Deloitte Consultants come and give further clarity to questions the Union had on the report. Notwithstanding this, the Union proceeded with the strike action.

In spite of the on-going strike, parties have had a series of meetings with a view to finding a solution to the impasse. In the last meeting the Union presented a proposal that another consultant be engaged to analyse and interpret the report by Deloitte Consultants. This proposal was not acceptable to the Corporation.

ESRIC Position on the Matter

Management values the Union's relationship with ESRIC and we have always kept the lines of communication between us. However, on this matter we see things differently. Management feels it has fulfilled its mandate as per the Collective Agreement and the Remuneration Policy. The process followed by the Consultants was clear, transparent and participatory. The main point of departure is the expectation that the outcomes of the exercise should be "negotiated". It is the view of management that any sort of negotiation erodes the independence and objectivity of the exercise. It casts doubts on the outcome of what should be an objective assignment. In addition, the recommendations of the Consultants are competitive and take into account realities in the financial services industry. Management is committed to the implementation of the recommendations of the report including the proposed new salary pay scales.

In the light of the above Management does not feel the strike action is necessary or warranted. The strike threatens to reverse the significant gains made over the years to improve the welfare of all employees of the Corporation.

Management remains committed to resolving the dispute and making decisions that will promote the long term well-being of all staff members and the sustainability of the business. The Corporation remains financially sound. However, it still requires discipline and determined leadership to ensure that over the long term the organization becomes financially sustainable.

MANAGEMENT



STORIES BY FORTUNE
NDLANGAMANDLA

Amid fears that workers contracted by labour brokers might lose their jobs when the Employment Bill becomes an Act, part of the draft states that employers shall give preference of employment to employees who were engaged in triangular employment.

This is according to Section 130 (3) of the Employment Bill, 2017 draft which talks about prohibition of triangular forms of employment, the draft is in the possession of the Sunday Observer. "After the period referred to in subsection (2), employers shall give preference of employment to employees who were engaged in triangular employment," states the Bill.

On the other hand, the Sunday Observer is aware that parties against the implementation of the proposed Bill have been strongly advocating for the removal of Section 130. According to sources close to the matter, those against the Bill argue that it should be within the prerogative of an employer whether to hire workers directly or use triangular employment.

Furthermore, they are of the view that the way the Bill has been drafted would make it impossible even for security companies to be contracted.

However, Section 130 (1) states that

WORKERS CONTRACTED BY LABOUR BROKERS 'WON'T LOSE JOBS'



Minister of Labour and Social Security
Makhosi Vilakati.

a person carrying on a private employment agency or any other person shall not enter into a triangular form of a contract of employment with any person for the purpose of supplying an employer with the labour of that other person either for profit, gain or any other reason.

Meanwhile, 130 (2) reads that all persons in any triangular employment agreement or arrangement in force immediately before the date of commencement of this Act shall terminate

the agreement or arrangement, as the case may be, not later than 12 months after the commencement date of this Act and any contrary agreement or arrangement shall be null and void.

Section 131 (1) which is part of the regulation of outsourcing and subcontracting states that an employer shall not outsource or subcontract any part or the whole of the employer's core business to third parties.

Section 131(2) explains that the prohibition under subsection (1) shall apply

to all work that requires continuous performance by employees or is of a permanent nature. It further states that an employer shall not be in contravention of subsections (1) and (2) if the employer subcontracts or outsources work.

Moreover 131(3) says any subcontractor to whom a contract has been sublet shall comply with all the conditions of the main contract and the main contractor is responsible for the observance of all contract conditions by the sub-contractor.

Contract

Additionally, 131(4) states that any portion of the work to be performed on a contract may not be done at the home of any employee, except to the extent that the work is performed at home by practice or custom.

Furthermore, 131(5) adds that a principal employer shall keep all records of every subcontractor the principal employer enters into business with and ensure that the contractor complies with all the contractor's employment obligations. While 131(6) states that any prin-

cipal employer who fails to take reasonable steps to ensure compliance by the contractor with the employment obligations referred to in subsection (5) shall be responsible for meeting the contractor's employment obligations.

The objectives of this Bill are to give effect to Section 32 of the Constitution, harmonise the laws governing employment and labour relations and align employment legislation with international labour standards. It also aims to repeal the Employment Act, 1980; and provide for incidental matters.

Meanwhile, Section 44 states that deduction for obtaining employment would be prohibited. It says an employer may not deduct any amount from the wages of an employee as any form of payment for retention by the employer; or for payment to a third party for the purpose of obtaining or retaining employment.

Efforts to discuss the matter with the Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati were fruitless as his phone rang unanswered on Friday afternoon.

No employer will lose a single employee – TUCOSWA

Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) has come out to allay job loss fears and that companies might lose workers when the Employment Bill 2017 is effected.

The federation said no employer would lose a single employee when the Bill becomes an Act.

"No employer would lose a single employee," Gina emphasised.

This was said by the federation's Acting Secretary General (SG) Mduduzi Gina when drawn to discuss Section 130 of the Employment Bill 2017 draft which talks about the prohibition of triangular forms of employment.

The publication wanted Gina to give clarity on the issue after workers con-

tracted by labour brokers have been inquiring about their jobs. Giving clarity, Gina sang praises to the Bill stating that it would restore the definition of an employee. He added that the involvement of a third party distorts the definition of an employer.

Abolishment

The unionist continued to add that the abolishment of the triangular employment would promote and defend workers' rights.

He argued that there was no way workers could lose their jobs as they have been doing work for the principal employer not the labour broker. As such, even after the Act, the leader said workers would continue rendering services for the employer.

...OTHER PARTS OF THE BILL

Contractor to file certificates

132. A contractor shall not be entitled to payment of any money which would otherwise be payable under the terms of the contract unless the contractor has filed, together with the claim for payment, a certificate stating - whether any wages due to employees are in arrears; and that all the employment conditions of the contract are being observed.

Contractor to supply information

133. A contractor shall provide the Commissioner with all information that the Commissioner may require to be satisfied that the contractor is

complying with the provisions of this Part.

Commissioner may arrange for employees to be paid

134. (1) Where the Commissioner is satisfied that a contractor has defaulted in the payment of wages due to any employee employed on a contract the Commissioner may, failing payment of the wages by the contractor, arrange for the payment of the wages to the employee out of any sum payable to the contractor under the contract.

(2) An amount paid in terms of subsection (1) is deemed to be a payment to the contractor.

Contractor to display notices containing conditions of work

135. A contractor shall display a notice containing the conditions of work printed in a form that can easily be read by all employees.

Failure to comply with this Part

136. If a contractor fails to comply with any of the requirements of this Part, the Government, other authority or statutory body may, on the recommendation of the Commissioner, withdraw its approval of that contractor as an approved contractor for a period and on any conditions that the Government, other authority or statutory body may determine.

Zion Arch-bishop dumps wife, marries church member

STORIES BY FORTUNE
NDLANGAMANDLA

Much against the biblical verse 1 Timothy 3:2 (ESV) which states that an overseer must be above reproach, a husband of one wife, Church of Christ (COC) in Zion Arch-Bishop and Founder Azaria Fakudze attracted massive criticism when he took a second wife through the traditional custom.

The arch-bishop, who took his second wife through *ku-teka*, is also the Dzakasini Primary School Principal.

Dzakasini is in the Shiselweni region up Mbulungwane Hill, a few kilometres from Hlatikulu town. The leader is expected to retire from the teaching profession this year on December 25 after reaching the compulsory retirement age of 60.

He is believed to have built the second wife's homestead at Jabulani, Nhlango.

Some church members informed

the Sunday Observer that under his wing, the church leader has about 23 COC branches. He married a church member who he has two children with last week Thursday.

The publication has also been made aware that the new wife is a daughter to one of the church leaders (President).

According to the first wife Tholakele Fakudze (55) born Lukhele, she married the Arch-Bishop in 1987 through the traditional way (*kuteka*).

However, she claimed that in 1990 they also had a white wedding.

On this note, the couple has recently dragged each other to court where the wife wanted the court to declare their second wedding legit, however, the court found irregularities in the matrimonial and declared it none and void, ruling in favour of the arch-bishop.

They have three children in this wedlock, while Tholakele also claimed that Arch-Bishop Fakudze has a countless number of children out of marriage,

she estimated the children to be over 20. She asserted that when she met the man of God she already had five children, she clarified that the other children were not from church members.

"I don't know whether we are still together, I really don't know what is happening as he had not spoken to me about the new decision, however, our actions suggest that we are no longer an item," she said when asked to clarify if their matrimonial was over or not.

Shocked

Tholakele proceeded to state that she was shocked by her husband's action, she hopes that God would show her the way as she was totally in dismay. Adding that she was surprised that the League of African Churches where COC affiliate was quiet about the issue.

She was optimistic that some of the church members have reported the matter to the mother body of all Zion churches in the country.

"It is true that they have children

together with the second wife, the first child they got in the 90s while another was born around 2000," she asserted.

Tholakele strongly disputed allegations that she has not been submitting to her husband of late which might have pressed the man of God to have *tekaed* a second wife. She said their grandchildren could testify to her sentiments as she has been cooking and washing for the arch-bishop.

"Teachers in the school could also testify as I would every day at around 10am bring him food even when we had a court case. The teachers could testify to this," she said repeatedly, while adding that she has not been denying the arch-bishop conjugal rights.

She stated that her husband hardly spends weekends with her and she has confronted her husband about marrying a second wife, however, the response she got was that the court has granted him permission to marry

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a second wife.

On the other hand, Arch-Bishop Fakudze when asked to discuss the matter pulled a stunt, trying to dodge questions posed to him by this newspaper.

After being informed of the issue he was being asked to comment to, the

Ministry calls for calm

The Minister of Labour and Social Security Makhosi Vilakati has referred questions to the ministry's Communications Officer Nompilo Mncina, who also referred the publication to a previous press statement which was released in July after the Observer On Saturday had published an article about labour brokers.

"As stated before the Bill is still a draft and by that virtue it shall allay all fears of job losses," Mncina said.

Meanwhile, the ministry's Principal Secretary (PS) Thulani Mkhalephi was not available when called yesterday at 13:28pm.

In the press statement, the ministry has previously stated that it was currently working on a draft Employment Bill, which has already gone through the Labour Advisory Board, which is a tripartite committee comprising representatives of business, labour and government.

Therefore, the draft Employment Bill is a product of laborious and lengthy tripartite consultations, engagements and debate.

The draft was not a government draft Bill, neither was it a TUCOSWA Bill but a product of tripartite consultations. Business is fully represented by four persons in the LAB.

The ministry further stated that the draft Employment Bill was still work-in-progress as it still has to go through a number of legislative structures for further debate and approval.

In this regard, the ministry says it was therefore, too early and devious for anyone to press the panic buttons and shoot at the draft Bill at this stage, and in the process create confusion when it has not even been approved by Cabinet to become an offi-

cial government position on the issues contained therein.

Addressing allegations that the draft Bill aimed at banning of labour brokering and sub-contracting, the ministry said there was an on-going debate over whether to ban or not to ban labour brokers in most parts of the world, including the Republic of South Africa, Namibia and other developing societies.

Labour brokering, as a form of business, is seen to be working well in the developed countries where there are adequate social protection safety nets, such as: unemployment insurance funds; national health insurance; national pension funds; most citizens living above the poverty datum line old age and adequate disability grants, to mention a few. Most developing countries including the Kingdom of Eswatini do not have these.

Challenge

"Our view as government which we expressed clearly in the tripartite forum was anchored on the main challenge with this triangular form of employment, that it promotes the proliferation of the working poor and non-observance of the rights of workers in society," reads the statement.

The draft Employment Bill in its current form, and as agreed in the tripartite structure seeks therefore to, among other things, outlaw or ban triangular forms of employment due to the rampant abuse it exposes workers to, a situation which negates the country's efforts of promoting the decent work agenda in the world of work.

The exploitative nature of this form of business renders the promotion of the decent work agenda a nullity.

IT'S UNBIBLICAL - LEAGUE OF AFRICAN CHURCHES

Eswatini League of African Churches President Bishop Samson Hlatshwayo says that the Bible is against church leaders who practice polygamy.

Asked to comment on this matter, the President stated that he was not sure what the constitution of the Church of Christ (COC) in Zion says about polygamy.

"The Bible states clear that a church leader should be the husband of one wife, sober-

minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach," he recited 1 Timothy 3:2 (ESV) without quoting it.

He continued to state that COC has recently affiliated under Eswatini League of African Churches.

When pressed further on why the entity was not exercising powers vested upon it to discipline its members, President Hlatshwayo mentioned that such action depends on regional leaders to take action.

arch-bishop pretended that it was not him on the other side of the phone.

This is despite that his number was double checked with people close to him; however, he insisted that he was not the person in question.

Of note, there are wild arguments whether polygamy is allowed in

churches, some stating that while a man can be allowed to have more than one wife, church leaders are prohibited from having more than one partner. 1 Timothy 3:2 (ESV) says, "Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach."

BEWARE: YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR LITTERING

STORIES BY KHETSIWE KHUMALO

The Eswatini Environmental Authority (EEA) has warned the nation that dumping waste illegally could have you face a maximum spot fine of up to E25 000.

Members of the community from Lobamba will in particular be interested to know of this spot fine, as the area has been plagued by illegal dumping, with rotting waste becoming a breeding ground for rats and posing a health risk.

The illegal dumping site situated at Lobamba, Emcapozini may cause a health hazard for the close surrounding areas like the Manzana Clinic, Manzana Guest House, Manzana hot springs and other surrounding residents.

A visit to the illegal dumping site was made with Minister of Health, Lizzy Nkosi, who said the semi bush should be cleared because it is what is causing people to continue dumping waste in the area.

Nkosi further said because the bush is mostly filled with *Sandanezwe* (*Chromolaena odorata*) the most disruptive invasive weed in the country, which does not contribute anyhow to the environment the bush can be cleared of this.

In response to this, Bandla Dlamini a resident from Nkhanini, close to the dumping area, said he fully knows about the illegal dumping site as he passes through the place when he herds his cattle but denied that they contribute to the dumping site.

Dlamini said the culprits responsible are company owners and contractors that drive long distances with efforts to



Eswatini Environmental Authority staff leading the Minister of Health, Lizzy Nkosi to the illegal dumping site in Lobamba. (Pics: Khetsiwe Khumalo)

dump not just a few plastics but piles of waste which are usually transported in trucks or big vans.

"This dumping site affects us as our herd ends up eating the plastics, I think that the EEA should erect a sign that will be written 'this is an illegal dumping site and no one should be found throwing here or else they will be fined'. Otherwise the issue affects us all as we are seen as unclean people," said Dlamini.

Whist Temalangen Dlamini also a resident of the area said they are not responsible for the increasing waste at the dumping site. Temalangen said she has seen a lot of trucks and cars that specifically go there just to dump waste.

Littering

The Environmental Inspector for Waste Management Ndumiso Magagula picked up the waste that could help identify some of the culprits that are responsible for littering around the area.

Magagula found a few items that could identify some of the alleged culprits and called them right there.

One suspect is said to have admitted

to dumping his waste at the illegal dumping site. He was charged with a fine and was told to collect his waste to which he later agreed to. The fine is said to be payable within a period of seven days, depending on the amount. This was done so as to create more impact. If the fine is a higher amount, a deadline of about two weeks is given for someone to pay it. According to Magagula, what normally happens when they found you breaking the law, they call you to come pick up the waste, have you write to EEA that you have picked up your waste and attach a letter from the municipality that says you have indeed disposed your waste at the municipality dumpsite.

He further said the fines that people pay are taken to the environmental fund and the money is used for the betterment of the country. Siphofaneni, Buhleni, Kwaluseni and Lobamba are among the communities that have benefited from the environmental fund through tractors bought by the EEA, which are used to collect waste.

Name and shame the culprits responsible, says EEA director

EEA Director of Waste Environmental Ishmael Ndandwe under has said the Clean Eswatini Campaign is different in that it encompasses not only the clean up and awareness raising but also looks into issues of rigorous enforcement of the waste-related legislations such as the Environment Management Act of 2002, plus its regulations (the Waste Regulations of 2000, the Air Pollution Regulations of 2010 and the Litter Regulations of 2011).

"Gone are the days where we want things to be dealt with in a much polite or modest way because as we do that you nurture the problem but now I want us to come out of the shell under the 'name and shame' kind of approach. As an organization we don't want busi-

ness men to lose business through this, we want them to be aware of the disposing of waste business and to take responsibility. We have done a lot to sensitise yet still the problem continues," said the director.

Framework

The director said they will also be strengthening the enforcement of the environmental law. EEA have a strategy that is the national solid waste strategy, as a framework legislation under waste management.

The strategy gives responsibilities to ministries and other institutions to what they have responsibilities towards.

Police are being trained on these regulations, such that the recruits should also be aware of environmental regu-

lations as well. We sometimes have periodic trainings for police to educate them on the environmental issues and how to enforce them, said Ndandwe.

"I am positive that change will come. Now that the politicians have seen that waste kills the environment. The cabinet that we had before did not see the damage that the waste has on the environment yet the cabinet that we have now is driving an agenda that lets keep our country clean for tourists to come. I am confident that as we move together with the media as well, we will change things around," says Ndandwe.

People should know that the country has litter, waste regulations and policies. It is just a matter of time that the law enforcement agencies act upon.



A picture showing the long stretch of rubbish piles at the illegal dumping site in Lobamba.

WASTE INSPECTIONS COMING TO YOUR TOWN

MONTH	TOWN
17 September 2019	Siphofaneni
15 October 2019	Nhlangano/ Hlatikhulu
12 November 2019	Nkhaba/Motshane/Mnyokane
17&18 December 2019	MR3/Kwaluseni/Lobamba
14 January 2020	Lavumisa
18 February 2020	Nsoko/Matata
17 March 2020	Mankayane/Luyengo/Malkems
14 April 2020	Dvokotwako/Luve/Miiba

The public is warned that the Waste Inspection was done in Buhleni last month on Sept 19 which saw a total of 12 people who were charged with breaking the Environment act, were charged with E50 being the least and E500 the most amount.

Robert Mugabe's burial

HARARE - Foreign leaders, supporters and ordinary citizens were attending the state funeral on Saturday of Zimbabwe's founder Robert Mugabe, after a week of disputes over his burial that threatened to embarrass his successor President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

Mugabe led Zimbabwe for 37 years, from independence until he was ousted by the army in November 2017. He died in a Singapore hospital on September 6, aged 95.

The service and viewing of the body of Mugabe, who died last week in Singapore at age 95, was at the National Sports Stadium in the capital, Harare.

It came following the announcement by the Mugabe family and President Emmerson Mnangagwa that his burial will be postponed for around 30 days until a new resting place for his body can be constructed at the national Heroes' Acre monument, contradicting an earlier statement that he would be buried today.

The announcement on Friday evening is the latest turn in a dramatic wrangle between his family and Mnangagwa, a once-trusted deputy who helped oust Mugabe from power.

Mnangagwa walked behind the casket carrying Mugabe's body as it was wheeled into the centre of Harare's National Sports Stadium and placed on a podium decorated with flowers so that ordinary Zimbabweans could say their farewells.

Senior army generals and Mugabe's wife and children followed, as a brass band played.

"Today, let us put aside our differences and come together as we remember the past and look to the future as one proud, independent and free nation," the president wrote on Twitter.

Mnangagwa and the ruling ZANU-PF party wanted Mugabe buried at the national shrine to heroes of the 15-year liberation war against white minority rule.

But some relatives, expressing bitterness at the way former comrades ousted Mugabe, had pushed for him to be buried in his home village.

Ramaphosa

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, who also chairs the African Union, Kenya's Uhuru Kenyatta and long-ruling leaders from Equatorial Guinea and Congo were among heads of state attending yesterday's event.

Banners at the stadium where Mugabe's body lay in state ahead of the funeral read 'Hamba kahle, Gushungo,' (go well, Gushungo), a reference to his clan name, and 'Pioneer of nationalist politics'.

Cleo Mapuranga, a caterer, told Reuters: "I feel low because Mugabe fought for us. I remember him for land to the blacks, economic freedom and higher education which was non-racial."

"Now, people are suffering. No one is controlling the prices in the shops. Our finance minister is trying to implement first-world policies which don't work in third-world countries."

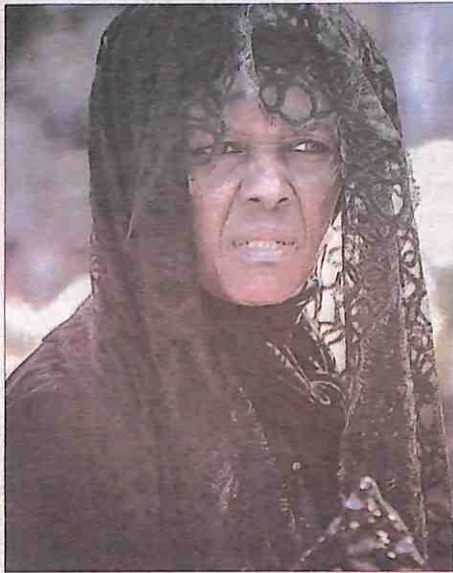
Mugabe's death has made some Zimbabweans question what Mnangagwa has achieved in his two years in power.

His government has taken steps to cut the budget deficit, remove subsidies on fuel and power and repeal laws curbing public and media freedoms, but those reforms and austerity measures have compounded ordinary people's hardships.

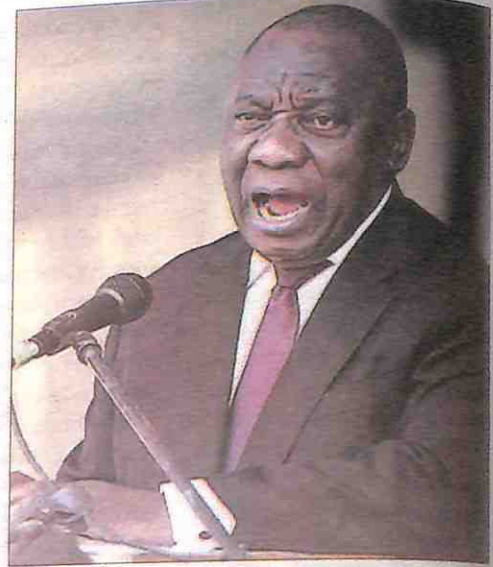
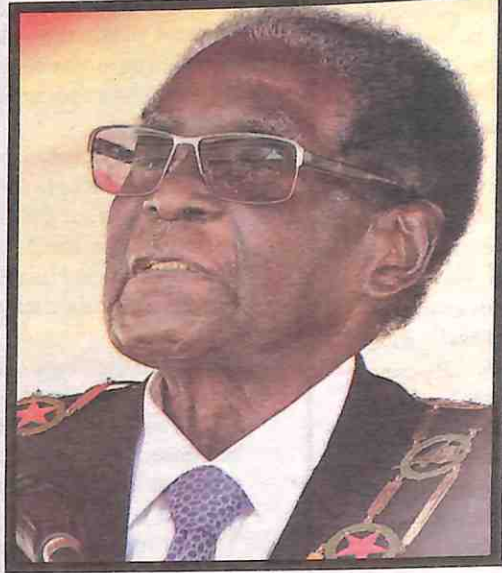
Mugabe was feted as a champion of racial reconciliation when he came to power in 1980 in one of the last African states to throw off white colonial rule.

By the time he was toppled in 2017 to wild celebrations across the country of 13 million, he was viewed by many at home and abroad as a power-obsessed autocrat who unleashed death squads, rigged elections and ruined the economy to keep control.

...while a special mausoleum is built after row with family over his final resting place as African leaders gather for his funeral in Zimbabwe's capital Harare



Grace Mugabe fulfilled her late husband's dying wish by remaining by his casket during the funeral.



Cyril Ramaphosa, the current South African president, also made a speech at the funeral.



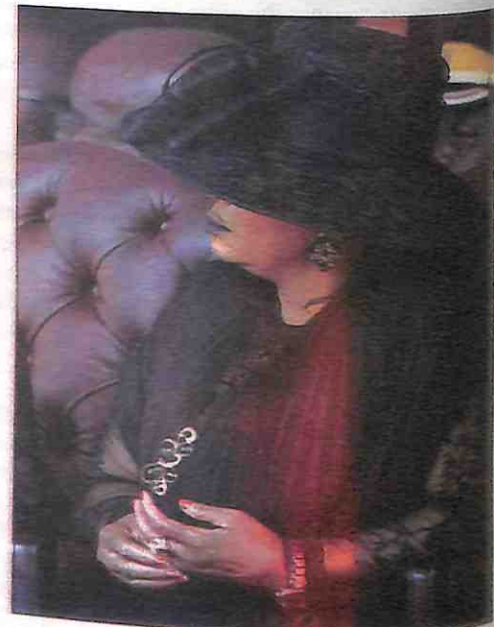
Foreign leaders, supporters and ordinary citizens were attending the state funeral yesterday of Zimbabwe's founder Robert Mugabe, after a week of disputes over his burial that threatened to embarrass his successor President Emmerson Mnangagwa.



Mnangagwa pictured at his predecessor's funeral.



More than 10 African leaders and several former presidents spoke in praise of Mr Mugabe at the service in the Chinese-built stadium, which attracted a crowd filling about 30 per cent of its 60 000 capacity.



Mnangagwa's wife at the funeral.

is delayed for a MONTH



The arrival of Mugabe's coffin at the stadium was greeted by soldiers who lined a red carpet as the late president's remains were carried through it.



The former president's casket arrives for a state funeral at the National Sports Stadium in Harare.



Mugabe's casket was displayed on a podium at the National Sports Stadium and members of the military stood silently in front.



Ordinary Zimbabweans gathered to pay their respects to Mugabe but there appeared to be a lot of empty space in the audience.



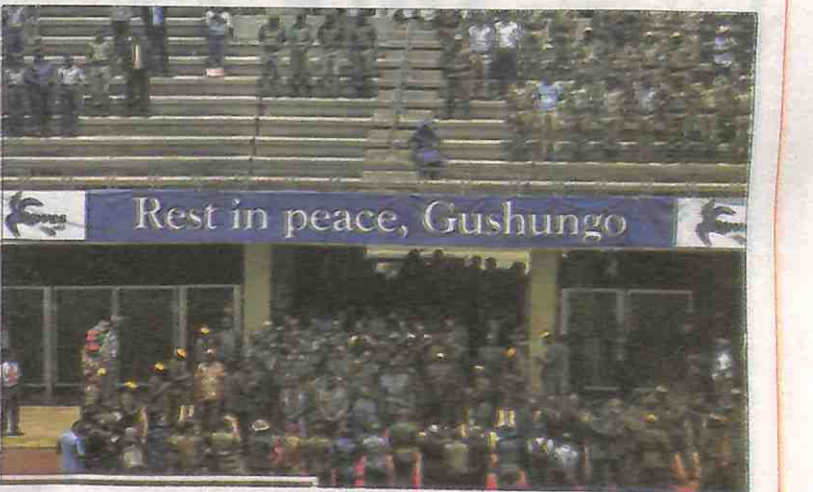
Medics treat a woman who had collapsed during the funeral.



Robert Mugabe Junior's hands are seen near a casket carrying the remains of his father, after his body was loaded on a military helicopter before leaving the Rufaro stadium, in Mbare, Harare.



Mourners scramble for Zimbabwean flags as Mugabe's coffin arrives.



Thousands of mourners attended Mugabe's funeral as they gathered to pay their respects.



THE PODIUM

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

In the coming few weeks, I am looking forward to having an effective round-table and have different stakeholders in the local entertainment, to discuss how to make money in the industry and what needs to happen to ensure artists make a living of their talent.

I decided to tackle this subject matter despite perhaps my better judgment, especially because I will be basing it on the recent events at Swazi Jive/Ginz Jive, which saw a mass exodus of artists this past week, including President Lihle 'LO' Dlamini.

Let me also take this time to give a shout-out to the Antidotes team for the seminars they are hosting, because it's very important that young artist understand the business side of things. But I'll get to that later.

With this happening at Swazi Jive, my first question is which record label is now living in Eswatini? Many in the industry will scream 'bad management' – and they have been saying this in hush tones ever since cracks started showing at Swazi Jive.

We were introduced to Sakhile Nkambule through the Hipnotik brand, and after about three successful shows, the shows went sideways in different aspects, leading to losses incurred.

Untapped

Honestly speaking, it was always going to be tough for them to run a hip-hop show without a sponsor especially in such untapped territory, because the show appealed to mostly the young crowd.

They failed to make it appeal to the cooperates where it mattered the most and again, just as most people in the industry – and whilst going through the frustrations, both financially and otherwise, their leader was beefing with so many people in the industry, and burning bridges with key stakeholders including S W A M A President Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini, not to mention attacking the Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.

Anyways, the onus of this piece today is to tackle the music and money subject matter, not any of their other business ventures.

Firstly, before launching the music part when 'Lo' came back from University in the United States, he lost the key members of his team for reasons unknown to us, starting

with close friend and business associate Lindelo Dlamini, which was followed by Tendaness, and thereafter it was Jaha the photographer and then it was the publicist whose name I can't really recall.

I didn't know the whole team, but they were getting smaller and of late the only face I could recognise around there was 'Lo' and to me that didn't work to their favour.

Again, their focus was on so many things such that the artists and the music part of business were pretty much left in the wilderness.

Infiltrate
They could have easily had a tour as a gang, and carved a

lane, but that didn't happen and hence the music didn't really infiltrate and do as much as it could have done.

This then takes me to my topic, with Swazi Jive left with about three artists now, does this mean we don't have veterans that understand the music business to set-up a machine

for the local music industry, especially the urban contemporary genre.

Once upon a time we had Claiming Ground music which had K.r.T.C and Kangaroo under their books at a point in time.

Muzi 'Mozaik' Ngwenya even launched a 'sound' during that time, but then both artist left the stable without announcing their reasoning behind it.

That to me brings a broader problem to the scope – there are so many talented local artists that should and could have made money, but there's just somewhere we aren't getting it right.

It's clear that most local artists get into this business with no vision or plan, and of course they fall prey to the jackals who are looking for a chance to exploit their talent for a quick buck.

The one thing that all artists need to comprehend is that the money is only going to circulate amongst each and every one of them if they work together in creating an industry firstly.

Currently there isn't an industry because there isn't any money circulating and I'm really

worried for most artists especially in the era of streaming.

Why did Sands need to step up to a foreign machine for him to blow-up? And what does this mean for upcoming artists?

Was it to his best advantage to go outside and what did he gain or what did he lose? I

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tened to Velemseni the other week when interviewed by SCENE as she talked about the hurdles of being an independent artist and I just imagined how much good that information could do for a young talented artist like Sarnilo for example (I still hope for an interview with her).

Let's find a solution to all these problems together, it's clear the clubs aren't getting packed anymore? Why? What does it mean for artists? What does it mean for promoters? Do we have enough local artists in local festivals? Where are we not getting it right and how can we move forward? Where are the managers and are they doing their jobs? Why aren't most corporates investing? Are our artists even worth investing in? Do they have as much influence, how can they have that influence, all these are answers that need to be answered to allow for young people to even dream of making a living through music.

Sakhile Nkambule.

What does Swazi Jive artist exodus mean?



Amarii

@realamarii

I will no longer be working with Swazi Jive / Ginz & Jive and Sakhile Nkambule. I'm grateful for the support & every opportunity I've been given but based on what I stand for and believe, it's only best we part ways.

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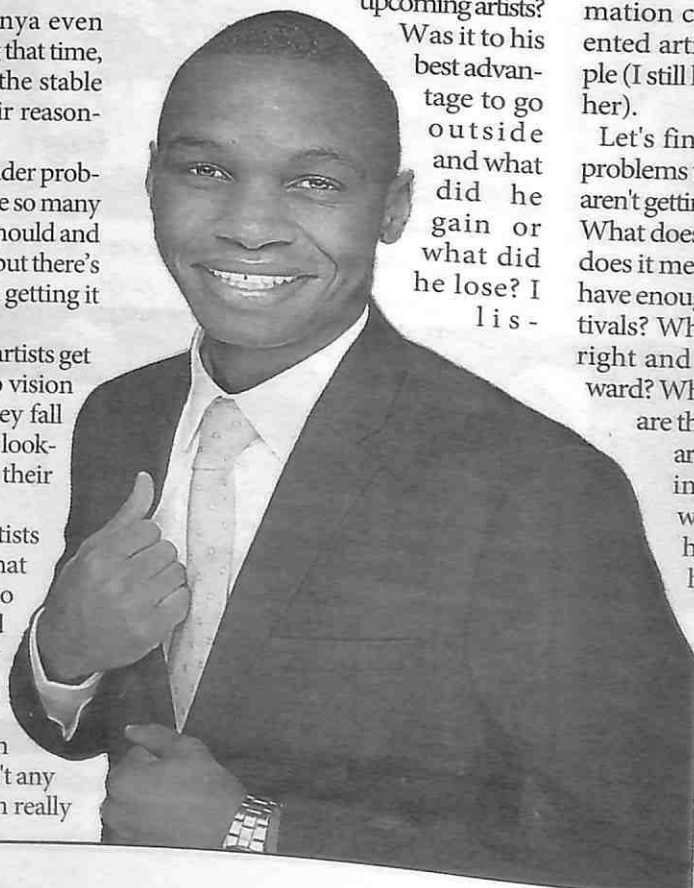
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To my fans, family & colleagues: It is with great sadness to inform you that I will be stepping down as the president of Swazi Jive Records. Due to personal and professional reasons, I have made a decision to part ways with my business partner Sakhile Nkambule. I am taking a different direction from now on and wish everyone I have had the pleasure of working and building with, great success in their future ventures. Thank you for all of your support, time and hard work! I look forward to beginning this new part of my life and what the future holds.

Lihle Dlamini

"SWAZI JIVE"

MUSIC ART STYLE



YOUTH STORIES

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

MTN's E7m towards nurturing future staff paying off

In 2016, mobile telecommunication giants MTN Eswatini launched a talent identification and development programme known as Umtsentse, where the company invested slightly over E7 million, and they are already reaping the benefits.

This is because the early talent identification has delivered its first batch of professionals who have all been absorbed by MTN as staff except for two candidates.

Out of a total of 18 candidates, only one was released while one left to further studies abroad.

Interviewed on the significance of the programme, MTN Eswatini Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sibusiso Nhleko said as a responsible corporate citizen, MTN Eswatini was not in this market not only to sell products and services, but to also meaningfully contribute to the improvement of quality of life of the people who made this company successful.

"The success of this company is deeply connected to the success of its people, particularly young people, who are the future of this country. "Therefore, we are happy to hand-hold them until they realise their career aspirations so they can meaningfully contribute, as professionals, in different specialised areas," he said. Meanwhile, MTN Eswatini



MTN Job Shadow programme beneficiaries.

Head of Human Resources (HR) Mncedzi Ngomane said the programme was an integrated framework designed to engage and create opportunities for high school and university students. "The programme

serves as an early talent identification structure for MTN which enables to the business to build a pipeline for leadership, and critical skills that are required for business sustenance," he said.

As part of this year's activities aligned to this programme, MTN has for the fifth time in a row, attached pupils from six high schools namely; Etimphisini, Manzini Nazarene, St Theresas', St Mark's, Ndzevane and

Sifundzani high schools.

"The attachment of high school pupils through the Job Shadow programme is undertaken with Junior Achievement annually.

"It seeks to expose high school pupils to real world of work and allows them to be mentored and challenged by professionals in their chosen career line. For their attachment this year, the students chose the following fields: Mechanical Engineering, Accounting, Marketing and Entrepreneurship. The job shadow program helps deepen their understanding of identified career choices. This initiative links with the internship programme where exceptional and hardworking pupils are afforded an opportunity to attach at MTN. Upon graduation, they are given another opportunity to be part of the three-year graduate-in-training programme from which they emerge as fully-fledged professionals who are ready to make a difference in the world of work," he concluded.

MOVIE REVIEW

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

Power finale opening episode not convincing

Albeit numerous valiant attempts by friends, girlfriends and family members, I never really got into the phenomenon known as 'Power', but what they did manage to do is bully me through the past five seasons, and successfully so thanks to my responsibility to review movies and the hottest shows for you dear readers.

It was that time once again as I watched the first episode of the sixth season and needless to say, I was in the company of a close friend who is a big 'Power' fan.

The first abnormality I noticed was that the theme song had changed, as they debuted a revamped version of the show's catchy theme song - something that absolutely no one asked for, replacing the original one with vocals from RnB legend Joe with Trey Songz. Well, that didn't and I'm glad even the fanatic next to me was as unpleased.

On the very first scene of the episode, I was sure that Assistant United States Attorney Angela Valdes was going to survive the direct hit she sustained at the end of the Season 5 finale, only to realise that matter of fact is she's dead - super dead, like absolutely-not-coming-back-dead.

The episode opens moments after the events of the finale, with Angela whisked to the hospital via ambulance. Ghost is freaking out, but he manages to pull himself together enough to dodge questions by the



cops on the scene. He tells them he didn't see the shooter, and they are understandably unconvinced. He keeps on getting flashes back to various moments in his adult relationship with Angela, but these are interrupted by the arrival of her sister, Paz, who screams that he's the murderer.

Elsewhere, in one of the scenes which was horrendously done, Tommy meets Tasha, as he needs an alibi, and he wants her to provide one. As they converse and Tasha realizes that Tommy's intention was to kill Ghost, and upon this realization she concludes by saying 'You took a shot at the devil, and you missed!' adding that if he wants her to vouch for his whereabouts at the time of the shooting, he needs to fix things between him and Ghost.

In case we had any doubt about whether or not Angela is really dead, the news is stated outright at an emergency meeting of the AUSA's office. A stunned Saxe, Robinson and Donovan grieve for about 30 seconds before launching into the game of whose most to blame for their coworker's death, eventually, Saxe says he'll take the lead on figuring out who killed Angie.

Throughout their discussion, I can't help but hold onto a small thread of suspicion that Angela isn't really gone for good. I mean, for a woman in the pickle she was in, a lil' faked death could do a world of good, and isn't there SOME way that SOME official got to her and convinced her to play dead for the sake of the investigation (and maybe a little legal clemency, to boot)? But

all of those thoughts evaporate in the next scene, when in the next scene Paz sits with her sister's dead body in the hospital morgue and the FBI requests her signature for an autopsy, and she out-rightly refuses.

Later, Ghost lets Proctor know that he was wrong about Angela being the FBI's witness, and Proctor tells Ghost about the other female witness. Proctor suggests giving Tommy up, but Ghost says he'd prefer to kill him instead.

That little nugget of information, however, is left out when Ghost and his lawyer voluntarily meet with the AUSA's office.

Ghost spins a story about how he and Angela met up at their old high school so she could tell him she wasn't going to testify against him, and

Saxe and Donovan definitely don't believe him, but he continues the lie, saying he has no idea who killed her.

Meanwhile, when Tommy meets-up with his goons and gives them news they don't want to hear - Jason is delaying delivery of the product until Ghost's check clears - a couple start to revolt. Tommy shoots and kills one to demand respect and him and it works as everyone falls in line after that.

After Ghost visits Paz and offers to pay for Angela's funeral - an offer which is loudly and soundly rejected - Paz meets with Saxe and changes her mind, allowing him to move forward with the autopsy on her sister.

Elsewhere, Keisha dresses like a cat burglar and throws Tommy's gun into the river as he requested, and Tariq calls Ghost from school asking if he knows who killed Angela. Ghost says no, but he appears to be touched by his son's reaching out. What he isn't aware of however is that his 'loving' teen son tells his boarding-school roommate that he's just playing nice with his dad "for now."

At Angela's apartment, Ghost finds a photo of them as teenagers in her drawer and then sobs for the love of his life, and leaves. All in all, I haven't been a big fan of 'Power' but they certainly could have done better. I mean for the season finale, this to me is a bit too satisfactory.

Rating 6/10

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Ramaphosa calls for **peace** in xenophobia hot spots

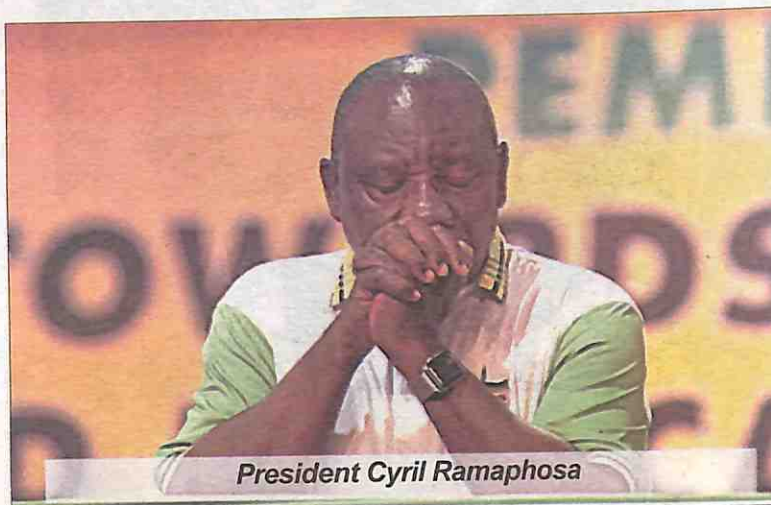
JOHANNESBURG - President Cyril Ramaphosa on Friday warned scores of ANC supporters that chasing away foreign nationals may lead to South Africans being targeted.

Ramaphosa visited Katlehong to address the crowds about the latest xenophobic violence.

"This South Africa is for all of us and we won't change that... We must work together because there is a lot of things that we need to fix," said Ramaphosa. He said the latest crime statistics showed that South Africans were killing each other. The president said there was a need to unite in the same way they had against apartheid to defeat crime.

Katlehong is one of the areas that saw an upsurge in xenophobic violence around Gauteng.

Ramaphosa was flanked by other ANC leaders, including Secretary-General Ace Magashule, his DEputy Jessie Duarte and Gauteng premier David Makhura. Deputy State Security Minister Zizi Kodwa and ANC



President Cyril Ramaphosa

national executive committee member, Dakota Legoete, were also among the party leaders present.

"Let's not take law into our own hands, and attack others... Let's sit down and talk," said Ramaphosa.

He urged residents to unite against drugs, crime and gender-based violence. "Let's go and fight against drugs, the killing of women. Let's

fight against rape. We must take a vow as the brave men of South Africa that we are going to end gender-based violence.

"We must take a vow that we are not going to allow anybody to rape anyone, we are not going to allow the killing of women in our country," said Ramaphosa.

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'Courts will vindicate Ramaphosa'

CAPE TOWN - Patricia De Lille recently compared Ramaphosa's legal battle with Mkhwebane to that with her former political home, the DA.

President Cyril Ramaphosa will be vindicated by the South African judicial system, Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Patricia de Lille believes.

Ramaphosa is currently engaged in a court battle with Public Protector Busisiwe Mkhwebane who found him guilty of deliberately misleading Parliament about a R500 000 Bosasa donation to his campaign to become president of the ANC in 2017. Mkhwebane said Ramaphosa's campaign needed to be investigated for money laundering.

In an interview with News24, De Lille said Ramaphosa's legal battle with Mkhwebane was similar to her legal battle with her former political home, the DA.

De Lille won two legal battles against the DA in 2018, one to be reappointed as City of Cape Town mayor, and the second to set aside a decision to strip her of her party membership.

"You know, I've always put my faith in the judiciary. We are fortunate that we've got a very independent judiciary," De Lille said.

"When I was treated very unfair-

ly, I was in an abusive relationship people trying to smear my name getting people to say that I solicited a R5m (bribe). I mean they just invent these things almost on a daily basis, [and] I turned to the courts and I was successful.

"The court was my ultimate saviour. I think the same, I think the same for him (Ramaphosa)."

Ramaphosa appointed De Lille as the only opposition party member in his Cabinet in May after her new political party, GOOD, won two parliamentary seats in the May 8 elections. She said she found the Cabinet to be welcoming, adding its work was hindered by political infighting within the ruling ANC.

In one of many public spats, ANC secretary-general Ace Magashule said the party would nationalise the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) and planned to introduce quantitative easing. News24

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ANCWL taunted at protest signals exciting development

JOHANNESBURG - There has also been the broader realisation among women that the ANC has done very little to stem the tsunami of violence against women, despite its frequent fine sermons on the issue.

It was not surprising that former minister and ANC Women's League (ANCWL) leader Bathabile Dlamini was subjected to scorn and abuse when she turned up at yesterday's #SandtonShutdown protest against gender-based violence.

The protesters - a coalition of 70 civil society groups - were marking the rape and murder of University of Cape Town student Uyinene Mrwetyana.

Believed

They made it clear that they believed Dlamini and her ANCWL comrades were trying to hijack the event and turn it into an ANC one.

Dlamini was taunted with the name Kwezi, once used for a woman who accused ex-president Jacob Zuma of rape. Dlamini has long been a defender of Zuma, and the league supported him during his rape trial.

There has also been the broader realisation - and its attendant anger - among women that the ANC government has done very little to stem the tsunami of violence against women, despite its frequent fine sermons on the issue.

eNCA

'Grass is greener in SA'

JOHANNESBURG - A few displaced foreign nationals have told News24 they are ready to return to Katlehong despite last week's violent unrest in the area.

They said they would like to leave the Tsolo Community Hall in Katlehong, where they have been temporarily housed since the attacks, and return to the suburb rather than going back to their countries of birth.

Last week, scores of foreign nation-

als and their children took refuge at the community hall after they were forced to flee the violence.

"This is not xenophobia, thugs are taking chances," says Magashule on Gauteng unrest.

Charles Khoma from Malawi said the grass was much greener in South Africa than back home.

He has found a new place to rent close to the community hall, which he will occupy next week.

"What am I going to eat in Malawi? I came here to make a living for my family back home," said Khoma, adding his pregnant wife was heading home to Malawi next week.

"I am not going anywhere. I have found a permanent job in Wadeville and I'm starting next week. Who is going to feed my wife and parents back home if I don't work?"

"The attacks have taught me something that I must save extra money in case they resume the attacks. Should xenophobia start again, I am going back home for good. I

won't mind hitch-hiking to Malawi to save my life," he said.

Zimbabwean Blessing Chira said he had also found a new place to rent in the area.

"There are no jobs and money in Zimbabwe. What am I going to eat there? I have parents who are dependent on me and I am here to fend for them."

Chira said his wife had relocated to her workplace in Kensington and they would reunite as soon as the dust had settled.

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Deputy Mineral Resources Minister Bavelile Hlongwa dies

JOHANNESBURG - Deputy Minister of Mineral Resources Bavelile Hlongwa and four other people were run over and killed by a truck on the N1 from Polokwane on Friday.

The 38-year-old deputy minister's car stopped to assist at another accident scene when the crash happened, the presidency confirmed.

The incident took place just after the Carousel toll-gate just outside Pretoria.

"President Ramaphosa has expressed his most sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of deputy minister Hlongwa, as well as the stakeholders in the business, labour and community with whom she engaged in the mining sector," Spokesperson Khusela Diko said.

Hlongwa was appointed as deputy minister of mineral resources and



Deputy Minister of Mineral Resources Bavelile Hlongwa.

energy in May this year. She was one of the youngest members of the executive.

"The death of deputy minister

Hlongwa is a devastating, untimely loss of a talented young leader who, alongside minister Gwede Mantashe, was playing an impor-

tant and dynamic role in an important sector of our economy," said Ramaphosa.

Diko said Ramaphosa also expressed his condolences to the families of the four people who died with the deputy minister on the scene, while attempting to assist the passengers involved in another incident.

"Deputy Minister Hlongwa will be honoured with an Official Funeral Category 2 in line with government's State, Official and Provincial Funeral Policy," Diko said.

She said the president had further directed that the national flag be flown at half-mast until the deputy minister is laid to rest.

Mineral Resources Minister Gwede Mantashe said he would be travelling to KwaZulu-Natal to meet face to face with Hlongwa's family.

Times Live

SundayObserver Scene

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS
SPEAK OUT



I BELIEVE HER

ENOUGH
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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Compiling this ISSUE wasn't easy for Phetsile and I.

It came with emotional drain.

I never knew what our sisters go through each and every day.

I've always read it from different publications (local and international), social media and hear it from the scribes but not from the horse's mouth.

Ours sisters, friends, cousins, girlfriends you name it, go through the most and we are not aware of that.

Neither sexual assault nor rape should an innocent girl go through. No, no!

Our sister are suffering out there. They don't know who to trust anymore because you cannot spot nor identify a rapist.

Speaking up about rape can be straight up heroic. I salute all the bravest girls who have spoken out about sexual harassment experience. A week ago, a former journo Nontobeko Tshabalala (popularly known as Nono) outed a well-known photographer and cyclist as rapist on social media after four years. She has not recovered from trauma! Mind you, she was raped by someone dear to her; a so-called 'A Freind'. No one would have believed her if she reported this distasteful behaviour earlier. She kept it to herself. She went through depression including prolonged sadness, feelings of hopelessness, unexplained crying, loss of energy or interest in activities she previously enjoyed, suicidal thoughts, dissociation you name it.

So when she weeted about her xperience after seeing an anonymous profile on the same platform mentioning the alleged rapist, she was shattered. The final vestiges of a control she had been holding onto for four years fell apart. She outed this 'creepy' photographer and that led to an outpouring of women who privately messaged and called her saying the same person had done the same thing to them.

Our sisters and friends later shared their stories. Sis Nono broke the ice. Sexual assault and rape survivors came out, and some shared the same experiences Nono went through.

She was brave enough to break the silence. This was a great move! Hence today we are celebrating our sis for such a heroic move. It's not easy to talk about rape because some people never believe or listen to your story. We tend to think she has something personal against the 'Good' guy who is idolised by many in the society. To Nono, 'Girl, you are brave, thank you and we believe you.' Read more about Nono's 'Speaking Out' on Pages 4 and 5 as she takes us down to how she became a survivor of rape.

We also have other two anonymous women who went through sexual abuse by their loved ones.

To you my dear readers, I know coming out and outing a sexual perpetrator is not easy but do consider it. Help our sisters to not become the next Survivor.

Share your stories, we believe you. Till next week.

Ayanda Dlamini.

LET'S JOIN HANDS, SUPPORT OUR SISTERS!

#IBelieveHer
#EnoughIsEnough

In a span of two weeks, Eswatini was hit with horrifying news of women being sex-

ually abused. Women on social media; Twitter to be specific, have been naming and shaming men who had sexually assaulted them. It is worth noting that this comes

after South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa promised to stamp it out amid two appalling attacks in Cape Town where women lost their lives to mindless acts of gender-based



I COMMEND MY SISTERS FOR STEPPING OUT IN SOLIDARITY - PEARL NXUMALO

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Sexual abuse and violence is a disheartening and aggravating issue, no human should go through such a violating-traumatic experience. I commend my sisters for stepping out in solidarity and speaking boldly: I believe them, I empathise with them and enough is enough!

"I do feel we have a mandate to do more, speaking about an issue can only bring awareness, doing something about it can impel solution and change. Fortunately

there are established platforms that can assist in sensitising both men and women, which we collectively need to engage - to work towards eliminating sexual perpetrating behaviour.

To name a few: SWAGAA, Kwakha Indvodza, One Billion Rising, Women and Law, and the newly formed coalition Liphimbo Labomake.

We also have the law: the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act (SODV) which has been enacted to legally protect citizens from sexual offences/abuse and penalise the behaviour.

Akubé yindzaba yetfu sonkhe! Men need to be part of the advocacy and movement against sexual abuse and violence; it shouldn't be women against sexual violence and abuse but men and women against sexual violence and abuse.

Let us direct our rage not at each other but towards meaningful actions that will solicit change, creating a safe environment for women, children and men - to continuously thrive in the country."



WE ARE DENIED OUR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS - KHANYI NDLOVU

“This is a dreadful situation for us women because we don't feel safe anywhere. We are denied our basic human right. I'm lost for words, I cannot even begin to imagine what these victims of abuse went through and are going through. They must be going through immense trauma.

THE TIME IS NOW - KHOLE

“We have carried the burden, these secrets and scars for far too long. The law is finally on our side, on the side of everyone regardless of their sex.

"I think I speak for all the women in my industry when I say we have had it tough, sexual abuse in our industry is so rife. To the sisters that have spoken

out, please know that I Mpho Kholekile Tshabalala believe you and want you to know that you are not alone," she said.

Please seek professional psychological help, you've been through a traumatic experience and if not treated, it may impact your life negatively.

If you are experiencing abuse today. Go and report it to the police, they are obligated by the law to help you.

"I sing about life, my music speaks, that is who I am as an artist. This has helped me to deal with a lot of such issues. I am still fighting, working hard for my music to be heard in all spheres, so it does for everyone what it does for me."

To all the ladies of Eswatini and all the good men "bikani kuhlukubetwa kwebafati, kwebantwana, ningafeli ngekhat-si. Let's all stand for the truth.



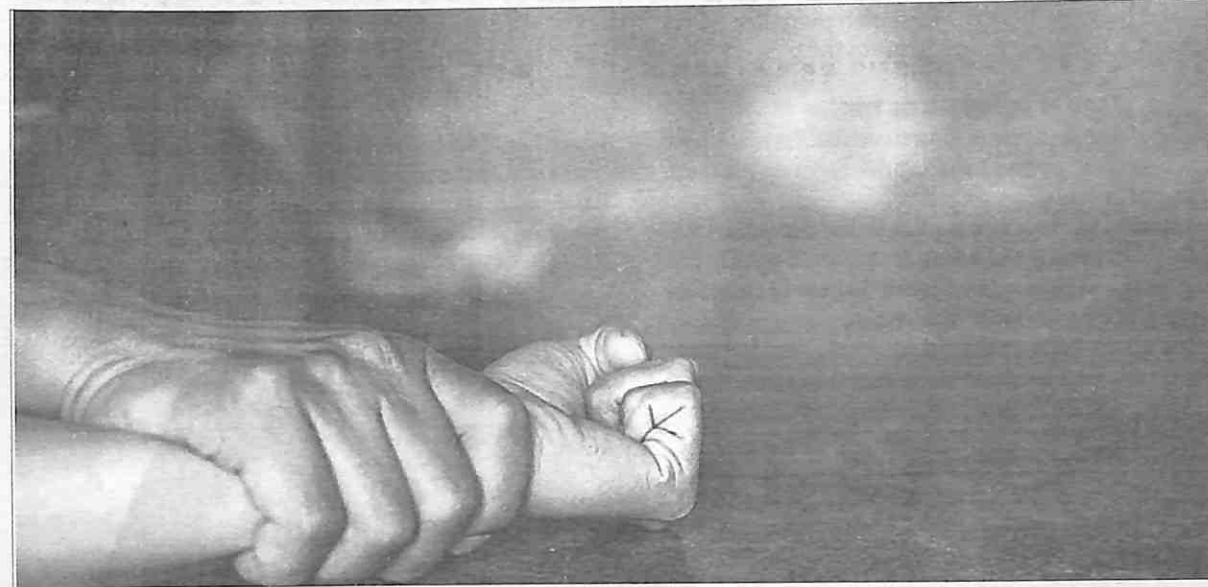


violence (GBV). As Sunday SCENE team, we are fully behind these campaigns, hence tabling this ISSUE today. Our fellow sisters are fearful, they are not sure who to trust, who

to date and who to call a 'brother friend'. This is because no one knows a rapists until you are a survivor.

This is what our fellow sisters had to say about this distasteful behav-

iour from the members of the public whom we identify as friends, uncles, brothers, boyfriends, you name it.



WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO - ZANDIE SIMELANE

Violence against women and girls is a problem of pandemic proportions.

At least one out of every three women around the world has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime and sadly the perpetrator is always someone close to her.

A few nights ago, due to proliferating numbers on cases reported...an act aimed at eliminating "Tibi tendlu" called SODV was implemented. Now, where the confusion lies is at the acts efficiency. We have seen the Act being selectively effective, on cases whereby civil servants, brand influencers/ambassadors and prominent people are filtered to

their best interest.

Innovation has granted the female a platform to echo her pain. Guess why? That's the only place where society believes her YET this is where her story will end. On social media.

In my opinion, we have a long way to go where our safety or justice system is concerned.

Who do we trust, because ideally social media is our "dear diary" and as a statistic of the one in three women that has fallen victim in the hands of an abuser, my plea is for women to continue gaining the strength to echo their pain, live through the shifted blame from her abuser, name and shame the abuser because #I_Cant_Be_Next nor can my sister.



JUSTICE HAS FAILED WOMEN - FORMER MISS ESWATINI LINDA HUTCHINSON

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Women telling the story of how they were violated has been extremely triggering for almost all women.

We all have a story to tell about when we were sexually violated or harassed, some of us have only now learnt that certain instances were not "ok" as we had forced ourselves to believe at the time even when we felt violated.

The outrage as you refer to it, is absolutely necessary.

"Firstly because just by narrating the story, it begins the process of healing. Speaking about it instantly lifts a weight off your shoulders when you no longer feel like you need to carry the shame.

The shame is not to be carried by women, but by the men whom were their perpetrators.

Because of a justice system- which follows a process which almost always re-victimises women, has failed many women before, naming the perpetrators is a way to transfer the shame to its rightful owner.

A vital part of what has been happening on social media is everyone boldly telling those who have come out that we believe them.

"#IBelieveHer is how we will ensure that going forward, victims are not ashamed and they are not afraid that we will question the authenticity of their story.

"Society has always asked questions like "what were you wearing?"

Why did you go to X-location with him in the first place? Why did you wait so long to speak up?" which discourages women from reporting these crimes because we insinuate that they are to be blamed.

"Rapists do not always look like seasoned criminals hence there is absolutely no reason to question a victim because our brothers, friends, boyfriends look like "decent" people. This movement continues to create a safe space

EVERY REPORT SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY - FEZILE DLAMINI

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Most of these stories are only coming out years later and this shows how it can be nearly impossible for survivors to come forward and speak out.

This is for obvious reasons like 'who will believe me?', 'what if he comes after me' or 'was it even a crime since we were in a relationship?'

Every report should be taken seriously, women deserve to speak out and be heard, it's not our place to judge but we need to support all those who went through it.

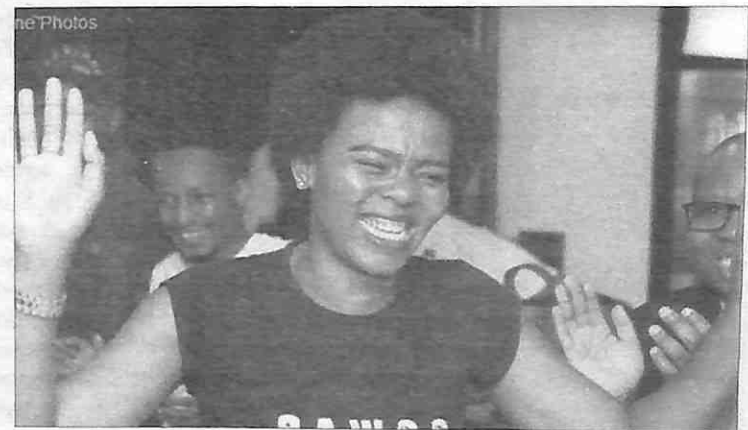


MEN SHOULD TALK AS WELL - ANELE SHABANGU

As a woman and a mother nothing disgusts me as domestic violence.

I am glad women have got to a point where they openly discuss and name these men. It is amazing at how we have come to even support each other as women. If only men would have sessions on men to men as we women do. Also if men would talk about what frustrates them this world would be a better place.

Compiled By Ayanda Dlamini and Phetsile Mamba



NONTOTBEKO TSHABALALA SPEAKS OUT:

'After cleaning himself up, he asked me 'ukhalelani?'...'

"We are people's daughters too, we have jobs where speaking out about surviving rape means men distance themselves from you because 'kumcisa nje lo utakwenekela live' we suffer the consequences of surviving rape too."

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My life has been a whirlwind since I spoke about the day I was raped, not because I spoke about my assault because I have been doing that since 2016, but because I detailed it and I identified the man who did it.

Isn't it bewildering that in Eswatini the fact that a woman has been assaulted is often less shocking than the identity of who assaulted her? I've been sitting with that realisation for a while and it hurts. Everything hurts. Realising that even me, big bad feminist that I consider myself to be was not able to recognise what happened to me as rape, and once I was I still couldn't speak about it openly because the shame was overwhelming.

In 2015 I was out with a friend and after seeing our photos on Facebook another friend asked us where we were saying he wanted to join us.

We told him and he came through. We had a fun evening at the end of which he offered to take my friend home but said he didn't know the directions to my friend's house so asked for me to come along.

Without thinking twice I agreed. This was someone I felt very comfortable with, granted he had been making romantic/sexual overtures and we had even flirted but I never once felt unsafe whenever I gave my rebuttals.

That specific day he had revisited those overtures and I told him we'd talk about it after a trip he had coming up – this was not unusual for me.

In my experience when you flat out told men 'no' they interpreted it as motivation to try harder, so I said let's chat when you come back fully intending to continue maintaining a friendly distance between us.

However, my life changed that night, for the sake of my parents who will read this I will not go into graphic detail but the evening ended with my friend having ejaculated over my shaking body after pleasuring himself over me. After cleaning himself up he asked me "ukhalelani?"

He had exposed himself in the car and driven to his house despite my objections. When I was on his couch and he was continuing despite my refusal I remember thinking 'maybe if I don't resist it won't be rape'. It was. There was coercion, there was manipulation of a friendship, there was violation of trust, there was 'did I lead him on?'

So when I tweeted about my experience after seeing an anonymous account mention him as a rapist something in me shattered.

The final vestiges of a control I had been holding onto for four years fell apart. I began tweeting, still not able to say his name until someone asked.

That led to an outpouring of women who privately messaged me saying the same person had done the same thing to them. Women kept reaching out to me about that and their own stories of having been sexually violated by men for a full week after I wrote about it.

The guilt! I had convinced myself that what had happened to me was an isolated incident and that there were no other women who had been subjected to this. See, I had to believe this because it validated my silence. So having to comfort women who had gone through the same thing I had was mind numbing.

Then it made its way to Facebook and people's WhatsApp groups and that's when people started asking why we all hadn't reported sooner.

WHY I HADN'T REPORTED SOONER...

"I was exasperated but for the first time in years I could breathe and I feel free so I engaged that. How do you report a viola-

tion like the one I experienced to the police? How do you make your case to a justice system which has never meted out appropriate justice to abusers?

What was I meant to present to them to prove that the encounter was non-consensual? There was no penetration, I got into his car willingly, witnesses could attest to that, but when we were alone he violated me in a way I could not prove to anybody.

Assuming I was able to discard the shame that comes with going through something like that, a shame that binds you to someone who hurt you because you are keeping their secret, what is it exactly that I was meant to say to the police?

TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE TWICE...

I was plunged into depression. It terrified me. I actually have memories from that period I still cannot recover. I tried to commit suicide twice.

I wanted desperately to stay in my house and never leave but I had a job, I had friends and family, I still had a weekly column I submitted on time where I breathed holy fire and fury into my activism, I had day to day responsibilities which I poured myself into so no one could see what I was grappling with. Until one day my cousin realised something was off centre with me and she forced me to see a therapist. That intervention saved my life.

When I spoke out this recent time the kindness that people have positively buried me in was another time my life was saved.

I realised I had been more prepared for the people casting doubts on my experience than the love, support and the multitude of women who also spoke out.

This has been a lesson in intent vs impact. My intention was not to open a can of worms around this conversation, I just got tired of holding onto it. I hadn't thought of the ripple effect of that series of tweets but the impact has been astounding. We throw around statistics like one in three women have been victims of abuse but those statistics hit different when it's people you know.

When it's people you assign qualities like strength, bravery, kindness to. Because if we hold those statistics as true we need to be willing to accept that people we love are abusers, people we would lay our lives on the line for are violating women, and often that will be women we know.

That's an uncomfortable reality to confront, which is why I said I understand the friends who are frothing at the mouth insisting their friends who have assaulted us deserve their day in court – because I did it too, my silence was me mourning my friend too.

I lost so many friends over the years because I distanced myself from anyone who could cause my path to cross with his. But has he not taken enough from me? Have the men who abused us not taken enough from us?

Do we not deserve to

live in peace before we rest in peace and become yet another martyr for a cause we did not want?

Our pain must be performed and re-performed for people who were never going to believe us anyway. Why?

We are people's daughters too, we have jobs where speaking out about surviving rape means men distance themselves from you because 'kumcisa nje lo utakwenekela live' we suffer the consequences of surviving rape too. When we decide to speak up and out against the men who hurt us in an effort to redistribute those consequences and reclaim our peace *kutsiwa sine-manga*. Make it make sense.

I have had many consensual sexual encounter, there is no motive to lie or malign anyone's name. No one is being targeted.

I have heard I may be sued for defamation of character and to that I say let the chips fall where they may.

If the justice system won't be there for us at least our abusers can rely on it being there for them. Isn't this the way of the world?





**My ex-husband,
would beat me up
and rape me...**

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The first time he beat me, I packed all my clothes and I moved out.

I refused to be the abused woman. I was so livid! I was so shocked; I just did not expect it,

‘HE BROKE MY TRUST IN THE MALE SPECIES’

not from him.

“He never apologised for it, never begged me to come back, just decided to go to a lawyer and start divorce proceedings. I was 19 when I divorced him despite my parent’s advice.

“I said I knew what I was doing. So the thought of being a divorcee at 19, well that really got me and yes, I ended up going back. Thus began the cycle. This was three months after we said our ‘I dos’.

“Sometimes it would be the smallest thing that would set him off and I just find myself hurting and crying and he would see me crying, and he would never get close and try to hug me or comfort me in any way. I remember he had this look of satisfaction in his eyes, like and quote ‘yeah, I got you real good.’

I stayed because in my mind I thought if I just do everything that he wants then he would stop, if I stop making him angry, if I just don’t talk as much and if I don’t talk to the people he doesn’t like.

If I don’t go to town, in the middle of the day without him, then he won’t think I’m up to no good and he won’t punish me for it.

“I don’t think anyone knows how



hard it is being a woman. Especially an abused woman. Except someone who has been abused. It started with the physical, then it was emotional, then it was sexual, financial and all other forms. I would get compliments from a random strangers and it would result in silent treatment and a beating and a reminder that ‘sexy girls’ are wanted by everyone. It would be my fault that a man that I didn’t even know thought I was beautiful, like there was something wrong with that.

Like maybe if I didn’t try so hard to be beautiful then they would have nothing to compliment. So yes, I deserved to be punished for inviting their lust? I was not allowed to not want sex. I think for me this is

still the most difficult thing to talk about. If someone didn’t care whether you were aroused or wet or anything, he just wanted to cum. It was the ownership aspect, the mentality he had. I remember waking up twice from a very deep sleep to find him penetrating me.

“To this day, I don’t go to bed without underwear. Even if I’m not wearing anything to bed, I make sure I wear panties. Even if I have just slept with a man, I find my panties and wear them, and then I can sleep soundly.

I went for the longest time believing that it was because he was drunk when he did that and said all the hurtful things.

“So I would avoid being around a

man when he was drunk. Then I remembered that he was sober, he’d only hit me once when drunk, otherwise he was sober. I remember having an argument with his sister over the phone one day and she decided to get a lift from him to my house where she beat the living day-lights out of me. He was just outside.

I didn’t scream or shout or anything. I asked him to take me to the hospital afterwards, he said it was between her and myself and I should not involve him.

So I have scars, he broke my teeth and ear and jaw once. He broke my heart; he broke my trust in the male species. But he didn’t break my spirit.

“The funny thing is that I didn’t really tell anyone a lot of what was going on, because I somehow blamed myself for it.

“There are many of us, the abused girls. Some of us got out with our lives, some of us were killed by our partners, and some of us are still with the abuser, protecting him, thinking we are to blame somehow. It doesn’t stop until you remove yourself from the situation.”

‘THE BEST DECISION I MADE WAS TO GO HOME, SHOWER, MOVE ON’

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I was reluctant to do this profile: don’t call me strong. Don’t call me a survivor. I didn’t survive. I am still victimised.

I cling to the word ‘survivor’ in the hopes that if I kept calling myself that, then the man who violated me would have no power over me.

I drew strength from the women who had been assaulted before me, hoping that their ability to move through what had been done to them would empower me.

“There’s no bravery in choosing silence. The best decision I made was to go home, shower and try and move on. But that decision meant that so many women were assaulted by my rapist, because I was too afraid to stop him. I carry the guilt of every woman he raped after me. I’m every woman - she’s all in me.

“Questions of ‘why didn’t you speak out sooner’ rage on, but the question I retort is to whom? To a society that is predisposed to disbelieve women, and call us liars? To parents, who tell you how to avoid rape? To a legal system, that protects the abuser as ‘innocent until proven guilty’, which would paint me a liar, until I finally get a guilty verdict?

“I search for healing, but the truth is it’s not linear. The stages of grief don’t move from denial to anger, the denial is every moment when you’re still numb to what was done to you. To your body. To your very self.

Your soul is tarnished. You’re in denial because you knew your rapist. You can’t believe someone you trusted as a friend, a peer, an equal, would ever violate you like that. You’re bargaining, because you still have hope that there’s no way that that could happen to you.

The anger - that’s exponential. It takes root in you, seeking to devour

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you, to consume you; anger at yourself for ‘allowing’ him to take your dignity; anger at loved ones for not being there to support you; anger at the legal system for protecting him; anger at him for violating you. All that anger, it’s enough to make you explode. It comes together to form one emotion: rage. It burns like embers in your heart.

The world keeps moving as you seek acceptance of your new state. The sun rises in the east and sets in the west; the moon goes through its phases; you must return to your own routine, but how when your entire life has changed? Doctor/lawyer/teacher, all the things we grew up dreaming to be, when we still dreamt of having a choice in our own lives. Yet one in three of us had that choice taken away so brutally; one in three of us had our lives ripped apart; one in three of us are now confined to a space of victimhood.

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BEAT ON BEATS WITH MDUBASA

REDEFINING THE HOUSE MUSIC SCENE

A softly spoken music producer, remixer, DJ and music director from the heart of Manzini, to be specific Ngwane Park, Zama Ntshalintshali has set dance floors ablaze over the past couple of years.

A member of SwaziBoy Entertainment, passion is what drives the spinner and has kept him relevant in the industry for so long.

Misto's love and passion for music dates back to high school where he used to collect music. It was until he met fellow DJ and friend Rekorder that he discovered his skill for deejaying and production.

Misto gave us a different twist to his musical journey when he performed with a live band during last year's SwaziBoy House Music Festival. A set which had everyone in attendance intrigued, we couldn't help but yearn for more. He has answered our call as he will be hosting an event titled 'Mistosoul Live in Concert' which will feature a 10 piece band.

The Beat On Beats team caught up with the talented spinner to find out more about his love for music and about the show many have dubbed a 'Must attend' event.

Briefly tell us about yourself.

Greetings to you and all readers. My name is Zama 'Mistosoul' Ntshalintshali from Ngwane Park, Manzini. I am a house music producer, remixer, DJ and musical director.

When were you first introduced to music?

Music has always been a part of me, being born in a family rich in music, which has produced a number of great gospel and jazz musicians.

How did your interest in Deejaying stem about?

It all started back in high school, where I started collecting music to the time I met a new neighbor in 2002 Lwazi Nzuza (Dj Rekorder), who had an uncle (Dj Hlali) who was also a DJ. Hlali would play loud music on weekends and I'd sneak out from home to go listen to him play. Rekorder and I then got interested in learning how to mix and we started mixing and collecting more music until it

became a passion and we couldn't stop. We then got noticed, created networks and started playing at parties around the hood and it all grew to club scene and now we play at festivals and corporate events. It was then that I started the radio show on EBS 2 called Late Nite Deep.

You were once into production. Is that something you consider doing again?

I never stopped producing music, I just haven't been releasing of late but I do have a lot of music everyone can look forward to. I have recently been working on two singles with Alexander James and Bella, which I will release at the Mistosoul Live In Concert on 20 September at sibayeni lodge's Café Mogambo.

You've been a part of the SwaziBoy family for quite some time. How have they helped you grow as an individual?

I have been with SwaziBoy for eight years now. I would like to bid tribute to them for the warm welcome, the growth and support they have given me over time. Joining an established entertainment company like Swazi Boy was a step up for me, it has placed me on the map and helped me get bookings locally and across the SADC region. They have also been supportive in my vision and ideas of the industry, which has helped me grow and has given me strength to do more and grow in everything I do.

What has kept you relevant over the years?

Being consistent, passionate and never losing focus on the reason I'm here, which is the music.

Can you briefly describe the type of music you play?

I'm a deep and soulful house DJ. My music is rich in soul, blues and jazz.

How do you prepare for your sets?

I dedicate all my free time to music, going online checking out current and old music, DJ charts, promos from other producers and popular music from time to time and download according to my taste and style. It helps keep my sets fresh and not monotonous.

Who has been a motivation in your career?

I am motivated by my life, family, the industry, music and all that revolves around me.

During last year's House Music Festival, you performed with a live band. What motivated that idea?

It has been a long time coming with my family's musical background, where almost everyone is musically gifted either with instruments or vocally as well as child hood house music influences from Louie Vega, Tortured Soul, Incognito to name a few. Otherwise the House Music Festival itself is a vision of bringing live elements at an event.

In what will be the first of its kind in the Kingdom? What made you decide on your upcoming event?

I have played for a while with live elements on my sets dating back to 2013 with a trumpeter as well as in 2014 performing together with Judah on keys, S-Tone on vocals and Fresh on bass. I also did features with Judah on Keys in 2016/17 and recently with a four piece band with Nomalungelo on vocals at the house music festival. I have always wanted to do this show, but I had to take my time learning, studying and finding the best ways to put it together.

Who will you be working with?

I will be working with 10 very talented musicians on my band which include Cage Piano on first keys, Phumla on second keys, Gatjisto on Bass, Ma-B on drums, a saxophonist, Paris on a Trombone, Zazi on a Trumpet as well as my little sisters Ntobe, Thobi and Avuyile as vocalists. I will be featuring a number of local and international guest artists which include Brian Temba, Alexander James, Salome, Bella, The Silent Writer and other surprise artists.

Does this then change what you've always represented as a DJ? Will you be looking to explore other avenues besides just the club scene?

I have always represented house music, this time around I

ain't playing alone but I'll be accompanied by a full live band as well as vocalists. I must say with this ensemble we are ready to explore every avenue that may present itself moving forward as we will be launching it on 20 September, and we look forward to doing more shows locally and internationally. I am also hoping to make this show an annual event.

Which International DJ have you invited to support you?

There will be no international DJs for this show but we will have international artists perform alongside myself and the band.

Do they fit into what you will be presenting to the crowd on the day?

Of course, people can expect to hear their all-time favourite songs as well as new

songs I've been working on with some of the guest artists. I am inviting everyone to allow me to take them on a musical journey.

Should we expect more of the same from Mistosoul?

Yes you can expect a lot more of the same as I launch this ensemble, which is available for bookings locally and internationally. Thank you





BEAT ON BEATS WITH MDUBASA

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artin Dexo & XeRo are two lads

hailing from Manzini collectively known as Neww Black.

The DJ/ Producer duo assumed the name from their debut EP licenced and released on +268 Recordings titled "Neww Black EP".

Passionate about music since their childhood days and they have been collecting records since high school. As self-taught producers, the duo has been pushing their promo releases using social media to gain traction within the local house music scene. Influenced by a variety of music genres, including deep house, tech-house, trance, nu disco, nu soul, hip-hop and reggae.

Their unique deep-tech sound is a fusion of all elements of the respective music genres that creates a funky-like feel into their music. "The most interesting experience is to find out how it sounds like to mix the different musical perspectives into a unique tone."

The duo released a follow-up sequel on October 20th 2017 titled "Neww Black The Remixes", also released on +268 Recordings. This package featured reworks of the original Neww Black EP, with captivating instrumentals, vocal manip-

ulation and skillful production by +268 Recording's Mseto, The Brothers Simz, Bom'Beats & Code XXIV. Having prompted a rapid reaction in the local house-music scene, this release was dubbed the Gold Package by industry giants and was featured on Antidote Music's Top 10 Traxsource chart of October 2017.

The duo continued to prove their worth by presenting a four track release built for the dance floor titled Twice Hi on the 23rd February 2018 via +268 Recordings. The project recieved tons of accolades over seas. "Man, oh man! Built To Burn is definitely meant to burn the speakers or at least the decks." - Mmeli Hlanze, Writer @NusoulhubRadio music blog.

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On The House was charted number 25 by Silverfox on Kiss FM Weekend Essentials 3rd August 2018.

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Music Is Dangerous was featured by secrete souls as exclusive guest on the world acclaimed deep house podcast, Deeper Shades of House in show #619. ----- create hyper-

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The dynamic house music production duo released their fourth digital EP titled "Amerb Konditioning" on +268 recordings. "The name of the EP is not Arabic". It was inspired by different word transition experiences observed within the music scene. Amerb is brema backwards representing where we come from. Konditioning refers to the process of accustoming a person to behave in a certain way or to accept certain circumstances. "So inshort the idea is Manzini Konditioning".

The four-track project consist of;

1. Antie Knows 07:26 BPM 116
2. Behind Closed Doors 06:00 BPM 118
3. In The Mist Of The Neww 06:09 BPM 120
4. Punch 05:54 BPM 109

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AMERB KONDITIONING

Amerb Konditioning EP is the duos' fourth release since their debut in 2017 and it fits perfectly on their trajectory of growth that has earned them a lot of support from local deep house music fans.

The release title is a play on the name of the duos' hometown Manzini, which was previously referred to as Bremersdorp during colonial times and more recently simply Brema. "For the song titled Auntie Knows, we headed down to Manzini Bus Rank and loitered around for hours recording random samples from the environment, we both hadn't spent that long at the rank in years, it brought back a



lot of memories, both good and bad, we decided to produce the rest of the project in that mind set and dedicate it to our city" said XeRo in our interview.

The four track EP packs the same heat, substance and dark but lovable edging that the city it has been cryptically named after is known for.

The EP offers a wide array of deep house subgenres in one release, from surreal deep house, to classical Chicago styled house and finally playing it on the edge and almost going into EDM. "We have always limited our releases to a common subgenre of dance music, this time we wanted explore and give a little of everything" explains Martin Dexo.

Amerb Konditioning is available on all major digital stores.



ALLIANCE FRANCAISE LUNCH CONCERT



MTN firefly winner Sarnilo stole the show with her beautiful voice.



Bandzile performs at the Lunch concert held at Alliance Francaise on Friday.



Sifiso Mavuso and a friend walk in as the show was about to start.



Audience watches Sarnilo perform at the concert.



Audience waiting for Sarnilo to go on stage.



Guest chatting as they wait for their lunch on Friday.

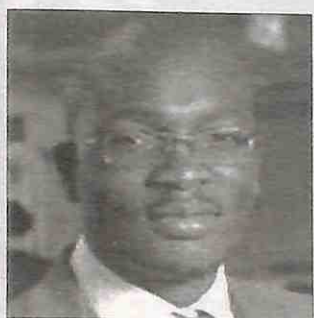


MC for the day announces the next artist to take to the stage.



Analysis & opinion

XENOPHOBIA A SYMPTOM STALLING SA'S NATION BUILDING PROCESS



...writes Mphahlele Mkhabela

In one of his memorable and controversial speeches, former president Thabo Mbeki suggested South Africa was a country of two nations – one white and wealthy, the other black and poor.

From economic resources perspective, he had a point. But the picture is changing. We may be a broadly black/white economically divided country, but there is complexity tinged with grey. The truth is, South Africa is a country of many nations; not just two. A detailed study might be necessary to arrive at the close approximation of the number of nations we have in one country.

By nation, I'm not referring to linguistic/ethnic groups or material categories/class. I'm referring to the degree of allegiance to the Constitution and the laws of the Republic. There are a range of nations.

Within the range, starting from those who are ignorant about their rights and duties under the Constitution to those who live in terms of the constitutional prescripts, we have many nations.

These nations have different expectations of themselves and others in relation to the supreme law within the territory called South Africa.

The differences among the nations – some sharp and some muted – over many issues are, I think, at the heart of the daily conflict within the country. Even if we exclude foreigners from the picture, we will remain with many nations of conflicting value systems.

For example, there would be pockets of communities in the North West, Mpumalanga and Gauteng – provinces of vastly different ethnic cultures and economic development – who would burn schools and/or libraries as a form of protest.

In the same provinces, there would be people who would regard such conduct as a moral hazard.

Destruction of property or violence in general among some communities is not necessarily linked to poverty, even though poverty might be a contributing factor in some cases. It is

about the level of political consciousness.

You may be wealthy, but politically backward in relation to your allegiance to the Constitution.

We know of leaders of political parties who are very wealthy – never mind their sources of income – but who without provocation are always ready to make statements seeking to instigate some form of conflict.

From land occupation to taking up arms, anything violent comes easy in their rhetoric.

DIFFERENT 'NATIONS'

By way of classification, such leaders and the pockets of communities that destroy public infrastructure belong to one nation within South Africa.

Let's call it the Red Flag Nation. (There are two Red Flag Nations – one black and the other white.

The latter's fame to disavowing the Constitution is mainly through racism. These nations are populated by extremists across racial lines, including those who think they differ, but don't realise they are united by their general mutual disdain towards the Constitution. But for simplicity we'll refer to both as Red Flag Nation).

Members of Red Flag Nations have a similar degree of lack of allegiance to the Constitution, regardless of their levels of material wellbeing as individuals within that nation.

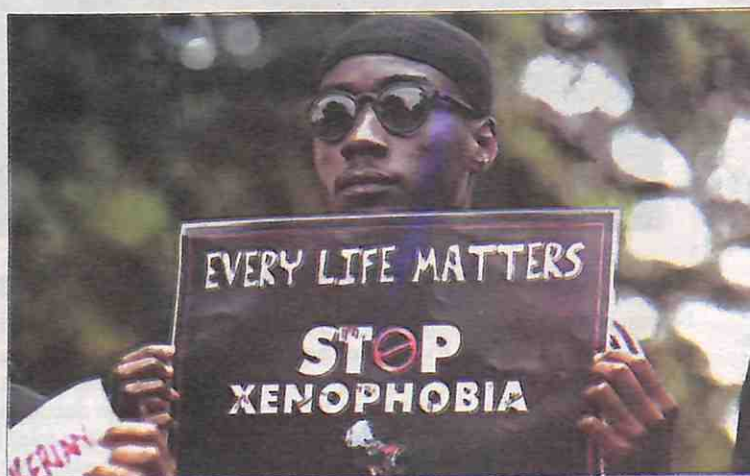
From time to time, some among them would exhibit some form of allegiance to the Constitution because they enjoy the trappings that come with such behaviour, but their core value system suggests that the Constitution is alien to them.

At the highest level of allegiance to the Constitution you find another nation.

Let's call it the Mandela Nation. Members of this nation seek to live in orderly, peaceful manner, where differences are resolved rationally.



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A demonstrator holds a placard during a protest against xenophobia outside the main gate of the South African High Commission in Nigeria which was shut down to avert reprisal attacks in Abuja. (Kola Sulaimon, AFP)

In between the Red Flag Nation and the Mandela Nation, there are many others.

Think about some parts of the country where noise pollution is the norm, despite municipal bylaws prohibiting it. Within the jurisdiction of the same municipality, maybe two kilometers from the loud-music areas, there is a residential area where noise could trigger the deployment of municipal police to enforce bylaws.

There are so many ways in which we can think about the things that separate us in relation to our allegiance to the Constitution and the laws sanctioned by it.

Fundamental

The reason why the Constitution and the law in general are fundamental in telling us about our sense of nationhood is that citizenship and nationhood are primarily sources from the Constitution itself.

It is the Constitution that mandates the establishment of other laws to give effect to its own provisions. Allegiance to the Constitution and other laws in general is, therefore, crucial.

The point is that we are at different stages of political development. The highest form of political development would be the stage of the Mandela Nation. The lowest is in the form of the Red Flag Nation.

When we add foreign nationals into the mix, the picture gets even more complicated.

If you entered South Africa illegally and for a very long time made no attempt to regularise your status, there is no way you claim you belong to the Mandela Nation.

Even those who eventually get regularised, there appears to be no process to induct them on the basics of what it means to live in South Africa, what is allowed and what isn't.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

Foreign nationals living in South Africa would more or less feature in the many existing nations within South Africa – ranging from the Red Flag to Mandela.

Where violence or various forms of crimes can easily be committed among South Africans, there would be foreign nationals caught in it, either as victims or as perpetrators.

Violence can also occur as a result of friction between two different nations who are at different stages of political development. But members of the nation at the highest level of political development are highly unlikely to fight violently.

They would rather take each other on in a manner prescribed by the Constitution and other laws – through various dispute resolution mechanisms. (This is my subjective localisation of Francis Fukuyama's universal theory in his book *End of History and the Last Man*.)

The debate about whether South Africans are xenophobic or not is unhelpful.

Only the nations within South African who have not reached the level of political development that enables them to appreciate their rights and responsibilities under the Constitution are likely to be involved in all manner of violence against fellow locals and foreign nationals.

In terms of the preamble of the Constitution, as South Africans we committed ourselves to "build a united and democratic South Africa able to take its rightful place as a sovereign state in a family of nations" of the world.

It is clear that we have not reached the level of unity envisaged in the

Constitution.

Granted, nation building is a never-ending process. But the violence among South Africans themselves – and by extension towards foreigners – is a symptom of nation building process that is stalling.

The reaction by fellow Africans condemning 'South Africa' for the attacks on foreigners shows lack of understanding of the fragmented socio-economic and cultural structure of the country in relation to allegiance to the Constitution.

Condemning 'South Africa' might seem inevitable when you look from a distance. But a closer inspection would reveal that it's the nations within South Africa who are at their lowest level of political development who, even without foreigners, are likely to exhibit some form of violence because they are far away from the ideals of the Constitution.

While it is understandable for Zambia, for example, to cancel a friendly match with Bafana Bafana due to xenophobic violence, the problem is that the embarrassment is not felt by the 'nation' within South Africa that perpetrated violent attacks on foreigners. It is not felt by the Red Flag Nation. Only the Mandela Nation is embarrassed.

Any attempt by any African country to 'retaliate' against 'South Africa' is bound to miss the point.

Embarrass

If it is meant to embarrass the government so that it can take harsh action against the criminals, it is well and good.

After all, the government has been lethargic in its fight against crime in general. But if the idea is to punish 'South Africa', then it is a reaction based on 'fallacy of the composition' – the idea that something is true of the whole simply because it is true of some parts of the whole.

So given this analysis, what is to be done? The solution is to craft strategies to lift those among us who are still at the lowest level of political development, so that they may undertake their responsibilities and claim their rights in terms of the Constitution of the Republic.

Section 3 of the Constitution says all citizens are entitled to rights, privileges and benefits of citizenship; and equally subject to the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

The same section convers, 'common South African citizenship'. It's clear that we need to quickly move to a situation where 'common South African citizenship' under a 'united and democratic South Africa' becomes real, and the differential allegiance to the Constitution and other laws is eliminated.



By Comfort Mabuza

St Francis of Assisi once prayed: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy."

ILL-TREATMENT OF FOREIGNERS - NON-SOUTH AFRICANS

The obtaining xenophobic violence and conflicts supposedly against non-South Africans-Gauteng Region to be specific, has left me wondering if the church and interfaith groups understand their core calling and mission during the times of such national crisis. I have followed the crisis in SA with keen interest and as a Christian and human rights defender, I am very concerned the church's and interfaith groups voices is not loud and clear. One must admit that it is a great shock that in this time and age there are people who can resort to xenophobic violence, killing people and subjecting them to ill-treatment just because they are not South Africans. Such hatred based on people's nationality inflicting pain and humiliation to people for being foreigners has indeed left me very disturbed and hurt. Why should Africans be ill-treated because they are non-South Africans? What has befallen our beloved South Africans-after we were so happy that this country was a

WHERE IS THE CHURCH AND INTERFAITH VOICE?

XENOPHOBIC VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA IS OUR CONCERN TOO



beacon of hope and shining light in the entire SADC region and the African continent that Africans can live together irrespective of their nationalities? But after the obtaining xenophobic violence and ill-treatment of the African brothers and sisters, people are now doubting the peace that South Africans have enjoyed after their hard fought freedom from the white regime and oppressors.

THE CHURCH AND INTERFAITH GROUPS VOICES

What remains an indictment in all this challenge has been the silence of the church and interfaith groups. I will certainly zero my concern to the church because that is an entity I am most familiar with and its mandate to social concern matters and agenda. I respect the Christian leaders that attempted to stand up and condemn the xenophobic violence targeted towards Africans who are referred to as 'foreigners' or non-South

African nationals to be exact. It is so discouraging that we are not hearing the voice of the church and interfaith groups in all these obtaining challenges. It is during such national crisis that the voice of reason must be heard from the religious leaders, especially the Church because they should be advocating for peace broking and ensuring that those who are behind such inhuman behaviour are told that our God does not approve violence and conflicts. There is absolutely no reason to allow such anarchy to prevail in a country whose freedom and liberty has been considered a miracle. It disturbs us highly that we are not hearing a pastoral call in the obtaining challenges. One would have appreciated a joint collective voice condemning this madness. Also, it would have added value to hear of a collective programme of action and response in helping the nation deal with such atrocities committed against the African people who are non-South

Africans. Surely the continued acts of violence being committed render the inter-faith and Ecumenical mission not effective and relevant.

THE SILENCE IS TOO LOUD

When there are such obtaining xenophobic violence and conflicts with the potential to destroy foundations of a nation, the voice of the Church and interfaith movement, especially Ecumenical bodies becomes quite critical. These past two weeks, one would have expected a groundswell of support through peace initiatives, as well as condemnation of such xenophobic violence in RSA -especially in the Gauteng Region. I must applaud the few church leaders, in particular who have risen to the challenge of trying to help resolve this. But the silence in some church and religious groups was just too loud. Why should the Church in particular always be the last to stand up and be counted in condemning such inhuman bar-



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STOP KILLING WOMEN AND CHILDREN #IAMNOTNEXT!

The killing of women and children must stop manifesting endemic humiliation and dehumanisation.

Women, protectors of communities and families whilst children are the future, rooted within indigenous context. Currently, being negated by rampant killing, sexual offence and domestic violence against women and children.

This dominate paradigm is beyond prayer, as prayer does not enable meaningful engagements within families, communities and the nation. Thus, it's time to talk about the core issues manifesting in the killing of women and children, as societies are living with this violence and abuse of women and children resulting in murder, to address the intricate issues driving these killings. Therefore, it is critical to organise families, community and national dialogues that enable people to take responsibility for these killings.

Society must heal itself at the core of this endemic behaviour, as families and communities have the knowledges. Of what has gone wrong, the change process that has allowed Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence to be cultural practice. Such that today we

are experiencing the killing of women and children, creating fatherless and motherless children, and most significantly families with no future progeny. This genocide, contextualised as femicide by many is creating profound spiritual, emotional and physical scars requiring dialogue and healing. By the families, communities and nation, for these traumas are a high risk towards peace and stability.

TOXIC MASCULINITY

Toxic masculinity has become the dominant paradigm within families, communities and nationally, unfortunately this is justified within the culture context. This is tragic as toxicity within masculinity is potent like *umsaba*, the *buganu* that has been dug underground to be enjoyed during winter months. One sip of *umsaba* sends shocking waves to the whole system, people lose control of their moral behaviour due to the potency. *Umsaba*, appropriate metaphor for the endemic toxic masculinity that is dominating all spheres of influence as men and women are embroiled with toxicity. This manifest within Education, workplace, church and culture in moral behaviours as toxic masculinity knows no boundaries, permeates into dominate institutions with ori-

gins embedded in families, communities and nationally. Main indicator, transactional relationships, manifesting within all gender as men, women and children relationships are driven by greed, materialism and corruption. There are no sacred spaces that have not been infiltrated by toxic masculinity, Church is transactional, and Culture has become transactional. In Church tides manifest in class structures that manifest in voices of authority, participation in Culture is dominated by political appointments and tender entrepreneurs. Therefore toxic masculinity has corrupted spaces that used to be sacred, which knowledges on how to deal with violence and abuse. Silencing the voices of women and children, suppressing meaningful engagement whilst praying and celebrating toxic masculinity.

Umsaba, toxic masculinity, emerges from underground potent like a bomb that rattles all cages, intoxicating Education, Church, Culture and Workplace. Toxic masculinity provides the ego with perceived power to humiliate and dehumanize men, women and children as it manifest within families, communities and nationally. Toxic masculinity has been a ticking time bomb underground enabled by families, communities and the nation, who are now crying foul. Yet for

generations they have been active participants in brewing, fermenting and suppressing toxic masculinity within society. Those men killing women and children have been nurtured with toxic masculinity in families, communities and nation. Society has been subjugating, humiliating and dehumanizing women and children to accept toxic masculinity in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, education, workplace and culture.

PATRIARCHY MUST FALL

Indigenous societies understood gender inclusivity which originated from matrilineal and patrilineal indigenous knowledge systems. Indigenous women had voices within family, community and society as decision making process enabled their engagement on critical matters such as marriages and land. The cultural resources were protected by women on behalf of their children in polygamy, *indlu ngendlu*, wars and conflict, most importantly during migration to the mines. As indigenous societies understood women and children's humility and humbleness emanating from 'humus' the Latin word for earth. Professor Evelin from World Dignity University states, humiliation after 1757 connotes an illicit lowering, while humility and humbleness remains virtues.

baric xenophobic violence? Are we not guilty of always rushing to prayer instead of going to the very affected communities and help restore order and broker peace? Ecumenical bodies in particular should be encouraging their church members to do more than praying. Peace dialogues initiatives aimed at bringing about all warring groups around the table to have these conflicts resolved. This was an opportune time for the church and interfaith groups in particular to promote dialogue and foster cooperation to have such conflicts resolved amicably.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH?

It is the Christians' duty to act in a moral way and be seen rising to the national obtaining challenges, especially where there are xenophobic attacks. The church should take the lead in ensuring that there is dialogue in finding solutions towards resolving these cries. Brokering peace and ensuring that people are made to respect each other and live in harmony is the core mandate necessary of the church. The church and interfaith groups should be working tirelessly in helping resolving xenophobic conflicts. The church in particular, is the salt and light of the world and should be seen playing its vital role in assisting these desperate people by providing food banks as well as places where such desperate people can be accommodated so that they are also fed and protected.

Displaced people needing help should be assisted. The wounded should be given health care attention and have their physical needs met as part of being the hands and eyes of Jesus. It is so hurting that African people can become refugees as if South Africa is at war and surely the very church buildings could have become shelters of care facilities ensuring that people find help. Social concern is part of the gospel message and mission. We should reach out with love and compassion.

WHEN FOUNDATIONS ARE SHAKEN - THE RIGHTEOUS MUST ARISE AND BUILD

The church should affirm that all people are made and created in God's image and deserve respect and human dignity. It is wrong to subject Africans to these violent treatment just because they are non-South Africans.

Discrimination against people who are not South

Africans and calling them names is a violation of their human right and dignity by the way. People irrespective of their ethnic background and nationality should never be discriminated against. It is very wrong to make people feel unwelcomed and unwanted. The Church should therefore facilitate dialogue and encourage ubuntu. It is African to welcome all people and accord them respect and dignity. The Church should teach and preach human values of treating strangers as fellow humanity and part of any given society in South Africa and therefore Africana today. It is time to rise up and rebuild these foundations that has since been destroyed. The church should lead and facilitate healthy dialogue between all nationals and people from other countries. It should condemn xenophobic violence against people who are considered non-South Africans. These Africans should be welcomed as brothers and sisters and therefore part of South Africa. No one should promote hatred and found mistreating other Africans. The church must take the lead and foster healthy dialogue and promote reconciliation.

AFRICANS MUST LIVE PEACEFULLY

So many arguments against non-South Africans living and working in South Africa as if they are not supposed to live and work there. There are even claims that these fellow Africans are taking jobs and causing so much unemployment for the South Africans.

Others have gone to the extreme of claiming that most of the Africans are without papers and Temporary resident Permits (TRPs). Well let me not delve into the issues of TRPs, and leave that to the hands of Law enforcement agents. What I still cannot accept is then to resort to violent action targeting non-South Africans to 'deal' with them.

We certainly cannot be condoning any violent acts as it is so barbaric and inhuman. Africans are supposed to be seen well treated and protected anywhere in Africa, after all SA is part of the Region and African continent. Who then has guts to subject non-South Africans to such ill treatment and violence?

We must live in peace and enjoy harmony as Africans.

The xenophobic violence reported and seen is not good development at all. It tarnishes the gains as a region and the African continent.

Professor Evelin further states, humility and humbleness stands for the absence of arrogated superiority and hubris and for the wise and modest acknowledgement of limits. When one is humble, one lowers oneself voluntarily, when one is humiliated, one is lowered against one's interest. These insights from this Professor of Humiliation and Dignity Studies speaks to how patriarchy has created the cultural context of humiliation. Women and children have been raised to humble themselves voluntarily within the indigenous context where there was absence of misappropriated superiority. The indigenous context that enabled gender inclusive voices and wisdom to manifest with modesty as all sides acknowledged limits.

Thus, manifesting the matrilineal and patrilineal indigenous knowledge systems that have been marginalised and subjugated by patriarchy. Rooted in the man's world dominate paradigm that teaches and preaches humiliation, where one is lowered against one's interest. As the man's world is embedded on humiliating men, women and children, thus, manifesting in exclusive and undemocratic knowledge systems. Patriarchy within the education, workplace, church and culture, where humility is expected to meekly lowering oneself into powerless and voiceless disposition. These patriarchal institutions institutionalized around what Professor Evelin contextualised as humiliation, dutifully learnt and habitual and impetuous and hotheaded.

Evidently, killing of women and children, sexual offences and domestic violence manifest from patriarchy that has negated matrilineal and patrilineal indigenous knowledge systems. Institutionalised within education, workplace, church and culture to lower women and children against their own interests, and men too. As it is an exclusive and undemocratic knowledge system, recognising those with transactional influence to be members of this exclusive society. Thus, begins the sup-

pression and subjugation that manifest in killing, sexual offences and domestic violence. As the suppressed and subjugated anchor this through humiliating women and children, and women anchor their humiliation through other women and children. Patriarchy must fall through the integration of indigenous knowledges and modernity, contextualising humility and humbleness as virtues and not vulnerabilities.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, by redressing the dominate response to the killing of women and children of #Iamnext. I am a proponent of #Iamnotnext, as I took my power back in 2003 in my first book *Releasing Monkeys*, a publication where I told my story. My experiences with sexual offenses and domestic violence that I shared as a pathfinder for women and children to use their voices. I wrote this book liberating my soul, as I could not live a lie, as if I have not experienced a violation as a child and woman. Telling my story created contention, and this is part of the territory but I told my story for other women to read and learn, and most significantly this liberated my soul.

Women are embroiled in self-hatred that renders them incapable of supporting other women and this was my experience after publishing *Releasing Monkeys*. I was classed as a none-entity trying to rise to fame through those with classy family backgrounds, and I was shocked as my mother held a doctorate the highest education class. I experienced numerous negativities but it was worth it, and today I state I am not next, not only because I am enriched with sexual offenses and domestic violence personally. However, I have studied indigenous knowledge such that when I say Patriarchy Must Fall, this is personal, spiritual and academic. Patriarchy Must Fall embedded within women, as women are the worst patriarchists, manifesting self-hatred.

SEEKING THE SACRED



By Lisa Mongelli

Man the Great Ape content in his immortality preserves nothing. His folly leads him to the Moon Dance.....

Catastrophe! Still he laughs through the night. When comes the dawn? Realisation! Lead us not into temptation lead us not into our own destruction.

Mans belief in God and what is truly sacred most surely has eluded him. How can it be that we live under the erroneous notion we hold dominion over the earth no matter how destructive we are. Can it be that we hold ourselves too high over the rest of creation? Have we not gone too far?

The presence of God is all around us all we need do is look. Creation, nature is the profound proof that God exists, and yet everyday in some way or another we defile our loving God by abusing the sacred space he has gifted us. Our earth! We are destroying our habitat and as we do this evil we grow closer to our own extinction.

Modern man and his ongoing affair with technology, seems to have taken over his natural sense of self preservation and conservation.

Blinded and distracted by virtual reality and preoccupied with his day to day stress he is hard pressed to actually look up and see what is going on around him.

Most of us simply choose to ignore what is happening because modern life is too overwhelming, but the real truth is if we don't look up and take notice soon life as we know could be seeing its end.

The indigenous people of the world are sending out a cry that the earth will die if we do not change our outlook and relationship with her. Commercial farming and oil companies are two of the biggest culprits.

Industrialised farming conglomerates are levelling indigenous forests killing wild life polluting the ground water and the air with pesticides for palm oil.

There is a great danger that palm oil farming could actually see the Orang-utan species into its extinction. If the voracious invasion of this Great Apes terrain is not controlled and regulated we will see a beautiful part of our

natural world come to an end.

The Honey Bee is facing extinction through colony collapse disorder because of the pesticides used in commercial and GMO farming. These pesticides are dangerous and should have been outlawed long ago but we are too complacent. We are lulled into a sense of false security believing that all is well. It is not the Honey Bee that is just at risk. Research is showing it isn't the gluten we are allergic to in the wheat products we consume it is the pesticides.

The large oil companies are polluting the ocean drilling for oil to make petrol and plastic to pollute the seas further and destroy our marine life, and we have yet to really understand what Hydraulic Fracturing or fracking for natural gas is doing to our drinking water. All this is done in the name of cash and consumerism so evil men can enrich themselves. The problem is we can't breathe, drink or eat money.

The poles are melting because the Co2 gasses are causing a greenhouse effect on our planet causing climate change and through that climate change our water and food supply is being threatened. The natural order of our planets ecology is being changed not in a methodical natural manner but through mans lack of conservation. The insatiable need for oil companies to continually drill for oil has everything to do with money and power it is inconducive to anything that remotely resembles conservation no matter what the hype. Fossil fuels are dangerous they are destroying our planet.

My point is each and every one of us is responsible for our world and our environment. We must in as much as we have the power conserve where we can and make a difference. Without preservation we will see our way of life diminish.

Will the children see the wonder of this world? Will their children? If we do not consciously change how we deal with our Mother Earth nature in all its splendour may only be a memory in time.

We as a race of men who are seeking a higher standing with the divine who pray to the Lord for retribution and redemption those of us seeking the sacred need to truly understand we cannot defile Gods sacred creation the Earth and expect to find salvation. No space ship from the sky or prophet floating on a cloud will save man-kind if he is determined to destroy himself.

Time runs like sand through our fingers we must practice conservation now that future generations can claim their birthright and experience the beauty of our planet.

Each and every species that walks this earth is interconnected and sacred to the creator, 'and God looked upon all that he had created and saw that it was good'. Let's get back to that place let us return to understanding what is good what is truly sacred and do something about preserving it.

God bless you and enjoy your Sunday.

Please share your thoughts with me email me at lisamongelli30@gmail.com



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Schools countrywide have re-opened for the third term and very soon the pupils will be earnestly preparing for this year's final exams.

Everyone's spirits are lifting as the year-end celebration preparations are also around the corner.

United General Insurance, however, would like to urge Emaswati to exercise caution on the roads as they go about ensuring that the year ends on a high note. It is almost a given that even as you try your level best to employ safe driving skills every time, there still is a probability of your car being involved in an accident.

Driving, just like handling any other type of machinery, is prone to human error. While we do not plan for them, accidents just do happen.

Hitting someone else's car by mistake is still an accident and one that you may be liable for. The cost of fixing a vehicle that you may have been in an accident with may lead into thousands of Emalangeni. This is an expense that most people may not be able to meet up-front. United General Insurance's Vehicle Insurance has a provision for this type of accident.

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It is important to make sure that neither yours nor the third party's vehicle is moved when the accident occurs and to call the police to the accident scene. Make sure that you give the police a detailed statement about the accident as this will help them ascertain liability for the damages.

If the police find that you are in fact the cause of the accident, the onus is on you to immediately inform United General Insurance. You will be advised of your next best step on your claim such as the car mechanic to visit and getting correct assessment of the damage that you have caused.

While vigilantly looking out for yours and other vehicles on the roads is the best way to avoid accidents, always ensure that you mind pedestrians as well.

Take into consideration that this time of the year brings with it an increase in road usage.

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GOLFERS SING PRAISES TO KING'S CUP GOLF TOURNEY 2019

Golfers coming from different countries around the globe to participate in the King's Cup Sunshine Tour 2019 competition at the Royal Swazi Spa at Ezulwini shouted, in one voice, 'We shall come back to Eswatini!'

From September 5 to 8, the golfers braved the drizzling chilly weather and swung their golf clubs, teeing off, with the hope of beating all and taking the first position; but, as it always happens in any game, there could only be one eventual victor and this time the title went to eight-time winner Jaco Ahlers from South Africa, Johannesburg.

Ahlers sailed all the way to his eighth Sunshine Tour title three-stroke victory, showing Daniel Greene a clean pair of heels, with Alex Haindl and Estiaan Conradie sharing the third spot. And in true sportsmanship character, the losing golfers were seen with big smiles walking to Ahlers, taking his hand, congratulating him.

They proceeded to pose for photos with him, as though to intensify the true meaning of sport – to bring unity among those who partake. Indeed, without unity, sport has lost its true meaning.

Ahlers had a solid base on which to build his victory after he made a round in topping the professional category.

Local golfer Sam Mzileni shone in the professional amateur category. Mzileni partnered with professional golfer Estiaan Conradie.

The golfers, a number of whom have been in the country several times before for the King's

Cup, professed their love not only for the annual tournament but the kingdom.

The tournament is a product of King Mswati III's 2004 Job Creation Summit, and attracts business people from South Africa, the region and beyond, and tends to pack out the hotels in Ezulwini.

Over and above, golfers sang praises to the Royal Swazi Spa Golf course, saying it was the best they had seen and in which they played. Last year the King's Cup Golf Tournament yielded E1 million sponsorship, rising by more than half to E2 380 000 this year.

The company that brought the biggest sponsorship was Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation (ESRIC) with E800 000, with MTN giving E450 000; Eswatini Electricity Company donated E300 000, with EPTC standing at E280 000. Royal Swazi Spa gave E200 000 while Eswatini Mobile forked out E100 000.

SPECTACULAR

Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati had earlier predicted a spectacular event, with a prize value of over E1 million, and true to what Vilakati said the event was declared by organisers and golfers alike, as one of the best so far. He thanked all the sponsors who continued to give support to the event and by extension fulfilling His Majesty's dream of job creation.

Interviewed after the cup's presentation, Minister Vilakati said the tournament was a welcome boost to the country's economy, expressing his joy that the event went well. He also thanked the King for his support, saying his presence and interest in the tournament meant a lot. He was also happy that hotels were fully booked, which meant good business to them and the economy.

The minister said the players were top golfers and their presence would market the country at international level, saying many people would

WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY DAY

World physiotherapy day is a day that is commemorated on the 8th Sept of every year and has been celebrated since 1996.

The World Confederation for Physiotherapy (WCPT) set this day aside with an aim of generating awareness about the crucial contribution physiotherapist make to society to enable people to be mobile, well, and independent. WCPT is a global body that represents the entire physiotherapist and their associations. Founded in 1951, the World Confederation for Physiotherapy is the sole international voice for physical therapy, representing more than 450 000 physiotherapists worldwide through its 110 member organisations. WCPT has chosen chronic pain as the theme for this year's celebration.

According to the American Physical Therapist Association, it is approximated that 100 million American adults and an economic costs attributable to such pain approach US\$600 billion annually. On this day physiotherapist around the world will embark on various activities aimed at creating awareness on this issue that has become a significant global health burden. This year the Eswatini Physiotherapy Association (EPA) will be carrying out various awareness campaign's both on radio and on print media throughout the month of September.

Eswatini Physiotherapy Association (EPA) is a professional association, which brings together all the physiotherapy in the country. It is affiliated to other international professional bodies like Africa Region WCPT and the World confederation of Physiotherapy (WCPT). EPA has remained an active member of these organizations has always engaged in activities which foster growth of the profession in the country. This year the associa-

tion sent a delegate to represent the country and the physiotherapist in the world congress held in Switzerland.

Like highlighted above this year's theme is chronic pain. While acute pain serves to alarms us about potential tissue damage and typically comes on suddenly as a result of a specific incident such as surgery, childbirth, a fracture, or trauma. Chronic pain serves no biologic purpose as it is not related to the threat of tissue damage. Chronic pain can be considered a disease state and can persist for months or years.

Physiotherapy is a dynamic profession with an established theoretical and scientific basis for therapeutic interventions capable of restoring, maintaining, and promoting optimal physical function. Physiotherapist work both independently and as members of multidisciplinary health care teams to enhance the health, well-being, and quality of life of their patients, who present with a wide range of conditions including those that commonly cause pain.

Physiotherapist are especially effective at reducing pain and improving function in cases of low back pain, fibromyalgia, shoulder, and hip and knee osteoarthritis among many others.

PHYSIOTHERAPY IS PART OF A SOLUTION ON CHRONIC PAIN

Solution to chronic pain requires a multi disciplinary approach of professionals across the entire continuum of health care settings. Physiotherapist, engage in an examination process that focuses not only the symptoms of pain but also the movement patterns that may be contributing to pain, and are central to this multidisciplinary strategy.

WHO IS A PHYSIOTHERAPIST?

Physiotherapists are licensed clinical professionals who have completed an accredited 4-year degree course at a medical university. This is a standard



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start to come to the country on seeing their favourite golfers competing here.

Meanwhile, the King's Cup Golf Tournament Committee Chairman Sam Richards said he was very impressed with the standard of play showed by the players, saying the tournament puts the country on the world map. His words were echoed by the organizing com-

mittee's representative, Vusi Dlamini, who asked the King for the extension of the tournament to four days.

Dlamini said as the organising committee they would ensure that the prize package would increase to match the four days.

"We are also pleased to note that the tournament has grown in leaps and

bounds and we are looking to ensuring that it becomes a benchmark for golf tournaments which are hosted in the country," said Dlamini.

We at Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) are proud to be associated with this prestigious event, and are excited to see sports tourism growing in leaps and bounds.

● Geriatric

Geriatric physical therapy focuses on the unique movement needs of older adults. This includes treatment for conditions such as arthritis, cancer, osteoporosis, joint replacement, and balance disorders.

● Neurological

Neurological physical therapy focuses on neurological conditions and impairments, such as brain injury, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injury and stroke.

● Cardiopulmonary

Cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapy focuses on helping individuals who suffer from cardiovascular and pulmonary conditions, such as heart attacks, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and pulmonary fibrosis.

● Paediatric

Paediatric physical therapy focuses on the unique needs of infants, toddlers, children and adolescents. Early detection is desirable when a child experiences problems that inhibit natural movement and learning.

WHERE ARE PHYSIOTHERAPIST FOUND IN ESWATINI

Physiotherapists are spread in health care system in the country. They can be found in the big government hospitals, private hospitals, private physiotherapy clinics, NGOs and parasatals like the MVA. Physiotherapist are categorised as first line practioners therefore they can be consulted directly or via referral from the doctors.

Watch out for articles throughout this month on chronic pain.

Thank you

Hauron Wambua

FIELDS OF PHYSIOTHERAPY

Physiotherapy is sub-divided into five different areas

● Orthopaedic

Orthopaedic physiotherapy focuses on restoring function to the musculoskeletal system, including joints, tendons, ligaments and bones. Many sports injuries fall into this category

of training has been set world wide by the WCPT in collaboration with various stakeholders.

As health care providers, physiotherapists are experts in human movement and combine their extensive education, clinical experience, and the latest medical research to assess and treat people of all ages and abilities, to maximize their capacity for movement and, in doing so, help them improve or maintain their function and quality of life.

This is based on their judgment about diagnoses and prognoses, and based on each patient's personal goals. Physiotherapist design individualized plans of care, provide appropriate interventions, conduct re-examinations, and modify treatment as necessary to optimize patient outcomes. They also work closely with other professionals in the health care system and refer their patients to other providers as indicated. In Eswatini, all physiotherapist must be registered with the Swaziland Dentist and Medical Council.

Role of physiotherapy in management

EXCELLENCE OF WORK

Professional excellence is something that I hold in high regard.

I define it as being exceptional in whatever that one is doing. It is having a high work ethic that produces high quality work. And this is not just in your work only but in all areas of life. An excellent professional seeks a high level of competence in their work that allows them to compete globally with other professionals in the same field. Excellent professionals do not only see themselves as employees but as assets of the organization who drive the success of their organization. They continuously innovate to come up with creative ideas that will shape their industry. Professional excellence encompasses different topics which I will be unpacking in the next weeks. A strong work ethic is one characteristics of an excellent professional.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act but a habit - Aristotle"

So, what are work ethics? Work ethics are set of values involving the correct approach, attitude, respect for others, lively communication and precise behavior. These are set of moral principles used in the job and encompasses many traits including: discipline, dedication, cooperation, integrity, determination, humility, passion, organizational skills, creativity, teamwork, reliability and being flexible and adaptable. Such traits are learnt over time and require practice.

A strong work ethic is a combination of working hard and smart. Employers value employees who work hard smartly. This means devising the most efficient way to complete tasks in order to save time while completing your daily tasks to allow you to do other tasks. Going the extra mile and doing more than expected shows that one has good time management skills and effectively utilizes company resources. Management does notice and appreciate employees with good work ethics because such people are necessary for the success of the organization.

Employees revealing good work ethics are the first to be considered for promotions and are given more responsibilities. Essentially, both employees and managers must have a strong work ethic to keep the organization functioning at its peak.

Let me display a real-life example. John works for a consultancy as a junior associate. He works from 8am to 5pm from Monday to Friday. He comes to work on time and leaves work on time every day. He drafts a "To-do" list which he prepares the night before and tracks his progress daily.

He constantly checks in with his manager and gives him updates so that his manager is aware of the work done by John and does his best to assist John where he can. John is disciplined enough to avoid distractions but commits to his "To-do" list and works hard until he has completed his daily tasks.

He takes his breaks at the right time and does not stay on breaks for more than the stipulated time. He com-

pletes his projects on time and the work that he does is of good quality. Whenever, he has a personal responsibility to attend to, he reports to his manager and John has therefore gained his manager's trust. John helps his colleagues with their work and they rely on him for support. It is small wonder that John was the first person to be recommend for the associate director position in his organization. John exhibits strong work ethics. So, what can we learn from John?

John shows integrity in his work by practicing the highest business ethics standards. He comes and leave work timely and takes his breaks at the correct time for the correct duration. He gives honest feedback to his manager and his colleagues. He does not misuse or abuse company resources by sitting on the company phones or the internet for long hours pretending to work when he is not. He is honest about his work. He is dependable as he completes his tasks and delivers work timely. He meets deadlines and if he foresees any risk, he communicates it in advance. He is a good example to others. John goes the extra mile and takes initiatives. He respects people, time, the company's laws, the company itself and its assets. He attends meetings on time and comes prepared. He is a good leader to those following him. Daily, he strives to improve the quality of work he delivers and quality extends to every aspect of his work. From his presentations to his memos, everything he touches communicates quality and professionalism. Although he has received many rewards and recognition for his work, he is not proud about it but is very modest and humble. He is not arrogant. These are some good strong work ethics that we can learn from John.

As an employee pursuing professional excellence, review the list of strong ethics above and rate yourself in the attributes listed. Determine the character traits that you lack and those that you need to improve on. Set goals to develop those traits that you lack or improve on those where you are deficient. You can ask your manager to rate you and give you constructive feedback.

Once you have set your goals, practice on small tasks. Practice until you are an expert at it. My advice is to also get a coach/mentor who will give constant feedback on your progress. Put in the work and be disciplined. Your success depends on it. Know the level of growth you want to attain and do not give up until you attain it. Constantly review your own progress to determine how far you are from reaching your goal and to determine areas of improvement. Use a journal to track your progress daily. Nothing can replace the importance of good work ethic for your future, both professionally and personally.

Attaining all these traits is a process which first requires one to take a firm decision to develop each one of them until they become part of your character.

It requires determination and discipline to continuously improve no matter how many times you fall. Do I say that I have attained all of them? No, I haven't but one thing I do is to press towards my goal until I completely have all the character traits of an employee with good strong work ethics. And giving up is not an option.

OUR CHILDREN DESERVE BETTER

It takes Eswatini
to end sexual violence against children

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hy is it
that when
a crime,

especially sexual violence, is committed against children by an adult it gets ignored simply because the perpetrator is a breadwinner?

This is a question which was raised by a child, a victim of sexual assault, whose family decided to sweep the criminal occurrence under the carpet and let the child bear shame instead of rightly apportioning it to the perpetrator.

This is a question many children ask themselves and as a result they turn around and end up blaming themselves for being raped. Children are guilt tripped into silence, made to accept sexual violence as normal and we as a nation stand by and do nothing.

The It Takes Eswatini to End Sexual Violence Against Children campaign is purposed to change this. No victim of sexual assault should ever feel ashamed that they were violated against. Instead, they should get justice and perpetrators should get the lawful punishment they deserve.

We are calling for children to be treated with the Biblical dignity exemplified by Jesus Christ when He urged His disciples to let children come to Him (Mark 10:13-16) because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them.

Jesus cautioned in Matthew 18:10; "...do not despise these little ones. For I tell you their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven."

How then, are our actions fulfilling Jesus'

counsel when we destroy our children? Because by sitting back and doing nothing despite knowing that a child is being sexually violated makes us as guilty as the perpetrators.

The laws of the country also realise the importance of protecting children and puts this succinctly clear that they should be protected. It is in this regard that the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act of 2018 makes it a crime to maintain a relationship with a minor, rape a minor and it is also a crime to protect rapists and not report cases of sexual violence.

The biggest mandate this campaign has is self-explanatory; to end sexual violence completely. This is not possible if parents and communities can excuse monsters who rape children and let them live among them simply because they are somewhat beneficial.

It is time that communities self-introspect and ask themselves why is it that they are angered by housebreaking incidences but remain apologetic when their children are sexually violated. When are Emaswati going to start looking at sexual violence as the most detrimental type of violence that can be done against anybody? Rape is just like murder because it chips away at all victims' souls leaving them without anything to cling on to. And then it gets worse when the victim is called upon to accept this violation and nothing is done to the perpetrators.

As Emaswati we are willing to approach our

neighbours whose cattle destroy our fields but accept the perpetrator who kills our future whereas we always proclaim that our children are our continuation. How is possible? The more we protect perpetrators, the more we embolden them in their quest to destroy this nation.

Yes, rapists are destroyers. Whenever a child is raped know that by keeping quiet, your future hangs on the balance because the rapist might become a murderer as he gains more confidence in his destructive quest. It might be a neighbour's child today and by keeping quiet you enable a rapist to hunt your mother, sister, aunt, nephew, son or brother down.

It is possible to end sexual violence against children. All it takes is for the whole country to stand together and put an end to it. Report all sexual violations. Protect all sexual violence victims and denounce all perpetrators.

On Tuesday this past week, an elderly man of Sidvokodvo in Luvuvhu saw it fit to 'lie' on top of a two-year-old and rape her. A healthy two-year-old usually weighs less than 15kg whereas a grown-up weighs over 65kg...but lie on her he did. Worse, he was sexually aroused and saw a baby befitting to give him relief. Even worse, he fulfilled his violent sexual urge on a baby.

Most two-year olds do not have much of a vocabulary to communicate anything other

than that which they are used to with their family members. As such, most strangers fail to understand that which is said by infants of that age.

In this instant, the elderly man, knowing fully well that he was on a nefarious mission and the baby would not be able to tell what had happened to her, asked to play with the child. Granting the man permission to play with her child, the mother did not suspect anything evil would occur. She thought he was just an adult who could be trusted to keep the child safe.

Despite being too young to know what was happening to her, the baby was able to articulate her pain and scream in anguish. This did not stop the old man as he was on a mission. The mother's screams for him to stop failed to stop him either. This is the amount of evil our children are faced with. Evil which will not stop until it is fully sated. We cannot expect children to even begin to know how to fight against sexual abuse because they cannot. All we can do is stop the perpetrators and prevent sexual violence. It will only end when we realise that it starts with you and me. It will take all of us to stand up and end sexual violence against children.

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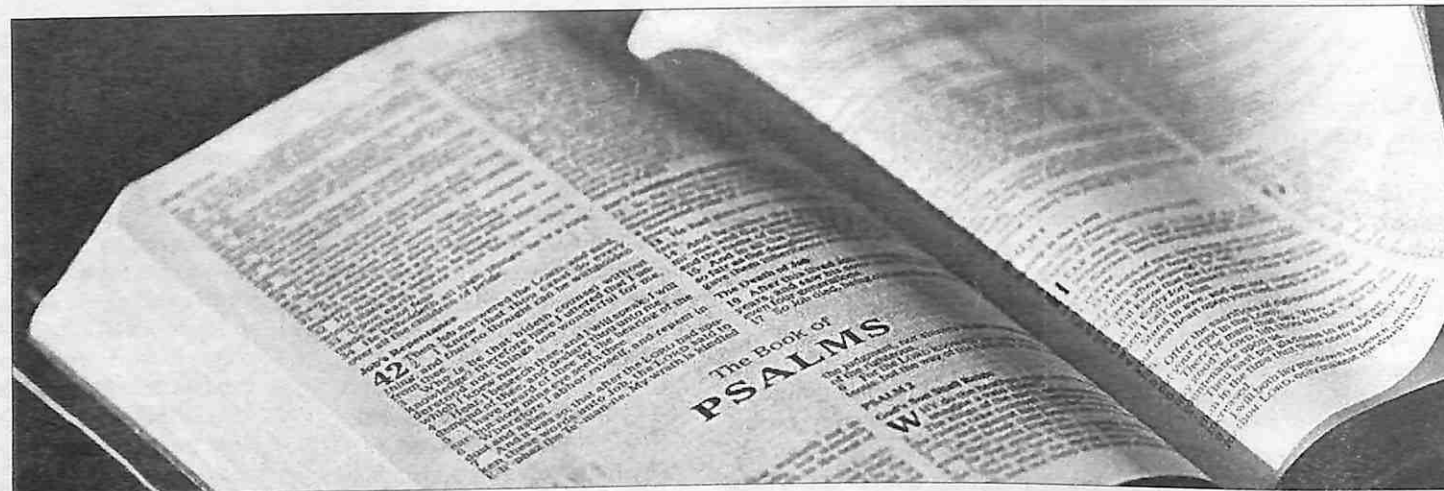
prophecies, is a book of promises that still hold to this very day.

Take the example of Jesus dying on the cross, an action whose benefits still flow to the most undeserving people.

It is such a blessing that even though we sin today, He will forgive by His dying on the cross. He died once for all. Now, I recently discovered a children's book titled 'Walking with Jesus'.

This book has 366 devotions, one for each day of the year, and it was penned by South African, Dave Strehler. I spent almost half a night, tossing and turning in regret as I had spent a fortune on a mere children's book. But this was before I started reading it. When I finally gave it a chance, I was grasped by the first devotion titled 'From Abraham to Jesus'. David says as quoted in Psalm 145:13 says:

HIS PROMISES ARE LIKE A RESOUNDING GONG



"...The Lord is trustworthy in all He promises and faithful in all He does."

This is the same reason the Bible is considered God's signet ring which speaks louder than any gong and sharper than any double-edged sword. Everything that God promised indeed came true and evidently tangible, especially in the New Testament. My daughter's copy of the Bible has God's promises marked

with white stars in the Old Testament; with their fulfilment marked with black stars in the New.

The constellations thicken as the Gospels come to an end, proving that His prophets are truly inspired by the Holy Spirit. I always marvel when I read Hebrews 11 (the so-called faith chapter) as I become witness to God's craftsmanship and ingenuity.

A great man of God, Tudor Bismark once rendered a sermon where he spoke about nearly one hundred events that had to be aligned for God's promises to come to fruition. God's sequencing and unfolding of events seems crazy to most people and Christians, but when He has promised, He delivers. Back to my buy, the chapter reads: "God had promised Abraham that, through his descendants (the children



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JA ESWATINI WINS AT TRADE FAIR

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he 51st Eswatini International Trade Fair has come and gone

but has left us with some positive memories. Junior Achievement Eswatini is honoured to have been awarded the top prize in the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) category during the exhibitors prize giving ceremony by Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini last Monday.

We would like to express our most sincere gratitude to everyone who helped us achieve this remarkable feat. This includes the staff, volunteers and others who manned the exhibition stand from the first day on August 30 up until the last day on September 9. We also thank each and every one of you who passed by our stand seeking information about our programme. We hope you were empowered and will utilize that information in your communities.

Themed "Eswatini is open for business" this year's trade fair was all about showcasing that the country is ready to do business with the locals and the rest of the world. Our stand lived up to that as we were all about

sharing empowerment information about our project which has unearthed many young entrepreneurs. The various JA alumni is proof that Eswatini is open for business as through the trainings we shared with them they have been able to run sustainable businesses.

Our organisation assists JA alumni and unemployed youth to turn their business ideas into profitable and sustainable businesses. We also equip JA alumni and unemployed youth with resource mobilization skills for their businesses.

JA Eswatini enables you to better plan and manage personal finances and make informed life decisions as well as gaining the skills to be productive.

One of the milestone moments was when His Majesty King Mswati III visited the stand during his tour of the various stands. We were humbled to have an opportunity to share with the king what JA is all about as well as show some of the products that were on display done by our youth entrepreneurs.

JA Eswatini is a member of JA Worldwide dedicated to educating young people about business. We are happy to be a part of this global empowerment network. JA Worldwide is one of the largest



global NGOs dedicated to addressing fundamental social and economic challenges of young people by educating and empowering them to transform their future and own their economic success. Through the delivery of cutting-edge, experiential learning in financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship, JA Worldwide effectively broadens the canvas of possibility for young people, and enriches their ability to both engage in their

own economic development as well as contribute to the strength of their families, communities and economies.

On a more local context Junior

Achievement Eswatini is a stand-alone local Non-Governmental organization, governed by a strategic Board of Directors. Other members of the Board are derived from the local business community including education and financial institutions.

As our Executive Director Siboniso Madlopha articulates on our website, "I believe every young Swazi person has a responsibility to create their own economic success in the world. Junior Achievement therefore provides the platform and opportunity for young people to learn and experience first-hand the dynamics of how to start, run and manage an enterprise,

while at the same time exposing them to financial literacy and work readiness skills."

This is what drives us as well to continue working to have an impact in the lives of young people. Therefore this award is not just a victory for the organization but a victory for the youth as well as the project. It also shows recognition from government for our initiatives which we hope will also encourage other partners to join in an support us.

Monetary and in-kind donations and volunteer programs are just one of the ways you or your company can assist us raise funds to support the implementation of this invaluable program to reach out to more young people in Eswatini.

Our programs are meant to supplement the lessons that students currently learn within the class curriculum. We offer engaging and diverse hands-on programming about the basics of business, financial literacy and work readiness. We once again thank the EITF for the recognition and the award and we pledge to continue to work hard in making positive impacts in the lives of young people.

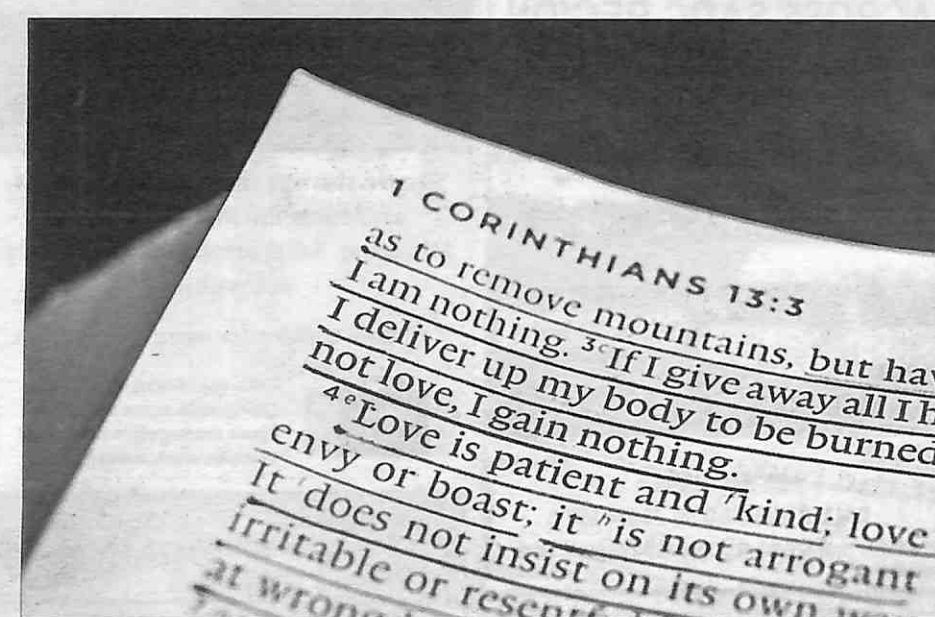
that would come after him), all the nations of the earth would be blessed (Genesis 22:18)." Now the implausibility of this promise made the outcome an even more gigantic miracle. Abraham and Sarah were hopeless in the eyes of the world, and even their own, as far as the fruit of the womb was concerned.

They were so hopeless that they laughed when the Almighty promised them such good news. The devotion continues to read: "Matthew, a disciple of Jesus and the one who wrote the Gospel of Matthew, studied the Old Testament and joined up all the fathers and sons like a chain, linking Abraham to Jesus."

When I started writing these articles, I contributed a series on Jesus' bloodline, which featured some rather controversial characters. And the highlights were inclusive of Bathsheba who mothered Solomon, who fathered Rehoboam, ..., Matthan, Jacob, Joseph and finally Jesus.

Strehler continues to teach: "Why was this family line so important? It was a way to show God's faithfulness to His promise. It was also to make sure that when Jesus was born, there would be no doubt that He was the One whom God had promised to us."

Matthew 1:17 says, "So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations." These are not years but generations, which makes this an even bigger miracle. How did God manage the logistics



of each step and making sure that this father gave birth to that child until He delivered the Root of David?

He had made the promise that the Messiah would be born to David, and He delivered. "In verse 5 of Matthew's list you will see King David's name. As a descendant of David, Jesus would rule on his throne (Isaiah 9:6-7), but the kingdom of Jesus would not be an earthly kingdom, but a heavenly one. A kingdom that would last forever."

This is one of the many reasons the Jews could not believe Jesus was the Saviour and Messiah (apart from the fact that the Holy

Spirit had not been released).

The Hebrews expected a goliath-strong king who would save them from the Romans, but all they got was an uneducated son of a carpenter. This goes to show us how God's ways are higher than our ways, His thoughts higher than ours. God wanted to show us that physical strength, education, class and riches were not prerequisites to enter His everlasting kingdom.

In essence, His promises may not come the way we expect them and they may not be as timely as we had postulated, but He does deliver. He promised us a Saviour who would die

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even for the Gentiles and we all got just that. My devotion also says: "Jesus is the King of kings, and when we allow Jesus to rule in our lives we become part of His kingdom." Being faithful is one facet of God He never forsakes because He knows the beginning from the end. Prophet TB Joshua says it is wise to trust someone who is smarter and stronger than you.

The same man of God always emphasised on how unimportant worrying was in speeding up God's processes because He does not need our help. He is in charge of everything and everything answers to Him. The Word says "Who can hold back His hand and say 'What have You done?'". It also says He does as He pleases! So whatever He has promised you, just sprinkle a little Hebrews 11 to quench that doubt, and He will deliver because He is God!

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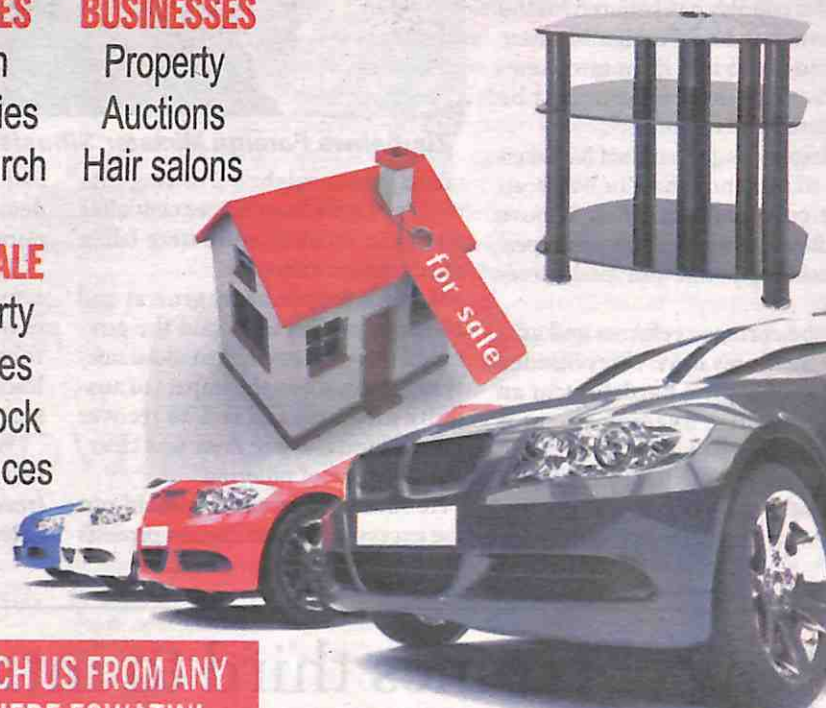
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Zim is serious about reforms

HARARE - Zimbabwe is serious about pursuing political and economic reforms and deserves international support, its foreign minister told Reuters on Friday.

President Emmerson Mnangagwa promised a different approach when he replaced longtime ruler Robert Mugabe after the November 2017 coup, but he has found it hard to revive economic growth and faced criticism over a heavy-handed response to protests.

Mugabe's death last week, aged 95, has made some people question what Mnangagwa has achieved in his two years in power.

"The international community needs to understand and nurse this country. This country has suffered for the past two decades," Foreign Minister Sibusiso Moyo said in an interview.

"This is the time when it must be supported in its reforms."

Mnangagwa's government has taken steps to relaunch the Zimbabwean dollar, cut the budget deficit, remove subsidies on fuel and power and repeal laws curbing public and media freedoms.

But the currency reforms and austerity measures have compounded ordinary people's hardships in an economy where unemployment is estimated to be as high as 80 per cent. The opposition says it is being denied the right to protest peacefully.

On Friday, Zimbabwe's Central Bank



Zimbabwe Foreign Minister Sibusiso Moyo.

raised its overnight borrowing rate to 70 per cent from 50 per cent after a surge in inflation and a steep fall in the domestic currency.

Moyo, a former army general and Mnangagwa loyalist, said the government would strengthen social safety nets to cushion the impact of austerity measures and seek to recover public funds 'where there was clear-cut evidence of pilfering.'

He said the authorities would not use excessive force to control protests

and that there was no blanket ban on demonstrations staged by the main opposition group MDC.

"This country is undertaking all these reforms, with all the painful processes which are taking place, without any form of support from outside. No lines of credit, no balance of payments support, nothing," Moyo said.

"We are a sincere government in delivering the necessary reforms and freedoms."

Reuters

Algerians take to the streets to oppose presidential poll

ALGIERS - Algerians returned to the streets on Friday, protesting proposed presidential elections after Parliament passed Bills that could pave the way for the announcement of a vote to take place in December.

Demonstrations that started in February led to the resignation of president Abdelaziz Bouteflika in April, after 20 years at the helm. But the movement has continued, with protesters taking to the streets for a 30th consecutive week Friday.

Demonstrators are demanding key regime figures step down and an overhaul of political institutions before any polls, arguing any election under the current framework will only reinforce the status quo.

"Those close to Bouteflika are still in power and an election in these conditions is simply a masquerade," said engineer Lyes Mesbah, 48.

The army, which has de facto taken the reins of the country, has been calling for speedy elections to replace Bouteflika, with army chief General Ahmed Gaid Salah repeatedly insisting that polls be held before year-end.

Despite a deluge the day before that flooded many neighbour-

hoods of the capital Algiers, protesters came out in force to oppose an election.

Last week, Gaid Salah called for an electoral college to be summoned today, so as to conduct an election within 90 days, in mid-December.

This week, Parliament passed two bills that would facilitate the announcement of a vote.

Justice Minister Belkacem Zeghmati presented the bills on Wednesday, with both legislative chambers passing them within two days. Opposition parties in the People's National Assembly boycotted the session in which the bills were passed.

The first bill proposed the creation of an 'independent' election authority, which would receive 'all prerogatives of public authorities - namely on administrative electoral matters.'

This body would be responsible for organising, monitoring the electoral process and "overseeing all its stages, from the convening of the electoral body to the announcement of the preliminary results", according to Zeghmati. The second text was a revision of the electoral law, meant to guarantee 'transparency, regularity and neutrality' of elections.

AFP

Kenya becomes third to introduce malaria vaccine

NAIROBI - Kenya on Friday began adding a malaria vaccine to its routine immunization schedule for babies and toddlers, becoming the third African country to roll out the vaccine for a disease that threatens children across the continent. Malaria, which kills one child globally every two minutes, is the top killer of children under five in the east African

country. The vaccine - the world's first against malaria - will be administered to children under two and could be crucial to efforts to combat the disease, health officials said.

Other measures, such as nets to protect people from the mosquitoes that carry the malaria parasite, have not proven adequate to

halt transmission, the director general of Kenya's health ministry, Wekesa Masasabi, told Reuters.

"We still have an incidence of 27 per cent (malaria infection) for children under five," Masasabi said before Friday's launch of the vaccine in the western county of Homa Bay.

The Homa Bay programme is the government's first step toward cre-

ating awareness of the new vaccine, he said.

The injectable vaccine, called RTS,S or Mosquirix, was developed by British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline to protect children from the most deadly form of malaria in Africa.

In clinical trials it proved only partially effective and it needs to be given in a four-dose schedule,

but it is the first regulator-approved vaccine against the disease.

It has already been deployed in pilot programmes in Ghana and Malawi.

Malaria infected about 219 million people in 2017 and killed around 435 000. The vast majority of malaria deaths are among babies and children in the poorest parts of Africa. Due to ongoing transmission, half the world's population is still at risk of contracting the disease. Reuters

BRIEFS

IMF sees Namibia growing in 2020

WINDHOEK - Namibia's economy will return to growth in 2020 after contracting for three straight years, but a failure to implement structural reforms could keep the southwest African nation stuck in a low-growth trap, according to the International Monetary Fund. The economy of the world's largest marine-diamond producer has been hit by a regional drought and a slump in South Africa, its bigger neighbour that it tracks closely and to whose currency the Namibian dollar is pegged. Gross domestic product will contract by 0.2 per cent this year, before expanding at 1.6 per cent in 2020, the Washington-based lender said in an emailed statement following an article 4 consultation in the country. Reuters

Lungu pushes contested constitutional reforms

LUSAKA - Zambian President Edgar Lungu said on Friday his government would go ahead with proposed constitutional amendments despite flak from opposition leaders and civil society groups.

Lungu, in power since 2015, is facing mounting complaints that he is cracking down on dissent and seeking to consolidate power with reforms that sap parliament.

The amendments will remove parliament's oversight over debt, cabinet appointments and the formation of a coalition when a candidate fails to win a simple majority in an election.

BBC

Zimbabwe hikes interest rate to 70%

HARARE - Zimbabwe's central bank raised its main interest rate to 70 per cent to stabilise a plummeting currency and rein in surging inflation.

The decision is the first by the southern African nation's Monetary Policy Committee, which was formed three days ago. The increase follows the government's decision in June to ban the use of foreign currency and reintroduce the Zimbabwe dollar, abandoned in 2009, in an effort to manage consumer prices rising at the fastest pace in decade. The rate was increased from 50 per cent "to take account of developments on inflation and the exchange rate," Central Bank Governor John Mangudya said in a statement. News24

179 Nigerians leave South Africa

JOHANNESBURG - Home Affairs Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has told the SABC 179 Nigerians left South Africa on board a private plane on Wednesday.

On Monday, a private individual, who owns the airline Air Peace, offered to repatriate approximately 600 Nigerians amid a wave of attacks aimed at foreign nationals, reported News24. This is after the country was rocked by violent flare-ups and looting, much of it in Gauteng, where foreign nationals appeared to have been targeted. At least 12 lives were lost during the violence in the province.

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TRUMP STUNS US OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump astonished US officials at the G7 summit in France when he jokingly referred to Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi as "my favourite dictator."

According to The Wall Street Journal, which first reported the news, Trump made the comments while waiting to meet with the Egyptian president. He searched over a gathering of Egyptian and US officials and loudly called out: "Where's my favourite dictator?"

The Journal reported that Trump's question was met with a shocked silence. It was unclear whether el-Sisi heard the remarks.

The White House declined Insider's request for comment.

Trump's comments cast attention on his coziness with authoritarian leaders overseas. Others he has lavished praise on include Russian President Vladimir Putin, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Read more: Trump's racist attacks on 'the Squad' come straight out of an authoritarian's playbook and threaten American democracy, experts say
El-Sisi seized power in a military



Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi and President Donald Trump.

coup that ousted Egypt's first elected government in 2013. And he has racked up accusations of gross human-rights violations that include imprisoning tens of thousands of political opponents, crushing press freedom, and torturing and killing prisoners. The Egyptian government has justified its actions by saying it is combating extremism.

Shortly after he took office, Trump welcomed el-Sisi to the White House for the first time and said he had "done

a fantastic job in a very difficult situation." The Trump administration has not publicly criticised the Egyptian government's abysmal human-rights record.

During the G7 summit, Trump lauded his relationship with the Egyptian strongman before reporters, saying, "We understood each other very well. He's a very tough man, I will tell you that. But he's also a good man, and he's done a fantastic job in Egypt. Not easy." **LJAZEERA**

Mall brawls and street fights

HONG KONG - Fights erupted in Hong Kong yesterday with political rivals trading blows in a mall and Beijing supporters using Chinese flags to assault opponents on a street, deepening the city's polarisation after months of pro-democracy protests.

The once-stable international hub has been convulsed by weeks of huge, sometimes violent rallies calling for greater democratic freedoms and police accountability.

The movement is the biggest challenge to China's rule since the city was handed back by Britain in 1997 and shows no sign of ending, with city leaders and Beijing taking a hard line.

Fights have begun breaking out with increased frequency after pro-democracy supporters began holding impromptu singalongs of a popular protest anthem - and as pro-Beijing supporters have held rival gatherings to sing China's national anthem. In the district of Fortress Hill yesterday, a group of men, many waving Chinese flags and wearing

blue T-shirts declaring "I love HK police", attacked people perceived to be pro-democracy protesters.

Multiple videos posted online showed the group of men assaulting largely younger victims with large flags on poles - and with punches and kicks - as terrified onlookers ran away.

Hong Kong police did not respond to a request for comment on the incident.

Fortress Hill is next to North Point, an area of the city where similar mob attacks by government supporters have occurred this summer and which has long been a bastion of pro-Beijing sentiment. Shortly before the assaults, the men were filmed tearing down post-it notes and posters on a nearby "Lennon Wall", pro-democracy billboards which have sprung up across the city. Within hours, the wall was back up as crowds put up new slogans and messages. "It makes me so angry," a 37-year-old local pro-democracy protester, who gave her first name as Ed, told **AFP. AFP**

US sanctions North Korean hacking groups

WASHINGTON - The US Treasury on Friday sanctioned three hacking groups it says have links to North Korea's intelligence bureau and have stolen millions from banks and other entities around the world.

Lazarus Group and two of its sub-groups, Bluenoroff and Andariel, are controlled by North Korea's primary intelligence agency, the Reconnaissance General Bureau (RGB), which is also involved in arms trading, the Treasury Department said in a release.

The groups have "likely stole around US\$571 million in cryptocurrency alone, from five exchanges in Asia between January 2017 and September 2018," according to the department.

Hacking

"Treasury is taking action against North Korean hacking groups that have been perpetrating cyberattacks to support illicit weapon and missile programmes," said Sigal Mandelker, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence.

Daily Mail

'JOHNSON, GOVE BEHAVIOUR APPALLING'

LONDON - David Cameron has accused Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, and Michael Gove of behaving 'appallingly' during the EU referendum campaign.

Speaking to the Times ahead of the launch of his memoir, the former Tory PM attacked some colleagues who backed Leave for "trashing the government".

Cameron said the result in 2016 had left him "hugely depressed" and he knew "some people will never forgive me".

He also said another referendum cannot be ruled out "because we're stuck".

Cameron criticised Johnson's strategy for dealing with Brexit, including his decision to suspend Parliament ahead of the 31 October deadline and removing the whip from 21 Tory MPs who

voted to block a no-deal Brexit.

The prime minister has said the suspension - or prorogation - is a normal action of a new government to let it lay out its new policies in a Queen's Speech, and blocking no-deal would "scupper" his negotiations with the EU. Cameron called the referendum in 2016 after promising it in the Conservative Party's election manifesto the year before.

He campaigned for Remain, but lost the vote by 52 per cent to 48 per cent, and announced within hours he would be stepping down as PM. The former Tory leader said the Leave side had a "very powerful emotional argument", while Remain had the "very strong technical and economic arguments", and the former - plus the issue of immigra-

tion - was a "winning combination" for his rivals.

"It turned into this terrible Tory psychodrama and I couldn't seem to get through," he said.

But leading Brexiteer and former Conservative Cabinet minister Lord Lilley said the 17.4 million people who voted to leave the EU "didn't care a fig about Tory psychodramas or anything else", accusing Cameron of using "an extraordinary Westminster bubble phrase".

"Most [Leave voters] put aside party loyalties and voted on the issue," he told BBC Two's Newsnight programme.

"When the British people speak, their voice will be respected, not ignored."

BBC

BRIEFS

Trump vows to 'do something about vaping'

WASHINGTON - In vaping, the special relationship is coming undone. While US President Donald Trump has vowed to "do something very, very strong" after hundreds of reported cases of lung illnesses related to electronic cigarettes, public health officials in the UK, the biggest market in Europe for the products, endorse vaping as a way to wean people off smoking. It's the prevailing view across Europe, where authorities are more sanguine because the ailments popping up in the US have largely been linked to vaping liquids laced with THC, the psychoactive compound in cannabis, which is off-limits in much of Europe. **AFP**

US energy head to discuss nuclear power

WASHINGTON - US Energy Secretary Rick Perry said on Friday he will meet the new Saudi energy minister tomorrow and likely discuss plans Saudi Arabia has to build nuclear reactors. Perry did not say where he would meet Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman, who took over from Khalid al-Falih on Sunday. But a US official said the meeting would likely take place on the sidelines of an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) meeting in Vienna next week. The kingdom has so far resisted agreeing to standards that would block its ability to enrich uranium and reprocessing of plutonium, possible pathways to making an atomic weapon. **Al Jazeera**

Taliban send team to Russia after talks collapse

PESHAWAR - The Taliban have sent a delegation to Russia to discuss prospects for a withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan following the collapse of talks with the United States this month, officials from the insurgent group said. The move, days after US President Donald Trump canceled a planned meeting with Taliban leaders at his Camp David retreat, came as the movement looks to bolster regional support, with visits also planned for China, Iran and Central Asian states. **Reuters**

US briefly overtakes Saudi Arabia

LONDON - Global oil demand is weathering economic headwinds, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Thursday, buoyed by lower prices brought on by abundant supply as the United States briefly dethroned Saudi Arabia as the world's top exporter. "With oil prices currently about 20 per cent lower than a year ago, there will be support for consumers," the IEA said in its monthly report. "Booming shale production has allowed the US to close in on, and briefly overtake, Saudi Arabia as the world's top oil exporter ... in June, after crude exports surged above three million barrels per day." **AFP**



Tiger Woods.

Woods blog sparks speculation he'll play in Presidents Cup

LOS ANGELES - Speculation swirled on Friday that superstar Tiger Woods will choose himself to play in the Presidents Cup as captain of the US team thanks to an enigmatic sign-off on a blog post.

In the US captain's blog posted on the PGA Tour website, Woods says the eight US players already selected are "fired up" for the match play showdown between America

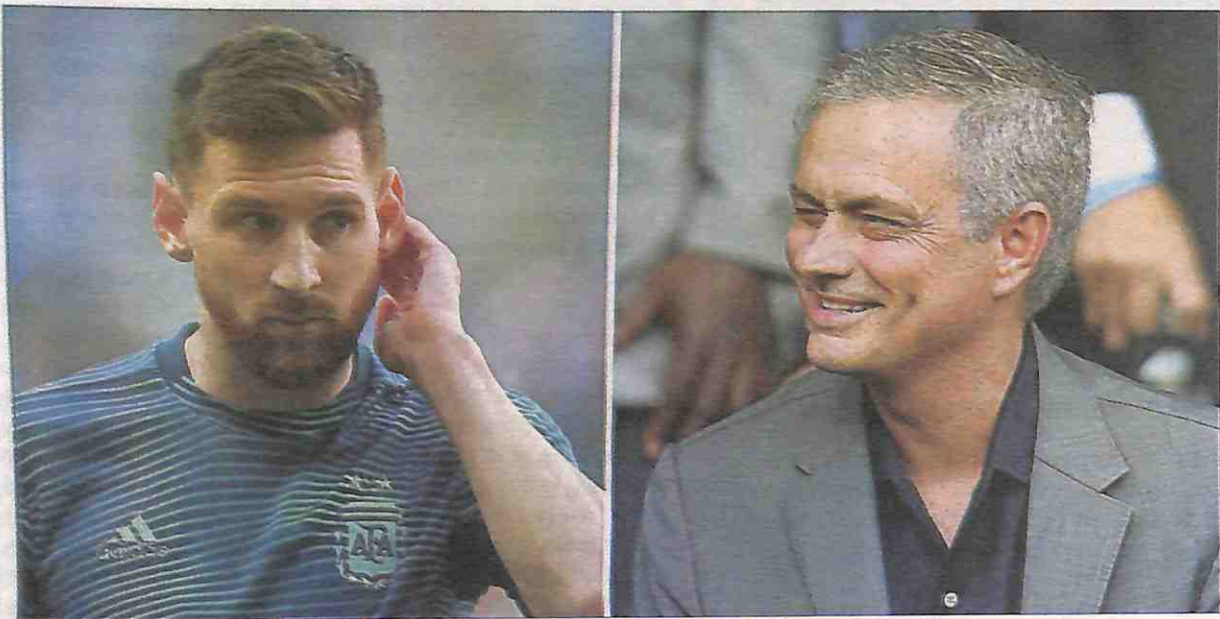
and the International team, which will be held at Royal Melbourne in December. "As a captain, I couldn't have asked for a more engaged and excited group of guys," Woods says in a lengthy post which he signed: US Team Captain (crossed out), Playing Captain.

It's not the first time one of these blogs has been signed that way, and it remains unclear if Woods will name himself to play when he makes

his four captain's picks for the team on November 4. Since winning his 15th major title at the Masters in April Woods has made only six starts, missing two cuts and withdrawing from one event. Woods revealed in late August that he had undergone keyhole surgery to repair cartilage in his left knee, but he still expects to tee it up at the PGA Tour's inaugural Zozo championship in Japan in October. Woods has indi-

cated throughout the year that he wouldn't shy away from selecting himself to play if he thinks he can benefit the team.

This week he said the selections would "ultimately be my call" but added he would "lean heavily" on the opinions of captain's assistants Steve Stricker, Zach Johnson and Fred Couples as well as the eight players who qualified for the team. **AFP**



'MESSI MADE ME A BETTER COACH'

BARCELONA - Jose Mourinho says he is grateful to Lionel Messi because the Barcelona star helped make him a better coach.

Although the Argentine sensation has never been coached by the Portuguese, the two have been on opposite sides several times as Barca lined up against Chelsea, Inter and Real Madrid while Mourinho was in charge.

And the 56-year-old says that he is indebted to the five-time Ballon d'Or winner, as coming up against him has been vital in helping him progress as a manager. "I always say that I owe so much to my players, and to those who haven't been my players

...Mourinho says he 'owes' Barcelona star

but those who created problems for me," Mourinho told EFE.

"For example, Messi never played for my team, but he played against me and he has made me a better coach for having to prepare matches [to stop him]. "When I say Messi, I also mean the other great players I've faced."

Mourinho has been out of management since he was sacked by Manchester United in December. While he may not be working in the Premier League this season, he is excited to see how his former teams and rivals fare in the current campaign.

"In the beginning of the season I was

saying [Manchester] City, Liverpool and Tottenham will fight for the title," he added. "I can risk it a little bit and say for me Tottenham is the third best team in the league and City and Liverpool are going to fight for the title. They are the two strongest teams, the two strongest squads. I think Tottenham are a little bit behind. "Then, between Chelsea, Manchester United and Arsenal have to be fighting for fourth, but they will be looking back with a little bit of fear and a little bit of respect, because thanks to the investments by Everton and Leicester, they can be there pushing, trying to get into the top six. **Goal**

'Sterling not on same level as Messi, Ronaldo'

MANCHESTER - Pep Guardiola would love Raheem Sterling to reach the same level as Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo, but the Manchester City manager is not sure if any player will be able to equal the feats of that legendary pair.

Others have recently been comparing Sterling to the two dominant players of the last decade.

England Manager Gareth Southgate suggested Sterling could eventually be mentioned in the same breath as Messi and Ronaldo when asked how far the City winger could go if he maintains his superb form.

Former Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher has also said that he sees Sterling as a potential future winner of the Ballon d'Or - an award Barcelona star Messi and Juventus forward Ronaldo have each won five times.

City manager Guardiola is thrilled at Sterling's progress during their three years working together, but having also coached Messi at Barca, he knows the exceptional standards required at that exalted level. "Right now, Raheem is not in that level, but maybe in the future I wish. It would be a dream for him and for all of us,"

Guardiola told reporters.

"The consistency of these two guys, they are legends, something unique in world football. "If Raheem can target that level - wow. We will be there to help him and of course he can do it."

"But right now, nobody, not in the club, or in all the clubs in the world can compare with these two guys and what they have done every single week for 10 years."

Nobody."

Sterling enjoyed his best goal-scoring season last year as he netted 25 times to help City win the domestic treble of Premier League, FA Cup and League Cup.

He has started the new season in electric form with eight goals in seven games for club and country. He scored in both Euro 2020 qualifiers for England during the international break.

Team Talk



Solskjaer keen to resolve De Gea contract delay

MANCHESTER - Manchester United Manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer remains confident that goalkeeper David de Gea will commit his future to the club despite entering the final year of his contract. United hoped the Spanish international would sign a new deal before the season began, but are still waiting for De Gea to put pen to paper.

As it stands, the 28-year-old would be free to speak to any European clubs from January 1 and leave next summer on a free transfer. United have reportedly offered a deal worth around £290 000-a-week to make De Gea the joint highest earner still at the club, alongside Paul Pogba, but still short of the £400 000-a-week Alexis Sanchez was earning at Old Trafford prior to his loan move to Inter Milan. **Daily Mail**

Bulgaria react with 'indignation' to Southgate's racism worries

SOFIA - The Bulgarian authorities responded with outrage on Friday to suggestions by England Manager Gareth Southgate that his players anticipated racist abuse when they visit Sofia in Euro 2020 qualifying.

In a statement posted on its website, the Bulgarian Football Union (BFU) said it "views such behaviour as groundless, inappropriate and unnecessary prior to the important and exciting football game that Bulgarian fans have been looking to in the past year".

After a Bulgarian fan was ejected and briefly held by police following the meeting between the countries at Wembley

yesterday, Southgate said racist abuse was a "concern" ahead of the return game next month. "We're aware that there is history there," Southgate said. "We want to make sure that we're all prepared for what might happen and how we want to respond."

The BFU said their President, Borislav Mihaylov, had written formal letters of complaint to UEFA and the English Football Association "expressing his indignation and disappointment following the public comments by Gareth Southgate and the suggestions that the English players will be subject to racial abuse by the Bulgarian supporters".

England's Raheem Sterling was reportedly the target of racist language from a fan in Bulgarian section. The fan was ejected during the first half of England's 4-0 victory and handed to the police, before being released.

"It is a concern," Southgate said about the return game. "It's something that we've already planned." The game will be England's first visit to Bulgaria since September 2011, when Ashley Young was subject to monkey chants as the visitors won 3-0. The BFU was fined 40 000 euros by UEFA for "discriminatory" chanting and because fans threw fireworks. **Goal**

South African SOCCER

Motaung admits Middendorp was out of order for questioning Billiat call-up

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs Football Manager Bobby Motaung has set the record straight regarding a statement made by coach Ernst Middendorp that Khama Billiat shouldn't have honoured his Zimbabwe national team call-up because of injury.

Billiat was a last-minute addition to Joey Antipas' squad for the Warriors' encounter against Somalia in which they needed to win to keep their 2022 FIFA World Cup dreams alive.

According to Motaung, Middendorp shouldn't have made the statement about not knowing the whereabouts of Billiat as the club had the obligation to release the player for national team duty.

Statements

"Unfortunately I was not there when the coach made those statements, but I think he must understand the rules. I don't know why he raised that issue because rules are rules. Even if a player is injured, he has to report to national team camp," Motaung told SABC Sport. "If the doctors in camp do their own assessment, they then make the call. National call-ups are national call-ups - there are no qualms about it, no debate. The club has no right to refuse players to go to camps."

Motaung went further to say it was 'uncalled for' for the German mentor to have expressed his displeasure regarding Billiat representing Zimbabwe when the Amakhosi technical team knew he was injured. The Amakhosi boss said the matter will be dealt with internally.

"I think it was uncalled for for the coach to make that statement and we will deal with this matter internally with the coach," concluded Motaung. *Goal*



Kaizer Chiefs Football Manager Bobby Motaung.

RHULANI CLAIMS FIRST BUCS WIN THANKS TO MABASA'S BRACE

JOHANNESBURG - One of Orlando Pirates' off-season signings, Tshegofatso Mabasa, netted a brace against Chippa United as to hand Rhulani Mokwena his first win yesterday. Bucs caretaker coach Rhulani Mokwena, made three changes from their stalemate with Golden Arrows, giving French goalkeeper Joris Delle his debut, while Tshegofatso Mabasa and Theminkosi Lorch started in the attack.

The hosts were taking the initiative to attack in the opening exchanges, holding the Chilli Boys in their own half but they lacked the final product.

Combination

The combination of former Maritzburg United duo Fortune Makaringe and Siphele Ndlovu nearly broke the deadlock for Pirates three minutes before the half-hour mark after the former setup the latter with a chance on a volley, but the pint-sized midfielder's effort sailed over the bar.

Clinton Larsen's troops were growing in the game towards the end of the first stanza, not giving the Buccaneers space and time on the ball but they too lacked the cutting edge in the final third as Pirates new shot-stopper enjoyed a quiet opening 45 minutes.

Mokwena's charges came back from the break playing with more purpose going forward and they finally broke the deadlock 11 minutes inside the second stanza thanks to

Mabasa, who scored with a low left-footed shot after he was sent through on goal by Augustine Mulega.

Mabasa quickly gave Pirates two-goal lead five minutes later after using his imposing figure to turn inside the box and poked a shot towards the bottom corner to complete his brace.

Opportunity

Mabasa did not have an opportunity to get a hat-trick as he was withdrawn with 18 minutes remaining and replaced by Zakhele Lepasa, while Larsen made a tactical change in the same moment, bringing on striker Rhulani Manzini in place of left-back Mzikayise Mashaba, to try and rescue the game. Manzini made an instant impact as he took a swerving free-kick for Chippa with 11 minutes remaining that was spilled by Delle, with Lerato Manzini to poke home.

The Chilli Boys were threatening to find the equaliser in the closing stages but Pirates man-

aged to hold on to all the three points, that ended their three-game winless run in the league and six-game without a win in all competitions.



One of Orlando Pirates' off-season signings Tshegofatso Mabasa.

Hlanti explains failed overseas move

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana left-back Sifiso Hlanti has spoken for the first time in the media about his failed overseas move.

The Bidvest Wits player made a name for himself in the Africa Cup of Nations last 16 stage when South Africa beat hosts Egypt 1-0, helped in large part by Hlanti marking CAF Player of the Year Mohammed Salah out of the game for the whole 90 minutes.

That performance saw the 29-year-old attract interest from countries as far as the United States, but nothing has materialised as Hlanti edges closer to making his return following a knee injury. "I don't want that to be something that will bring a tension in between, you see," Hlanti tells *KickOff.com*.

"So as for me, I have left that with the owners of both teams because I've got nothing to do about this. I have to respect and honour my contract, and do the right thing. If the right time is going to come, then it's fine it will come.

"You know growing up and being

mature makes you realise that some things you must not take them with anger you see. So I won't say I'm disappointed, there's no need for me to talk like that because talks like that end up letting you down. So I'm always positive."

Pressed further on what exactly led to the USA deal not happening, Hlanti said he was also in the dark. "When it comes to that I have no idea my brother. I don't have a clue of what happened."

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Mabunda stars as down net five in CAF tie

VICTORIA - A star performance from Tiyan Mabunda saw him bag a brace as Mamelodi Sundowns beat Cote d'Ivoire 5-0 in the first leg of their second round CAF Champions League qualification match yesterday.

It was the perfect start for Sundowns who took the lead after only five minutes when Mabunda powerfully headed home an inch perfect cross, 1-0.

The Brazilians controlled the game after scoring early on and nearly doubled their lead in the 20th minute when Sphelele Mkhulise let fly from the edge of the box, but his stinging shot went inches over the

target.

Mkhulise went close again on the half hour mark after working his way into a shooting position 20-yards out, but his effort skimmed the wrong side of the post.

Sundowns continued to dominate after that, but failed to add to the goal tally before the half-time break.

Cote d'Ivoire started the second half much better and looked a lot more promising in attack, but their decision-making in the final third let them down and chances on goal were at a minimum for the home side.

Sundowns soon took control of the match again and the floodgates in the Cote d'Ivoire defence opened.

The Brazilians managed to double their lead in 68th minute when Lyle Lakay headed home another super cross, 2-0.

Two minutes later, Lakay turned provider with a perfect cross from Mkhulise to scorer Sundowns' third goal.

In the 74th minute the South African side scored their fourth goal when a powerful long range shot from Mabunda found the top corner of the net, 4-0.

The icing on the cake was Sundowns' fifth goal, scored by Wayne Arendse after a clinical finish in the 84th minute, 5-0. The second leg of this CAF Champions League qualification match will be played back in South Africa over the weekend of September 27-29.

Soccer Laduma



A star performance from Tiyan Mabunda.

Durban derby ends in stalemate

DURBAN - The Durban derby ended in a stalemate as Golden Arrows and AmaZulu played to a 1-1 draw in their Absa Premiership match yesterday. Arrows started very positively with the first chance on goal in the 10th minute, but Lerato Lamola sent his powerful shot from the edge of the box inches wide of the target. AmaZulu suffered a bit of a setback in 22nd minute when Butholezwe

Ncube had to leave the field injured and was replaced by Siphelele Maduna.

Disruption

The home side used the disruption in the AmaZulu team to push forward and they were awarded a penalty in the 34th minute when Lamola was brought down inside the box.

Nduduzo Sibiba stepped up for Arrows and made no mistake from

the penalty spot as he sent the keeper the wrong way, 1-0.

AmaZulu tried to find an equaliser before the break, but were unable to do so and entered the tunnel at half time trailing by a goal.

The second half saw the visiting side with more ball possession and they made it tell when they won a penalty in the 56th minute after Zolani Nkombela fouled Bongani Ntuli inside the box.



AFRICAN SUPERSTARS CEMENT TOP SPOT FOR LIVERPOOL

LONDON - Sadio Mane and Mohamed Salah looked to have patched things up after both players were on target as Liverpool defeated Newcastle United 3-1 to cement top spot in the Premier League.

With the UEFA Champions League tie against Napoli on the horizon, Jurgen Klopp rested Jordan Henderson and Roberto Firmino, with Divock Origi and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain taking their places in the line-up. Meanwhile, Sean Longstaff was unavailable for the Magpies through injury and his place was taken by former Reds midfielder Jonjo Shelvey.

The visitors had a dream start as Jetro Willems gave Newcastle a shock lead in just the seventh minute with a superb

finish into the top corner after collecting a pass from Christian Atsu.

Liverpool took some time to get their rhythm going forward but they were getting into their stride after 20 minutes and eventually they levelled matters two minutes before the half-hour mark courtesy of Mane, who curled a right-footed shot into the top corner.

Effort

The Senegalese forward gave the Reds the lead five minutes before the break by finishing into an empty net after goalkeeper Martin Dubravka was unable to hold on to the initial effort which fell kindly into Mane's path.

The opening exchanges of the second stanza saw Andy Robertson being denied

a goal for Klopp's men from close range by Dubravka, but Mohamed Salah finally made it 3-1 in the 72nd minute with a composed finish inside the six-yard box, following an audacious back-heel from Firmino. Klopp was managing the game in the last 15 minutes, as he brought on midfielder James Milner in place of speedy forward Oxlade-Chamberlain to take the sting out of the game.

Liverpool were threatening to run riot in the tail end of the match as Firmino was denied the fourth goal from close range by Dubravka with three minutes remaining while Mane had a goal ruled out by the offside flag, but 3-1 was how the encounter ended as Liverpool maintain their perfect start. *Dailymail*

Firmino the best No.9 in the Premier League - Deeney

LONDON - Liverpool's Roberto Firmino is 'the best number nine' in the Premier League, according to Watford's Troy Deeney, with a fellow striker in awe of the skills the Brazilian brings to the pitch in the wake of another stellar performance against Newcastle yesterday.

The Reds went a goal behind to a superb early effort from Jetro Willems, but two goals from Sadio Mane put Jurgen Klopp's men back in front before Firmino teed up Mohamed Salah with a sublime back-heel pass for the Egyptian to tie up the result at 3-1. Firmino actually started from the bench, with Divock Origi preferred in attack, but Deeney, no stranger to the rigours of being a front-man in the English top-flight, feels that the 27-year-old is amongst the greatest the Premier League has to offer. "I think he's probably the best No.9 in the league, personally," Deeney told Sky Sports. "If you're a manager you want someone who can close down the whole back four on his own, link play, come short - he scores goals and he gets assists. For me, he's the best around at the moment."

With Mane and Salah seemingly

firing in goals for fun in recent seasons, Firmino's importance to the team as unit can often be overlooked, and Deeney moved to stress the difference in quality with which Liverpool play when Firmino is forced to sit out.

"You have to look at the two boys he's got either side of him (Mane & Salah), 20-plus goals each last season? He didn't have a bad season at any point but when you have those two overshadowing all the time you kind of take away his importance. "But I think when he's not in the team you definitely see it. Massively."

Victory

Liverpool's victory means Klopp's European champions retain their place at the top of the Premier League for another week, with Man City's 2-2 draw with Tottenham on matchday two meaning Pep Guardiola's side are unable to catch up with their domestic rivals. The Reds face a quick turnaround following their win over the Magpies, with the Merseyside outfit turning their attentions back to Europe and a midweek trip to Napoli, where they begin their defence of the Champions League in Group E. *Goal*

SARRI WATCHES ON AS CHAMPIONS DROP FIRST POINTS

TURIN- Maurizio Sarri watched on from the dugout for the first time but could not prevent Juventus' perfect start to the Serie A campaign coming to an end in a goalless draw at Fiorentina yesterday.

Juve's head coach was absent for the wins against Parma and Napoli due to a bout of pneumonia but was on the sideline in Florence as his side failed to find a way through.

The visitors lost Douglas Costa and Miralem Pjanic to suspected hamstring and thigh injuries respectively before half-time and never really got going at Stadio Artemio Franchi. Fiorentina were without a point heading into this match - and without a Serie A win since February - but looked the more likely to score against a lacklustre Juventus, who move one point clear of Inter and Torino at the summit after playing a game more.

Franck Ribery was handed his full debut for the home side and fired in a low drive 16 minutes in that was saved by Wojciech Szczesny, who survived an earlier scare when his clearance ricocheted off Federico Chiesa and flew over the bar.

Fiorentina keeper Bartlomiej Dragowski kept out efforts from Blaise Matuidi and Pjanic in the

space of a minute, but Szczesny was also kept busy at the other end as Dalbert came close with his back-post header. The hosts continued to look the more likely to score in the early stages of the second half as Dalbert's angled drive was palmed away by Szczesny, moments before Gaetano Castrovilli scuffed wide from a good position. Chiesa's deflected effort skimmed the crossbar 65 minutes in and Nikola Milenkovic then headed straight at Szczesny from a good position as the match finished scoreless.

Goal

Maurizio Sarri.

Real hang on for win after Benzema brilliance

MADRID - Karim Benzema scored twice yesterday in an outstanding performance for Real Madrid against Levante, although his side were left hanging on for a 3-2 win on the day Eden Hazard made his La Liga debut.

The French striker's goals came just six minutes apart in the first half on a wet afternoon at the Santiago Bernabeu, before Casemiro put Real 3-0 up.

However Levante, who had won their previous two outings, made a fight of it in the second half as they pulled goals back through Borja Mayoral and Gonzalo Melero.

While the manner of their victory was not as convincing as coach Zinedine Zidane might have wished, it was a welcome return to winning ways for Real after they had drawn their previous two games.

Hazard also came off the bench for the final half-hour to make his first appearance in La Liga after a thigh injury had interrupted the start of his Real career following his 100 million-euro (US\$110 million) move from Chelsea.

The Belgian could now start for Real



Karim Benzema with a header during Real Madrid's match against Levante. Real Madrid won 3-2.

when they go to Paris Saint-Germain for their opening Champions League game on Wednesday. Gareth Bale will also be available for that match after suspension kept him out here, but Sergio Ramos will be unable to play against PSG because of a European

ban. Zidane was also without the injured Luka Modric here. However, as well as Hazard, fellow summer signing Eder Militao came off the bench in the second half and the former Porto defender could start in Paris in place of Ramos. *Goal*

Courtois calls out Real Madrid team-mate for wasteful back-heels

MADRID - Thibaut Courtois says he got annoyed at Real Madrid team-mate Eden Hazard for giving the ball away with backheels in yesterday's 3-2 win over Levante.

Hazard made his long-awaited Madrid debut when he came off the bench in the second half at the Santiago Bernabeu, while his side held a 3-1 lead.

The Belgian was a lively addition to

the game, but was unable to help his side build on their advantage as Levante managed to pull another goal back. The capital club relied on Courtois for security as he pulled off a big save towards the end of the tie to seal their second La Liga win of the season.

Delighted

And while the goalkeeper was delighted to see compatriot Hazard get playing time under his belt after recovering from injury, he hopes he

cuts out the backheels that proved no use against Levante.

"Eden showed what he can do in the move where we nearly scored: relaxed on the ball, able to set people up," Courtois told reporters after the match. "I got a bit angry at him a couple of times, because he tried to back heel it and gave it away. But in those moments that he has, he can create a lot of danger."

Teamtalk



Tammy Abraham's procession of goals continues as he became the youngest Chelsea player to score a Premier League hat-trick. Abraham took his tally to seven in three games as he fired his team into a four-goal lead after an opener by Fikayo Tomori.

CHELSEA PUT FIVE PAST WOLVES IN SEVEN-GOAL THRILLER

LONDON - Tammy Abraham's procession of goals continues as he became the youngest Chelsea player to score a Premier League hat-trick.

Abraham took his tally to seven in three games as he fired his team into a four-goal lead after an opener by Fikayo Tomori. It was a perfect response to his omission from the England squad. Further proof that he simply cannot stop scoring came when he was also credited with the first Wolves goal because the ball was pushed onto his right hand and diverted into the net by Kepa Arrizabalaga as he saved a header from Romain Saiss.

Patrick Cutrone pounced to make it 4-2 before Mason Mount scored a

fifth in stoppage time for the visitors.

Chelsea's first 11 goals of the Premier League have been scored by academy graduates which will provide encouragement for Frank Lampard.

This was a big win for him and his team and he may have found a formation which offers them the right balance.

Changes

Lampard made four changes to the team which drew against Sheffield United on its last outing and switched formation with Antonio Rudiger, Marcos Alonso and Willian in for their first starts of the season. Andreas Christensen returned in the centre of a back-three. Chelsea soon looked more solid but for half-an-hour created

very little. Wolves dominated the early possession without creating very much either and then a burst of three goals inside 10 towards the end of the first half punished their complacent defending. The opener was conjured from a most unexpected source. Mount was tackled by Diogo Jota on the Chelsea right and there appeared to be little threat as the loose ball rolled in-field. At least until Tomori strode forward and wrapped his right foot around it and produced a swerving shot which bamboozled Rui Patricio who somehow misjudged the flight and shuffled the wrong way along his line until he was in a position from which he was unable to recover.

Daily Mail



Marcus Rashford kept his cool to put away his spot kick for Manchester United having missed his last effort versus Crystal Palace.

MAN U SEAL VALUABLE THREE POINTS AGAINST LEICESTER

MANCHESTER - Greater Manchester's traffic department have had to absorb their share of criticism in recent years as the city choked in the grip of a series of major roadworks projects. Like the rest of us, it appears, they have turned to sport for some light relief.

When Australia came to town to play the Fourth Test at Old Trafford in the wake of their defeat at Headingley, digital signs billed the match as 'Sir Ben Stokes v Australia' and advised commuters to 'sand minutes off your journey' by taking the tram. Yesterday, they welcomed Leicester to the city with another message of advice to use public transport but headlined it with the banner that the match between the visitors and Manchester United was 'The Race for Sixth'. It was written, at a guess, by a Manchester City fan.

If it was the Race for Sixth, United ended it in pole position. They are not going to challenge Liverpool or City for the title this season. That

much is clear already. But this victory over Brendan Rodgers' hitherto unbeaten side suggested that they may not be destined for ignominy of mid-table, either, as many of their detractors claimed they would be.

In light of United's worst start to the league season for 27 years, many were confidently predicting a Leicester victory at Old Trafford and another dollop of pressure being loaded on Ole Gunnar Solskjaer but even though it was a closely contested match, it was United who secured a deserved victory and moved above their opponents into the top four.

Marcus Rashford scored the United winner from the spot after seven minutes and nearly added to the margin of victory in the closing stages with a free kick that hit the crossbar but the win was forged in the midfield engine room where Scott McTominay dominated for United and nullified the influence of Youri Tielemans and James Maddison for long periods.

Daily Mail

Saints record back-to-back away league wins for first time in over two years

LONDON - Moussa Djenepo has provided two moments of magic for Southampton and we are only halfway through September.

The summer signing from Standard Liege scored a screamer to put the Saints on their way to their first victory of the campaign at Brighton and he was at it again on the road - although VAR caused controversy yet again when it failed to hand the battling Blades a penalty for what looked like a handball after it had already disallowed the goal they thought had put them ahead.

An entertaining game that remained goalless needed a moment of real quality to break the deadlock.

It got it on 66 minutes when 21-year-old Mali international Djenepo picked up the ball 35 yards out, held off an illegal challenge from a retreating Ward-Prowse, sent defender John Egan one way then the other and simply glided past Jack O'Connell before driving across Henderson into the bottom corner for the only goal.

Already, it appears to be £14m well spent. Both sides set out to attack from the start.

In a mad minute, former Blade Che Adams, whose every touch was booed, struck a post with a searing half-volley from the edge of the box before the returning from injury

David McGoldrick - put clean through by strike partner Ole McBurnie - hit Saints keeper Angus Gunn in the chest.

United playmaker John Fleck then headed over from close to the penalty spot as both sides continued to trade chances, with Cedric Soares sidefooting wide at the other end.

The luckless Adams missed a chance to silence his barrackers when he rose to meet a perfect cross from Ward-Prowse, heading into the turf only for Henderson to pull off a tremendous reaction save, flying across his line.

Daily Mail

POCHETTINO'S SIDE RETURN TO WINNING WAYS

LONDON - And so the riddle of Tottenham lives on, unsolved and baffling as ever. A day will come when they conform to expectations, be they good or bad, but evidently this was not it. Not even close, just like the game. The enduring mystery, of course, is which personality will come to the party. That silly bunch who

embarrassed themselves on this pitch against Newcastle a few weeks back? Or this one?

This one being the side that faced up to guests with a reputation for being extremely difficult and then promptly kicked them around the lawn for 45 minutes. Mauled them, really.

Marvellous

Two goals for Heung-Min Son, an own goal from Patrick van Aanholt and a goal for Erik Lamela, all in one half. It was marvellous and confusing at the same time, because we simply do not yet know what to make of the class of 2019. All instincts give it an end of days feel - the grumbles from Mauricio Pochettino, the itchy feet of Christian Eriksen, the expiring contracts, the pay structures and stadium fees and, indeed, some of the performances.

For all the wonderful growth in the Pochettino-

Levy

partnership, and it truly has been stupendous, it would stand to reason that the rabbits will stop emerging from the hats at some point. And so to this game, which had so much potential to inspire one of those dark nights

of the soul. Hard to say when you usually stack Palace against Tottenham, but easier to argue when you see what they do and where. This being Palace who, in their past five league fixtures away against the big six, have won at Manchester City, Arsenal and Manchester United. They are also the last side to win at Liverpool and have had a fine start to the season.

Simply put, they love to counter attack. You like to go on the front foot? Cool, we'll wait and punch you coming in - that's their game. Roy Hodgson has worked it a treat the past two seasons. And Tottenham are made for that kind of trap. Except here, they smashed it to smithereens. Go figure.

That they did it without Harry Kane posing a major threat and with Christian Eriksen only mildly effective in his first home start of the campaign is all the more impressive. Likewise that they won by four despite going through the motions in the second half. Suddenly, the skies do not look so dark; suddenly Palace find themselves in the bottom half of the table after starting the day in fourth. A weird division, truly.

In truth, Palace offered nothing. Zip. They started slowly and got worse through the first half. Harry Winks had been given enough space to fancy a shot on 12 seconds and likewise Son before that opening minute was up.

Daily Mail

Son is delighted having opened the scoring in the 10th minute after some disappointing defending from Mamadou Sakho.





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MTN LEAGUE **BACK** AFTER FIFA BREAK

REPORTS BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER - The MTN League is back after a long international FIFA break. Eight teams will battle out at different stadiums around the country in what is set to be an exciting day for the football loving fraternity today.

CAN BULL BREAK THEIR JINX AGAINST MILLING HOTSPURS?

Mbabane Highlanders vs Milling Hotspurs
(1:30pm, Somhlolo National Stadium)

Capital city giants will be haunted by new kids on the block, Milling Hotspurs when the two sides lock horns today at Somhlolo National Stadium.

The Manzini-based outfit once claimed the scalp of the black and white outfit in the Ingwenyama Cup two years ago a result that proved Hotspurs' edge over Highlanders dating back 40 years ago.

The Manzini-based outfit is currently lying on the basement of the log standings without a point and they are hoping to turn the corner today as said by their assistant coach Colani Sigudla.

"We haven't been doing well since our return to the Premier League. We are ready to face Highlanders and confident for a victory," said Sigudla.

The coach also mentioned that they will be unleashing new players during the crunch match.

The Manzini-based outfit will rely on the experience of Lungelo Nyoni to score the important goals.

The Clement Mdluli-led charges managed to sign some experienced players in former Matsapha United player Futhi Gama, who is expected to bring stability in the defence of the new boys.

The Manzini-based outfit will be visiting a new Mbabane Highlanders that is hungry for success.

The capital city giants have already clinched a piece of silverware in the Charity Cup something that has brought hopes from the long suffering supporters.

Under coach Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini, the black and white outfit is showing some promising signs as they are to taste defeat in all competitions since Dlamini took over two months ago.

"I don't know Milling Hotspurs that much, but what I know is that they have a good history against Highlanders. They are the same team that knocked us out of the Ingwenyama Cup. I want to correct that mistake in this encounter," Dlamini said ahead of today's encounter.

Good news to the Highlanders followers is that defenders Punch Masenemela and Jimoh Moses are back in action after nursing injuries. South Africa talisman Joseph Lekata



Mbabane Swallows' Vusumuzi Zungu.



Sea Birds' Muzi Tsabedze.



Mbabane Highlanders' Lindani 'Rio' Matsenjwa.

will be hoping to score more goals in this encounter, meanwhile new signee Lindani 'Rio' Matsenjwa will cause havoc to the opposition shaky defence.

Milling Hotspurs
Coach: Clement Mdluli
Key Players: Lungelo Nyoni, Futhi Gama, Linda Mbuli

Mbabane Highlanders
Coach: Zenzele 'Ace' Dlamini
Key Players: Menzi Sithole, Josef Lekata, Lindani 'Rio' Matsenjwa

WILL BIRDS WELCOME JANZA IN STYLE?

Mbabane Swallows vs Mhlume Peacemakers
(3:35pm, Somhlolo National Stadium)

Mbabane Swallows will be welcoming new Zambia born coach Honour Janza when they face Mhlume Peacemakers today.

The former Zambia national team coach will be having his first assignment since joining the red and white glamour side last month.

The 'Beautiful Birds' are enjoying rich vein of form in the new campaign, as they are perched at the summit of the log standings with nine points without conceding a single goal. Surely Janza will not want to break that 100 per cent record set by Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlopho who rejoined Manzini Wanderers last week.

South Africa born import, Vusumuzi Zungu will be carrying the hopes of the red and white outfit in this tricky encounter.

The former Mbabane Highlanders player enjoys the role of playing behind the strikers.

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG:									
	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	
Swallows	3	3	0	0	10	0	10	9	
Leopard	3	3	0	0	8	3	5	9	
Highlanders	3	1	2	0	3	2	1	5	
Tambuli	4	1	2	1	5	9	-4	5	
Pirates	4	1	2	1	6	6	0	5	
Wanderers	4	1	2	1	6	8	-2	5	
Peacemakers	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4	
Black Swallows	3	1	1	1	6	4	2	4	
Green Mamba	4	1	1	2	5	4	1	4	
Buffaloes	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3	
Malanti Chiefs	3	1	0	2	2	5	-3	3	
Sundowns	3	0	1	2	2	7	-5	1	
Sea Birds	2	0	0	2	1	5	-4	0	
Milling Hotspurs	3	0	0	3	0	6	-6	0	

He is an astute footballer with the ability to make a seamless transition from central defence to attack.

His fellow countryman, Thabiso Mokenkoane is also expected to make his debut today. The former Amatuku striker, Mokenkoane proved his goal scoring prowess last season at Mbabane Highlanders.

It remains to be seen today if Mokenkoane is still the hit-man that he used to be in the black and white outfit and he has to emulate his good record at his new side.

The current log leaders will be facing an unpredictable side against Bogandaganda.

The Mhlume-based outfit cannot be taken for granted. They proved a point against the capital city giants last season, whereby they forced a draw.

Takesure Chiyangri's charges do not have resources at their disposal, but they have players who are hungry for success.

Their underdogs' status will help them in this match.

Ghanaian forward Emmanuel Nsiah is one player to watch, not only by

the fans but also the Mbabane Swallows defence. The attacking midfielder has an eye for goal and can break the hearts of the Swallows supporters if he could be left unchecked.

Veteran defenders Sihawu Dlamini and Mancoba Zwane will be waiting like obstinate shylocks at the back, thwarting every move, orchestrated by the Mbabane Swallows strikers.

It will be an interesting match between the two sides.

Mbabane Swallows
Coach: Honour Janza
Key Players: Vusumuzi Zungu, Tony Tsabedze, Thabiso Mokoankoane

Mhlume Peacemakers
Coach: Takesure Chiyangri
Key Players: Emmanuel Nsiah, Mancoba Zwane, Innocent Adjah

BLACK SWALLOWS OUT TO EDGE KAPPA BOYS

Black Swallows vs Denver Sundowns
(1:30pm, Killarney Stadium)

Hohho based outfit, Pigg's Peak Black Swallows will today take on the 'Kappa Boys' at their fortress Killarney Sports Ground.

The black and white outfit has turned the Killarney Stadium their slaughter house after humbling their rivals Malanti Chiefs during the recent Pigg's Peak derby.

The Alou Badara boys will be hoping to add more woes to the Manzini-based outfit that are yet to win a match.

The Mali born coach Badara will be banking his hopes on his hard-fighting boys to deliver the goods.

On the other hand, Denver Sundowns should not be taken lightly. They are a team in rebuilding process after they lost most of their key players during the beginning of the season.

The youthful 'Kappa Boys' have what it takes to beat Black Swallows in their own backyard. A draw away from home will be fair results for the Christopher Emmin boys.

Black Swallows
Coach: Alou Badara
Key Players: Mbuso Mabuza, Fakazi Dlamini, Siyabonga Msholozzi Mdluli

Denver Sundowns
Coach: Christopher Emmin
Key Players: Sibonelo Dlamini, Lwethu Simelane, Linda Maphalala

CAN SEA BIRDS RECORD THEIR FIRST WIN AT MALANTI'S EXPENSE?

Malanti Chiefs vs Manzini Sea Birds
(3:35 pm, Killarney Stadium)

Manzini Sea Birds will be hoping to record their first win of the season when they visit Malanti Chiefs at the Killarney Sports Ground.

Anthony Mdluli team is yet to get a point since the season started.

This does not augur well for the team that finished in a better position last season.

New players such as Colani 'Chocco' Sibandze and Ndumiso 'Sikhokho' Shongwe are still trying to adapt in the team style of play.

It's high time 'Izinyoni Zolwandle' start collecting maximum points before they find themselves in the danger zone at the end of the season.

Senior players like Darren Christie in must take the initiative of getting back the team to winning ways.

However, visiting Malanti in their own back yard, it's like entering a lion den. Just like Black Swallows, Malanti Chiefs are a hard nut to crack at Killarney Stadium. It is their favourite hunting ground.

Players like Thokozani 'Ticket' Dlamini will be one to watch this afternoon alongside former Baroka FC striker Charles Molopo, who recently rejoined the team.

Defensively, coach Raymond Dlamini will once again rely on the experience of Thembumenzi 'Djemba' Mayisela and Bhekisisa Shongwe to thwart every moves orchestrated by the Sea Birds strikers.

Malanti Chiefs
Head Coach: Raymond Dlamini
Key Players: Thembumenzi Mayisela, Bhekisisa Shongwe, Thokozani Dlamini

Manzini Sea Birds
Coach: Anthony Mdluli
Key Players: Darren Christie, Sibusiso Dlamini, Muzi Tsabedze

TOTAL CAF CONFEDERATION CUP



Young Buffaloes' Linda Mkhonta and SA Bidvest Wits' Elias Pelembe run during the Total CAF Confederation Cup first leg match at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday. Buffaloes won 1-0. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



Phiwa Dlamini attempts to go past Siyanda Zwane.



Hunt reacts after his side missed a scoring opportunity.



Wits' Sameehg Doutie clears the ball away from Buffaloes players.



Siboniso Mamba and Carl Lark in a tussle for the ball.



Bidvest Wits coach Gavin Hunt and his Young Buffaloes counterpart Dominic Kunene greeting each other before the clash.

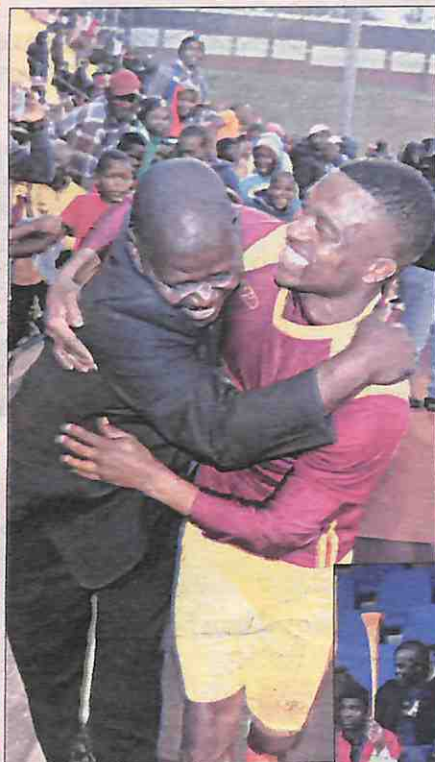
BUFFS' MOMENT



Fanelo 'Order' Mamba on cloud nine after scoring against Wits.



Buffaloes' important goal against Bidvest Wits scored by 'Order' Mamba.



Buffaloes fan Space Mabuza hugs Sihlangu Mkhwanazi after the game.



Young Buffaloes players celebrating their goal.



Buffaloes supporters cheering the players on.

DADA WINS ANOTHER LOL TITLE

BY JONGILE XUBA

GOLF-Eerfaan Dada won yet another United Health Insurance Leg of Lamb Golf Tournament that was played at Manzini Golf Course on Friday afternoon.

There was a field of 20 golfers on the day and Dada managed to top the field with an impressive score of 20 points.

He was followed by Ivan Groening on 19 points who finished with 19 points on the count back. Peter Dlamini came in third place also on 19 points, as Dumisani Hlatshwayo scored 18 points to finish fourth rounding up the top finishers on the day. Leg of Lamb Golf Tournament captain Wakie Lawrence thanked all the participants who came out to play after the competition had been on break.

"We had good participation from the golfers who were part of this week's competition. We urge those still interested in joining us to make their way to Manzini Golf Course to be part of the fun," he said.

The Leg of Lamb is a weekly competition played every Friday where the winners take home juicy meat prizes.

United Health Insurance Leg of Lamb results

1. Eerfaan Dada	20 points
2. Ivan Groening	19 points c/b
3. Peter Dlamini	19 points
4. Dumisani Hlatshwayo	18 points



This week's United Health Insurance Leg of Lamb winner Eerfaan Dada receiving his prize from United Health Insurance's Mlungisi Matsebula during the prize presentation at Manzini Club on Friday. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

Athletes brave cold Manzini weather for 2nd Zithande Bootcamp

BY JONGILE XUBA

FITNESS-Residents and fitness fanatics from around Manzini braved the cold weather to be part of the second instalment of the Mkhamba Phuma Kimi Bootcamp hosted by Zithande Athletics Club yesterday.

The boot camp was held at Millennium Park and had close to 30 participants show up for the three-hour training

regime. Zithande Athletics Coach Nsizwa Thwala applauded those who came out to participate despite the unfavourable conditions.

"It was a cold wet bootcamp but that didn't stop us from our mission of the Day. To me this shows commitment that people want to live a healthy and fulfilling life and they won't wait for good weather conditions for them to train," he said.

The coach added that his mantra was that there is no rain in the army but there is an army in the rain.

Coach Thwala said the participants were mainly focused on fat fire booming and body blasting exercises to help inspire those who had braved the conditions.

The next bootcamp will be held on October 12 with the venue still to be revealed.



Some of the participants who were part of the Mkhamba Phuma Kimi Boot-Camp hosted by Zithande at Millennium Park in Manzini yesterday. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

We are capable of handling any team - 'Magiyane'

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCKER- Moneni Pirates coach Gcina 'Magiyane' Dlamini believes his team is capable of mixing it up with the big clubs and need just a little more time to start doing so.

The coach was speaking after witnessing his side share the spoils in the MTN Premier League match against

Moneni Pirates in a 1-all draw at Somhlolo National Stadium on Friday evening.

Dlamini said his team was still adapting to the new playing style and that they will be challenging the bigger teams in no time. "Our team plays beautiful football in patches and we need to work on doing it more consistently. We need more training time

to be fit enough to play our high pressing game for longer periods. We also need to add a couple more signings after which we can handle any team," he said. Coming to the match, the coach said he was happy with the performance after the players had executed the game plan well.

"All in all I am pleased with my players' efforts today as it went according

to the preparations. Their performance shows there is light at the end of the tunnel and we will continue to improve from here," he said. Meanwhile, Manzini Wanderers assistant coach Mthunzi Ginindza praised his side's performance to come back from behind and get the single point. He did however mention that he was not completely satisfied with the result. "We played

really well today and it was real derby match as we were pushed hard by the opponents. A point gained is better than three lost, but I feel we could have done better, especially in the second half," he said. The coach added that they needed to work on few areas of their game and that the club was still finding its feet in the new season. "We are currently going through a rebuilding phase and the spirit in the club is really good. We are improving every day and we thank God that the team's fortunes are turning around," he said.

Correctional men netball team thrash Vixens

BY JONGILE XUBA

NETBALL-Correctional men's netball team thrashed Vixens in the Swaziland Building Society (SBS) Elite Netball League which was played at OlympAfrica Courts in Lobamba yesterday.

Correctional managed to defeat new-comers Vixens by a 91 - 15 score margin to ensure they maintained second place in the men's league. Also available on the day was women's action and OlympAfrica played against Manzini Ladies who they edged in a close

match. The Lobamba based team beat their Manzini rivals 29 - 28 to collect maximum points. Mbabane Raiders played Vixens and the capital city side showed no mercy by winning the match 59 - 25.

In the last match of the day Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) were to play against Illovo netball team, who did not show up and were awarded points with a 75 - 0 score-line. With the SBS League back and in full swing, teams will be looking to grind out results in the next round of games as they look to dethrone reigning champions Correctional.

SBS Elite Netball League Results

Women's			
OlympAfrica	29	28	Manzini Ladies
Mbabane Raiders	59	25	Vixens
UEDF	75	0	Illovo
Men's			
Correctional	91	15	Vixens

Dodge claims pool floating trophy challenge

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

PPOOL-Seasoned pool player Dodge Matsebula overcame a 3-0 scoreline to take the 4-3 lead and eventually become the champion of the Floating Trophy Challenge with a 9-5 victory over defending champion Flag Nxumalo.

The match took place on Friday afternoon at the Mbabane Express Car Wash, where Matsebula walked away with the title and took home the E1 000 first prize money.

Nxumalo had made it 4-4 in the early stages but then Matsebula proved to have come more prepared for the game and eventually won it by 9-5. Coordinator for this challenge Sicelo Mndzebele thanked all those pool lovers who came in their numbers to watch the country's cream of pool players battle it out while displaying the best of their potentials. "The challenge has gained momentum, there's a queue of challengers who all want the champ, but it's one at a time so as of tomorrow the next challenger will be announced on all platforms, we are currently using as form of creating awareness about this challenge," he said.

"The likes of Sikhatsi Dlamini, Brian Raynor, Elvis Van Aart, Sifiso



The Floating Challenge champion Dodge Matsebula poses with the trophy and prize money alongside his runner-up Flag Nxumalo, whom he beat 9-5 on Friday evening at the Mbabane Express car wash. (Pic: Melusi Mlota)

Dlamini, Siyabobonga, Eddie have shown interest so it so far looks like our trophy challenge still has a long way to go.

BUFFALOES SHOCK WITS

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

Y. Buffaloes.....(1)1
Bidvest Wits.....(0)0

SOCCER The bigger they come, the easier they fall.

This adage seems to hold true as local envoys Young Buffaloes beat ABSA Premiership side, Bidvest Wits in the CAF Confederation Cup match played yesterday at Mavuso Sports Centre.

The army side scored the quickest goal of the competition in the second minute of the match.

It was none other than the usual suspect, Fanelo 'Order' Mamba who beat Stuart Goss between the opposition goalposts. This was after he received a good pass from Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze.

After the goal, the visitors created more goal scoring chances but failed to utilise them. Thabang Monare tested Nhlanhla Gwebu with a low shot four minutes later.

However, the former Sihlangu Semnikati goalkeeper was equal to the task. The Young Buffaloes goalkeeper made another save in 14 minutes from Cole Alexandra is shot. The visitors continued to pile more pressure towards the local side. However, the goal never came in the first half. Gavin Hunt's boys came firing from all cylinders in the second half in search for an equaliser.

Wits captain Thulani Hlatshwayo who was playing an unfamiliar role as a striker, saw his header being saved by Gwebu in 50 minutes.

Moments later, Mcolisi Macuphu head-



Young Buffaloes players celebrating their goal against Bidvest Wits in Total CAF Confederation Cup. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

ed wide after a cross from Elias Pelembe.

In another attempt to get a goal, Hunt brought in Terence Dzvukamanja for Carl Clerence. The ABSA Premiership side continued to miss lot of chances in front of goal. In 66 minutes, Mcolisi Macuphu's goal was ruled offside by Lesotho referee Osiase Koto.

Sensing danger, the local coach, Dominic Kunene pulled out Sifiso Mazibuko for Mpendulo Dlamini. This did not dampen the spirit of the 'Clever boys' as they continued attacking in numbers in search for a goal that never was. The referee ended the match in 90 minutes, to provoke scenes of jubilation to the supporters who came to cheer the army side.

The two sides will meet again in the second leg of the CAF Confederation

Cup on the weekend of September 28.

The teams
Buffaloes

Nhlanhla Gwebu, Mamba Siboniso, Wandile Maseko, Siboniso Ngwenya, Lindo Mkhonta, Sifiso Mazibuko, Sihlangu Mkhwanazi, Phiwa Dlamini, Wandile Shabangu, Fanelo Mamba, Sandile Gamedze

Wits

Stuart Goss, Sameehg Douthie, Cole Alexander, Sifiso Hlanti, Moegammad Domingo, Carl Lark, Thabang Monare, Elias Pelembe, Lehlohonolo Nonyane, Thulani Hlatshwayo, Siyanda Zwane

Match officials Referee - Osiase William Koto
Ass Refree (1) Souru Photosane
Second ass ref- Lesupi Samuel Paputla

fit enough to play, but during this match he played, otherwise all the players that will join the national team I am very grateful about their performance, hope they will do their best and add value to the team," he said. Meanwhile, Eswatini Football Association Chief Executive Officer Frederick Mngomezulu congratulated the army side for the victory.

"We are happy with the overall performance of Buffaloes as they played as a unit throughout the match. We are confident that they will make the country proud during the return leg," he said.

Dominic praises players

BY MELUSI MLOTSA

SOCCER-Young Buffaloes head coach Dominic Kunene has praised his players for the gallant performance against Bidvest Wits yesterday at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

Kunene said this after watching his charges beat the ABSA Premiership side 1-0 in the CAF Confederation Cup first round encounter.

"My players did well and they stuck to the game plan. Getting an early goal was also a major boost to us," he said. Team captain Nhlanhla Gwebu said it was a good match and they need to work harder in the second leg.

"It was a tough match, but we were able to withstand the pressure through-

out the entire match. The second leg will be not easy. We need to prepare ourselves," he said.

The veteran goalkeeper said having players in their squad who are playing in the national team, bearing fruits to the army side.

Meanwhile, Bidvest Wits coach, Gavin Hunt said he was disappointed about the loss especially because they created lot of chances in the match but failed to convert them to goals.

The former Supersport United and Black Leopard mentor said he was looking forward to the return leg.

The visitors captain Thulani Hlatshwayo said as players, they are also disappointed about the results.

"That's the game of football, sometimes if you miss your chances, you get punished," he said.

'Team work helped us win the game'

BY JONGILE XUBA

SOCCER-Young Buffaloes dynamo Fanelo 'Order' Mamba has singled out team-work as the reason behind them being able to defeat Bidvest Wits 1-0 during the first leg of the CAF Confederation Cup first round clash.

The game was played at Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday, where Mamba's goal was enough to secure an important advantage for 'Emathole Ezinyathi' heading into the second leg on September 28. "I am obviously happy that I scored but most importantly I am happy we won the match. We were playing a stronger team and showed real togetherness in being able to see out the lead," he said.

Meanwhile, versatile player Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze, who is returning from injury played 90 minutes of the encounter and said that he was impressed

by how they managed to shut out a stronger team despite them piling pressure. "Wits are a strong club that we have watched play before so we were ready. We respected them and did not fear them, hence we were able to hang on for the win after scoring early in the match. I am happy with the result, especially the whole team's performance," he said. He went on to say he was not back to his best yet, however he was feeling better with each passing day. "My form today was better than my last outing, which makes me happy. I feel good although my fitness levels are not 100 per cent yet," he said.

The army side will now need a goalless draw in order to advance to the second round of the continent's second premier club competition during the return leg to be played in Johannesburg in two weeks' time.



Papic impressed by 'Skosh'

BY COLISILE SACOLO

SOCCER-Sihlangu Head Coach Kostadin Papic said he was very impressed by Young Buffaloes midfielder Wandile 'Skosh' Shabangu's performance against Bidvest Wits.

The Serbian mentor said this soon after watching the local side beat the South African outfit 1-0 during the CAF Confederation Cup encounter played at

the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

"I am quite pleased with the performance today as he had a great game throughout the entire 90 minutes. I hope he will continue working hard in the upcoming matches," he said.

The former Orlando Pirates mentor stated that he was surprised to see midfielder Sandile 'Saviola' Gamedze

"I am very surprised because during last week's match they said he was not

RSSC are 2019 All Star Ladies tournament champs

BY SIBUSISO DLAMINI

SOCCER - Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation ladies team claimed a 1-0 win against MTN Eswatini to claim this year's title of the All Star ladies tournament.

This was during the finals of the 5th annual ladies soccer tournament played at the Manzini Club yesterday.

It was a well struck first half strike by one of the tournament's joint top goal-scorers Vuyisile Dlamini that won it for the sugar-belt side.

The green and white ensemble was inspired by player of the series Temalangen Dlamini, who tormented their opposition for fun with her beautiful football artistry that left many in awe.

MTN Eswatini huffed and puffed the entire second half for the elusive equaliser, but their efforts were all to futility as RSSC held on to the lead until the



final whistle to claim the title.

Prior, the tournament's host team, All Star Ladies finished 3rd, winning 2-0 against Eswatini Post and Telecommunications Corporation (EPTC) in the 3th / 4th place play-off.

Speaking on behalf of the host team, All Star Ladies Public Relations Officer (PRO) Lindokuhle Mthupha thanked all stakeholders for their support, not-

ing sponsors and the teams for braving the chilly weather to sweat it out.

"The main objective of this tournament is to get rid of the stereotype that women belong in certain places but the football field, as they also get healthy.

"Again, this is a platform that allows for networking as well, so we would like to thank everyone who was involved in this year's event being such a suc-

cess, we hope to see them again next year," she said.

Meanwhile, representatives of the tournament's sponsors FNB and the Farai Foundation both expressed their excitement with the event, despite the former's early exit, crashing out in the quarter-finals and failing to defend the title.

"We are disappointed with the fact

that we couldn't defend our title, our ladies gave it their all and their best foot, but it seems other teams were much more prepared than us, and it showed in the field.

"As sponsors, we have been supporting this initiative for three years and we couldn't let this chance pass by because for us, this is bigger than just ladies soccer, but it's also about team-building and we couldn't be any happier to be playing a part in such," said FNB Brand and Communications Specialist Ntobeko Dlamini.

Farai Chabata, Founder of the Farai Foundation said the Foundation was happy to lend a helping hand to All Star Ladies because they are the main players behind the scenes in the Farai Foundation projects.

"In our eight years of work in Eswatini, we've had the people that do all the work behind the scenes and this happens to be most members of the All Star Ladies team so we felt the need to also return the favour. We also are very much for preaching the health and fitness word as well," said Chabata.

2019 All Star Ladies tournament champions RSSC celebrating with their trophy and cheque after beating MTN Eswatini 1-0 yesterday at the Manzini Club. (Pic: Sibusiso Dlamini)

RESULTS

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE

Green Mamba	0-1	Tambuti
Manzini Wanderers	1-1	M.Pirates

MTN NATIONAL FIRST DIVISION

Illovo FC	0-0	Mbabane Citizens FC
Madlenya FC	1-0	Seven Dreams FC
Rangers FC	1-3	Tinyosi FC
Umbelbele FC	0-4	Callies FC
Voyovo FC	2-1	Young Movers FC
Ludzeludze Killers FC	1-2	Tycoons FC

ABSA PREMIERSHIP

Kaizer Chiefs	0-1	Polokwane City
Orlando Pirates	2-1	Chippa United
Golden Arrows	1-1	AmaZulu FC

PREMIER LEAGUE

Norwich City	3-2	Manchester City
Wolves	2-5	Chelsea
Brighton	1-1	Burnley
Sheffield United	0-1	Southampton
Manchester United	1-0	Leicester City
Tottenham Hotspur	4-0	Crystal Palace
Liverpool	3-1	Newcastle United

SPANISH LALIGA

Real Sociedad	2-0	Atlético Madrid
Leganes	0-3	Villarreal
Real Madrid	3-2	Levante

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Playing today

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE

Killarney Stadium

P/P Black Swallows FC	vs Den. Sundowns FC	1:30pm
Malanti Chiefs FC	vs Sea Birds FC	3:35pm

Somhlolo National Stadium

Mbabane Highlanders FC	vs Milling Hotspurs FC	1:30pm
Mbabane Swallows FC	vs M.Peacemakers FC	3:35pm

TODAY

ABSA Premiership

Black Leopards	vs Baroka FC	15:00
Bloemfontein Celtic	vs Stellenbosch	15:00

Premier League

AFC Bournemouth	vs Everton	15:00
Watford	vs Arsenal	17:30

Spanish LaLiga

Elbar	vs Espanyol	12:00
Deportivo Alavés	vs Sevilla	14:00
Celta de Vigo	vs Granada	16:00
Real Valladolid	vs Osasuna	18:30
Real Betis	vs Getafe	21:00

Italy Serie A Fixtures

Genoa	vs Atalanta	12:30
Parma	vs Cagliari	15:00
Brescia	vs Bologna	15:00
SPAL	vs Lazio	15:00
Roma	vs Sassuolo	18:00
Hellas Verona	vs Milan	20:45

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Polokwane end Chiefs' unbeaten streak

JOHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs suffered their first defeat of the season after going down 1-0 to Polokwane City in the ABSA Premiership last evening.

Daniel Akpeyi remained in goal for the Soweto giants, with Itumeleng Khune left on the bench along with Khama Billiat, while Jabulani Maluleke returned to skipper the visitors after missing their MTN8 semi-final first-leg clash.

Chiefs fell behind after a bright start as Jabulani Maluleke sent Akpeyi the wrong way from the spot in the 15th minute after Charlton Mashumba went down from the Nigerian's challenge.

The Amakhosi pushed for a

response soon after going down, but the visitors put out a solid defensive block that proved difficult to crack down. Eric Mathoho looked to continue his scoring form from set-pieces after connecting with Bernard Parker's corner, but Cyril Chibwe tipped for a corner after the half-hour mark.

The Amakhosi made a double switch at the restart, as Khama Billiat and Dumisani Zuma came on for Siphosakhe Ntiya-Ntiya and Lazarous Kambole respectively. Chiefs adopted a more casual approach following the break, but the visiting side just doubled their efforts to stifle the Soweto giants.

Kick Off

In-form Teemu Pukki stars in win over Pep Guardiola's champions

LONDON - Once, when Norwich played a very different incarnation of Manchester City 15 years ago, Delia Smith famously strolled on to the pitch and exhorted a quiet Carrow Road to liven up. 'Let's be having you' has since become almost as familiar a battle cry since then as 'On the ball City'.

Well, last night they had no need of their celebrity chef to exhort them. This fine stadium fairly shook as it roared every defiant defensive block and each carefully constructed counter attack. In an ex-cruciating four minutes of added time, Tim Krul had to save three times. Each time, his safe hands were greeted with a din loud enough to be heard down in Suffolk. This extraordinary team and fans were as one, sweeping up one of the finest sides

ever constructed in the Premier League era with their enthusiasm and a superbly executed tactical plan. With three minutes or normal time remaining, Rodri had struck to bring the score back to 3-2. The die seemed cast. The victory would surely now be denied them. And yet they clung on.

Performance

Has there ever been a performance like this at Carrow Road in the Premier League era? You would be reaching back to the famous 1992-93 team that finished third for comparisons. Not since Bayern Munich were dumped out of the UEFA Cup the following season have Norwich slain so mighty a giant. Of course, they dazzled at times last season to win the Championship. But not against sides of this quality.

Manchester City may well be the best team in the world. They are certainly the best the Premier League has seen in some time.

And yet here, against a team patched up with reserves and constructed for the price of a Manchester City full-back, they looked utterly lost. It was though the trip out to East Anglia had lured them out of their comfort zone. They can accumulate 100 points or near to and yet they have survived the past two seasons without ever truly filling the left-back position. Here it showed, Olekandr Zinchenko repeatedly exposed. And for a side whose critics would suggest sign the best players at will, whatever the cost, they look shockingly light at centre-half following the injury to Aymeric Laporte and the departure of Vincent Kompany. *Daily Mail*