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MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT APPOINTS DERRICK JELE EXECUTOR

By Wonderboy Dlamini

A new chapter in the case of the late businessman Victor Gamedze's estate execution prevails, with Mbabane based top lawyer, Derrick Jele, a Senior Partner at Robinson and Bertram Attorneys appointed as the new executor.

Jele has been appointed by the office of the Master of the High Court in the Lubombo region.

This comes as a new development in the estate matter after another veteran lawyer Sidumo Mdladla of SV Mdladla Attorneys, who was initially the executor, tendered his resignation to the Master of the High Court. Mdladla is said to have resigned following a fall-out between him and the late Gamedze's wife, Princess Lungile, who insisted that he step down.

Insisted

When Mdladla eventually stepped down he insisted that he did so out of respect for the late Victor Gamedze and wouldn't want to engage in court battles with the princess.

Yesterday, the Gamedze family convened at the Master of the High Court offices in Siteki where the new executor was to be appointed. The family members, being the

...He replaces top Mbabane senior lawyer Sidumo Mdladla who resigned last month



CHANGE: Newly-appointed lawyer Derrick Jele, the late Victor Gamedze's wife Princess Lungile and veteran lawyer Sidumo Mdladla who recently resigned as the estates' executor.

beneficiaries of the estate, included Nosipho Gamedze, the late businessman's daughter who was all along being disputed by Gamedze's wife.

This week, High Court Judge Nkosinathi Maseko ruled, in the

case where the princess demanded that she takes a DNA test, that Nosipho was the late businessman's daughter as stated in her birth certificate and that she was raised as such by her father during his life time.

The meeting which lasted for

approximately three hours was chaired by Assistant Master of the High Court Cebile Ngwenya.

When addressing the family, Ngwenya first acknowledged that Mdladla had tendered a letter to the office, indicating his withdrawal

from the matter.

This therefore translated to the need for a new executor to be appointed. Ngwenya then stated that the office of the Master of the High Court found it proper therefore, to use its jurisdiction to guide and/or to appoint a suitable executor in the matter.

She stated that with the cases which have been going to court concerning the same matter; the estate distribution, it was evident that there were currently some disagreements amongst the beneficiaries.

Improper

For this reason, Ngwenya said the office felt it would be improper therefore, to allow either party of the beneficiaries to appoint an executor without the office's guidance.

"The matter needs to have an executor who will be neutral, easy to approach by any of the beneficiaries, one who will carry out the duties without any sense of prejudice," said Ngwenya.

The office of the Master of the High Court therefore appointed Jele as the suitable candidate. Meanwhile, members of the family however asked to be allowed time to deliberate on Jele's appointment.

Each party of the beneficiaries stated that they were to consult further with their legal representatives in the matter, and would subsequently approach the office of the Master of the High Court if they have any objections in the appointment of the new executor.

ICT PS supports end of EPTC, MTN marriage

By Alec Lushaba
Editor

The Ministry of Information Communication and Technology (ICT) supports the move by the Eswatini Communications Commission (ESCCOM) decision to end the 20-year Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) between Eswatini Post and Telecommunications Corporation (the mother company) and MTN Eswatini.

Even though the initial plan was to have the JVA operating for 10 years (1999-2009), it has not been the case and had seen many battles fought between the parent company (EPTC) and MTN Eswatini, especially after the presumed lapse of the agreement.

ESCCOM has issued a directive (decision) ordering the parties into the agreement to end the existence of the JVA within six months of the issuance of the order (by June 2019).

ICT Principal Secretary Maxwell Masuku said the ministry supports the

decision by the regulator, which is aimed at leveling the playing field in the telecommunications sector.

"At the moment preliminary processes are ongoing to ensure that the parties adhere to the stated decline.

"At the moment we have not yet discussed as yet how this exercise would unfold, but we will await to be guided by the Board of EPTC on the way forward as this affects them mainly," he said.

EPTC despite being granted a technological neutral licence by the regulator, it has been restrained from going into the mobile business whilst the JVA still subsists.

According to the JVA the parties in this relationship are four, these being; EPTC (40 per cent), MTN International (31 per cent), Eswatini Empowerment Limited (SEL 19 per cent) and Esteemed Shareholder (10 per cent).

The JVA stated that any party that wanted to sell its share would first have to give preference on the exist-



SUPPORTS: Managing Director Petros Dlamini.

ing shareholders, before looking outside.

At this stage, Masuku stated they have not yet looked into how they will deal with the EPTC shares.

In 2011 at the height of EPTC wanting to get out of the JVA, a number of options were considered, one of them was housing the 40 per cent shares with another government entity, National Industrial Development Corporation of Swaziland (NIDCS) then. That option was later abandoned when MTN Eswatini felt whether the shares were housed elsewhere or not, EPTC was by virtue of the JVA prevented from doing business that was in direct competition with their products. At the time, EPTC had introduced the Fixed Wireless mobile telephones popularly known as ONE.

The PS said they would wait for the EPTC Board to be appointed and then propose how they plan to move forward with the issue.

He said names of candidates for appointment into the board have already been submitted to Cabinet for approval.

Currently, the EPTC Board is not yet fully constituted as its then chairman, Dr Thambo Gina was elected MP of Lubuli and later appointed Commerce Industry and Trade minister.

Another board member Leckinah Magagula was elected into Senate. Other two members Mhlaba 'uhlangene Dlamini and Vumile Dlamini were not replaced when they left the board, leaving the board with only four members; these being Gibson Cracker Hlophe, Nomvuyo Dladu, Mpendulo Mazibuko and the Managing Director Petros Dlamini.

The PS said whilst the board waits to be appointed, the corporation is continuing with its transformation and realignment exercise.

"At the moment we have not yet discussed as yet how this exercise would unfold, but we will await to be guided by the Board of EPTC on the way forward as this affect them mainly"

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NO RESTING IN PEACE FOR POLYGAMOUS MAN

By Sandile Nkambule

A polygamous man, who thought he would rest in peace upon his demise, has been caught in a burial battle as his wife and his live-in-lover are now fighting over his remains since both want to own burial rights.

So serious is the matter that the live-in-lover Jabu Lukhele of Magele in the Shiselweni region has run to court where she is seeking an order of court, interdicting and restraining the wife Nester Mazibuko from burying the body of the deceased Joseph Vusi Mazibuko at her (Nester) homestead at Mhlabayaduma in the Shiselweni region. Lukhele argues in her papers that she is the rightful person to bury the deceased at her homestead at Magele.

The matter was yesterday before High Court Judge Muncy Dlamini, and Lukhele was represented by Melusi Simelane from Nhlanguano-based law firm Piliso Simelane and Partners.

According to Lukhele in her papers filed before court, the deceased was staying with her at Magele and she was the one who deposited his body at Dups Funeral Home upon his demise.

She submitted that during his lifetime, the deceased was married to the first respondent (Nester) by civil rites and lived with their children at her homestead at Mhlabayaduma area.

Lukhele told the court that she had a love relationship with the deceased since the year 1995, which resulted in them staying together at her homestead in Magele and between the years 2002 and 2015, the deceased was interchanging between her and the first respondent (Nester),

...As wife, live-in-lover fight over his body

as in a polygamous relationship as he believed that they were his lawful wives as she was traditional wedded in 1995 to him and three children were born out of that marriage.

APPROACHED

However, subsequent to that, the first respondent approached the Nhlanguano Magistrate's Court and her marriage with the deceased was declared unlawful with the marriage certificate expunged from the Births, Marriages and Deaths (BMD) department at the ministry of home affairs since the first respondent (Nester) was married to the deceased through civil rites.

Lukhele further submitted that she is alive to the fact that in law she is not the deceased's lawful wife, but mentioned that from 2015 until his demise on February 10, 2019, the deceased had stopped visiting the homestead of the first respondent (Nester) altogether save for instances where there were family gatherings.

"During his lifetime, the deceased deposed to a testamentary instrument in terms of which he directed that upon his demise, he wants his remains to be buried at my homestead which he regarded as our matrimonial home.

"However, as has been stated above, in-law it is not contrary to the reality, I beg leave to refer the court to a copy of a will herein annexed," she submitted.

According to the will annexed to the urgent application, the deceased said stated as follows; "I nominate, constitute and appoint as executrix

and administrator of my will and estate, Jabu Rose Lukhele an adult Swazi female hereby granting her all such power of assumption, upon my demise, I further direct, I hereby further declare that upon my demise my remains are to be buried at Magele area at the homestead of Jabu Lukhele and have no desire whatsoever to be buried at my homestead at KoNtji-ngila," reads part of the will.

Lukhele further submitted that subsequent to the demise of the deceased, she met the first respondent at the ministry of home affairs offices in Hlatikulu, where she (first respondent) had gone to register a death certificate for the deceased and she (Lukhele) requested the copy of the death certificate from the first respondent to enable her to contribute towards the costs of burial. However, the first respondent according to Lukhele would hear none of it and refused to give her the certificate, such that to date she (Lukhele) does not have access to it as the respondent did this to spite her and also frustrate the funeral proceedings as she is presently unable to make funeral arrangements.

COMMUNICATION

The applicant (Lukhele) submitted that due to the apparent animosity between herself and the first respondent, they are unable to communicate at all, such that even on February 13, 2019 during the reading of the last will and testament, there was no communication between herself and the first respondent, save for the

respondent demanding the deceased's national identity card, adding that she could not give it to her as she knew that the respondent would frustrate the funeral arrangements.

The applicant submitted that after the will had been read, she approached the second respondent's (Dups) offices on February 13, to seek clarity on the procedures to be followed in retrieving the body of the deceased, as she believes that she is the only person entitled to retrieve it, as she was the one who deposited the deceased's body.

However on the contrary, she was informed that there was nothing that precluded them (Dups) from giving the body to the first respondent, as she is the lawful wife to the deceased as on production of the relevant documentation such as marriage and death certificates the first respondent (Nester) would have access to the body.

She submitted that she has approached the court because she had the clear right to the relief sought since the deceased's wish to be buried at Magele area has to be honoured despite that certain people may be aggrieved by that, hence she accordingly has the clear right to be declared the rightful person to bury the deceased.

The applicant informed the court that the balance of convenience favours that she be granted the relief sought, as her right to bury the deceased at her homestead derives from the expressed wish of the deceased, as contained in his last will and testament, which outweighs any right the first respondent may have as a lawful wife.

More audio evidence surfaces at Matsapha commission

Stories by Sifiso Dlamini

Matsapha Town Council Environment and Public Health Manager Sabelo Masuku, while addressing the commissioners, revealed that he is in possession of an audio recording implicating Mayor Sandlane Zwane.

Masuku said on July 30th, 2018, when he was acting CEO while Lucky Sukati was on leave; he received a verbal directive from Mayor Zwane and councillor Mkhathswa that he should alert Sukati that he was not expected to attend council meetings while on leave, which he did.

Masuku said this happened on three occasions. On the third occasion, he was instructed by Zwane on a telephonic conversation to tell Sukati that he was forbidden from attending council meetings, while he was on leave.

Masuku said on this occasion he sought advice from the council's legal advisor, who eventually notified Sukati of the directive from the mayor.

He alleged that when the mayor was questioned about the directive, he denied ever giving out such a directive. When the CEO came back from his leave, Sukati addressed the mayor about the directive; however, Zwane denied ever giving out such a directive.

Commissioner Benito Jones asked Masuku if he meant that the mayor vehemently and vigorously denied ever instructing him to bar the CEO from council meetings, in his reply Masuku said he concurred with the commissioner. He further added that he was puzzled by the mayor's reaction. Masuku added that luckily for him he had an audio recording of the conversation he had with the mayor.

Masuku further added that it was new to him that the CEO was banned

from council meetings. He said ever since he was employed at the town, it was the first time he ever witnessed a situation where the CEO was banned from attending council meetings.

Chairperson of the Enquiry Lungile Magagula enquired if Masuku still had the audio evidence, and further asked if he would be able to submit his evidence to the commissioners.

In his response, Masuku said he was still in possession of the recording his mobile phone. He stated though that he was not sure if it was legal to submit such evidence.

Magagula stated that he was allowed to submit the evidence, which he said he would make the recording available to the commissioners.

ZWANE PLAYS THE POLITICAL GAME WELL

In a statutory meeting held on August 2, 2018, Matsapha Town Council Mayor Sandlane Zwane allegedly recused himself from being chairman of the meeting and moved a motion for awarding a service provider a tender. Environment and Public Health Manager Sabelo Masuku said while he was acting CEO, he attended three statutory meetings.

In one of the meetings, which had began in the morning and at around 5pm, the mayor said he was tired and asked the Deputy Mayor Siphesihle Sibandze to stand in his place as chairperson.

Masuku said that while Zwane had stepped down as the chairperson and was an ordinary councillor, he moved a motion for awarding a tender to a service provider.

Later in the day, Zwane is alleged to have resumed his seat as chairperson of the meeting. The commissioners



ELABORATE: Matsapha Town Council Commission of Enquiry member Benito Jones elaborates how they want the public to conduct themselves.

stated that, that critical change was not captured during the meeting's minutes. Masuku admitted that the omission was a mistake from his part as he was writing the minutes in the meeting.

Commissioner Jones said delegation of power does not mean vacation of one's seat. He added that the mayor was wrong to assume that when he stepped down from being chairperson of the meeting, then he was an ordinary councillor.

He said the mayor was not allowed to move the motion for awarding the tender as he was still the chairperson of the meeting, regardless that he had delegated.

Deputy Chairperson of the Commission Mzwandile Dlamini asked Masuku if he had noticed anything unbecoming while he was acting CEO.

In his response, Masuku said he viewed

everything as normal. He added that according to his experience, councillors as politicians when they had an interest on a matter, they would raise it in meetings and it would be voted on.

ZERO CONFIDENCE ON COUNCILLORS

From the look of things, it will be difficult for the councillors to resolve their issues and get along.

Deputy Chairperson of the Commission Mzwandile Dlamini asked Masuku if he thought it is ever possible for the councillors to reconcile. In his response, Masuku said it would be difficult for the politicians to reconcile. The relationship between the councillors is broken, there has been too much finger-pointing, alleged audio evidence implicating some councillors including the

mayor.

"It would be difficult to mend the broken relationships among the councillors, the best solution would be that all the councillors vacate their seats and new councillors are elected," said Masuku.

He said the squabbles and disagreements among the councillors took longer than usual. Masuku said in his experience, whenever there are new councillors in office, there are usually clashes as the politicians acclimatised to the proceedings of their office. He said normally this period takes about six months. However, this time the period extended to over a year. He added that he was happy about the decision that was taken by the Minister of Housing and Urban Development Prince Simelane.

"The way things were going, this town was doomed and as an attempt to resolve the issues within, I was happy that the minister decided to appoint a commission of enquiry so things can be addressed and fixed to allow the town to go back to a normal state," said Masuku.

However, Masuku mentioned that he had 100 per cent confidence in the council's management. Amid all this commotion, management and staff have continued to work as normal and would continue to do so, added Masuku.

REPRESENTATION IS KEY

For towns to function properly, all the relevant stakeholders should be represented. Masuku made an example and said for instance the appointment of their CEO was done while the politicians were not in office.

He said this was the six months period when councillors had been disbanded and new ones when to be elected. The politicians were not represented or involved in the appointment of the CEO here. Masuku said this might be the reason why some of the councillors were against the CEO.



2019 BUGANU AT BUHLENI



LET THE FESTIVAL BEGIN: Her Majesty the Indlovukazi joined by her guests Mangema Zuma, wife to former SA president Jacob Zuma and Uganda Member of Parliament Naggai Nabilar Sempala, as well as Emakhosikati LaMahlangu and LaFogiyane, to witness the delivery of various fruit, vegetables and buganu at Buhleni Royal Residence yesterday on the first day of Buganu Festival. (R) **GIFTS GALORE:** Lutsango carrying fruit and vegetables to present to Her Majesty. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



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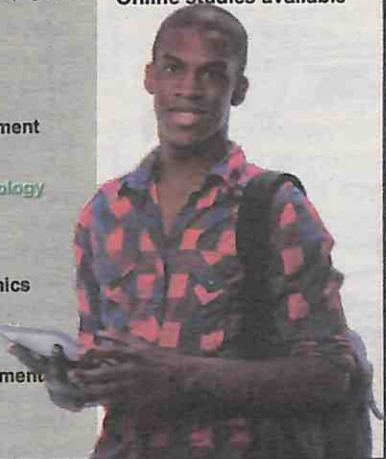
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Tibiyo Taka Ngwane bursaries changing lives

...organisation congratulates Class of 2018

If you asked any child what they want to be when they grow up, you will most likely be taken through a long list of careers – from nurse to pilot to actuarial scientist. With the high cost of education, coupled with high levels of poverty, among many social and economic challenges faced by the country, it is difficult – sometimes impossible – for children to achieve their dreams.

Despite these complex challenges, many of our children get their break through, thanks to concerted efforts by parents, the Government and other role players, who ensure that our children are not deterred by their socio-economic status.

In this spirit, Tibiyo Taka Ngwane continues to support the efforts of the nation by enabling children to pursue their career choices and life ambitions.

The organisation's education support programme continues to see many children of eSwatini get access to education – from secondary to tertiary education. The organisation is encouraged by the hard work and commitment of recipients of the bursary support, many of whom have used this support to turn their lives around and chart a brighter future for themselves, their families and their communities.

"This bursary is the reason I did exceptionally well in my studies," says 18-year old Siphesihle Nxumalo, who got aggregate 9 in her 2018 Form Five results – making her one of the country's top performers. She is a graduate of Mjingo High School.

"The bursary took away a huge amount of stress from my aunt (her guardian), who no longer had to worry about my fees. It also pushed me to work extra hard, knowing that if I failed, I would not only embarrass her, but it would also limit my chances of becoming a biotechnologist."

She says. Her secret was simple – switch off your cell phone to eliminate disruptions, keep a small and functional group of friends, and study hard!

For 21-year old Mazwi Mhlanga, who had to drop out of school in 2016 due to lack of funds, the bursary revived his lost hope of pursuing a career in medicine. Mazwi was born and raised in Mphaphati area, but completed his high school education at KaSchiele High School.

His life story is punctuated by a combination of poverty and hard work, which was soon recognised by a Good Samaritan who took him in and gave



Tibiyo Managing Director Dr. Absalom Themba Dlamini presents a certificate of excellence to Sibusiso Mavimbela in this file picture.

him shelter. "Because of my background, once I got the bursary I knew I had to push myself, having experienced the pain of staying at home and watching my dream fade away." Mazwi was also a top performer in the Class of 2018, also obtaining a top 10 national aggregate. His attention is now on pursuing his dream.

Passionate

"I want to do medicine because I am passionate about working with people, and help them find solutions to their health problems," he says.

Dr Absalom Themba Dlamini, Managing Director at Tibiyo Taka Ngwane, says the organisation is pleased by such stories, adding that investment in education is one of the Organisation's core functions, through which it directly contributes to the skills pool in the economy. At any given point, Tibiyo Taka Ngwane has 1000 pupils in its bursary system per year.

This year, adds Dr Dlamini, the organisation has already granted 301 high

school bursaries and 33 tertiary scholarships. Says Dr Dlamini: "A vast majority of our pupils are orphaned – some double orphans – poor or live in extremely complex family arrangements. Our bursary support allows them to see beyond their circumstances. We congratulate all our bursary recipients in the Class of 2018, and we wish them all the best as they take a step closer to their career dreams."

Advice

"We are encouraged that many took the advice we always give them when we admit them into the programme – which is that they should work hard. We believe also that guardians, communities, parents and teachers contributed to their success, and we wish to thank them too."

Dr Dlamini also congratulated scholarship recipients who completed their tertiary studies in 2018. In the past 20 years, the organisation has supported close to 2000 eSwatini with scholarship to study at universities and col-



Siphesihle Nxumalo and Mazwi Mhlanga.

leges across southern Africa.

"In the same spirit, we want to congratulate our scholarship beneficiaries who completed their university and college studies in 2018, some of whom will be graduating soon."

This is encouraging, and we wish you all the best as you enter the job market and the business space to pursue your careers. You are

now part of our growing alumni, and we call on you to contribute to the development of the country by imparting your skills and knowledge to the economy and other areas where opportunities avail themselves.

Please keep our scholarship office informed about your career progress because we would like to know what you are doing."



Wet weather for Buganu Ceremony

By Sicelo Maziya

A wild week of bad weather ends on the mild side with a chance of showers continuing over the weekend and chances are that showers might start to slow down on Tuesday.

The meteorology department further shared that weather predictions are still within the normal periodic focus.

The periodic focus, which is a three month period, is used by the weather

department to conclude their analyses of their predictions based on their data at the end of March.

Sifiso Ndzalo shared that the rains were scattered all over the country, even though the strength is not the same, as other areas experience heavy rains whilst others get light drizzles.

"It's not the same pattern of rains through-out the country, whilst Mbabane is getting more rain, it's not the same in other areas but generally the country is experiencing the rains," adds Ndzalo. Rains have become a norm

to be uncertain for every subsistence farmer. It is said to be one of the rising uncertainties of climate change in the country. As a result maize, the staple diet of Eswatini, can no longer be counted with other traditional subsistence products in other areas of the country.

The rains have come much later, with the November rainy season beginning as late as January and when it comes, there's less of it, sometimes falling for just one day or the whole week. The country has experienced

Rainy: A table showing amount of rains collected this week

Station	12/02/2019	13/02/2019	14/02/2019
MBABANE	-	6.4	14.6
MATSAPHA	2	6	18.6
SITEKI	-	-	19.5
BIG BEND	-	12.5	5
MAHAMBABE	18	8	15
TIKHUBA	2	5	11
NSOKO	6	5.5	41
SPOHOFANENI	8	8	6
STHOBELA	23.5	13	3.3
NHLANGANO	4.3	12	5.5
MOTSHANE	13	-	-

good rains this month and dams have improved, but the lowveld suffered severe hot conditions during the known ploughing season.

ATTORNEY GENERAL WANTS ANOTHER LAWYER SUSPENDED

By Sandile Nkambule

Attorney General (AG) Sifiso Mashampu Khumalo is on fire. As promised during the official opening of the High Court last year, the AG once again wants another lawyer suspended from practice for failure to submit the auditor general's certificate for the year 2017.

According to a notice of motion filed at the High Court, the attorney general intends to make an application for an order suspending the Manzini-based lawyer Sifiso Yini Ngwenya from practicing as legal practitioner until he furnishes the certificate for the year 2017 in terms of Section 24(1) of the Legal Practitioner's Act of 1964.

The Law Society of Eswatini has been cited as the second respondent in the matter, while the first respondent is the lawyer Sifiso Ngwenya.

According to the attorney general in his founding affidavit, this is an application to enforce compliance with the Legal Practitioner's Act of 1964, especially Section 24 quat (1) of the act since this section provides that every practicing legal practitioner is under obligation to submit to the attorney general his certificate which has been signed by an auditor or chartered accountant.

He submitted that in terms of the Act the first respondent (Ngwenya) has an obligation to open and keep a separate trust account at which he shall deposit

- The AG has filed application at the High Court for an order suspending lawyer Sifiso Yini Ngwenya from practicing as legal practitioner until he furnishes him with an Auditor's certificate for the 2017
- Ngwenya should submit certificate in terms of Section 24 quat (1) of the Legal Practitioner's Act of 1964



NO JOKES: Attorney General Sifiso Mashampu Khumalo.

all monies held or received by him in connection with his practice.

According to the attorney general, section 24 states that every legal practitioner shall cause his/her trust account to be examined at his/her expense by an auditor every year and thereafter submit the certificate signed by the auditor to the attorney general and the certificate shall state that the books of

accounts of the legal practitioner have been examined in terms of the section.

He submitted that the first respondent (Ngwenya) was practicing as legal practitioner in 2017 and, therefore, he is obliged to comply with the Act and submit the certificate but he has not done so.

"On 15 April 2018, I wrote a letter to the secretary of the second respondent (Law Society) requesting their members to comply with their statutory obligations by submitting their audited certificates signed by a chartered accountant or auditor and advised that legal proceedings would be instituted against their members who are not in compliance with the Act," Khumalo stated.

He stated that the submission deadline had long lapsed, thus the first respondent (Ngwenya) has breached the statutory obligation by failing to submit the certificate as required by law and by so doing contravening the said section. By failing to comply with the Legal Practitioner's Act, which is the principal statute governing the conduct of attorneys of the High Court, Khumalo said the first respondent has rendered himself not being a fit and proper person or attorney to continue with the practice of law.

Application in violation of Legal Practitioner's Act – lawyer

The lawyer in his answering papers is challenging the Attorney General as he argues that the application is in violation of the Legal Practitioner's Act of 1964.

According to Ngwenya in his points in limine (point of law) he has raised, the application is bad in law in that it is a violation of the statute the applicant (AG) seeks to enforce in that Section 27 (1) of the Act is clear that it is the second respondent (Law Society) that is entitled to approach the High Court for an order for the suspension of a legal practitioner from roll.

He further submitted that Section 27 bis (1) is more clear that there is established a Disciplinary Tribunal for purposes of exercising disciplinary control and other powers conferred by this Act and further, that Section 24 sext

provides applicant with a remedy in the event he is of the suspicion that a legal practitioner is in defiance of Section 24 quat and applicant has not shown that he has exhausted all the remedies provided for by the Act in the event an attorney is said to be in violation of the Act.

Applicant

"The applicant must lodge a complaint with the disciplinary tribunal which will set the investigations into the matter accordingly into motion, the tribunal is established in terms of the statute and cannot be passed by the applicant and further applicant does not have such powers to move an application for the suspension of a legal practitioner as provided by the Act," Ngwenya submitted.

He stated that the procedure of the

tribunal shall be prescribed under regulations made by the Chief Justice in consultation with the chairman of the tribunal, the council and the attorney general arguing that this goes to show that the applicant (AG) cannot usurp the powers of the tribunal to deal with the attorney and that any form of disciplinary measure against the attorney which is minus the participation of the Law Society is null and void and should not be allowed by the court to stand.

He further submitted that the applicant is acting ultra vires and is not entitled to the order he is seeking for reason that the powers for seeking same rest solely with the Law Society and not with the applicant as the applicant is not the final decision maker where the conduct of an attorney is put into question.

Taxi operator wants his Honda Fit back from cops

By Sandile Nkambule

A taxi operator has taken the Manzini Magistrate's Court, director of public prosecutions and the national commissioner of police to court where he is seeking an order of court compelling the police to release his car to him.

The car, a Honda Fit, has been detained by the Manzini police after customers who had hired it were found to be in possession of stolen copper wire worth E15 000 while in Matsapha after being stopped by the police.

Represented by lawyer Derrick Ndo Jele from Robinson Bertram law firm, Mfanimpela Hlatjwako of Manzini yesterday filed an urgent application at the High Court seeking an order that the first respondent's (Manzini magistrate) order that the vehicle be detained be reviewed and set aside.

The urgent application was yesterday before High Court Judge Mumcy Dlamini.

He is also seeking an order that the third respondent (national commissioner of police) represented by the station commander be ordered to forthwith to release the car to him and his legal representatives and that the respondents be ordered to pay the costs of the application. According to Hlatjwako in his founding affidavit, he had entrusted his driver Mfundo Magagula to drive the vehicle on December 6, 2018 and he was called by the driver who informed him that he had been stopped by the Matsapha police for allegedly transporting unknown individuals who were carrying copper wire.

He submitted that he proceeded to the scene and the police told him that their investigations indicated that his driver (Magagula) was involved in the copper theft as he was only transporting the said individuals without knowing that they were transporting stolen items.

His driver was then released and the motor vehicle was taken to the Manzini Police Station and he was advised that he should report to the police station the following day to claim the vehicle and indeed he did as they ordered and went to the station the next day. However, Hlatjwako submitted that he was informed by the police that they had not finished their investigations and that he should against report to the station on the next day as the police officer iden-

tified as Ngwenya gave him hope that he would get his car.

On December 7, 2018, Hlatjwako said the he went back to the police station and this time was advised by the investigating officer that his vehicle had since been detained as they were continuing with their investigations.

"I have been visiting the police station every after two weeks with the hope that my car will be released to me and they would give me false hope that it would be released as they are nearing completion of their investigations, I have not been able to pay my rentals and am now in E7 500 arrears and have exhausted all my money in my bank account," he submitted.

Proceed

Hlatjwako told the court that on February 13, 2019 he proceeded to the police station and talked to the investigator detective Ngwenya and registered his concern over the non-release of the vehicle as there seems to be no end to the investigations.

He submitted that his driver was not arrested for the copper wire theft or charged with same, hence there is no basis of detaining the motor vehicle at the police station, adding that even if they wanted to take fingerprints from the vehicle, such could have long been done.

He argued that the police were fully aware that he is the owner of the vehicle and he even submitted papers from the car dealership where he bought the car at E36 000 in a bid to submit proof of ownership.

"The police, despite knowing that I am the owner of the vehicle, went behind my back and obtained an order of court at the Manzini Magistrate's court to have my car detained on December 7 as I was totally excluded from the process and not afforded the right provided by the Constitution to be heard," he submitted.

He stated that he ought to have been heard based on the rule of natural justice and the Constitution and that the order of the Magistrate's court arrived at arbitrary or capriciously and stands to be reviewed and set aside.

He told the court that the detention of his car had adverse effects on his livelihood since he and his family make a living through the use of the vehicle as a taxi and argued that it was now exposed to all sorts of weather elements at the police station.

By Alec Lushaba
Editor

HOSTING AU SUMMIT STILL ON - MINISTER THULI REVEALS



WE STILL ON: Foreign Affairs Minister Thuli Dladla.

The Kingdom of Eswatini is still looking forward at hosting the African Union Heads of State and Government in July 2020, Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister Thuli Dladla reveals.

This she based on the African Union Assembly decision taken in 2015 which mandated the Kingdom of Swaziland then (Eswatini now) to host the June/July 2020 Extra Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly (now known as the Coordination Summit of the AU and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) after the endorsement of the AU Institutional Reform process) in 2020.

She said nothing has happened to walk back from that decision, either by the Kingdom or the Assembly.

Dladla refuted earlier reports that by virtue of South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa becoming the first Vice Chair of the AU and taking over January 2020, does not mean that the Kingdom will not host the Coordination Summit of the organisation and RECs.

"Being chair of the AU does not guarantee one to host. The chair-ship is not directly correlative to hosting the Summit of the African Union Assembly and preceding meetings. For example, the current Chair of the AU being Egypt will not host any of the AU Summits during the chairing period - the 32nd Ordinary Session of the Assembly of 2019 has already taken place in Addis Ababa, and the Coordination Summit of the AU and Regional Economic Communities will take place in Niamey, Niger in June/July 2019. Resultantly, Egypt will relinquish the chair-ship to South Africa in the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in January/February 2020 without having the opportunity to host a summit. By Assembly Decision taken in January 2018 all Ordinary Sessions of AU summits are to be held at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa. All Assembly Decisions are by default, peremptory governing tools of the African Union," she said.

Dladla explained that indeed His Majesty King Mswati III was earmarked to take over the chair of the AU by January/February 2020.

"But owing to sacred cultural commitments, the King as he was still in seclusion and unable to perform any public duty, the country lobbied the Southern Africa Development Countries (SADC) to put forward the name of South Africa as first vice since it was SADC time to assume First Vice Chair position and then chair when Egypt term lapses next January.

"However, this process is totally separated from the hosting of the summit as already explained," the foreign affairs and international cooperation minister stated.

She said by assuming the chair, South Africa has not been endorsed to host the summit since the January/February AU Summit happened in the Addis Ababa.

Dladla explained though that His Majesty the King would like to host the AU Extra Ordinary Summit under a very healthy, hospitable and con-

ducive environment hence we are continuing to monitor the progress of the country's infrastructure programme.

"Until the kingdom wishes or decides to rescind its offer to host the Coordination Summit in 2020 for whatever reason, the Assembly Decision of 2015 will not change. Again, both the chair-ship and offer to host a summit are exclusive from each other."

Progress

"Work is still in progress at the International Convention Centre and Five Star Hotel at Ezulwini and the construction of the highway from Mbadlane to Manzini is also still under way. These, together with the revamping of the Ezulwini Sun Hotel and the new Hilton Hotel are projects that need to be completed for the country to be in a good space to host the summit," she said. Economic Planning and Development Principal Secretary Bertram Stewart said as the ministry responsible for the ICCFISH they are hoping work will be complete by December.

"We should be ready by then to hand over the project to any ministry that

will be assigned just like it has been the case with the King Mswati III International Airport and Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre which were handed over to the ministry of public works and commerce and trade respectively.

"We look at this project not only as targeting the hosting of the African Union Summit, but as one that would facilitate and promote business development in the country.

"Its development had the AU in mind once it was decided that we would host the 2020 Summit. We needed to do some adjustment to put it at the level where we can accommodate such a huge number of visitors and heads of state and government. However, the development of this project is looking beyond just hosting the AU Summit," Stewart said.

He said during the SADC Summit in 2016 visitors had to be accommodated at Pigg's Hotel because of lack of beds nearby. The PS said he was hopeful that they would be able to meet the construction deadline with the support of the Republic of China on Taiwan, which is funding the project together with government.

When asked on the costs, he said at the moment it was too early to talk about the costs, until they have sourced for suppliers to tender for the finishing materials. "But it is nothing compared to the E4.5 billion being peddled by some foreign media houses. It must be said that some people or institutions have never been supportive of government's millennium projects at all. From the time we started building the KMI International Airport and the Highways, we have been told that we are wasting money. But today when you do a comparative analysis of the traffic at KMI to that of Matsapha you begin to wonder what they were

talking about. The Oshoek/Manzini Highway is becoming smaller and there is even need to expand. So likewise, we are not bothered when it comes to the ICCFISH because we know what the project is capable of doing for the country's economy," the PS stated.

In April 2018 during the two day visit to the Kingdom AU Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat, His Majesty King Mswati III reiterated the country's desire to host the 2020 AU Coordination Summit in July.

His Majesty King Mswati III reiterated the country's offer to host an African Union Summit in 2020.

His Majesty the King assured the Chairperson that sustained preparations and work are underway to create a conducive environment for the successful holding of the summit.

The chairperson pledged the commission's full cooperation to that end. In the course of their discussions, His Majesty the King and the chairperson emphasised the importance of Agenda 2063, as Africa's blueprint for the transformation of the continent and the harnessing of its huge human and natural resources potential, for the benefit of the African people. In this context, they stressed the need to more effectively address the crisis and conflicting situations facing Africa, expedite the economic integration of the continent and strengthen its unity. The chairperson of the commission expressed appreciation to His Majesty King Mswati III for the country's support to the institutional reform process.

He stressed the need for continued commitment by all member states to take forward this endeavour, so as to ensure that the union is fit for purpose and can fulfill the aspirations of the African people. Key in this regard is the achievement of financial self-reliance.

The chairperson of the commission also commended the Kingdom of Eswatini for having signed the agreement on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and for its role in the successful launch of the Single African Air Transport Market, in January 2018, in Addis Ababa.

MUMCY EUNICE INSKIP ESTATE SAGA

Co-executor was not aware of proceedings against her

Stories By Sandile Nkambule
High Court

The co-executor in the estate of the late Mumcy Eunice Inskip has strongly challenged the other co-executor as she alleges that her co-executor went behind her back and consented to a sale of a farm forming part of the estate without her consent.

Mandy Menzi Dlamini (co-executor applicant) argues that whereas she was cited in her capacity as co-executor in the action proceedings that saw the sale of a farm which forms part of the estate, she was not aware of the proceedings brought against her.

Represented by lawyer Sabelo Bhembe, she argued that her co-executor lawyer Andreas Lukhele who has been cited as the third respondent, acted on the proceedings without informing or consulting or getting her consent as co-executor.

Bhembe submitted that the estate of the Inskip is not in any way indebted to the first and second respondents as it never received the sum of E1 million and that had the court at trial been aware of same, it would not have granted an order on July 7, 2018 in favour of the respondents.

The High Court last year issued an order in favour of Thomas More and Richard Kirk for a writ of attachment of immovable property from the estate of the late Inskip.

A notice of sale of the property by public auction has already been issued by the High Court Registrar which states that pursuant to a writ of execution issued in the matter between the Thomas and Robert Kirk (plaintiffs) and Andreas Lukhele and Mandy Menzi Dlamini (defendants) in their capacities as executors of the estate of the late Eunice Inskip, the property will be sold by the Deputy Sheriff for the Manzini region.

The property in question is a one half share in portion 2 of Farm No 1 270 situate in Manzini measuring 1 760 hectares and certain a one half share of portion 3 of Farm 1 270 measuring 11 283 hectares and according to the notice the property shall be sold at a reserve price of a total amount of E1.8m on March 1, 2019.

Bid

In a bid to prevent the sale of the property, the applicant in the present urgent applicant (Dlamini) is seeking an order of court rescinding setting aside the order issued in July 2018 and further seeking an order writ of attachment of the immovable property dated October 9, 2018

signed by the Registrar be and is hereby set aside.

She is further seeking an order that the notice of sale of the property published in the local print media be set aside.

According to Bhembe who was arguing on behalf of the applicant before Judge Maxine Langwenya, the applicant has *locus standi* (legal standing) to institute the present proceedings both as a co-executor and a beneficiary in the estate as she is alive of the law that co-executors must act together in regard to affairs of the estate.

Bhembe argued that the third respondent (Lukhele) acted unlawfully hence the applicant cannot reasonably be expected that as co-executor she would act with him (Lukhele) when she is seeking an order against him. In a lengthy argument, Bhembe submitted that because the applicant was cited in the proceedings and was not aware of same and that because the third respondent (Lukhele) acted alone in defending the proceedings and ultimately consenting to an order of July 7, 2018 without consulting the applicant and getting her consent as co-executor, with the amount of E1 million never paid to the estate, the matter complies with the requirement of Rule 42 (1).

"Had the honourable court been aware of such facts, it would not have granted

Applicant has no legal standing in bringing matter to court

Meanwhile representing the respondents in the matter yesterday was lawyer Lindifa Mamba who argued that the applicant (Mandy) has no *locus standi* (legal standing) in bringing the present proceedings before court.

Mamba submitted that Rule 42 provides that the court may consider upon the application of any party affected, but further submitted that the applicant in her capacity as a beneficiary and in her capacity as a co-executor acting alone, is not a party affected by the said judgment.

"A party is a party affected within the meaning of the rule if that party has the legal interest in the main action that would have entitled him or her to intervene in the same capacity in which he or she brings the application for rescission and the interest

must be a direct legal interest," Mamba submitted.

He argued that a beneficiary has no *locus standi* to apply to set aside a judgment entered against the estate as such right belongs to the executors as the lawful representative of the deceased's estate.

Mamba submitted that the applicant has throughout the proceedings in court under the 2015 case, always accepted that monies were duly paid and that she herself received monies and accordingly submitted that the application be dismissed arguing that the applicant was abusing the court processes as she sought to obtain an unfair advantage by giving the respondents 48 hours to file papers in an application, when a period of 10 days would not have caused any harm to her.

ed the order issued in July hence the order of the court should be rescinded and set aside," Bhembe submitted.

The respondents (Tommy and Robert Kirk) had instituted the action proceedings last year seeking a refund of the E1

million they had paid as purchase price of the immovable property described in summons on the basis that the agreement of sale was held to be unlawful in terms of the judgment of the court of December 2017.



2019 BUGANU AT BUHLENI



LEAD BY EXAMPLE: Minister of Education and Training Lady Howard-Mabuza leading lutsango from her ministry to deliver gifts to Her Majesty the Indlovukazi during the delivery of Buganu and other gifts at Buhleni Royal Residence yesterday. Regiments and other entities were also there to be part of the festivities. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



Funeral Notice



Bhekisisa Soul Mbuyisa

SIMEMETELO SEMNGWABO

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Bhekisisa Soul Mbuyisa lobekatiwa ngekutsi ngu 'mthamo' kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Usishiye ngekutumeka lokukhulu mhlaka 12 February 2019.

Utawufihlwa ekhaya lakhe eLushikishini ngelisentfo, mhlaka 17 February 2019 nga 06h00 ekuseni.

Kwatiswa baka Mbuyisa eBhadzeni, nebasekhakhakhe baka Mtsetfwa, bekhabinina baka Mlotsa, nebasemsebentini wakhe ka Swazi Observer.

Simemeto sikhishwa ngu Mkakhe egameni lemndeni.



EPTC LUTSANGO AT BUHLENI



NKHOSI MHLEKAZI: Her Majesty the Indlovukazi and her guests Mangema Zuma wife to former president Jacob Zuma and Member of Parliament from Uganda Naggai Nabilar Sempala watching Eswatini Post and Telecommunications Corporation Lutsango as they deliver Buganu at Buhleni Royal Residence yesterday. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)



LOOK FOR JOBS TO SUSTAIN YOURSELVES - SANU

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi

As His Majesty King Mswati III has called for Emaswati to think outside the box in these tough economic times, Southern African Nazarene University (SANU) has called for students to start looking for jobs in order to finance themselves.

His Majesty has said the number of children who apply for scholarships continues to grow each and every year, thus competing for the very limited resources with other development needs of the country.

"We encourage the nation to think outside the box and look for opportunities in starting their own businesses" the King stated when officially opening the 11th Parliament last week.

SANU vice chancellor is indeed heeding to the king's directive of letting people think outside the box. The Vice Chancellor, Winnie Nhlengethwa during SANU's Open Day held this past weekend told over 2 000 prospective students that she encourages them to look for jobs in order to finance themselves.

The vice chancellor pointed out that government is currently in a financial crisis hence there is a need for students to start looking for other ways to finance themselves.

The vice chancellor said as SANU



ENCOURAGED: SANU Vice Chancellor Professor Winnie Nhlengethwa (centre) joined by some of the management staff Elmon Shongwe, Dr Faith Mlota, Thulile Bhembe and Stanley Ngqwane as they listened to one of the presentations.

they do not neglect their own students but make sure that they help where they can whenever a student faces financial challenges.

She said there were quite a number of students she had helped at SANU get jobs and be able to finance them-

selves while undertaking their studies at the institution. Nhlengethwa said once students get jobs they are able to buy themselves whatever they need while undertaking their studies. She said such allows students to be able to buy toiletries and other stuff

such as food. During the Open Day SANU was hailed as an institution which offers programmes that are uniquely different globally. Nhlengethwa said as SANU they pride themselves in that they offer courses that are not offered in other institutions. She said



FIND JOBS: SANU Registrar Stanley Ngqwane making his presentation.

they offer leadership mentoring programmes at SANU.

She said they place highly servant hood leadership so that when one leaves SANU they leave as servants of God. "If you come to SANU not knowing the church you will leave knowing about the church," Nhlengethwa emphasised. She said SANU's mission is to make a difference in the community.



IN NUMBERS: It was a full house as young people looking for better opportunities came in their numbers.



PRESENT: SANU Marketing Manager Petros Mavuso and the institution's Admissions Clerk Sibusiso Hlophe.

24 babies born on Valentines Day at RFM

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi

At least 24 babies were born on Valentine's Day at Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital. While people were receiving material gifts on Valentine's Day, 24 babies received the gift of life on this special day.

Yesterday 24 mothers were found relaxing with their newborn babies at RFM maternity wards. The number of babies born was confirmed by RFM's Senior Midwife Helen Dlamini.

This was during a tour of the facility by MTN Foundation Board members together with Swaziland Nazarene Health Institution administrators. Dlamini during the interview said this



THANK YOU: Senior Midwife Helen Dlamini led the tour and thanked MTN Foundation board members for funding the renovations. (Pic Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

was quite a huge number for just one day.

As MTN Foundation had spent about E200 000 renovating the maternity

wards at RFM, Dlamini thanked the kind gesture by the foundation.

She said such has been very helpful as they had a challenge on rainy

days. She said the hospital administrators 25 to 30 deliveries per day and their nurses work around the clock. She said the morning shift starts at 7am to 7pm and then another shift takes over. Dlamini said under the morning shift they have six nurses while for the night shift they have only four nurses.

The senior midwife said this has been quite challenging for them. She said the increasing number of deliveries might be caused by that Manzini is one of the busiest cities in the country.

Dlamini said one should note the 30 babies delivered per day on the 15 beds that they have, as a serious challenge. She said also making things worse is that they have only three active beds for deliveries. She added that those who visit the hospital when

they think they are in labour fail to understand when they are sent back home as they are not in labour yet. Dlamini hailed the renovations which have been done to the place saying they really helped in uplifting the spirits of the midwives. "now we even have a shower" Dlamini informed the board members of MTN Foundation.

She said it had been over 50 years since the maternity ward had done a major renovation. She said the ward is very old as even His Majesty King Mswati III was born there.

The renovations done by MTN include fixing the dilapidated ceiling, air conditioners and roof.

Speaking during the tour Swaziland MTN Foundation Board Chairperson Busisiwe Simelane said she was happy to know that the renovations had lifted the working spirits of the nurses.

TOWARDS A CYBER RESILIENT CENTRAL BANK

By Guest Writer

Cyber attacks are a serious threat to all of us. By definition, cyber-attacks are criminal activities where services or application in the cyberspace are used for or are the target of a crime, or where the cyberspace is the source, tool, target, or place of a crime.

Considering the high level of interdependence within the financial sector, cyberattacks are not only a threat to individual institutions but pose a threat to the stability of the overall financial ecosystem.

Bank of England Governor, Mark Carney at the 2019 World Economic Forum (WEF) summit in Davos, Switzerland warned industry players of the increased cyber-security risks in finance, Carney said. "What's quite important here is planning for failure. Assume failure. It's one thing bondholders in banks have to think about. They are going to be bailed in. One of the things we have started working on with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Financial Stability Board is — assume a successful cyberattack. How quickly can you get back up and running? How will you? What are the mechanisms? Planning for failure is hugely important."

Attackers could try to hack into a private computer or an organisation for economic gain or simply for demonstrative purposes, or they could be driven by the aim of causing damage and disruption.

This threat has to be taken seriously by banks, financial institutions, and financial market infrastructures (such as payment or settlement systems). Central Bank of Kenya's Governor Patrick N Njoroge on January 29 told a press conference in Nairobi that cases of ICT-related frauds have been on the rise in recent years, calling on banks to tighten their systems because

EXAMPLES OF CENTRAL BANKS WHO FELL VICTIM OF CYBERATTACKS

Institution	Year	Type of attack	Details
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland	2010	Data breach	Theft of 122,000 credit cards
Federal Reserve Bank of New York	2012	Data breach	Theft of proprietary software code worth USD 9.5 Million
Sveriges Riksbank	2012	Business Disruption	Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack left the website offline for 5 hours
Banco Central del Ecuador	2013	Fraud	USD 13.3 Million stolen from the account of the city of Riohamba at the central bank
Federal Reserve Bank of Saint Louis	2013	Data breach	Publication of credentials of 4,000 US bank executives by Anonymous
Central Bank of Swaziland	2014	Fraud	Theft of USD 688,000
ECB	2014	Data breach	20,000 email addresses and contact information compromised
Norges Bank	2014	Business Disruption	DDoS attack on seven large financial institutions, resulting in suspended services during a day
Central Bank of Azerbaijan	2015	Data breach	Theft of thousands of bank customers' information
Bangladesh Bank	2016	Fraud	The SWIFT credentials of the Bangladesh central bank were used to transfer USD 81 Million from its account at the FRBNY. Hackers tried to steal USD 951 Million.
Bank of Russia	2016	Fraud	21 Cyber-attacks aimed at stealing USD 50 Million from correspondent bank accounts at the central bank, resulted in a loss of USD 22 Million.
Bank of Italy	2017	Data Breach	Hack of email accounts of two former executives.

Source: ORX News

Cybercrime is one of the risks targeting the financial sector which is expected to increase in sophistication and frequency. The risk of cyberattacks is further accentuated by the high reliance of the financial system on digital technologies, the difficulty to protect against fast changing threats and because they are borderless.

It is therefore essential that commercial banks, other financial institutions and financial market infrastructures, as well as central banks like the Central Bank of Eswatini, have an adequate level of cyber resilience to ensure their own protection as well as that of the entire ecosystem.

THE REALITY OF CYBERATTACKS: THE 2013 CBE CYBER ATTACK CASE

Central Banks remain a soft target for cyber-attacks and have been victims in the recent past resulting in losses of US\$117 million. Central Banks like the Federal Reserve Bank of New

York in 2010, Sveriges Riksbank in 2012, Federal Reserve Bank of Saint Louis in 2013, European Central Bank in 2014, Bangladesh Bank in 2016, Bank of Russia in 2016, Bank of Italy in 2017 and the Central Bank of Eswatini in 2013 and 2016 all fell victim of cyberattacks ranging from data breach and fraud.

Forensic investigation on CBE by highly skilled local and South African companies discovered that the cyber-crime actors were: cybercriminals interested in defrauding by electronic means; disgruntled employees leaking sensitive company information or exploiting their access rights to collude with external parties against the CBE; and hackers gaining unauthorised access to systems. This resulted to an actual loss amounting to E7.5 million, although the fraud attempts totaled about E21 million.

It is a common mistake made by some institutions to look at the loss and begin to think they can live with it

because it might cost more to recover it. They lose sight of the fact that this is a very narrow view of looking at this. The potential chance of a repeat of this with even bigger loss cannot be ruled of. Also the forensic investigation costs is justified since it helps show the weakness of the system, identify the bad potatoes employees who committed or assisted in committing the fraud, and also take preventative measures as well as introduce better fraud resistant systems while creating awareness across the organisation and other sister local and regional stakeholders. Clearly such measures are priceless.

Beyond this loss, the CBE spent a total of E33million in forensic investigations to get to the bottom of how the crime was committed; disciplinary hearings for corrective actions that were deemed necessary by the results of the forensic investigations; ICT systems review as part of the measures for preventing future occurrences; and professional fees like the costs of engaging attorneys.

It is worth mentioning that these efforts resulted in the bank being able to recover about E1.1 million directly from South Africa and further about E5.9 million from insurance claims. Further, the bank understands that the costs of such incidences are beyond the actual losses as it also results in erosion of confidence on an institution.

TOWARDS A MORE RESILIENT CBE

In appreciating the costs that the bank incurred due to the cyberattack, it was imperative that the bank take strides to prevent any further attacks. Considerable investments were made in order to combat against this imminent threat, in order to identify, protect, detect, respond and recover from cyber-attacks. Since these attacks spread across networks, it is important for cyber-crime to be treated as a threat to national and

industry security.

The importance of disclosure by an institution that has been a victim of a cyberattack remains one measure to curtail criminal effects, as it ensures awareness and for potential victims to take mitigating actions before their security is breached.

Over the past four years, the Central Bank of Eswatini has put in place considerable cyber security measures such as; recruiting cyber security professionals to implement more stringent policies and procedural measures, implementing software to identify, detect and counter cyber-attacks, upgrading core systems that had weaknesses exploited in the 2013 fraud and continuously driving cyber security awareness to CBE staff. All this has been and continues to be efforts by the CBE Board, management and staff to safeguard the bank's information assets as it continues to fulfil its national mandate.

The effects of cyber-attacks can be devastating for any country's financial eco system. Institutions suffer in many ways when they fall victim to cyberattacks, one of which is dealing with the financial repercussions. In most instances it requires institutions to spend even much more in installing preventative measures. It should be obvious that it's a priority for companies to learn how to put security measures in place. It is important to note that decisions to invest in situations of cyber breaches requires courageous leadership as such decisions will not be taken without some level of strong criticism from various stakeholders. The Central Bank, being the regulator ought to set a good example in such issues as it attempts to ensure financial stability in the Kingdom of Eswatini. As such, any such criticism is taken positively as it encourages the bank to continuously assess the business case or value proposition for continuous investment in strengthening our environment for resilience against cyber attacks.

The purpose of this article is not only to inform the public about cybercrime, but mainly to appeal to all the banks and nonbank and all actors in the financial sector to invest in cyber resilient measures with an overall aim to protect Eswatini Financial Sector for continued stability.

ROVING CAMERA

WITH MDUDUZI 'TOP DOG' MNGOMEZULU



MEMORIES: Tourists taking pictures of the Mbabane Market during a tour around the city yesterday.



FOR MY WIFE: A man captured carrying a Valentine's gift and flowers at the city centre yesterday.



WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH: These ladies decided to remove their sandals whilst attending to their personal errands in Matsapha yesterday.

BRIAN TEMBA SER.

By Nokwanda Sibantze

It was a night of good music and good food as South African actor and singer Brian Temba sung to couples who attended the Valentine's Fundraising Dinner held at Molly's House of Grills in Manzini on Thursday evening.

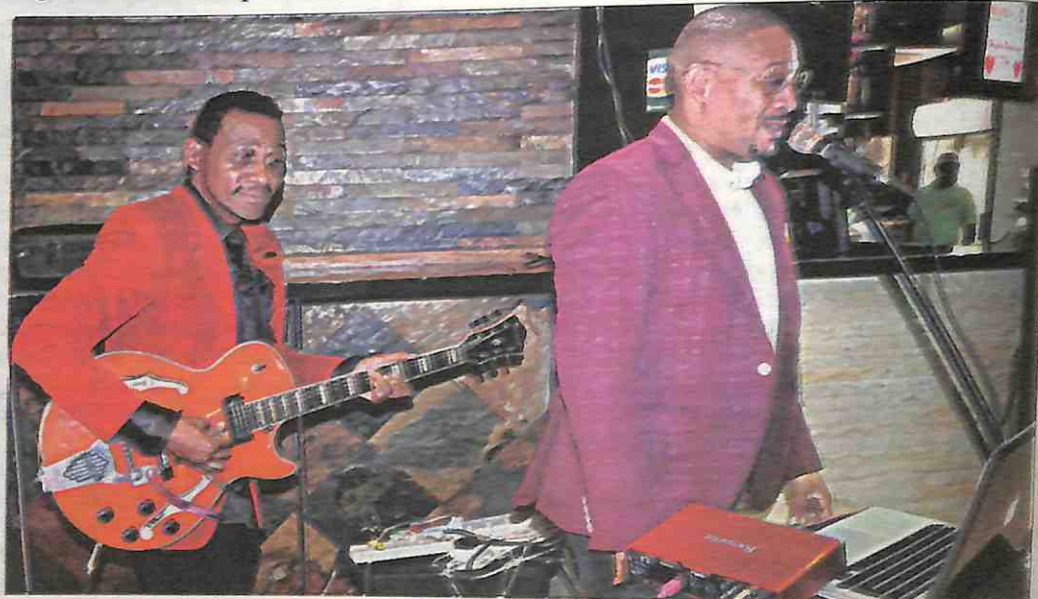
The Dominos singer took to the stage singing the hit song and the crowd immediately sang along. It became obvious that the singer had many fans in the room, as they smiled and clapped their hands in excitement when the singer was on stage.

The artist would in between songs engage the audience by talking to them and asking what songs they would like him to sing. The audience seemed excited as they shouted to him their favourite songs. Picking a few songs, the singer sang Ed Sheeran's Thinking Out Loud



THE GUEST: South African artist Brian Temba posing with Molly's Director Molly Magagula and her husband Isaac during the Valentine's Dinner held at Molly's at the Riverstone Mall on Thursday evening. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

as requested by the crowd. He also told the audience about his ex-girlfriend,



COLLABORATION: SA artist and actor Brian Temba joined by local musician Jose during a rendition of one of his songs.



LOVE IS IN THE AIR: Couples and friends enjoying dinner at the classy restaurant.

Valentine's dinner success at The George Hotel

By Simangaliso Zwane

Love was truly in the air on Thursday night at The George Hotel Valentine's dinner.

Lovers were spoiled to a buffet filled with all sorts of delicious food and drinks. The service by the waiters and waitresses was excellent. Couples were happy and excited at the service rendered during the night.

"The menu gave us a chance to taste several options. Both mains were very good. The hamachi starter was great and

the waiter was incredible. The support staff were very good," said one of the couples.

The lovers were then serenaded by soul artist Judah, who dished out romantic songs such as Michael Jackson's 2001 hit track 'You rock my world'.

Singing

The song got everyone dancing and singing their hearts out.

Smooth jams were the order of the night. The playlist included classic songs such as Ngiyagodola by Ringo Madlingozi and R-Kelly's Irresponsible. MC of the night then called gospel artist

Banele Dlamini on stage to share her vocal skills that made the crowd go wild.

Romance

Whether you're attached, looking for romance or rekindling the spark that ignited your relationship, Valentine's Day is the perfect day to celebrate love, romance and all that good stuff. There's loads you can do to mark the occasion, from planning a weekend away to going for a meal, hitting a club to watching a band, it's a day to put everything else second and show that special person exactly how much they mean to you.

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ENADES LOVEBIRDS



LOVE LEADS: Friends and couples having a good time as they watched the performance by Brian Temba.

Zanele, whom he dedicated the song 'Zanele' to.

The singer did not only sing his songs, as he did a young throwback singing songs by Joe Thomas, Marvin Gaye and other rmb artists that he used to listen to while growing up.

'I wanna know' by Joe Thomas took the crowd to a different level of being happy as he sang the song together with the entire audience. The singer also sang Marvin Gaye's 'Let's get it on' and the audience went crazy. As he sang the song he was joined by local singer and guitarist Jose. The two jammed to the song, while the crowd also sang along.

Brian Themba also sang one of his new songs 'Lost without you', which will be available in his upcoming album. "I am proud to announce that the album

will also be available in Eswatini as soon as it is released," said the singer.

The singer is known for his recent role as Ranthumeng Mokoena in the South African soap opera Muvhango and his role as Simba in the West End musical The Lion King.

Career

During his performance he also talked about his acting career, referencing his role and the ladies he has dated on the soapie every time he would start a new song.

While singing on stage, Brian Temba called one of the audience members, who was a diehard fan to come sing with him on stage.

Tiny Calvalho rushed to the artist and they started singing together. "I love his music so much, I am a diehard fan with-

out a doubt and I was not going to miss this show for anything in the world," said Calvalho.

The artist's hour long performance was not enough, as they chanted for him to sing 'Dominos' one more time, even though one lady in the audience got the lyrics wrong, Brian Temba was not afraid to correct her in a polite manner. They laughed about it and continued to sing the song.

Former Miss Eswatini Samukelisiwe Magagula thanked the audience for attending the dinner. She said the event turned out to be beautiful even after the venue change. Molly's also provided a three course meal to the attendees.

Jose also serenaded the audience with his soulful tunes and guitar tricks, which was appreciated by the audience.



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The Directors, Management and Staff of KaShali Pro-Learning High School, take this opportunity to congratulate the SGCSE Class of 2018 for the excellent results in the final examinations, where the school obtained position 38 out of 255 schools in the Kingdom of Eswatini. Our gratitude goes to the Almighty, who has constantly sustained this school all these years. We also extend our gratitude to the parents who have cooperated in making Pro-Learning a success.

We note with sadness the continued use of English Language as stumbling block to the academic progress of many students in the country. It is indeed an embarrassment that after 50 years of independence, we still have the former colonialists' language as an entry requirement in institutions of higher learning within the Kingdom of Eswatini. This is done in even courses which have nothing to do with the mastery of the English Language. We therefore urge the Ministry of Education and the relevant stakeholders to put the interest of the country first and remove this unnecessary barrier with immediate effect.

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The closing date for the submission of applications is Friday 1st March 2019.

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WHERE IS THE E17m DRUG BUST CASE?

Stories by Sicelo Maziya

Drugs worth E17 million are alleged to have disappeared at Ngwenya Border Gate, under the watchful eye of the police.

The drugs were confiscated by police in January last year and the case was never, at any stage, taken to the courts.

The case has raised some eyebrows as the major question that boggles the mind is; why the case is taking so long to conclude yet drug cases are traditionally swift to conclude.

Sources familiar with this matter within the police service are concerned that this case has dragged on for a year now, yet drug traffickers caught red-handed are normally swiftly prosecuted.

Some of the officers who made the major drug bust have since been transferred, according to sources within the police service, and it is highly likely that the case will see the light of day in court.

"Drugs are a co-ordinated illicit trade and it is not surprising that the officers have been removed from the exit point at Ngwenya.

"They had disturbed movement of a huge consignment of the illicit trade," adds the source.

Officers

The informant further alleged that the officers were becoming a challenge to certain individuals who are benefiting from the drug trade and, as a result, they were bound to be removed



THIS ONE: The drugs confiscated by police with its case having challenges to conclude.

by all means.

The dedicated officers who had become a threat to the illicit trade in the drug trafficking at the busy Ngwenya border gate have been sacrificed, according to insiders.

The officers have been busting trafficked drugs, making major arrests between November 2017 and January 2018. The huge controversial drug bust case number 454/18 that has failed to conclude and remains pending, according to the official communication from the Royal Eswatini Police Services (REPS).

Many officers who also suspect foul play in the manner this particular case is being handled have disclosed that drug cases are usually quickly referred to the Magistrate's Court for litigation.

They also stated that this case, like similar others, was supposed to be referred to the Mbabane Magistrate's Court the same day, or soon thereafter, like other similar cases.

But, to this date, this has not happened.

This is the last major drug bust by the formidable team that was cracking the drug cartels at the Ngwenya border gate.

According to well-informed insiders, for a prolonged period of time, there were clandestine moves within REPS to have this team of well-trained drug-busting officers dismantled because it was deemed as a threat in some quarters. This major drug bust, which happened in January last year, also attracted extensive media coverage.

Case is still pending, exhibits safe - PICO

Chief Police Information and communications officer (PICO) Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said police are very much dedicated in the fight against illicit drug trafficking in the country.

She said the reason the media was taking interest in the story of the drugs is because of dedicated officers who have done their duty as expected. Vilakati shared that one of the drug cases was concluded and the person who was charged paid a fine and the drugs were destroyed as per procedure. Vilakati said the other case of the drugs is still pending and the drugs, like any other form of exhibit, is safe and cannot be tampered with as per the laws regulating their safe-keeping. On allegations of officers being transferred in order to 'kill' the E17 million drug case, Superintendent Vilakati said: "There is nothing sinister within the police department on how police execute their operational and administrative work."

She said REPS has its own policies used to execute their own duties and can never be influenced by certain elements to act against their own oath of office.

"The organisation has made so many changes on how it works and officers have been deployed in different areas for so many operational reasons," she said.

On the allegation that officers have been transferred due to the controversial E17 million drug bust, Vilakati denied these allegations and said to her knowledge, some of the officers have been



STILL PENDING: Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati.

affected by the current changes taking place and one of the officers is on rotation within the police service departments as expected of all officers. She further asserted that many reasons can influence the transfer of police officers even when they are doing very well at their present workstations "An officer may be needed somewhere even when she or he has done well in one area so that the officer can help in other areas with that expertise and experience," she said.

SADC UNIVERSITY STILL IN LIMBO

By Sicelo Maziya

Former SADC Chairperson, His Majesty King Mswati III's dream of having a SADC University has not yet materialised.

The local SADC Secretariat has disclosed that the university is still under the process to have the institution operationalised.

Head of the local SADC Secretariat under the ministry of economic planning and development Chazile Magongo revealed that the country was not given the right to host the local university as widely believed.

She said there is nowhere in any of the communiqué that states that the country will host the SADC University.

She said the issue of the university is still being dealt with by the block of the 16 member states and once the pronouncement is done, the 16 countries will know where the university will be based on the decision of SADC leaders.

When Magongo was asked why they allowed one institution in Sidwashini to advertise using the SADC University umbrella, which gave the impression that the SADC University would be

housed at the local institution, Magongo was quick to state categorically that as soon as the media highlighted the advertisement, the local institution was promptly forced to remove the advertising signage. When she was further pressed on the issue of the SADC University and claims that there is land said to have been allocated for the construction of the SADC University at Emphini area, Magongo was firm in her response.

"As far as I know, the issue of the university is still being discussed within the relevant structures of the SADC Block and, at the moment, no country has been allocated rights to host the university.

Proposed

"The king only proposed and revealed plans to establish the SADC University by August 2017 when the 37th SADC Summit took place," she said.

The proposed university was to focus on technical and vocational education, and expected to train people on innovation and entrepreneurship to enable the southern African region to become industrialised. Media reports have it that the king offered to host the university and said the Eswatini Govern-



ment would offer scholarships to the first 300 students from all 15 SADC member states.

The institution was expected to complement the SADC Industrialisation Strategy and Roadmap 2015-2063. The Strategy and Roadmap 2015-2063 which was approved by SADC leaders in April 2015, is aimed at steering the major economic and technological transformation of the region. This includes raising the living standard of people in the region and intensifying structural transformation to rapidly catch up with industrialised and developed countries.

Education dept slams MSF on HIV, STI testing for pupils

JOHANNESBURG - The Department of Basic Education (DBE) said on Friday the allegations that the rollout of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services for secondary school pupils in South Africa was still on hold were false and inaccurate.

This comes after Doctors Without Borders (MSF) on Thursday said that the district department of education allegedly barred its programme team from offering pupil-testing services on school grounds in King Cetshwayo District in KwaZulu-Natal.

MSF called on the DBE to release clear guidelines on the implementation of school-based sexual and reproductive health services.

But in a statement yesterday, the DBE said it had noted, with concern and disappointment, the statements from Doctors Without Borders.

The department said it has made a commitment to provide learners with comprehensive

sexual education and direct health services at schools and the work was continuing.

It said that the national policy on HIV, sexually transmitted infections and TB for pupils, educators, and others, was now at school advocacy and implementation level, contrary to MSF claims that the programme was still on hold, nearly two years after it was adopted.

"Since 2012, the department has been offering health services to pupils through the integrated school health services, including education on sexual reproductive health services and referral to health facilities for the service.

"Since the new policy is making provision for SRH services, the department has since updated the package of health services in the ISHP to include HIV, the provision of SRH services in the school package including making condoms available and HIV Counselling and Testing (HTC)."

ANA

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi

E5 MILLION GOES MISSING, ACC STEPS IN

Following the mysterious disappearance of money amounting to over E5 million from Mashobashoba Ltd Company based in Lunkuntfu, the Anti-Corruption Commission has been roped in to investigate the matter.

The disappearance of this huge sum has even led to the area's Chief Mvimbi Matse dissolving the old Board of the company and putting a new committee in place. Mashobashoba Limited is a company that deals with growing and selling sugar cane, it is based in Big Bend. This company came about as means to develop residents of Lunkuntfu area, a remote rural area in Big Bend. The project has been funded by the European Union (EU), amongst other donors. The project is currently sustaining the livelihood of about 87 family members living in remote rural area of Big Bend, where there is little development. This publication has been able to gather that the land used by the company belonged to Tibiyo TakaNgwane and it was then given to the royal kraal under Chief Mvimbi, who in turn gave it to the company's which is now growing sugar cane on it. The company board members are now at loggerheads with the area's Chief Mvimbi, whom they are accusing of meddling into the company affairs after he fired some members of the old board, claiming that their time was up and that they have also swindled monies from the company. So intense is the situation that police have been called to stop the old board whenever they tried to convene to discuss a way forward on the issue of their

dismissal. The last meeting for board members was dispersed by police officers who informed the executive committee that they (police) have been sent by the station commander to stop the meeting. Explanation that those who held the meeting are board members and have a right to do so fell on deaf ears. The executive committee was simply told that if they want to meet they must consult with the area's chief who is Chief Mvimbi.

Contention

Since the bone of contention was audits and missing money, one of the Board members said they are shocked that such has happened because they were audited for the year 2017/18. The old Board which has since been chucked out complained that they were dismissed without clear explanations. They alleged that the chief fired the old board and put in people who will be his puppets and who are related to him. When asked about operations, Secretary General of the fired Board Jabulile Thwala declined to comment on issues touching on the chief. This publication gathered that when the project started operations a few years back, the farmers ploughed 68 hectares and there was money amounting to E1.9 million in their account.

One of the board

members said however the E1.9 million was not helping much on the farm so they went to request for a loan of around E500 000 so that they can be able to operate until harvesting time. The concerned member said they agreed on that and indeed they made the loan application. She said the loan they received, however, ended up being E4.7 million. She said they started operations and harvested around May.

Probed

When probed about their term in office the board member said the Board started way back in 2013 and they have not been doing anything because there were no operations. The member said in 2016 it was asked what should be done with the Board since the board members two-year-period had lapsed. Members suggested that since there was nothing that was done by the board in the past years it was decided that it shall continue operating until another term of office lapses. Around June 18, 2016 the board started normal operations up until November 20, 2016. The member said at that time they were told that since the board started operating after a long time, they will not have a back-dated sitting allowance but will only receive their allowance in line with the start of operations. In October 2017 and

2018 the company started harvesting what it has planted. The inside source said there were delays here and there but they delivered their produce. What has been gathered by this publication is that there was a meeting which was called by the royal kraal whereby the Indvuna of the area said he was being sent by the chief to inform members of the board that since they failed to utilise all the land given to them the current executive board must resign. The board members were accused of being in cohorts with those who were selling the land to unknown individuals. It is said Chief Mvimbi directed the indvuna to tell them that the board is dissolved. However, it is said members were not happy with this move, as they claimed that the land which was being utilised by the unknown individuals belonged to Tibiyo and they had nothing to do with it. Chief Mvimbi confirmed of having received information that the Anti-Corruption Commission will investigate the disappearance of E5 million from the company's coffers. When asked about his move of ousting the old executive board and replacing it with his own people, the chief denied these allegations, by saying that all that he did was to make sure that the company abides by its consti-

tution. He said the old board's term of office had long expired. The chief said there was a lot of corruption going on in the company as it has been alleged that some of those involved have been seen driving fancy cars and buying state of the art furnitures for their houses. He said this raised a lot of questions considering that there have been lots of monies which have been alleged to have gone missing from the company's accounts. Chief Mvimbi said they learnt that during operations, there was E1.9 million which was left in the company's coffers and when the board was probed on what happened to that money, it claimed that it was taken by the bank. Chief Mvimbi said the old board members are trying to involve him in issues that have nothing to do with him. He said he only intervened because the company is operating in an area which is under his authority. He said the challenge faced by the company is that it was led by people who are not well versed in accounting, hence they are not able to work with figures. Ousted members said they are more than ready for ACC since they know very well that their hands are clean. They said they even have audit records to show that there was no mismanagement of funds. The members said they were shocked when they were told about the missing millions of Emalangeni which they had no idea of. The audit report which was shown to this publication indicated that indeed there was no mismanagement of funds. The report however showed that the company was running a serious deficit and needed serious financial assistance or face liquidation.



ONGOING PROJECT: Vasts field are irrigated using the sprinkler irrigation system at the Mashobashoba Ltd Company.

Eswatini libraries fast-tracking towards digitalisation

By Mlindeni Gumede

An interview with Eswatini Library and Information Association Director Jabu Hlophe has revealed that the association is in the process of implementing multiple programmes aimed at digitalising a large number of activities within the country's libraries. "We are hard at work trying to keep up with the worldwide information explosion that has been happening in recent years, we are gradually implementing drastic technological changes in all our libraries across the nation, she said. Hlophe said the changes are in line with the library association's mandate of bridging the information gap between the haves and the have-nots. She elaborated further by overlaying some of the initiatives currently being done by the library association. "We have a total of 17 libraries across Eswatini, our largest

being the Mbabane, Manzini and Nhlanguano public libraries in all these centers, our target is to gradually transform the distribution of information such that it is in sync with global digital changes."

Hlophe went on to lay out the many digital programs that the library association is involved in including internet access, mobile library and the EBSCO educational database. "The two main information means that we use currently are paper and electronic, we have noticed a sharp increase in the demand for electronic books since the country's population is getting more accustomed to digitalized information." Hlophe said in meeting the digital needs of library users, the association has installed desktop computers in the American corner section of the libraries where the public can utilise free internet access. She stated that this particular initiative was

made possible by the Library Association's American partners.

Hlophe said that by design all the digital changes and implementations need to be supported financially. According to the director, members of the public are required to pay a fee of E10 per hour to access the web.

Charged

This fee is said to be charged so as to control the inflow of people and to ensure that people do not misuse time on the internet. "As an association serving the nation's public, we strive towards meeting the informational needs of people in all age groups, at present we have read aloud e-books in our libraries' children's sections, we also have our printed books in large print so as to cater for members of the public who may be visually impaired. Members of the public also have the opportunity to access an educational database through EBSCO.

"In the country's bigger libraries, we subscribe to the EBSCO electronic database; this is a database where our fellow Emaswati can access a wide range of information relating to a variety of subjects. These include peer reviewed journals, reference books and encyclopedias. Though the public accesses this service for free EBSCO is not free, we source funds from our central pool to use this service," Hlophe said. Other efforts made by the Library Association towards responding to the fast progressing digital world include developing an e-library, where all books and newspapers that contain information about our country can be sourced by the public.

"We are in the process of developing something we call the legal deposit, the legal deposit is a platform where we 'deposit' all books, articles and newspapers that discuss all aspects of the country, the legal deposit is mainly being developed for research purposes and for creating an archive for local newspapers, the legal deposit is currently on its

trial phase," added Hlophe describing the legal deposit.

Hlophe stated that the nation's libraries are in partnership with government and SWALINET in a project that will organize all information on books found in the library so that they are easy to find. The director ended by saying coupled with the Association's main objective, is the fact that as an organisation they aim to contribute towards all of the country's and the world's development goals.

"As you know the world is working towards specific development goals, specifically the Sustainable Development Goals, as custodians of the nation's libraries we have been mandated by our ministry (ICT) to contribute as much as we can to the development of the nation, said Hlophe.

Hlophe concluded by inviting all people living in the country to visit the nation's libraries saying the nation's libraries are a wealth of information which the nation's people can take advantage of by the public.

THE PLIGHT OF BEING A SNAT PRESIDENT

BY SICELLO MAZIYA

The possible charges levelled against current Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) President Mbongwa Dlamini were somehow expected by a number of teachers. The SNAT president responded this week to the possible charges the ministry wants to lay against him. Dlamini has, so far, received massive support from both former and present teachers who are members of the association.

The SNAT president seems to have been aware of possible charges against him for leading the teachers union in a strike action over the cost of living adjustment (CoLa) demand by public service associations.

The Observer on Saturday, in a bid to unpack the challenges that are yet to come with the leadership position of the president, checked how the school assists him in fulfilling his mandate as a teacher and as a teachers' representative.

The other issue that failed the test was that of a president of SNAT obtaining a fulltime secondment from the employer just like that of the secretary general.

Teachers who spoke on condition of anonymity stated that such has not yet come to fruition, despite several suggestions.

Mhubhe High School Head teacher Agrippa Dlamini said as a school, they have an understanding with the SNAT president due to the busy schedule with SNAT.

He said the school, together with Dlamini, adjusted the scheduling of his classes to the early hours of the day to allow him adequate time to attend meetings in the afternoon.

The Headteacher acknowledged that any leadership position at SNAT calls for attendance of meetings, either at branch level or national level.

He said the school has a duty to make arrangements to ensure that pupils do not suffer in the process, whilst the teacher is attending a meeting.

"The president is one of the resources that are needed in the school as we only have two teachers for the subject of the Biology class that he teaches.

The arrangement has been working well but now with him being the president of SNAT, he is required to attend international conferences and the school might suffer if he is away for a week," said the school administrator.

The Head teacher further acknowledged that Dlamini is a hard worker, stating that when he

is not attending any of the SNAT meetings, he dedicates his time and energy to his work with the pupils.

When the head teacher was asked about the possible charges from the Ministry of Education and Training, Dlamini pleaded his innocence on that part.

He said he was not aware of anything in relation to issues, contending that such matters are more often between the employer and employee.

"I guess maybe once any charge has been laid against him, I might be called or made aware of it.

As it stands, I'm not aware of anything other than what the media has reported so far. Nothing has come to my desk as his immediate supervisor," he said politely.

When he was candidly asked if the school has been affected by the mere appointment of Mbongwa as SNAT president, the head teacher said: "Being elected the president of SNAT comes with much more responsibility and sometimes he needs to attend to international conferences outside the country.

We can, therefore, not hide the fact that the school is only affected on those circumstances as the school needs to adjust according to his responsibilities."



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Sibongile shares experiences

Mazibuko

When her opinion was sought on this issue, former SNAT president Sibongile Mazibuko preferred not to talk about the current SNAT president, but her own experience in the hands of the government of the day when he was the SNAT head-honcho.

She said currently, she has no mandate to talk about SNAT issues.

"The position of president of SNAT is an influential position that brings along public scrutiny, employer monitoring your every moves and it sometimes does even affect your family," said Mazibuko.

She said those are the unfortunate packages of being a leader of people who want to fight for people's rights to be recognised and acknowledged.

"Any government, not just the Tinkhundla government, will attack and look for anything to distract any organised grouping that seems to be influential to the masses," said Mazibuko.

The former SNAT boss continued and referred to her experience rather than that of the current president.

"Look my son, I was fired with the SNAT sub-editor in an effort to scare teachers and force them to elect a new leader. Government, through the ministry of education and training would hunt for everything and anything to pin me down until the waya waya strike. The government of that day failed to understand that as teachers, we don't fall to the trap of divide and rule," she added.

Mazibuko said that the government of the day wanted was to force teachers to elect a new leadership that would not confront the government on issues of teachers' welfare in fear that they will be fired as well.

"Teachers don't abandon their leaders and history has it that teachers will rather pay the salaries of their leaders as it once happened with people like Albert Heshane Shabangu. We don't forsake our own," she said.

Mazibuko further claimed that during her time, she had been made aware by her reliable sources that some school inspectors were frequenting her school, in a desperate bid to get anything and everything they could use to pin her down. The vocal yet calm former president said teachers are groomed and have an understanding that any person coming to that position or any other position has responsibilities and challenges that associate with any leadership role.

She quoted the Word of God in Matthew 26:31, stating that any leader should be wary in journey of power, saying the journey to Galilee was not an easy one for the disciples.

"I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered," she said.

She further said public scrutiny also comes with its own challenges, as even your family members are affected. "Their challenges become your own problems and the media also pounces on any chance to link everything on you as a person in authority. I recall my children had a brush with the law but the story was not about my child, but the SNAT president was dominated and made headlines, yet the story was very shallow," adds

A case to answer

SNAT President Mbongwa Dlamini must have seen a number of challenges from his predecessors before ascending to the current position and the taste of being a public figure quickly landed him into trouble in his maiden year as president. This week the president was forced to respond to four possible disciplinary actions on charges of misconduct, that include unauthorised absenteeism.

The other possible charge is that of failure, neglect and/or refusal to submit official school records for inspection. According to the correspondence sent to him, this is said to have happened on/or about March 9 and 30, 2017, where the SNAT president is alleged to have contravened Regulation 15 (1) (a) of the Teaching Service Regulations as read together with the Schools Guide and Regulation Procedures.

The correspondence reads: "The official record books you failed, neglected and/or refused to submit for inspection include a class register, preparation book and scheme book. By your conduct as aforementioned, which you maintained despite numerous reminders, you interfered in a material way with the efficient operation of the school to which you are posted in violation of the cited legal instruments".

SNAT SAYS...

SNAT General Secretary Sikelela Dlamini said the recognition agreement with government is still open for negotiation. He confirmed that there is a need to add numbers at the office to deal with issues at a swift and professional manner. Dlamini shared that the workload at the SNAT office is overwhelming to be done by one person.

"If the financial standing of the association was good, negotiating with the government would have long been opened. The office needs not just the president but negotiation should be to get a number of the national executive committee being on secondment to deal with SNAT issues," he said.

Dlamini further highlighted the need to have fully-fledged officials to deal with the mission to improve the professional socio-economic status of teachers, enhance collective bargaining for teachers and encourage maximum participation and dynamic provision of quality education to the learner and the Swazi nation at large.

He further said it is very critical that once the financial standing of the association is improved with the strategies that are being employed in a bid to have a financial and sustainable organisation, negotiations with government should

be opened. "The consultative meetings with the government are usually in the morning and for an ordinary teacher that affects the learner if such meeting can clash with those of SNAT. It is in that regard that to ensure that pupils are not affected and the issues of employer and employee are tackled in a manner that doesn't go to an extent of clashes on work issues," he said.



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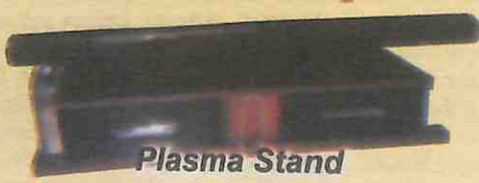
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GREEN FIELD: A police officer seen destroying a dagga field.



UMHLOBO: One of the people seen cutting watering pipes that were used to irrigate the dagga fields.

POLICE DESTROY DAGGA FIELDS



In a bid to fight against the cultivation and trafficking of dagga, Pigg's Peak police conducted an operation of dagga destruction.

The group of officers led by the Drug Unit went up to the mountains of Mgungundlovu and Mzimmene where they found the dagga fields.

The 13 hectares was destroyed through spraying, at Mzimmene seven hectares were destroyed while six hectares were destroyed at Mgungundlovu. During the operation there were no arrests that were made. Cultivation and trafficking of dagga has proved to be a challenge in the fight against crime especially violent crimes.



BURN: A police officer torching a shack that was used by the dagga owners.



ALL OUT: Police officers preparing to destroy one of the dagga fields during the raid.



STOMACH MATTERS: Some of the items found near the fields suspected to be used by the dagga farmers.



CHOPPING: An officer cuts watering pipes used for dagga irrigation.

Dagga cop denied fine released on bail

By Sandile Nkambule

A police officer who was denied an option to pay a fine in a dagga possession case, as he was a law enforcement officer, has successfully filed an urgent bail application pending review of the sentence at the High Court.

He had been denied bail by the Manzini Magistrate's Court.

The officer, Mthunzi Tsabedze, has finally been released after the High Court ordered that he be admitted to bail pending review of his application.

Judge Sipho Nkosi issued an order that Tsabedze be released while his review application is expedited after his Lawyer Ntobeko Piliso submitted that like his co-accused who was given an option to pay E2 000 fine after being convicted by the principal magistrate Tsabedze should also be given that option.

Tsabedze and his co-accused were convicted and sentenced to two years in prison with no fine option, while his co-accused was sentenced to the same number of years with a fine option to pay E2 000.

He submitted in his papers during sentencing that the learned magistrate told him that he would not give him the option to pay a fine since he was a police officer, hence he has been in custody since he was convicted.

He submitted that when his lawyer tried to make submissions before the magistrate to the effect that all people were equal before the law, this submission was not entertained, hence he was thrown into jail and has been serving the sentence.

Decision

"The principal magistrate put it in no uncertain terms that he was not going to give me a fine option like he had done to my co-accused since I am a police officer who abused the position of trust and authority, hence the present review application," he submitted.

He also argued that the principal magistrate in so doing, violated Section 20 Sub Section 1, 2 and 3 of the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act, hence his decision had to be reviewed and set aside by the appeal court. He submitted that the decision of the principal magistrate was selective during sentencing, arguing that he should have got the same treatment as his co-accused since they committed a similar offence.

Tsabedze, according to the charge sheet, and his co-accused were arrested by the police while at Mhlabubovu area along the Malkerns, Bhunya public road after being found in possession of 1.634kg of dagga in the car they were travelling in.

SUPREME COURT DISMISSES WEBSTER, FLOYD'S APPLICATION

By Melusi Mlotso

The appeal application filed by Manzini North election loser Webster Lukhele and Makholweni resident Floyd Mlotjwa has been dismissed by the Supreme Court for condonation of late filing.

The late filing was due to the fact that the two could not afford legal fees as it was submitted by their lawyer Zakhele Dlamini.

The matter had been enrolled for argument at the Supreme Court on Monday and, in their papers filed, they have indicated that they were delayed by failure to pay legal fees to Senior Counsel (SC) Advocate Lucas Maziya.

They are appealing against the decision of the High Court which ruled in favour of Manzini North Member of Parliament Macford Sibandze and the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) in the matter in which they were challenging Sibandze's legitimacy to stand for the elections under Manzini North Inkhundla.

The two are represented by Manzini top lawyer Zakhele Dlamini in the appeal who stated in his papers that the appellants have not abandoned their appeal and are desirous to see the matter heard in finality.

Lawyer Zakhele Dlamini said the reason for the delay is that the appellants have run out of

money to finance the litigation.

He said the court should note that during arguments, the appellants had secured the services of veteran constitutional law expert, Advocate Maziya, who is a senior counsel within the jurisdiction.

He said the decision to engage the senior counsel was that the magnitude of the point of law to be raised was such that the senior counsel could best raise and champion same before court (recusal of judge a quo).

Pillar

He said the statement of fees that was issued by senior counsel to the appellants has not yet been settled and the applicants have been running from pillar to post trying to secure funding. Dlamini further submitted that counsel Maziya could not continue assisting Webster and Floyd unless they had paid the outstanding statement of fees and, as such, their case has been in limbo pending settlement of the fees.

"I was of the view that the counsel would argue the appeal and such the heads of argument were to be prepared by the senior counsel who would argue same before the court," he said.

He went on to say it has since dawned recently that the appellants are unable to raise the money on time to settle the senior counsel state-

ment of account and counsel is adamant that he would represent them in court until the matter has been settled.

"Thus, the matter would be in the meantime be dealt with by myself in the office due to financial breakdown aforesaid," he submitted.

Unsettled

Lawyer Dlamini further asked for leave to file the heads of arguments, in which have been delayed due to confusion over the unsettled fees by the appellants. He said the main matter on the merits raises serious constitutional matters, whose determination will not only help give justice to the parties named above, but will clarify an ambiguous legal position pertaining registration of voters in national elections.

"Unless clarified and demystified accordingly, the problem will always haunt the propriety and smooth running of election process," he submitted.

The lawyer pointed out that he could not even file the bundle of authorities as the heads of argument have not been filed in the first place.

He humbly asked the honourable court to exercise discretion in terms of rule 17 in favour of allowing the appellants to file both the heads of arguments and the bundle of legal authorities so that the parties may get justice in the dispute before them.

MBUYAZWE MAZIYA CASE:

LOCAL RAPPER, HIP HOP FAN LEGAL EXPERT JOIN DEBATE

By Mlindeni Gumede

Wellknown rappers and other influential figures in the country have stated their views about the case of Mbuyazwe Maziya, a young man who was charged in the Swazi National Court of Mankayane for dressing in a manner that revealed his undergarments.

Maziya was found guilty of violating section 38A of the Urban Regulations Act, which prohibits members of the public from dressing in a manner that reveals sensitive parts of the body such as the buttocks. Maziya said he makes a living through recording hip hop music. He said the way he was dressed was warranted because he was dressed in accordance with American hip hop culture which he follows as a rapper. Fellow Eswatini rappers in the field of Hip hop music have expressed their concern about the Urban Regulations Act. One rapper, popularly known in the hip-hop circles as 80 Script, has said he is surprised that such a law even exists.

"I didn't even know people weren't allowed to sag their pants no more," 80 Script said.

A hip-hop fan, Muzi Mkhonta said in his younger days he used to wear his pants in a manner that would reveal his undergarments; he said this was due to his mindset when he was younger. "We love hip-hop music, but for me personally, I don't follow the dress code that comes with the music, during my high school days I used to dress that way but things have since changed," he said. He also said the law is tricky and it can be confused by young people. "I am not

well versed about issues pertaining to the law, I am sure I could be charged based on many laws that I don't know about," he commented.

In an interview with this publication, Mbuyazwe Maziya said some police officers in Mankayane conduct themselves in a manner that causes him to think that they do not deserve respect.

"Police in this area have a tendency of harassing the public, we have had many incidents where people were harassed and hassled, while trying to have fun in the local drinking spots," Maziya said. He also said fellow youths who engage in illegal activities in the area give those who abide by the law a bad name because the police automatically assume that every young person has a negative attitude towards the law enforcement agencies.

Dissatisfaction

"As time went on I began questioning the respect I have for our local police because of the perpetual clashes with us, I have even resorted to recording lyrics in my music that expresses my dissatisfaction with police," Maziya added.

Mayibongwe Mntungwa, a professional legal assistant and adviser in legal matters, has said young people have to try by all means to be in the know about the law.

"Ignorance of the law is not an excuse,

and stating ignorance does not come to a person's defence in a court of law," Mntungwa said. He went on to say that in his view, young people generally have the idea that the police are a threat to them.

"Due to the ideas found in the media, young people have many misconceptions about law enforcement agencies, the messages in mainstream and social media tend to be negative for the most part, and messages about the law and law enforcement are not exempt from this negativity."

Mntungwa conveyed concern about the youth's lack of interest in anything outside social media, saying they fail to realise that spending too much time on social media can impede them from learning about issues that affect them, which may be outside social media such as the law. "Young people today have become so absorbed

in social media that they lose sight of important things like keeping up with the law, the law is constantly changing and people need to be up to date with it, applying his knowledge on legal matters," he continued. Mntungwa said that it is a common occurrence for police officers to come under the influence of emotions when dealing with people, who might be on the wrong side of the law.

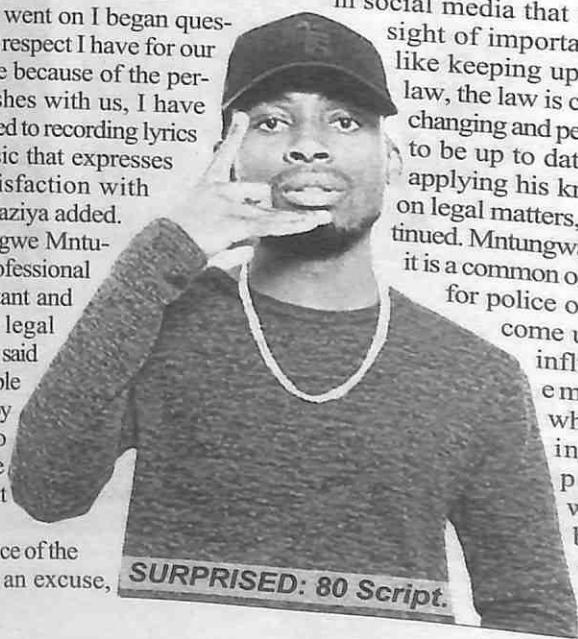
He elaborated by saying in some cases it has been found after legal scrutiny that an arrest has been made where no particular laws have been applied in the arrest, thus making the arrest unlawful. The legal expert said it is disconcerting that there are very few educational programmes and facilities to educate young people about the law and the dire implications of disregarding it. "It is true that all people have rights, what becomes problem, however, is that people, especially the youth, do not have a clear understanding on the specifics of these ideas they call rights."

Ignorance

Mntungwa has said the recently passed SODV Act is about to impact the public in a major way purely because of the public's ignorance about the Act. "I can bet that many people are about to be charged under the new law, and most victims of this law are going to be young people," said Mntungwa. Mntungwa's concerns go as far as sympathising with the parents and guardians of young people who find themselves on the wrong side of the law. "Since legal matters come at a cost, the financial burden of the consequences that result from the actions of young people usually come haunt those responsible for taking care of those young people."

The legal expert said the outcome of Maziya's case might have been different in a higher court, he said this is a very difficult case because many arguments can be raised about how to clearly define something that constitutes public indecency.

"This is an interesting case because I can raise so many questions at present about the definition of public indecency, we may also take a lengthy amount of time scrutinising the statute its self to determine exactly what this public indecency is," the legal expert said.





UNITED: The Swaziland Building Society management and staff at the prize presentation held at Asakhe House training room. (Pics: Sifiso Dlamini)

'CREATING WEALTH FOR OUR CUSTOMERS'

BY SIFISO DLAMINI

One lucky Swaziland Building Society customer walked away with a brand new refrigerator and a washing machine as her name was drawn out of a possible nine contestants at a prize presentation held on Thursday.

The campaign was for SBS customers, who have recently applied for a home loan or purchased a home through the bank. Nine customers made the final list of contestants for the draw at the prize presentation, where the winner walked away with a brand new fridge and a washing machine. Swaziland

Building Society Managing Director Timothy Nhleko said, "at society, our customers remain at the centre of everything we do," he said while making his remarks during the #Moveyourwayup prize presentation held at Asakhe House Training Room, Mbabane yesterday morning. The campaign began in November 2018, where SBS gave their customers an opportunity to own property at zero deposit when applying for a home loan. Nhleko said owning property contributes to one's wealth creation and as a bank the aim is to support the aspirations and dreams of customers as they move their way up in their life stages. He added that it goes without saying that buying a home,

whether it is the first home or not, is one of the most exciting purchases one can ever make. It is also the most important investment decision in life, which requires a great deal of thought. He added that for this reason, SBS endeavours to assist their customers through every step of the venture and make sure such dreams are a reality.

Nhleko thanked the SBS staff for their tireless efforts in making sure that the campaign was a success. Also, he thanked all their customers and said as a bank, they greatly value their continued support. Further, he said they invite more people to come and apply for a home loan so they can benefit from their promotion.

GIFT: One of the contestants Nombuyiselo Fakudze receiving a consolation gift.



AND THE WINNER IS: Mbongeni Matsebula announcing the winner with one of the contestants.

STILL MORE TO COME - SBS

As a bank we are striving to do more, said Managing Director Timothy Nhleko at the prize presentation held yesterday.

Nhleko said customers are at the centre of everything they do as a bank. There are other programmes lined up, this is just the beginning, he said. He added that in the next financial year, which starts in April, there is something lined up just for the

delight of their customers.

He also said it is important to thank the customers of SBS as it is a favour for them to choose to bank with them.

The bank intends to improve service provision, the range of products available to the customers, as well as extending the channels of distribution so as to make it easier for the customers to utilise the services provided at the bank.

MILADY'S DONATES E60 000 WORTH OF CLOTHING TO RED CROSS

BY BANLE GAMA

Milady's Stores Mbabane showed love to the most vulnerable on Valentine's Day by donating E60 000 worth of clothing to Baphalali Eswatini Red Cross Society.

The store Manager, Lindelwa Chester, said the donated material included women clothing, shoes and jewellery. She added that this donation will see many other donations in the future as they know about Red Cross's mandate to help the neediest in the country.

Chester also stated that their donation to Red Cross is a way of giving back to society, as the store is unable to visit community by community and offer a helping hand to the needy. She said Red Cross makes it possible to reach out to families and individuals across the country.

She further added that every day when the store's doors open, they look forward to Emaswati entering and purchase clothing.

"This is a way for us to say thank you to the nation for always supporting us," she said.

She emphasised that they trust Red Cross that the donation will reach the



DONATIONS:
Baphalali Logistics Officer Samson Thwala, Miladys Supervisor Sihle Dlamini, Miladys Associate Phindile Shongwe, Miladys Store Manager Lindelwa Chester, Baphalali Resource Mobilisation Officer Treasurer Masilela, Miladys Store Area Manager of Eswatini Tracey Longuero and Red Cross Finance Officer Futhi Mazibuko.

right people at the right time, as they should go back to their list of communities and certain individuals that require most help and donate to them.

Meanwhile, Samson Thwala, Red Cross's Logistics officer, speaking on behalf of the society, said they are grateful to Milady's for the handover

and that he wishes for their partnership to last longer. He said as a society, they help every Liswati who requires their assistance and Milady's and other partners have helped them to reach out to more.

Thwala explained that these days they received quite a number of reports

regarding destroyed homesteads due to storms and such cases require their assistance.

Lastly, Baphalali's Resource Mobilisation Officer Treasure Masilela also thanked Milady's for the donation as they replied promptly to their request for donations.

She further urged Emaswati and other organisations to lend a helping hand to the society, so they can reach to more Emaswati who are in need.

She lastly thanked all Emaswati and property owners who supported their fundraising activity held late last year in Mbabane, Ezulwini and Manzini.

HIS MAJESTY'S
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BUGANU 2019:



JUBILANT: Lutsango LwakaNgwane from His Majesty's Correctional Services dancing during their farewell function at the Correctional Staff College where the Commissioner General had come to bid them farewell.

COMGEN RELEASES JUBILANT LUTSANGO FOR REMARKABLE EVENT

United in glee, harmony and with pride today is thousands of Eswatini who have come from all the four regions of the beautiful kingdom to celebrate one of the most memorable national events; *buganu* ceremony.

Lutsango LwakaNgwane from within the mountainous kingdom and beyond the country's borders has ascended to Buhleni Royal Residence in response to the royal command

by Their Majesties to deliver *buganu*.

Commissioner General of Correctional Services Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase has heeded to the Royal command by releasing hundreds of female officers to participate in the national event where yesterday, they had the opportunity to present special gifts to their Majesties.

Ntshangase had the opportunity to bid farewell to the obviously excited officers shortly before

their departure at the Correctional Staff College.

In his address, the Commissioner General said as correctional officers, all members of the Lutsango regiment would be expected to deliver the best before the King and Indlovukazi and to be at their best when they touch ground in the arena.

He said the officers were further required to display the highest level of respect during the entire weekend so as to maintain the good

reputation of the ceremony.

He said while officers will be participating in the national event which is also part of the correctional mandate, they should also seize the opportunity to learn from the educational lectures offered as they promote unity amongst women in general.

He also mentioned that such events provide better lessons to teach the younger generation about the weightiness of such cultural values.



IN SONG: Lutsango in song during their farewell at the staff college.



ADDRESS: Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase addressing young warriors.



REMARKS: Commissioner Phindile Dlamini speaks.



GIYA: Temalangen Dlamini.



LUTSANGO IN DANCE: Nonophile Dlamini, Notsile Simelane, Simangele Mshayisa and Delisile Dlamini in full swing.



IN DANCE: HMCS officers in a jubilant mood as they dance.

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ESWATINI INCORPORATED: 2022 & BEYOND

'MOVING FROM RHETORIC TO ACTION'



MOVING FROM RHETORIC TO ACTION

...my take from King's speech

A Speech from the Throne dictates or lays the basis and sets the agenda for the New Year. It becomes the foundation at which we base all our actions. It assumes a diagnostic posture as it relates to the prevailing situation and provides a prescriptive outlook to remedy it.

The detail is then expected to be explained by each and every facet of government having taken cue from the policy statement.

Below, I have noted some of the major issues which this government would need to urgently address otherwise they would have let His Majesty the King and country down.

Our challenge

The Kingdom of Eswatini continues to face daunting fiscal and economic challenges. Government revenues and expenditures are continuously moving in opposite directions, driven by volatile receipts from the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) and ballooning government expenditure. The expansionary fiscal position has surpassed sustainable levels, resulting in the accumulation of arrears, increased depletion of reserves and constrained economic growth.

On unemployment

As you play your oversight function, you should also come up with strategies and ideas that would assist in turning our challenges into great economic opportunities. These challenges include unemployment, job creation, poverty, sustainable economic development, provision of quality health services, education and social welfare for the whole nation.

Strategic plan

The nation will be pleased to know that government has developed a strategic roadmap which highlights the key sectors that are crucial for the revival of our economy. The key sectors include, but are not limited to; energy and mining, information communication technology and education, tourism, manufacturing and agro-processing. The key priority themes will focus on improving the ease of doing business, enforcing fiscal prudence, building infrastructure capacity, delivering social impact, and building a culture of service excellence.

Tough choices

In coming up with a fully financed budget, tough decisions will have to be taken, sacrifices need to be made and unconventional methods of reducing expenditure need to be pursued.

Fighting corruption

If we are to make a meaningful turn around to our economy, we need to fight, control and eliminate all forms of corruption with punitive measure to protect our resources and restore financial stability.

Explore global markets

We need to engage in greater research of new products that we can export to the various global markets to generate revenue for the country. Time has come for us to explore the different markets that are at our disposal to sell produce from the Kingdom of Eswatini.

Support for SMEs

It is important that small and medium enter-

prises are supported because they have a huge potential to contribute to our revenue collection.

We need to encourage business development at the grassroot level. Such programmes cultivate the spirit of entrepreneurship and would significantly contribute to our domestic resource mobilisation.

The above critical issues identified by His Majesty the King need quick action. In the past, government has dismally failed to follow the script and engaged in issues that added no value, if it was not infighting.

Improving road networks

Government, together with the other sector stakeholders, will continue to pursue the improvements of our roads, particularly in our rural areas where the majority of our people live.

Energy sector

Local financiers are encouraged to actively participate in the implementation of these plans to secure Eswatini's energy supply. This year, the nation is waiting with keen interest in the completion of new power projects.

It is high time that the nation looks into strategies to create enough energy for the entire country and sell any surplus produced outside the kingdom.

On climate change

We will continue to cooperate with partners to source funds and strengthen our capacity to protect lives, reduce loss and be more resilient against the adverse effects of climate change.

Challenges tourism sector

We need to adopt a robust investment strategy in our tourism marketing campaigns regionally and beyond, to attract more tourists. We need to maximise on the historical sites, cultural events and utilise the increased hospitality facilities throughout the kingdom, grounded on our peace and stability.

Higher education challenged

Universities and colleges are also encouraged to prepare graduates to be entrepreneurs and be self-sufficient upon completion of their studies. Government remains the largest employer and relies on public servants as its human resource to deliver quality services.

Our youth agenda

The youth remain the cornerstone of Eswatini's development and economic growth, as they continue to represent the highest percentage of our national population statistics. As they face more challenges, we will require a comprehensive, coordinated and multi-sectoral response in creating an enabling environment for youth development. We encourage the youth to take advantage of the Youth Enterprise Fund, which is aimed at empowering them and guaranteeing financial inclusion. This will ensure our youth are engaged in

meaningful activities that keep them away from destroying their lives at an early stage.

On HIV/AIDS

The kingdom's drive to end AIDS by 2022 remains in motion. We all need to take full responsibility in creating favourable conditions for the nation to achieve its target in the last mile leading to 2022; where no *Liswati* should get HIV, die from AIDS related illnesses and no HIV stigma or discrimination should exist within our communities. We extend our appreciation to Global Fund, Doctors Without Borders, different stakeholders and other institutions that support the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Pledge to the nation

Regardless of the economic challenges, government will ensure that it properly capacitates and transforms the public service for quality service delivery to the nation.

What we expect from our MPs

What is required of you is to be honest, embrace the spirit of nationhood, be credible, and uphold integrity and respect to the people who voted for you, as well as to all the institutions and authorities of our kingdom.

The above critical issues identified by His Majesty the King need quick action. In the past, government has dismally failed to follow the script and engaged in issues that added no value, if it was not infighting. Each and every ministry and structure must come out in the open, working within available resources, telling us how it plans to implement the King's policy directive.





Dealing with Diabetes

WITH: Nomalungelo Ginindza

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Diabetes and women

The teen and young adult years

When hormones swing into action at the start of puberty, blood glucose levels might be harder to control, adding to the frustration of learning how to manage diabetes.

A woman's menstrual cycle can wreak havoc with her blood sugar levels in teen years and beyond. Hormone levels before and during menstruation can make diabetes management more difficult during those times even after your period becomes regular. Keeping a journal to track regular fluctuations and mood changes may help you know what to expect on a monthly basis, and sharing these entries with your doctor may enable her to give you better guidelines to follow at key times of the month.

The reproductive years

According to U K Diabetes Association, diabetes can have an impact on many aspects of a woman's health during these years. The following are among the most important issues to go over with your doctor or gynecologist:

Yeast infections. Women with diabetes often experience yeast infections because the glucose in your body can trigger a yeast overgrowth. Once diagnosed, a yeast infection can be easily treated, often with over-the-counter remedies.

Birth control. When choosing a contraceptive method, keep in mind that birth control pills may raise your blood glucose levels. According to the American Diabetes Association, your risk of complications from diabetes may increase if you stay on contraceptive pills for a year or more. Other alternatives might be better for you.

Vaginal changes. Some women experience changes in their sexual health. Nerve damage from diabetes can lead to vaginal dryness and difficulty becoming sexually aroused. Using lubricants and getting diabetes under control can help.

Pregnancy. Controlling blood glucose levels is important to avoid complications like high blood pressure, as well as birth defects or a baby with too high a birth weight. Some women who don't have diabetes develop a form called gestational diabetes while they are pregnant. While 90 per cent of women who develop gestational diabetes find that their blood glucose level goes back to its normal level after childbirth, five per cent of women will develop type 2 diabetes and 15 per cent will show signs of pre-diabetes at a post-delivery check-up.

Infertility. Many women who have polycystic ovarian syndrome, or PCOS, the most common cause of infertility, also have dia-

betes. Researchers haven't found the exact connection yet, but are looking at the role of insulin as a factor.

The transitional years

Just as hormones during menstruation can alter blood sugar levels, perimenopause, the period during which a woman's body is beginning the process toward menopause, may cause severe blood sugar swings in some women. This is also the time when many women begin to gain weight and become less physically active; both are risk factors for developing type 2 diabetes, or making blood sugar control harder if you already have diabetes.

The start of menopause may differ depending on which type of diabetes you have. Women with type 1 diabetes tend to begin menopause earlier than average and those with type 2, if they are overweight, later. This is the result of estrogen levels dropping more slowly.

As you age, the likelihood of getting other chronic illnesses related to diabetes increases, especially if your lifestyle choices haven't improved.

What it means for you

Being a woman doesn't increase your chances of developing type 2 diabetes, but your gender may affect the progression of the disease and how your body reacts to it. It's very important to try to reduce your risk of developing type 2 diabetes by keeping your optimal body weight, eating well, and exercising. And if you've already been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, these same healthy practices, along with controlling your blood sugar, will help you avoid some of the problems that may occur as a result of the disease and keep long-term complications at bay.

Periods may be accompanied by changes in blood glucose.

Different stages of the menstrual cycle may have different effects on your blood glucose levels and the effect can also vary from person to person and from month to month.

Recording your blood glucose results can be helpful in finding patterns in your levels and helping you to better control your diabetes.

How will my period affect my sugar levels?

There is not a definite answer to this as periods affect each one of us differently.

However, many women report having higher blood sugar levels

a few days prior to their period starting.

According American Diabetes Association, during your period, you may experience high blood sugar levels but some women notice a sharp drop in sugar levels so it's best to be prepared for unexpected changes to happen.

Why does blood sugar rise before or during periods?

Before and during your period, changes in the level of the hormones oestrogen and progesterone can induce temporary resistance to insulin which can last for up to a few days and then drop off.

Some girls and women have consistent effects as to how their period affects blood sugar, whereas other women may find that the effect on blood sugar varies from one month to another.

If you are finding your blood glucose levels go very high before or during your period, you may need to either inject more insulin (if insulin dependent) or reduce your carbohydrate intake.

Coping with periods

The effect on blood sugar as a result of periods can change from one month to another so keeping a diary of your blood glucose numbers can help you to see if there are any patterns in your results across different months.

If you are finding your blood glucose levels go very high before or during your period, you may need to either inject more insulin (if insulin dependent) or reduce your carbohydrate intake.

If you increase your insulin, be careful to avoid hypoglycemia as your insulin sensitivity can sometimes return quickly.

Speak to your health team if you need advice on how to manage your insulin doses or carbohydrate intake.

Contraceptive pill and effect on blood glucose levels

If you take a contraceptive pill, you may experience a different effect on your blood glucose levels than when you weren't taking the pill. Women with type 1 diabetes had more menstrual

problems (long cycles, long menstruation, and heavy menstruation) before age 30 than sisters and control subjects. These differences were all statistically significant, except for heavy menstruation at age less than 20. No differences were observed after age 30. Women with type 1 diabetes experienced later menarche, earlier natural menopause, fewer pregnancies, and more stillbirths than women without diabetes. Multiple regression analyses revealed that type 1 diabetes caused an approximate two fold increased risk of any menstrual problem before age 30. These were primarily related to long cycles and long menstruation in women aged less than 20 and 20 to 29, as well as with heavy menstruation from 20 to 29 years. Oral contraceptives were protective for any menstrual problem and heavy menstruation from 30 to 39 years. With history of pregnancy from 20 to 40 years, any menstrual problem and long menstruation were more likely.

Premenstrual symptoms (PMS) can be worsened by poor blood sugar control. It helps to chart your feelings such as tenderness, bloating, grouchiness for a week before, during and after your period. Charting will help you know when your PMS reach their peak during your period so that before your PMS is most severe, you can check your blood sugar more often and take extra insulin or exercise to bring high blood sugars down.

Food cravings during PMS are triggered by an increase in progesterone and can make it more difficult to control your blood sugar. Usually, the craving is for chocolate or sweet foods. Give in to your cravings by trying sugar-free and fat-free versions, such as chocolate pudding. Take extra insulin or increase your exercise to compensate.

You may feel less like exercising during your period. If so, extra insulin may be a good choice for keeping your blood sugar from rising. The extra insulin needed to overcome insulin resistance during this time will not cause weight gain. Treat yourself well during this time and keep your blood sugar controlled as well as possible.

Diabetes and your menstrual cycle

Just as a woman's menstrual cycle affects her diabetes, her diabetes, in turn, affects her menstrual cycle. To start, girls with type 1 diabetes tend to start their periods a year later than girls without diabetes. And they are more likely to have menstrual problems before age 30. Diabetes also increases a woman's chances of having longer menstrual cycles and periods, heavier periods and earlier onset of menopause.

Managing diabetes and your cycle

The key to knowing how your menstrual cycle affects your diabetes and vice-versa is careful monitoring. You will need to track menstrual cycle changes that relate to your diabetes as closely as you would your blood sugar levels.

Experts recommend that you note any changes you observe in a record book. Watch for correlations between your menstrual cycle and diabetes over time, with the understanding that these links can change with age and other factors.

After you have established some patterns, your doctor might recommend adjusting your insulin at different points in your menstrual cycle in order to keep blood glucose levels stable.

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WRITER'S NOTE

WITH NOKWANDA SIBANDZE

The month of love. This week your entertainmen dose discusses a number of things.

First, since it was Valentines just the other Day, we discuss how you can celebrate the special day after it passes.

Yes we know a lot of people who couldn't celebrate the day because of different reasons, do not worry, it is not a train smash, we got your back. Read about the five ways to celebrate the day after the day.

On page 2-3 we also talk to a young man named Man Q. He is currently based in South Africa. The Swazi-born rapper tells us about his career including its highlights. Man Q quickly rose through the internet platform Sound cloud as he sharpened his skills set. He took time studying the industry by using technology. Seeing what works and what doesn't work, what one can do in order to get noticed or get more streams.

Read through to get to know about him better. This week on page 4-5 we talk to the ambassadors of Eswatini College of Technology ECOT, Lihle Maseko and Nosisa Lukhele about their daily lives. We took the time and went to Mountain Inn Hotel to take pictures on the beautiful lawn next to the pool area.

The two were happy and excited for the shoot. They brought different outfits to the photoshoot and laughed throughout the day. Read more about them to understand where they come from and what their plans are.

On page 6 we talk about Ntotozi Gospel Group. With 11 members, Ntotozi Gospel Group is one of the country's most solid and compact outfits. Such means tracks are evenly distributed across several voices in the group.

I hope you read and enjoy

Till Next Week!



Meet Manqoba Shongwe a young man who grew up in Nhlanguano Shiselweni and currently residing in

Expressions.

Last year I released a project called State of Mind, and it expresses my experiences as an up and coming musician. In the next five years I see myself being one of the biggest artists in the continent and inspiring the youth to follow their dreams."

Manqoba Shongwe better known as Man

Q is an artist first and foremost. It all started off with poetry, he wrote many poems during his schooling career which became the corner stone of his musical journey. After high school (King Edward School) he decided to merge his poetic skill set with a beat and mic and from there it was history.

He graduated from Wits University and never looked back, using the knowledge he acquired to good use by bettering his career.

Johannesburg, South Africa. "During high school I used to write poetry and short stories. My love for music started in 2014.

My goal as an artist has always been to represent my culture and to inspire my audience to be as authentic as possible."

"I have this phrase "Future award winning artist" which to me drives me to the best that I can be artistically. I have performed at venues such as Zone 6 in Soweto, Skyline in Braamfontein and on SABC 1 at the show

My goal as an artist has always been to represent my culture and to inspire my audience to be as authentic as possible."

5 reasons to celebrate valentine's after Valentine's Day!

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1. You really can say, "I love you," every day of the year.

I know, I know. Simplistic and cliché, but the reality is that a single day to proclaim your love sort of defeats the opportunity of every other day. An authentic air-blown kiss from your little guy randomly is so much more valuable to you than an obligatory school craft.

2. Valentine's Day doesn't necessarily have the roots people think it does.

While it's true that over the years, the concept of the martyrdom of saints named Valentine has backed the basis of history for Valentine's Day, it actually has some pretty gruesome beginnings. According to NPR, the Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalia from February 13 to 15. During this, men sacrificed goats and dogs, and then whipped women (who willingly offered themselves to bring more fertility upon them) with the skins of the slain dogs. After, men would draw names of women from a jar to have at their leisure for the duration of the festival. Yeah, no thanks.

3. No one needs all that junk.

Whether it's dye and sugar-filled candies, trinkets that get tossed into boxes of 'keepsakes' (or worse, landfills) or any of the other things that have lined aisle after aisle of your local store since Christmas Day (literally), to me, it seems almost gluttonous to bring more into our house/lives just for the sake of commercialism and consumerism.

4. Retailers gouge consumers on Valentine's Day.

There is such unfair expectation on people for Valentine's Day gifts (I know, I've been there!), and retailers totally take advantage of that. A dozen red roses could easily set someone back \$100-\$200 dollars, and that sounds insane to me in a world where one in nine goes to bed hungry every night. Of those hungry, 60 per cent are women and girls, in oppressive patriarchal social structures. I just cannot justify that expense when others suffer.

The reason we do tend to 'celebrate' the day after is because things are so much less expensive, as my husband found out.

5. The day after Valentine's Day can put good use to what would be wasted.

The reason we do tend to 'celebrate' the day after is because things are so much less expensive, as my husband found out. While I don't have space for 33 dozen flowers, there are so many other places in our communities that need a little Valentine's cheer, even if the day after. We should buy flowers and take them to our local nursing homes and school for the staff, and we can also scarf up toys and trinkets to fill boxes.

The children who receive those boxes have no concept of Valentine's Day, but they do love that someone was thinking of them even in February. For our family, things we buy the day after as we 'celebrate' allow us to love others in such bigger ways, and that's what makes love feel pretty grand! (Mothering)

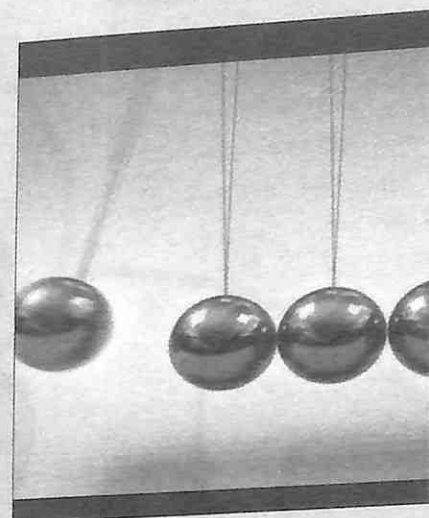
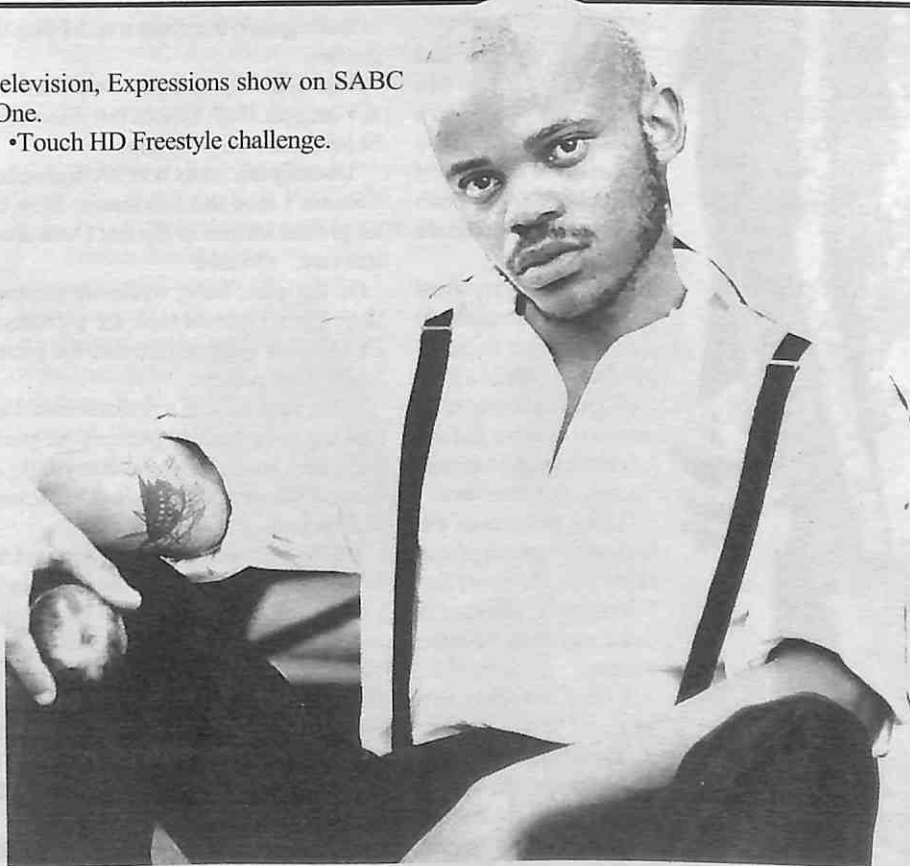
He understood that, the fact that he resides in the critically acclaimed northern suburbs of Sandton, he had to do things in an unorthodox way. After honing his craft via spending more time in studio, making records, he is now a household name when it comes to Sound Cloud.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Man Q has become one of the fastest rising acts coming from
- the much acclaimed North Side, he has released 17 records and has collected more than 20 000 streams and counting.
- In 2018 he won rhyme for kicks hosted by MKay Frash and Fred Mercury
- DJ Zan D coigned Man Q's record called Cologne, which;
- represented the North Vs East Segment on Yfm
- Tuks, Tshwane & Alex FM play listed the Cologne record
- He has experience under his belt as he has dropped three capsules.
- He will soon drop his fourth offering of which will be a full on project (this is of the year 2018)
- Performed his single Cologne on national

television, Expressions show on SABC One.

- Touch HD Freestyle challenge.



Dear self

It's been a while since we talked.
It's my fault. I'm sorry.
The Chase has just been hectic lately.
We are still hopelessly chasing.
Still filled with so much belief that things will work out positively.
Right now, I've been months deep within the chase
And truly, I have forgotten who I am.

Mandisa, I see them all chasing spaces every day.
And at some point I felt like I was missing out.

So, I joined them; I joined the chase.
Yes, I joined the chase unaware where it was destined.

I just woke up one day and joined because everyone was chasing.
But today I'm exhausted from it all.
Hence I took a break and sat by the side of the road and decided to talk to you,
Dear self.

The chase has changed me.
It has scarred me and I'm petrified it is somehow for life.

I try to keep up with the other people but some days my energy doesn't allow me to.

I desperately want to be you again Mandisa.
I want to stop with the rush and let things naturally unfold without being overwhelmed and pressured by the people I'm surrounded by in the chase.

In a world that belittles you for not being similar to the rest of the human kind,
I want to go back.

This anxiety.
Sometimes screams the reminder of my unsatisfying life in my sleep.
It reminds me of how mediocre my current life stand is.
It tells me I need to be more than just my initial-self.

It tells me I should constantly compare myself. But that's the problem.
I've been staying awake at night trying to do away with the screams that wait for me to sleep.

I am really suffering.
And people are so lost in the chase such that they do not notice how draining it is to see them coping when I honestly feel so lost and behind.

Find me Mandisa.
Help me not seek nor need validation to be you again.
Help me learn how to live in ignorance of all these similar masses.

I want to breathe strength and confidence again while true to who I initially am.
Hug me dear self.
Suffocate all the negative energies that sit me here right now.

Restore my strength and confidence.
As my spirit ascends away from this crowded chase.

Just Love me.
Dear Self

By Mandisa Dlamini

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MR, MISS ECOT ON THEIR LIVES

Cover story



Mr and Miss Eswatini College Of Technology are two young people who are down to earth.

After they were crowned Lifestyle and Entertainment took the chance to interview the two and do a photoshoot. The two were so excited that we did the photo shoot and the interview at the same time.

Taking pictures of the two while learning about them was the most fun experience. They are in one way or the other the same.

Lihle Maseko and Nosisa Lukhele are both passionate about school. Throughout the entire shoot they were talking about how happy they are

to have gotten the chance to further their studies.

Nosisa said she completed her Form Five at Elangeni High School but also went to St Michael's High School.

"I usually talk about both my high schools because I love them so much. They both taught me lessons in life that I will always treasure," she said.

On the other hand, while our photographer Plain Dlamini took the pictures Mr ECOT was making sure that the pictures taken were perfect.

"Yes, I am a bit of a perfectionist. I love making sure that my pictures are perfect because I am a brand and everything that has my face in it needs to look professional," he said.

The two get along so well, they said they knew each other before the pageant but know each other better now. "She will be my model, haha" laughed Maseko.

Maseko said he would use some of the first year students that competed in the Fresher's Ball to model his designs for him as his way of improving what he can at the university. He said he was passionate about fashion.

While he was busy talking about how

much of a perfectionist he is Nosisa was making fun of him. Laughing together they also mentioned that they would work together in improving whatever they can in the university.

"It is great that we will work together, we get along just fine and since we are the face of the school I guess it is important to work together," she said.

Speaking about themselves the conversations went from how they grew up to what they are studying. "My parents are very strict, they make sure that I am in line all the time," said Nosisa.

On the other hand Lihle said he was the only boy in a family of three. "I have two sisters and I guess my parents are not really that strict," said Lihle.

Nosisa said she has two homes, Masundwini and Bhunya. "Coming from a big family and a close one it is always important that I mention both homes, you know both parts of my family are important to me," she explained.

Lihle said he stays in Ezulwini. "I have a lot of homes though but I will just mention Ezulwini because I frequent there," said Lihle.

In between taking pictures and talking to



the pair I also learned a few things about them just by observing. Lihle is a gentleman; he would help Nosisa with her dress walking up and down and occasionally say "Sorry" every time he accidentally stepped on her dress.

Nosisa on the other hand is quiet. She also admitted to being quiet. "I am down to earth and a lot of people think I am hard to talk to but as soon as they get to know me they see how sweet I actually am," she said.

"I want my brand to go international, I am really inspired by a number of international artists and fashionistas and bloggers. There is a guy named Zeezo in Instagram. I am constantly looking at his pictures because he is always suited up in the most stylish suits,"

They both expressed their love for fashion, brought with them three different outfits each. The weather was great well at first, but as they were changing to their second outfits the rain started pouring.

My worried self told the photographer to make sure he takes pictures under the shelter, but the two did not mind.

They were keen to take pictures under the rain. "Oh don't even worry about that, the rain actually makes pictures look beautiful" said Lihle.

Well there we were taking pictures under the rain. The hotel staff kept looking at the two taking pictures without any problem under the rain.

Not to mention that they were mesmerised by their outfits. One of the waiters even came out to greet the queen herself. "I was just looking at the beautiful lady" he quickly said and ran off.

Just when we were about to leave the two begged to change to their last outfits, and of course they came out wearing Slqm wear.

"I want my brand to go international, I am really inspired by a number of international artists and fashionistas and bloggers. There is a guy named

Zeezo in Instagram. I am constantly looking at his pictures because he is always suited up in the most stylish suits," he said.

He also said he is inspired by Priddy Ugly and Gucci Mane. "I love how they dress. Their style is different and they are constantly introducing new trends that I think people should look into."

Finally the shoot was done and we had to wait at the reception area for our transport. While waiting I asked the two what they think about the country's pageants. "I don't want to lie I haven't been taking notice of what the country has been doing especially when it comes to pageants but I know now I will be interested in them," said Nosisa.

The young said the only thing he can say is that he works hard every day to groom other young people to be able to raise the country's pageant standard high.



Song of the Week

Post Malone & Swae Lee - Sunflower

[Intro: Swae Lee]

Ayy, ayy, ayy, ayy (Ooh)
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh (Ooh)
Ayy, ayy
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh

[Verse 1: Swae Lee]

Needless to say, I keep it in check
She was a bad-bad, nevertheless (Yeah)
Callin' it quits now, baby, I'm a wreck
(Wreck)
Crash at my place, baby, you're a wreck
(Wreck)
Needless to say, I'm keeping in check
She was a bad-bad, nevertheless
Callin' it quits now, baby, I'm a wreck
Crash at my place, baby, you're a wreck
Thinkin' in a bad way, losin' your grip
Screamin' at my face, baby, don't trip
Someone took a big L, don't know how
that felt
Lookin' at you sideways, party on tilt
Ooh-ooh, some things you just can't
refuse
She wanna ride me like a cruise and I'm
not tryna lose

[Chorus: Swae Lee]

Then you're left in the dust, unless I stuck
by ya
You're a sunflower, I think your love
would be too much
Or you'll be left in the dust, unless I stuck
by ya
You're the sunflower, you're the sunflower

[Verse 2: Post Malone]

Every time I'm leavin' on ya (Ooh)
You don't make it easy, no (No, no)
Wish I could be there for ya (Ooh)
Give me a reason to, oh (Oh)
Every time I'm walkin' out (Oh)
I can hear you tellin' me to turn around
(Oh, oh)
Fightin' for my trust and you won't back
down (No)
Even if we gotta risk it all right now, oh
(Now)
I know you're scared of the unknown (-
Known)
You don't wanna be alone (Alone)
I know I always come and go (And go)
But it's out of my control

[Chorus: Post Malone]

And you'll be left in the dust, unless I stuck
by ya
You're the sunflower, I think your love
would be too much
Or you'll be left in the dust, unless I stuck
by ya
You're the sunflower, you're the sunflower
(Yeah)



NTONDOZI GOSPEL GROUP REBOUNDS

Talk of a group that has been consistent in its ministry and not once missing a single step since debuting in 2005.

That is none other than the Ntondozi Gospel Group from that rural hamlet located off the Manzini-Mankayane old route just across the Lusushwana River past the upmarket Malkerns town. Ntondozi Gospel Group comprises born-again Christians and was formed in 2005 by the easy-going man of God Dumisane Zwele Dlamini. Dlamini was born and bred in Ntondozi, hence named the group after his home area. The love for gospel music was ingrained in this soul at a young age and it was not long that he mobilised brethren with similar values so they might form the group.

Now their consistency in their ministry has seen the group members release their latest and eighth offering to date titled '*Baba ngicolele*'.

The plus is that the group has since incorporated new members from the Republic of South Africa. Evidently, the upsurge by the group is both noticeable and laudable.

With 11 members, Ntondozi Gospel Group is one of the country's most solid and compact outfits. Such means tracks are evenly distributed across several voices in the group members not confining songs to one particular soul.

"Mr Dlamini's dream became a reality when he met other Christian members who had the same vision, passion and love for music and that is how the group was formed. The group members are coming from different charismatic churches around Eswatini and now God has also blessed us with new members from South Africa," said group spokesperson Colile Nkambule.

Colile adds that the group is now known far and wide due to their powerful tracks that characterise each album release.

"We receive a lot of requests from our fans around South Africa and other countries requesting to come join the group as we preach the gospel through music. Many people love our music and would love to be one of our members in future. We are also looking forward to working with them



some day," she states.

Notably, all the Eswatini born group members are largely based in South Africa where they are working.

Tracks in the new album are; *Ukwenza kwethu*, *Inhliziyo yami*, *Baba ngiyazi*, *Thath'udondolo*, *Bakhulule*, *Kuyahlwa*, *Ngicolele*, *Sigulumba*, *Icellphone* and *Ngempela akasekho*.

With this new album, fans must welcome another powerful and jam-packed offering to leave them enchanted.

It must be mentioned that the group is cognisant of the fact that gospel fanatics are diverse, hence their taste is different. So the latest album aims to cater for various supporters in one offering; providing up-tempo as well as praise and worship tracks.

Album

Suffices to say it is a compact album with inspirational tracks to leave the listener captivated.

"The hit track '*Lalela Abazali*' is a warning and also gives guidance to the children who disrespect parents: **Ephesians 6:1**. The album is beautiful with sounds that contain messages for all class and categories, from children, couples and con-

tains spiritual hit songs that endeared Ntondozi into the hearts of fans in previous albums. These songs include; *Ngizozihlalela phansi kwegazi*, *Ungapheli amandla* and one that caters for all races.

"Our life is very short so this song also reminds everyone that we will not live eternally in this world".

Turning to relationships, Colile noted that these are vital to humankind and the song that is melodramatically recorded shows how relationships are attacked by the devil.

"Instrumental programming of the entire album is worth listening to without any gaps. Grab a copy for yourself and I promise you'll not regret it. How can I not mention the hit song '*Kanti Lona Ngubani?*' Wow! The 13 tracks in this album were meticulously prepared for one's soul...Beautiful audio, with a message you will love not to miss," she adds.

The statement from the group also extends a word of gratitude to the throngs of supporters who have stood by the group through thick and thin over the years.

So far it has been the passion driving the release of each album rather than honours received for

their exploits. Such would find the members on the road to destiny, they say.

Shared values and a common understanding on the task ahead is the secret behind maintaining the consistent and enviable delivery in the more than 10 years of existence, according to the group's spokesperson.

One can also not discount the role played by the visionary and sponsor for the group Dumisane Dlamini, who is also the Managing Director of the popular gospel music outfit. The fatherly role he has played has kept the members united.

The group passed their heartfelt gratitude to Dlamini for everything he has done for the members over the years.

Colile described their mission as preaching the gospel through music and for the unconverted to be saved or become born again Christians.

The group debuted with *Vumelani*, translated to mean 'let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these'. **Mathew 19:14**

They followed it up with *Uyalalela*, the second offering which means that God listens and answers the believer's prayers.

"In every situation we come across, we have to pray and have faith that God will answer our prayers".

Next up was *I-Gomora* which talks about the people who were destroyed because of their evil ways as they had turned away from God. As a result people of the same sex were dating one another. God's wrath fell on them and all of them were destroyed.

Other albums released over the years were; *Ngiphamandla*, *Ciniselani*, *Intambo*, *Nkulunkulu wami*, and *Ukuzithoba kwenu* as detailed out in **James 4:10**.

The group's influence has seen members performing in East London (E-Monti), in Maseru (Lesotho), E-Showe in the KwaZulu-Natal Province, Kwamhlanga and many other areas.

The music of Ntondozi has been played at the Eswatini Broadcasting and Infomatikon Services (EBIS), JKK (Maseru), Kwekwezi FM, Motsweding FM, Lesedi FM, Ukhozi FM and even at Channel Swazi. Groups that Ntondozi has shared the stage with locally are; Ncandweni Christ Ambassadors, Thabile Myeni, Mzwakhe Myeni, Phathwakahle and Mduduzi Nezincku Zamagawugawu, whilst from SA are the likes of Amadodana AseWesile and Malibongwe Gwabe.

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POETRY CORNER



FRIENDSHIP MUST BE EARNED

What a pathetic place this world would become
If there were not such a thing as friendship?
Friends come in different races,
color, or creed,
And form a trustworthy union
that never bends,
To offer us comfort and kindness in time of need,
To shield us from disappointments and sorrows life sends.
No matter how wealthy or successful we ever become,

No fortune can ever begin
To pay for a smile or touch of the hand
From a gentle and loyal old-time friend.
Though materialistic items can be readily purchased,
Down through the years I have learned
That money can not purchase a true friend,
For sincere friendship has to be earned.

Cartoon Corner

Baby Blues



Blondie



Hagar the Horrible



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Monday 18 February

Mehlemamba is in anguish as he chooses to access his powers to help the Zungus, fearing this might unleash a dark force in him. Samson seeks to solidify his legacy.

Tuesday 19 February

Mehlemamba uses reverse psychology to push Mpiyakhe into making a terrible choice. Phumelele is accused of the unthinkable. Ntwenhle gives Dabula challenges to prove his love.

Wednesday 20 February

There's an unexpected arrest. Dabula continues with his quest to prove himself, while Samson has some tests of his own. Lillian's desire for revenge crashes against Judas' desire for power.

Thursday 21 February

Phumelele finds a way to help her husband out of an impossible situation, but her help comes at a price. Dabula struggles to clear the final obstacle standing between him and Ntwenhle.

Friday 22 February

We finally get answers to the great mystery surrounding Sibongile - and those answers will shockingly change everything in Bhubesini and beyond.

ISIDINGO

Monday 18 February

Roman figures out a way to get Lincoln the information he wants. The Lategans have a brief, joyful moment before Anja causes more conflict. Makgorometsa goes in search of advice to win

Tuesday 19 February

Lincoln tells Roman to deal with Sebenzile Booi while he deals with Gabriel once and for all. Wendy and Hendrik are forced to hide their feelings in front of Lalage and the kids. Makgorometsa asks Morongwa out on a date at the Rec.

Wednesday 20 February

Sechaba is shocked to learn the true cost of Gabriel's mismanagement of HD. Lalage believes she and Hendrik are on the mend but she couldn't be more wrong.

Thursday 21 February

Obaking makes a blunder that could cost Nina her life. Lalage makes a discovery that could mean the end of Hendrik and Wendy. Kgothalo makes a crucial discovery about what she thinks is a relationship.

Friday 22 February

Nina makes a desperate move out of fear for Lincoln. Morongwa and Gatanga make a disappointing discovery that makes Morongwa threaten harsh action.



Monday 18 February

Uncertainty over Shumi and the baby's health reigns in Mulalo's house. Gugu has reservations over Moliehi's sudden change of heart. Vho-Makhadzi reprimands Mulalo over his troublesome first wife.

Tuesday 19 February

James has a nasty surprise for Moliehi. Mulalo is forced to send Shumi home. Masindi spitefully tells people about Mukondeleli's new love interest.

Wednesday 20 February

James goes on a date. Vho-Mukondeleli is in the middle of a scandal. Mpho finally comes face-to-face with Susan.

Thursday 21 February

Moliehi can't do anything to stop the divorce... Something is developing between James and Marang. Mo discovers who framed her. Vho-Mukondeleli stands for her happiness.

Friday 22 February

Sundani gets a surprise from Tenda. James and Marang are moving into dangerous territory. Vho-Mukondeleli flaunts her companionship but summoned to royal house.



Monday 18 February

Dumi comes to rescue Sabelo, David finds a new suspect for Bongani's murder and Rene encourages Mampho to name her pig.

Tuesday 19 February

David is setting about destroying someone else's reputation to protect himself. Sabelo is ready to make the final sacrifice. Mampho faces Joe's pregnant wife.

Wednesday 20 February

While Sabelo prepares himself for another beating, Dumi makes a big decision. David steps up his investigations. Mampho has an unexpected visitor.

Thursday 21 February

David undoes Bongani's alibi. Sabelo fails with Dumi. Mampho and Rene are unhappy in their empty apartment.

Friday 22 February

Dumi has his first 68 assignment. Lerato encourages Bash to work with the police. Rene wants to set up a sting.

SCANDAL!

Monday 18 February

Lindi breaks a rule of the house and Mary has to suffer the consequences as well.

Tuesday 19 February

A young woman is unreachable and her mother starts to worry.

Wednesday 20 February

Mary's devastated when someone she loves confesses to a shocking revelation.

Thursday 21 February

A young girl's friend tries to find a way of saving her.

Friday 22 February

The Credential extends a warm welcome to a surprising new member.



THANK YOU: The groom Pastor Sandile Mamba of Word of Life for Glory International Ministries relaying vote of thanks to guests. (Courtesy pics)

PRINCESS SINGATI TIES THE KNOT



IN NUMBERS: Family and friends in their masses.



HAPPY DAY: Mamba family in their numbers.



SUPPORTIVE: Groom and bride flanked by the best man Lucky and maid of honour Hlony.



WELCOME TO BABALAND: Pastor Mabandla Manana speaking on behalf of the grooms friends.



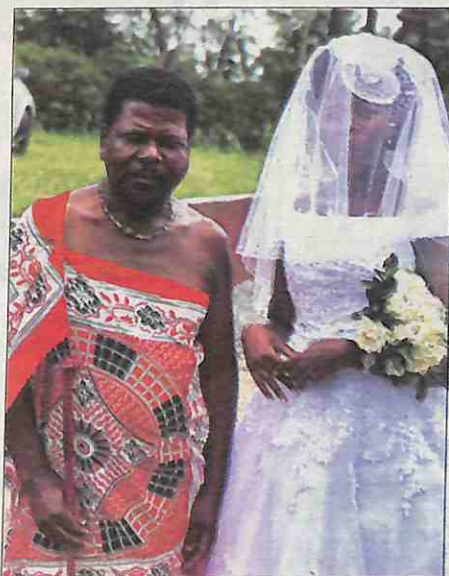
SIBLINGS: Princesses Tonkhe and Sisusa, groom and bride and Princess Ncengwa.



BIG SISTER TO BRIDE: Princess Sisusa making her remarks.



GUESTS: Inkhosikati LaTfomo, Bishop Nash Shongwe, Princess Tsandzile and bishop's wife Zanele.



FATHER AND DAUGHTER: Prince Mbuyisa escorting the bride.



ENTERTAINMENT: Fezile and Heavenly Conquerors.

SWANCEFA

With: Thulani Lushaba



Tx Foundation –Ka Mbhoke High School learners inside the school laboratory in their school uniform.

Investment in women and girls in science

According to the United Nations, science and gender equality are both vital for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Over the past 15 years, the global community has made a lot of effort in inspiring and engaging women and girls in science. Yet women and girls continue to be excluded from participating fully in science.

At present, less than 30 per cent of researchers worldwide are women. According to UNESCO data (2014 - 2016), only around 30 per cent of all female pupils select STEM-related fields in higher education. Globally, female pupils' enrolment is particularly low in ICT (three per cent), natural science, mathematics and statistics (five per cent) and in engineering, manufacturing and construction (eight per cent).

Long-standing biases and gender stereotypes are steering girls and women away from science related fields. As in the real world, the world on screen reflects similar biases—the 2015 Gender Bias Without Borders study by the Geena Davis Institute showed that of the onscreen characters with an identifiable STEM job, only 12 per cent were women.

In order to achieve full and equal access to and participation in science for women and girls, and further achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/70/212 declaring 11 February as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

The Forum for African Women Educationalists – Swaziland Chapter (FAWESWA) seeks to promote and support the education and social development for women and girls in Eswatini. As part of their programmes, they seek to encourage young women to enrol to courses and careers which were previously reserved for men such as maths and science subject.

One of the major achievements in 2018 was being able to solicit support towards the construction of a school through the kind support from a Taiwan based organisation known as TX Foundation.

TX Foundation partners with local organisations to assist in building schools in underserved and poor communities.

The national director for FAWESWA says



Tx Foundation President with Minister of Education Lady Howard-Mabuza cutting the ceremonial ribbon to declare the school officially handed over to the Ka-Mbhoke Community.

they approached the TX Foundation for such a proposal for Eswatini and the Foundation requested the organisation to present a survey that will justify the intervention in that community. This was done and as consultations were further made about the survey with the ministry of education and training, the Ka-Mbhoke community was endorsed by the ministry as one of the top priority communities in need of a high school.

Some of the challenges that would be addressed by the school would be to reduce the walking distance for many children between the years 13-19 to the nearest high school, which is estimated to be as long as 10km.

This long walk often forces the youth to start the long journey to school as early as 5am often in darkness especially in winter. The girls face the risk of being raped in pursuit of getting an education. Girls also risked being trafficked and to have poor concentration in class due to the long distance they walk.

Construction

Strong partnership in the construction of the school was not only between FAWESWA and TX Foundation and the ministry of education and training not only identified the school community site government also built a block of three class rooms to add to the construction of TX Foundation.

FAWESWA partnership constructed a laboratory; a block of three classrooms; a block of four toilets for girls; a block of two toilets

for teachers and four toilets for boys and a urinary unit. All the buildings have been constructed to ensure quality and equity access to education.

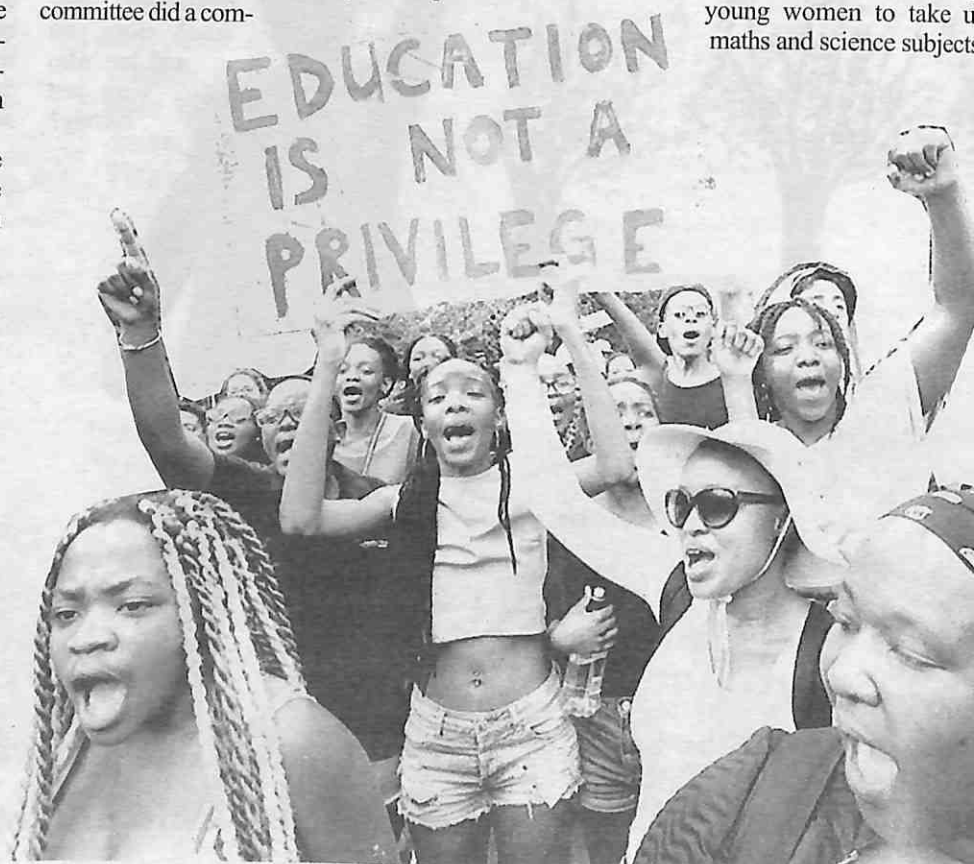
The Ka-Mbhoke community development committee did a com-

mendable community leadership and ownership of the project. They made all the relevant decisions about the school, they provided labour, the leader of the development committee facilitated all the project progress meetings, encouraged community members to provide labour.

According to the national director, FAWESWA wishes to pay tribute to the parents for the commitment, especially the women who were seen in great numbers and working hard like the men. The organisation salutes the women and men who committed their time for the sake of children's quality education.

The high school was officially opened by the Honourable Minister of Education and Training Lady Howard-Mabuza on the 10th of December 2018. FAWESWA plans to adopt TX Foundation – Ka-Mbhoke High and make the school a centre of excellence by ensuring that quality education is attained by no premature school drop-out due to pregnancy for girls; no rape cases in or out of school premises and a generally, well psycho-social support system provision through the support from other agencies and the Ka-Mbhoke community and will encourage

young women to take up maths and science subjects.





ECONOMICS TODAY

WITH: George Choongwa

Which one is good or bad business?

Most people have asked on which one was the best investment option. I have always told them that there is nothing like good or bad business in this world. I have seen people doing business in some areas where others completely failed and vice-versa.

This made me realise that all what mattered most in business was 'knowledge' and nothing else. Even the Holy Bible says "my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge". It is useless to invest in things you don't know.

If you like an industry or form of business for some reasons, then the best thing you can do is to conduct some research about it, make sure you understand the dynamics about that industry, its benefits and disadvantages. Once you are completely sure about it, then move forward.

secret receipt

Have you ever wondered why companies like KFC, Nandos, Coca-Cola, etc have always stressed on hiding their receipts or ingredients? It is because of the same principle of knowledge. They believe that once one knew what they knew, their businesses would soon come to a stand still because of competition.

The Chinese saw it

Our friends, the Asians, especially the Chinese, are very good at what can be called imitation. It may seem to be a bad thing and unethical, but the principle is what matters most for me and this principle is what we are talking about right now; 'knowledge'. The Chinese are fast

and this has actually improved their economic performance by far.

A short story is told about a firm which imitated a certain shoe brand. For the sake of ethics, its say Puma; the owners were tipped about it and organised the police, lawyers and all custodians of law and went for an ambush. Guess what when they reached the factory and inspected the so called 'imitations', they discovered that the original shoe was not as good as the imitation ones. Out of shock, the owner of the original brand instead of suing the fake ones, decided to negotiate and incorporated them in to his business and today, the brand is booming. I repeat, it takes knowledge to be good at something.

Even in big and successful businesses, they conduct what we can call market research. There is nothing behind this big term 'market research' but simply trying to find better ways or knowledge about the product.

If these big firms understand things that way, how much more you and me who were just starting?

Do not invest in ventures you don't know

Before you invest in or start a business, make sure you understand its market dynamics. If you understand the industry and the nature of the business, then all the better, go ahead and do it. Understanding a business is not only about knowing about it because some told you about it. It goes beyond that such that to some extent, you can even pump in some money in it knowing that you will not fail. All what you would be doing is to understand that true nature of it so that you can make an informed decision. We call it business piloting. You deliberately put money to make a loss! It sounds crazy but that's the professional way of doing things; pilot first and study the dynamics, if the outcome is promising, then increase the capital and so on and so forth.

However, if things are not promising, it is wise to take that as a warning so take necessary remedies; some of which can even mean disbanding the entire project. Others would say business is about being persistent, while it is true, but only to those who understand it. It is not normal to persist on doing

something you do not understand! So get back to the basics, understand it first, seek knowledge and then decide the next move.

Keep searching

Life is all about searching for something more meaningful and fulfilling. If you have found where you belong in business, go ahead and enjoy, if you have not, keep on searching, one day you will soon be comfortable. Success is about comfort and large volumes of money. In real terms, success is qualitative and not quantitative. One can have large sums of money, but stressed about it, at the same time the other can just have a few notes and coins, but very happy about the entire business venture. Of the two, one is qualitative (the small business person with little money) and the other one who is quantitative (with big business with big money), which one would you call a happy person? Of course in normal circumstances it is the one with little money but happy, at least in my opinion.

Good knowledge and good business

It is good knowledge that makes a good business because if you understand what you are doing, then you are set. It is like two men or women arguing saying which one is better: a fat or slim spouse? The answer would be that it depends what makes you happy. If you believe (clear knowledge) that the fat ones were better, then go ahead and keep that treasure and vice-versa. This is what I call good knowledge because it is realistic in nature. Some knowledge is as realistic as other forms of knowledge. Believe you me. One can know something about something, but completely do nothing about it. To me, this is not good knowledge it is just plan air or maybe we can say it is good for nothing. It soon disappears, but good knowledge is very useful in nature as it guides one in the right direction by making the right decision about the employment of financial resources.

Therefore, we can simply quote the old saying that good business is about minding your own business. So mind your own business!



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**LIVE SMART, BE ACTIVE,
EAT WISELY**

Ministry of Agriculture Home
Economics Section

Most people have been consuming commercial foods and have accumulated a number of chronic illnesses.

This is costly to the government as a lot of money has to be spent in taking care and providing medication for the ill. Indigenous nutrition puts more emphasis on the use of indigenous foods for maintaining health and preventing illnesses, owing to the fact that most people are now suffering from chronic illnesses mainly caused by conventional foods, cooking methods, processing and eating habits.

There is need for people to start consuming indigenous foods because of the nutrition content, easy access and lower price when compared to commercial foods. Indigenous foods can grow naturally; making them less toxic than most foods available in the market. In short, indigenous foods are affordable, nutritious and easily accessible.

The Kingdom of Eswatini is blessed with a variety of indigenous foods that grow wildly at specific seasons of the year, in particular summertime. Some people do not consider black jack (Chuchuzi) as a wild vegetable and as such, they lose a lot of nutrients which can be obtained from this plant. In some parts of Africa, black jack has been a good source of food and medicine.

The black jack plant which grows as a weed, is scientifically referred to as *bidens pilosa*. Traditionally, black jack has been used for alleviating several health conditions, including malaria and urinary tract infections.

This vegetable is known for its high iron content and nutritious benefits. In fact, it is said to have more iron than spinach. This is one of the health benefits that this vegetable is associated with. Black jack leaves are very high in fibre, which among many other things, help with the management of diabetes, maintaining a healthy heart (avoiding cardiovascular diseases) and maintaining a healthy digestive system.

Black jack is also known for its immense anti-cancer powers. Fibre, antioxidants, plant compounds known as sterols and different nutrients in black jack combat cancer at all stages starting from preventing the disease to impeding cancer growth or killing cancer cells. Black jack is also linked to a dramatically reduced risk of heart disease, cholesterol



Black jack

abnormalities, diabetes, high blood pressure and many other ailments.

Black jack leaves are prepared and eaten like any other leafy green vegetable. It is important to note that black jack contains beta-carotene and Vitamin E, which are fat soluble nutrients. In order for these nutrients to be properly absorbed, healthy oil must be added. Alternatively, oil containing healthy food like peanuts or avocado may be eaten along with the vegetable. Another way to enjoy the benefits of this great plant is to drink herbal tea made from fresh or dried leaves or flowers.

Health benefits of black jack

Black jack is considered by many as an evil and an opportunistic weed because it emerges whenever the subsoil is exposed and loosened up. It is edible, palatable and safe.

Black jack may yield important drugs to treat a variety of different ailments, including malaria.

It has antibacterial, antifungal, antimicrobial, and protozoocidal activity.

Black jack can be used to treat common infections.

Black jack can be ingested as decoctions, teas and in juice preparations to treat

respiratory infections.

Black jack can be made into a poultice and applied directly on the infected wounds or burns.

Black jack can be used as a pain killer.

Can be used as tea and for treating conditions such as diabetes, inflammation, enteritis, dysentery and pharyngitis, diuretic and anti-rheumatic.

Black jack is beneficial for weight loss as a small serving in each meal can have a therapeutic effect on a physical, mental, and emotional level.



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How to use black jack

Black jack can be boiled, mixed with peanuts or peanut butter and taken with porridge as relish.

The stick that remains after removing the leaves can be boiled and taken as a decoction (Inkhovu) to boost appetite.

It can be prepared into a smoothie where it is taken in its raw state mixed with lemon juice to taste; this is good for preventing anaemia.

It can be boiled and mixed with ground green mealies to a traditional dish called sijabane (one pot meal)

Recipes

Black Jack Relish

Ingredients

1 bunch black jack leaves, chopped
1 large tomato, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
250ml boiling water
½ tsp salt
3 tbsp oil

Method

Get your ingredients together.

Put boiling water in a pot. Add the black jack leaves. Boil for five minutes then drain the water, reserving just a tablespoon.

Put the black jack leaves back into the pot. Add the tomatoes, onions, salt, oil and reserved water. Allow to simmer until the tomatoes and onions are cooked through.

Taste for seasoning and adjust accordingly. Enjoy.

Black Jack with Lean Mince and Carrots

Ingredients

60 g cooked black jack
300 g lean mince
1 cup carrots and peas
½ small onion, chopped
3 medium tomatoes, chopped
3 cloves garlic, chopped
1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
½ tsp salt
1 tsp curry powder

Method

Prepare black jack and set aside.

Get all the other ingredients you are going to use ready.

Heat oil in pan. Add carrots and peas. Fry for about two minutes.

Add the mince and salt. Fry until it browns. Add onions, garlic, curry powder. Cook for 10 minutes. Add tomatoes, Worcestershire sauce and fresh coriander. Cook for another three minutes.

Take set aside cooked black jack and add it to the mince.

Let this simmer for about two to five minutes, giving time for the flavours to mingle and know each other. Enjoy.



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Danger of driving with dogs



Dogs love to go for car rides but driving with dogs can be very dangerous to both you and your dog. Injuries may range from minor to fractures and even death. There are some common dangers and causes of injuries that can be prevented, so keep yourself and your dog safe.

Jumpers – Many dogs love to hang out of windows and may do so safely for years but then one day - even though their owners would have sworn they would never do that – they jump.

Air and eye injuries – A dog that hangs his head out of the car window can be injured by things that are flying in the air. Roads often

contain debris, such as pieces of tar, stones, rubber and glass. A spinning tyre can spit a piece of debris with the velocity to crack your windshield or damage your car's body, so imagine the impact on your dog's head or eyes.

Airbags – Dogs can be fatally injured by airbags. Air bags are designed for the average-sized adult, sitting about 20 inches from the dashboard. A dog's head is too low and may be much closer. The bags deploy at 320 kph in an accident, and the force could injure or kill a dog if it hits him before fully inflating. (Incidentally, the same rule applies to children. The proper place for both is the back seat.)

Distraction – Dogs distract drivers. The driver looks at the dog to see what he's doing and ... wham! Sitting on your lap or getting under the pedals, the dog can slow down your reaction time and ability to make quick turns.

No seat belt – Pets riding unrestrained in a vehicle may be cute and fun – until an accident happens. Dog seatbelts and car seats harnesses are especially made to keep dogs safe in the back seat. All dogs should be restrained in the back seat during car rides. Frightened or injured after a crash, a dog may become a threat to rescuers who would be better able to handle the dog if it was harnessed.

Microchip – or at least an ID tag on the dog collar so that a pet who gets free during a car ride or runs in far from the scene of an accident can be recovered.

Windows – should be kept lowered so the dog can get air and enjoy the ride but cannot get his head completely out of the window – thus preventing eye injuries and any risk of jumping or of a sideswipe by another car.

Keep your dog in the cab. Allowing a dog to ride in the back of pickup trucks is always a bad idea. He may jump or lose his balance from a jolt or sudden stop and end up on the road - in front of an oncoming car. **Don't assume your dog is too smart to jump out!** If he's tethered you risk dragging him if he falls out.

Projectiles – Unrestrained pets become forceful projectiles. If you crash at 45 kph, your unrestrained 10-lb dog becomes a flying projectile exerting 300-pounds of force. At 80-kph, your dog will fly forward with 833-pounds of force. And at only 45-mph, an 80-lb dog can hit passengers or the windshield with over a ton of force!

And never leave your dog or any animal unattended in the car, even in cool weather. The sun can turn your car into a suffocating furnace in minutes even with the windows left open a crack. Dogs are unable to sweat and suffer overheating and death very quickly.



Eswatini Standards Authority

With the advances in food technology and women moving out of the home to become executives to support their families, conveniences have become the norm.

Nowadays, there is less time available to do things the traditional way and people are seeking faster and more convenient ways of doing things.

Food has not been left out of this trend. More and more women, be they homemakers or executives, are becoming targets for convenience food. They find themselves with less time to cook food the traditional way and after an exhausting day, it is simpler to pop a food pack into the microwave, leaving them enough time to perform 'other' duties.

Convenience foods are defined as any fully or partially prepared dish, food product or ingredient in which preparation time and energy is transferred from the homemaker's kitchen to the food industry.

Advertisers will make women believe that convenience food is nutritious and safe. Time originally set for food preparation was transferred from women to the food industry. The consumers' perception of a product is based on information gathered either from advertisers or friends, and this serves as a frame of reference for the choice, purchase and use of convenience foods.

The attributes of convenience foods that make



them irresistible to the consumer are price, taste, convenience, appearance, health, safety and quality. The price of the convenience food is influenced by the number of portions, taste, the appearance as well as the ambience of the environment.

Marketing

What is left out of marketing is that most convenience foods are laden with saturated fats, sodium and sugar and provide little nutritional value. These, when consumed in excess, are detrimental to the consumer's health. Even foods marked low fat or fat free are usually poor alternatives.

Convenience foods provide a nice breeding

ground for pathogens if not kept according to the manufacturer's recommended conditions or not cooked according to instructions.

A classic example is viennas; most people eat them without cooking as per the manufacturer's instruction, which is quite dangerous as there is a possibility of food poisoning.

Vendors

Convenience foods can also be obtained from street vendors. Street food originally perceived as unhygienic and often discouraged has become institutionalised due to its convenience and due to the spread of street vending.

The fast pace of urban life and migration from rural areas to urban areas has made 'street foods'

an increasingly important part of our daily diets. Unfortunately, lack of attention to hygiene and poor access to clean water and waste disposal can turn a quick meal into a serious case of food poisoning.

To ensure food safety it is necessary to provide a series of educational products on food safety to street vendors, food inspectors and consumers. These food safety educational products should be based on food safety standards which are HACCP and ISO 22000.

The prerequisite programmes (PRPs) are the starting point on the road to ensuring food safety. PRP's include but are not limited to; personal hygiene (vendors must wear clean clothes and be free from contagious diseases), cleaning/sanitation programmes (a programme to ensure that there surroundings are clean is a must), standard operating procedures, supplier controls, waste management (a waste disposal area must be available in a secured area), training and pest control (vendors must make sure that the vending area is free from pests e.g. rodents).

In conclusion, people should not focus on convenience only but should also think about other health aspects of food. These include safety (if not safe it might lead to poisoning) and health (if not healthy it might lead to obesity and thus vulnerability to health hazards such as heart disease). It is, therefore, advisable that all consumers scrutinise the food label on convenience food in order to make an informed decision and to always check if the product is kept and later prepared under the right conditions as per the manufacturer's recommendations.

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Untipping The Societal Scales

WITH: Dumisa Dlamini

Women are by their nature a brave and proud lot who hardly bring themselves to beg for anything from a man unless they are truly desperate.

Bringing everything to equilibrium, your normal woman will never beg you for sex and money for she believes it is her natural right to be afforded providence of same.

For that reason, men have always been begging women for sex; their wives even. This beautiful woman would lie under oath at the aisle by her long beautiful legs and wasp-like waist that *utakujabulisa ngemtsetfo longwele* and hold nothing back from you as her husband.

Men believe these pack of blue lies until they are married to the woman and they are in bed in the bedroom.

He begs for the honeypots, which was freely promised during their wedding day. Once in the house, *ufulatsela wena abuke lubondza*. You have to come up with a plan to get good sex, which is *umuphe imali kwasamuntfu longatsi uyamholela*.

Men in their first years of marriage take time to comprehend that *uyadiza nakumkakho* for sex to flow towards your troublesome Third Leg.

Who believes Scales here that if women were to be extinct, all men would stop working for nothing, gives any man pleasure than giving his woman money?

A woman worthy her salt will never beg for money *ubuta kutsi iphi imali yalenyanga* in the event she realises you are delaying making your monthly remittance. Should you give her so much for the household expenditure and nothing towards her person, she will sulk and hold back. That said, it is worthy to note that a woman would ask and even demand sex under three circumstances.

Being the smart, interrogative and investigative creatures women are, your wife has an innate antenna that tells her you are up to some mischief.

Right now as you feign innocence, faithfulness and commitment to her she thinks, suspects or even knows precisely that you are cheating on her. Though she has not revealed the details to you, she is boiling with anger.

Here is a woman who wanted to prove to him that she knew where he went to after work every Friday. She sent the children to the village and set the house into a blazing romantic trail.

It was the sweetest and the best wine there, the husband's favourite meal on the table and the bed was decorated with the sweetest roses.

She was flimsy in dress faked to be wild with desire. All along, she had not called the man and intimate her plans for the evening.

The trap was set and she was in no hurry to catch the culprit. When he came and feigned fatigue from meetings and deadlines, she offered him a massage which gesture indicated the ultimate route she wanted the evening to pursue.

The man was so nervous for he knew he had nothing. His Joystick was tantamount to a flabby and broken gear lever and not one gear could be engaged.

The woman was livid. She counted his infidelity sins one by one and she was so descriptive of the woman he was seeing and her ren-



She will complain about sex on three conditions

devious that the man was shell-shocked.

He could not deny anything but apologised with everything he had. He was out the next morning to scout for a beautiful red car he could buy his wife.

A good man in bed today has no guarantee he will always be sizzling in bed and the biggest challenge *nasekute emandla* in his wife. Now men are very secretive about the failure of the Third Members of their lower limbs.

He cannot outrightly tell his wife he has a problem with his Rising from the South for no woman sympathizes with a man whose sexual performance is below par, notwithstanding the reason, at least not for long.

He skates around the problem whilst he is running helter-skelter looking for *timbitanyana* here and there.

Stimulate

LaMsitsini waMbokodvo had long suspected that *umyeni wakhe sewaba ngu* half-past and could only manage twenty-five to *anganatsa buganu*. This day whilst he was unsuspecting, she reached out her hand *washwala wonkhe lomkhwembetsi* hoping he would be stimulated, *latibindzela nje libulu lu laMagayiwe*.

She knew their sexual life was in a problem and she wouldn't have discovered if she didn't demand sex. Such discoveries are followed by incessant complains and believe Scales, nothing beats a man to the doldrums than being berated by his wife for not coming to the sex party each time she makes him fire in bed.

And there is this clandestine fear that when he tells his wife about his inability to please her, she would outsource the service *atfole kwetimphisi* in the veld forever on the look-

out for such opportunities.

Good men have suffered in their houses, their crucifiers being their wives because they cannot offer them good sex and the woman knows there shall be never.

When she is denied it in the house, she knows *angaganga*, and come back to the house, *kute lotawufuna lutfo kuye* because *naye akanalutfo*.

When she complains bitterly, the man is subdued and consenting to anything. This guy who had become paraplegic was upfront with his wife.

Women, as Scales has mentioned earlier, would not ask money from a boyfriend and even a husband unless they are desperate or feel he is spending it somewhere else.

He told her to bring the man to the house who shall be giving her sex now that he was physically incapacitated. She couldn't and he told her to be discreet in whatever she was doing with anyone!

A young man had been picked by his employer for a course abroad that came way too early after his marriage to LaMasango. The latter being a woman different from no other *abengakashiyi konkhe nabo bonkhe* even when she got hitched.

The departure of her hubby gave her a

chance to give the honeypot to the other chap. She fell pregnant just before *umkhwenyane abuye*. When he landed and they were hardly in the bedroom, she demanded and desperately asked for sex.

Every day she wanted *makube khona lamenta kona*. Women can be desperate for sex when they want to bargain for something from the husband. She could be in serious debt and cannot justify the need for the money.

Kutesihlati lesengca Ligusumba for a woman whenever she wants to wrangle anything out of a man. Not only your wife, even your girlfriend *angamila nje* in between your sheets for sex when all along she had been stiff.

She wants to bargain or *ufuna babe wemntfwana lokahle* not the guy who has made her pregnant.

The demands requests and complains of women about sex equates for same when it comes to money. Women, as Scales has mentioned earlier, would not ask money from a boyfriend and even a husband unless they are desperate or feel he is spending it somewhere else.

She may even present to you a high budget, say, for the child because you have another child with another woman.

Or she will tell the world you are not a good and responsible dad. *Labafati labakhona abasayibongi nekuyibonga imali yababe* by word of mouth or in kind.

Proud lot these sweet, pretty animals. When they demand, beg for or even complain, they would be operating under immense emotional pressure!

Catch Scales, if you can at
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'Safer is Fun'

10 answers to your questions on condoms

International Condom Day on 13 February each year promotes safer sex awareness while encouraging people to use condoms. Condoms are an easy-to-use method to have safer sex that offers triple protection: prevents HIV infection, STI infections and unintended pregnancies.

This year's celebration of International Condom Day is today at The George Hotel Gardens in Manzini from noon to 8 p.m. Eight entertainment acts including KrTC and Dr. Shakes will be spreading the message that "Safer is Fun," the theme of this year's celebration. Free male and female condoms will be available at this event. This week we tackle some of your questions on condoms to ensure safer sex.

1. What are the benefits of using condoms?

Both male and female condoms provide triple protection:

- Prevention from HIV infection

- Prevention from contracting sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Prevention from unintended pregnancies

Condoms are most effective when used correctly and consistently.

2. Where are condoms available?

Condoms are widely available in the country. They are found in retail outlets such as grocery shops, supermarkets, filling stations, toilets, bars, etc. Free condoms are also available at health facilities, through health care workers and some outlets with the Got it? Get it sign. If you do not know where to get condoms, call Got it? Get it at 1212 for free. You will be directed to an outlet near to you.

3. Which condoms are best?

Condoms are available in different flavours, colours, shapes, and textures, yet they are all made from the same material and rigorously tested. All condoms are quality condoms.

4. What about free condoms?

Even condoms that are distributed for free or sold at an affordable price are quality condoms. The free condoms are free to the user because donors have already paid for them. All condoms have been manufactured and tested to global standards.

5. When should I put on a condom?

You should put on a condom before there is any contact between the genital areas and fluids. Fluids released during foreplay can transmit sperm, HIV, and other STIs. An erection is required to use a male condom.

6. Can I use lubricants with condoms?

Yes. Many condoms are already lubricated on the outside. Water-based lubricants make condoms more comfortable and sex more enjoyable, but avoid oil-based lubricants such as petroleum jelly, massage oils, and lotions with latex condoms as they can weaken or break them.

7. Can I reuse a condom?

No. Reuse of any condom is not recommended – male or female. A new condom should be used each time you have intercourse.

8. Are condom user errors common?

Yes most errors are, in fact, user errors. Some mistakes include placing the condoms upside down and turning it over, taking condom off too soon, putting the condom on too late, opening the package with a sharp object and using an oil-based lubricant. Of course, the most frequent mistake is not using a condom at all!

9. Do condoms make intercourse less pleasurable?

No. In fact many people report feeling freer and more relaxed during sex because they are not worrying about infection. There is also the added benefit of prolonged erection for many men. Used properly and consistently, condoms can actually increase sexual

pleasure.

10. If a condom breaks, what are the risks of pregnancy?

When used as directed, they can be very effective in preventing both pregnancies and STIs. If a condom breaks and no other form of contraception is being used, a woman may become pregnant, so you should consider using Safer is Fun

Safer is Fun

International Condom Day Celebration
The George Hotel Gardens
Noon-8 p.m.

Artists: KrTC and Nobuhle

Comedian: Dr. Shakes

DJs: Crooks, Fantasy, Mistosoul, Supa CDQ, and Wicked
Free entry

We would love to hear from you. Contact us with your feedback and questions. Call 1212 for free and follow us on social media.



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'Corruption does not invest in the future, it kills the future'

SPECIAL FEATURE

“We are working hard with governments to improve transparency, governance, accountability and project delivery across the continent.

“Corruption does not invest in the future, it kills the future,” Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank (www.AfDB.org) said at the World Peace Summit of Global Leaders.

According to the World Economic Forum, an estimated \$116 billion (approximately a year would be required to feed the world and end hunger. It would also take \$8.5 billion a year to eliminate malaria.

“That’s only 0.28 per cent of what’s lost to corruption globally every year,” said Adesina.

“It would take \$26 billion per year to send all kids in the world to school. The International Atomic Agency estimates that \$31 billion per year would provide energy for all in the world. That’s just one per cent of what’s lost annually to corruption globally,” he added.

The African Development Bank’s 2019 African Economic Outlook notes that Africa’s impressive economic growth is expected to be maintained at four per cent in 2019, and 4.1 per cent in 2020, with 40 per cent of African countries projected to see even higher growth rates.

Pitching Africa investment opportunities to government and business leaders during his visit to Seoul, Adesina said: “There is no better time to invest in Africa than now.”

The Africa Continental Free Trade Area is projected to make Africa the largest free trade zone in the world, with an estimated combined GDP of over \$3.3 trillion.

With an eye on a “future that is just around



the corner,” Adesina says the Bank is working to set up a joint Korea-Africa Tech Corps program designed to bring young and talented tech entrepreneurs in Korea and Africa into wealth creating partnerships, and position Africa to be part of the mainstream of the 4th Industrial Revolution.”

The Busan Techno Park, the Busan Metropolitan City, the African Development Bank and the Government of Tunisia, are currently collaborating on a pilot Agricultural Drone project to help assess and monitor soil degradation, and provide real time data to improve productivity. The Bank intends to scale up the project across Africa, and develop other cutting edge uses of industrial drones across the continent.

With a backdrop of an improving regional economy and a move toward creating a new generation of jobs for young Africans, Adesina says, “Today, millions of unemployed young

Africans have no jobs and many take enormous risks to cross the Mediterranean to seek a brighter future in Europe. The fact is, there’s no pride in seeing thousands of young men and women drown in the turbulent waters of the Mediterranean.

“The future of Africa’s youth doesn’t lie in Europe. The future of our youth must lie in a thriving, prosperous and secure Africa.”

At the Peace Summit for Global Leaders, the President of the African Development Bank highlighted key achievements in 2018, including, five million people with new or improved electricity connections; 19 million people who have benefitted from improved agricultural technologies; 1.1 million people who have benefitted from private sector investment projects; 14 million people who received access to better transport services and 8 million with improved access to water and sanitation.

Adesina said the Bank could do more with

the support of its 80-member countries who are currently discussing options for the institution’s general capital increase.

“With a General Capital Increase scenario, if approved by the Bank’s shareholders, we would provide an additional 105 million people with access to electricity, 137 million people with access to improvements in agriculture, 22 million people who would benefit from private sector investment projects, 151 million people with improved access to transport, and 110 million people with improved water and sanitation.”

Adesina urged the Bank’s shareholders to make generous contributions in order to maintain momentum, create jobs for millions of African youth, position Africa in global value chains, and accelerate the African Union’s push towards Agenda 2063, “The Africa we want.”

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RAMAPHOSA'S RESPONSE TO SONA DEBATE ON ESKOM

CAPE TOWN - After two days of heated debate on President Cyril Ramaphosa's February 7 State of the Nation Address, he responded on Thursday.

Members of Parliament who debated the SONA included EFF President Julius Malema, COPE leader Mosiuoa Lekota and DA MP GG Hill-Lewis.

Eskom, education and unemployment were among the key points debated.

Here are President Ramaphosa's responses:

"The decision we announced in SONA to establish three separate, 100 per cent state-owned entities, for generation, for transmission and distribution respectively, it has received the most attention, but it is by no means the only or most significant measure that must be undertaken. It is not a path to privatisation." "When you deal with security police, there are three things they want from you: either you give evidence on your comrades or you become an askari and kill them, or you become a paid agent. I did not do any of the three things they wanted, not at all."

"We are working every day to accelerate economic growth and make meaningful progress in finding work for the



RESPONDS: South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa.

9.7 million South Africans who are currently unemployed. We applaud the great initiatives that several of our provinces and many municipalities are undertaking to stimulate economic growth and to create jobs."

"We applaud the work being done by the Department of Basic Education to prioritise access to quality education and we have seen how the education outcomes in our country have been improving over the years. The matric

results of last year were a clear testimony that things are changing, we are moving forward without any fail."

"We are doing more to keep our children safe and protected from abuse and violence. This means strengthening our approach to community policing to make the places where children live safe, and to intensify the work already under way to make our police, our prosecutors and our courts more responsive to the needs of children." *Times Live*

ICASA boss sentenced to 20 years

PRETORIA - Independent Communications Authority of SA Chairperson Rubben Mohlaloga has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for fraud and money laundering.

Mohlaloga was sentenced - alongside former acting head of the Land Bank Philemon Mohlahlane and attorney Dinga Rammy Nkwashu - on Thursday at the Pretoria Specialised Commercial Crimes Court, the National Prosecuting Authority confirmed.

Mohlaloga was sentenced to seven years in prison, while attorney Nkwashu was sentenced to 24 years in prison. The three were found guilty in the same court in January 2018.

Mohlaloga, who was appointed Chairperson of ICASA in December 2017, was found guilty of fraud and money laundering.

The court found that he and his co-accused defrauded the Land Bank of about R6m when he was chairperson of Parliament's Portfolio Committee on Agriculture.

He acted with his accomplices to transfer the money from the Land Bank to an attorney's trust account.

Fin24 previously reported that

Mohlaloga was appointed to the previous ICASA board in 2013, despite the fraud allegations.

He has served as acting chairperson of the ICASA board since 2016. He is also a former deputy president of the ANC Youth League and served as an ANC MP.

"An application for leave to appeal against the sentencing was granted for all three," NPA regional spokesperson Phindi Mjonondwane said.

The three were released on bail, pending the appeal.

Mohlaloga - a former ANC MP - was granted R70 000 bail, Mohlahlane R30 000 bail, and Nkwashu bail of R100 000.

A Parliamentary process began in early 2018 to look into Mohlaloga's fitness to hold office, pending his trial. *News24*

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DA 'delighted'

PORT ELIZABETH - Leader of the Democratic Alliance (DA) in the Western Cape, Bonginkosi Madikizela, said on Thursday that the party was "delighted" with the by-election results in two wards.

"We are thankful to the voters in the City of Cape Town, Ward 54, for entrusting the DA with their vote as well as voters in Knysna, Ward Four, where we saw a massive increase in our voter percentage," Madikizela said in a statement. In the City of Cape Town, Ward 54, the DA got 88.63

Jowell will represent Ward 54 with pride and ensure that the people's concerns receive top priority. I would also like to thank Thobeka Duna for helping to increase our voter percentage in Knysna, Ward Four," he said.

The party leader also encouraged all South Africans who had not yet registered to do so at their nearest Electoral Commission offices.

"It is crucial that all South African citizens of voting age are registered to vote in the National and Provincial elections on 8 May," Madikizela said.

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He said that the results showed the DA was continuing to grow in the province

ANC REJECTS LEKOTA ALLEGATIONS

JOHANNESBURG - The ANC has rejected Mosiuoa Lekota's claims that President Cyril Ramaphosa was a "sellout".

"The ANC has full confidence in President Ramaphosa, and we do not take kindly to desperate attempts to call to question his integrity."

"Allegations of this nature are often made when the accuser fears exposure

for his own misdeeds or runs out of political ideas," acting national spokesperson Zizi Kodwa said in a statement on Thursday.

This comes after the COPE leader said that Ramaphosa sold out student activists to the apartheid police special branch in the 1970s during the State of the Nation (SONA) debate on Wednesday.

"When it was difficult, you (Ramaphosa)

wrote to the special branch that we put communist ideas in your head, in doing so you condemned us to the special branch."

"I say this because the special branch rewarded you and they sent you home and we headed to Robben Island," Lekota alleged in the National Assembly.

News24

Hawks withdraw warrant of arrest for Ajay

JOHANNESBURG - The warrant of arrest issued against Ajay Gupta has been withdrawn by Hawks.

Gupta was wanted in connection to corruption charges and the warrant meant he was a fugitive from justice and could face arrest if he entered the country.

Last year Duduzane Zuma appeared at the commercial crimes court in connection to the same charges Gupta was facing. Former Deputy Finance Minister Mcebisi Jonas had alleged that he was invited to the Gupta compound in Saxonworld by Zuma and that Gupta offered him a ministerial post as the minister of finance shortly before Nkandhla Nene was to be fired in 2015.

Jonas said he was also offered R600 million if he took up the job. Zuma was charged and his case was provisionally withdrawn in January. The NPA said the reasons for the withdrawal was

because Jonas' testimony at the Zondo commission had not been finalised.

The withdrawal of the arrest warrant against Gupta was also based on the withdrawal of charges against Duduzane.

Jonas is expected to appear before the Zondo commission to finalise his testimony and he also faces cross-examination from Zuma who was successfully granted permission.

Commission Chair Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo granted businessman Fana Hlongwane, who was also present during the alleged bribe, and Zuma to question Jonas based on the fact they are also willing to testify at the commission. The Guptas had applied to cross-examine Jonas however Zondo declined to grant permission as the brothers were not willing to come back to South Africa and appear in person at the state capture inquiry.

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FREE MAN: Ajay Gupta.

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AL-SISI GETS LEGISLATIVE BACKING TO STAY TILL 2034

CAIRO - The Egyptian parliament on Thursday approved in principle proposed constitutional amendments that would allow President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi to stay in power until 2034 and boost his control of the judiciary.

Parliament Speaker Ali Abdelaal said that 485 MPs of the 596-seat assembly voted in favour of the changes, comprising more than the two-thirds majority needed to pass the amend-

ments.

The proposed changes will now go for a review in a parliamentary committee and then return to parliament for a second vote before they are presented for a national referendum expected before the middle of the year.

Al-Sisi won re-election last year in a landslide beating an unpopular candidate. Most strong contenders were forced to step aside in the run up to the vote.

His current mandate expires in 2024 after which he could potentially serve three more terms which could mean he would have served as president for two decades - a total of five four year terms.

He came to power in 2013 after deposing the then President Mohammed Morsi. Sisi, the army chief at the time stepped in to seize power because of anti-government protests. He won first vote in 2014. *Reuters*

Nigeria police to restrict vehicular movement on voting day

LAGOS - Nigeria's police chief has ordered restriction of vehicular movement on the election day with barely a day to the opening of polls in keenly watched presidential polls.

The said restriction is expected to last for 12 hours - 6am - 6pm today. Inspector General of Police, IGP Adamu, also tasked citizens to remain law abiding and go out on February 16 to peacefully cast their ballots.

A statement by the police read in part: "The IGP notes that the restriction will assist the security agencies in effectively policing the electoral process, thereby preventing hoodlums and criminally-minded elements

from hijacking and disrupting the electoral process.

"He urges the citizens to troupe out en-masse on the day of the election to exercise their franchise without any fear or apprehension as the police & other security agencies have already put in place adequate security measures to ensure a safe, secure and conducive environment for a peaceful and credible election. "While regretting the inconveniences the restriction will cause the citizens, the IGP, however, warns that the Force will deal decisively with any individual(s) or group(s) that will want to test our common will in our resolve to ensure a peaceful election. *Africa News*



COP: A Nigerian police officer.

SA ambassador to UN concerned over plight

NEW YORK - South Africa's ambassador to the United Nations, Jerry Matjila, has expressed concern over the plight of women and children in Iraq.

Matjila outlined South Africa's concerns, which revolved around the political and security situation in Iraq, in a statement to the UN during a meeting of the UN Security Council (UNSC) in New York on Wednesday, according to a press release by the department of international relations and cooperation (DIRCO).

"We are particularly concerned about the increase of violence against women and children, as the secretary-general's report has highlighted. In this regard, we support the efforts of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq

and the UN children's fund to address this scourge," said Matjila.

Commending the Iraqi authorities on progress made in forming a national government the ambassador also urged all political forces to work together to reach an agreement on cabinet posts so work could begin on returning internally displaced persons, the rehabilitation of public service, revitalising the economy and implementing reconstruction and development projects.

However, Matjila outlined the important role women could play in Iraq's future. "Additionally, it would be important for the Iraqi government to promote the meaningful inclusion of women in the political process and their representation at all levels of political structures."

African News Agency

Hamas and Israel prepare for possible military confrontation

JERUSALEM - The Israeli military and Gaza's Islamist movement Hamas are both preparing for the next conflict, according to Israeli military intelligence as reported by Haaretz.

A new round of fighting has been predicted by political analysts and intelligence agencies for a while now due to the desperate economic situation as a result of the Israeli and Egyptian blockade of the Gaza Strip which has a population of two million people squeezed inside an area of 365km², the third most densely populated polity in the world.

The two sides have fought several wars previously, including those in 2008/9, 2012, and the last in 2014 during which

hundreds died, most of them Palestinian civilians.

But the next round could be coming earlier than expected according to Israeli military intelligence's research division which has assessed that Hamas is going to increase pressure on the Gaza-Israel border in order to force international intervention because of the dire humanitarian situation in the coastal territory.

Hamas may initiate broad military action that could bring forth an all-out military confrontation with Israel in a bid to obtain international involvement on the humanitarian situation in Gaza, the Israeli intelligence report published on Wednesday asserted.

Hamas has been organising yesterday

protests near the border with Israel since March last year.

The Great March of Return has largely involved burning tyres, throwing stones, and flying burning kites into Israeli territory.

However, following an Egyptian mediated agreement, the Islamist organisation agreed to tone down the protests in return for Israel lifting the crippling siege.

But Gaza's leaders now say that Israel has reneged on easing restrictions and so has upped protest measures at the border, believing only extreme measures can bring about any changes to the coastal territory's plight.

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Militants threaten to cripple economy

ABUJA - A militant group in Nigeria's oil-rich southern Niger Delta threatened on Thursday to cripple the economy if President Muhammadu Buhari is re-elected today.

The Niger Delta Avengers - who want their area to get a greater share of the oil revenue it produces - said they backed opposition candidate Atiku Abubakar and his promises to devolve more power to the regions.

The Niger Delta Avengers were behind a 2016 wave of violence, including attacks on pipelines and other facilities, that helped push Nigeria into recession. *Reuters*

Uganda deports MTN chief

KAMPALA - Uganda deported the Belgian head of South African telecoms giant MTN's local branch on Thursday night, with police saying he was a threat to national security. Police spokesman Fred Enanga said that MTN Uganda's chief executive Wim Vanhelleputte had been deported "over national security". "He's already at the airport and destined for Belgium around midnight," he said late Thursday. Vanhelleputte had been in the role of CEO since July 2016 at the Uganda branch of MTN, which operates in 22 African countries. *AFP*

Military denies taking part in Qaeda site

CAIRO - The US military denied on Thursday taking part in a raid on an al Qaeda site in the Libyan city of Ubari, contradicting a statement by a Libyan official.

The spokesperson for Faye al-Sarraj, head of the Presidency Council of the Tripoli-based Government of National Accord of Libya, said in a statement late on Wednesday that a site with a number of al Qaeda members in Ubari was 'raided' by joint US-Libyan forces. *Reuters*

Hong Kong snares record of rhino horns

HONG KONG - Hong Kong customs seized a record 40 kg (88 pounds) of rhino horns worth around HKUS\$8 million (US\$1 million) from Johannesburg en route to Vietnam, the latest bust for authorities trying to tackle the rising volume of endangered species trafficked through the Chinese territory.

The seizure came less than one month after customs busted a massive smuggling operation from Africa, seizing a record quantity of pangolin scales, along with more than 1 000 ivory tusks. Customs said the rhino horns were found in two check-in carton boxes, destined for Ho Chi Minh City. *Reuters*

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PRESIDENT TRUMP PLANS EMERGENCY TO FUND WALL

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump plans to declare a national emergency to fund his controversial border wall, the White House said on Thursday, a move that alarmed US lawmakers shortly before they passed legislation to avert a government shutdown.

Trump has signaled he will sign the massive spending measure keeping federal agencies operational through September 30.

But it does not specifically fund a wall on the US-Mexico border, and Trump's emergency declaration would help him bypass Congress to locate and redirect billions of dollars in funding to build it.

Trump will take the action "to ensure we stop the national security and humanitarian crisis at the border," White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said shortly before the Senate passed the spending bill.

The House of Representatives followed suit hours later, and Trump has until a midnight Friday deadline to sign it and prevent the government from going into shutdown for the second time this year.

Signing the spending bill would bring an end to a rolling, two-month battle over government funding.



PLANS: President Donald Trump.

But by declaring an emergency, Trump opens a new confrontation and creates some of the riskiest legal peril of his term.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Trump's Democratic nemesis in Congress, said members of her caucus were 'reviewing our options' about how to respond to Trump's move.

"Declaring a national emergency would be a lawless act, a gross abuse of the power of the presidency and a desperate attempt to distract from the fact that President Trump broke his core promise to have Mexico pay for his wall," Pelosi and Senate

Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said in a statement.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he backs the president, but several others in the Republican camp have expressed deep reservations.

"I have concerns about the precedent that could be set with the use of emergency action to re-appropriate funds," veteran Republican Senator Chuck Grassley said in a statement. Senator Susan Collins said it 'would be a mistake on the part of the president' to declare such an emergency, warning it would 'undermine' lawmakers' all-impor-

tant role as financial appropriators.

Many lawmakers have said they have no idea from where Trump will draw the funding. Democrats in particular have signaled that the move would open the door to future presidents declaring emergencies on various topics, from gun violence to climate change to the opioid crisis.

Under the National Emergencies Act, the president can declare a national emergency, providing a specific reason for it.

That allows the mobilisation of hundreds of dormant emergency powers under other laws, which can permit the White House to declare martial law, suspend civil liberties, expand the military, seize property and restrict trade, communications and financial transactions.

Trump has repeatedly stated he will look to other federal sources to fund his wall, one of his top campaign trail promises from 2016.

There is broad expectation that Trump's move would be challenged in court.

And House Judiciary Committee Jerry Nadler expressed support for a joint congressional resolution to 'terminate' Trump's emergency declaration. **AFP**

Pence, at summit, lashes out

WARSAW - US Vice President Mike Pence accused European powers on Thursday of undermining Washington's crack down on Iran by trying to break US sanctions against Tehran, in remarks that were likely to further strain transatlantic relations.

Pence spoke at a Middle East peace conference in Warsaw attended by 60 countries, notably including both Gulf Arab states and Israel, in what Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called a "historical turning point" for an alliance against Tehran. Iran, Russia and the Palestinians were absent.

European powers, who oppose the Trump administration's decision to pull out of a nuclear deal with Iran, were openly skeptical of a conference excluding Tehran. France and Germany declined to send their top diplomats, while British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt left before Thursday's main events.

"Sadly, some of our leading European partners have not been nearly as cooperative," Pence said. "In fact, they have led the effort to create mechanisms to break up our sanctions."

Trump pulled the United States last year out of the 2015 Iran deal, under which Tehran agreed to curbs on its nuclear program in return for the lifting of sanctions.

European countries say they share Washington's concerns about Iran's regional behavior but believe withdrawing from the nuclear deal was a mistake, and have promised to try to salvage the deal as long as Iran continues to abide by it. In practice, European companies have accepted new U.S. sanctions on Iran and abandoned plans to invest there. **Reuters**

More Brexit embarrassment for May

LONDON - Prime Minister Theresa May suffered a defeat on her Brexit strategy on Thursday that undermined her pledge to European Union leaders to get her divorce deal approved if they grant her concessions.

In a show of muscle, hardline Brexit supporters in her Conservative Party decided to abstain, handing her an embarrassing, albeit symbolic, defeat as she tries to renegotiate her deal with the EU.

While it will not deter May from trying to secure changes on the most contentious issue of the deal - the Irish 'backstop' - the vote does show

that her pro-Brexit lawmakers are a major obstacle to passing any agreement.

May was absent from the House of Commons for the debate and the outcome of the vote, which deepened the sense of political crisis over Britain's departure, more than two years after voters opted to leave the bloc by a margin of 52 per cent to 48.

The crunch vote is now expected to come on February 27, when May is due to return to parliament - and lawmakers who fear leaving without a deal could try to seize control of Britain's departure from the EU.

latest twist in the two-year negotiation to leave the EU underlines the rifts in parliament over how, or even whether, Britain should leave the bloc, its biggest political and trade policy shift in more than 40 years.

Delayed

It increases the possibility of Britain leaving without a deal, a nightmare scenario for many businesses, but also of Brexit being delayed or potentially never happening at all.

May's spokesman said she still believed parliament wanted her to keep pressing for changes to the Brexit deal:

"The government will continue to pursue this with the EU to ensure we leave on time on March 29."

EU leaders, meanwhile, have repeatedly said there can be no substantive change to the legally binding withdrawal agreement containing the backstop, a guarantee that there can be no return of border controls between the British province of Northern Ireland and EU-member Ireland.

With trust in the prime minister at an all-time low, one Conservative pro-Brexit lawmaker said the government could no longer ignore eurosceptics' views. **Reuters**



European powers, who oppose the Trump administration's decision to pull out of a nuclear deal with Iran, were openly skeptical of a conference excluding Tehran. France and Germany declined to send their top diplomats, while British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt left before Thursday's main events

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EU plans to keep Channel Tunnel open

BRUSSELS - The European Commission announced plans on Tuesday to keep the rail link with Britain through the Channel Tunnel open on current terms for three months after a no-deal Brexit in an effort to minimise disruption expected from any abrupt split.

The United Kingdom is on track to leave the European Union on March 29 without a deal unless Prime Minister Theresa May can convince the bloc to amend the divorce deal she agreed last year and get it approved by British lawmakers. **Reuters**

Maduro reveals meetings with envoy

CARACAS - President Nicolas Maduro said in an AP interview Thursday that his foreign minister recently held secret talks in New York with the US special envoy to Venezuela, even as the Trump administration was publicly backing an effort to unseat the Venezuelan president. While harshly criticizing Donald Trump's confrontational stance toward his socialist government, Maduro said he holds out hope of meeting the US president soon to resolve a crisis over America's recognition of opponent Juan Guaido as Venezuela's rightful leader. **AP**

Militants cling to last square mile

OUTSIDE BAGHOUZ - Islamic State group militants clung to their last square kilometre (square mile) of land in eastern Syria on Thursday with an unknown number of civilians trapped inside, officials said.

US-backed forces conducted precision operations targeting the militants' outposts in and around the village of Baghouz and worked to clear surrounding villages of remaining fighters, officials with the Kurdish-led forces said. **AP**

Drones temporarily ground flights

DUBAI - Flights at Dubai International Airport were temporarily grounded on Friday morning due to suspected drone activity, an airport spokesperson said.

The suspension was in effect from 10:13 to 10:45 a.m. local time (0613-0645 GMT) before flights were cleared to resume, Dubai Airport said. Service was now back to normal, the Dubai Media Office tweeted.

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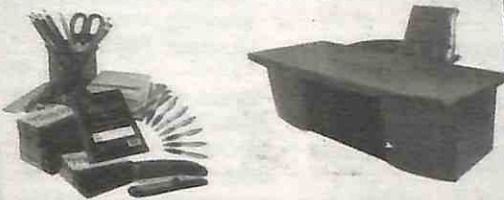
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Vigil: 15/02/2019
Place: eNgololweni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni wababe Caleb Fana Dladlu kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa eNgololweni ngeMgicibelo mhlaka 16/02/2019 emva kwemlindzelo wangalesihlanu 15/02/2019. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Fidza na Veli Dladlu egameni lemndeni.

Setsabile Mamba



Funeral: 16/02/2019
Vigil: 15/02/2019
Place: eMdumezulu

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani neskolwa sa Setsabile Mamba kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Umlindzelo ungalesihlanu bese ufihlwa ngeMgicibelo 16/02/2019 emdumezulu. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumake wakhe lomkhulu egameni lemndeni.

Mndofi Absalom Ndzinisa



Funeral: 16/02/2019
Vigil: 15/02/2019

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Mndofi Absalom Ndzinisa kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Ufihlwa 16/02/2019. Kunemlindzelo ngalesihlanu 15/02/2019. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni.

Mahlabane Mingometulu



Funeral: 16/02/2019
Vigil: 15/02/2019
Place: Jamehlungwini

Relatives of Mahlabane Mingometulu are notified of his demise. Funeral on Saturday 16 February 2019 after a night vigil at Jamehlungwini ka Shewula. Announcement by family.

Nonhlanhla Mamba



Funeral: 16/02/2019
Vigil: 15/02/2019
Place: Emvemibili

Relatives and friends of Nonhlanhla Mamba are notified of her untimely demise. She will be laid to rest on the Saturday 16/02/2019 after a vigil and memorial service on Friday 15/02/2019 at Calvary Methodist Church Emvemibili at 5pm.

Bhekisa Soul Mbuyisa



Funeral: 17/02/2019
Vigil: 16/02/2019
Place: eLushikishini

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Bhekisa Soul Mbuyisa lobekatiwa ngekutsi ngu 'mthamo' kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Usishiye ngekutumeke lokukhulu mhlaka 12 February 2019. Utawufihlwa ekhaya lakhe eLushikishini ngelintfo, mhlaka 17 February 2019 nga 06h00 ekuseni. Kwatiswa baka Mbuyisa eBhadzeni, nebasekhakhake baka Mtsetwa, bekhabonina baka Mlotsa, nebasemsebentini wakhe ka Swazi Observer. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngu Mkhakhe egameni lemndeni.

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Death brings pain that time can only heal, no words could ease what we truly feel but with God, her joy is eternally sealed, and cherish her memories that death can't even steal

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JOB 13:15

Though He slay me,
yet will I hope in him;
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defend my ways to
his face.

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Son Heung-min set to sign £150 000-a-week new deal

LONDON - Son Heung-min is in line for a second pay rise inside 12 months as reward for his sensational season for Tottenham. The South Korean only signed a five-year contract in July, but the Spurs hierarchy are ready to offer the forward another new deal before the start of next season. Talks are expected to start in the summer as Sportsmail understands there is a desire to cement Son's position as one of Mauricio Pochettino's key men.

Son's current deal is worth around £110 000 per week, but he can expect new terms to move him closer to Dele Alli whose deal is worth up to £150 000 per week.

Reputation

Despite his reputation as a tough negotiator, Chairman Daniel Levy has a reputation for rewarding his players with new deals when it is deserved. Since October, the 26-year-old has scored 16 goals in 23 games in all competitions for Spurs.

In a further boost for Spurs, Harry

Kane is set to return to full training next week — two weeks ahead of schedule — after his ankle injury. All being well, he will be in contention for the Burnley match a week today.

Daily Mail



NEW DEAL: Tottenham Hotspurs' Son Heung-min.

MAN U TO RE-SIGN DE GEA, RASHFORD

MANCHESTER - Manchester United are planning to offer David de Gea and Marcus Rashford new contracts before the end of the season.

While a permanent replacement for Jose Mourinho remains a question for the summer, Executive Vice-Chairman Ed Woodward is keen to tie his first-team stars to long-term deals.

Speaking to investors on Thursday he ruled out making an announcement on Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's future before the end of the campaign.

But negotiations are believed to be ongoing with De Gea, and preliminary talks have begun with Rashford over new deals.

The key pair are both out of contract in summer 2020, while midfielders Juan Mata and Ander Herrera - both free agents this summer - are also on the to-do list.

"We are a long way through the ones

we had planned to do in this season," Woodward told investors.

"But obviously we want to finish off the final few as rapidly as we can."

Anthony Martial, Luke Shaw, Chris Smalling, Scott McTominay, Phil Jones and Ashley Young have all extended their contracts this season.

United suffered a damaging Champions League defeat by PSG in mid-week, their first since Solskjaer replaced Mourinho in December.

They must overhaul a two-goal deficit in the reverse leg in Paris, without the suspended Paul Pogba, to make the quarter-finals.

They face Chelsea in the FA Cup fifth-round on Monday night.

Daily Mail



Mourinho scooped £19.6m pay-off from Man U sacking

LONDON - Manchester United paid Jose Mourinho and his backroom staff £19.6million to sack them in December, the Premier League club have revealed.

Mourinho received around £15m, with five of his close allies, including goalkeeping coach Silvino Louro and coaches Stefano Rapetti and Carlos Lalin, sharing the remainder.

The pay-offs, listed under 'exceptional items' in the financial results United released yesterday, mean the Old Trafford club have shelled out £33.2m

in severance payments to David Moyes, Louis van Gaal and now Mourinho since Sir Alex Ferguson's retirement in 2013. Mourinho and his backroom team also received £23.1m when they were sacked by Chelsea in 2007, and a further £8.3m when they left Stamford Bridge in 2015. Ed Woodward, United's executive vice-chairman, received a healthy pay rise, seeing his salary increase from £2.6m to £4.1m thanks to a one-off shares-related bonus.

Impact

Woodward praised the impact of interim manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, but would not be drawn on whether the Norwegian will be given the job on a permanent basis. He said in a statement: "The appointment of Ole and Mike Phelan as caretaker manager and assistant manager has had a positive impact throughout the club. 'We are delighted with the improvement in the team's performances since December and we look forward to a strong finish to the season.'"

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Declan Rice chose England over Ireland

LONDON - Declan Rice sought out the advice of former England captain John Terry before committing to play for the Three Lions.

The West Ham midfielder this week turned his back on the Republic of Ireland and asked FIFA to allow him to switch allegiances.

Despite earning three caps, all in friendlies, last year, Rice will now be considered for selection by Gareth Southgate for next month's double-header with Czech Republic and Montenegro.

Key to his decision was Terry, who has become a source of advice for the youngster, according to The Sun.

The pair have developed a close friendship since Rice was released by Chelsea as a 14-year-old. Terry is understood to have unexpectedly called Rice after his departure and they have remained in regular contact ever since.

The 20-year-old is likely to be pressed straight into action by Southgate, and admitted his decision was a tough one.

He said: "This has been an extremely difficult decision and not one I ever expected to be making at this stage of my career. In recent months, I have discussed it with the people who

mean the most to me.

"My parents, my family, my girlfriend and my closest friends.

I have also spoken to Martin O'Neill and Mick

McCarthy, Gareth Southgate and to friends and colleagues within the game whose opinion I respect.

"Like so many people, I consider myself to be of mixed nationality. I am a proud Englishman, having been born and raised in London. However, I am just as proud of my family's Irish heritage and my affinity and connection with the country."

Daily Mail





CHIEFS NOT YET THERE UNDER MIDDENDORP

Letlabika back at Bloem Celtic after financial issues resolved

CAPE TOWN- Bloemfontein Celtic Public Relations Officer Sello Nduna says defender Wandisile Letlabika has returned to training after differences were solved allegedly over money.

Reports emerged recently that Letlabika was unhappy as he was forced to pay his own medical expenses for a knee injury sustained in 2017.

As such, it appeared the 29-year-old wanted remuneration for those costs and it appears since then Celtic and the player have resolved this financial concern.

Sello told Kickoff: "Look, it is true that Wandisile didn't attend training on Monday."

"Obviously as a team, the management will need to enquire especially where we are not sure what is happening. But the player is back at training, will meet him and he told us he was attending to personal stuff which we understand. But he is back at training."

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READY: Mwapo Musonda.

Musonda ready to play for Chiefs, Bucs or Downs

LIMPOPO - Black Leopards striker Mwapo Musonda says he is ready to play for either Kaizer Chiefs, Orlando Pirates or Mamelodi Sundowns should the opportunity arise.

Musonda originally started his career in South Africa's Premiership with Pirates where he struggled to make his mark in 2014/15, having arrived at Bucs from Zanaco.

He then moved to Golden Arrows in 2015/16 where he again did not really have an impact.

However, it has been with Leopards where he has come to life scoring 25 league goals over two seasons in the National First Division.

In addition, he has so far added a further eight in the PSL in 2018/19. As such, the Zambian believes he is ready to play for one of the big three.

The 27-year-old told Kickoff: "I think everyone wants to play for the big three, they are better in all aspects of football, and I don't think anyone would turn down such an offer if it came knocking. "It's to also challenge myself again to say, 'Can I go back and do better this time around?'"

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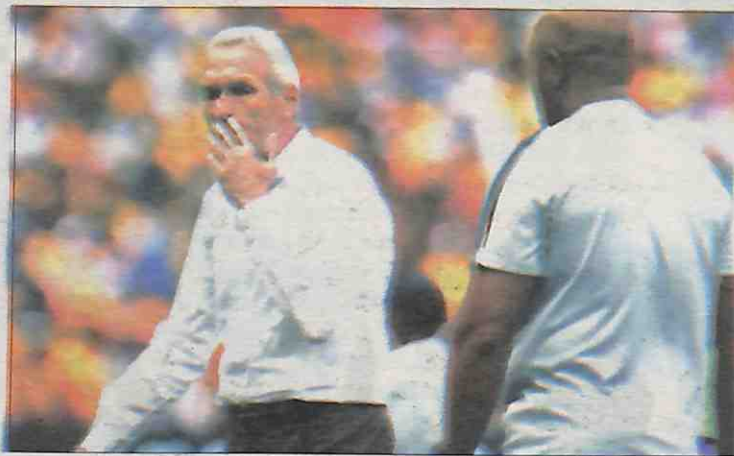
JOHANNESBURG - With Kaizer Chiefs set for their cup match this weekend, a former Amakhosi midfielder has given his thoughts on the team's progress under current head coach Ernst Middendorp, since his arrival at Naturena in December as a replacement for Giovanni Solinas.

Amakhosi will be in the Eastern Cape for their Nedbank Cup Last 16 match against ABC Motsepe League outfit, The Magic, at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium on Sunday.

Former Chiefs midfielder and crowd-puller Junior Khanye, who played under Middendorp at Chiefs during the coach's first stint with the Soweto giants between 2005 and 2007, commends the team's progress though he believes more could be done and achieved under the German mentor.

"Firstly, let me mention that Chiefs under Ernst Middendorp have improved compared to how they were under Solinas," said Khanye.

"But for me, he (Middendorp) is not the perfect person for the job, that's my opinion. Having watched



NOT YET: Coach Ernst Middendorp.

the matches I have watched so far under him, I can see there is an improvement. I would like him to give players more freedom on the field. He is a disciplinarian, I know him for that, and I thank him for it. He has instilled discipline to the players and that should be commended. I have seen improvement in the players' performances. Senior guys like (Bernard) Parker and George Mahuleka

have improved a lot. Pule Ekstein has also improved a lot," added the outspoken player.

Appealing

Khanye is appealing for a more attacking approach from Amakhosi under Middendorp in their quest to reclaim former glory of winning trophies.

"I would love to see the coach introduce a more attacking approach to

Chiefs' style of play. For example, (Siphosakhe) Ntiya-Ntiya is not an attacker but he has been playing as an offensive player under the coach. Ntiya-Ntiya is a left-back. Chiefs are a team with a culture that is defined by their ability to attack opponents. I can see he is doing a good job with the defence, I have been impressed with (Daniel) Cardoso and (Teenage) Hadebe in central defence, but I would love to see him improve the team's attack. The young boy (Happy Mashiane) he has introduced is very exciting. I would love to see more of him in the upcoming games," adds Khanye.

"I have seen Chiefs spread passes here and there trying to play and that's encouraging. However, Chiefs is not yet there under Middendorp but they are better than how they were under Solinas. I would love to see the Chiefs culture, where the team would put together 10 or more passes in their build-up to a goal," he concluded.

Soccer Laduma

City had to let Patosi join Esteghlal - McCarthy

CAPE TOWN - Cape Town City coach Benni McCarthy admits losing Ayanda Patosi to Iranian club Esteghlal was a blow but believes the club can replace him.

Patosi made it clear when he joined City from Lokeren in Belgium that he did not intend to stay too long in the PSL, and McCarthy explained the club's decision to let him go at the end of the January transfer window.

"Firstly it was huge for us to lose such a player, especially as we don't have a big squad, but we had to be realistic, we are not a club that holds players who want to challenge themselves overseas," McCarthy said.

"We want to improve players, we won't stand in their way if they want to move abroad."

McCarthy, who during his playing days competed in the big leagues in



WE LOST HIM: Benni McCarthy and Ayanda Patosi.

Europe and won the coveted UEFA Champions League with FC Porto, believes players must be given the freedom to challenge themselves in other countries.

"If a player gets such an opportu-

nity, allow him to go. As a player I would also not hesitate to grab that chance. If someone tried to stop me I would definitely fight, so we had to release him," he explained.

Kickoff

Da Gama explains absence of Kaizer Chiefs loanee

CAPE TOWN - Highlands Park coach Owen da Gama says that Kaizer Chiefs loanee Yusuf Bunting has not played regularly due to illness, injuries and his exams.

Since joining the club at the start of 2018/19, Bunting has played just one minute of ABSA Premiership football at it appears he is not yet at the level to start. The player made his name in Chiefs' MultiChoice Diski Challenge side but was sent to Highlands in order to get PSL experience. However, thus far the 23-year-old is yet to make his mark for the outfit from Tembisa. Da Gama told Kickoff: "He was rather unfortunate with injuries and then he was hospitalised with a throat infection for a couple of weeks."

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4 COUNTRIES TO PRESENT JOINT 2030 WORLD CUP BID

SANTIAGO - Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay are to submit a joint bid to host the 2030 World Cup, Chile's President Sebastian Pinera announced on Thursday.

Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay had already submitted a joint bid to host the centenary edition of football's most prestigious tournament, but Pinera said on Twitter that those countries' presidents had agreed to Chile's participation in the "joint candidacy".

Argentina and Uruguay originally announced their intention to submit a joint bid in 2017 before Paraguay joined the coalition later that year.

In December last year, Bolivia's football-mad President Evo Morales offered those three countries help in their bid, proposing "two or three departments as sub-seats" for the competition.

Had his offer been accepted, it would have meant the Hernando Siles Reyes stadium in La Paz potentially included as a host venue.

Pinera said he had been touting his idea to the presidents of Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay for several months.

Uruguay hosted and won the inaugural World Cup in 1930, Chile was the venue in 1962 and Argentina emulated its neighbour's achievement by lifting the trophy on home soil in 1978.

Like Morales, Mauricio Macri of Argentina, Uruguay's Tabare Vazquez



and Paraguayan Mario Abdo Benitez are all passionate about football having all been president of a club in their countries.

Pinera is a billionaire businessman who started out as a teacher and has no previous connection to football.

The South American bid faces competition from Morocco and potentially

several other joint bids, including one from Britain and Ireland and another by an eastern European confederation of Greece, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania.

Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has even mooted a joint bid with Morocco, which has failed five times in bidding to host the World Cup, and Portugal.

AFP

Spain to face champions Croatia in Davis Cup

MADRID - Rafael Nadal's Spain will host defending champions Croatia in the Davis Cup finals with the 17-time major winner set to be the only member of the sport's big four taking part in the controversially rebooted tournament.

Nadal, who has played in four Davis Cup winning campaigns, has said he intends to take part in the new-look week-long event on home ground in Madrid from November 18-24.

Intends

However, long-time rivals Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray will be missing.

Federer's Switzerland didn't qualify, Britain's Murray has virtually retired while world number one Djokovic has said he intends to focus on the ATP World Team Cup to be staged in Australia in January.

That is despite Serbia having qualified as one of the 18 nations for the 2019 Davis Cup finals.

Despite its troubled revamp, Spanish football star Gerard Pique, whose Kosmos company is pouring \$3 billion into a 25-year deal with the 119-year-old tournament, insisted at Thursday's draw that the new Davis Cup will be a success.

"This means a lot, we have been

THE DRAW

Group A: France, Serbia, Japan
Group B: Croatia, Spain, Russia
Group C: Argentina, Germany, Chile
Group D: Belgium, Australia, Colombia
Group E: Great Britain, Kazakhstan, Netherlands
Group F: United States, Italy, Canada

working for more than a year, and we have created a great team to carry out this project," Pique insisted.

"I think we are a great partner for the International Tennis Federation in this competition."

Nadal, a Davis Cup champion in 2004, 2008, 2009 and 2011, will likely face Marin Cilic, Croatia's top player who won both his singles in the 2018 Davis Cup final victory over France.

Russia, the two-time champions, make up Group B.

Ten-time champions France, 2010 winners Serbia and Japan contest Group A while 2016 victors Argentina, Germany and Chile are in Group C.

Argentina will be sweating on the fitness of regularly injured Juan Martin del Potro while Germany could be without world number one Alexander Zverev.

European Tour announces largest first prize in golf

DUBAI - The European Tour has continued its bid to entice golf's biggest names to compete in its events by announcing the biggest first prize in the sport for the season-ending World Tour Championship.

The winner of the 2019 tournament in Dubai will now receive \$3 million, after Danny Willett pocketed \$1.33 million for his victory last November.

The event is the last of the Tour's 'Rolex Series', with the fields for the final three tournaments of the season all reduced to allow for increases in the winners' prize money.

World number one Justin Rose, who won the Turkish Open last year, opted out of playing the World Tour Championship as he was no longer in the running for the season-long Race to Dubai title, which was won by British Open champion Francesco Molinari.

The European Tour will be hoping that the new prize structure, with the Turkish Open winner now to earn \$2 million and the Nedbank Golf Challenge champion to take home \$2.5 million (up from \$1.25 million), will prevent players like Rose and Rory McIlroy from skipping its biggest events.

McIlroy said before last year's World Tour Championship that he was considering not playing enough European Tour competitions in 2019 to keep his tour card. "With the revised prize money breakdown and the extra Race to Dubai points in place for 2019, this provides a tremendous incentive for our players," said European Tour chief executive Keith Pelley.

Despite the \$3 million prize for the Dubai tournament, it is still dwarfed by the \$10 million Rose claimed for winning last year's season-long FedEx Cup on the PGA Tour. *SuperSport*

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UEFA satisfied with VAR debut in UCL knockouts

ZURICH - Video Assistant Referee (VAR) "worked perfectly" at all stadiums that hosted the first leg of the last-16 Champions League ties this week, according to UEFA's chief refereeing officer Roberto Rosetti.

VAR was implemented for the first time in Europe's premier club competition and was called into action in games when tight offside and penalty decisions were involved.

"I am very happy with the way VAR was implemented," Rosetti said in a statement on the UEFA website

<https://www.uefa.com/insideuefa/news/new/sid=2591309.html>. "The technology worked perfectly, and the refereeing teams performed at a very high level."

The most talked-about decision involved VAR ruling out Ajax's first-half opener against Real Madrid after it deemed Dusan Tadic to be offside when Nicolas Tagliafico headed the ball past Real goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois.

UEFA stood by the decision to chalk off the goal but questions were raised over the time it took to reach a verdict, with the restart delayed by nearly three

minutes.

Rosetti promised to look into improving the system's efficiency.

"The most important thing is that the referee took the right decision. Accuracy is more important than speed," Rosetti added.

"We have to take into account that this was a very complex situation where the VAR had to check two possible offside situations and the referee also had to consider the interference of the attacking player."

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I'M UNQUESTIONABLY A WOMAN - SEMENYA

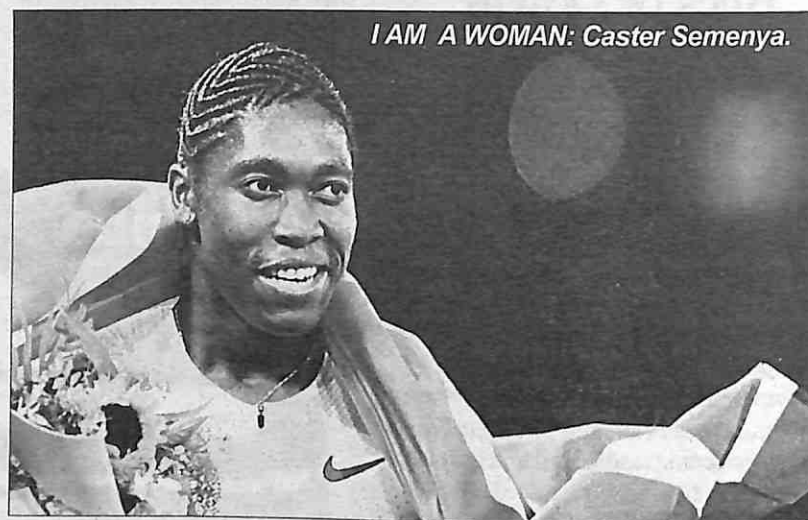
JOHANNESBURG - South African 800m Olympic champion Caster Semenya on Thursday said she was "unquestionably a woman", after the IAAF denied reports that it would argue that she should be classified as a biological male.

Semenya, 28, issued the statement ahead of a landmark hearing at the Court of Arbitration (CAS) next week that will challenge a proposed rule by the International Athletics Federation (IAAF) aiming to restrict testosterone levels in female runners.

"Ms Semenya is unquestionably a woman. She is a heroine and an inspiration to many around the world," her lawyers said in a statement.

"She asks that she be respected and treated as any other athlete."

The rules would force so-called "hyper-androgenic" athletes or those with "differences of sexual development" (DSD) to keep testosterone levels below a prescribed amount.



I AM A WOMAN: Caster Semenya.

The rules were to have been instituted in November 2018 but have been put on ice pending next week's hearings.

Supported by the South African Athletics Federation, the two-time Olympic champion in the 800m (2012, 2016) and three-time world champion (2009, 2011, 2017)

has denounced the proposals.

"I just want to run naturally, the way I was born. It is not fair that I am told I must change. It is not fair that people question who I am," she has said previously.

AFP

SA BEHIND SEMENYA OVER NEW GENDER RULES

PRETORIA - The South African government yesterday threw its weight behind Olympic 800m champion Caster Semenya ahead

of next week's landmark hearing against proposed rules that aim to restrict testosterone levels in female runners.

World track and field's governing body IAAF has pro-

posed levels below a prescribed amount.

But Semenya, 800m Olympic champion in London and Rio and a three-time world champion, is challenging the legality of the rules in a case which will be heard at the Court of Arbitration (CAS) from Monday.

South Africa's Sports Minister Tokozile Xasa described the rules as "discriminatory" as she launched a campaign in support of hyperandrogenic athletes.

"These regulations appear to be specifically targeting Caster Semenya," she told a news conference.

"What's at stake here is far more than the right to participate in a sport. Women's bodies, their well-being, their ability to earn a livelihood, their very identity, their privacy and sense of safety and belonging in the world, are being ques-

tioned.

"This is a gross violation of internationally accepted standards of human rights law."

The government yesterday launched a campaign dubbed #NaturallySuperior in a bid to drum up international support.

"The world once declared apartheid as a crime against human rights. We once more call people of the world to stand with us as we fight what we believe is a gross violation of human rights," the minister said.

She called on individuals and organisations "intolerant of discrimination" to add their voices to a movement "that condemns these discriminatory IAAF regulations which in their nature seek to unfairly exclude other sections of society from competing in sport," she said.

The IAAF regulations, she said, could potentially deprive the world from seeing and experiencing the "natural superiority of future athletes" from Africa.

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SUPPORTED: Caster Semenya.

De Kock, Du Plessis bat Sri Lanka out of Kingsmead Test

CAPE TOWN - Faf du Plessis and Quinton de Kock have ensured that the Proteas, barring a minor miracle, will win the first Test against Sri Lanka at Kingsmead.

At the start of day three yesterday Sri Lanka were still in the contest, but that is no longer the case and at lunch the hosts were 227/5 with a commanding lead of 271.

Du Plessis is unbeaten on 72*.

The visitors, desperate for early wickets, immediately went to their premier seamers with Suranga Lakmal and Vishwa Fernando looking for the breakthrough, but Du Plessis and De Kock played intelligently.

Leaving well outside off-stump, both batsmen waited patiently for anything slightly overpitched or wide to keep the scoreboard ticking.

With the fast bowlers looking somewhat toothless, Sri Lanka then went to spin in just the sixth over of the day through Dhananjaya de Silva.

Lakmal kept going without any success, and De Kock clipped the lanky quick through mid-wicket in his seventh over of the day to bring up a 15th Test match half-century.

It was De Kock's second 50 of the match after his crucial 80 in the first innings, and his value to this Proteas Test side becomes more apparent with every passing series.

De Kock was out for 56, though, when we tried to work left-arm spinner Lasith Embuldeniya through the on-side.

The ball spun a lot, which is good news for South Africa and Keshav Maharaj, but De Kock missed it completely and was trapped plumb in front



ENSURES: Faf du Plessis.

despite immediately sending the decision upstairs for a review.

That brought an end to a 96-run stand between De Kock and Du Plessis that had effectively played the visitors out of the context.

The pair added 65 valuable runs in what proved to be a crucial 80 minutes yesterday, and when Sri Lanka did get the breakthrough the Proteas were 191/5 and 235 runs ahead.

With the more than capable Vernon Philander (12**) at the crease with Du Plessis and with Keshav Maharaj, Kagiso Rabada and Dale Steyn still to

come, Sri Lanka will need something exceptionally special to stand any chance.

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NEARLY: Jurgen Klopp.

Klopp nearly became Bayern Munich manager

MUNICH - Bayern Munich president Uli Hoeness has revealed Jurgen Klopp came close to becoming the club's manager in 2008.

Liverpool welcome Bayern to Anfield on Tuesday in the first leg of their Champions League last-16 tie. But Hoeness has claimed things

could have been very different, with Klopp a top target to replace Ottmar Hitzfeld 11 years ago prior to the appointment of Jurgen Klinsmann.

Klopp left Mainz that summer to take over Borussia Dortmund where he spent the next seven years, winning the Bundesliga title on two occasions, before joining Liverpool in 2015.

"Personally, I have a high opinion of Jurgen Klopp," Hoeness said. "Many years ago we agreed on a collaboration together, but we ended up signing Jurgen Klinsmann instead. "There I showed I respect him and his work a lot. It's going to be a tough task for both sides. I hope we'll come out on top."

Sky Sports

Top-seeded Domenic Thiem advances at Argentina Open

BUENOS AIRES - Top-seeded defending champion Dominic Thiem of Austria advanced to the Argentina Open quarter-finals on Thursday, beating Germany's Maximilian Marterer 6-4, 6-4.

Thiem will face Uruguay's Pablo Cuevas, a 6-4, 7-5 winner over Portugal's Joao Sousa.

Fourth-seeded Diego

Schwartzman of Argentina beat Slovenia's Aljaz Bedene 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 to set up a match against Spain's Albert Ramos-Vinolas, who beat compatriot David Ferrer 3-6, 7-6 (11/9), 6-3.

Ferrer promised to retire in May at the Madrid Open. The participation in the Buenos Aires tournament is one of the last of the 36-year-old's career.

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21:45 Barcelona vs Real Valladolid

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16:30 VfL Wolfsburg vs Mainz 05
16:30 FC Schalke 04 vs Freiburg
16:30 TSG Hoffenheim vs Hannover 96
16:30 Stuttgart vs RB Leipzig
19:30 Hertha BSC vs Werder Bremen

Italy Serie A
19:00 Cagliari vs Parma
21:30 Atalanta vs Milan



MTN Premier League 2018/19

PREVIEWS

BUFFS TAKE ON MAMBA
IN FORCES DERBY

Compiled by Sibusiso Dlamini

Young Buffaloes vs GreenMamba
2pm, Mavuso Sports Centre

SOCCER – AFTER a two-week break due to cup competition, the MTN Premier League action returns with scintillating fixtures set to be played all across the country's venues.

The headlining fixture will of course be the security forces derby between army side Young Buffaloes and their correctional services counterparts in log leaders Green Mamba. The Caleb Ngwenya-led Mamba

started the season on a very high note as we the team to beat for the better half of the first round, but then they somehow lost steam, and teams capitalised on that, and more importantly, the gap at the top of the summit was closed to only two points between the two sides, as Buffaloes are third on the log standings with 32 points, and, therefore, trail their opponents by two points. This means Buffaloes have an option of going top of the log standings depending on the outcome of second-placed Royal Leopard's performance if they beat Green Mamba. This fixture will be very tactical



because the Dominic Kunene-led charges have now gotten used to executing their duties effectively, and that is why they have made it

to the finals of the Ingwenyama Cup tourney and won their round of 3 in the EswatiniBank Cup. Phiwa Dlamini is maturing upfront

MTN Premier League Log

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Green Mamba	16	11	1	4	30	8	22	34
Leopard	16	10	3	3	27	11	16	33
Buffaloes	16	9	5	2	23	10	13	32
Highlanders	16	9	5	2	20	13	7	29
Swallows	16	9	2	5	21	14	7	29
Sea Birds	16	6	3	7	18	20	-2	21
Sundowns	16	5	4	7	16	22	-6	19
Wanderers	16	5	3	8	17	24	-7	18
Tambuti	16	4	5	7	13	18	-5	17
Malanti	16	4	5	7	12	22	-8	17
Pirates	16	4	5	7	16	23	-7	17
Vovovo	16	4	4	8	10	19	-9	16
Matsapha	16	4	1	11	14	22	-8	13
Citizens	16	1	8	7	11	20	-9	11

for Buffaloes, but Musa Dlamini is also a predator for Green Mamba. Both defences are one of the water-tight defences' in the league, so we can anticipate a thrilling encounter between the two sides. Both coaches are also great tacticians respectively as well, so it's the battle of the mind. Kick-off is 2pm.

YOUNG BUFFALOES

Coach: Dominic Kunene
Captain: Nhlhla Gwebu
Key players: Fanelo 'Order' Mamba, Sandile Gamedze, Siboniso 'Gaxa' Ngwenya
Match winner: Ndoda Mthethwa

GREEN MAMBA

Coach: Caleb Ngwenya
Captain: Mxolisi Mkhontfo
Key players: Mthunzi Mkhontfo, Njabulo Tfwala, Thokozani Mkhulisi
Match winner: Musa Dlamini

Weslians looking to take
advantage of troubled PiratesM. Pirates vs Manzini Wanderers
Mavuso Sport Centre, 4:10pm

SOCCER – HUB giants Manzini Wanderers played their last fixture of the league against glamour capital city side and defending champions Mbabane Swallows – a game that they eventually won 2 – 1.

Since, the arrival of former Swallows mentor Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati, the maroon and white outfit has been in transition and has even seen the recruitment of former Tambuti captain Mpendulo Ngidi as well as burly forward Ugochukwe Ohake. Fans will also be thrilled to learn of the news that captain fantastic Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya who has been out for the past month might be seen in action today, as he confirmed when interviewed by this publication on Thursday.

Moneni Pirates are also a very

good side with good players. Their style under the mentorship of Terisayi Changara is still the Moneni Pirates style – play entertaining football with youngsters who can do magic on the ball.

They do have numb-footed players in the likes of 'Smoothies', but they haven't had the instincts to win games, which is a natural striker.

This will also be one entertaining match.



MANZINI WANDERERS
Coach: Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati
Captain: Lwazi 'Shana' Maziya
Key players: Mcebiso Mdluli, Mike Dombo, Sicele 'Junior' Simelane
Match winner: Ugochukwu Ohake

MONENI PIRATES
Coach: Terisayi Changara
Captain: Menzi 'Magawugawu' Simelane
Key players: Thabo Vilakati, Siboniso 'Rocco' Malambe, Mphucuko 'Smoothies' Dlamini
Match winner: Phinda Nkonyane

It's a 'Birds' battle

Manzini Sea Birds vs Mbabane Swallows
King Sobhuza Stadium, 3pm

SOCCER – FORMER Manzini Wanderers mentor Nyanga 'Crooks' Hlopho will begin his journey as Mbabane Swallows coach yet again with a match against Manzini Sea Birds. The Anthony Mdluli-led charges have looked very opportunistic of shaky defences, and this is something that will worry Nyanga because his charges have looked jittery most of the time. They were manipulated with dead balls by Manzini Wanderers and this should be very worrying to them because Sea Birds has players with pace and the lightning bolt Muzi on the flanks is their

key player. Swallows will rely on the experience of Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko, Tony 'TT' Tsabedze on the wings and Sandile Hlatshwayo up-front. Hlopho uses power play mostly and this is something that Sea Birds must be ready for, because with such silky players who have pace as well, Swallows can score an avalanche of goals.

SEA BIRDS
Coach: Anthony Mdluli
Captain: Sibusiso Dlamini
Key players: Thabo Langa, Gcinizwi Dlamini, Muzi Tsabedze
Match winner: Wandile Nhleko

MBABANE SWALLOWS
Coach: Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati
Captain: Tony Tsabedze
Key players: Njabulo 'D4D' Ndlovu, Colani 'Papi' Sikhondze, Wonder Nhleko
Match winner: Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala

Leopard looking to take 'Downs

Royal Leopard vs Manzini Sundowns
2pm, Somhlolo National Stadium

SOCCER – Police side Royal Leopard are only a point away from the log leaders in fellow security forces counterparts Green Mamba and will take this match as an opportunity to go up if it happens that Mamba falter against Buffaloes.

The Edwin Matsebula-led charges are well-balanced in all positions of play and their football has urgency and intention, especially in attack. The police side face off Manzini Sundowns who have been

marred by inconsistent from the start of the season.

Currently positioned ninth on the log standings, the 'Kappa Boys' will need to start winning matches, and they face a major test in Leopard today.

MANZINI SUNDOWNS
Coach: Julius Chakupewa
Captain: Kingu Pemba
Key players: Sandile Dlamini, Phumlani Mtsetfwa, Linda Maphalala
Match winner: Reagan Kangumbi

ROYAL LEOPARD
Coach: Edwin Matsebula
Captain: Barry Steenkamp
Key players: Muzi 'Mzoro' Dlamini, Zwelli 'Millo' Nxumalo Junior Magagula
Match winner: Lungelo Tsabedze



MALANTI SEEKING REVENGE AGAINST BULL

Mbabane Highlanders vs Malanti Chiefs
Somhlolo National Stadium 4:10pm

SOCCER – These two teams just met in a cup semi-final encounter where Highlanders eventually emerged victorious, against a Malanti Chiefs characteristic of being 'Cup specialist' in the country.

Highlanders, under the mentorship of Saul Chamunikwa, look like a hungry team who also have the capability

of brining the much requires success to the Black Bull kraal. The verylanders just scored nine goals in last week's cup encounter, meaning the team is fluid upfront, which is something Malanti must work on.

Worrying

The Northern Hhohho side are on the other end of the log-standing and will have to start worrying about relegation if they do not make changes quickly in the team. Highlanders a very dan-

gerous upfront, but they should also be wary of Malanti on the counter.

HIGHLANDERS
Coach: Saul Chamunikwa
Captain: Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze
Key players: Mlamuli 'Mlaba' Nkambule, Vusumuzi Vilakati, Thabiso Mokenkoane
Match winner: Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze

MALANTI
Coach: Ray Dlamini
Captain: Theminkosi 'Djemba' Mayisela
Key players: Lindokuhle 'Ntolo' Fakudze, Sifiso Dlamini, Siyabonga 'Qoyot' Nkambule
Match winner: Binwell Katinji

Bogandaganda in survival mission against Tambuti

Matsapha United vs Tambuti
3pm, Nsukuwansukwa Stadium

Second from the bottom Matsapha United will be coming into this match with their spirit high following their boardroom victory over Royal Leopard.

'Bogandaganda' will this afternoon welcome Tambuti at their fortress Nsukuwansukwa Stadium in a quest to move up in the log standings.

The Mhlume-based side were recently handed three points and three goals by the DC after the police side, were found guilty of causing the abandonment of their match which was played last year at the Mayaluka Stadium.

The decision came as a morale boost-

er for the Rodwell Dhlakama led side who are now having 13 points in 16 matches and this gives them hope they welcome the inconsistent Tambuti at their own backyard this afternoon.

Zimbabwean Dhlakama will be expected to get the best of his charges as a victory can boost their chances of surviving relegation.

Hopes

The ex Manzini Sundowns coach will pin his hopes on the likes of Clement Sibandze, Thami Zulu to lead his battalion to victory the opposition.

Meanwhile, Tambuti are coming without their several key players in Mpendulo Ngidi, Ncedo Mamba who are now with Wanderers and the suspended Gabriel Goshen. Meanwhile, on the

other hand, Tambuti coach Alou Badara will need to get some of his players and possibly salvage something in order to avoid relegation troubles.

The Malian mentor is now left with the likes of Roy Mamba and Zwakele Dlamini, who are one of the seasoned performers in the team.

Matsapha United
Coach: Rodwell Dhlakama
Captain: Sihawu Dlamini
Key players: Thami Zulu, Ayanda Gamedze, Sifiso Dlamini
Match winner: Clement Sibandze

Tambuti
Coach: Alou Badara
Captain: Zwakele Dlamini
Key players: Siqinseko Ndlangamandla Shameal Zwane, Paa Addy
Match winner: Muntu Mamba

ALL OUT AFRICA SPONSORS E150 000 FOR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

By Jongile Xuba

SPORTS—Non-profit organisation All Out Africa has pledged E150 000 towards the development of sports at Lobamba.

The announcement was made by All Out Africa Founder and owner Kim Roque during the launch of the new package at Lidwala Lodge in Ezulwini yesterday.

The package will cater for different sports disciplines that include soccer, basketball, cycling and swimming.

Roque said they had been working with soccer teams for about seven years and he was happy that they were now expanding the disciplines that they funded to help bring diversity.

"We see ourselves as part of this community because we have been here for a while. I am happy we can expand to new sports disciplines like cycling and swimming as part of the clubs that we will be helping out," he said.

He went on to thank all the volunteers and All Africa staff, as well



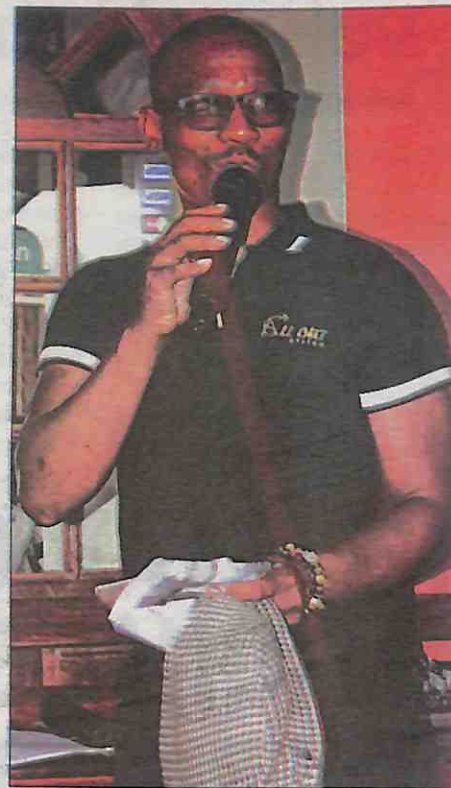
GOING ALL OUT: Guests and delegates take a group picture during the sponsorship launch by All Out Africa Foundation towards sports development in the Lobamba community yesterday at Lidwala Lodge in Ezulwini. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)

as the community for the support that they have offered the company, which is why they are able to give back.

Lobamba Indvuna Yenkundla

Abraham Bhembe thanked All Out Africa for the kind gesture which would help develop sports in the constituency. "The company has been a good friend to our

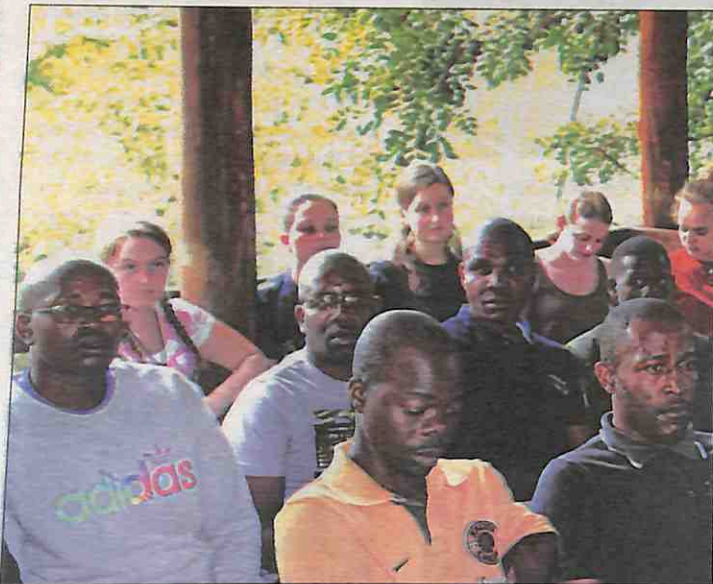
community and we really thank their generous donation. We realise that there is a lot that needs to be done but we promise we will help where we can," he said.



THANK YOU: All Out Africa Sports Coordinator Menzi Masina addressing the gathering.



MY POINT: Programme Director Tjengisa Dlamini making remarks.



ALSO THERE: Some of the guests who were present during the sponsorship launch yesterday.



VERY GRATEFUL: Lobamba Indvuna Yenkundla Abraham Bhembe making his remarks during the launch.



THE MAIN MAN: All Out Africa Founder and owner Kim Roque announcing the new sponsorship deal, which will be worth E150 000.



WATCHING CLOSELY: All Out Africa Founder Kim Roque and SNSRC CEO Darius Dlomo follow the proceedings.



KEEP IT UP: Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council Chief Executive Officer Darius Dlomo making his remarks on the day.



HELPING A LOT: Hhohho Regional Football Association Chairman Nigel Shongwe spoke on behalf of the association.

Cycling National team for 2019 All Africa Games

By Sihusiso Masilela

CYCLING – The Eswatini national team is expected to compete in the 2019 All Africa Games set to take place from 19- 29 August in Morocco.

The squad will represent the country during the continental sporting showpiece scheduled for the North African state.

The cycling national team is expected to feature in three categories in the

Mountain Bike Challenge, Individual Time Trial and Road Championships.

Eswatini Cycling Association President Sihlangu Nhlabatsi confirmed the developments when contacted yesterday.

"We have been invited to take part in the All Africa Games later this year in Morocco and will honour the games since it will give our riders the much needed international exposure.

The team is still in preparations of the upcoming international competitions. We are still waiting for the new dates

of the African Road championships and will further attend the Africa Mountain Bike Challenge in April at Namibia," he said.

Members of the local cycling squad include MTN Khemani pair of Muzi Shabangu, Mduduzi Zwane, Gicina Banda and Sihle Dlamini from Dig Deep Cycling club, among others.

The squad is under the tutelage of Switzerland trained mentor Mbusi Motsa from the Newcomm Wheels Cycling club.



NEW CATEGORY ADDED TO NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS

By Jongile Xuba

SPORTS – The Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) confirmed that they have added a new category to the National Sports Awards of Eswatini.

This was revealed by SNSRC Business Development Manager Zama Tsabedze during a press conference yesterday at the SNSRC offices in Mbabane.

Tsabedze confirmed the launch of the next edition of the awards and revealed the numbers of categories this year.

"The will be the second edition of the awards ceremony and I am proud to say they will be held on the evening of March 30 at Esibayeni Lodge in Matsapha. There will be 14 categories this year with the addition of the Administrator of the Year Award now confirmed," he said.

Some of the categories include Junior Sportsman and Woman, Team of the Year, Coach of the Sportsman of the Year and Journalist of the Year to name a few. He added that the nomination had concluded and that they were yet to setup a judges panel that would look through the nominations.



TO REWARD: Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council Business Development Manager Zama Tsabedze announcing logistics of the 2018 National Sports Awards at the organisation's offices yesterday. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)

"We will reveal more details on the nominees to the public in due course after we finish setting up a panel.

The previous edition took place in October 28, 2017 at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre where out-

standing sports athletes and administrators were rewarded accolades.

The winners of the previous national Sports awards further represented the country during the regional awards which were held in South Africa.

We won't be relegated - Dhlakama

By Mthunzi Maziya

SOCCER – Matsapha United's coach Rhodwell Dhlakama is adamant that his team will not be relegated from the Premier League.

This is despite the fact that Dhlakama's charges have been propping the MTN Premier League log for much of the season, and now only have about ten games to save themselves from the axe.

Dhlakama said they realised that it won't be easy but drew confidence from the fact that they have more than half of their remaining matches at home, which would give them a huge advantage.

He said they would do all possible to get maxi-

mum points from their home matches to ensure that they survive relegation.

"We have been improving a lot in our recent matches and our confidence has been growing with that. We have about eight of the remaining games at home, and I think we can get the points we need to move out of the relegation zone," he said.

Surprised

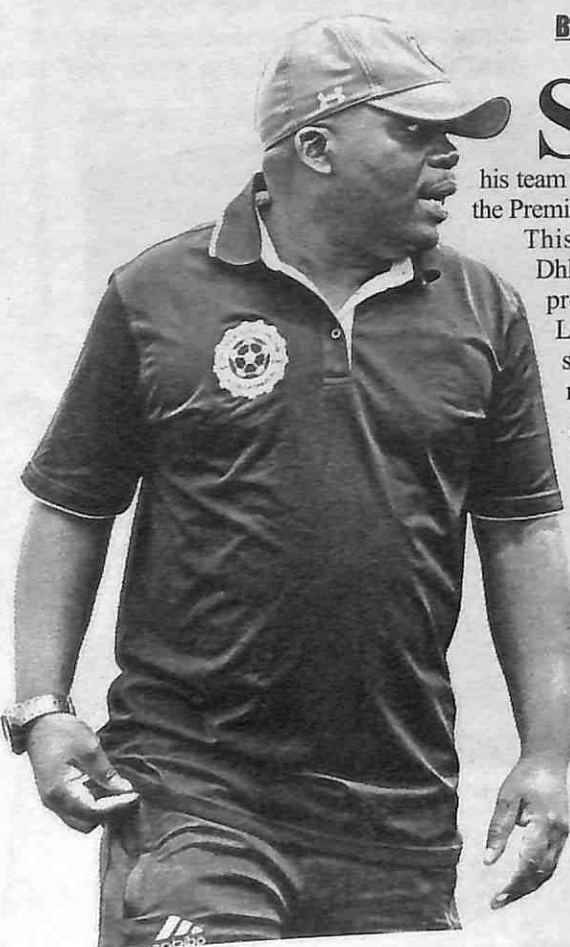
Matsapha surprised many when they beat Manzini Sundowns 3-0 in their previous league match.

That result, and the points they were awarded after Royal Leopard were found guilty for causing the abandonment of the match between the two sides towards the end of 2018, means Matsapha have a realistic chance of survival.

"We have to remain focused on doing what we have to do. We have a good chance, and I hope my players realise that," he said.

Matsapha face Tambuti FC in a crucial relegation six-pointer at Nsukwansuku Stadium this afternoon.

NO RELEGATION FOR US: Matsapha United coach Rhodwell Dhlakama.



Long distance runners geared for start of athletics season

By Mthunzi Maziya

ATHLETICS – Local long-distance runners Melusi Sihlongonyane and Veli Dlamini have said they are in good shape ahead of the start of this year's athletics season.

Both athletes have been dominating long distance events in the country for years, and both would seek to defend their titles in the Golden Foot organised 'Tuff One' race billed for March 2 at Zakhele Sports Ground.

However, their season starts with the maiden Yellow Epilepsy race scheduled for Sikhuphe tomorrow.

"I did not stop training after my last race in 2018. I feel I am in good shape for the upcoming season and I am confident of podium finishes," said Dlamini. The athlete, who is 29 years old this year, confirmed he would take part in the Epilepsy race. His

specialty is the 10km race.

Sihlongonyane, on the other hand, said he has been very successful in the 21km over the last seven years. He said he was looking forward to dominating the distance again this year.

"I feel fit and ready to conquer. I have been training hard to prepare myself for the upcoming races, and I am hopeful that I shall achieve all my targets," he said.

Both athletes run under Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF).

Female runner, Nozipho Sibandze, who runs the 10km, has been playing second fiddle to Royal Eswatini Police's Winile Mnisi for a good part of many races. She said she hopes to improve this year by beating her competitor and taking first place.

"It has been hard for me to beat her over the years, but with good preparation I believe I can do it," she said.



PARTNERS: Fitness Day Out coordinator Delisile Simelane presenting a poster to SNSRC Business Development Manager Zama Tsabedze during the launch of the initiative held yesterday.

SNSRC to co-host fitness day out

By Jongile Xuba

SPORTS – The Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) will co-host the Fitness Day Out Shukuma Eswatini together with a group of fitness instructors.

This was revealed by one of the host instructors and fitness enthusiast Deli Simelane.

She together with the help of four other instructors Zonke Tembe, Celiwe Kunene, Justice and Pluto will lead fitness day. The event will be held at Mavuso Sports Centre on March 30 and it begins at 07:30am. Simelane said the support from SNSRC was appreciated and that they aim to get more people to exercise.

"I am happy that SNSRC decided to co-host with us and I hope members of the public will join us on the day. This is a great way to combat various illnesses so we encourage as

much participation as possible," she said.

SNSRC Business Development Manager Zama Tsabedze said they were happy to support the initiative and urged more corporate companies to jump on board.

"We call on all citizens to support the event and get healthier. Tickets will be E100 each and can be purchased at various points along the Manzini-Mbabane corridor. I would also like to call on corporate companies to jump on board as this will also benefit their employees," he said.

More details on the event will be shared in due course and the first 100 people to buy tickets will receive free T-shirts.

Ticket outlets:

Perfume Hub
Bhunu Mall Manzini
Mbabane Corporate Place SNSRC Offices Mbabane

NOBUHLE SNUBBED IN NATIONAL AWARDS

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SPORTS – Professional golfer arguably one of the most decorated sports persons in the country Nobuhle Dlamini has once again been snubbed in the National Sports Awards.

The golfer was a notable absentee in the list of nominees which was released by the Swaziland National Sports and Recreation Council (SNSRC) through Business Development Manager Zama Tsabedze yesterday.

The Eswatini Golf Federation (EGF) has instead nominated Sifiso Vilane, and when quizzed on the move, President Albert Mhlanga said the federation had noted that there wasn't anything 'exceptional' that Dlamini had achieved, albeit the fact that she participated in major tournaments abroad.

"The problem is that the nomination form specifies that the athlete should be exceptional, and when we started evaluating the two, we went with Sifiso Vilane because he made tangible impact locally and dominated tournaments," he said.

Vilane will be up against reigning Sportsman of the Year, Mbabane Swallows star Tony 'TT' Tsabedze, elite sprinter Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa, Taekwondo star



Thandakukhanya Dlamini, Chess Candidate Master Sikhanyiso Dlamini, Swimmer Simanga Dlamini, as well as 2018 Commonwealth Games participant, elite boxer Zweli Dlamini.

Briefly

When sought for comment, the golfer briefly declined to comment,

Nobuhle Dlamini's full list of achievements in the year 2018/19

(Jan-March)		
Tshwane Ladies Open	South Africa	13th
Joburg Ladies Open	South Africa	4th
Cape Town Open	South Africa	12th
Dimension Data	South Africa	12th
SA Women's Masters	South Africa	2nd
Sun International Challenge	South Africa winner	
Royal Swazi Investec challenge	Eswatini winner	
April		
Ladies European Tour		
Terre Blanche Ladies Open	France	17th
June		
AXA Czech Ladies Challenge	Czech Republic	13th
Lavaux Ladies Championship	Switzerland	8th
Rebiera sacra International Challenge	Spain	7th
October		
European Tour School First Stage Qualifier	Morocco	1st
December		
European Tour School Final Stage Qualifier	Morocco	14th
January		
Tshwane Ladies Open		
South Africa		16th
Women's Golf Professional Association Pro	South Africa	1st

The full list of athletes

Best Jnr. Sportsman
Lukhele Melusi, Cameron Thomas Jele, Simanga Maseko, Sikhanyiso Sihlongonyane, Sisekelo Matsenjwa, Bandle Shabangu

Best Jnr. Sportswoman
Sikhulile Mahlalela, Michelle Amor Shen, Lamulela Magagula, Safiya Mansoor, Hlatshwayo Khanyisile, Robyn Young, Simangele Sikhondze

Sportsman

Thandakukhanya Dlamini, Sibusiso Matsenjwa, Sikhanyiso Sihlongonyane, Simanga Dlamini, Sifiso Vilane, Tony Tsabedze, Zweli Dlamini

Sportswoman

Carlotla Munave, Sindisiwe Maphalala, Nonhlanhla Seyama, Leticia Viana, Nonhlanhla Seyama

Team

Taekwondo 17/18 team, Correctional Sunrise Ladies VB, U17 Football National Team, Snr. Netball National Team – Singapore, 2018 National Bass Angling Team

Coach

Mancoba Motsa, Mbuso Vilakati, Mfanafuthi Vilakati, Welcome Nhlabatsi, Velekhaya Mthethwa, Fanana Dlamini

Leader

Sizwe Mabuza, Bonginkhosi Shabangu, Timothy Shongwe, Maxwell Jele

Administrator

Bonginkhosi Shabangu, Bhokisisa Mkhonta

Journalist

Sibusiso Masilela, Ntokoza Magongo, Ashmond Ndizima, Fabrice Musonera, Phatizwe Msibi

simply saying 'I don't have anything to say about the awards because I can't nominate myself.'

This past year, Dlamini won the Sun International Challenge in South Africa, was the first ever

local to win the Royal Swazi Investec Challenge and the most recent one was the Women's Golf professional association Pro.

More of her achievements of the past year are listed above.

We need to prove our worth – Mamba

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCKER – Green Mamba captain Banele Makonese' Dlamini says the team wants to prove its worth in this afternoon's MTN Premier League encounter against third-placed Young Buffaloes.

The lanky centre-back said this when making his remarks during the pre-match conference held at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

"I think we just have to prove ourselves and what we are really made up of. Of course, we knew that this was a marathon, hence we wouldn't expect to win each and every match, but when we falter, we need to come back stronger. Tomorrow, we might lose our top spot if we fail, and that's not something we are willing to let go," he said.

"We slumped up and now we need to own up and face-up. We need to chin-up, and know that they worked and improved from the mistakes they made when we beat them in the first round," he said in the company of Assistant coach Dunga Zikalala.

Meanwhile, Young Buffaloes captain Nhlanhla Gwebu said the team had seen their obstacles against Mamba, and they had worked on not making the same mistakes twice.

"They beat us on the first round, and we want to avenge the defeat we suffered at their hands. We cannot let them get a double over us," he said.



Bull appeal dismissed!

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCKER – Mbabane Highlanders efforts to have their recent E55 000 fine in the Ingwenyama Cup set aside has gone to the air.

This comes after the club's appeal on the matter was dismissed by the Eswatini Football Association appeals board on Wednesday night at the Sigwaca House.

The capital city giants wanted the board to revoke the decision made by the disciplinary board where we were slapped with a E55 000 fine, for causing violence during the Ingwenyama Cup last 16 tie against Vovovo FC which was played at the Mhlume Stadium last month.

Highlanders, who were represented by their Director's Chairman Zweli Jele further said they were wrongfully charged by the EFA DC after they alleged to have requested Premier League of Eswatini Chief Executive Officer Simanga Nhleko to open a commission of enquiry on the matter.

However, the Manene Tfwala led appeals board did not grant the applicant their wish as they insisted that the ruling of the DC stands but reduced the fine by E25 000.

PLE Chief Executive Officer



WRONGFULLY CHARGED: Highlanders Board of Director's Chairman Zweli Jele.

(CEO) Simanga Nhleko said they were still waiting for the outcome of the matter when contacted yesterday.

"We are still waiting for the written verdict and I can only be in a better position to comment after," he said.

We want a top four finish - 'Koki'

By Sibusiso Dlamini

SOCCKER – Newly appointed Manzini Wanderers head-coach Thabo 'Koki' Vilakati aims to finish the MTN Premier League in the top-four bracket.

The coach said this during the pre-match interview held at the Mavuso Sports Centre yesterday.

"I want to make it clear that whatever dream I have is not just mine, but the team as a whole.

I am a man who is used to getting things done, so I would really love to see us finishing in the top-four bracket. I think that's a befitting and respectable position of a team such as Manzini Wanderers," he said.

Coming to the match, the mentor said the team had prepared thoroughly for the match, albeit missing two stars.

"Well, this game is a very important one in the hub-city and we promise to give our fans their money's worth in the field of play.

We have prepared thoroughly and are very positive of our chances of victory. We are still missing two stars however in captain 'Shana' and Mncedidi.

'Shana' is back from injury yes, but then he is not match-fit, and we are not about to risk getting the injury worse than what it already is,"

he concluded.

Acting captain Sihle Mkhonta urged the team's fans to be at their very best behaviour.

"I would like to encourage the team's supporters to come in their numbers and witness an amazing game against Moneni Pirates.

We are over the Swallows victory; it is as good as history now, so we are looking at conquering this match before us.

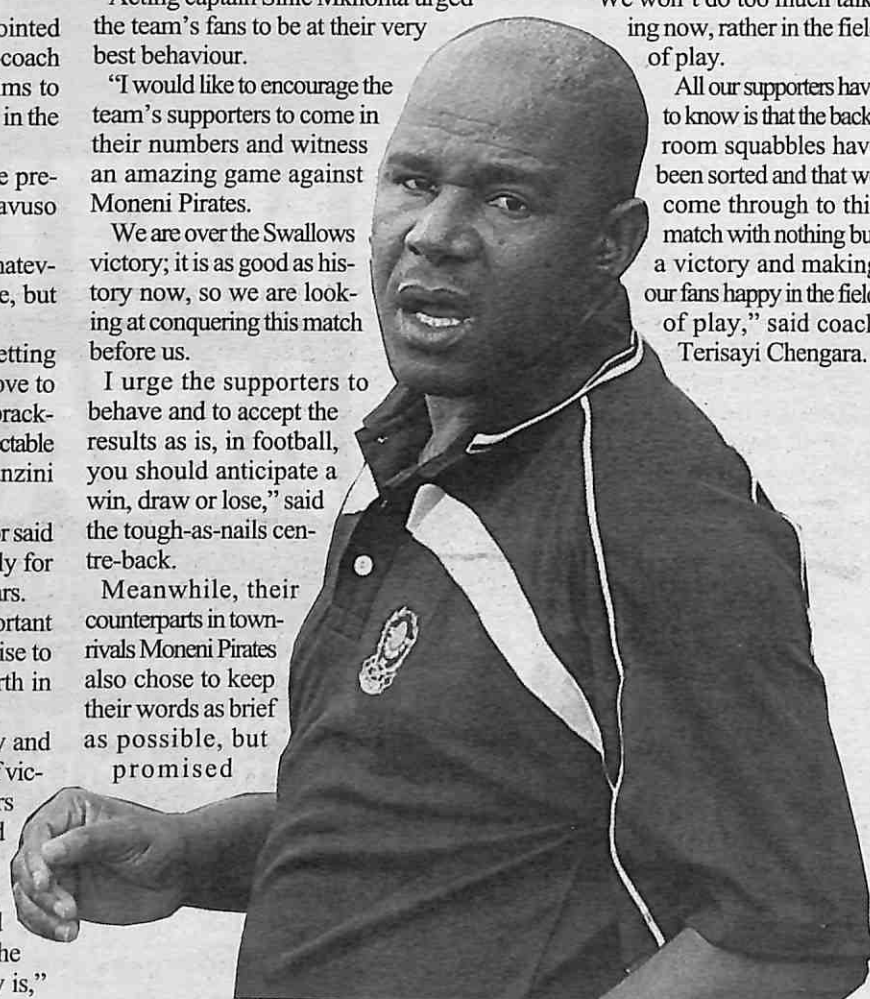
I urge the supporters to behave and to accept the results as is, in football, you should anticipate a win, draw or lose," said the tough-as-nails centre-back.

Meanwhile, their counterparts in town-rivals Moneni Pirates also chose to keep their words as brief as possible, but promised

their fans happiness.

"We won't do too much talking now, rather in the field of play.

All our supporters have to know is that the back-room squabbles have been sorted and that we come through to this match with nothing but a victory and making our fans happy in the field of play," said coach Terisayi Chengara.



RESULTS

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Mbabane Citizens 1-0 Vovovo

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MTN Premier League

Today		
Mhlume Stadium		
Matsapha UTD	vs	Tambuti FC 3pm
At King Sobhuza II Stadium		
Sea Birds	vs	Mb. Swallows 3pm
Mavuso Sports Centre		
Green Mamba	vs	Buffaloes 2pm
Mon. Pirates	vs	Wanderers 4:10pm
Somhlolo Stadium		
R. Leopard	vs	Mzn Sundowns 2pm
Mb. Highlanders	vs	Malanti Chiefs 4:10pm

MTN First Division League

Today		
Tambankulu Stadium		
Tambankulu Callies	vs	Black swallows 3pm
Mayaluka Stadium		
Madlenya FC	vs	Red Lions 3pm
Tomorrow		
Prince of Wales Ground		
Mbabane City	vs	City Warriors 2:30pm
Somhlolo National Stadium		
Seven dreams	vs	Milling Hotspurs 1:30pm
Tinyosi FC	vs	Rangers 3:30pm

Citizens grind victory against Vovovo

By Jongile Kuba

Mbabane citizens..... (1)1
Vovovo..... (0)0

SOCCER - An early goal was enough to see Mbabane Citizens claim maximum points last night in a 1-0 win against Vovovo in the MTN Premier League encounter at Somhlolo National Stadium.

In what was a physical first half from the onset Mbabane Citizens Riene Mncwango was able to find the back of the net in the 12 minute into the affair.

The South African-born player headed in a corner beating the opposition goalkeeper Machawe Dlamini with ease with a sublime finish.

From there, match official Leticia Vianna had a hard time controlling the match with hard tackles coming in from both sides.

This killed the momentum of the game with all the breaks. Mncwango almost made it two few minutes after the opener when he struck a thunderous shot from 40 yards that just skimmed the top post. The next chance of the opening half would fall to playmaker Leon Manyisa to equalise for Vovovo, but he scuffed his wide.

The first half ended with Citizens leading and looking more threatening. Vovovo began the second stanza on the front foot looking ever eager to equalise, but they lacked quality touches in the final third. Richard Botwey hit a shot from outside that rattled some nerves as he forced a brilliant save from the keeper in the 66th minute. Substitute Sibusiso Tfwala nearly equalised for Vovovo five minutes from time but could only shoot into the keeper's arms.

From there Citizens weathered the storm fending off any attacks by Vovovo to hold out for the 1-0 win. This puts the Charles Manda led side on 14 points above Matsapha United who will be in action today against Tambuti meanwhile Vovovo remained at position 12 on the log standings.

The teams

Vovovo

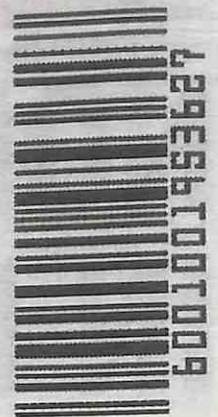
Machawe, Bongane, Mhlonipheni, Timanga, Thandokuhle, Aboudou, Bhekani, Celumusa, Bheksisa, Leon, Mcolisi

Citizens

Sandile, Sifiso, Ayanda, Riene, Siyabonga, Dan, Mancoba, Sifiso M, Mxolisi, Knowledge Richard.

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